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Board Assails Youth March

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Policemen and radical demonstrators alike were blasted for their behavior by county supervisors following a flag-flying, placard-carrying demonstration in front of the County Center on Monday.

On Tuesday, at the end of the regular supervisors' board meeting, Chairman Dan Forbus said he "absolutely deplored" the activities of the demonstrators, who ran a red flag with black fist up the county flagpole while the usual American and California flags were absent during rainy weather. The demonstration was over the trial of "the Chicago Seven" radicals on conspiracy charges.

The board chairman also charged Santa Cruz police with "going into selective law enforcement" because no officers took action against demonstrators who carried placards which Forbus said contained obscenities.

Earlier in the day, Forbus had told newsmen he preferred not to comment publicly on the incident "because it would just stir everybody up," but he apparently changed his mind.

His actions stirred other supervisors to give their views as well. Most agreed with Forbus.

"I would like to know if we can expect police protection

from the City of Santa Cruz here at the courthouse," declared Pajaro Supervisor Henry Mello. "I am disturbed that a group of people took it upon themselves to fly a flag from our flagpole, a flag which I didn't understand."

Russ McCallie called the incident "an affront to the people and to the City of Santa Cruz."

McCallie said he saw the incident and was told the sheriff's office, when called, said it was up to the city police department to act.

"All the city sent were some plainclothesmen. They said they didn't have enough uniformed officers," McCallie noted. "It

seems there could be better coordination between the sheriff's office and the police."

Supervisor Ralph Sanson said he did not see the incident with signs or flags, but agreed that "there are ways of dealing with these things if they aren't constitutional."

Forbus growled that "there wasn't one policeman to take down those vulgar signs. They were displayed to a captive audience in the courthouse. The lettering was of such size anyone going by had to read them."

Forbus warned that "if officials don't do something about what's going on, the people will."

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