

Courtney's Column On UM

A controversy developed last week when radio commentator Alan Courtney wrote a column in the Greater Miami Journal attacking the University of Miami's tentative approval of the Students for a Democratic Society, a group branded by the FBI as subversive. The complete column is herewith being reprinted.

By ALAN COURTNEY

From what I can learn, it seems a number of young students at the University of Miami are being suckered



into the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) that is nothing more than a Communist Front.

It is sad to find a University today that refuses to expose and explode the kind of subversive organizations using our colleges in the name of "Academic Freedom." I guess there ought to be some great compassion for the dopes who permit their Utopian instability to join and defend such known subversive organizations, but I think the time has long passed to continue the game of pretend that so many bleeding hearts are using to defend this type of subversion.

When a so-called young "idealist," really holds to his proclaimed and lofty aspirations, he must of necessity admit that by lending his name and effort to this type of organization, he is either abysmally stupid, or decidedly deceptive and untrustworthy to begin with.

At this late stage of history, no young student who can claim a little talent in the fundamental exercise of thinking, can go on pretending that the SDS is not what it is, simply because he claims that his local chapter association does not agree entirely with the SDS nation-

ally.

This type of disclaimer may appeal to the birds, but it doesn't impress anyone who knows only too well what this type of phony excuse really means.

Why should any honest and decent loyal American young dissenter join the SDS at all? Knowing the aims, the tactics, and the goals of this subversive organization, why should anyone who is genuinely honest and devoted to what he contends are idealistic objectives, permit himself to be a party to a subversive organization?

The Universities in this country that are granting recognition to subversive organizations have no right to expect any respect from any decent parent who is concerned with his son or daughter's education. The time is over for this phony claim of "Academic Freedom" being granted to subversive groups who are using colleges to destroy democracy and freedom as well.

If the Students For A Democratic Society are rec-

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ognized at the University of Miami, is it not time the citizens of this community started to demand some explanation and accounting of this type of authority?

The University of Miami is not just a private enterprise. Millions of your tax dollars and mine, have been poured into this institution and if we have a President who can grow so militant in banning Dixie, but finds no reason to ban the SDS, it is high time the community started to demand some new leadership at this University.

Our Universities were not intended to become "privileged sanctuaries" for any kind of subversive organization regardless what it calls itself or what political hue it reflects.

We have seen too much anarchy and violence already in this land in the guise of "Academic Freedom." It is about time every parent, taxpayer, and citizen of this community, stand up now and tell off the so called spineless authorities, that catering to subversive organizations is not to be tolerated, or else there will be a boycott by both decent students parents and taxpayers support.

If the University thinks it can prosper by using the decent loyal American students and parents and taxpayers to underwrite the freedom for subversive groups to use the Universities for their own purposes, then is it not time we started demanding the Board of Trustees to assume their responsibilities before we find another Columbia on our hands?

It is strange, and disturbing as well, to note how conspicuously silent our great free press remains in this challenge. Aside from the Coral Gables Times, the rest of the media go on pretending that we are not to be concerned with this affront to our community and our University, because some devious and tortured reasoning continues to argue for the right of subversive organizations to function on our campuses.

If the same concern about subversion was exercised as the concern about "Dixie" perhaps there is a chance we might stir the community to become involved to commit themselves to rid the colleges of these subversive elements before and not after the damage is done!!!