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# Youths Blocked In Antiwar Plea To Board

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The generation gap yawned like a chasm Tuesday, blocking any official county support of anti-war positions, and leading to a heated battle of the years between youth and their elders.

By a 3-to-2 vote each time county supervisors three times turned down requests to support anti-war legislation or to hold public hearings on the Southeast Asian conflict.

So warm did the argument become that Mrs. Anne Newlands and Mrs. H. R. Lans demanded the county Youth Commission be disbanded and threatened supervisors with retribution if they sent a Youth Commission representative to legislative hearings in Sacra-

mento today. Others suggested the youths were equivalent to infants, and not to be trusted with opinions.

Supervisors Dan Forbus, John R. McCallie, and George Cress outvoted Ralph Sanson and Henry Mello in turning down any shade of county support which could be interpreted as anti-war in character.

The first anti-war resolution did not involve youth and was by far the strongest. It came from the Community Action Board, the county anti-poverty agency, and called for censure of the government and immediate withdrawal of American troops from Southeast Asia. The CAB said the war is causing neglect of minority group problems at home.

No citizens turned up to talk on this resolution, but not one supervisor would openly endorse it.

Later that afternoon, several veterans and mature citizens filed into the board chambers to oppose the Youth Commission proposals.

The Youth Commission asked county support for Assemblyman John Vasconcellos' bill to make it illegal for California citizens to serve in an undeclared war.

Lance King a youth commissioner, said the argument was not over the Vietnam or Cambodian war, but only over the President's constitutional power to order troops into areas of conflict without congressional approval. Such a law has been

passed in Massachusetts, but has yet to be tested in the courts.

King said passage of a similar law in California would lead to a sure court test.

Older citizens immediately jumped on the proposal, however. Pete Bozovich, a World War I veteran, said his son served in World War II and "wasn't yellow."

Eric Ericson of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, declared the youths "don't represent us, and they are wasting your time here." He said he favored a larger war in Vietnam, not a pullout.

The explosion took place after Jeff Morgan, a Soquel High School student, declared that "people tell us not to demon-

strate violently, but to go through legal channels." He then began to argue the Vietnam war was a local conflict and the communists there have no designs for a world takeover as some persons fear.

Older persons laughed and hooted, goading Morgan to say "I challenge those people laughing at me to show where Ho Chi Minh tried to take over the whole of Asia. Communism is a type of economy, nothing more, and there is nothing inherently bad about it," he continued. "Some of the nations's best economists have said communism is the best type of economy for that part of Asia where people are disenfranchised."

Mrs. Lans then declared she

was "ashamed of the youth of the community," and charged the young speaker was supporting communism.

Chairman Forbus tried to bring the question back to the trip to Sacramento, and Mrs. Newlands shouted that "If you send this youth to Sacramento, if you do — I hate to make a threat, but I'll make a promise you will regret it."

She told Mello his father and family would "not be proud" of his proposal to send a Youth Commissioner to the hearing.

Alice Earl Wilder of Ben Lomond said she is opposed to sending anyone to the hearing "whether they are kindergartners, babies, or high school students." She said the students

were parroting the opinions of their teachers, "who should know better."

Allan Holbert, who appeared middle-aged, urged the board to let the youths go and speak. He observed they have no voice officially since they cannot vote like other citizens.

After more tumult, during which Mrs. Newlands repeatedly demanded that other persons be gavelled down by the chairman, the board turned down Mello's motion "to encourage the Youth Commission representative to attend the legislative hearing and let their wishes be known."

A few minutes later, supervisors also turned down the Youth Commission request for a public forum on the war.

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