

Faculty Fights Ziegler Visit

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BOSTON, Jan. 24—A controversy has developed over a proposed Feb. 26 lecture by President Nixon's press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, at Boston University here. Students support the appearance but faculty members oppose it.

After the university's student government asked Ziegler to speak, the dean of the School of Public Communication, John A. Wicklein, sent a telegram this week to student government President Peter

Elikann saying: "I think it is morally wrong for the student government of SPC to pay \$3,000 or any amount of money to Ron Ziegler to speak at Boston University.

"Ron Ziegler knowingly lied to the press and people of the country and did his best to subvert the First Amendment guarantees of a free press. I would defend Ziegler's right to speak on this campus, but I think it would be a travesty to reward him in any way for his despicable contempt for the Constitution and democratic

process," the telegram continued. "I urge the student government in the strongest terms to rescind its decision to pay a lecture fee for Ziegler's appearance on this campus."

Two-thirds of the SPC faculty met Thursday night and endorsed Wicklein's stand.

Elikann said later he finds himself in a "Kafkaesque nightmare" because he has to defend Ron Ziegler's right to speak while he says he feels Ziegler "represents the most negative aspects of American journalism."

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