

Section I...Students For A Democratic Society, Harvard-Radcliffe Chapter

The office of Students For A Democratic Society (Harvard-Radcliffe chapter) is located in Memorial Hall, rooms 198 and 199, on the campus of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The telephone number is 547-5457. This is a new address for this group as of 13 November 1965. Up until 13 November 1965, the address was 52 Dunster Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; the same telephone number was used at this address. Previous to the Dunster street address the office was located during the past summer at 241 River Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; again the telephone number remained the same.

In the Harvard-Radcliffe chapter there appear to be about one hundred and seventy-five individuals. A zerox copy of the 3x5 cards which carry the names of the members has been made; however this list does not prove to be complete. Some of the individuals upon this list are no longer at Harvard or Radcliffe, and other have changed their addresses. An investigation is now under way to try and to determine the exact strength and the correct addresses of those who are members. It has been estimated that the original figure of one hundred and seventy-five will not be completely out of focus.

As a corporate body Students For A Democratic Society is a loose-knit organization which takes under its wings those who have varying inclinations and allegiances to the Left Wing. One will find individuals who might be considered as ultra-liberal and those who would be of the hard core of Communism; the spectrum is quite broad at this point; however those in key positions of leadership appear to be in sympathy to Communist aims and goals, if not in Communist organizations themselves. As an organization S.D.S. is able to be controlled by those who would infiltrate it for expressed purposes such as Communist control; but if the control is of the nature expressed here in this report; the actual means, physical (duplicating machines, etc.), must be continually borrowed from organizations of less extreme measure such as legitimate peace groups, such as Massachusetts Political Action for Peace, 44 Brattle St., Cambridge, Mass., which has money and an established office which is permanent. (Because of the mechanical failure of the fifteen year old mimeograph machine which S.D.S. owns, the new memograph machine at P.A.X. has been used almost exclusively for almost all the S.D.S. literature concerning the march. At other times the memograph machine at The United Ministry and that of S.N.C.C. has been used.)

The records and files of S.D.S. are not well-kept, the office is usually messy and in general the entire operation for Harvard-Radcliffe is run slipshod. When meetings do occur an entry is made into the activities column of the Harvard Crimson. Usually the meetings are poorly attended and little is accomplished because of the lack of foreknowledge as to what the meeting is about or the lack of communication between various members in the organizations--often the experienced observer is able to see faction fights between rival Communist