

SEX EDUCATION HELD RED PLOT

Another Try to Subvert
Students—Courtney

Sex education is only the most recent example of Communist efforts to subvert American young people through the nation's schools, Kent Courtney charged Thursday.

Courtney, national chairman of the Conservative Society of America, addressed a noon luncheon meeting of the education bureau of the Young Men's Business Club at Maylie's Restaurant.

The title of his talk was "Reds in the Schoolroom."

Courtney tried to link several groups to Communist subversion. Among them were: the National Education Association, the W. E. B. De Bois Clubs, the philosophy of "progressive education," "permissiveness" in morals and guidance, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

The use of tax-supported public institutions as platforms for Communist speakers also was attacked by Courtney. In 1964, he said, Communist speakers made 44 lecture appearances on college campuses.

Quoting J. Edgar Hoover, Courtney said, "It is ironic that Communist party speakers—whose minds and thoughts and

actions are in no manner free—should demand the opportunity to parrot the Moscow line to young Americans under the guise of academic freedom."

"They have destroyed your children's ability to read, write, compute, and think," Courtney said. "The problem is degradation of education at all levels. Start out by finding out if your

children are being tampered with," he advised.

REJECT FORTAS, COURTNEY ASKS

Calls Justice 'Crony' of
President

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WASHINGTON — Kent Courtney of New Orleans has attacked the appointment of Abe Fortas as chief justice of the Supreme Court.

Courtney, national chairman of the Conservative Society of America, urged the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Senate to refuse to confirm Fortas, whom he described as President Johnson's "crony."

Courtney, who publishes the "Independent American," a periodical newspaper, said that when Justice Fortas was first nominated to the court by President Johnson, the Senate Judiciary Committee heard evidence that allegedly linked Fortas as a one-time member of Communist front organizations and that he was an attorney for Communists.

He read his statement into the record on Thursday, staff members of the committee said Monday.

President Johnson nominated Justice Fortas for chief justice after incumbent Chief Justice Earl Warren announced plans to retire to his native California. Warren was appointed to the court by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to resume hearings Tuesday with Fortas scheduled to appear. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., and a group of Republicans are trying to block President Johnson's "lame duck" appointment of Fortas and Homer Thornberry, another friend of Johnson's, to the court.