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Silver Cites Miss. 'Hysteria'

Sees Businessmen As State's Hope

By ED BOARD

"The hysteria is such now in Mississippi — like it was in the 1850's — that people will do things against their own economic interest," Professor James Silver, author of *Mississippi; The Closed Society*, told a capacity crowd in Cubberley Auditorium last night.

Silver, currently a guest-in-residence of the Eating Clubs, discussed the economic, moral and political future of Mississippi with Professors David Potter and Otis Pease of the History Department.

PEASE SUGGESTED that "time might be on the Negro's side" in the form of industrialism, but Silver dissented. The 'Ole Miss professor — currently on leave at the University of Notre Dame — noted that recently the Mississippi Legislature forbid any city to accept federal urban renewal grants and that industry was not flocking to the state in great numbers.

"Indeed, businessmen in Miss. are happy with the caste system because although the workers there are the lowest paid in the nation they won't complain since they have someone lower to take it out on — the Negro."

However, Silver acknowledged under questioning from Potter that "business leaders are the best hope for change in the state." He disagreed with Potter on the probability of action by national corporations due to national pressures; "Frankly, I don't think the national corporations give a damn. . . . They are there to make money."

POTTER AND SILVER, both of whom taught at 'Ole Miss at one time, again disagreed on the political future of the state. Potter warned of polarization into white and black parties, and foresaw the possibility of continued Republican strength in the state. Silver thought the Republican victory in Mississippi this year was a freak.

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Silver then turned on several outside critics of the "closed society."

Earlier in the day, at a press conference in Toyon lounge he had scored the audience for allowing the Citizens' Councils to survive "on California money." Last night he declared that "the Negro has been more badly treated in Indiana than in Mississippi. Northern morality is johnny-come-lately. What is the morality of Proposition 14?"

Finally, he criticized some of the Negro leaders themselves. While professing admiration for Aaron Henry, he denounced the tendency to condone violence and

left-wing support voiced by Robert Moses.

He also criticized novelist James Baldwin — "He doesn't have any solutions to the problem in the South. Negroes historically been

Clifford Durr To Speak Today

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After the 1954 Montgomery bus boycott when his sympathies became known, the closed society simply began to close him out. Durr treats his ostracism calmly, but his determination to stay in Montgomery has not been without cost: "All the people are nice and kind, but they kind of move in on you. . . . It's like suffocating — like being slowly smothered with a bunch of pillows. . . ."

"One thing is," he added, "we don't have any 'goddamn liberals' to put up with. When you get hit you know where it's coming from. You don't get it from the rear with all the powers of rationalization. . . ."

Humour is not the least of Clifford Durr's weapons.

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Durr will speak tomorrow at 4:15 in the large lounge of Tresider as part of the "Legacy of the Civil War Series."

pacifist by necessity. Martin Luther King may cite Gandhi, but he knows damn well that if Negroes get too violent then they might get mowed down."

In a morning seminar in Tresider Union Silver discussed several topics, including the emergence of the Negro in the South. "What the Negroes want in Mississippi," he said, "is the right to vote and an end to police brutality. And once they get the right to vote, police brutality will end because they will have a say in the elections of local sheriffs."

Silver expressed fear that the failure of Southern courts to punish civil rights violators could lead to a breakdown of federal-state cooperation in law enforcement, and lead to a "federal gestapo."

Federal intervention, such as that demanded by college students working in Mississippi, "might work, but could turn into something that the civil rights workers would regret later."

"YOU SEND IN federal officials, you might, for some people, make them so mad that they'll fight till they're killed."

He commented on the long-range effects of James Meredith's tumultuous admission to the University of Mississippi in 1962: "My school has been destroyed for the rest of my lifetime."

"The present dilemma in Mississippi "will all be over in ten years," he optimistically concluded. "There will be bitterness among the older generation, but it will not last forever."

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