

Anonymous

[Anonymous Statement Against John F. Neylan
ca. 1950

Scripps Institution of Oceanography Archives
University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, California 92093-0175



[Anonymous Statement Against John F. Neylan, ca. 1950

John F. Neylan last Friday openly showed his intention to rule or ruin the University of California, against the wishes and counsel of half the Regents of the University, the Governor of the State, the President of the University, the faculty and many prominent citizens throughout the state. Resorting freely to slander and vituperation, and shouting down all opposition, Neylan achieved a tie vote among the twenty Regents present, with the result that the so-called "loyalty oath" requirement still stands. His domineering and ruthless tactics, in opposing continuance of faculty participation in maintenance of competence and loyalty among their own members show that he is an apt student of Soviet methods. He obviously prefers autocratic suppression to homegrown American methods of reaching decisions by discussion and vote. He has demanded complete submission to his wishes and has entirely ignored the compromise proposals offered in all sincerity by President Sproul and the faculty.

Neylan has repeatedly insinuated that the faculty is dominated by communists, but he has thus far not presented a shred of evidence to back up these libellous statements. If he knows of even one communist on the faculty he is derelict in his duty in not making this known, so that the faculty and the University administration can take effective action by public hearings and judgments openly arrived at, in accordance with their stated policy that communists are not acceptable as employees of the University.