ULTIMATUM
1950 January 4-April 21

Academic Senate and Regents committees meet. They reach a standoff on the employment of Communist Party members and the necessity of signing the oath. Audio clip of Frank L. Kidner, UC Berkeley professor of economics.

Regents call off negotiations with faculty and direct them to work with Sproul.

Regents vote 12-6 to accept Neylan’s call to terminate non-signers by June 30. Earl Warren, newly elected governor and president of the Board, attends his first meeting; he leads the opposition to Neylan.

750 faculty in AS/NS approve resolution to oppose the Regents and appoint the Committee of Seven to coordinate legal action against the University. Members of the Committee of Seven included Berkeley professors John D. Hicks, history (committee chair); Griffith Evans, mathematics; Morrough O’Brien, engineering; and Stephen Pepper, philosophy. Audio clip of John D. Hicks, referring to Regent John Francis Neylan.

8,000 students attend an Associated Students of the University of California meeting at the Berkeley campus’s Greek Theater to discuss the controversy.

Alumni Council appoints study committee chaired by Stephen D. Bechtel.

Regents vote to rescind the ultimatum to terminate non-signers fails on a 10-10 tie.

Regents accept Alumni Council compromise that allows non-signers to petition for case review by faculty Committee on Privilege and Tenure (CPT). Audio clip of Edwin Pauley.