

## ***Staff at Daytop Village Continues Its Defiance***

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The dispute at Daytop Village over how to rehabilitate narcotics addicts was marked by new defiance yesterday and a virtual sit-in by dismissed staff members.

David Deitch, co-founder and executive director of Daytop Village, angered by charges that his program included "New Leftist" political indoctrination, declined to move out of the narcotics treatment center at 225 West 14th Street.

Daytop's eight-member board of directors in accepting his resignation and that of 61 other staff members Monday had called on them to vacate Daytop's four rehabilitation centers.

Instead Mr. Deitch called a news conference in the former Roman Catholic convent that now serves as the 14th Street center. A wiry, intense, bespectacled man who was a narcotics addict for 14 of his 34 years, Mr. Deitch said that he was morally right in the present controversy, even though the board might have the technical legal right to evict him.

### **Resignation Is Qualified**

It was true, Mr. Deitch said, that he and the 61 others—the great majority of the entire staff—had submitted their resignations. But he gave this explanation: "We resigned from the board's control, not from our communities."

### ***Narcotics Center's Personnel Stage a Virtual Sit-in as Policy Dispute Goes On***

By "communities" he alluded to the staff members and persons undergoing rehabilitation, who like to think of themselves as large families. The other centers are at Swan Lake in Sullivan County, at 450 Bayview Avenue in Princess Bay, S. I., and in New Haven, Conn. All four centers later yesterday were under the physical control of staff members and residents siding with Mr. Deitch.

"My concern," Mr. Deitch said, "is for the people living at Daytop, for the human lives. The only way we'll leave our communities is if someone takes legal action to force us out."

Sitting under a large crystal chandelier in the spacious front room of the former convent, Mr. Deitch accused Msgr. William B. O'Brien, Daytop's board president, of having used underhand methods in trying to impose his will and to control "the guts of Daytop."

### **Smoking Hiatus Ended**

Mr. Deitch, who quit smoking a few weeks ago, was pulling heartily on a long cigar before the news conference ended. Accusing Monsignor O'Brien of having caused "the

most serious rupture we've ever had," Mr. Deitch confirmed that in the heat of the controversy in recent weeks he had demanded the monsignor's resignation.

The main opponents of Mr. Deitch in the controversy are Monsignor O'Brien, and Dr. Daniel Casriel, Daytop's medical psychiatric director, who, like Mr. Deitch, was once associated with the West Coast's Synanon Movement in rehabilitating addicts.

Mr. Deitch said that "some people who don't know how to operate the Daytop program" were trying to upset a highly-professional program. He also described charges of "New Leftist" preachments as "absurd" and said: "We're not operating any differently than we have always operated."

Dr. Casriel said late yesterday that Mr. Deitch's statement of no change in policy was "not true." He said: "In recent months he added a whole social-political tinge of leftist identification that doesn't belong in Daytop. He also taught that the Daytop community was a permanent way of life."

He went on to accuse Mr. Deitch of "poor judgment" in displaying large pictures of Fidel Castro and Ernesto (Che) Guevara in the sitting room of his private quarters when Mr. Deitch was based at the Swan Lake center.