EDITORIAL

The Road From North Hall

ISSUE: What can be learned from the occupation of North Hall last Monday by the BSU?

Now that everyone has had a chance to sit back and think about what happened, we think that there are some important facts to be noted.

It is extremely important to note that the blacks who took over the Computer Laboratory did so out of frustration and disappointment. As they stated, it was the only way they felt they could bring their grievances to the attention of the administration.

Whether this is true or not is a moot question. The important thing is that they felt this way. It takes some sensitivity and receptivity on our part to realize how they could have felt this way, and perhaps sensitivity may be one of the positive results of the incident.

It is also noteworthy that violence, as such, never occurred. There was always the threat of violence (several times from the white students massed in support outside), but after the initial occupation, the processes were calm and orderly.

The blacks demanded amnesty. They did not get it, but instead the A.S. Judicial Committee recommended suspensions. The blacks came out and waited in the Chancellor's office for his decision.

We think that the students of this campus must also recognize the courage of the blacks. They must see that there are times in a man's life when he realizes that he cannot logically justify an act, and yet he goes ahead and does it anyway, because something inside him tells him to. Call it black pride, call it black solidarity—the fact remains that these men were together because they were brothers.

It is hard to support the occupation of a building and the resultant educational disruption. We cannot do it. It is even harder for most people to understand and accept, but we feel that we can.

The Free Campus organization can extol apathy and non-involvement all we want. We recognize that their educational rights were infringed upon, and we dislike this fact intensely.

We are asking for is a recognition of the forces present in this situation. If more people had been willing to see the situation as the Governor did (or, as he often does, this campus would have suffered a blow from which it might never have recovered).

Mestizaje

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About 80 per cent of all Mexicans are mestizo (mixed-race) one half Indian and one half European. A mestizo is physically more Indian since Indian (Red) genes are dominant over European (White) genes. A Mestizo is culturally more Spanish since the Spaniards conquered the Indians and forced Spanish culture on them. The heritage of Chicanos (Mexican-Americans) is both Spanish and American.

All human history can be traced back to man's womb in the Fertile Crescent. The ancestors of the "Indian" creased Asia and the Deering Strait and spread through all parts of America in chase of animals. Cautious study of the skulls reveal that these original Americans did indeed discover America and came from Europe, Asia, and Africa. They were not Nordic for the Antiquites that we know today did not exist in these days.

As time wore on, climatic changes wiped out the animals and the original Americans were forced to evolve other practices. Today, half of the world's population consists of foods discovered and developed by the so-called "Indian." So great was the adjustment to living off plants that it would take many volumes to relate the details of this tremendously creative period.

This brings me to the understanding of Chicoan civilization, one has to consider the history of our soil brothers in the reservations—the history of all the Indians that the Spaniards came in contact with and intermarried, not merely the famous civilizations of Central America.

Spanish are the product of a long process of ethnic and cultural mixing (mestizaje). Beginning withpostgres, the Celt, Briton, Phoenician, Greek, Carthaginian, Roman, Visigoth, Moor, and Capan, these people mixed with Spain at one time or other.

Spanish civilization was greatly enhanced by the Romans, Moors, and Jews; at one time, Spain was more Moors than Romans. The people of the Arabs and Jews equal, may, surpasses that of the Romans. The Spaniards mixed the Jews and Arabs out, Spain fell rapidly from world power.

Next in the sacredness of the Druids and the other ancients about who their dirty deeds, and focus on the colonization of the Southwest.

LETTERS

B.S.U. Blackmail

The capture of North Hall by the Black Students Union accomplished two things.

1. It showed the students of UCSC how to get pressure treatment.

2. It helped win votes for George Wallace, Max Rattley, and defeat of the University school bond.

But it was accomplished by an act that was unnecessary and, we think, improper.

This is my sixth year at UCSC and during this time I have found the administration to be very fair and responsive to grievances of the students. The BSU could have secured the fruits of their "demonstration" by other means—most a rally or the administration steps.

The method they chose did not achieve the justice they sought. Their overreaction and desperation of all students who participated, purely because BSU actions are against the convictions of the students. I believe that the BSU could have secured the results to their success and been more patient and less disruptive.

The BSU blackmailed the administration to stimulate their demands, but they expect the other 11,000 plus students to bear the burden unjustly.

The Future: The future in the future to believe that the BSU and its supporters actually want to be just and when making charges and demands, it seems that these students wish to impose their will on the students and administration of UCSC.

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Inexcusable Means

The firing liberal cause in this state has been buried beneath yet another layer of irrelevancies. The actions of the Black Student Union in North Hall were inexcusable if we are to believe the maxim that ends never justify the means.

BSU demands for such things as a black SOP counselor, a college of Black Studies, and more Black professors and classes are totally justified and legitimate, and therefore, they can be achieved through legitimate means, not through channels that are always a slow and exhausting process, but work! It is especially true on this campus where we have a considerably better than average administration who has a history of responding responsibly, student demands for.

It is argued that this incident, irresponsible or not, worked faster through the proper channels. This is obviously and unfortunately true, but the means by which BSU chose to achieve their demands had harmful side effects which did unnecessary damage to their cause (will "liberating" classroom really calliterate realism in America? Would such activities as Harmon's Black History Week do more towards alleviating this problem?), and they are: the University, for example, it further undermined the school bond issue which benefits those of all colors, and it certainly didn't hurt Max Rattley's campaign any.

Black America, your cause is just, and for that reason abuse you must fight for it responsibly. For this is the way any just cause must be fought. Any other way only gives ammunition to the black dailies and Max Rattley of our society.

Would it not be better to amend the words of Brother Ray Newton so that they read—Words are beautiful, but actions is superior? Is it possible that more of your goals could be achieved through this kind of action?

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