

Heide, Clark differ on priorities

by H.J. Cummins

The eight-day World in Revolution Conference on Justice in America began Monday with the National Organization for Women (NOW) president saying all "basic human inequality has been sexual" and a retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice countering that "there are many other injustices that should come to our attention, too."

NOW President Wilma Scott Heide told an audience of about 200 that moved from the University Coliseum to a smaller room in the Nebraska Union that "the legal and social model for all oppression" has been that of women.

She called for a "universal behavioral revolution" after which men and women will no longer be penalized for unshamefully displaying traits that are truly theirs but are culturally accepted for only the other sex.

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Retired Justice Thomas C. Clark said he's long fought for women's rights, including a constitutional amendment calling for equal rights for women. But he said the court on which he served was also responsible for a "revolution" in criminal law, voting rights and the battle against poverty.

In a question-and-answer period, Clark also said most enforcement against drugs is "degrading to our system of justice and should not be permitted."

There is no justice in making the sale of marijuana to minors a capital offence in one state and the sale of heroin punishable by only two years imprisonment in another, he said.

Clark said he favors legalization of marijuana since the original law banning it was based on the notion that the weed "incites people to violence."

In her prepared speech, Heide said "women should seriously consider burning the constitution which is continuing the rape of women—physically and mentally."

The constitution was framed by men, Heide said, and it exploits women by allowing their tax money to be spent on welfare programs that keep them poor, and by denying them basic human rights.

"I am outraged to have to ask for what is the birthright of every male," she said.

She said the U.S. is a sexist society that makes "man" a synonym for "person," grooms men for "achievement values" and women for "achievement denial," and offers no "viable, significant alternatives to motherhood" as a rewarding life for adult women.

Clark emphasized the importance of society in changing current injustices in America.

An equal rights amendment for women to the constitution will mean nothing, he said, unless "the words in that amendment reach the hearts of all and the purse strings of all corporations."

The most recent constitutional amendment, lowering the voting age to 18, was passed in less time than any that preceded it, Clark said.

"This proves there can be change within the system," he said.

Court decisions have expanded and equalized voting rights, come down on laws perpetuating poverty, made criminal law more equitable for the poor, and expanded legal protection for citizens accused of a crime, Clark said.

And he said "everyone, including the President," is going to be disappointed in what he predicted would be an unchanged Supreme Court, despite Nixon's recent appointments.



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Laws still fight women, Heide said. So-called "protective laws" designed to protect women against bad working conditions are really designed to protect men from job competition, she said, by outlawing the hiring of women for certain jobs.

She said welfare laws and abortion laws are also examples of laws that hurt women and prove "all women are poor in a male-dominated society."

The equal rights amendment may pass this Congressional session, Heide said, ending the inequality that's existed ever since "Negro males were counted as three-fifths a person while women were not counted at all."

The amendment, and the challenging of license renewals of radio and TV stations who don't hire women, are aimed to destroy the male-created "feminine mystique," she said.

Feminine mystique, she said, leads to males valuing in adult women traits like submission, dependence, subjectivity, and emotional sensitivity, that would be considered "abnormal and immature" in adult men.

Such male attitudes lead women to question their abilities, she said, and she called for women to "come forward and speak with confidence and knowledge."

"We speak to the potential of all women," Heide said. Men and women are "more alike than different," she said, and "feminism, humanism" will lead both sexes to come together as "friends, partners and mutual lovers by choice, not fear."

"It's a matter of human justice," she said.



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Despite the cancellation by some of the scheduled World in Revolution conference speakers, the sessions swing into their third day Wednesday with a full slate of programs.

Art Thompson, assistant program director, said Tuesday Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins have canceled their appearances at the UNL conference. Seale had tentative speaking engagements in Iowa and Chicago in addition to his Lincoln appearance. When both of those engagements fell through, he asked that the UNL conference organizers pay him a cash fee.

The UNL group could not meet the demand but indicated they could send Seale a pre-paid airline ticket to Lincoln. He declined.

Controversial lawyer William Kuntzler also indicated he would miss the conference, according to Thompson. Kuntzler's contract had included a clause releasing him from it in the event he was involved in a court case, which he is.

Thompson said there is "virtually no chance" that Kuntzler will appear.

However, Thompson said Jerry Rubin, whom it had been rumored would not appear, will keep his Wednesday engagement at the conference. Also slated for a Wednesday

appearance is journalist James J. Kilpatrick.

Thompson said the cancellations should not affect the impact of the conference which has appearances by such notables as Florynce Kennedy, Myrta Vidal, Barbara Beckman, Vincent Halliman, Russel Means, Froben Lozada and John Sinclair on tap later in the week.

The Wednesday schedule for the World In Revolution Conference includes:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: University Forum: "The University and Justice" at the East Campus Union. Included on the forum will be Sen. David Stahmer of Omaha; Linda Pratt, Chairwoman of the UNL Faculty Senate committee on discrimination; and Tony Clark, a black foreign student.

In addition, Stephanie Toothaker, former president of the Lincoln Gay Action Group and Marie Payne, local black community organizer will be on the panel.

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Speech by James Jackson Kilpatrick at the East Campus Union. Kilpatrick currently writes the column "A Conservative View" and has received a number of awards for distinguished editorial writing.

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Jerry Rubin, co-founder of the Yippie party will follow Kilpatrick's speech at the East Campus Union. Rubin was an integral part of planning the demonstrations at Chicago during the 1968 Democratic Convention, for which he was indicted as one of the Chicago 7 on conspiracy charges. He has written two books, *Do It!* and *We Are Everywhere*.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.: A rap-in with black feminist lawyer Florynce Kennedy is scheduled for Centennial College.

Cancelled contracts cloud conference