

# U. OF C. DEAN BACKS NAZI'S RIGHT TO TALK

A speaking invitation to George Lincoln Rockwell, American Nazi party leader, was defended by a University of Chicago dean yesterday as a demonstration that "the freedom we take pride in exists in fact as well as in name."



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Rockwell, who has been jailed for causing disturbances in this country with his self-styled storm troopers, was deported from England last year after slipping into that country to attend a British Nazi rally.

Warner A. Wick, dean of students, left no doubt that the university does not condone Rockwell's hate views. "No truth or wisdom" is expected from Rockwell, he said.

Dean Wick affirmed, however, that the university "will keep its faith with the student code" that allows student organizations to hear speakers of their choice on subjects of their choice. Some protestors had called for cancellation of the Nazi's talk.

## Symbol of Freedom

Rockwell, who was barred from speaking at Northwestern university by school officials last month, is to speak on "The Philosophy of the American Nazi Party" at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday in Mandel hall. He was invited by a student dormitory house.

Admission will be limited to students, faculty members, and university employes.

Dean Wick said the significance of Rockwell's appearance is "chiefly symbolic."

It reminds us, he said, "that private citizens have a right to hear, in peace, any opinions that they may wish for reasons that seem sufficient to them, so long as they observe the laws governing private gatherings."

## Matter of Principle

"What began as an impulsive suggestion has been elevated to a matter of principle," the dean said, "for as opposition has spread both within and outside the university, the more important it has become to these students to demonstrate that the freedom we take pride in exists in fact as well as in name."

"Altho we should have preferred to celebrate our prin-

ciples on an occasion that promised to be more wholesome, the university will keep its faith with the student code and with the tradition of free interchange that the code embodies."

The Jewish Cultural Clubs of Chicago, asking the university to reconsider, said the issue is not freedom of speech, the right to hear minority views, or unpopular causes.

"The issue really is about the right to advocate genocide, utter and total destruction of entire peoples," the Jewish group said.