

'Worries' Get Blame, Probe Told

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A law student and member of "the TV generation" Wednesday night told the joint legislative committee investigating February campus disorders that large, pervasive "worries" caused widespread demonstrations.

A native of Albany, David K. Heitzman, a third year law student who is a 1965 University of Wisconsin graduate and former Peace Corps volunteer, testified in the absence of Law Prof. Herman Goldstein who asked to be excused because of the beginning of Passover.

HEITZMAN insisted that racial problems, the war in Vietnam, the military-industrial complex, and Selective Service were the underlying concerns that troubled youth and led to large scale and frequent demonstrations.

"The point is, if you simply look at the things that happened in February, you are missing the point," Heitzman said. "The problem is the large underlying causes. People are impatient and frustrated. This is the way I see it, and the way a lot of people see it."

HE DISCOUNTED conspiracy theories, influence of outsiders, and effectiveness of the New Left which he said was a myth created by media to sell "news-papers."

On the other hand he frequently referred to the Kerner Report and the Walker Report indicating their conclusions about National Guard effectiveness and police brutality are applicable here.

"Riot-equipped police gave me a bad feeling," Heitzman said. "There was no call for fixed bayonets."

HE ADDED, "The power structure just isn't responding, and the kids don't like that."

Poverty and pollution would continue as problems, he said, even if the Nixon Administration solved the Vietnam War.

"We'll strangle in our own pollution long before the Communists take over. Sure, there'll be more demonstrations."

RESPONDING to questions from Sen. Gordon W. Rosleip, (R-Darlington) Heitzman indicated he didn't think the February incidents were a "riot," admitted he might use violence as a last resort, and called capitalism "a useful idea, but the values which support capitalism could be questioned."

The committee, chaired by Assemblyman John C. Shabaz, (R-New Berlin) in the absence of hospitalized Sen. Milo Knutson (R-La Crosse), will meet again next Tuesday night.

Heitzman said, "There is a very quantitative difference between the generations. The 'TV generation' is a very different one, it just doesn't respond in the same ways the power structure does."

Sen. Walter E. Terry (R-Baraboo) suggested that Heitzman learn to laugh a little.