

# Third Revolution Step 'Near'

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## Butler Predicts General Strike to Be Tried

The third step toward a revolution — action in the form of a general strike — will be attempted in this country, possibly before the next presidential election (in 1972), Ed Butler predicted here Monday.

"There is not a great deal of time left. The seeds of revolution were planted in 1963 by Lee Harvey Oswald. Usually a revolution goes on to its end, and whether it's good or bad depends on you."

The political analyst, news commentator and founder of the Information Council of the Americas (INCA), said this in addressing the Sales Marketing Executives section of the Chamber of Commerce of the New Orleans Area. The meeting was held at the Royal Orleans Hotel.

A native of New Orleans, Butler now heads the western division of INCA and conducts a television series (on which he has interviewed such persons as Oswald and Rennie Davis ("who claims to have closed down the capitol last week"). He is based in Los Angeles, Calif.

From his experience, he said, "What divides people now is not whether they are rightist or leftist, but tyrannical or libertarian."

It is possible to have a revolution which maintains an ethic and contains a minimum of violence, he said, as opposed to the kind which would "heighten contradictions and make things worse to make them better."

Revolution without an ethic, he said, causes incidents like My Lai, and allows for "a lot of human horror" before the accomplishment of its aims.

In Vietnam, he commented, there is both a revolution and a military war imposed on it and a symptom of it, Butler said, and it makes no sense to cure the symptom without treating the problem.

(In an interview afterwards, he said he endorsed neither the anti-war nor win-the-war demonstrations in Washington last week, claiming both groups had missed the point.)

In the U.S., the political commentator said, the first step is

ward revolution — widespread grievances — may be effected by economic discontent resulting from a possible devaluation of the dollar.

The second step, "disaffection or disenchantment of the military and police force with the system they're supposed to fight for," Butler said, was started

long ago. To the process of upheaval now underway, the analyst said, a new positive element could be added, the further development of such groups as INCA and Junior Achievement, in which people "learn how to pursue revolutionary action in an ethical manner."