

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor:

I am sorely distressed about the remarks which have been attributed to me in the New University October 23rd story, "Background: Chicano Workers." I do not know who reporter Tracey Kahan is. I have not to my knowledge ever seen her, (face-to-face or otherwise) nor have I been interviewed by anyone else on the New University staff regarding my role in or my feelings about the struggle of Chicano workers on this campus.

There are at least three kinds of errors which can be detected in the alleged quotations, and in "sense" statements I have been reported to have made: (1) total inaccuracy, i.e., no such statement was made, (2) my words have been changed, yet quoted as verbatim material, and (3) remarks I have made in various meetings have been taken out of context, and positioned as NON SEQUITUR conclusions to the reporter's premises.

I would like, for the record, to declare my position in this matter. I actively support the efforts of Chicano groundsmen, or anyone else for that matter, in their efforts to receive fair and impartial treatment with regard to promotion, both through training programs and through normal advancement, hiring, and day-to-day working environment. I believe that Anglo supervisors may benefit from more intimate knowledge of Chicano culture, to reduce culture conflict, and from supervisory training which would include a human relations emphasis. I have enclosed a memo I wrote expressing my recommendations in these matters.

Alan Miller

Editor:

I have no personal doubt that S.I. Kayakawa is shallow, professionally and psychologically, or that he is "an intellectual lightweight who goes around making feeble jokes at cocktail parties;" however, I should like to give my clarification of Kor-

zybski's true stature as the founder of general semantics and non-aristotelian systems.

Exactly the opposite of Earl Shorris's treatment ("Hayakawa in Thought and Action"), I submit that it is because Alfred Korzybski's work was CLEAR AND PRECISE that it has fallen into OBSCURITY. Mr. Shorris, unfortunately, thinks Korzybski's writings "are almost unintelligible." Korzybski himself repeatedly asserted that his work was aimed toward "the average intelligent reader," as he put it; still, I doubt seriously whether Mr. Shorris, before attempting to oppugn Korzybski's efforts, had read the 800 pages of SCIENCE AND SANITY. Korzybski recognized and lamented over the admittedly difficult appearance which his style had taken on, and he recommended that his reader peruse SCIENCE AND SANITY not once, but twice, for a better understanding.

Korzybski was also fully aware, right up until his death in 1950, of the many charges of "cultism" leveled against his discipline. This saddened him. Truly, to this day general semantics has, except for the efforts of J. Samuel Bois and S.I. Kayakawa and a few others, remained an intellectual (not a religious) discipline, and certainly not a cult.

Korzybski was a legitimate thinker, innovator, and scientist whose work, in my mind and I hope many others', was and is no less monumental than that of Newton, Darwin, or Russell. Korzybski supplied the knowledge and "truth" which Kayakawa was later to so skillfully distort and disfigure. I would encourage anyone who has the time and inclination to look up Korzybski's work in the UCI Main Library (as well as Hayakawa's work) and discover the facts for themselves.

At any rate, thank you for allowing me to comment on this.
Sincerely,
Kas Thomas

Editor:

I am writing to explain why I, as an individual, have decided that the SDS here at UCI is the only worthwhile organization around. The SDS appears to realize that the administration and faculty here at UCI are, in general, little better than the fascist pigs who run our country. Our struggle here at UCI should be one to make this now worthless institution into one where we can really learn things. This can be accomplished only by giving TOTAL power to the students. The faculty should be here to fulfill our learning desires, not to force us to study what they feel is important. The sooner we gain control from these pigs the better.

Because the SDS gives me the impression that they are trying to bring this about, I am one of many, many unofficial supporters of our SDS.

Power to the people,
Aaron Willis

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