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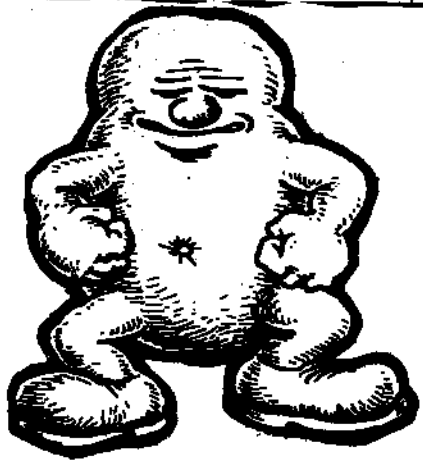
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# POST AMERIKAN

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## PEOPLE'S GARDEN



## EAT PEOPLE'S FOOD!

CALL ANY VEGETABLE..

EAT PEOPLE'S FOOD!

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- CABBAGE
- CANTELOPE
- CARROTS
- CAULIFLOWER
- CELERY
- CHEESE
- CUCUMBER
- EGGPLANT
- GRAPEFRUIT
- GRAPES
- GREEN BEANS
- GREEN PEAS
- GREEN ONIONS
- HONEYDEW
- LEMON
- LETTUCE



- MUSHROOMS
- NECTARINES
- ONIONS small
- ORANGES
- PLUMS large navel
- PINEAPPLE
- POTATOES
- RADISHES white, 5lb/32
- STRAWBERRIES
- SWEET CORN
- TOMATOES
- WATERMELON, ABOUT 9
- ZUCCHINI
- PASTAS
- CASHEWS, Salted
- PEANUTS in shell
- CHEESE
- COLBY



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# PEOPLES' FOOD

# gets it on!

(PEOPLES' FOOD----RHAT OHNE)

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This conversation was recorded last Friday evening over a dinner of "Egg Foo Yung" at a home in Bloomington, U.S.A. All of it was from PEOPLES' FOOD.

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**COME AGAIN!**  
MEETING FOR THE  
**POST**  
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 7:00  
114 1/2 NORTH STREET

Put two big frying pans on the stove. In one of them cut up one-inch pieces of whatever meat you have, or pieces of eggplant, and some oil. Turn it on low. In the other frying pan, put some butter and some oil and cut up your Peoples' Food mushrooms and onions in there and turn those on low. Now sit down with all your Peoples' Food vegetables: lettuce, cabbage, green peppers, tomatoes, asparagus, celery, etc. Cut these up into a colander, the proportion depending on what you like and what you have. On top of those you can put one or two cans of chow mein vegetables or beansprouts, depending on how much you want to spend (vegetables are about 39¢ a can and beansprouts are about 25¢ a can). Now run cold water over all of this, drain it, and put it in with the mushrooms and onions to heat it up. Turning to the meat pan, leave the

drippings and meat in there and pour in a can of straight cream of mushroom soup. Stir that up, and add one and a half teaspoons or cubes of beef bouillon and a teaspoon of sugar and soy sauce. Keep **tasting** it and adding beef bouillon and soy sauce until it tastes the way you like your Chinese food. Check to see if the vegetables are hot (don't cook them till they're limp), and if they are you can pour all the stuff in the meat pan on top of the vegetables and stir it up and simmer the two together for about five minutes while you get the plates and stuff out. Somewhere in here you should have made an effort to cook some rice, or get someone to do it for you, so the sukiyaki can be served over rice.



# THE POST IS

This issue cost you ten cents. (?) "But why?, oh why?," you cry. Bureaucratic management, Dick Nix, and democratic capitalism on a bean eater budget are why so high.

black and white and quite together to freke energy against insanity and Mark, Dave, Susie, Phil, Denny, BSherman, the Willers, Alfie, Schmagles and family, Arlo, Steve, Peg, Paul and Jeri, the Cox's, Dan and Sue, Jay Waters, Bizo, and Harlan.

Inspiration for this issue brought to you by Richard P. Daley, Jesus Freaks, Smack, wonder bread, staff pregnancy, the Miller Park bomb blast, old age, the demofrantic convention,

and Zap one.

(Dedicated to and thanx to Robert Crumb, for exclusive plagiarist rites.)

Our office is your office and is located at 114 1/2 North St. in Normal (829-9221); home of hope, and left armpit of this fine nation. Got information? (Whatever) Send it here.

# SPOON RIVER ANTHROPOLOGY

"The waters in Illinois rivers and streams are unfit for drinking under any circumstances..."

"The current varies from 1.5 miles per hour during periods of normal water levels to 4.0 miles per hour where the water is high. The bottom of the river is muddy in most places, but extensive areas are doved with sand or gravel. The banks are usually steep, and undercutting has occurred in many places. About 60 per cent of the distance is forested, with the rest of the area open and grassed. The stream is noted for the catfish taken from the deeper pools of the river, usually during May and June..."

from Illinois Canoeing Guide, Illinois Department of Conservation.

Driving west of Peoria on 150, through small towns where the stars and stripes fly all weekend and certain houses flash lovecraft-like visions of ancient and incredible family histories, through summer-lush forests that I never knew existed, but must have been there for centuries, judging by the girths of some of the aged oaks that swell with tremendous strength in the late afternoon shade. Through humid valleys where perfectly dream-like horses graze below the mansions of the nouveau-riche, hurtling through invisible clouds of alfalfa-scent, while sporadic bolts of Ben Franklin instantaneously weld together the incongruously ominous cumuli on the sun-splashed horizon, occasional fat drops of sweet heaven-tears dampening the pregnant wheat heads in their golden seas. Out among the fields, where billions of

green, very green corn plants, each some farmer's pride, stretch hungrily upward toward the invisible stars and the hypervisible ultraviolet gift from Father Sol.

A four-foot snake skin, the inverted corpse of a previous life, coiled silently in a dark glove compartment.

Losing one tennis shoe and leaving the other behind to become uniformly barefoot, lest my father fear for his throne (his life already being forfeit).

Plucked out of the helm by a mindless finger of grey-dead wood, to hang laughing in cool brown earth-blood.

Sky-brightenings far away, as God momentarily looks for something he forgot, and tiny rumblings far back in lowest consciousness, lost among the nearer crickets and stream giggles.

Arise? Definitely itchy legs and a restrictive rubberized poncho.

Water-sound behind  
Expecting a crocodile  
Bow-wave wash only

The river was a highway neglected but in good repair, the excess bounty of the long-gone short grass prairie, a dream of the Gulf, where water-vapor wafts Wodin-ward and porpoises suckle, greasy eyes vaguely remembering rubbery ichthysaur demes that ranged over the mud-covered coal-seams that the Spoon now cuts and strews over sand bars. A twisting ribbon now bores through the shoals of a green false-ocean in Illinois, grinding

away prairie dirt and glacier-sand and lulan Sea limestone and Carboniferous fossil-fuels to the fantastically ancient ski of the third rock from the sun, leaving and filling in a geologist's grave-trench. How old is a river? and will it always drain the continent's lotus-navel, even beyond the memory of a primate-dominated planet? Will the Spoon see the next Reich of parrots, or octopi or some yet unexpressed possibility of maleable protoplasm?

Echoes.

It was a Gauges, a Limpopo; troops of invisible monkeys clambered chattering over the branching bridges while bright birds screamed at a postmaster from Calcutta on his way to relatives in Bengal (the word rips apart conflicting visions of Rudyard and Mujib), an immense grey-green snake slept off last week's meal of fawn. Vikings rowed into an unknown forest, the greatest world had seen-- from the Atlantic to the Mississippi. A Portugee diamond miner paddled down river, watching the pools for piranha, and absently dissolved into English Bwaua, him look for beginning Nile in heart of darkest Illinois. By thy views gently flowing, Illinois, Illinois. Violet, robin red-breast, and oak (have they decided which oak?)

And the game! The coon and deer and rabbit, squirrel and muskrat, beaver and snapper, channel cat, mussels (the vanishing cougar and bear and wild cat), the skunk and mallard and mudhen, pheasant and quail, bull frogs and foxes! The life!

(Huge, ghosting among the cottonwood, the owl calmly flees the shrieking black furies of eternity.)

The crocodile was us, a red reptilian river-swimmer, with two pine mosasaur paddles dipping irregularly, downstream, downstream, looking for the far away when it's in your own backyard, Dorothy. But you can't stop, the current is too fast, and over your shoulder the place you just passed is fading as if it were never real. Passed, past, passed, past. Look around and ahead, but you're blind, anyway, but trying is the thing.

The bank was so steep it took three of us to drag our dead red mosasaur out of the Spoon. The band shell would have been perfect for banjo-picking and fiddle, and the stone by a heap of covered steel read:

IN MEMORY OF THE OLD GRIST MILL

BUILT ON THE BANK OF SPOON RIVER 128 FEET WEST AND 88 FEET NORTH OF THIS SITE BY JAMES EGGERS IN 1846. THIS TRACT OF LAND WAS PATENTED BY JAMES SHREEVES SEPTEMBER 14, 1835, AND BOUGHT BY MR. EGGERS FEBRUARY 10, 1844. THE MILL WAS TORN DOWN IN 1905. THIS MARKER ERECTED IN 1940 BY THE CITIZENS OF LONDON MILLS AND VICINITY.

The man at the Conoco station was refilling the Coke machine so we had one while we waited for the car, and I guess the Spoon is flowing 128 feet west and 88 feet north of the marker right now, unless the bed has shifted again.

## POST CHANGES

From an ex-editor's desk:

It certainly is inane to welcome everybody back, because nobody's been anywhere, but the paper has been gone through so many changes it almost seems as if we had.

This issue is the first one comprised by new and outside people, a larger group than before. Hopefully it is better rounded. We hope to keep it so.

Some changes. The masthead is different. So is the price. (The group, as a whole, decided that the paper, realizing a value system that equates inexperience with inferiority, would be better assured of an attentive audience that wouldn't just pick up a copy, never read it, and just throw it away.) National and relevant news will be coming from now on to us through the Liberation News Service, which we will print as much of as possible. (Presently, there is a consensus that local stuff should have priority.) For all red baiters in the readership, there will be a regular column by the Coxes.

BSherman's journalism column, after one and a half false starts, is being discontinued, because, he says, of other projects. Anybody who wants to see a journalism column in this paper should write one and send it over to our office.

That's it. As a paper, we hope to continue onward, with a specific schedule in the Fall, printing material from all spectrums of the Left. Too often, the establishment press and opportunistic politicians make a point of ignoring the many differences, turning George McGovern in the twist of a speech into a "radical."

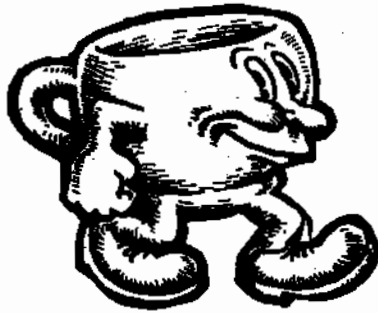
We hope the paper works to combat that sort of conception, (unless you're the sort of person who equates disagreement with any of this country's asylum policies with sure sign that one's a Communist, in which case you're beyond hope.)

If you disagree with anything,

call us. If you agree, call us. Better yet, come to our next meeting, July 23, 7:00, at 114 and a half North St (452-9221.) Everybody is needed.

Oh yeah. We don't know what the TRUTH is, but if we find out, we promise to print it.

Ed E. Tarr



## INFLATION

Economic inflation isn't the only rise the Nixon administration has seen fit to stimulate-- there are other interesting number games being played all the time.

One of these is the draft lottery. Anybody who remembers back to the beginning of the year (a longer attention span than politicians rely on) will recall that the Nixon Secret Plan for Peace (now in its fourth big year) was, along with the withdrawals, proceeding so smoothly that draft calls wouldn't extend beyond 50. Later, when that number was looming rather close after the three month vacation, the estimate was upped to 75. Now, with 75 reached in June, the number has skipped to 100.

And the year's only half over. (With draft calling for only three months.)

Not to appear sarcastic or something, but somehow one gets the impression that our administration is full of shit, that they are lying to us. Perhaps the Secret Plan is so secret that Nixon doesn't want to spoil it by trying it out. (Then everybody will know.)

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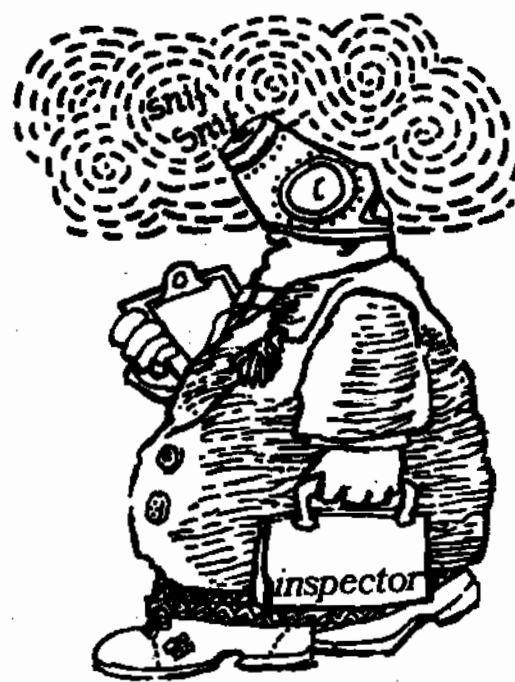
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# Blue Jean Blues

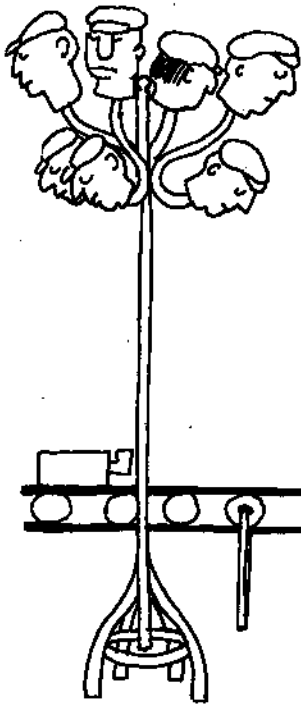
(Editors Note: In late June 1972, in a certain third floor apartment on Market Street in Bloomington, Ill., a cassette tape was recorded which is worthy of description in these pages due to the unparalleled enthusiasm and transcendent intoxication of the recorders, each of the above mentioned qualities being surpassed only by the supreme ignorance of musical and poetic structure on the part of the artists. These magnates of the magnetic medium were, in order of appearance:

- fogo (six-string, vocals)
- Snort (vocals)
- Jeri (bass, laughter, telephone)
- The Reverend Pollocky (flute, percussions, vocals)
- Jav Waters (kazoo, vocals)
- Telephone (chimes)
- and
- Willy (Silvertone classic guitar, vocals)

The recording was done in three spasms- a word jam, the Blue Jean Blues (written at Laborer's Local 362 after an all-nighter with Old Milwaukee), and the Extemp. Blues continued. For blues buffs, this was done in a simple E7/A7/B7 riff with complications. Here follows a transcript of this landmark in the decline of the recording media.)

Well, Rev, what do we have today?  
Bark! Bark, bark, bark, bark!  
(Giggle!)

Yes, yes, by God, it's a dog in the pews! How do you do, dog in the pew?  
Bark! Bark, bark!  
Well, she already did, in fact, and that's why they call them pews.



Bark, bark, Grrr!  
Down, dog, down!  
So remember, friends, he who farts in church sits in his own pew.  
And he who doesn't, lives a very long, good, Christian, ethic life...  
And dies of boredom at a hundred and forty-eight...  
A virgin.  
That's true, friends. And that's why we've gathered you all here today, to witness this wonderful miracle that is the ongoing living theater of the cosmos. And so, dear friends, without further ado, I would like to bring out... but...he's already out...so, I won't.  
Cosmos in...of you together now all of us, for you, to listen to me here now, for what, you say?  
Rap on Rev!  
Well, I'll tell you! And I'll tell you clean and I'll tell you straight.  
Tell it straight, Rev!  
Your souls, and my soul, are combined in one, big, unearthly

phallic tongue To enjoin that Earth to our forces and to thank the Lord, Our Lord, your lord and my Lord's Church of Mechanical Institution, founded, and living for paying the dues of me, you, and all of us together on Sundays, so we'll never meet in the streets again.

Get it on, Rev! Get it on!  
And now for our first number...  
Take it off, Rev! Take it off!  
We'd like to do....Do, do....  
do  
do  
do  
do da-do, do

(Here with follows a boogy of do's with the stereo changing back and forth in time, several bark's ending with a 'beee...., and a single high E on a guitar.)

Yeah.  
Yeah, uh, ok, go ahead. You may introduce us.

Oh, I'm supposed to introduce us.  
Yeah. Tell 'em like it is, Brutha Ray.

Well, this here, this here's 'bout the hard times down here in Wounded Skunk, Arkansas. And, uh, it's hard times--they ain't no jobs. Ain't no work. Ain't no body to rob, 'cause we're all, all down so low. Yes, we're low, brothers, we're low, sisters. We got the blues...

(music...blues guitar and flute)

Got patches cross my bottom, patches on my knees.  
Patches cross my bottom, patches on my knees  
Sewed the legs back on my cut-offs, cause that's my only anti-freeze

My work-shirt is rusted, and my collar is frayed  
Yeah, my work shirt is rusted, and my collar is frayed  
Feel like I'm diggin my grave with a worn out sexton's spade

Got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Yeah, got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Seein hard times, baby, like I never seen

Say my denim is faded, an my spirit is too  
My denim is faded, an my spirit is too  
If I don't get a job, don't know what I'm gonna do

Drop my blue jean knickers, what do you think I see?  
Drop my blue jean knickers, what do you think I see?  
Seventeen million crablice, makin a lesser man out of me.

Went out to the labor hall, to see what I could see  
Went out to the labor hall, see what I could see.  
Got caught at the poker table, honey, I lost my BVD's hard times....

I went out every mornin, see what kinda work there'd be  
I went out to the labor hall to see what kinda work there'd be  
When I asked how come they's all sittin' round, bleached, my hair out with profanity.

Don't allow no gamblin, don't allow no talkin'blue  
Don't allow no kiss-ass, don't allow no red man chew  
Just sit around and bullshit cause that's all there is to do

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Got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
I got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Seein' hard times, baby, like I never seen

(Break-flute & guitar, the guitar lead starting out slow and dwindling rapidly, till someone says "You blew that, didn't you?" and "Chorus?" and "yeah".)

Got the Blue Jean Blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Got the Blue Jean Blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Seein hard times, baby, like I never seen

Can't seem to find a job, just aint no jobs around  
Can't seem to find a job, just aint no jobs around  
Seems how tricky Dick Nixon closed the only shop in town

He don't hire no negroes, no freeks an' no poor  
Don't hire no nigrans, no freeks an' no poor  
Don't have niggers, he's the only white man anymore

Trimmin off the dead wood, all over town  
Trimmin off the dead wood, all over town

Cut away all the branches, till the tree falls down  
Got some boys together, tryin to do us some good  
Got come boys together, tryin to do us some good  
Passed out some leaflets, they called us commie hoods  
it's a shame...

Joe Hill wore blue jeans, Woody wore denim blue  
Joe Hill wore blue jeans, Woody wore denim blue  
Nixon wears Brooks Brothers, which wardrobe fits you?

Castro wears khaki, Mao wears cotton pants  
Say, Castro wears khaki, Mao wears baggy cotton pants  
Local customs vary, but the thread of it's got me entreeed

Blue Jean People, now listen to me  
Blue Jean People, now listen to me  
Time to clean out the outhouse, off the bourgeoisie

Got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Seein' hard times honey, like I never seen.

(Here follows an even raunchier break of guitar, flute, kazoo, canine vocals, the telephone, and various percussion instruments, which, after interminable death throes, slips gracefully into...)

Blue jean people, now listen to me  
Blue jean people, now listen to me  
Time to clean out the outhouse, off the bourgeoisie

Just sittin here writin, just gettin it on  
Just sittin here writin, just gettin it on  
Got the blue jean blues, mama, don't even have em on

Got the blue jean blues, worn off from my blue jeans  
Got the blue jean blues, babe, worn off from my blue jeans  
Seein hard times, honey, like I never seen

(A mercifully shout wrap up, ending in feed back and...)

hut!  
hut!  
hut!  
two, three, four  
hut!  
lef' right, lef, right

Oh, Baby, you know I left you..  
Oh, Baby, you know I left you..  
I said, oh, Baby, you know I didn't wanna hafta do that.  
Not today, anyhow...



I got this letter just the other day  
Oh, I got this letter, got it just the other day  
Oh, and this letter, Baby, said I had to go away

Oh you know that I didn't wanna do that now  
Yeah, said, oh, you know that I didn't wanna go away  
'Cause, where I'm goin, Baby, I'm afraid I'm gonna hafta stay

Yeah, name of that place, yeah, I'm not quite sure  
Yeah, I don't know, jus what they call that place  
Yeah, But one thing's for sure  
Baby, it's Amazin Graze

Got a ltter, Babe, Got a letter today  
Got a letter, Babe, got a letter today.  
And this letter, Baby, it was the letter "A"  
(snicker)

Goin to Memphis, goin to Tennessee  
Yeah, goin to Memphis, place I gotta see  
Yeah, when I get to Memphis, Baby, die of leprosy

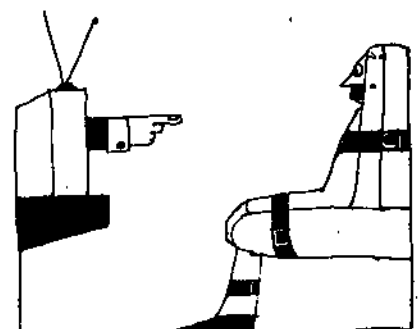
(outright laughter)

Goin to Mobile, Baby, gotta get away  
Yeah, I'm goin to Mobile, Baby, I gotta get away  
If I get mobile, Baby, that's how I wanna stay

Yeah, goin to Memphis, going to Nashville, goin all over the whole southwestern United States.  
(that's southeastern...)  
Goin to Hartford, goin to Maine!

Hey, Baby, hey, do you wanna dance?  
Hey, Baby, do you wanna dance?  
C;mon, Baby, now le's take a chance.

Well, two an two, babe, two an two make four  
Yeah, two an two, babe, two an two make four  
Yeah, I don't know that math, Baby, jus c'mon an gimme more.



# The Red Flag

by Jan & Carol Cox

It waved above our infant night  
When all ahead seemed dark as night;  
It witnessed many a deed and vow,  
We will not change its color now.  
 --James Connell, 1889

## Where to Begin

Writing from her prison cell in 1916 Rosa Luxemburg gave the either/or which a half-century of history has fully confirmed:

Either the triumph of imperialism and the destruction of all culture and, as in ancient Rome, depopulation, desolation, degeneration, a vast cemetery. Or, the victory of socialism, that is, the conscious struggle of the international proletariat against imperialism and its method: war.

That conscious struggle can be premised only on the unity of the international proletariat. Those who work for such unity oppose imperialism and the barbarianism it generates. Those who interfere with that unity, from whatever sentiments, support imperialism, wittingly or unwittingly.

In Amerika today the unity of the working class is (and for a hundred years has been) barred by three major forces: white supremacy, male supremacy, and national chauvinism. Any activity which does not consciously, overtly, in prac-

tice and rhetoric, oppose those forces is on the side of imperialism. The anti-war movement by repeatedly avoiding the necessity to confront the issues of white and male supremacy has betrayed the people of Southeast Asia. The war is, first and last, a racist war, and any criticism of it which ignores that fact supports rather than attacks the war.

"Radical" teachers who work to generate "community" in the classroom ally themselves with imperialism by blinding themselves and their students to the fact that any community created in an Amerikan school is a racist and sexist community. Those who work to reform public health care without focusing on the white and male supremacist structure of Amerikan medicine also ally themselves with imperialism.

In short, "Getting Together" (a popular slogan of the day) is ALWAYS pro-imperialist unless that getting together is consciously and overtly premised on the struggle against white and male supremacy: not just in rhetoric but in practice; not just in practice but

in rhetoric.

There may seem a disproportion involved in citing "the unity of the international working class" as a basis for criticism of classroom activities, but we are not in this or subsequent RED FLAG columns writing for those who need to be convinced that imperialism must be destroyed. We are laying out what it means to have made that choice, to have committed oneself to the anti-imperialist struggle.

The chief feature of bourgeois culture, the source of its strength, is its division of thought from action, a division from which one does not escape simply by being against imperialism abstractly. When, for example, individual radicals cannot see how big principles such as that of the unity of the working class have anything to do with who cooks supper or who sweeps the kitchen floor, they are surrendering to bourgeois cultural dominance. Such big principles have a fucking lot to do with such daily decisions, and those who cannot or will not understand this point may have

revolutionary or progressive sentiments, but they are still in practice children of imperialism.

During our lifetimes the working class unity necessary for the defeat of Imperialism may or may not be achieved -- BUT NO OTHER POWER WILL DEFEAT IMPERIALISM. Nor, of course, will imperialism become sensible and transform itself, although the illusion of that possibility, nurtured by civil rights laws, McGovern campaigns, and groovy classrooms, will itself be a continuing threat to the unity of anti-imperialist forces. That illusion will be the more tempting, the more divisive, to the precise extent that the movement fails to carry out unendingly the struggle against the great dividers of white and male supremacy and national chauvinism, both within its own ranks and in the social order as a whole. In subsequent RED FLAG columns we will attempt simply to identify some of the forms taken by these threats to unity. Positive ways of building unity are a matter of collective debate and action.



## Blue Jean Blues Cont.

Oh, baby, you know I got the blues  
 Oh, baby, you know I got them ol' blues  
 Wanna get away, babe, know I'm gonna lose

Woke up the other mornin, you know I couldn sleep  
 Woke up the other mornin, away I tried to creep  
 Oh, Baby, I don't know to do...

You know I'm bored, babe, wanna get away  
 Yeah, you know I'm bored, babe, I jus gotta get away  
 The only thing I'm afraid of, Babe, is if I getaway I'll stay  
 an I don wanna do that, now

Oh, sweetie, you know how to shake that thang  
 Oh, baby, cmonan shake that thang  
 Oh, honey, hope you didn break that thang

Well, one an one is two, babe,  
 an two an two is four  
 Yeah, two an two is four, babe,  
 an that ain't all  
 'Cause four an four is eight, babe  
 you know that ain't bad

(More outright laughter)

Been drinkin that beer again,  
 foamy suds  
 (Gulp)...that beer again, oh  
 them foamy suds  
 But, I know you don't mind,

Babe, you know what that beer it does

Some days we're lazy, about four or five  
 An other days, babe, you won't blink your eye  
 But the secret is, Babe, you just gotta get high.  
 Four beers an four beers, four beers an four beers make eight  
 More beers an more beers, make me feel great  
 I tell you, babe, I know you ain't gonna be late me, maybe

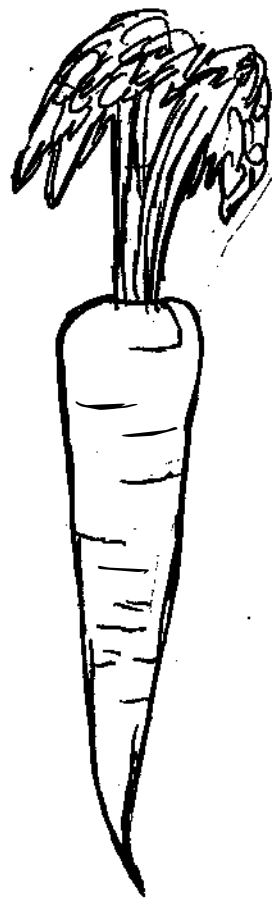
Nothin I like better, than gettin high  
 I said, nothin I like better babe, than gettin high.  
 But, I tell you if you shake that thing, baby, might be able to just get by

I don't like cornflakes, I don't like shredded wheat  
 I don't like cornflakes baby, an I don't like shredded wheat  
 I tell you one thing, honey, I like somethin sweet to eat  
 Ol' jelly roll, eh?

The sad thing about life, babe, is that it's gotta end  
 The sad thing...

(Editor's note: The artists ran out of tape at this point, no shit and the four or five later verses are lost forever, fortunately.)

# ALTERNATE FLAG



By Genghis Tokyo I

Revolutionaries in the United States must not be Marxists.

It is undoubtedly true that Marxist and Communist revolutionaries have been successful in third world countries, but the United States is not a third world country.

That fact alone should give the left wing of U.S. activists a second thought. Marxism is outdated--and so is Communism to some extent.

Karl Marx originally directed his analysis toward Western European countries. Admittedly, near the end of his life and especially during the period when Friedrich Engels was interpreting Marx's work there were deviations from this dominant theme. Nevertheless, Marx's work was mainly directed toward revolution in the then rising capitalist nations of the West.

And much of that work has since been invalidated.

This is certainly not meant to say that Marxism and Marxism-Leninism are completely invalid. It has been proven repeatedly valid in so-called underdeveloped areas--areas that Lenin discussed in his work on imperialism.

In that aspect, Marxism-Leninism--and all the disciples from the great Mao to the equally great Cubans, Fidel Castro and Che Guevara--has proven to be the correct method of overthrowing capitalist domination.

But one must remember that Cuba and China, and even Russia, were not "new industrial states" when the communist revolutions came to power.

Beyond that, I am still not certain that Stalin did not pervert the great Russian Revolution beyond repair and that the successors of Mao, Chou En-Lai and Castro will be able to avoid the same fate. This is particularly true as long as the U.S.; as it has existed from the aristocratic revolution of 1776, continues to exist. In the case of Cuba, especially, the U.S. has exerted a negative influence on the Cuban economy that has been near-disastrous. And the Chinese Communist obsession with military matters has had virtually the same effects.

If this is true, revolutionaries in the U.S. owe a great deal to the rest of the world in terms of the necessity of acting quickly. A revolutionary North America (I include Canada as a tributary) could well be faced with a revisionistic China as well as a revisionistic USSR any time in the next 10 years.

We must all keep this in mind since a successful revolution must avoid the sort of encirclement that France suffered in 1789-1801 and Russia suffered in 1917-1933.

This is why I say the U.S. revolutionary movement must avoid adopting Marxism or Communism completely. Learning from the past is most valuable--Lenin did it, Mao did it and Castro probably learned also--but U.S. revolutionaries must formulate their own strategy and their own tactics.

For instance, I do not believe that Lenin himself would adopt strict Marxism if he were a U.S. revolutionary today. Lenin was a firm believer in analyzing objective conditions and the objective conditions in the U.S. are so far removed from Marxist theory that there is no hope of applying it verbatim.

One must read Marx critically and understand that Marx was also a mere human that could easily err. For instance, Marx's basic economic tenets like the labor theory of value have been conclusively proven to be incorrect in their main thrust.

The valuable sections of Marx and Lenin pertain to the exploitation of the workers of underdeveloped countries. This area is the crux of the near-certainty of the collapse of modern capitalism.

The U.S. and the rest of the Western world, including the USSR, may continue to exploit, indeed must continue to exploit, the rest of the world for its survival on the present terms. This exploitation may last for 20 years or for 50 or 100, but it cannot continue forever.

The Western world has only a limited period of time before it can no longer obtain the necessary resources for its maintenance. That is, the growth society must end.

This factor alone provides a reasonable certainty for revolution in any of the Western

countries.

If, as seems likely, the Western nations persist in maintaining the growth society to the very point which the Earth cannot any longer support that society, then revolution or extinction is inevitable. Hopefully, revolution will still be possible.

If, however, the U.S., and other Western nations, perceive the danger of extinction soon enough to preserve the capitalist system through the means of a stable population and through the reduction of the use of natural resources (by means of already existing scientific advances), then the revolution, the social revolution especially, is virtually doomed.

Again, the essential aspect of this argument is that U.S. revolutionaries must soon realize that they have to adapt to modern society also. U.S. revolutionaries must question their revolutionary pasts and re-examine their basic theories as Lenin did from 1907 to 1917.

We must all become Trotskys and question our failures, our own Stalins, before it is too late.

## ASBESTOS WORKERS VICTIMIZED

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The 20,000 members of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers are planning a day-long black armband demonstration in July in memory of Albert E. Hutchinson, president of their union who died recently.

"He died from the same disease he worked so hard to keep his own men from getting," said Jacob Novak, business manager of the union's New York local. Hutchinson died of lung cancer, a frequent cause of death among asbestos workers.

One out of every five asbestos insulation workers dies of lung cancer - about eight times the rate in the general population. If an asbestos worker also happens to smoke cigarettes he or she is 95 times more likely to die of lung cancer than those people who neither smoke nor work with asbestos. And these statistics apply only to asbestos insulation workers whose level of exposure is considered comparatively light among asbestos workers in general.

The hazards of industrial exposure to asbestos were known at least as far back as 1900 when an English physician established a definite connection between the presence of microscopic asbestos fibers in the

lungs and a disease which afflicts asbestos workers - a disease known today as asbestosis.

Asbestosis is a form of pneumoconiosis - a disabling and often fatal scarring of the lungs whose symptoms are similar to the Black Lung disease common among so many coal miners. It is estimated that 4 or 5 out of every 10 asbestos workers - there are 100,000 in this country - are afflicted with asbestosis or other asbestos-related lung diseases.

The incidence of this disease among asbestos workers increases with exposure. According to Dr. Irving Selikoff of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, 10% of asbestos insulation workers with less than 10 years exposure show evidence of asbestosis, while for those workers with 20 or more years of exposure the figure is more like 85%!

Mesothelioma is another disease which strikes down many asbestos workers. One in every ten asbestos workers die from this otherwise exceedingly rare cancer of the chest lining. It takes from 20 to 40 years to develop and almost never occurs without some, even if slight, exposure to asbestos. In the population at large mesothelioma is present in only one out of 10,000 deaths.

The planned demonstration in

memory of Hutchinson will also be aimed at the new federal regulations covering asbestos dust levels in factories and other work places. These regulations immediately limit dust levels to 5 fibers per milliliter of air (about a thimble full) and generously give employers four years to bring this level down to 2 fibers per milliliter.

Union officials and workers would like to see the level reduced to 2 fibers per milliliter immediately and to zero eventually.

For many workers the federal regulations come years too late.

Once asbestos gets into the lungs there is nothing the body can do to neutralize it. Consequently a single exposure to asbestos dust is enough to cause asbestosis or mesothelioma.

Hutchinson was not the first Asbestos Workers union leader to die of lung cancer. Hugh Mulligan, who preceded Hutchinson as union president, also died of asbestos-induced lung cancer and Andrew Haas, who is expected to be the next president, must take little comfort in learning that he too, like thousands of other asbestos workers, is afflicted with asbestosis.

### GM HIRES GOVERNMENT INFORMER

DETROIT (LNS) -- Have you ever wondered how government informers and secret witnesses make it after their covers have been blown? Well, aside from reaping in cash, cars, and other prizes direct from government coffers, they are also given lush corporate careers in out-of-the-way places.

For example, at the request of the Justice Department, General Motors generously handed over an \$18,000-a-year job outside the country to Pershing Gervais, a former New Orleans policeman and government informer in the indictment of Him Garrison. Garrison, you may remember, was the New Orleans district attorney who made too many waves in his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy - which he claimed was a conspiracy.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the GM hiring disclosure has brought to light a "fairly widespread practice of some big American multinational corporations finding jobs for U.S. government informers in out-of-the-way corners of their operations here and abroad."

# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

A letter in the Vidette's first Summer issue responds critically to the student strike and to the "anti-war, anti-Nixon slogans plastered all over our campus." Ms. Barbara Rounds says she does not know how to handle a matter as "vital" as Vietnam, but she does know that spray-painting is "immature." Apparently a "mature" American, Ms. Rounds puts her "trust in this country's leadership," because they are doing "what they feel is best." I personally applaud Ms. Rounds' implied opposition to a leadership doing what it feels is worst.

Movement people are usually moved to disappointment, frustration, or disrespectful laughter by this sort of letter. But this letter deserves attention. Ms. Rounds includes an entirely legitimate criticism of the movement's practice, a practice which must be changed.

During the strike, Ms. Rounds was handed a paper, which she declined. The striker answered, "Well, that's your privilege, but I sure feel sorry for you."

No radical has any business pitying another for a difference in world view. Such pity re-

flects an unconscious theology, a variation of the "saved" pitying the "sinners" who would roast in hell. An antiwar stance does not make one more worthy in the eyes of God. There exists no mystical spark or spiritual quality magically accruing to those opposing the Vietnam war. Radicals must cease identifying with the archetypal Wise Man possessed of the Truth. They must stop thinking of themselves as martyrs trying to "help" the ignorant, rejecting infidels.

This elitist orientation and practice must be abandoned for two reasons. It is incorrect morally and it is poor tactically.

The tacit theology of this elitism holds that some people are more worthy than others. This worth is a quality of the inner person, the core of his self, and is only reflected externally. Good and bad acts reflect good and bad people. This contradicts the equalitarian perspective, which maintains that all people are equally worthy. No one is inherently better than anyone else. Equalitarians judge good and bad acts solely as acts--they do not reflect the supposed moral worth of the person himself. The expression of elitist pity is the psychological position of "I'm O.K. You're not O.K." The equalitarian position is "I'm O.K. You're O.K."

The elitist position is very obviously tactically incorrect. Superior, moralistic, self-righteous, conceited assholes do not usually

succeed in winning others to their views. In addition, the elitist position perpetuates the basis of the institutions we are fighting. The elitist's unconscious distinctions between the worthy and unworthy help justify the differential rewards for mental and manual labor, the prestige accorded the rich and powerful, racial and class discriminations, and the poverty of underdeveloped nations.

Ending elitist attitudes need not drastically change our interactions with non-radicals--it is our view of those situations which would change. The movement's proselytizing operates on two levels. First, we argue moral issues with a non-radical, debating ethical conclusions from shared moral premises. (If there are no shared moral premises, there can be no discussion.) Second, we integrate facts into the ethical debate.

Two individuals may agree that they are morally opposed to imperialism while disagreeing about whether the U.S. actually practices imperialism. The radical's more extensive knowledge on this point should not lead him to believe he is a superior person. Two people may agree upon all relevant facts but differ in their reasoning from a common moral premise. For example, both could agree on the principle of human equality while not concluding together that striving for socialism is the logical ethical conclusion. The radical's greater ability to reason this moral problem should not lead him to think he is a superior human being. Eliminating elitist attitudes will eliminate only an untenable pose of moral superiority, not our opposition to incorrect facts and conclusions.

-- Greg Richfield

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA OR NORTH VIETNAM

"WILL YOU PERMIT SUCH A GENOCIDE..."

(Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the International Herald Tribune in Paris by Nguyen H. Dong, a member of the Union des Vietnamiens en France (Union of Vietnamese community, a considerable proportion of which is growing increasingly anti-war.)

June 17, 1972

Dear Editor:

I was saddened to learn of the catastrophe that befell Rapid City, S.D., on June 10. As a citizen of a country subjected to so many artificial catastrophes caused by the United States over a period of so many years, I pay homage to the victims in Rapid City and sincerely sympathize with the families in their grief.

Allow me to alert American public opinion to the fact that the U.S. Government is attacking directly and indirectly the dikes of the Red River in North Vietnam, which might cause, at the time of the rising of the water level from next July to October, a disaster a thousand times greater than that of Rapid City, a disaster affecting millions of people.

Will you permit such a genocide to be committed?

Sincerely yours,

Nguyen H. Dong

"WE NOW APPEAL TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES"

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION IN PARIS

(Editor's Note: This message was phoned in to LNS by Schofield Coryell, LNS correspondent in Paris.)

PARIS (LNS) -- Following a press conference in Paris today, June 22, Vo Van Sung, delegate general of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (the official name of North Vietnam) gave this statement of Liberation News Service for the anti-war movement of the United States.

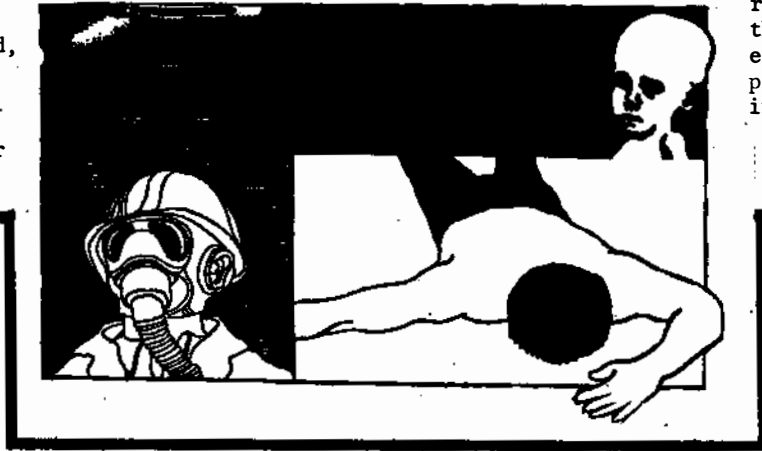
"In appealing today to peace-loving people throughout the world to check the Nixon administration in its criminal acts of bombing and destroying the dikes and hydraulic works of Vietnam, we are

thinking particularly of the anti-war movement of the United States.

"The destruction of the dikes in Holland at the end of the Second World War by the Hitlerite fascists was classified by the Nuremberg Tribunal as a crime against humanity. To take revenge for the defeat of his Vietnamization policy, President Nixon is now committing the same crime as the Hitlerites.

"We now appeal to our friends, the anti-war movement in the United States, to act in time to stay his bloody hand and to demand that the Nixon administration end all its acts of war against Vietnam, give up the Vietnamization of the war, and especially to cease the bombing of the dikes and hydraulic works of the D.R.V."

In the course of the press conference, Sung also pointed out that the high-water level in North Vietnam increases during the months of July and August, and that the breaking of the dikes at that time would be a disaster many times greater than that of Rapid City, threatening to kill millions of people and to submerge hundreds of thousands of acres of land.



## MS. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON

How many times has it been told that the way to end the war is to work within the system? Back in 1916 the electorate voted for Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat, who ran on the slogan, "He kept us out of war." Result: World War I. Senator Gerald P Nye later discovered that Wilson did more to encourage American involvement than to prevent it. Then, in 1940, the electorate voted for Franklin D Roosevelt, again a Democrat, who ran on the slogan: "Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars". Result: World War II. Recently released papers in British Army Intelligence files revealed a plan F.D.R. had for attacking Nazi submarines to provoke a war incident.

In 1948, the American electorate again elected a Democrat, Harry Truman. Harry Truman made no particularly significant promises for peace, and therefore became less of a hypocrit when he brought America into the Korean War. Then, in 1964, before Vietnam was a big war, the electorate selected "Peacenik" Lyndon B Johnson, a Democrat over that "war-monger" Barry Goldwater by a very large margin.

Were there no politicians who opposed war? Yes indeed. And a look at them will tell another part of the story.

In 1917, a suffragette, who

had just been elected to the House of Representatives made her stand. Jeanette Rankin voted against U.S. entry into World War I. What this resulted in was Miss Rankin being gerrymandered out of her district in 1918. She was unable to be re-elected until 1940 when the American people became very worried that United States might enter World War II. Unlike other "peace candidates", Miss Rankin voted again against American involvement in a World War. She was the only one in the entire Congress to do so. This time, however, she agreed not to run for office again.

Today's peace legislator is Bella Abzug, representative from New York and a believer in Women's Liberation. On her first day in office she proposed a resolution calling of an end to the Indochina War by July 4, 1971. And at her first official White House reception she told President Nixon: "I want you to know my constituents want you to withdraw from Vietnam." She also denounced a Democratic Party compromise to move the date for total withdrawal to 1972 instead of 1971 in a resolution they entered to end the war.

What results? Bella Abzug was gerrymandered out of office by the state legislature.

Moral: It doesn't pay to hold elective office and promise peace and also to be sincere.



GOLDWATER ON KISSINGER

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS)--At a recent Republican get-together in San Francisco Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) expressed his belief that:

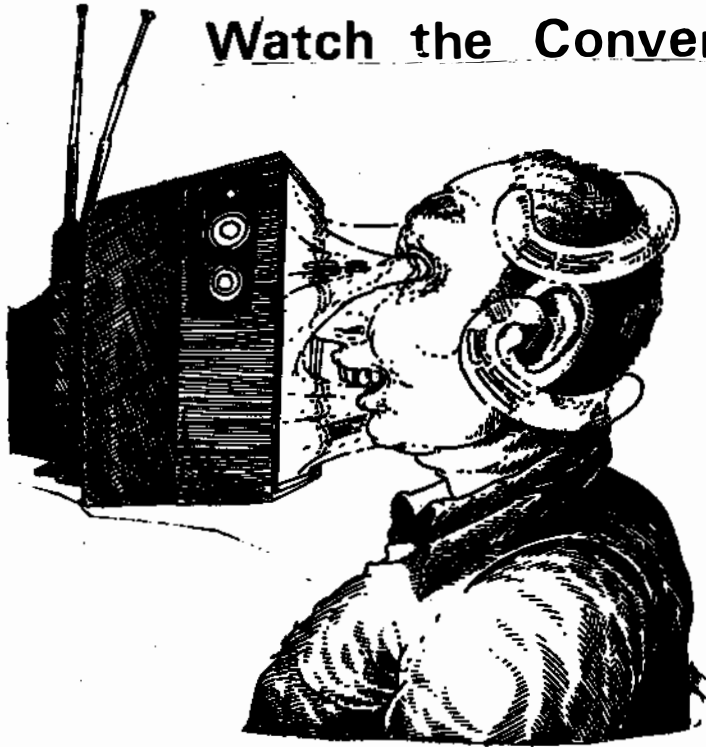
"(Henry) Kissinger is one of the few men that I've run into in the high places of our government who really under-

stands what I would call power politics on the international scene...

"You would expect this, his having been born and raised in Germany, where for centuries they've had a thorough understanding of what strength and power mean...

"I have all the faith in the world in him."

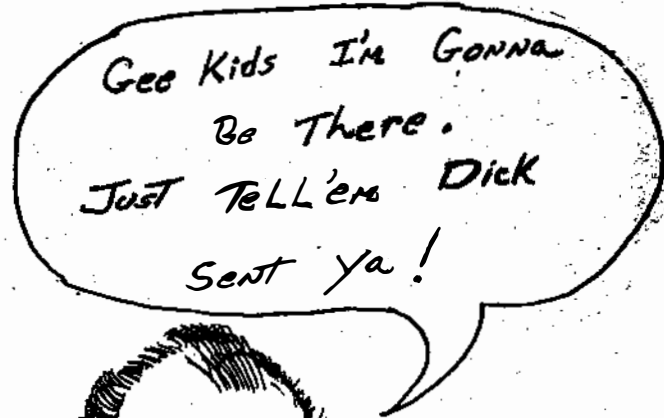




Watch the Convention, or

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## Florida - San Diego Coalition

### miami numbers

PHONING YOUR WAY THROUGH MIAMI: A LIST OF USEFUL MIAMI NUMBERS

The following is a list of phone numbers for all types of information you may need in Miami. Probably the most important phone number to know--and memorize--is the one for the SWITCHBOARD--633-7507--because they are the most reliable as far as it goes for a place where the most amount of information is concentrated. And they will be open 24 hours a day. (The area code for Miami and its vicinity is 305)

The people that will be organizing in the most wide level for the Republican convention are those in the MIAMI CONVENTIONS COALITION. Their address is 1718 Alton Road, Miami Beach and their phone no. will temporarily be 444-0962.

#### MOVEMENT GROUP CONTACTS.

People's Party	751-5696
United Black Students	284-2683
Vietnam Vets Against the War	247-2148
Free Press	445-1114
Daily Planet	444-5882
WBUS Radio 93.9 FM	672-2500
S.C.L.C.	757-6377
United Farm Workers	633-7071

Among other groups organizing for the convention are the Youth International Party 531-8895 and the National Coalition of Gay Organizations 373-0711 or 373-3697

#### PERSONAL CRISIS, BAD TRIPS, ETC.

Jackson Hospital Drug Emergency (no bust)	371-9611
Ambulance Service	642-6400
Suicide Prevention	379-2611
Here's Help	944-5101
Crisis Center	649-8206
Emergency Paramedical	446-7685
Open Door (University)	284-2300

#### WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

N.O.W.	534-9399
Women's Information Center	665-0394

Women from different organizations that are centering around the convention demonstrations have formed a group called the Miami Women's Coalition. They don't have a specific center as of now (although there are plans for one) but you can contact them through the Miami Conventions Coalition (444-0962).

#### LEGAL SERVICES

A.C.L.U.	373-2052
Law School (U. of Miami)	284-4551

On May 19th and 20th, people from many areas in the country met in conference in Washington D.C., a meeting called by the San Diego Convention Coalition and the Florida People's Coalition to discuss what actions the movement should take at the Democratic and Republican conventions in Miami this July and August. After a day and a half of good pointed discussion, the group came to the following consensus:

1). The Republican Convention should be the major focus of anti-war activity this summer. (August 21-24). There will be a call for a three day national action including massive and dramatic demonstrations. The short term goal is to expose the criminal acts of the Nixon administration, particularly the continued escalation of the war in Indochina, and to demonstrate with marches and civil disobedience that the re-election of Nixon will cause continued resistance and confrontation in this country. We support the national liberation struggles of the Indochinese peoples. Our actions at the Republican convention will be in full support of the 7 point peace proposal of the People's Revolutionary Government (PRG).

2). We feel that the tone should be one of confrontation, serious resistance and non-violent civil disobedience. Because of the present situation in the U.S. we know that the convention and the demonstrations may take place in the atmosphere of an armed camp. We will not use inflated rhetoric designed to provoke an over-reaction by the repressive forces in Miami. However, what Nixon stands for is so oppressive to the American people and the people of the world that we must actively oppose Nixon's domestic and foreign policies.

3). Our organizing for the convention will attempt to build alliances with different groups (e.g. Third World people, women, gay people, students and youth, vets, labor and the elderly). At the least, we will develop a program and a scenario for the convention that will speak to the needs of a broad cross-section of people.

4). Our strength depends on people coming well-organized to the conventions actions from different regions and cities. Local organizations will develop a program, do their own propaganda, and bring people in groups/brigades to the convention. Beginning this week, about 20 people in Miami are laying the groundwork for the convention actions--setting up an office and media center, raising money, talking with organized groups in the Miami area, and developing in more detail the scenario and tactics.

5). For the Democratic Convention (July 12-15) we will emphasize support for constituency actions, spirited, but low-key anti-war street presence, lobbying & propaganda expose. The Miami Conventions Coalition

will not, however, put out a call for a massive street demonstration at the Democratic Convention. We agreed to wage an intensive propaganda campaign at the Democratic National Convention around the war, with at least a partial focus on lobbying the delegates to the convention. The seven point peace proposal of the PRG would be a key educational tool in terms of talking to both McGovern supporters and to people in general. However, care would be taken to respect the attempts to make the 3 point peace plan a floor fight inside, and the PRG proposal would not be used to undermine that attempt. (The 3 point peace plan calls for the complete withdrawal of all U.S. military presence in Indochina, the ending of the air war and an end to support of the Thieu government shortly after inauguration day, 1973.)

6). It was expressly stated and agreed that the Miami Conventions Coalition would not publicly support anyone for the office of president.

A discussion followed in which people agreed to support and work with planned actions at the conventions by the National Welfare Rights Organization, SCLC and various gay groups. A strong, independent women's presence was seen as a crucial part of the convention activities.

People also talked about staging an exposition in Miami "Expose '72" which would include:

- the air war, with weapons display
- people's art
- the economy
- Chicano and Black and Puerto Rican movements
- Women
- China, Vietnam, Cuba, African, Latin America.
- Continuous showings of movies, i.e. "Milhouse," "Burn", "Inside North Vietnam," etc.
- Workshops
- Video-messages from other countries., The findings of the People's Panel of inquiry on the Nixon administration. People's new broadcasts of the days events and reactions from around the country and world.

Entertainment--music, guerrilla theatre, etc. Publishing a daily newspaper or street wall journal.

#### PRINCIPLES OF UNITY

The following seven principles of unity were brought to the meeting by the people from Florida and San Diego. They were neither accepted nor rejected by those at the meeting for a variety of good reasons. They are included here to provoke discussion:

# REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

AUG. 21 - 24

# MIAMI!



## BRIDGING THE GENERATION GAP IN MIAMI BEACH--Y.I.P. ANNOUNCES NEW PLANS FOR THE CONVENTIONS

MIAMI BEACH ( LNS ) -- Saturday June 11 was the usual hot sunny day in Miami Beach. At Lummus Park, which stretches for 4 or 5 blocks along the Beach's southeast shore, hundreds of old people gathered as they always do to sit in the shade or sun, play cards, knit and talk. They are old retired men and women, living in duplex apartments and small cheap hotels. They can't afford to have two homes, so they live in Miami Beach year round. And they love to talk.

But this Saturday, for the second time in a row, there was a little more activity than usual in the park. Under a large shade tree one "senior citizen" was setting up a microphone and loudspeaker, and others drew their beach chairs over to join in a meeting of the young people with the old people.

The Youth International Party (Y.I.P.) had initiated the gathering and the response was good. For the weeks that the Yippies had been in Miami they had made every effort to talk with these old people, the people who make up the majority of the Miami Beach population.

Several years the "Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has held weekly anti-war demonstrations in Lincoln Mall. They want a better life for themselves, their children and grandchildren, and support the demonstrations happening in Miami Beach this summer.

But they are old, tired and afraid of possible violence. "We know you won't make any trouble, dear, but there will always be some people..." they say. And they know what the police can do, with or without provocation. Because they are the community where the convention is taking place, they are justifiably worried, but their worries are eased somewhat when they meet the people who are going to demonstrate and have the chance to exchange fears and ideas.

The Yippies have been holding these meetings every week since the beginning of June, and will continue to do so through the summer. Instead of ignoring a touchy situation, they are going right in and talking with the old people, finding out what they are thinking, and attempting to deal with their thoughts.

Rather they intend to intensify their work, especially with the old people, encouraging them if not to participate in demonstrations, at least to support them, and encouraging young people to recognize the needs of the elderly.

The atmosphere in Miami Beach is friendly. Many people, especially in Lummus Park, are open and warm. They are interested in the people coming down, fascinated by the fact that young people have come so far to their little town, to talk to them.

No one has ever done that before.

## Statement

1). We support an end to the U.S. government's domestic policies of political, economic, racial and sexual oppression as currently reflected in the Nixon Doctrine, e.g. NEP, Wage-Price Freeze, the use of the Taft Hartley Act, the attack on secondary boycotts, right to work laws, welfare cuts, FAP, veto of the child care bill, use of grand juries as a tool of political repression, nomination of right wing judges, attacks on prisoners, and the racist use of the busing issue.

2). Building alliances with 3rd world communities by creating the following relationships between 3rd world communities and the Miami conventions coalition and other convention organizing groups: non-interference in the leadership of 3rd world communities, technical and economic assistance to groups organizing around the conventions in the 3rd world communities, emphasis by white organizers on the issues of racism, and the problems of working people in their own communities. These relationships are central to creating an on-going national united front to oppose the common enemy: the forces of repression, racism and imperialism.

3). We oppose all social, political and economic forces which perpetrate domination and exploitation based on sex roles. We support the right of all women and gay people to define their own identities and societal roles.

4. We demand an immediate end to all U.S. aggression and involvement in Indochina, and support the 7 point peace plan of the PRG. the major points of which are:

a. the US must set a date for the total withdrawal of all U.S. troops, military personnel, weapons and war materials, and those of its allies.

b. the U.S. must end its intervention in the internal affairs of South Vietnam and end its support of the regime of Nguyen Van Thieu.

We also demand that the U.S. government respect the 1962 Geneva Accords guaranteeing independence and neutrality for Laos. We support the Front Uni National du Kampuchea as the only legitimate government of Cambodia.

5). We oppose all U.S. interference in the internal affairs of other nations, and we support struggles of national liberation.

6). The demonstrations we are planning should not be violent.

7. No party or presidential candidate will be pushed through the use of slogans, or the speakers platform in the demonstrations. In addition, we will not support any presidential candidate.



# THE STRAIGHT SHIT

People been askin, what's it like strung out on heroin, how's it feel? Now hold that question right there and figure out why you asked. We'll get back to you in a sec.

Can't get into the complete rap on why people get stoned, you know, the war, the lousy job, the stinkin soot flying in your bedroom window and the noise outside or in your brain--that's a lot of words. So we're gonna deal with the immediate--the direct trip, your relationship between heroin and your head and body.

Rule for Playing: You got to agree on some common terms or we can't communicate.

Dependancy a head trip, you tell yourself how you want it,

Addiction a head trip and a body trip, you tell yourself you want it and your body needs it; cause individual cells in your body get used to the chemical then need it to continue normal metabolic function, meaning to keep working without going through withdrawal. Simple test for addiction--stop doing your dope and see what happens.

Withdrawal comes on slow, your whole person feels alive, itchy, ready; then your spine starts jangling and you can feel it being there like aching or pressure; your heart speeds up a bit and your stomach begins to cramp; you begin to sweat and bead a bit; your mind is wantin your shit real bad like you want to scream at the want; the itch is beginning to turn to a total body ache, and the sweat is running and heart pounding but your gettin super hot, then super cold and you're shakin bad; gut is hurtin and then nausea and vomit and your body feels like your gut and throat after the vomit, like

its all in reverse; shakin is in fits, sweatin is bad, hot/cold, pain, and scream for the want. Full blown DT's from full blown addiction; can last 16 hrs to 3 days. P.S. we didn't go past the peak, it's hell coming down on the clean side too.

Tolerance how fast your body gets used to the shit and the amounts you're using; one week you're shootin four times to get the high you want, next week four hits only gets you through 5 days; the next week you need to shoot 10 times on the same shit to get the same high you got on four, two weeks earlier. Cross tolerance means that you can do other shit from the same family, opiates, and be at the same level; like tradin 10 tricks of heroin for 10 tricks of morphine or Demerol.

Catch 22 there are no rules see, cause you are dealing with a product that is different every time you buy, and your body is not my body and what I need to get high and the high I want is different than you. But, we are all generally (considering lots of trips and lots of people) playing the same game, especially when you consider the handicaps: hepatitis, withdrawal, and O.D.

Everybody Ready! go back to the beginning. Why did you ask that question? What's the answer? Who do you ask, how do you find out, what's it like, how's it feel, what's the high, how long, the rush, ways to do it, how to score. You're doing fine, keep going.

Find some people with the same questions and start lookin for a buy. This one's going to be harder than a lid or a couple of hits of acid. Think about how you're gonna do it' salt some weed, snort it, brownies (raf!), or maybe even shoot it,

Gettin excited?

If not, you're disqualified cause by now you should be gettin rushes and head tripin off every excitin step, soakin up each new adventure. You are already high, man, primed and ready.

See, you got your head ready to want, first step of dependancy. No dope, either, just you and your little ole mind and a little help from your friends.

Here comes your big chance. You've smoked it until you're on your ass and eyelids at half-mast and your head is throbbin. Snorted it, enjoyed the nose burn that dissolves and deadens as you get off, maybe used a special spoon.

But that shit is nothin to a spike, cookin your shit over an open flame, settin your points, drawin it up (get it all), belt or headband around your arm, tap your veins till they grow thick and blue, set that point down easy on a good vein and slowly... pop....the....skin, a little further, you're in. Now, pull the headband loose, squeeze a little into you and back off, lettin the blood rush back in and mix; now squeeze it off a little at a time feelin the sweet warmth flood you every time you tap the head. Awww, man, you fucked up, you throw up all over the god-damn floor.

Don't worry, kid, you'll get over that crap in 2 to 3, maybe 5 tries. Got nothin to sweat, you want it, baby. Once you stop gettin sick you can be psychologically dependant

(Catch 22), or you can chip weekends or any time you want (pray, fucker or you can move up to addiction.) [Catch 22 - head dependancy always moves to addiction, which is total dependancy.]

Course, addiction doesn't come immediately, gotta wait for, oh, usually 3 to 4 weeks, shootin at regular increasing doses and times. And you probably won't know it right off, cause you'll be digging it so much, and the high gets better the more you use, as long as your bag lasts.

It's like one old pro said, "when one presses the bulb of the eye-dropper and watches the pale, blood-streaked liquid disappear through the nozzle and into the needle and the vein it is not, not only, a question of feeling good. It's not only a question of kicks. The ritual itself, the powder in the spoon, the little ball of cotton, the matches applied, the bubbling liquid drawn up through the cotton filter into the eye dropper, the tie round the arm to make the vein stand out, the fix often slow because a man will stand there with a needle in the vein and allow the level on the eye-dropper to waver up and down, up and down, until there is more blood than heroin in the dropper--all this is not for nothing; it is born of a respect for the whole chemistry of alienation. When a man fixes he is turned on almost instantaneously...you can speak of a flash, a tingly murmured orgasm in the bloodstream, in the central nervous system. At once, and regardless of the preconditions, a man enters "Castle Keep." "

## SMACK POLITICS

FROM LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE

*(Editor's Note: Alfred W. McCoy is presently a graduate student in Southeast Asian History at Yale. His research on the international drug traffic will be published this month in a book entitled The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia. The following article is based on testimony given before the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee of the U.S. Senate.)*

Southeast Asia with aid from the U.S. government is becoming the major supplier of narcotics for America's addicts. Since the late 1960's international syndicates have responded to mounting law enforcement in Europe and the Middle East by shifting their major supply sources to Southeast Asia. The opium poppy fields of Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle (in northern Burma, Thailand and Laos) supply raw materials for heroin laboratories in Europe, Hong Kong, and the Golden Triangle. High government officials in Thailand, Laos and South Vietnam are engaged in the heroin traffic.

U.S. diplomatic, military and intelligence officials have al-

ways tolerated governmental corruption in Southeast Asia, and are implicated in the drug traffic on three levels:

- 1) Providing political and military support for officials and political factions actively engaged in the drug traffic;
- 2) Consciously concealing evidence of involvement in the narcotics traffic by their Southeast Asian allies;
- 3) Active involvement in certain aspects of the region's narcotics traffic.

1967-68--Turkish opium production drastically reduced & enforcement efforts intensified  
1968-72--Increased amounts of heroin entering U.S. U.S. addict population rose from 315,000 to 560,000.  
1965--Seizure of 15 kilos heroin caused street panic in N.Y.  
1971--Seizures of 400 kilos had no impact on supply. WHERE IS ALL THIS HEROIN COMING FROM?

In 1965 members of the Florida-based Trafficante family of American organized crime began appearing in S.E. Asia. Santo Trafficante, Jr., heir to the

international syndicate established by Lucky Luciano and Meyer Lansky, traveled to Saigon and Hong Kong himself in 1968.

In 1967-68 there was evidence of increased activity on the part of Indochina's Corsican gangsters. A former high-ranking CIA agent told an American researcher that in 1969 there was a summit meeting of Corsican criminals from Marseille, Vientiane, and Phnom Penh at Saigon's Continental Hotel.

After these high level meetings, increased quantities of Asian heroin began entering the U.S. In 1970 the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics broke up a Filipino ring which had smuggled over 1,000 kilos of pure Hong Kong heroin into the U.S. in the preceding 12 months. 1,000 kilos of pure heroin is 10-20% of the total heroin consumption in the U.S.

Since all of Hong Kong's morphine base comes from S.E. Asia, this case provided ample evidence of the growing importance of S.E. Asia in the U.S. drug crisis. The U.S. Bureau of Narcotics has only one agent in

Hong Kong, further seizures there are unlikely. The Bureau's powers are weakened by the lack of interest by other government agencies (State, CIA). Without pressure from these other agencies, the Bureau alone cannot get the co-operation of local police.

In 1971 French Customs seized 60 kilos of pure Laotian heroin at Orly Airport in the suitcase of Prince Sopsaisana, the new Laotian Ambassador to France. The Ambassador's French connection was arranged by Maichel Theodas, manager of the Lang Sang Hotel in Vientiane and a high ranking member of the French Corsican underworld.

The U.S.'s S.E. Asian allies are profiting from this heroin bonanza. General Quane Rattikone of the Royal Laotian Army admitted that he controlled the opium traffic in northwestern Laos since 1962. General Quane also controlled the largest heroin laboratory in Laos, which produced heroin for the GI market in South Vietnam and according to the CIA was capable of producing over 3,000 kilos of heroin a year. Most of the opium traffic in northeastern Laos

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# ECOLOGY CONFERENCE

STOCKHOLM (LNS) -- On the opening day of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (UNCHE), June 5, Sweden's Prime Minister, Olaf Palme, denounced U.S. ecocide in Vietnam as having created an "immense destruction" that is "an outrage... which requires urgent international attention." Palme further declared, "We fear that the active use of these methods is coupled with a passive resistance to discuss them."

Russel Train, Chairman of Nixon's Council on Environmental Quality, denounced Palme charging that "the Prime Minister of Sweden took it upon himself to interject a highly emotional issue into the proceedings of the Environmental Conference." Train further charged that the consideration of the Vietnam issue "can only do disservice to the objectives of the conference. This U.S. lead policy of separating the discussion of politics from the discussion of the conditions of peoples' lives was thrust heavily upon the conference."

Palme's attempt to discuss ecocide in Vietnam was accompanied by a letter from the International Commission to Investigate U.S. War Crimes in Southeast Asia sent to each of the 1200 convention delegates. The letter appealed to the conference "to seriously consider the disruption of the human environment in Indochina and to draw the only reasonable conclusion--that this ecocidal war must cease immediately."

The War Crimes Commission presented conclusive evidence provided by two U.S. environmentalists, Dr. Arthur H. Westling and Dr. E.W. Pfeiffer, whose studies described in detail the effects of herbicides, which have wiped out more than one-fifth of all Vietnamese forests and croplands; the ecological consequences of the more than 26 million bomb craters which now dot Vietnamese landscape (the average size of craters are 20-40 ft. across and 5-20 ft. deep); and the "rome-plow" project which employs huge tractors to denude and permanently disrupt the Vietnamese landscape.

According to Westling and Pfeiffer, in those areas where the bomb craters penetrate the water table (as in the rich farmland of the Mekong delta region) they are filled with water all year and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes carrying malaria, and dengue fever. Even the military confirms, they reported, that "malaria has been causing increasing concern in Vietnam" and has spread to areas previously unafflicted by the disease.

"It is U.S. policy," Dr. Pfeiffer charged, "that South Vietnam must be destroyed so that it may be saved." Pfeiffer, citing U.S. Air Force statistics, pointed out that 92% of all bombing missions in Indochina are directed against forests and croplands. He noted that cratered land is subject to soil erosion and caterization--a process where the soil hardens into a brick-like state which has proven to be irreversible.

Despite such testimony UNCHE chairman, Maurice Strong, of

Canada, managed not to put the question of ecocide on the conference agenda.

Crucial discussion was briefly brought to the floor by a radical analysis of the environment by U.S. Biologist and anti-war activist Dr. Barry Commoner and through a condemnation of world industrial powers by a coalition of third world nations.

Commoner declared that "the root cause of the environmental crisis is not to be found in how many men interact with nature, but in how they interact with each other--that to solve the environmental crisis we must solve the problems of poverty, racial injustices, and war; that the debt to nature cannot be paid in recycled bottles, but in the ancient coin of social justice."

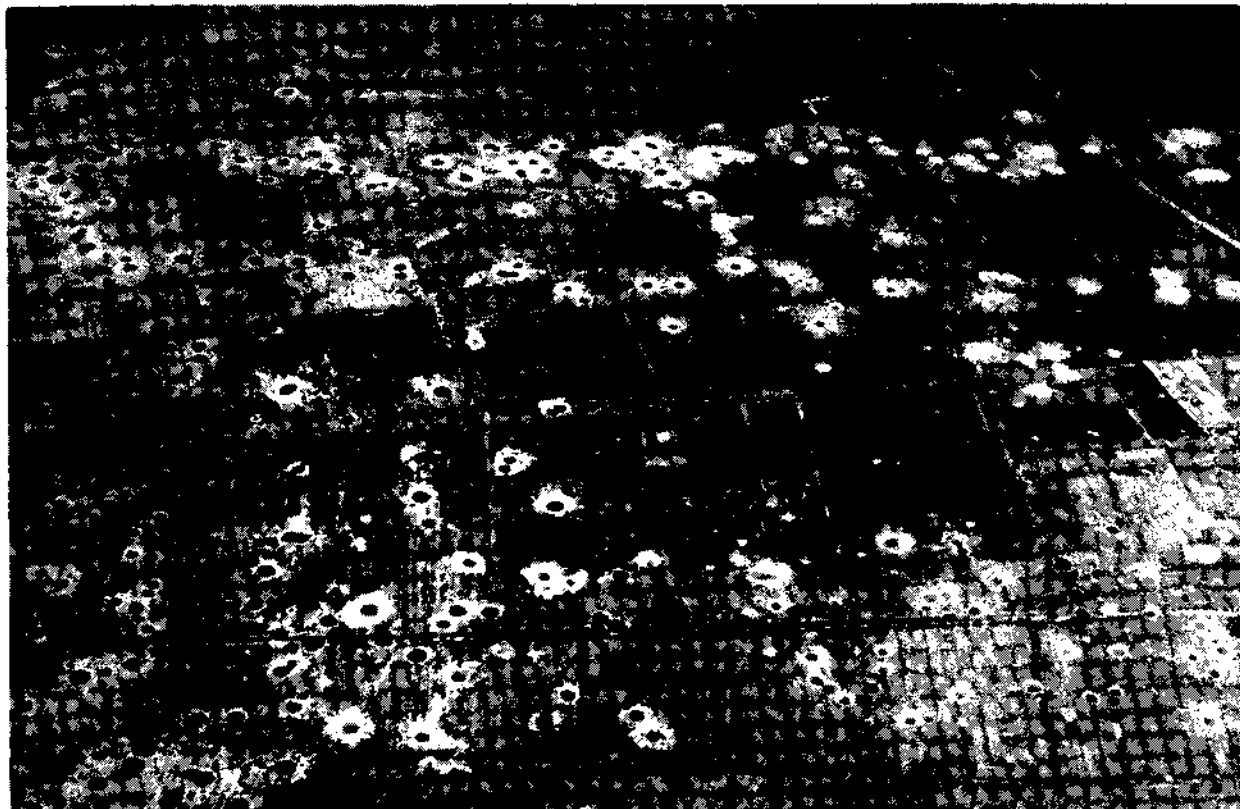
Dr. Commoner pointed out that the "Action Program", one of the two documents developed by the conference, and its some 200 recommendations were approved by the conference, but its scope is in the realm of treating symptoms rather than curing the disease. The program calls for the preservation of vanishing plant and animal species and promotes world-wide birth control,

but fails to offer an analysis (or even attempt one) of why ecological crisis exists.

By refusing attempts to discuss the political context of the ecological situation, Commoner said, the conference came off as a "UN side show" used to drain off the anger of those ecologists frustrated by nations who put financial concern above human concerns.

UNCHE, pressured by wealthy nations, most notably the U.S., produced resolutions designed not to conflict with the wishes of those industrial world powers. The conference chose not to discuss ecocide or the relationship between economic systems and ecological systems.

The U.S. pushed for the conference to remain "unpolitical" and it did. Dr. Commoner, speaking for the Scientists' Institute for Public Information, summarized the conference like this: "Most of the resolutions it put forward with high intensity deal, in our opinion, with subjects that are relatively unimportant aspects of the effort that must now be made to cope with the environmental crisis."



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is controlled by Vang Pao commander of the CIA's mercenary army. The Thai government allows Burmese rebels, Nationalist Chinese irregulars, and mercenary armies to move enormous mule caravans loaded with hundreds of tons of Burmese opium across Thailand's northern border. Every major narcotics dealer in Thailand has a high ranking "advisor" on the Thai police force.

In South Vietnam, the drug traffic is divided among the nation's three dominant military factions: Thieu, Kiem, and Ky.

Until recently a large heroin laboratory was located in Vientiane, Laos. It was managed by an averseas Chinese racketeer, Huu Tim Heng, a silent partner in Pepsi Cola's Vientiane bottling plant. Heng used the Pepsi operation as a cover to import acetic anhydride, a chemical necessary for the manufacture of heroin. He purchased raw opium from General Quane Rattikone and sold the finished product to General Ky's sister, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Ly.

Although a resident of Pakse, Laos, from 1962 to 1967, Mrs. Ly

now lives in Saigon and travels to Vientiane about once a month to arrange for shipment of the packaged heroin to Pakse or Phnom Penh, Cambodia where it is picked up by aircraft from the Vietnamese Air Force and flown to Saigon.

Some of President Thieu's closest supporters inside the Vietnamese Army control the distribution and sale of heroin to American GIs in Indochina. President Thieu's most important military advisor, General Dang Van Quang, has been publicly accused by NBC of being the "biggest pusher" in South Vietnam. Another of President Thieu's Army supporters, General Ngo Dzu, 11 Corps Commander, is one of the major drug traffickers in Central Vietnam.

American officials serving in S.E. Asia have a great deal of responsibility for the growth of the drug traffic. Throughout the Golden Triangle, the CIA provides military support for mercenaries, right wing rebels, and tribal warlords who are actively into narcotics. And in Thailand the CIA has worked with nationalist Chinese paramilitary units which control 80-90% of northern Burma's opium exports and manufacture heroin for export to America.

U.S. Embassies in Indochina have repeatedly tried to cover up the involvement of local U.S. agencies in drugs. In 1968 Senator Gruening made well-founded allegations about General Ky's opium smuggling activities. The U.S. Embassy in Saigon issued a categorical denial. In July 1971, NBC's Saigon Correspondent charged that General Dang Van Quang, President Thieu's chief military advisor, was the "biggest pusher" in South Vietnam. Independent reports had been received of General Quang's narcotics dealings from high ranking Vietnamese sources. The U.S. Embassy again issued a vigorous denial. In July 1971, Congressman Robert Steele received classified documents showing that 11 Corps Commander General Ngo Dzu was trafficking in heroin. The U.S. Embassy deferred to then Senior 11 Corps Advisor John Paul Vann who denied that such documents existed. (The author of this article is currently in possession of one of those documents.)

The record of the U.S. Embassy in Laos is even worse. All U.S. officials in Indochina know that the bulk of heroin sold to GIs in Vietnam is made

in Laos. Yet in Dec. 1970, the U.S. Ambassador to Laos, McMurtie Godley, said, "I believe the Royal Laotian Government takes its responsibility seriously to prohibit international opium traffic."

Ambassador Godley tried to prevent the assignment of U.S. Bureau of Narcotics agents to Laos. It was not until Nov. 1971--two years after Laotian heroin had decimated U.S. troops in South Vietnam--that the Bureau was allowed to send its agents into Laos.

Finally, U.S. agents have been directly involved in the region's drug traffic. In northern Laos, Air America aircraft chartered by the CIA and USAID have been transporting opium harvested by the agencies tribal mercenaries on a regular basis.



# PLANNED PARENTHOOD

This is just a reminder that a viatally important organization in our community Planned Parenthood is still functioning and the number of people served grows and grows. As you probably know our local PP is still not highly accepted in the conservative community and must survive on its own resources and from support from people like us. Let's look at some of the reasons they are having trouble in the community--fallacies spread through narrow minds--and see what we can do to help PP by understanding the issues, and spreading correct information one to one. Many people equate PP with ABORTION--a dirty word they find morally disagreeable. But those people are using absurd thinking processes. Prevention is PP's primary priority. By not supporting PP, a safe, humane means of dispensing knowledge, advisement, and medical help to the community, they are forcing women into the position which in turn forces the abortion issue. PP will deal with that issue as needs develop through legal, conscientious counseling and referrals--(This needs to get around too, as its a touchy publicity thing but still men and women are facing the fears and frustrations of not knowing how or where to get safe reasonably priced help)--but it is certainly not pushing it.

Another area of dissent around, concerns the mythical projection that women in black clocks are sleuthing around dispensing pills to innocent children. The problem seems rather to be that they are denying the very basic and natural human development that we all know doesn't start as Mom and Dad would sometimes like to think at 21 or the wedding chimes. These people find it hard to realize that times change and people are developing self awareness and desires for self development and direction. People are going to have love and make love. They who

deny this just don't know the facts of life. I am thinking of a picture out of some magazine of a young woman with deeply questioning sad eyes--under it-- "It wasn't too much loving that got her pregnant. It was too little." Support PP.

And then of course to be considered there is the powerful, all knowing, male, medical power structure who fear changes for people's benefit which might take just a little dominance (and/or bread) out of their hands. Stated at the MIAHPCO meeting June 29 and quoted in the Pantagraph one of our local doctors --"13 physicians give free family planning services"--What B.S. rhetoric! Take into consideration the numbers of people who cannot pay the horrendously high fees and who do not know how or that they have the right to make request or demands for creditable service and basic human dignity because these rights have been suppressed for so long--by the professional pedestals many doctors place themselves upon --How many people in the greater community have access to those services IF they are available. A few of the doctors heads are changing and to them we are very grateful; the majority, at least around here, remain immersed in their materialistic self-concerned life styles.

Now that we've looked at a few of the problems of PP lets look at the facts. Spread the word to all the people. When coming to PP you will have a thorough medical record filled out, you will find people to talk to who are concerned with your needs and with giving you facts concerning family planning, and the best possible medical care and advice. If you desire so, you may purchase birth contraol at at least half what you would pay through commercial pharmacy. Your age or living situation is irrelevant.

more info....

Pregnancy tests, V.D. checks, birth control information and prescriptions, and abortion counseling are services offered. A doctor and nurses work at the clinic which is open on Monday and Thursday evenings. The doctors prescribe for birth control, give pap tests, and pelvic exams for any female, regardless of age or financial condition. All Counseling and doctor's services are completely confidential. Even if you have been referred to the clinic by a doctor or agency, PP does not report back to them.

Fees for services are adjusted to the ability to pay. If you can pay the full amount, please do so; it is still much less than a private physician and in this way, others unable to pay as much may also receive treatment. As already discussed PP needs money and our support to continue. Give them your honest feedback and support. They want to serve this community as comprehensively and effectively as possible.

Regular office hours are 8:30 to 5:00 Monday thru Friday. Clinic Monday and Thursday Evenings. If you need any of their services, call for an appointment at 829-3028 or stop in at 309 West Market, Bloomington.

--Nanc

# SELF DEFENSE

Another of our sisters in the community had the horrible experience of physical attack recently. Earlier P.A. issue printed some information about our self protection (thanks to those who put this together then) but we should think about it again so here is some reprint and perhaps some new ideas or new areas. Let's not lose our cool but let's not take chances either. We can't always have a man around to protect us and its surely better for us not to need it anyway.

## USE OUR HEADS

1. Don't walk around alone at night. Call up a sister or stay in a well-lighted, well-peopled, well-known area.
2. Don't trust strangers--especially more than one at a time. Unfortunately as most of us know, long hair doesn't exempt a man from a warped head toward himself and women, so be careful.
3. Be watchful as you walk. Look ahead--cat-like, as you go, for situations that might arise and be ready to act.
4. Form self-defense corps in your living units, so you can go out in groups of two's, three's.
5. This is a bummer since many of us don't have and don't want a car but be very careful of the whole hitchhiking scene. If you're driving and you're alone remember if you pick up a man you're behind the wheel and you're placed at the disadvantage so check him out carefully and if he's the least bit threatening don't be afraid to say NO or to pull into a filling station or off to a well-lighted, travelled street and with conviction and control ask him to get out. He will be very surprised. Stay cool. If you're alone and you pick up more than one man--under almost any circumstances you're completely off the wall.

6. If you're hitching--don't alone. Please! No matter how important it may seem at the time--wait to find someone you trust who will go along. Don't ride with a group of men, and above all trust your own vibes in all situations--if someone stops and you get a bad vibe don't get in in the first place.
7. IMPORTANT If a situation develops, try to keep yourself together. BE CALM. Don't try to physically fight unless you know you can handle yourself, especially if there is a weapon involved. Try to talk slowly and with assurance. Discuss that you know he does not want to make things worse by physically harming you. Ask about his girlfriends or sisters. If he has a knife or gun ask him to please put it away. You won't force him to use it. In any crisis situation--FEAR is always a catalyst, so try not to show it. Be sure to try to get a good look at him and a liscence number if possible--and if assaulted get to a hospital for a check-up or treatment immediately, and do contact the police.

## USE SELF DEFENSE

Strengthen your body and your mind by learning the basic techniques of self defense such as the shout (!) which is not a wavering scream for help but a snarl of defiance against anyone who tries to mess with you. This must be practiced because it's something we women are not used to doing. It's highly effective in scaring someone off. Other techniques include basic blocks, punches, kicks to vital areas, and running like hell! Women--Let's stick together and support one another. Give rides to each other. Rap these things. If we can get a self defense class going--come and support it and each other. Stay Cool.

## WOMEN'S MEETING

Women--The Post Amerikan is a community paper and the people publishing it want local input. Let's use this media to start some communication between us and develop our ideas and mutual support.

There will be a Women's Meeting Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 at 114 1/2 North Street. In the Mandrill, People's Food, P.A. offices. All come and put in about services you want to see heppening in our community and just to talk with women about the things relevant to us all.

Hopefully, there will be more meetings after this one so watch for postings and if you would like to be on a mailing or calling list about what's going on or what you can do, call the Mandrill Office or come up and sign up. See you Thurl!

Jeanette, Anne, Peg



W.I.L.P.F. women demonstrate on Lincoln Road Mall in Miami Beach.

# Journalism Stuff

(For Sue and Dan, who argued with me about this column.)

This column is different from the one it originally was.

Journalism is a contradictory world. It emphasizes personality and simultaneously destroys it. It strives for accuracy and speed, sabotages its own intentions, and produces a world vision that is facile and absent of depth, where every phenomenon has a label and every label is inaccurate.

Look at the tragedy of Chappiquidick. The drive for efficiency and an accommodating social structure work to steal the event of any urgency it might have had. Who do the media interview after the event? Kennedy, the parents, and the head of the Democratic Party. ("Do you think this will affect his chances for the Presidency in the next election?") The incident is transferred from a tragedy into an event, anti-event really, and it loses what meaning it might have had. Not that reporters are lazy; it's just that the volume of work always is in excess of that ideal where each reporter would be doing decent, in depth reporting. Consequently, it acts fairly predictably in carrying out each assignment, and those who come in contact with it fairly often (politicians) pretty much know what to say before the first question is asked. This gives them an edge over the average citizen that in instances can amount to control.

Let's assume for the sake of fantasy that the press was com-

prised wholly of men solely after the pursuit of truth. That the facts of being an employee, of pressure from advertizers and publishers with wealth and someone in the family in politics, and of prejudice held no concern for the reporter. With all this, still, he would have trouble getting balanced coverage through.

The structure of the paper is working against him. First, there's the bulk of material to be written. Second, there's the pressure of deadlines. Both are responsible for more formula stories than any mere absence of creativity. Even if the paper is relatively loose on deadlines, chances are they use a wire service, which because speed means sale to a lot of papers, isn't. (Of course, when your wire service news is going to be cut to fit on the front page of the Daily Pantagraph this can get pretty deadly. Two recent editions of the paper contained photos of several Yippie leaders with a cutline explaining they had plans for "peace demonstrations" at Miami. Since no story was printed, expanding on this, people's paranoia must have been little assuaged.)

Newspapers usually operate from a hierarchical structure that is designed to increase efficiency and that outward air of professionalism so important to maintaining the objectivity myth. What this creates is a division of labor, where, for instance, a reporter usually doesn't write the headline for his own story. The larger the paper

and staff the greater the number of divisions and the greater the paper's distance from the event. (The Vidette, for instance, in reporting Nazi speakers on campus for their front page story used the headline "Socialist Speakers Stir Controversy," which not merely was inaccurate and had nothing to do with what the story was about, but was insulting to either/or Socialists and Nazis.)

Small inaccuracies of that sort are rather common, but where the situation gets more intense is in separations such as that between editorial and reporting departments. Where the Vidette editor can have a totally different perspective of the news, based on material nobody else has seen or had opportunity to weigh. Where Pantagraph editorials are written by vaguely identified personages, with a connection and comprehension of the issues nobody has a chance to check. Consider in the Pantagraph's case the number of editorials each day that have to be written by two or three men. Sheer statistical force will make a good percentage of these specials written by men who don't understand the issue fully. (Check the Pantagraph stand on marijuana, for instance.)

One of the biggest problems such structure creates for readers is the easy way hierarchies mask deliberation. For an example, the Vidette had printed an editorial last May entitled, "Students Should Realize the Foolishness of It All," a condemnation for those who had sent out and

signed the anti-Berlo petition, (prime point of criticism being that students weren't in possession of all the facts). The editorial was responded to by several people, including Chris Janecke, whose letter was misquoted and the petitioners, themselves. Few people noticed the petitioner's letter since it wasn't found on the traditional letters page, but rather page 18, and then without anything indicating it was a letter and a misleading headline. What makes it so unreal is that the same issue (May 18) not only contained a letters page, but printed on that page a correction for Janecke's letter. The result, however, was a rather effective muffling of the petitioners, since few noticed them.

A problem arises when one attempts to call the paper down for such mistreatments. Was it wholly deliberate, half deliberate, a total accident? One has suspicions, but they can seldom be verified other than by word of mouth or rumor. (Parallels are easily made to the Berlo administration, or any other hierarchy whose modus operandi involves shifting the blame.) It becomes ironic that so much of the press, purporting to get through to the truth, should simultaneously so shroud itself.

The crux of it is determining what portion of the press is deliberate ideological bias, genuine mishap, or act of god. One can't really. The press has so much going for it.

-BSherman

## NIXON AND COMPANY

NIXON COURT STRIKES AGAIN: UPHOLDS PROPERTY RIGHTS OF SHOPPING CENTER AGAINST FREEDOM OF SPEECH

NEW YORK (LNS) -- In two recent decisions, the Nixon appointees to the Supreme Court, with the help of Justices White and Stewart, have ruled against anti-war leafletters and picketing employees ordered off an open-to-the-public shopping mall and a company parking lot.

Lower courts had decided against the property owners, basing their decisions on a 1946 Supreme Court ruling which held that "the more an owner opens up his property for use by the public in general, the more do (his) rights become circumscribed by the rights of those who use it."

Justice Thurgood Marshall, the Court's only black member, said in his dissenting opinion, "I'm aware that the composition of this court has radically changed in four years."

Marshall pointed out that "it becomes harder and harder for citizens to find means to communicate with other citizens." For the underprivileged, picketing and pamphleteering are the most economical means of attempting to communicate, he said, concluding that "when there aren't any effective means of communication, free speech is a mere shibboleth."

WHITEWASHING THE WHITE HOUSE?

WASHINGTON (LNS) -- Although he is trying to cut federal funds for housing construction and has refused to carry out housing program already authorized by Congress, President Nixon recently asked Congress for a larger allowance for his own home improvement plans.

For the "care, maintenance, and operations" of the executive mansion, Nixon has requested \$1.3 million (\$96,000 more than last year.)

Nixon attributes the increase to rising housing expenses -- a factor he likes to overlook when he urges Congress to decrease much-needed federal housing funds for millions of Americans.

MEET YOUR NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

"These civil libertarian bastards complain about what we are doing, but the fact remain that we are clearing up many of these problems..you have to do it with vigor and determination and honest people don't care for the political consequences but go ahead and fight crime. You can't do it with weak opportunistic, chicken-hearted bastards."

Richard Kliendienst,

quoted in Courage and Hesitation by Allen Drury.



"This Administration is prepared and willing and ready to act immediately. As soon as we're notified of danger, we'll have the National Guard in the armory and the Army on two-, four-, and six-hour alert...We're going to enforce the law against draft-evaders, against radical students, against deserters, against civil disorder,...and against street crime."

--Richard Kleindienst in an interview with the NY Times in early 1969



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# CULTURE COUNTER!



## SPIRIT OF '76

Yankee Doodle went to town  
To ask for but a permit  
The county board it dubbed a law  
And made him be a hermit.

In a keen demonstration of American democracy at work, the much-heralded Spirit of 1776 Rock Festival, promoted by Tom Tucker, fell through the floor of the Peoria County Board. As a result of resounding resolution passed by this fine body of old farts, the festival was not to have been. It did come off, however, to the surprise of many and at the expense of Mr. Tucker and some 1200 prepaid ticket holders.

At a news conference held Thursday, July 6, Tucker said that an alleged Internal Revenue Service investigation into the matter was the direct result of pressure put to bear by members of the same Peoria County Board, a group of fine gentlemen who have reportedly taken adolescent pleasure in slander of sorts. Mr. Tucker has been called everything from "the West Main Street dope pusher" to "a long-haired Communist." At present, there have been \$600,000 in liens on Tucker and Friends, although the only capital Tucker has to possibly show from the matter is approximately \$10,000 in advanced ticket sales, much of which has been reportedly picked up by IRS men.

In order to understand just what happened and to put the events into proper perspective, allow me to place them in some sort of order, leading up to the ultimate festival fiasco.

Early in the formation of the event, Tucker went to the County Board to ask for a permit to hold the rock festival some 10 miles outside of Peoria on the 4th of July. The Board tabled the request and then resumed to pass an ordinance barring all mass gatherings of 5000 people or more which are privately funded. Unfortunately, the board members had overlooked the fact that the Heart of Illinois Fair, a privately funded festival of sorts, would also fall prey to the ordinance. Therefore in a prompt decision, the Board decided to pass an amendment to the ordinance they had just passed which exempts any event which has sustained life for 10 years or more. The ordinance is under legal investigation at this time.

Tucker went ahead with the planning and promotion of the event, even after an injunction had been filed, since the legality of the ordinance was obviously questionable, to say the very least. Something of a media dispute ensued thereafter with Peoria television station, Channel 19, taking a favorable view of the rock festival, while Channel 31 pursued a belligerent attitude toward the proposed festival. The injunction filed against holding the event in Peoria County left promoters and fest goers alike in a state of chaos.

The original site had both adequate facilities and was a good distance outside the city of Peoria. Had the event been held there, we are sure it would have been one hell of a rock festival. As it was, festival goers were not permitted to go into the original site after the injunction had been filed, and at this time Tucker had at least 5000 people with no place to go, on his hands. Offers came in from as far away as Missouri for farms owned by people who were willing to have the event held on their property.

Finally, a site in LaSalle County, about 10 miles outside of Streator, was decided upon. The State Police and County Sheriff's Department hadn't had their say yet, though. On Sunday, the 2nd, and Monday, the 3rd, these fine departments of law enforcement were busy misdirecting traffic, that is, misdirecting

people who had come as far away as Florida and California back onto the highways, which were already cluttered with excess 4th of July traffic.

Word finally got out, though, that the event was to be held on the farm of Charles Dieken, and by Monday night there were approximately 10,000 persons on 40 acres of Mr. Dieken's land; land which the government is paying him not to plant crops on. The area itself had no facilities whatsoever. The land and the roads were unbelievably dusty. And yet, the mood of the crowd was joyous, if stoned. Earlier that day, LaSalle County Sheriff and Mr. Dieken had pleaded with rock fest goers to remove themselves from the property, but no dice.

That same afternoon, the solidarity of the crowd was displayed when a large contingent from a badass Chicago bike club were asked to remove themselves from the premises. This sticky situation arose, after the bikers had deemed themselves sole benefactors of the gate receipts, intimidated a number of people, and stole 2 grand worth of coke from one of the festival goers. The crowd reacted with bottles and sticks and forcibly removed the bikers from the area. Most of those I talked to that witnessed the event told me that the bikers were scared shitless. As it was, two bikers ended up in the local hospital, a number of others in jail, and the People confiscated two fine Harleys. So much for violence.

Other busts included nine persons for bringing in sound equipment and a stage, and at least three persons for dope charges. As far as the festival itself is concerned, the groups which had been booked included Quicksilver, New Riders of Purple Sage, Cactus, Brownsville Station, JJ Cayle, Storm, and a number of lesser known groups. None of these groups played, though it was rumored that a few of them had shown up and left because no PA system was available. A few bands did play, however. They included a Jesus Freak group on Monday afternoon, while later Monday night, Parchment Farm from St Louis, Kazoo from Pensicola, Florida, and Ice from Streator played. In all, Monday night was enjoyable and provided some decent entertainment.

The 4th proved not nearly as entertaining. The beat up PA system, which had been smuggled in Monday, was gone. While everyone was set for some dynamite rock, they got, instead, mediocre folk, an anxious self conscience imitation of Cheech and Cong, and a fried out downer freak named Crazy Ed, who periodically took control of the stage and attested to the total lack of organization and to the simplicity of his burnt out mind. Between choruses of "Fuck" and "Fuck You" Crazy Ed provided us with entertainment from the very bottom of his mouth. After taking as much of this belligerent ass hole as possible, we packed up our gear and decided to leave.

As a rock festival, it wasn't, but as a party, it was pretty damn good. What strikes me as more than encouraging, is the fact that 15,000 people can get it on in spite of fascism, lack of facilities, lack of entertainment, and still have one hell of a time. The festival certainly produced no outstanding personalities, with a possible exception of a little guy called Boogie, a dazed, crazed, do anything dope freak, who became the receptacle to any drug that anyone would turn him on to.

In retrospective, I must compliment everyone who attended the festival in Streator, and if we ever get our shit together as well around here, it would be nice to see those same people homing in on McLean County.

## FILM

### WHAT'S UP DOC?

directed by Peter Bogdanovich, with Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal

Take it as a given that comedy is subversive.

It's not a particularly weighty or original idea, but the comic impetus gets its force from several bases: one, that human beings are fallible; two, that human institutions are fallible; and, three, both have erected defenses to disguise the fact. Comedy is the art of tearing off the disguise. (The degree to which the tear is made distinguishes humor from satire.)

And, of course, on a more cosmic level the same allusion works for tragedy.

I expect many critics are disappointed in Bogdanovich for making What's Up Doc? particularly after having expended so many raves on Last Picture Show. Of course, the finale of that movie should have given a clue: on one level the director is giving us in What's Up Doc? precisely what he was mourning in the previous film. Bogdanovich, quite simply, is in love with the old films that died with the picture show, so he gives us a new old film. References to Bogart, Hepburn, W C Fields needing Franklin Pangborn are either directly made or implied.

The comparisons go deeper, I suspect, than that, however. The director takes Buck Henry's script not only to present good comedy, but to present some subtle comments on the changes our society has gone through--not obviously as in Last Picture Show, but explicitly in the film itself. The movie is billed as a "screwball comedy"--that vaguely anarchistic NOTHING SACRED genre of comedy of the forties--when it is really a comedy about screwball comedies. Screwball comedies, with the presences of Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart, or William Powell got their force from contrasting propriety with anarchy. (Cary Grant making like an Indian.) Every line Katherine Hepburn spoke was both deflating and proper.

By contrast, Ryan O'Neal and Barbara Streisand are different sorts of stars. Streisand's character is not meant to be Hepburn (as Time criticized) but a woman who admits to have seen a lot of movies and who wishes to identify not merely with her, but with Bogart, and Fields, and Groucho Marx. As the prime humanistic element (essential to this sort of comedy) she reveals her character most in the extent that she both is and isn't any of these. O'Neal's character, in contrast, is so absent of any features, except an attention span of five seconds, that any step he takes in the film has to be positive, even if the results are chaotic.

In both early and new screwball comedies, anarchy was used as a norm. The difference lies in where earlier films gave the impression that such was needed to survive, Streisand and O'Neal take it further and use it to build upon. Both take their roots as a defense against societal inanity: destructive authority (the judge) and destructive sentimentality (Eunice). An important distinction to be made is that destruction in comedy is limited to the stifling of personality (Eunice) or threat to life (the judge). Destruction to property occurs as an inadvertent defense against the (the BULLIT parody chase scene).

The film's final lines become important in understanding the growth of O'Neal and the thrust of the film. Everything by this time has come out alright for the two and as a final filmic reminder they are sitting on a plane with a Bugs Bunny cartoon before them. O'Neal apologizes to Streisand for doubting her, and she, with a pause, says, "Love means never having to say I'm sorry." His response, the most affirmative statement of the film is, "That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard."

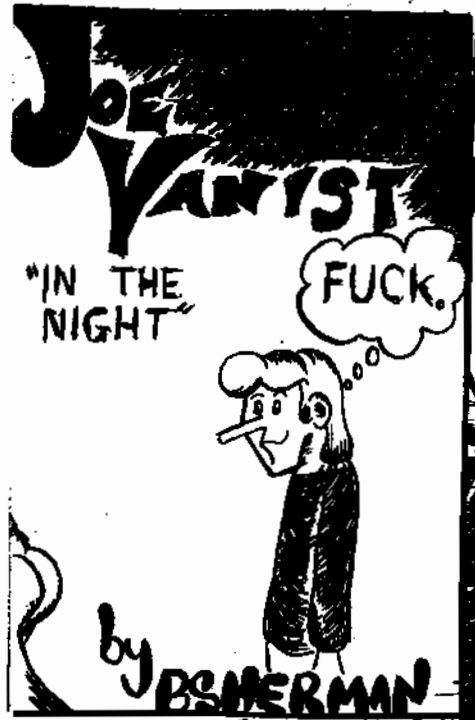
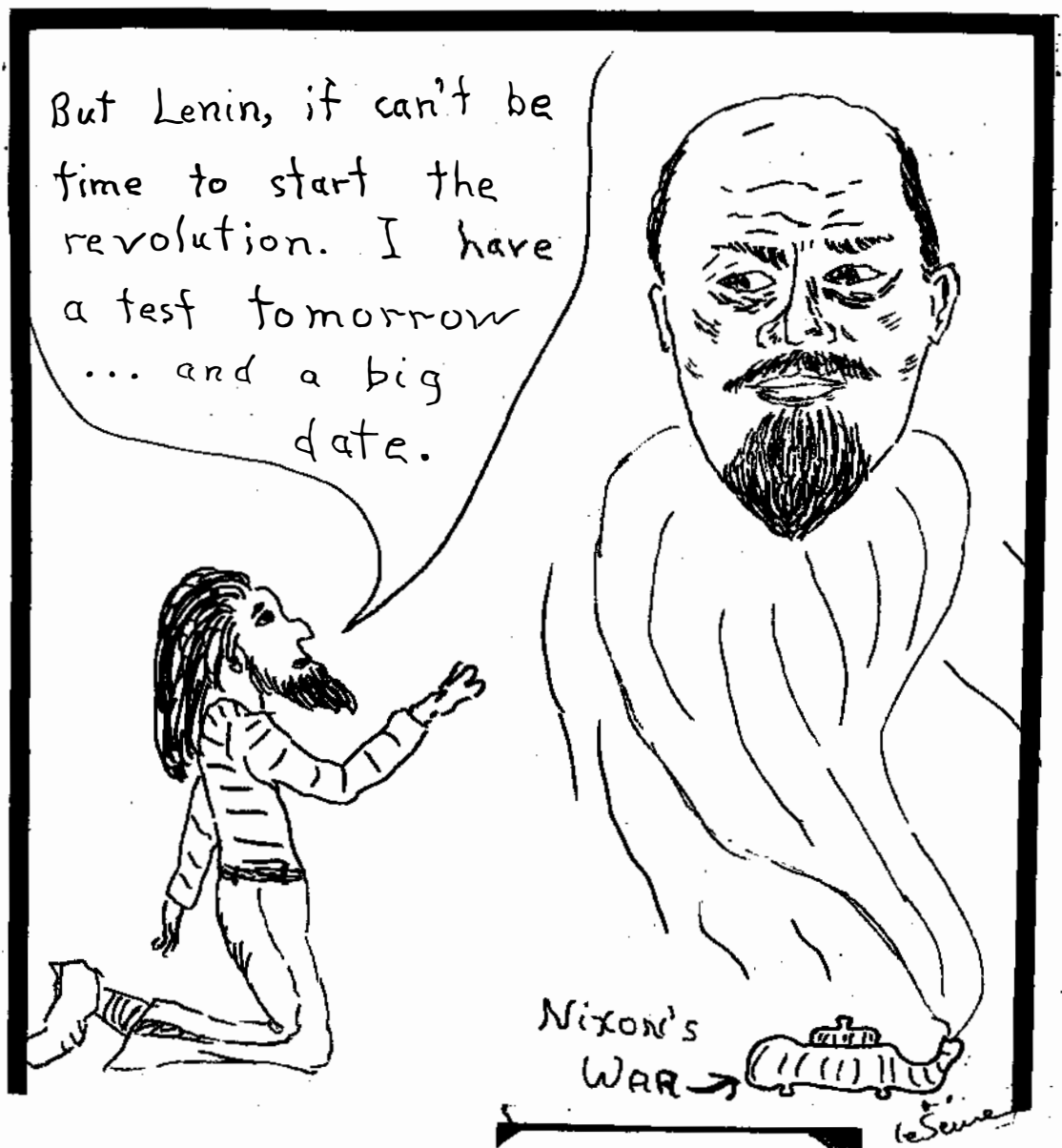
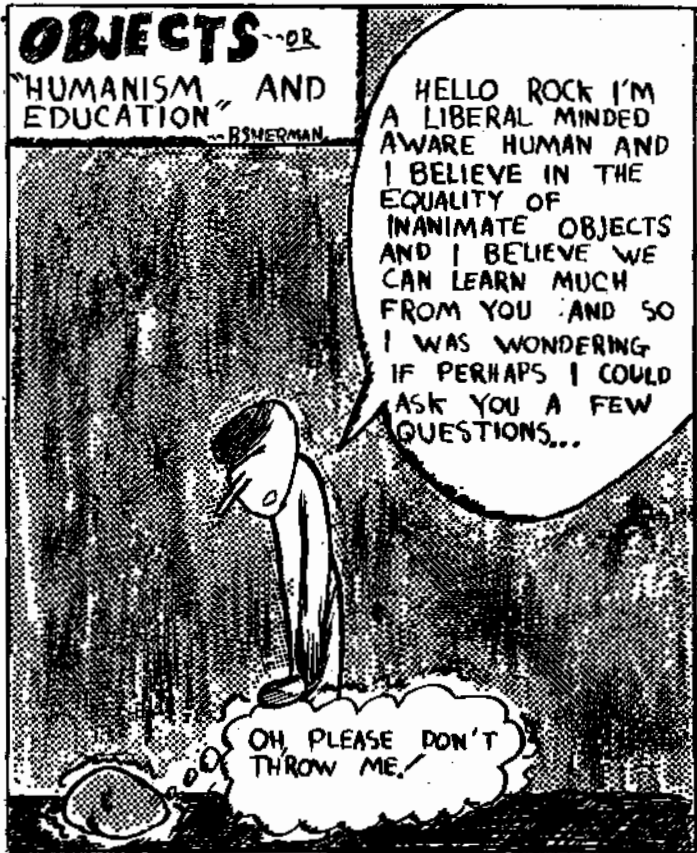
So much for sentimentality and today's modern commercial film.

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"Let it be recorded that I was the last man of my people to lay down my gun."

Sitting Bull, 1881









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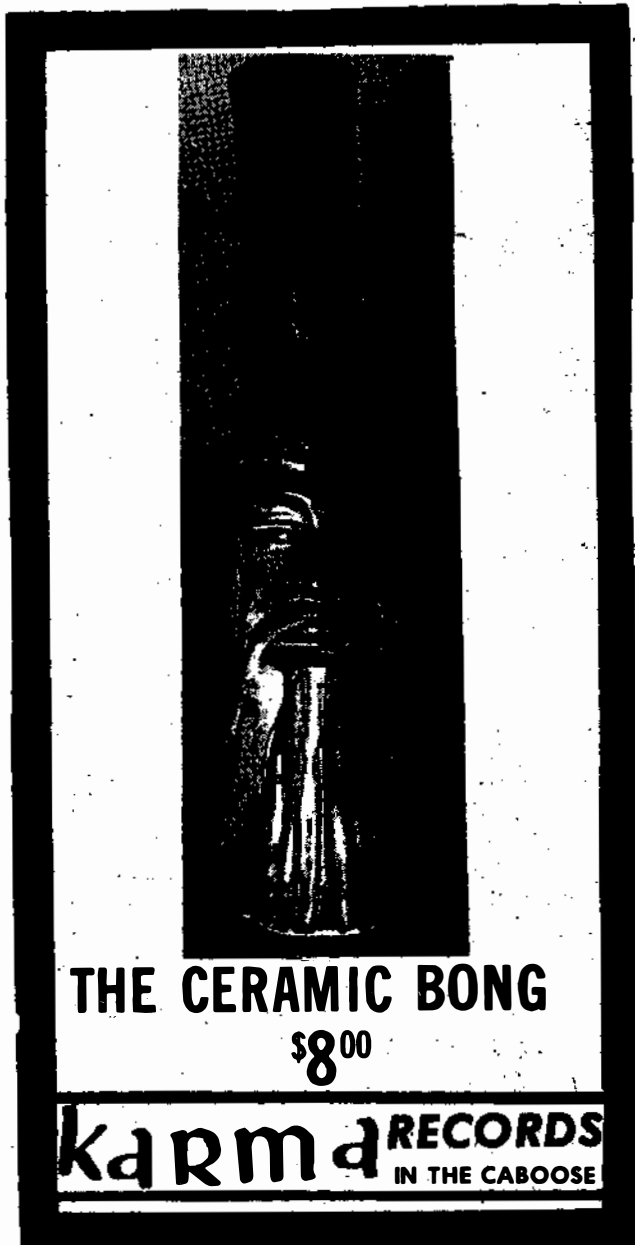
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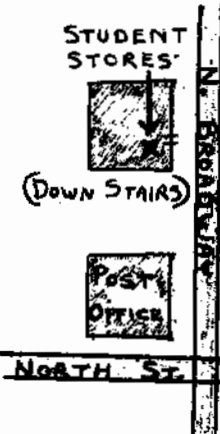
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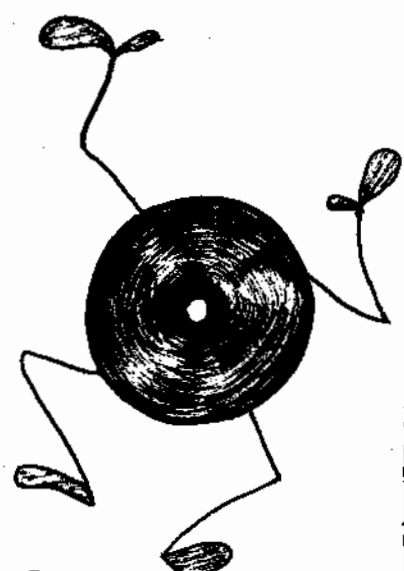
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