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World in Revolution

Three argue tactics



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Three World in Revolution speakers and two University professors failed to communicate for the first 45 minutes of Tuesday's panel discussion on "Cities in Turmoil."

Comments such as "let's stop all this one-upsmanship" characterized the dialogue until a student arbitrator requested that the panel discuss "something pertinent."

Professor Arthur Winter had previously asked the guest speakers what action could be taken to get the poor meaningfully involved in social change.

"It's not our job to get them anything," Saul Alinsky, political radical, replied "Our job is to provide the means for the poor to improve."

"Go in and agitate — tell them, convince them they don't have to take this crap anymore," Alinsky said.

Robert Theobald, economist, remarked that University students could not identify with the problems of the poor.

"During this whole conference, you're just playing intellectual games," Theobald said, "because you don't have to commit yourselves."

Everyone must do what he thinks best to help change the consciousness of this country, Theobald continued, and everybody will serve in a different way.

For better or worse, "man is becoming god and we don't have the competence for this role yet," Theobald said. "We just can't muddle through. We must learn to communicate and think together," Theobald said.

Alinsky, however, said he favored an immediate organized plan of action to foster social change.

"We shouldn't be sterile principles hanging up there and not accomplishing anything," he said. Organization is essential for mass change, Alinsky said, "but I don't think ahead in terms of 25-30 years. Life is too uncertain."

Later in the discussion Jack Newfield, assistant editor of The Village Voice, commented on the nature of a University.

"Universities should be training grounds and launching pads for guerilla raids on all of society," Newfield said. "Even with all its faults, the University is still more liberal than the rest of society," he said.

Referring to his use of the word, "liberal," Newfield said, "By this I mean open, rational and superficial — I guess some people have a different meaning for the word now," he said.

"I always did call myself a member of the old new left," Newfield added.

Alinsky fears

Government may jail radicals

by GARY SEACREST
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Activist Saul Alinsky said Tuesday that he fears the national government might imprison all radicals if the current wave of bombings in the U.S. produces numerous human fatalities.

He said that if many people are killed in future bombings U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover might "haul out the McCarran Internal Security Act and put all radicals in concentration camps."

Alinsky made his remarks during a session of this week's World in Revolution conference.

Alinsky is director of the Industrial Areas Foundation, which specializes in organizing people into political pressure groups so they can help themselves.

The self-termed professional radical also said Tuesday that many of America's disillusioned youth are afflicted with political senility. He noted that these disillusioned youth, instead of facing political realities, "jump into a fantasy of the future" in trying to bring about change.

However, Alinsky added, "If we don't get power diffused to different groups, we will lose our democratic type of society."

He said he feared that many campus activist groups, like the Weathermen, are turning into fascists. Instead of becoming anarchists, campus activists should become realistic revolutionists, he added.

Alinsky stressed Tuesday that organization is the only way to implement ideas into action. He also said that a revolutionary must create an issue before he can bring about any change.

"Controversy and conflict is the matrix out of what all creativity emerges," Alinsky said. But he added that all action necessary for change is rude and involves offending many people.

Alinsky emphasized Tuesday the principles of organization that are necessary to bring about social change:

—"You've got to begin with the world as it is. In the world as it is man is motivated by self-interest and not by any mystical altruism."

—"In the world as it is not all decisions are made on what is best, but rather on the basis of alternatives."

—"Right things are invariably done for the wrong reasons. Then you dig up the right reasons to rationalize your actions."

—"Alliances are not made on trust, but on the basis that I need you and you need me."

Alinsky said Tuesday that Nebraska is the "most un-American state." He explained his statement by humorously saying that Chicago has the decency of keeping Mayor Richard Daley in Illinois, but Nebraska sends Sen. Roman Hruska to Washington where he influences the rest of the nation.

Recently Alinsky has been organizing stock owners into groups so they can exert pressure on the corporations to become more socially concerned. One of the main tactics used by these groups is the use of proxy voting in stockholders' meetings.

Alinsky has been in the forefront of the activist movement throughout the



past decade. In the early 1960's he organized a black ghetto, the Woodlawn section of Chicago, into a successful political pressure group. The Chicago Woodlawn Organization was followed by similar organizations founded by Alinsky in other major American cities.

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NU Foundation receives grant

The University of Nebraska Foundation announced it has received a \$60,000 grant from the Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.

The grant will be used to continue and expand the Frank H. Woods faculty fellowships each year.

Thomas C. Woods, Jr., president of the Woods fund, said approximately 60 faculty members have been named as Woods fellows since the program began in 1955.