Wallace defends networks

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Tea Party could not have been televised for fear of presenting "a narrow and distorted picture of America" "After all," Friendly noted, "it was one of those inflammatory demonstrations by wild-eyed radicals in beards and long hair, including some effete monks from Harvard and Princeton."

Friendly estimated government's intervention with the media, he attacked the several subpoenas that have been served during the past year. He said that such "enroachment" can be ended only at the direction of the President and declared that the people must speak up immediately in order to defend freedom of the press.

Edwin Diamond, author and former Senior Editor of Newsweek began by pointing out that, in his daily morning digest of newspapers and magazine articles, the President is only shown views in support of his policies. He regretted the fact that much of the media is controlled by the "establishment." Among the steps he suggested in order to achieve more advocacy in journalism were that under- ground newspapers should "go overground" and that Congress should give more support for public television.

The depth of television coverage was the first subject in the ensuing discussion. It was brought out that the private networks have the resources but not the time for such coverage while public television has ample time but lacks the necessary resources.

When the question of how the media should cover the rapidly developing Laotian crisis came up again, Wallace noted the difficulty of reporters gaining access to the area. Friendly countered, however, "Is the story there in Washington?" When asked to comment on the media's apparent overreaction to the Agnew speeches, Friendly conceded that the networks did seem to have surrender some of their assertiveness (as evidenced in their coverage of the November nonlisten and subsequent Presidential news conferences.) Wallace maintained, however, "that the media should cover the results."

All the panelists agreed that in order to have reporters that are truly qualified for all situations, the networks and the press must undertake a major recruitment drive to attract black journalists.

The seminar came at the end of a week of activities for the panelists, who participated in several seminars and luncheons, which included a luncheon discussion around the Institute throughout the day.

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no plans to act on the demands, nor did Walters react to the BSU demands, except to say there would be more talks. But BU leaders said that previous talks had been "a farce."

The future at BU seems uncertain. Most students spent the rest of the week taking midterm exams and began a one week spring break today. Lachin said that there will probably be some sort of action after the break, possibly involving "more militant." The BU administration has traditionally adopted a cavalier attitude towards its students, especially in tenure matters. Four times in the past three years there have been minor protests over faculty firings. Each time the administration turned a virtual deaf ear to the students.

Similarly, BU's posture in such matters as the GE protest has been "don't listen to them while they're misbehaving. Call the cops and get rid of them." On the other hand, "legitimate" student initiatives have often been drowned in waves of bureaucratic "it can't be done". Unlike MIT's administration which at least listens to students a hearing, BU is usually "too busy."

Whether the students are strong enough united to force the administration's hand is not clear. Many who stayed out of class didn't picket and were probably only taking advantage of the strike to cram for exams or to go home. The masses of pickets wearing red arm bands that appeared in front of the student union and several of BU's schools (some of whose faculties, such as the School of Nursing, voted support of the strike) on Monday were noticeably thinner on Tuesday. Finally, if the administration decides to ignore the strike as Walters' statements seem to indicate they will, it is not clear that mass support can be garnered by the Student Union's leaders for "more militant action."

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