

White House Youth Conference Proves to Be Anti-Establishment

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ESTES PARK, Colo., April 21—The unmistakable tone of the White House Conference on Youth emerged today as anti-Administration, anti-establishment and dovish, despite the diversity of the 1,000 young persons who came here from every state in the union.

Hundreds of recommendations included demands for a total, immediate end to United States ground, naval and air operations in Indochina; withdrawal of all United States troops by Dec. 31, 1971, and the halting of "logistical support, both overt and covert" on the same date.

Five of the 10 task forces, each of which consisted of 100 persons between the ages of 14 and 25, and 50 who are older, did not even submit their recommendations for a vote to the closing plenary session that met today. All the proposals will be included in the conference report to Mr. Nixon.

The panels on race and poverty were among those that decided against the vote on their conclusions.

The preamble, read to the conference as a whole by Karen Rux of Durham, N. C., charged that the "high ideals upon which this country was founded have never been a reality for all peoples from the beginning to the present day."

The Greatest Blemish

Written by the members of the committee on values, ethics and culture, it said, "The greatest blemish on the history of the United States of America is slavery and its evil legacy. The annihilation of Indians, genocide, exploitation of labor, and militaristic expansion have been among the most important shortcomings which have undermined the ideals to which the people of this country have aspired.

"It is time now finally to affirm and implement the rights articulated in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution."

In the concluding paragraph, the panel urged the "Government and power structures to respond swiftly, actively, and constructively to our proposals."

"We are motivated not by hatred, but by disappointment over and love for the unfulfilled potential of this nation," it said.

The general session gave the

preamble and Miss Rux a one-minute standing ovation. The statement was immediately denounced by Senator Bill Brock, Republican of Tennessee, a member of the Values study group. Mr. Brock called it "masochistic, negative and non-productive" and "not representative of American youth."

Recommendations Listed

Among the recommendations to emerge from this final day of the conference, which began Sunday, were the following:

¶Every American should receive health care.

¶The coal industry should be nationalized and strip mining abolished.

¶Fifty per cent of all Federal housing funds should be used for the needy.

¶The President should go on television within six months and officially denounce racism.

¶An all-volunteer Army should be formed and the President should declare amnesty for all draft violators and exiles.

¶Eighteen-year-olds should not only have the vote but also the right to marry and make contracts without parental consent.

¶Abortions should be removed from the legal area and left to the doctor and patient.

¶One-quarter of the national budget should be devoted to education.

¶The defense budget for fiscal year 1972 should be limited to \$50-billion.

¶The concept and principle of a guaranteed adequate income should be a right of the individual.

¶Any sexual behavior between consenting, responsible individuals must be recognized and tolerated by society as an acceptable life style.

A minority report from the study group on foreign policy said, "We support the continued and accelerated withdrawal of American combat troops from Southeast Asia. We believe in the Vietnamization process on the grounds that nations should develop the capability to defend themselves."

Today's general session was the last official event on the conference agenda. The delegates are scheduled to leave here tomorrow.