

Brewster Explains

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Yale University's president declared last night that "the malaise, the disenchantment with life" and its prospects, is greater now than a year ago among most American students" on college and university campuses.

By what he called a "frightening coincidence," Kingman Brewster Jr., the Yale president, was scheduled as principal speaker at a dinner here of a newspaper group, the Bureau of Advertising, A.N.P.A., while his students were holding a mass meeting at Yale.

Mr. Brewster said the students were seeking to demonstrate concern over trials of Black Panthers in New Haven by a strike or other proposals "for more effective action by the university in behalf of social as well as legal justice."

1,400 at Meeting

Mr. Brewster said he would "take the risk" of attending the dinner of 1,400 news executives, meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria for their group's 57th anniversary dinner, to try "to cure some distortions and misrepresentations" about student motives.

"If the country does not rediscover its own sons and daughters," he said, "no

amount of law and order or crisis-management will make much difference in the long run."

Earlier, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, president of San Francisco State College, had told the American Newspaper Publishers Association, a parallel body, at the Waldorf-Astoria that "there is something very pernicious about liberal arts education."

Dr. Hayakawa asserted that liberal arts students had an "aristocratic, elitist bent" considering they were being "educated to rule." He declared "elitists have a profound contempt for democracy."

The California college head said he was imploring publishers to revise hiring practices that he held led to an overbalance of liberal arts graduates and "a class bias to much of media coverage of the news."

Dr. Hayakawa appealed to the publishers "to assert again the values and responsibilities of objective journalism," asserting that "all sorts of young people do not feel the necessity to be objective at all." He decried "evaluative terms thrown into news media."

Introduced as having restored order at San Francisco State College after distur-



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Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, San Francisco State College president, addressing American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Campus Unrest

bances late in 1968, Dr. Hayakawa said he had been helped by the press "reporting what happened," and so bringing "enormous public support for me."

He suggested this occurred in part because he appeared "in a picturesque tam-o'-shanter to get attention," thus getting as much access to media as militants. Yesterday, he was wearing a flamboyant wide orange tie.

Dr. Hayakawa chided the news media for searching out and building up militants with lengthy interviews—"in the process, the media themselves are setting the stage for serious disturbances in the future," he said.

Dr. Hayakawa said "one of the main things about this student generation is that it has more social sympathy than ever before." He cited "non-elite" students, such as those in his schools of education, involved in tutorial and other programs in slums as "constructive sympathy."

The Yale president, Mr. Brewster, offered some explanations for increases in student "misgivings":

☐ "The dedication to racial equality is pushed back to the inner limits of constitu-

tional necessity. Even this is grudgingly accepted and narrowly defined."

Students, Mr. Brewster said, "see their leaders using the alleged complacency of 'middle America' as an excuse for evading the challenges which matter most." He reported "a widespread sense that no one in the government establishment is moved to urgent, controversial action."

Complacency Held an Excuse

Citing frustrations over "the disparagement of dissent and nonconformity," the Yale president asserted that "potentially constructive critics, skeptics and heretics—what I would call 'considerate radicals'—are being driven into the ranks of those enraged destructivists who would tear down the system."

Mr Brewster said that "it would be wrong to say that the young 'blame' the President," because "they did not expect much better of a hucksterized process," no matter who was elected.

"The ability of universities and newspapers," he said, "to defend and to utilize their freedom will have much to do with the ability of the young to keep their faith in freedom."



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Kingman Brewster Jr., the president of Yale, said that young people were more disenchanted with life this year.