RETREAT FROM CIVILITY
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Regents agree to issue contracts to non-signers but require a signed oath or other informal affirmation. Regents appoint a committee to confer with the faculty advisory committees.

A majority of AS/NS expresses belief that Communist Party members should not be automatically barred from the faculty. AS/SS calls for an anonymous faculty poll to determine extent of support for the university policy on employment of Communists.

AS/NS and SS appoint the Davisson-Grant Committee, a special combined conference committee. “Non-signers” of the oath formally organize under the leadership of Edward Tolman, UC Berkeley professor of psychology. Frank C. Newman, UC Berkeley professor of law, served as acting chairman of the non-signers steering committee. Audio clip of Professor Joel H. Hildebrand.