

Moore: change in America 'about out'

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Attorney Howard Moore has warned that the United States is moving away from efforts to deliver its constitutionally promised freedoms to totalitarianism with the Nixon administration leading the way.

"The hour is becoming extremely late in this country for individual freedom if you are black, Chicano, Mexican or any other minority. The time America will expend on change is about out," he said.

Moore, addressing USC students and Columbians in Capstone's Campus Room Monday night, said that the President has made the Supreme Court into an instrument of repression which is delivering citizens rights to state and military jurisdiction. Nixon's four appointees to the bench are instrumental in the court's swing to conservatism.

He cited the case where the court upheld the military's right to put civilians under surveillance. "We were always lead to believe that civilians controlled the military," he said. Since the military has no power to prosecute, he reasoned, there should be no need for it to carry on surveillance activities.

"What intelligence could be gathered from spying on Julian Bond, Ralph Abernathy, Jerry Rubin or Abby Hoffman?" he asked. Of Rubin and Hoffman he said, "You know what they are doing; they wrote books about it. Sometimes you want to do it too.

"The court says you can't stop it. If you can't stop it in court where can you? The court is your only recourse,"

he said.

Moore, a native of Atlanta, has been labeled the "people's lawyer" for having represented such people as the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Stokely Carmichael, James Foreman, H. Rap Brown, Hosea Williams, Ralph Abernathy, Cleveland Sellers, Rep. Julian Bond and Angela Davis.

In further condemning Supreme Court decisions, Moore said, "The court has said the constitution doesn't mean what it says it means." Of the decision stating that newsmen must reveal their information sources he said, "This means the news you read will not be the same." He said informants will not talk to the press if they cannot be guaranteed immunity.

"An infringement on the right to gather and publish news undermines the democracy itself," he continued. "Without knowledge you can be bamboozled into supporting war that is illegal and unconsitutional."

Moore claimed, "Nixon has given a plan—a plan he does not want critiziced. They are systematically going after the media because they want to keep the truth from the American people."

He said the three U. S. airmen who were to have been released from North Vietnam are being detained in Asia as the administration insists on a military escort for them "to de-brief and brainwash them before they come home.

"The law is being perverted to use against the people-not to build and

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