

# AN INTRODUCTION TO TONIGHTS PANEL

by David M. Pearson

Michale Albert - course i8 - M.I.T. Resistance, SACC etc. Two recent statements "The students do not have a right to hear Rostow." "As far as I'm concerned students don't have any right to talk to army recruiters." The rationale is that these people are war criminals.

T.D. Pawley -course 2] - an officer in Boston's Black Panther organization.

Mike Devorkin - course ]7 - self-described "left of liberals" believes capitalism has had it"

Bob Schaeffer - course ]7- I was unable to get ahold of described by Devorkin

as a "liberal Moderate" - to the tleft of HHH.

David Rosenbloom - course ]7 - the right-wing extremist of the group - he worked on Bobby Kennedy's staff and wâtched to HHH after Kennedy'sdeath.

Linda Sharp - course ]7 - member of the Black Student Union at M.I.T.

This gives you an idea of the political makeup of the panel. I am a libertarian i.e. what most people would call a Conservative. This is an UNJUST panel. Unjust in its bias - it cannot ask the full spectrum of questions that Humphreys very vulnerable position deserves. It cannot provide a full range of ideas in the discussion of those issued raised. Furthermore it is unjust in its misrep--resentation of the M.I.T. student body. It is the students and alumni's money that pays for this lecture - it is the students, alumni, and faculty name that is used to sponsor this lecture....The bias is not only political - where are the engineers on the panel? Although engineers are urged to have a "social conscience" and to be activist - one quickly learns that this is only meant to encompass those with the right (i.e. left) points of view.

This lecture is handled thru the office of the ASSIstant to the President Simonides The student in charge is Mark Mathis. I have spent the last two days trying to get them to correct the bias on the panel. I volunteered myself. It was like butting my head against a stone wall. Of course everyone agreed it would be great to have my point of view on the panel but....self-contradictory excuses then came in large numbers.

The excuses until late in my appeal were that I had come too late and that there were already too many on the panel. I pointed out that I had volunteered a month before and objected about two weeks ago when I found out who was on the panel. Also - Linda Sharp had been added late because Simonides and Mathis (or someone - no one admits this part) were concerned with the BSU response to the original panel (Pawley's great but we want one of our own on it.)"

Power, power - who's got the power? Simonides denies denies that he or t the administration have the power to interfere with student run (i.e. Mathis + Harkness-they were put in their position by Simonides) - so Mathis is boss. Mathis eventually dropped the above excuses and states that it is something pe personal about me that he objects to - "too dynamic" "don't address myself to the right issues" - at least so he has heard from "some friends" who remain unknown. He thought about the Y.R. president but found out from friends that he wasn't dynamic enough. I offered to find someone he liked that was -but not too- dynamic but..."sorry I've made my decision."

It is hard for me to believe that the administration doesn't have control over this function - but assuming they don't..they have shirked their responsibility to the M.I.T. community to see a fair and open panel discussion. One tries the legitimate channels and fails - One sees threats made against the rights of certain spokesmen e.g. Rostow - and the administration is immediately intimidated into providing them a forum - a 3to ] debate(the Resistance got a good laugh out of this attempt by the administration to buy them off). Meanwhile the student - non-protestor - who came here for a good technical education is left wondering whether the place will hold together long enough for him to get his degree. I apologize for the rush job typing etc. the bomb threat in S.C. forced relocation.

Mark Mathias

Panelists 000395

moderator, Thomas Atkins - (Counsellor)

REMARKS

THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Michael Albert  
Michael Devorin  
\* Thomas Pauley  
David Rosenblum  
Robert Schaeffer  
Linda Sharpe

APRIL 16, 1969

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What, then, is there to say? Especially in a situation as fraught with emotion and conflict as we tonight encounter in Cambridge?

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It is also true that these activist young people construe politics in its broadest sense, by no means restricting their activities to the major political parties or even to the political process as it is generally defined.

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Thus it makes little sense for one like myself to admonish young people "to get involved in politics." They are involved and, in many instances, with a dedication and intensity that puts even the "Humphrey Diaper Brigade" to shame.

Nor do I intend to spend much time giving you my views on why it is important for young people to accept and practice what history has demonstrated to be essential rules of the game for political activity -- assuming you start from certain premises about the necessity for free expression, and the limitations of all human wisdom.



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Some young people consciously and deliberately reject these standards of political behavior. I have no illusions about my ability to change their minds, especially this evening in Cambridge.

But, by the same token, I've been through enough political scraps to appreciate the protections these rules ultimately provide the minority and to understand how their erosion can, in the end, only jeopardize the very objectives which the minority was striving to achieve. And so I declare unequivocally and without apology my intention to fight for survival of these rules in our society.

In these introductory remarks I want only to stress two points:

First, the perspective of twenty years is helpful in appreciating the tremendous progress we have made in many areas ... precisely because of the commitment and involvement of young people. Persons on the front lines are prone toward discouragement if the first skirmish doesn't bring total victory.

- C. Unpl. RTS - Put into - Marcher

Most of you are concerned over the influence of the military on our democratic institutions and processes. So am I.

Indeed, I was concerned throughout the 1950's when we were battling the issue of atmospheric nuclear testing -- when the accumulation of strontium-90 began to pose a serious threat to the healthy development of children and adults. In 1963, after many years of work, we signed a limited test ban



treaty to stop this atmospheric contamination. The question of the Senate's ratification of this treaty, however, was bitterly fought -- even if the final vote didn't reveal the narrowness of the division in the Senate when the debate started. One of the reasons we finally won that battle was that thousands of young people worked to organize public opinion in support of the limited test ban treaty. *Youth Action*

Although a century from now this vote may command only a few sentences in the history books, it nevertheless committed this country to a policy which, in the end, will save thousands if not millions of people from the crippling effects of nuclear fall-out, as well as create another stabilizing factor among nations possessing nuclear weapons. And the youth of America helped generate the political pressure to ratify this treaty.

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Mr. Humphrey's Schedule

April 14 - 19, 1969

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Amherst, Massachusetts  
New York, New York

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Secret Service Field Office: 612/725-2801  
Sheraton-Ritz: 612/336-5711  
Norman Sherman: Leanington: 612/333-6161  
Macalester: Pol. Sci. Dept.: 612/647-6290  
Historical Society: 612/221-2144  
Bruce Solomonson: Office - 612/372-6210, home - 612/224-4104  
Ruth Wallace: Office - 612/647-6484, Home - 612/451-3329  
AFL-CIO: David Roe: 612/227-7647  
Radisson Hotel: 612/333-2181  
Golden Valley Golf Club: 612/545-2511  
"Salesman of the Year": Contact: Robert Cahill: 612/333-7682  
University of Minnesota: Contact: Professor Hyman Berman  
Social Science Dept., Room 246: 612/373-3507 or 3508  
Jeno Paulucci: Duluth Office: 218/727-8871

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Secret Service Field Office: 617/223-2728  
M. I. T. Contact: Dr. Jerome Wiesner: 617/864-6900 X 2786  
Kennedy Institute: 617/868-7600, X792  
Ritz-Carlton Hotel: 617/536-5700  
Ed McCormack: 617/227-4500 (office) 617/522-5577 (home)

Amherst, Massachusetts

Secret Service Field Office: 413/223-2728 (Boston)  
University of Massachusetts: Contact: Christopher D. McGahan or  
Margaret L. Franson: 413/545-2351  
Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn: 413/253-2576  
La Fleur Airport (Northampton): 413/584-1860

New York and Flushing, New York

Secret Service Field Office: 212/264-7204  
Electrical Industry: Contact: Armand D'Angelo: 212/591-2000  
Harry Van Arsdale: 212/591-2000  
General Aviation Terminal, JFK Airport: 212/656-5012 or 656-4444  
Hotel Commodore: 212/686-6000  
League for Industrial Democracy: Contact: Tom Kahn: 212/PL 4-5333  
Alan King: 212/PL 7-2535 (office) 516/HU 7-0266, HU 7-0628 (home)  
NBC Studio: Circle 7-8300, Studio 6A

Wednesday, April 16, 1969

CST	7:05 AM	Depart Minneapolis via Northwest Airlines #80 for Detroit. This is a 720B all tourist. Breakfast served. Accompanied by John Watson and two agents.
EST	9:24	Arrive Detroit
	10:20	Depart Detroit via American Airlines #466 for Boston. Accompanied by John Watson and two agents.
	11:48	Arrive Boston. Met by Jerome Wiesner
	12:00 Noon	Depart airport for M. I. T.
	12:30 P. M.	Arrive M. I. T. - Harvard Joint Center for Urban Studies Luncheon - M. I. T. Professor Robert C. Wood
	1:00	Joint Center Luncheon
	2:00	Depart for Ritz-Carlton Hotel.
	2:10	Rest in suite.
	2:50	Depart Ritz-Carlton for M. I. T.
	3:00	Political Parties - Course 17.28 Room 53-206 Professor John S. Saloma
	4:00	Course 17.28
	5:00	Depart for Ritz-Carlton Hotel
	5:10	Rest in suite.
	6:00	Dinner with undergraduate student group
	8:00	Youth and Politics Panel. Introductory Statement by Mr. Humphrey. Questions by student panel members addressed to Mr. Humphrey. Discussion among the whole panel, questions from the audience. Moderator - Councilor Thomas I. Atkins Kresge Auditorium
RON		Ritz-Carlton

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Natl. Council on Crime  
& Delinquency  
212 254-7110



Thursday, April 17, 1969

EST        9:15 A. M. Depart Ritz-Carlton for M. I. T.

          9:30        Dissent and Reform in 20th Century America  
                      Course 21.483

          10:00        Course 21.483

          11:00        Free

          11:30        Kennedy Institute Luncheon - Harvard

          2:30 P. M. Question and Answer Session with students  
                      Little Theater  
                      M. I. T.

          4:30        Depart for Ritz-Carlton Hotel

          4:40        Rest in suite

          5:30        Dinner with Graduate Student Group

          7:30        Panel on Domestic Ills  
                      Introductory remarks by Mr. Humphrey  
                      Comments from each panel member  
                      General discussion among the whole panel  
                      Questions from the audience.

                      Moderator - Jerome Wiesner  
                      Kresge Auditorium

RON        Ritz-Carlton

Friday, April 18, 1969

EST 8:15 A. M. Depart Ritz-Carlton for Amherst.

10:00 Arrive Whitmore Hall, University of Massachusetts. Met by President Lederle

10:20 Depart Whitmore Hall by car for Eugene Field House, Orchard Hill Residential College

10:30 Arrive Eugene Field House for reception with Committee for the Collegiate Education of Black Students. Short introductory remarks by Mr. Humphrey

11:30 Depart Orchard Hill by car for Student Union

✓ 11:45 Arrive Student Union for luncheon

1:20 P. M. Depart Student Union. Walk to School of Business

1:30 Arrive School of Business Administration, Room for seminar, "The American Presidency."

2:30 Depart School of Business Administration Walk to Memorial Hall

2:40 Press Conference in Memorial Hall

✓ 3:15 <sup>faculty - speech history Government</sup> Coffee hour (By invitation until 4:00, open to public thereafter). Memorial Hall <sup>10 → names</sup>

5:15 Leave Memorial Hall by car for Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn

5:30 Arrive Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn. Rest in suite.

6:00 Cocktails and buffet dinner with 75 students Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lecture Series Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn

7:30 Depart Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn by car for Curry Hicks Cage.

8:00 Arrive Curry Hicks Cage for address to University Community. (Smith and Mt. Holyoke students also will be in audience.)

10:00 Depart Hicks Cage by car for President Lederle's House

10:15 Arrive President's House for small reception.

RON Lord Jeffery Amherst Inn.

Saturday, April 19, 1969

EST 8:00 A. M. Depart Lord Jeffery Inn for Northampton  
Accompanied by John Watson and two agents.

8:30 Depart La Fleur Airport, Northampton,  
via private aircraft for New York

9:45 Arrive General Aviation Terminal,  
John F. Kennedy Airport. Proceed directly  
to Electrical Industry Center for breakfast.

10:00 Arrive 158-11 Jewel Avenue, Flushing, N. Y.  
for Scholarship Awards Breakfast in progress.  
Mr. Humphrey will present awards to the 24  
scholarship winners, the winner of the Dean  
Carman Fellowship and the Dr. Martin Luther  
King Scholarship. Later in the program  
Mr. Humphrey will be presented for formal  
remarks.

12:00 Noon Depart for Commodore Hotel

12:30 P. M. Arrive Commodore. Proceed to Club Suite on  
3rd floor for reception in progress preceding  
League for Industrial Democracy Luncheon.

1:00 Luncheon in Grand Ballroom

1:30 Program Begins

2:00 Lou Stulberg presents Annual Award to HHH

2:15 Mr. Humphrey's remarks

3:00 Luncheon concludes  
Proceed to suite at Commodore

Saturday, April 19, 1969 (continued)

EST 3:15 P. M. Private meetings in suite - Commodore

4:00 Depart Commodore for Rockefeller Center  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
NBC Studios

4:15 Arrive Rockefeller Plaza  
Proceed to NBC Studio 6A, 6th Floor  
for taping with Alan King

5:00 Depart Rockefeller Plaza for LaGuardia

5:30 Depart New York via American Flight #451  
for Washington, D. C. Accompanied by  
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6:38 Arrive Washington National Airport

RON Washington, D. C.

NOTE: Your only appointment on Sunday,  
April 20, is at 11:00 A. M. at the  
apartment with Norman Holmes and W. Price  
Loughlin.



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