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CUR STAND ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM:

- 1-Against the oath.
- 2-Against the ultimatum.
- 3-For a new employment policy.
Against Univ. Regulation #5.
- 4-For the democratic election
of the Regents.
- 5-For the reinstatement of
Irving David Fox.

ENGLAND VS. SOCIALISM

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY'S recent sharp political setback is directly attributable to its politics in dealing with the economic and political nightmares and excreta bequeathed by the British 'Proo Enterprisers' of Churchillian stamp. The Labor Party's policies have been carried out in an atmosphere smacking of the techniques of repudiated British capitalism and are as different from those of militant Socialists as night from day.

FOREIGN POLICY: The British maltreatment and odious conduct to refugees fleeing into Palestine is reminiscent of the murderous activity of yesteryear's imperial Britain in attempting to suppress Irish and Indian nationalism. The BLP policy of adhering parasitically to American imperialism, instead of forming a third camp of European socialists who will stand firm against both the Moscow and Washington brands of reaction, is not socialist foreign policy -- rather it is the exhaustion product of an unholy collusion between capitalist imperialism and aged trade-union bureaucrats.

INTERNALLY, the BLP nationalized coal and transport both of which were horribly blotted by freebooting capitalistic mismanagement. Those industries are now run by boards consisting of ex-owners plus the usual quota of state bureaucrats. The people of England merely witnessed a bookkeeping transaction in which they are told to believe, mystically, that now mining and transport are run in their interests. Is it any wonder that droves of Middle-Class voters turned away from the static program of Atlee and Co.???

NATIONALIZATION does not equal socialism. In England socialist policy in coal and transport would necessarily involve the democratic creation of committees of employees to administer the industries;
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ROOTS OF THE STRUGGLE

THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE at UC remains that of academic freedom and revolves around the question of faculty members belonging to political parties of their own choosing-like other citizens. This cannot be repeated too often, for this is the issue most easily obscured in the befogged arguments of campus power politics. Ten years ago the Board of Regents - a board of political appointees standing outside electoral control - invaded the realm of academic freedom by affirming that membership in the Communist Party per se precluded employment at the University. Excepting for the period of America's participation in World War II - when the United States and Russian totalitarianism practiced "mutual amnesty"-the Board of Regents pursued its established policy down to the present moment.

BROAD AND ABSTRACT political questions, like academic freedom, however, take on living reality in the context of institutional controls and the struggle for power. Because nobody challenged the Regents in their assertion of policy, that board ten months ago decided to wrest complete power from the hands of a limp and timid Academic Senate. The device for bringing the Senate subserviently to its knees lay in a oath demanded of each employee by the regents.

FOR A WHILE it looked as though the common declaration of the death of academic freedom would bring peace to the campus and a postponement of struggle over power. But the Regents thus fortified proceeded to translate an abstract political victory into concrete results, and insisted, therefore, on standing pat with the ultimatum.

THE NATURE of the position of the Academic Senate prompts its measure of opposition. Recently, it has been reported that the faculty decided to employ counsel to fight the compulsory oath. Also, it is said that the faculty might request an injunction from the State Supreme Court to forbid the enforcement of the "sign or quit" order. Other similar projected courses of action include suits filed against the regents by individual non-signers in the Senate. Picture this mounting crescendo of battle ending up in a courtroom whimper!

ONE MIGHT THINK that the irresolute stand of the Academic Senate could be explained by the fact that its members
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in short, direct control from below. Such procedure would arouse the tremendous creative energy of the people of Britain, for truly, government would be of, for, and by the people.

CAPITALISTS are the only ones who stand to lose by virile, militant socialism; workers, students, and professionals would have a world in which to exercise their talents, a society of free men dedicated to the fullest mental and physical development. Unemployment, wars, Gostapoes, NKVD's, FBI's, loyalty oaths, regents, would be things of the past; mere mental aberrations in the history of mankind's upward progression!

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campus cooperatives, Young Progressives, and numerous other social and religious groups. Moreover, such organizations as the Non-Senate Academic Employees and the Graduate Students Association send accredited observers to its sessions.

THE UNITED ACTION COMMITTEE serves as a united front for various student groups and proclaims three major objectives - which sloganized are: STOP THE OATH, THE ULTIMATUM, AND THE POLICY! Already several demonstrative actions by the UACAF have taken place indicating that the leadership of the student body is in the process of shifting from the inept ASUC exec to this united front.

ALL THAT PREVENTS a resounding defeat of the Board of Regents, is the wavering policy of the Academic Senate. A unified student body and faculty agreed to strike action would compel the Regents to back down within twenty-four hours. But no one can carry a reluctant Senate into battle on his shoulders, particularly when the issue of battle involves the Academic Senate or the Regents controlling the University.

A COMPLETE VICTORY - even by strike methods - at the present stage involves a continued aggression upon the Regents until academic freedom itself is reconquered. Eventually the autocratically appointed Regents of the present board will have to be replaced by elected Regents subject to recall and electoral will.

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stood out alone buffeted on all sides by a reactionary student body, an unconcerned lower faculty, as well as the Board of Regents. The truth is that behind the Senate looms up a vast majority of instructors and assistants and a militant student population, urging and supporting it in a principled stand against the Regents.

AS WOULD BE EXPECTED in so profound an academic crisis, the student body, of the Berkeley campus at least, lines itself up in exactly the same political fashion as the faculty - a small number rejecting the principles of academic freedom but resenting the Regents' usurpation of power, the greater number siding completely with the Non-Signers and the Non-Senate Academic Employees.

MIMICKING the miserable conduct of the Academic Senate is the ASUC Exec Committee, headed by its flabby president, Dan Coelho. Last Monday night's session adequately exposed the weakness and vacillation of that executive committee. After adopting a motion opposing political tests for teachers and recommending individual competence as the sole criterion for hiring and firing, the exec committee of the ASUC then inverted itself by accepting a resolution which opposed the hiring of members of "any party which advocates overthrow of the government by unconstitutional means." Such contradiction at this late date results not from confusion but from deliberate policy. For some time the ASUC exec committee and its president have refused to support the academic freedom issue, and now side with the Academic Senate only over the secondary question of power politics. No wonder there is talk on campus and the Daily Cal of initiating a campaign to recall Coelho on the grounds of dereliction of duty.

FORTUNATELY the stand of the Exec of the ASUC was anticipated, and a few weeks ago a group of student organizations started the United Action Committee for Academic Freedom, (UACAF). Originally pioneered by the Students for Democratic Action, the Socialist Youth League, and American Veterans Committee - the United Action Committee now comprises in addition, student groups from the major

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