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A virtually complete endorsement of the position taken by student organizations against the University’s policies on free speech was communicated to the University President K. S. Pitzer.

Dr. Pitzer’s new position was expressed via a letter to Charles King, Chairman of the SA Forum committee, which invites speakers from on campus to address campus audiences. The President’s letter accepts the proposals of the Forum Committee [Thresher February 11] with a single modification which provides for referral of speakers not approved by the Dean of Students to the Faculty Committee on University Welfare.

Dr. Pitzer outlined his understanding of the new arrangement under which outside speakers may come to the campus as follows:

1. All funds for the operation of the Student Forum Committee shall be provided by the students or by non-University sources.

2. The Student Forum Committee may use the funds to bring any speaker to the campus, provided:
   - The speaker is scheduled through the Dean of Students and, in case of disagreement between the Dean and the Student Forum Committee, is approved by the Faculty Committee on University Welfare;
   - Adequate room is available for holding the forum without disrupting the normal operations of the University;
   - Orderly procedures are maintained at all times;
   - Where highly controversial speakers are to appear, regular and orderly means are to be provided, under the direction of a senior faculty member, so that questions can be asked of the speakers by students and faculty members alike.

President’s Statement

Dr. Pitzer prefaced his remarks on the new university policy on speakers with a general discussion which stated that he expects the approval of speakers “will normally be a matter of routine.”

But should the Dean of Students, with whom the names of speakers will be filed in the first instance, disapprove of the choice, the speaker will be referred to the University Welfare Committee “and the decision of that committee will be final.”

Timme indicated that along these lines, the provision is, in practical terms, meaningless, although the demand on principle that no speaker be subject to discrimination of any kind was not explicitly accepted.

Forum Chairman King said he was prepared to call U.S. Communist leader Gus Hall this week to make the engagement which was vetoed by the administration last semester. Vice-chairman Ken Kennedy echoed King’s sentiments, terming the new University policy “as complete a victory as we hoped to achieve.”