

An Answer To McHenry

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The Committee for the College of Malcolm X said today that Chancellor Dean E. McHenry's proposal for a college to study urban and ethnic problems "is only a partial answer to the original demands put forth by the Black Liberation Movement."

McHenry on Thursday suggested that College 7 should be devoted to the problems of the cities and minority groups, especially Afro-Americans and Latin-Americans.

Today the Malcolm X committee stated that the proposal "represents the addition of a few words to the original plan for College 7 and does not represent in itself a very big move in the direction of a unique institution."

The committee charged that "the main issue (the name) has been avoided," and declared that committee members are prepared to help build support for calling College 7 the "College of Malcolm X."

They said, "We feel that the opening of College 7 would come a great deal sooner if the chancellor would join with his united campus in naming College 7, the College of Malcolm X now. Then we can work together to raise money, facing the minority peoples of the United States with the most meaningful and relevant name ever given to a college representing their culture."

Commenting on other statements by Dr. McHenry, the committee declared:

"The chancellor has labeled the original Malcolm X College proposal as a black separatist proposal and equated it with the concept of apartheid. This is an oversimplification. Since the beginning, this proposal has stressed that all minority groups are to be represented by the cen-

tral theme: the Black Experience.

"The Black Experience is a shared experience — the experience any non-white person has felt growing up in a white dominated culture. While black people originated this proposal, they have defined the Black Experience as the neglected cultural history and traditions of the four major minority groups in California.

"The chancellor has raised the issue of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, calling the proposal for a black architect and a black provost a violation of this act. Once again there is oversimplification. We have never proposed that the College of Malcolm X be created in spite of the laws of our country. We believe that the Malcolm X College should be open to all people, that it should have instructors with relevant experience."

San Francisco Jet Hijacked To Cuba

Miami (AP) — A National Airlines DC8 with 63 persons aboard — including a stewardess who felt a hijacker's gun against her neck last March — was diverted to Cuba today by a pistol packing sky pirate.

Flight 44 from San Francisco to Miami with a stop scheduled at Tampa, was off the Louisiana coast when Capt. Charles Leeds radioed the news.

The plane, 11th of the year to be sent to Cuba, landed in Havana at 6:58 a.m. EST.

Aboard were 55 passengers and a crew of eight, including stewardess Donna Goldhiner, who was grabbed by a hijacker last March 12 and forced to march to the cockpit with a gun at her neck. Three Cuban refugees later were charged.