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Re: Loyalty Oaths

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To: Mathematics Department

From: Leon Henkin

1. As you know, the Supreme Court of California issued an opinion some months ago declaring that the "Levering Oath" — or to be exact, the second paragraph of it — is unconstitutional, and hence cannot be required as a condition of employment by the State.

Since then I have received quite a few inquiries from University employees asking if they could get back the loyalty oath which they had to execute at the time they began employment at the University. The answer is that the oath must remain on file with the University, since the first paragraph has not been declared unconstitutional and hence is still required by State Law.

However, those who are sufficiently bothered by having that second paragraph on file can do something about it. If you will go to Room 102 Sproul Hall, at the Notary Window, and indicate that you wish to have the second paragraph of the loyalty oath removed from your record, they will allow you to cross out this paragraph, providing you initial the deletion and indicate the date.

If any of you takes the trouble to go through this process, and if you will leave your name with Mrs. Trick in Room 311 Campbell, we would be glad to keep a record of it. If we get a good, sizable list, we may try to make a little story out of it to enliven the pages of the DAILY CALIFORNIAN.

Note: The first paragraph of the oath is a positive affirmation of readiness to uphold the Constitution; the second paragraph is a disclaimer of affiliation with any "improper" organization.

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