

Socialist group sets rally Tuesday

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The Young Socialist Alliance (YSA), in preparation for the November presidential election, will hold a rally tomorrow night in support of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

Osborne Hart, a member of the National Committee of the YSA and an activist in the Black Liberation Movement, will speak at the rally on "Why Students Should Vote Socialist Workers Party in 1976." The rally will be a 8 p.m. in the HUB Assembly Room.

Hart is now touring the east coast rallying support for the SWP presidential and vice presidential candidates, Peter Camejo and Willie Mae Reid.

Currently an SWP candidate for Congress in Georgia, Hart has been involved with the National Black Political Convention and the NAACP. He will also discuss "The Fight Against Racism" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center.

SWP is an "alternative" to the Republican and Democratic parties, ac-

ording to Lynda Joyce, SWP campaign spokesman. "You can either vote for the lesser of two evils, or for the socialist alternative."

The SWP party ticket also includes several congressional candidates and is on the Nov. 2 ballot in Pennsylvania and a number of other states.

Camejo, 36, has been a member of SWP since 1959 and was a founding member of the YSA organization in 1960. He has been active in civil rights movements and is a member of the NAACP. His running mate, Reid, 37, previously has run for mayor of Chicago and is a member of various organizations, including the National Organization for Women (NOW).

"Camejo and Reid represent issues in a program. They have answers to burning issues," Joyce said. "We are not pushing for their individual careers. If you work for Carter or Ford, you are working for individual's political careers."

The SWP platform is an eight-point "Bill of Rights for Working People." The Bill guarantees everyone the right to a job, adequate income protected against inflation, free education, free medical care, secure retirement, the right of oppressed minorities to control their own affairs and the right to know the truth about and decide political, economic and social policies.

Camejo and Reid also call for the opening of all secret FBI and CIA political files. They say they are both supporters of women's rights and expanded child-care services.

The ultimate goal of SWP, according to pamphlets, is to have the working class gain control of government.

Yorks says students no different

Justice equal opportunity sentencer

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A crime is a crime and a student is a student and never shall the latter interfere with prosecution for the former, or so District Justice Clifford H. Yorks would have it.

Yorks said in an interview that some 67 per cent of those who appear before him are between the ages of 17 and 24, including repeat offenders.

"To me, if somebody commits a crime, I will not treat him any different because he is this, that or the other thing," said Yorks. "Because you're a college student, that doesn't set you aside any different from anybody else."

Yorks revealed that his court handles first to third degree felonies, civil suits involving up to \$2,000, and 28 types of third degree misdemeanors.

He elaborated by saying that of the 2,700 to 3,500 cases he hears each month, 55 to 58 cases involve drug and alcohol offenses and about 120 cases concerning landlord-tenant disputes.

"I really receive about 70 per cent tenants, 30 per cent landlords," said Yorks in reference to which group starts the majority of lawsuits.

Yorks also disclaimed a rumor that there is a shortage of available apartments in State College. "We still have lots of vacancies. I have many acquaintances who have apartment complexes...and they'll start telling me how many vacancies

they have.

In discussing bails set in criminal cases, Yorks said, "If you request a hearing, bail must be posted. In the majority of the cases where the person knows that he is not guilty, regardless of what the amount of bail is, he'll post it to come in here to prove he is not guilty."

"Most of the people who don't want to post bail, don't want to post bail... for quite a few reasons, because first of all, they know they're guilty, and secondly, all they want to do is harass whoever has arrested them."

Yorks said harassment begins when the accused sets up a hearing without posting bail, then fails to show up, forcing the arresting officer to request a warrant to take the accused into custody.

"Let's say that 10 people come in to set up hearings, and they claim that they don't have any money — (to post bail). Nine of them are trying to rip you off; one of them really doesn't think he's guilty and he'll show up."

"Why should he be penalized because he doesn't have the money and he knows he's not guilty? Well, he's being penalized... because the system says that we cannot treat him any different than we can treat somebody else, regardless what he is, who he is, and so on."

Yorks added, "This is the old cry that I always get from the college student: 'Oh, I am a college student. I don't have this

and I don't have that!'"

Yorks argued that a student might not have enough money to pay a \$1 parking ticket, but he can afford to go to Mr. C's and pay the \$2 entrance fee.

In discussing fines, Yorks said that, as with bails, it is up to him to determine the amount. "If you're guilty of an offense, the fine is supposed to be used as a deterrent."

Yorks said the highest fine he could ever impose is \$2,500 in a third degree misdemeanor. The highest bail he had ever set was \$40,000. Such high bails, he maintained are set to discourage suspects from "absconding."

When asked if there were any alternatives open to defendants required to pay large fines, Yorks said they can stretch payments of the fine over a period of time.

He said defendants could afford to pay smaller fines, but that in stiffer fines, Yorks orders payments accordingly.

The position of District Justice is held for six years. Yorks' term in office expires in January 1978. His constituency is 53,000 and covers about half of Centre County, including State College, Half Moon, Ferguson and College townships. The office of the District Justice is on Pugh Street between Beaver and College Avenues.

Butz' remarks hang over Ford campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford yesterday prepared for his second debate with Jimmy Carter while faced with the thorny problem of how to deal with the latest controversy involving Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

A furor has arisen over derogatory racial remarks attributed to Butz in a national magazine, and Democrats have called for the secretary to resign or for Ford to fire him.

An aide to the cabinet official said Butz, in a conversation Saturday with an unnamed White House aide,

had mentioned the possibility of resigning and offered to do so, but then decided to "sleep on it."

Butz earlier had been summoned to the White House, where he was severely reprimanded by Ford and apologized, saying he regretted his choice of language.

Carter, who has been demanding Butz' ouster from the Ford cabinet for some time, termed the remarks "disgraceful" and said the Agriculture secretary "should have been fired long ago."

Although the White House

remained silent on the subject, there was speculation the President wanted to resolve the problem before leaving today on a six-day campaign swing that will include the debate with Carter Wednesday in San Francisco.

The Butz affair hung like a cloud over the White House as the President worked to clear up legislation piled on his desk by the 94th Congress.

Observers saw Ford's dilemma concerning Butz as presenting a difficult choice between alienating black voters, if he stays, or risking adverse reaction from farm states where Butz's policies are popular, if he goes.

As Presidential aides tried to gauge the potential damage to Ford's campaign, Butz himself remained in seclusion in Washington.

On ABC's "Issues and Answers," Sunday, Democratic Govs. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts and Hugh Carey of New York said Butz should be fired, Carey adding that he was "mystified" why Ford hadn't taken such action.

Republican Gov. Robert F. Bennett of Kansas defended Butz, saying people in agriculture appreciated his work and farmers "have a great deal of respect for Butz." He said he didn't know whether Ford would fire him or not.

A number of Republican senators and congressmen are among those who have called for Butz' removal from the administration.

Ford's running mate, Sen. Bob Dole, has not gone that far but has called the secretary's remarks "totally tasteless... even if he's talking in his sleep he shouldn't say things like that."

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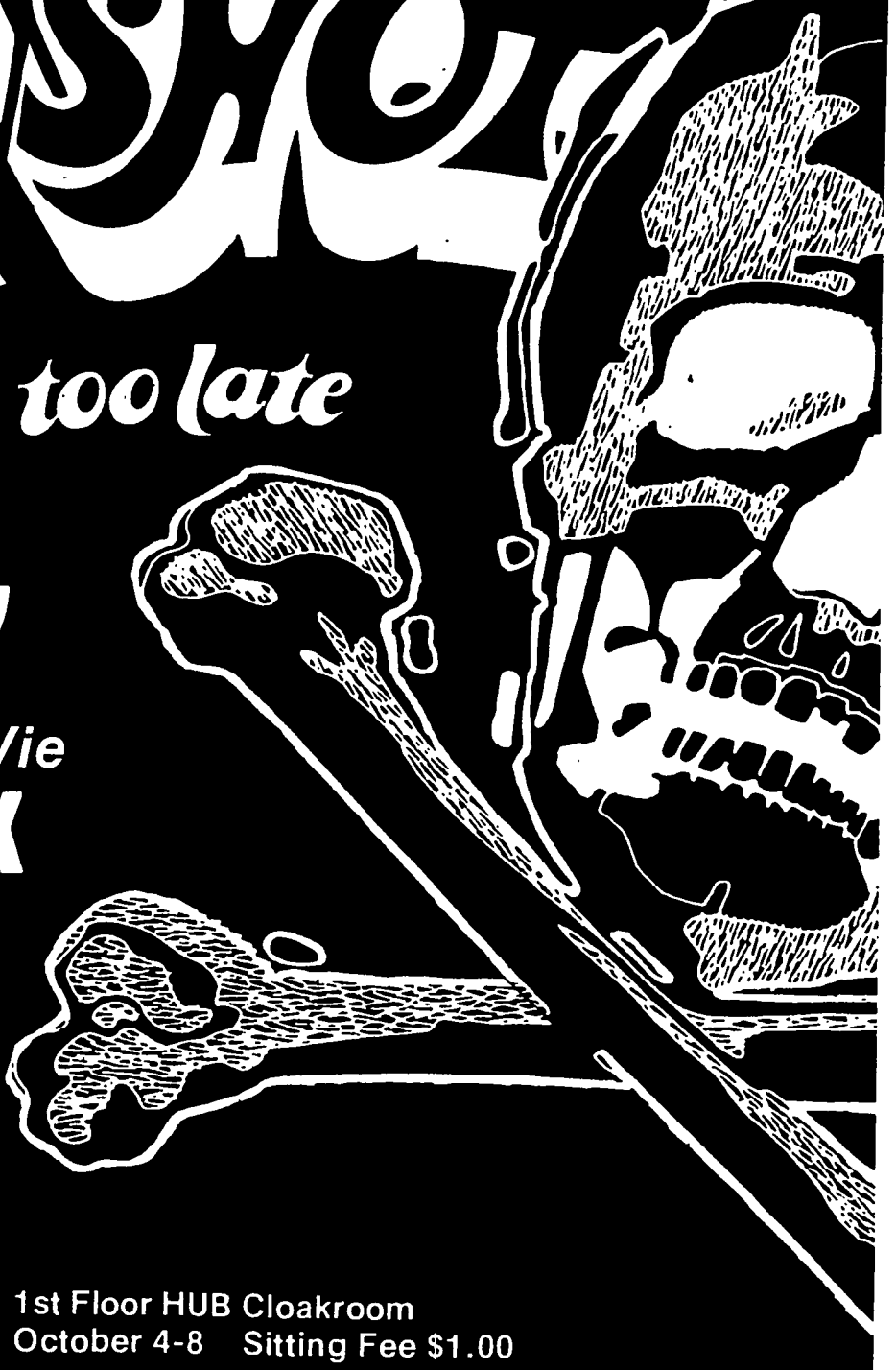
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