Hebert Says
John, Zippert
‘Involved’

John Zippert, who has admitted that he served on a committee recruiting young people for a Communist-dominated world youth festival project, "...is very much involved in the poverty program" to Southwest Louisiana, according to a statement released today by Acadia Neuf.

Disagrees With Oliver

The director of the war on poverty took issue with Dr. James Oliver, president of the controversial agency, over remarks attributed to Oliver last week. The board president claimed that Zippert was not a key figure in the Acadia Neuf program.

Hebert said that Zippert was closely identified with a delegate agency of Acadia Neuf and was a field captain in a farm cooperative undertaking of the antipoverty war, has received travel allowances for his work, signed numerous protest letters in the Office of Economic Opportunity, participated in a hearing, and was consistently recognized by President Oliver as a spokesman on the antipoverty campaign.

Hebert’s statement follows:

"I would like to clarify Dr. James Oliver’s statement which appeared in the Daily Advertiser on December 14, 1966. Regarding Mr. John Zippert, Dr. Oliver’s statement that Zippert is not even employed by Acadia Neuf Inc. bears closer scrutiny support for the post allows some programs for that purpose but does not authorize promiscuous donations.

A payment of $50 was made for $5 fruit cases by a police officer, and this was charged to the general relief account, the audit said. It called for the police to limit such expenditures and cited law which bars public grants to persons, associations, or public or private corporations.

Grants of $5,938 were made from road maintenance funds for recreational purposes, the audit said, and this should be reimbursed to the road maintenance fund by the general fund.

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