

Sociologist says conciliation causes quieter campus mood

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America is in a "period of conciliation," which may be one reason for the quieter mood on campuses, says a prominent sociologist.

"But one should not accept the mood of quiescence as permanent," he added.

Irving Horowitz, chairman of the sociology department of Livingston College, a part of Rutgers University, told a gathering of graduate students Friday: "I don't think it's as much a change in students as it is a change in strategy by the administration."

For instance, "The timing of the Laos venture comes at the same time as the president's statement about the draft stoppage, he pointed out. "And somebody in the Pentagon realized that an air war won't generate the same response as a ground war."

HOROWITZ SPOKE of the change in attitude toward student organizations: "Student organizations mean more now. There have been changes in response to student activism. If you don't like what's going on you call it co-optation, if you like it you call it adaptation."

The editor of *Transaction*, a sociology magazine, noted that "tolerance for alienation is much higher in America today. Alienation is a function of wealth."

He explained the tolerance for alienation may "only legitimize privation. It doesn't necessarily lead to revolution."

"We're in the revolution now," Horowitz said. "It's been partially successful, partially abortive, partially a failure."

"This isn't a party—it's a movement. It's a counter-culture, it's not going to be wiped out."

"THE REVOLUTION begins when you wake up in the morning," Horowitz told the students. "People were smoking pot 40 years ago but now they do it publicly as a political act."

Life styles in America have always been relatively fluid, he continued, and now certain accepted modes of living are being broken down.

Horowitz, who has been described as the intellectual father of the radical movement, called attention to the influence the

counter-culture has had on court decisions and on the structure of life in prison.

Due to the number of political activists being jailed the prisons have become political organizing points, according to Horowitz.

"THERE'S MORE GOOD politics in prisons than in the universities," he said.

Speaking of the effect the radical movement has had on the courts, Horowitz said, "You can regulate the form of behavior, you cannot regulate the content of behavior."

"People are just not going to abide by statutory constraints. We have a zillion laws against marijuana but they do not affect the smoking of marijuana."

The noted author drew a laugh from the graduate students when he quoted the late comedian, Lenny Bruce, "The pot laws will eventually be repealed because the law students are turning on."

However, Horowitz warned, the courts are always setting precedents on both sides. There are good laws and bad laws that are ignored, he said.

A RESULT of the revolution that is often overlooked, he said, is that the counter-culture may become a counter-establishment with a structure of its own.

In answer to a student's question about the direction sociology is moving Horowitz said, "We've gotten it out of the laboratory. We've made the discipline open to a lot of people and that's good."

Horowitz noted the merging of sociology with politics as a "very ongoing phenomena. I, personally, am conservative on some points, more radical on others. Above all my position is a sociological one."

"SOCIOLOGY WENT on for years in a political vacuum. We have highly politicized views of every area of sociology," Horowitz said, "Political science and sociology are becoming one discipline."

Later Friday afternoon Horowitz addressed a gathering in the University High auditorium on the problems faced by developing nations.

The heart of the problem, he said, is "nation is the pivot point" of people's outlook on the world. National boundaries are usually set by former colonial powers and they may be less important than tribal or family ties in development.

"We are approaching a point in time," Horowitz said, "where development, as such, is not the important point. We must consider the relationship of development to revolution on the one hand and the relationship of development to peace on the other hand."

He described the problem for Americans as one of trying to relate to the rest of the world rather than looking at the problems of development as an overseas export.

In answer to a question from the audience Horowitz revealed that 9 of the 10 fastest developing countries in the world are "military dictatorships of the worst overt kind."

HE CITED BRAZIL as a nation where "the military is doing well and development is better than ever. I wish it wasn't so, but when you're talking about development you're not necessarily talking about the good moral things of life."

Horowitz also discounted the notion of overpopulation as a detriment to development. While it is a problem in some countries, notably India, he said underpopulation presents a problem of equal magnitude in other developing nations.

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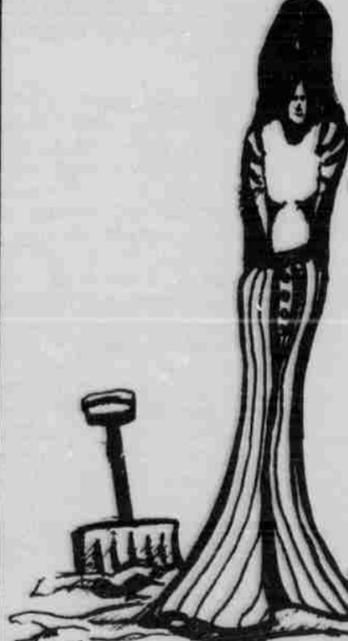
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