Carmicheal Predicts Organized Rebellion

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"The 1980's will see organized rebellion and Africans in America will be on the front lines to destroy the capitalist system," said civil-rights leader Stokley Carmichael in his speech at Washington and Lee University's Lee Chapel last night.

The prominent crusader for equal rights was sponsored by the University's Student Association for Black Unity.

Carmichael is a member of the All-African Peoples' Revolutionary Party, an organization whose objective is Pan-Africanism, "the total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific socialism."

Carmichael blamed the capitalist system for the oppression of blacks in this country, citing the system as the reason for originally bringing slaves out of Africa.

Once the capitalist system has been destroyed, Carmichael said the goal is a "society where those who labor



get the fruits of their labor instead of all the goods going to a select few."

In order to reach this goal, he places the responsibility on the African students in the colleges and universities, using the term African to refer to all blacks.

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He said the American capitalist system has reduced students from having critical minds, adding that a student needs a critical outlook so he doesn't lose perspective in the world around him.

"African students must understand that they have a responsibility to organize their people to fight the oppression," Carmichael said.

In this fight, Carmichael told them to, "never look for the easiest road."

"The capitalist system has taught us to take the road of least resistance, but we must look for the roughest road and fight in any way that is necessary," he said.

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Evans To Speak

Robert Evans, CBS News correspondent and Moscow bureau chief for the network, will appear at Washington and Lee University next Thursday, Feb. 7, to speak on the topic "Oil Is Power." The address is part of the W&L student body's speakers' series, "Contact," dealing this year with the dangers and complexities of current U.S. foreign policy.

In addition to his duties as a newsman, Evans is well known as a film and television producer.

Evans' speech will begin at 8 p.m. in Lee Chapel. It will be preceded by a reception at 5 p.m. at Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, 205 E. Washington St. The public is invited to attend both events.

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A contradicting factor to the gaining of their freedom, according to Carmichael, is the Democratic Party.

"Ever since the 60's the Democratic Party has been fooling African masses into seeing quantitative progress, but no qualitative progress: our legislative power in Washington was almost nothing in the 60's—now we have a greater representation, but still not enough to be strong at all," he said.

He said the problems in the 1980's must be solved by qualitative change, a change he sees as revolutionary.

"This revolutionary change must be accomplished by the masses; history is made by masses of the people," Carmichael said.

"The capitalist sytem has taught us and let it be thought that history is made by individuals like George Washington. George Washington didn't beat the British—it was the support of the masses that did it," he said.

"Any people, under any conditions, who are oppressed, will fight to be free because freedom is innate and instinctively understood, but," he added, "it must be governed by reason."

The draft was done away with by the black people, he said, because it was they who were the ones getting drafted because they were the poorest.

"Johnson tried to maintain the draft, but it fell apart in the end because we united and made it do so; now Carter wants to bring the draft back in—Carter's crazy!" Carmichael heatedly said.

He asserted that every war in American history the blacks fought in, they got nothing in return.

"After the American Revolution, we were still slaves, and even after Vietnam, we still couldn't find jobs," he said.

"In the 80's we must get the masses together and fight and remember that the secret of life is to fear nothing," he said.