OPPOSITION FORMS  
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AS/NS votes to ask Regents to revise or eliminate the oath and appoints an advisory committee to consult with Sproul; Academic Senate Southern Section (AS/SS) concurs. Audio clip of J.A.C. Grant. Members of the advisory committee included chair Joel H. Hildebrand, UC Berkeley professor of chemistry, and Benjamin H. Lehman, UC Berkeley professor of English.

Regents approve a revised oath; some believe this action has the support of the faculty advisory committee. Against Sproul’s advice, Regents require the oath for employment in the coming year. Audio clip of Edwin Pauley, UC Regent.

Legislature votes down the anti-communist Tenney bills.

Some sixty faculty members, feeling betrayed by their advisory committee, meet at Berkeley’s Faculty Club to organize against the oath.

Sproul requests faculty and staff to sign the oath or face termination; approximately half the faculty signs by September. When a faculty member of the AS/SS urges faculty not to sign the oath until the Academic Senate can consider it, Sproul feels that his compact with faculty has been violated. Audio clip of Professor Joel H. Hildebrand.

Regents meet with Sproul and Academic Senate Advisory Committees; Regents accuse faculty of changing their position, while faculty state they lacked sufficient time for a considered response. Audio clip of Professor Malcolm Davisson.