Skousen Antagonizes With Reactionary Ideas

BY RICHARD KARP

Facing a banner and stickers which adorned Colbert Hall, W. Cleon Skousen, author of "The Naked Communist," and ex-police chief of Salt Lake City, spoke last Thursday at a "The History and Function of Investigative Committees." The program was sponsored by the YMCA in an attempt to give a little background first. This announcement was followed by 75 minutes of Skousen-idealized History of the Communist Party in the U.S.S.R. (called the "Union of Socialists Soviet Republics" by Skousen), and then 15 minutes on the history of the investigating committees of Congress. Questions followed.

The main thesis of Skousen's talk appeared to be the idea that the American Communist Party has not done one good deed for the western world (and the United States in particular) since they took control of Russia in 1917. Skousen endeavored to show that the Soviet people were never for the government and, indeed, were the leading cause of the collapse of the U.S.S.R. (a statement which, in the eyes of the Soviet people, makes Skousen's facts a worthless debate for the whole country).

By his own admission, the American public was more impressed with the idea that the elderly Pulsation Party was no longer a threat to the country. They had come expecting a talk replete with facts and figures of this type, nothing else.

Archibald MacLeish, Pulitzer prize-winning poet and author of the popular poem-play "J.B.", will visit Caltech late in November. MacLeish's visit will be the first of the YMCA Leaders of America program. He will be on campus November 30 to December 2.

Pulitzer prizes have been awarded to MacLeish and three other authors for their work in 1963 and for "Collected Poems, 1917-1952," which is a modern take-off on the Book of Job, is very popular at Tech; it has been presented by Y-playreading groups twice in as many years.

MacLeish's activities also extend far beyond the fields of poetry and literature. He was one of the famous group of intellectuals who worked closely with Roosevelt in the 30s. F.D.R. appointed him librarian of Congress during this period. MacLeish is presently professor at Harvard and is involved in modern social, political and cultural topics.

He will be taking time out of his lecture tour at Harvard to visit Caltech and then he will complete a new play.

There is a possibility that a small reading group will be organized to read some of MacLeish's works with him in depth. Any interested one should sign up in the Y office.

The Chamber Music Concert is being sponsored by the Alumni Association in an effort to aid the expanding Chamber Music Series. The first program of the Chamber Music Series will be presented Sunday at 8:15 p.m. in the lounge of Dunham Hall.

The program will consist of a small number of the best known works of modern composers, arranged in a logical sequence. The first program will carry on with the second in the second semester in an effort to give the students an understanding of the whole series.

The program scheduled for this Sunday begins with "Les goeland" by Debussy. This is a simple, yet elegant piece, which is a good introduction to the music of Debussy. The second half of the program will consist of "Concert of Four" by Poulenc. This is a modern work which is written in a style which is very different from the music of the past few centuries. The last piece on the program will be "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra" by Brahms. This is an excellent piece for the violinist and is a good introduction to the music of Brahms.

The program will be presented in the lounge of Dunham Hall and is free to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy the music.
Moch Speaks
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Fuller uses of present military nuclear stockpiles; and
(4) The elimination of the means of delivery on nuclear warfare.

Stopping tests, says Moch, is a ridiculous matter. It only
 retains a monopoly of power for the nations now possessing
 nuclear weapons. Furthermore, it may delay progress to certain
 peaceful applications of nuclear technology. As a first step in
 disarmament, it is useless and ineffective.

The cessation of military nuclear production is the easiest
 method to effect and control. Military nuclear material requires a per-
 centage content of fissionable element that is more than three
times the normal maximum needed in peaceful uses. Furthermore,
 facilities for nuclear production in quantity are quite large and
 difficult to conceal.

But the reconversion of present military stockpiles is the
 basic problem, and a far more difficult one. One way to insure complete
destruction of these stockpiles is to provide adequate inspections and con-
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Editorial
4 Years Over Again?

In view of the current attitudes prevailing on campus and
the trends in the Institute policies toward students, would you
recommend that a friend come here for a four-year education?

We, for the present, are very hesitant about giving a positive
recommendation to anyone who thinks he wants to come to
Caltech.

Our principal quarrel lies not with the academic instruction
but with the student body attitude and the non-academic oppor-
tunities. These are, of course, related to both student and ad-
mistration policies.

First we contend that an incoming freshman will encounter
a lack of individual initiative that is well established in the
three upper classes. Furthermore, the lack of initiative ex-
hibited is something which can spread very quickly to an incom-
ing class.

This lack of initiative — the will to undertake projects on
one's own — is evidenced in two main sectors. One is the
academic area where only a few students make any effort to
do more in the course than the required homework. We ques-
tion in general how many students really undertake to learn
what a year's course is really supposed to teach them.

Secondly, lack of initiative is evidenced in the social-cultural
undertakings of our fellow students. Again, with the excep-
tion of a few enterprising individuals, large numbers of the
population are unwilling to take it upon themselves to get out
and see the world. Few enough are willing to get out and see
the world when it arrives here, a la Carnegie Series.

Second we contend that there is a lack of competition in
those areas of endeavor other than academic. Those people
with initiative who run for offices, go out for sports, serve on
committees, and so forth are not challenged and as a result
probably will not develop in these areas in accordance with their
potential. There is a job for everyone with no real com-
petition involved.

This lack of competition is further evidenced in cultural
undertakings including politics, Y affairs, music, and so forth.
It takes a good deal of looking on the part of a lone student to
find somebody (another student) on campus who can con-
tribute significantly toward his non-academic development.

Particularly, we think that a large number of students come
here, not with a great burning desire to do scientific research
but because they are "just interested" in science. For them,
the scientific education alone should be but a part of their
overall education.

Why is lack of initiative and competition in non-academic
areas an important question? It is important because the pres-
ent lack of a broad base for student growth and learning means
that a student's decision to come to Tech is for most of the
students, on irrevocable assignment of their soul to science,
alone.

The presence of the Carnegie Series this fall is mute testi-
mony to the fact that "well-rounded scientists" are needed, and
that the faculty preoccupation with the pure scientist is often
times misleading, particularly because there are "just interested"
in science. For them, the scientific education alone should be but a part of their
overall education.

If we can do something to work out a better student atti-
uide and create a more lively and inhabitable atmosphere at
Tech — starting with the problems mentioned — we'd be much
more inclined to back the school in every respect.
Gentlemen:

In the October 6 issue of the California Tech, you blasted the speech given by Dr. Pauling the week before last. In that speech, which was reprinted in the Y.M.C.A. of the United States, statements that were made for the sole purpose of arousing the audience’s emotions were quoted with a view to letting the audience know how they were being misled by the Y.M.C.A. present the entire picture of this issue, and not just Pauling’s speech. I would like to agree with you that, although Pauling’s speech was an emotional appeal, it was not necessarily being degraded into a mass of emotion raising statements. Although you did not mention it, it seems very likely that the effect that if the other side of the issue is presented, Pauling’s arguments would be picked apart by the presentation of facts and figures. I am reasoning, I seemed to get that impression from your argument. However, the other side of the argument has been presented (?), so I would strongly urge the Y.M.C.A. to let them stand undisputed.

Dr. Sweezy will present the liberal attitude and Dr. Thomson will counter with the conservative.

Deliberations and questions from the audience will follow.

The Diner’s Club is sponsoring a weekly event run by the Y.M.C.A. which will bring interesting speakers to our campus during those wasted hours, 6:30 to 7:45. A break at 7:30 will allow people with other engagements to leave. The program is to be held in Chandler where a meal card will entitle one to receive a free meal for this event.

The PARTY WEEKEND: ITS CAUSE AND CURE

While the season of party weekends almost upon us, my mail of late has been flooded with questions from some of your erstwhile cells, as advertised. However, it seemed a case of much ado about nothing, so I would add that the audience would be well-advised to let the speakers’ viewpoint be heard. We should like these terms to be prepared questions which would adroitly show the audience how limited the speaker’s viewpoint was.

I would advise these students to review their qualifications in the field of history, and to phrase their questions in terms of their experience. We must all be aware of the fact that if we are to judge the speaker with a level head, we must know the extent that it believed that Communists as the lowest... (continued on page 4)

The monthly meeting of the Alumni Association is Thursday night’s YMCA Club meeting, at the Chandler Dining Hall with what promises to be a lively and interesting debate on the presidential election. Dr. Sweezy and Dr. Thomson, economists from Cal Tech and Claremont Graduate College, respectively, will exchange blows on the economic issues of the current situation.

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Scripps Hall Parties Prove ‘Entertaining’

BY ROGER NOLL

A hardy group of Caltech students made the long trek to Claremont last month to witness the Scripps Hall Parties. All who went were impressed, not by the quality of the parties, but by the single-minded crudeness of what passes for men on the Associated Colleges campus.

The Hall Parties consist of four shows, one by each of the dormitories at Scripps. This year’s overall topic was New York, and each dorm picked a certain part of New York for their specific theme. Dorsey’s show and decorations depicted a mission on the Bowery. Browning picked Ellis Island, New York’s port of entry, as their theme. Grace Scouts depicted Coney Island, while Toll portrayed Auntie Mame, although no one would ever know it after watching their shows.

Toll put on the best skit, even though they didn’t follow the theme. The show was a fairly well-written play about a college man’s farewell party before he departs for school. The dialogue, when heard above the hi-fi in the next room and the clever remarks by CMC boys in the audience, was well done. The show had good continuity, and the talent even had talent.

Dorsey was the only other dorm to have any sort of continuity to their production. Foraying a cross-department missionary, Brother Annan, the Dorseys produced a corny but effective satire. This was the funniest of the shows (of the shows that were meant to be funny).

Grace Scouts had a loosely integrated talent show, with two singing groups and some dancers. The talent was hidden in the first singing group and sparse in the second, but the dancers, aside from being able to draw continuous wolf calls from the CMC crowd, had some dancing ability. The dance was obviously perpetrated to tease the imaginations of the Claremont boys, and the CMCers’ reaction indicated that it did just that. It was amazing that the dancers could keep a straight face.

Browning’s show was divided into two parts: the first was a competent but very long imitation of Marlene Dietrich, and the second was a confusing musical number by some girls. The whole affair demonstrated two well-known facts: (1) Scripps girls are not only human, but worth the long drive to Claremont; and (2) it is too bad they waste so much of their time on the slobus from CMC. While the Hall Parties were not art, they served the purpose of impressing the Claremont boys, which is, after all, their purpose. The Scriptapalooza acted in a manner that Claremont would define as sophisti­cated, and the CMCers went away happy.

Unfortunately, the CMCers aren’t worth the effort. Their pseudo-sobriety and quasi­dirty catcalls during the show were sohomonic, if not downright crude.

All in all, the whole affair made one feel glad, possibly for the first time, that he was from Caltech.

4 Point Disarmament Plan

At this point the U.S. and Russian views diverge. The Russians want disarmament before inspection, while the U.S. demands that inspection shall be at least concurrent with disarmament.

THE FRENCH PROPOSAL

According to Moch, the French view is that the key to the whole question rests which the elimination of the vehicules for delivering nuclear weapon­ic satell­ite, missiles and launching installations, ships, planes, and submarines. Since at the present stage of technology, these must be rather large or exposed facilities, detection and control would now be rather easy to establish, and then and only then proceeding stepwise to the other factors. But within a few years, advancing technology will have made a mockery of this solution, too, and the case for disarmament is likely to rest for­ever unsolved, until war should wipe out a major portion of our civilization.

The balance of Moch’s speech and his answers to the six questions posed in the question and answer period that followed dealt primarily with the actual attempts so far in solving the disarmament problems. The French proposal is, in brief: beginning with a few inspections, primarily of the centers from which nuclear weapons could be delivered, and the agreement to make useless the existing sys­tems for delivering them; then gradually progressing to more.

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Tech Racks Pomona 18-7 and CHM 8-4 In League Waterpolo

The Caltech Varsity Water Polo Team blasted off on the winning trail over the weekend by dumping Claremont-Harvey Mold, 8-4, Friday in a hard-fought contest, and then completely smashing Pomona, 16-7, in a runaway game that saw Caltech set a new Caltech high team score for league play.

This was the first time that Pomona had been beaten in league play in about three years, but Pomona was responsible for holding Caltech scoreless at home.

Fred Hamestman, Oxy transfer, led the Emerymen with six goals. Bruce Chesbro got five for the victors and Bob Ruby tallied three. Roger Bland chalked up two goals and Gary Tibbetts and Gary Mitchell each got one goal.

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Freshmen Smashed

As in other years the CIT freshman teams, lacking experience, have been unable to make a good start against more highly trained teams.

The freshman polo team lost its first two games, 54-1, against Orange Coast and 15-0 against CMC.

The freshman football team has also lost its first two games, losing 58-0 to Occidental and 17-6 to Pomona. The team, captained by Labberman, DelKny, and Walters, should have a better chance in its next game with Redlands on Saturday.

The freshman cross-country team

Moch Again
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