

R E S O L U T I O N

We, the Graduate Sociology Club of the University of California (Berkeley), the official representative of graduate students in sociology at Berkeley, respectfully request that an impartial body be appointed by the Governor and Attorney General of California to investigate the techniques used by law enforcement agencies in dealing with the demonstrators and general public at last Friday's hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee in San Francisco City Hall.

Public and private eye-witness accounts, in contrast to some official statements by police officials (some of whom contradict each other), indicate the following:

1. The police were technically incompetent in letting the disturbance grow to the extent to which it did. They were incompetent in their methods of crowd dispersion by:
 - a. allowing the public which wished to gain admittance to the hearings to become disorganized, and
 - b. taking action by force before telling the public to leave the building.
2. Once the situation got out of hand, a number of policemen used excessive brutality in clearing the building, brutality which was not warranted by the essentially non-violent behavior of the demonstrators.