

3 Interest Groups Accept Invitations To Panel Meetings

Representatives of three organizations principally concerned with the Speaker Ban Law will appear before the study commission next week as public hearings open in Raleigh.

Commission chairman David Britt told the Tar Heel that officials of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, American Association of University Professors and the American Legion have accepted invitations to speak before the nine-member panel.

Officials of the Southern Association will appear first—from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. Representatives of the AAUP will speak from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday. The Legion will have its turn Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m.

Britt said he hopes to have a spokesman from the U. S. Office of Education address the panel Wednesday afternoon. Britt said an invitation had been issued the office, but no reply had been received.

The office would supply the commission with information on the effect loss of accreditation would have on grants to state schools.

The AAUP's general secretary William P. Fidler will represent that group at the hearings. Dr. Bertram H. Davis, AAUP deputy secretary general, said in Washington that others would probably accompany Fidler, but he did not know who they would be.

Dr. Emmett Fields, dean of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and chairman of the Southern Association's Committee on Colleges, will appear at the hearings.

Britt said he had no list of speakers from the American Legion. The commission issued the invitation to State Commander J. Alvis Carver of Dunn. It is expected that Carver will appear and probably

call other witnesses for the Legion's case.

Each organization will be required to submit a summary background or each of its speakers and a brief on the topic each will take before the panel.

The hearings will be televised live by WUNC-TV, channel 4. Britt said he was "very glad" for the opportunity to televise the proceedings.

Officials of the three organizations which have accepted invitations to speak are expected to give varying viewpoints of the law.

Southern Association officials will tell the commission why accreditation is endangered by the Gag Law, and what the loss of accreditation would mean to the higher education system in the state. At its organizational meeting last month the panel agreed to hear first from the Southern Association so commission members can be briefed on the problem of accreditation.

The AAUP is expected to approach the subject from the angle of academic freedom and perhaps cite possibilities of problems of hiring and retaining professors.

The Legion has supported the ban since its passage by the General Assembly in 1963. Carver has indicated that he intends to call University personnel to defend the law.

Last week he wrote University President William Friday asking a written statement that no reprisals be taken against any students, professors or employees of the University who might appear in support of the law. University officials quickly countered the letter, saying that no such restrictions are placed on the personal affairs of University personnel.

Spectators Will Choose Best One-Act Production

Want to be a drama critic for one evening?

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Malcolm Seawell 'Convinced' Gag Unconstitutional

Malcolm Seawell, former state attorney general and a top appointee of Gov. Dan Moore, said yesterday he is "convinced" the speaker ban law is unconstitutional.

Seawell, in an interview with the Greensboro Daily News, said that the law lacks "definite standards or criteria for determining who is and is not a member of the Communist Party."

The law forbids three categories of speaker on state-supported campuses. Among them is "known Communists." "Who can determine who is a known member of the Communist Party?" he asked. "What does it mean known to whom?"

"The word 'known' calls for a definite knowledge. Yet I doubt if the combined University of North Carolina Board of Trustees and the General Assembly could name five known members of the Communist Party in North Carolina."

He questioned another provision of the 1963 Speaker Ban Law which would bar speakers who advocate "overthrow of the Constitution of the United States or the State of North Carolina."

Seawell noted that "no one would deny the worth of a law aimed at the illegal or forceful overthrow of the government."

But he said the wrong word had been used in drafting the bill. "You can overthrow governments by force but you can't overthrow the Constitution," he noted.

Three plays, all written this year, will be presented at 7:30 both evenings in the Playmakers Theater. Admission is free.

Authors of the plays will be introduced prior to their presentation. After the performance members of the audience will be given a chance to ask questions about the plays.

At the end of the evening, the entire audience will be asked to vote on which play it liked best.

The three plays are "No Other Gods," a domestic drama by Paul Crouch of Columbia, S. C.; "Purgisnacht," a symbolic drama by William R. McDonald of Reidsville; and "The Woman From Viper," a folk comedy by Paul Byron Baker of Clintwood, Va.

"No Other Gods," which is directed by Reginald Spaulding, delves into the relationship between a stern minister and his sickly son. The cast includes Anne Helm, William McDaniel, Christopher Jones

and George Spelvin. Paul Baker is stage manager for the play.

Wonbock Lee will direct "Purgisnacht" with Ronald Spainhour as stage manager. The symbolic drama is set in a boxcar of a train going from an unknown point of departure to an unknown destination.

Members of the Jewish family riding in the boxcar are played by Chuck Wrye, Alfred Reasar, Susan Hair and Ellen Barrett.

"The Woman From Viper" presents the story of what happens when a gentleman tries to marry his fifth wife. The final play is directed by Barbara Hannah with stage management by Sandra Lincoln.

Book News from The Intimate

THIS WEEK IN THE OLD FEATURE CASE

Books in Foreign Tongues

Mostly made up of duplicates from a great University library, but including oddments from North Carolina private collections, this lot includes books in Spanish, French, Dutch, German, Russian, Polish, with a smattering of more exotic tongues. Prices are low.

COMING MONDAY

Religious Books

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Taylor Is Named To Advisory Unit

Dr. Isaac M. Taylor, dean of the School of Medicine, has been named a member of the National Advisory Research Resources Committee of the Division of Research Facilities and Resources, National Institutes of Health.

The appointment was made by U. S. Surgeon General Luther L. Terry in Washington.

Taylor becomes one of 12 members of the committee. His term is for four years, ending Sept. 30, 1969.

The committee was established two years ago to assist the Surgeon General on matters relating to programs of the Division of Research Facilities and Resources. The programs include animal resources, general clinical research centers, special research resources and general research support grants.

Taylor has been a member of the UNC medical faculty since 1952 and became dean of the medical school last September.

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