

SHALL WE LET AGNES DENY UNIVERSITY
FACILITIES TO A STUDENT ORGANIZATION?

Yesterday, Nov 3, Agnes Nohrnberg, secretary to the Committee on Public Exercises, denied Cubberley Auditorium to the Stanford Committee for Peace in Vietnam, a student voluntary organization which has been the strongest both in activity and numbers over the last eighteen months.

SCPV applied to use Cubberley for a film and a forum as part of our program for the national Days of Mobilization, nov 5-8, for peace in Vietnam, economic justice and civil rights. Miss Nohrnberg waited until yesterday before announcing that she rejected SCPV's application on the grounds that it is not a registered organization.

THE FACT IS THAT SCPV IS REGISTERED. We re-registered as usual with the Associated Students of Stanford University, and until Agnes' decree have held functions in university rooms and operated our account through the ASSU financial manager.

SCPV, however, has not re-registered with the Dean's office, a procedure which requires an organization to deposit at least five names. Only by this act, THE MAN generously declares, does a student organization come into existence. If students want to organize a group, political or non-political, why do they have to get their charter from Dean Winbigler? Students have no say whatever in the appointment of deans, and they in turn are not responsible in any way to us. If a student organization must be chartered and regulated, only the student-body president and our elected representatives in ASSU have the right to charter and regulate them. SCPV has already complied with this democratic principle.

We know of no reason, except for policing purposes, why the Dean's office requires a student organization with them; for under the present circumstances, each student organization is constitutionally, administratively and financially a part of the ASSU.

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Recent experiences have convinced us, as well as other student political groups, that it would be better to register with the Attorney General of the USA rather than the Dean's office, since this would at least eliminate double jeopardy. For some time now the Dean's office have made available to police agencies, including the FBI and HUAC, the names deposited with them.

On Oct 4, SCPV stated in a letter to the Executive Committee of the Academic Council that a subpoena from HUAC was not sufficient reason for the Dean's office handing over names, because the constitutionality of HUAC itself is under question and its subpoenas are of dubious validity. MOREOVER, WE CHARGED THAT FBI OR HUAC AGENTS, OR BOTH, DID HAVE THE NAMES OF ONE OR ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED BEFORE JULY 26, THE DATE ON WHICH DEAN JOEL SMITH SAID THE HUAC SUBPOENA WAS RECEIVED. The Executive Committee has not yet invited us to testify to this charge, as we requested, but have so far invited Dean Winbigler to explain his procedures.

SCPV will not apply for Cubberley in the name of any other friendly organization. We intend to confront the issue squarely, upholding our democratic rights and exposing once again the authoritarian nature of this university. We call on all who want a free university -- an academic community where groups can trust one another -- to support our stand. Meet tonight, 8 o'clock, White Plaza.