

Schorr opens symposium on power in America

By George Miller

The American public has "a need to know, a right to know" and is not willing to "bury its head in the sand and leave the government to its own devices—not for awhile."

So said former CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr Sunday night as he gave the keynote address for the *Power and Conspiracy in America, Who's in Control* symposium sponsored by the Union Program Council. Schorr's speech was entitled *The People's Right to Know*.

Schorr told the audience that American society is touched by two great impulses that often conflict with each other—the impulse for personal liberty and privacy and the right to safety and security.

Schorr said the American public "oscillates" between these two impulses but that sometimes the impulse for security blinds them to abuses of civil liberties.

He said it was public pressure on the House Ethics Committee this August that prevented it from voting contempt proceedings against him for not disclosing who leaked to him the full report of the House committee on intelligence operations, which Schorr gave to the *Village Voice* newspaper to be published.

Schorr was suspended from CBS last February when the report by the committee, chaired by Rep. Otis Pike, appeared in the *Village Voice*.

The Pike report was scheduled to be released to the public, Schorr said, only about three days after he and the *New York Times* were leaked parts of the report. It was on Jan. 29, the full House voted by a margin of over two-to-one to

suppress the report.

He said he gave the report to Clay Felker, *Village Voice* publisher, because it was the only offer to get the report into print he received.

Schorr said the House voted to repress the report, which the Pike committee voted 9-4 to make public, because it felt that public opinion was swinging more in favor of the need for security rather than the public's right to know.

The public had been interested in full disclosure of government operations since the beginning of the Watergate scandals, Schorr said.

The end of the public's concern for full disclosure and personal liberties, and the increase in concern for security began last fall, Schorr said. The assassination attempts on President Ford, the bombing in LaGuardia Airport in New York City and the murder of Richard Welch, CIA station chief in Athens, all tended to bring public concern more on the side of national security than personal liberties.

Schorr said Welch's murder sparked a renewed attempt by the CIA to clamp down on disclosures about the American Intelligence community.

He said that William Colby, former CIA chief, told him that it "never occurred to them (the CIA) that there would ever have to be a public accounting for any of its actions."

In a news conference before his speech, Schorr said that he would not print information he acquired if it was in the interests of "real national security, not fake national security."

He said that he would not make public

anything which would endanger life, such as about the location of a troopship during wartime.

He said he would also withhold infor-

mation that invaded personal privacy and which it was not important for the public to know, such as the name of a rape victim.



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Former CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr addressed an overflow crowd in the Nebraska Union Centennial Room Sunday night.

Missouri's Olson turns down NU presidency bid

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James Olson, interim president of the University of Missouri (MU), turned down an offer from the NU Board of Regents to become NU president, the Columbia Missourian reported Friday.

Olson, 59, is a former NU vice chancellor and was offered the post Oct. 1, according to the newspaper, which quoted Van Williams, chairman of the Missouri Board of Curators.

Olson is said to be in the running for the permanent post of MU president. Williams said Olson told him last week that he had turned down the NU post.

At least one source close to the Nebraska selection speculated last week that none of the top candidates to replace NU President D.B. Varner will accept the post. The source wished to remain unidentified.

Varner will become chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the NU Foundation Jan. 1. As NU president, Varner makes \$44,400 a year and has his house and car provided by the NU Foundation. The regents voted in July to pay the president \$47,500 a year which Varner would have gotten had he remained.

Boost possible

But, it is possible that Varner's replacement will make more than \$47,000. Chancellor Roy Young's salary was

boosted to \$46,000 a year when he accepted the job from the \$42,000 salary former Chancellor James Zumbege was paid.

At Missouri, Olson makes \$44,000 as interim president. The past president, C. Brice Ratchesord, made \$47,500. It is not known whether this includes a house and a car.

Another of the reported top six candidates to replace Varner, John Calhoun, 59, vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University, refused Friday to answer questions on the phone.

In a press release issued early last week, he said, "A friend of mine asked if he could place my name in nomination (for the NU presidency) and I said he could. It would take an exceptional offer to move me from Texas A&M."

Calhoun makes \$52,600 a year but it also is not known if a house and car are included for his use.

Charles Bishop, 55, president of the University of Arkansas, was in New Orleans attending a convention of the American Council on Education and could not be reached for comment Friday.

Services included

Editor Steve Kirk of the *Arkansas Traveler* said it has been estimated that Bishop makes about \$70,000 a year, which includes the rent value of a home, car use and other services.

Howard Neville, 50, president of the University of

Maine at Orono, said Thursday he had not been approached by anyone from NU.

Neville's salary at Orono is \$39,270. He declined to comment on whether he would accept the NU post if it was offered him.

Harold "Cotton" Robinson, 57, president of Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, N.C., said Varner is a friend and asked if he could place Robinson's name in nomination.

"I am perfectly happy here," Robinson said, "and I have no immediate intentions of leaving." Robinson's salary at the end of 1975-76 fiscal year was \$38,600, including the use of a house.

Another candidate, Clayton Yeutter, 45, U.S. special trade representative, has been recommended by U.S. Sen. Carl Curtis to replace Earl Butz, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Butz resigned under pressure Oct. 4 after a racial slur was attributed to him.

Yeutter said Thursday he has not talked to any regents about the Nebraska job and had not heard from the White House about the Cabinet post.

Yeutter said his current job pays \$42,500 a year. Cabinet members are paid \$60,000 a year.

He declined to speculate on which job he would take if both positions were offered to him.

"My workload is much too heavy to worry about hypothetical situations," he said.



Photo by Ted Kirk

First Lady Betty Ford was surrounded by a contingent of Secret Service agents throughout her appearance at the UNL-University of Colorado game Saturday.

Parity report on agenda

A report criticizing the UNL-University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) parity report, library and a computational services reports, and a motion to create a university budget committee are on the agenda for the UNL Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

The parity report, from Senate President Henry Baumgarten, charges NU President D. B. Varner with falsely accusing the senate president of lack of interest and participation in Parity Committee studies.

Baumgarten also attacked the study as not being applicable to Nebraska. The study, which used data from universities in Wisconsin and Illinois, reported that UNO needed more than \$2 million in the operating budget to achieve equity with UNL.

Baumgarten said other formulas show both schools are underfinanced, but that UNL needs more than \$1 million and UNO needs \$24,000.

In other business, the Library Committee will report that the library needs more financial support, especially for acquisitions. The report suggests increased funds for humanities, social sciences, foreign publications, newspapers and government documents.

The report also said a major request in the library 1977-78 budget would make the circulation system more efficient and increase accessibility to library users. The request is for an automated circulation and finding system.

The report also noted a substantial use of a computer search system. The system began this year.

A motion submitted by William Campbell, UNL associate professor of physics, calls for creation of a Faculty Senate budget committee. The committee would monitor the university's expenditures through the fiscal year.