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DEMONSTRATION AT RIVERSIDE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, EIGHTY WESTEND AVE., NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN AND FEBRUARY NINETEEN, ⁷¹NEXT, SPONSORED BY SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTION (SESPA), IS - MISC.

ON FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, INSTANT, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS SPONSORED BY SESPA ARE GOING TO BE HELD AT EIGHTY FORTY FIVE A.M. ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, NEXT, AND FOUR THIRTY P.M., FEBRUARY NINETEEN, NEXT, AT THE RIVERSIDE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, EIGHTY WESTEND AVE., NEW YORK CITY. NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

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FREE SPEECH BAN A BERKELEY ISSUE

Challenge Made to Policy at Radiation Laboratory

Special to The New York Times

BERKELEY, Calif., March 6 —Free speech and the right of political advocacy on campus have again become a prime concern of some students and faculty members at the University of California here.

In 1964 the university's rules on the subject touched off the Free Speech Movement, thought by many to have precipitated the national wave of student activism in succeeding years.

Now the issue involves the university's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, where a prohibition on political meetings has drawn fire from some student and faculty employees of the laboratory.

The faculty's committee on academic freedom issued a report sharply critical of the laboratory's policy of excluding political discussions. It concluded that the policies "do infringe the academic freedom of personnel who are also students or faculty of the Berkeley campus."

In addition, a group of laboratory employes, headed by a physics professor, Charles Schwartz, and a graduate student, Bob Cahn, have vowed to challenge the rules by holding meetings in defiance of the ban.

The group, Scientists and Engineers for Social and Political Action, had wanted to hold a meeting Thursday to celebrate the third anniversary of an antiwar address by the Harvard biologist George Wald. They were refused permission by the laboratory director, Dr. Edwin M. McMillan, but held the meeting as scheduled.

It was unclear what action, if any, would be taken against the group of 50 persons who gathered outside the laboratory

for a peaceful noon-time meeting.

The faculty's representative assembly has backed the stand taken by its academic freedom committee, and has directed that the group to report to it Monday on any steps being taken by the university to calm the situation.

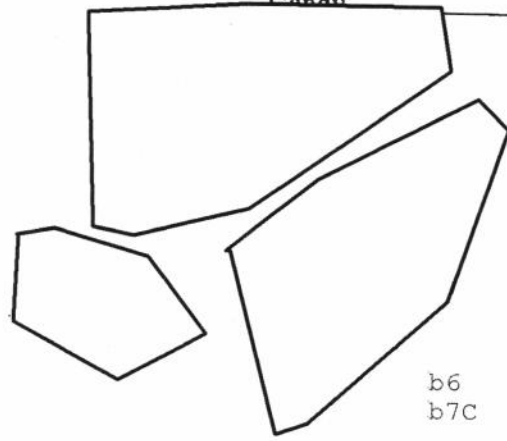
The free speech issue is complicated at this point by a jurisdictional fight between the Berkeley campus administration and Dr. McMillan's office.

Chancellor Roger W. Heyns has made it known that he favors a significant liberalizing in the laboratory's regulations, but his authority to act in the matter is not clear.

While university regulations stipulate that the laboratory director "shall report to the university president through the chancellor of the Berkeley campus," the laboratory has traditionally enjoyed great autonomy in its activities.

Both Dr. McMillan and Dr. Heyns are now awaiting the conclusion of talks on the jurisdictional dispute before taking up the free speech issue.

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