

tions, opening up its hearings to the public, gaining widespread publicity for the Commission, and broadening the scope of the Commission's work.

To achieve this last goal, Rhodes established his own "mini-commission" centered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The mini-commission consists of undergraduates, graduate students, professors, lawyers, and journalists. It is funded through private gifts and has produced reports, submitted to the Commission members in Rhodes' name, on such matters as the training of National Guardsmen, the use of undercover police agents as provocateurs at Hobart College, and the effect of repressive legislation on the campus.

The Commission's official investigative staff consists largely of lawyers and is headed by William Matthew Byrne, Jr., a former United States attorney for southern California. In addition to the investigative team, the Commission also has a staff of writers, headed by Paul H. Weaver, assistant professor of government at Harvard, to assist in drawing up the report.

The backbone of the Commission's activities has been a series of open hearings held in Washington, D.C.; Jackson, Mississippi; Los Angeles; and Kent, Ohio. Among the hundreds of witnesses have been college administrators, professors, student leaders, law enforcement officials, and political figures. The full transcript of these hearings will not be published, but many of the concepts presented in them will be included in the Commission's final report. In addition, the investigative team has also conducted inquiries in Lawrence, Kansas, scene of the recent slaying of two University of Kansas students.

A sticky political problem that the Commission faces in writing its report is whether to name names or to confine itself to more general recommendations. In its report on the Kent State slayings, for example, it could make specific accusations against National Guardsmen. Such a step, however, might jeopardize the legal proceedings now under way to investigate the incident. It is more likely that the Commission will limit itself to general recommendations about what can be done to improve police actions in riot situations and will leave indictments of individuals to grand juries.

Perhaps the most crucial problem that the Commission faces is lack of faith in it by radical students. Radicals generally feel that the appointment of the Commission is a meaningless ges-

ture by the Administration, designed to lull students into thinking that something is being done about Administration policies while those policies actually continue unchanged. H. Daniel Cohn, an assistant professor of physics at Brandeis University and a member of Rhodes' mini-commission, acknowledged the problem and admitted that he shares some of the radicals' apprehensions about the Commission. "None of us have too many illusions about the effectiveness of a Presidential commission," Cohn said, "but we feel that the very existence of the report means that it should be an appropriate one." Cohn said that radicals are generally unwilling to participate in the work of the Commission or even of the mini-commission, but he dismissed this problem as a relatively minor one. "I don't feel inadequate to reflect radical thinking," he said. "The split is between all of us and the people who run the country, not between radicals and liberals on campus."

The split between radicals and liberals may be more serious than Cohn thinks. One radical student, a Harvard senior, explained the difference this way: "Nixon has tricked some liberal students into thinking that the answer to campus problems lies in more communication. We don't want more communication. We know what Nixon thinks, and he knows what we think. What we want is for him to give in. We want action, not talk."

The Commission has been ordered to complete its task by 1 October. The investigative work is now largely finished, and the Commission has begun writing its report, which will be ready by mid-September. Exactly what it recommends remains to be seen. It is unlikely that its report will be vastly different from many of its predecessors. In any case, regardless of what the Commission recommends, the larger question will remain: What will actually be done? Indications are that the level of violence on campus will increase this year, and all the investigations and recommendations in the world will not halt that violence.

In the end, the reduction of campus violence depends not on reports but on action. Such action can only be taken by those in power, and power still rests primarily with Richard M. Nixon.

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## APPOINTMENTS

In the Atomic Energy Commission, **Joseph J. DiNunno**, assistant to the AEC general manager for environmental affairs, to head, new Office of Environmental Affairs, and **Gerard F. Helfrich**, technical assistant to Commissioner Wilfred E. Johnson, to AEC's scientific representative in Tokyo. . . . **Alexander R. Martin**, professor of physiology, Yale University School of Medicine, to chairman, physiology department, University of Colorado School of Medicine. . . . **Donald A. Fraser**, head, tree physiology section, Petawawa Forest Experimentation Station, to chairman, geography department, Sir George Williams University, Montreal, Quebec. . . . **Joel Wiesenfeld**, professor of civil engineering, Rutgers College of Engineering, to chairman of the civil and environmental engineering department at the college. . . . **Earle W. Sapp**, Captain, USN, in the office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, to director, Naval Research Laboratory. . . . **Davis B. Bobrow**, professor of international relations, Johns Hopkins University, to director, Center for International Studies, University of Minnesota. . . . **Earnest F. Gloyna**, director, Center for Research in Water Resources, University of Texas, to dean, College of Engineering at Austin. . . . At the University of California at Riverside, **James S. Earley**, chairman, economics department, to dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and **Donald T. Sawyer**, chairman, chemistry department, to dean, new College of Physical Sciences. . . . **Reid A. Bryson**, director, Center for Climatic Research, University of Wisconsin, to director, Institute for Environmental Studies at the university. . . . **Malcolm H. Forbes**, academic dean, Cazenovia College, to dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Milliken University. . . . **G. Richard O'Connor**, associate director, Francis I. Proctor Foundation for Research in Ophthalmology, University of California, San Francisco, to director of the foundation. . . . **Harvey L. Garner**, professor of electrical engineering, University of Michigan, to director, School of Electrical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania. . . . **William S. Gaither**, special assistant to the president for planning and development of marine studies, University of Delaware, to dean, new College of Marine Studies.