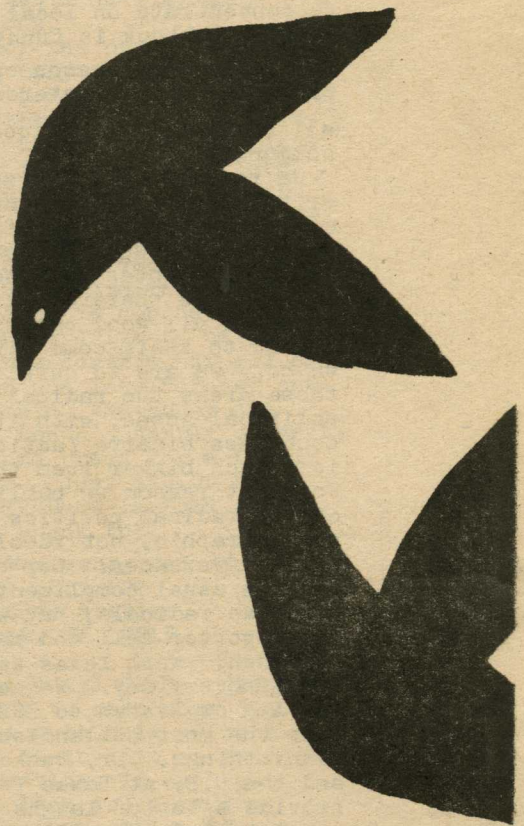
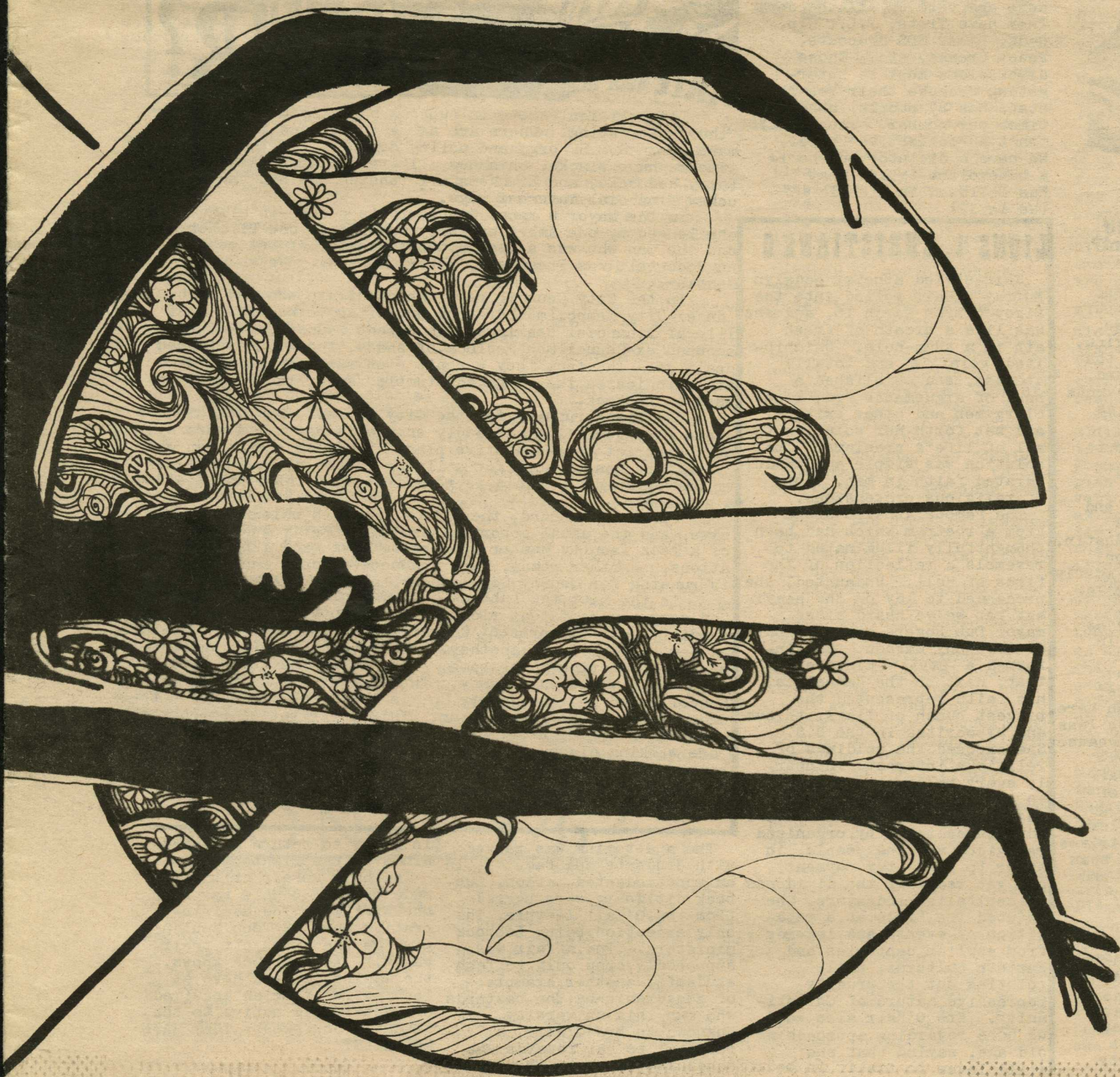


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welcome to middle america

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Welcome to the CATALYST! Since many of this issue's readers are here for the PEACE FESTIVAL and therefore out of town types let us explain about our paper. We are Lubbock's official semi-underground paper. We publish and sell at Texas Tech usually. The paper is a non-profit fortnightly. None of our staff is paid and we welcome any contribution of articles, cash, gossip, or small favors.

Presently the CATALYST is involved in a law suit in federal court. This is issue #10. Our sixth issue was banned from the Tech campus. That got us great free publicity and helped circulation. On the advice of the ACLU we sued the University officials in federal court saying they had abridged our basic freedoms of the press and freedoms of speech. The officials filed an answer saying the paper was banned because of language that was "lewd and vulgar". They said the printed matter had no literary value. All issues since the originally banned sixth issue have been sold at Tech, although the officials did say these would have been banned if the case were not pending. We'll let you know how it all comes out. Watch this space for a running box score.

Lubbock is different from other areas in case you haven't noticed. West Texas hates you if you are a freak. Please take care, you are in a hostile environment. Most places try to bust dealers to clear up the dope traffic but this area goes after users. Be careful outside the grounds of the Festival. Long hairs may be hassled.



Would you be more careful if it was you that got pregnant?

The CATALYST is different from other underground papers and it is purposely so. We use less of our wire service, Liberation News Service, than any other Texas underground. We concentrate on local events because Lubbock is funny as hell. For that reason our paper is of some interest to all segments of the local community.

We receive both praise and criticism for our obvious difference. The Rag of Austin, Space City News of Houston, and Dallas Notes all use mostly LNS and are therefore similar. They are all good papers, geared to their community as we hope we are to ours. In those areas the radical political scene, with its countless bizarre factions, is a much bigger item than here. For that reason we publish less of the radical politics because of geographic, not ideological differences. Our staff has the usual compliment of hothouse radicals, but we go for a softer sell and we love to laugh. West Texas satirizes itself every day. We can scan the A-J or listen to KSEL and hear the most outlandishly funny things. Dr. Caskey and the U.D. at Texas Tech provide a lot of laughs also.

We visited one of our sister papers, the Rag, and a slight comparison is interesting. We have a higher circulation (barely) and pay our street vendors better. We have a better profit margin (dirty

capitalist swines that we have become) because they have a bigger paper and therefore higher costs. We have a court case going, but they print f**k instead of fuck in their paper. (Neither appeals to our prurient interests, but f**k might turn on some weirdoes.) The Rag was surprised at our high circulation. (Thank you again, Dr. Caskey.) They asked "How many freaks are there in Lubbock?" We explained that high sales come from the novelty, the general appeal, Dr. Caskey, and the free KSEL publicity.

The Rag has a near break-even financial record even though they get some advertising. They have an office donated to them and we rent ours. We are now in the position of excess funds and plan to gift a very worthy project.

The Rag is a collective paper. They meet to discuss and vote on all the copy. They have Trots, P.L., Hip, Rads, Libs, SDS dropouts, Peace Freaks, etc. Those discussions must be interesting because their regular staff has 27 people, about 3 times our number. The CATALYST isn't a "collective" paper. We have a dictator but he is a benevolent tyrant that has mellowed in his old age (He is 19)

LIONS 1, CHRISTIANS 0

Self-styled atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair rolled into the Bigot City on March 16, and she was like a breath of fresh air in a sump-hole. Uninhibited, volatile and totally at ease, she demolished a host of arguments from local clergymen and other critics, and set forth her solution to all of life's problems. That solution was simple and unadulterated faith in man, shorn of religious pretensions.

The famous atheist spoke from a rostrum which had been thoughtfully illuminated to resemble a reflection of the fires of Hell. Undaunted, she proceeded to lay on the heaviest rap we've heard since mayor Dub Rogers artfully put down Johnny Carson. She informed a Baptist minister that, next to the Catholics, his faith represented the biggest bunch of liars, thieves and hypocrites in the U.S. She exposed the holdings of religious interests in nearly every major corporation in the nation, ownership of vast tracts of land, and other advantages taken by organized religion over the people, in order to avoid tax payment, and yet reap all the dividends of capitalist endeavors. She refuted the Bible as a repetition of events and legends from earlier centuries and Eastern cultures, while pointing out the cruelly repressive nature of Christianity. Mrs O'Hair also gave us hope regarding approaching old age, saying that she still loves to frolic in bed.

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The political scene in Lubbock has shaped up to be rather interesting. There are as many factions involved as make up an S.D.S. orgy and policy debate. For the first time we have blacks, chicanos, liberals, labor, American Party Rednecks, and Birchers all running against the entrenched financial interest boys.

In the Mayor's race, Granberry is a shoo-in although challenged by one American Party candidate, one Bircher, and the man who was a Teck Student Senator almost as long as Roosevelt was President, Robert Mansker. We endorse Mansker.

In the City Council race one candidate who had been an ex-City Councilman dropped out after being accused of illegal financial dealings. Incumbent Councilman McTurner accused ex-Councilman Medlock of shady, though unexplained dealings. The fact they weren't even running against each other indicates the rough and tumble, smear tactic politics used in Lubbock.

The black running for the City Council, Maurice Richard seems very qualified and oddly enough is against a ward system, district representative plan. There is even a man who does hard honest work for a living in the race, Postal Worker Harvey Murdock. This is the first time labor has fielded a candidate.

For school board, there is a black, a chicano, a Wallacite, and the usual opportunists. Mrs. Betty Anderson, wife of a Teck faculty member appears to have excellent qualifications. Another woman, Teck graduate student Paulina Jacobo, is running for County Commissioner, place 4. All women unite.

In the past the Lubbock City Council has been composed of very square fatcat rich men from Southwest Lubbock. Incredibly, all the present Councilmen except one live within a few blocks of one another. Their value systems and interests are boringly the same. They think the world revolves around money and only money. The same can be said for the School Board and the County Commission. Lubbock needs a broader range of representation. Thirty percent of Lubbock's residents are minority group members. A larger percentage are working class. Only a small number make up the fatcat bourbon oligarchy that has run Lubbock like a private feudal fiefdom for all these years. Clean the place out, vote against the incumbents in all races.

The auditorium was packed with students and faculty. In an unprecedented action, Lubbock citizenry were barred from the O'Hair lecture. The only exception being Lubbock ministers. The affair was supposedly open only to Tech students, another example of censorship by the bastards who own this university. Unknown to Mrs O'Hair, a rebuttal to her remarks was scheduled later in the day

in order to return affected minds to the righteous.

The only unfair criticism made by Mrs. O'Hair was when she affirmed "The administration here at Tech wouldn't give me the sweat off their balls." As everyone knows, the administrators here at Tech suffer from an acquired characteristic native to the academic Southwest: THEY HAVE NO BALLS!



more goddamn censorship

A recent Texas Observer story reported that two of the state's six educational television stations, KLRN, which serves Austin and San Antonio, and Tech's own KTXU refused to carry a controversial NET documentary, "Who Invited US?"

The program attacked U.S. foreign policy in sharp contrast to the sugar coated version of history taught in the public schools.

Award winning producer Alan Levin protested that the program was censored. KTXU Director D. M. McElroy told the Observer that "Who Invited US?" had "controversial material" and would not be run until a panel could be set up to accompany it. Since programs not run within a week are returned to NET, this killed the program. Assistant KTXU Director John Hinson said the program offered a "one-sided" view. He said that to his knowledge it was the only time in his two years KTXU had failed to carry a NET program because it was controversial. KTXU did run "Dick Gregory Is Alive And Well" which some Southern stations refused to carry.

This latest episode is one more instance of the pervading presence of censorship and repression at Tech. The CATALYST banning, the highly censored University Daily, the refusal of sound equipment for the speakouts, the library's "hidden" book room, the Union's demanding of I.D.'s to hear Mrs. O'Hair and the vanilla bland guest speakers all add up to a rather sick University.

Tuesday's Child/FRINS

San Francisco's Sgt. Sunshine, also known as police officer Richard Burgess, was fined \$625, given 3 years probation and 90 days in the county jail for a pot bust in his home last year. Sgt. Sunshine showed the stupidity of the marijuana laws by once publicly smoking a joint while in uniform. Since then the police have harrassed and repeatedly busted into his home. Paulette Burgess, his pregnant wife, was fined \$250.

demise of religion

In support of a second coming any day now, organized religion will be recalled to the factory for repair or replacement. This information should be heeded by those who have invested in it heavily. Indeed, a general recession may be feared, for it is well known that religion is big business. Plastic piety has suffered very recently with the wholesale extermination of a long list of saints dear to many ignorant hearts. The Church giveth and the Church taketh away.

Far more telling blows have been struck (at each other) by the Catholics and Protestants in Ireland, as they demonstrated their interpretations of the Christian.

Billy Graham has taken time off from his job as special advisor to Mr. Nixon on the Vietnamese Civil War to accept an award as one of the 10 Best-Dressed Men in the nation. Come and be healed, my children, but be careful not to scuff his white bucks. News of this award was received by mass displays of good will in Biafra, where cannibalism is all the rage this season. Seems there's been a civil war there, too, Billy. Lubbock churches are to be congratulated on their success at avoiding any hardship caused by excessive contributions to feed those starving niggers.

These events lead one to believe Rev. Billy and his friends when they claim the end is near. God must be pretty fed up, and if he's not dead already, they'll get him yet.

THIS MAN RALPH

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is an editorial written by Greg Olds in the Texas Observer. If you are not already subscribing to the Observer, please get on the ball. Elsewhere in this issue is a subscription blank.

With Ralph Yarborough facing two rich candidates of the special interests this year, we shall not lack for set campaign career summations about the senior senator. Let me offer, rather, samplers from my idiosyncratic Yarborough Reader.

As chairman of the Senate's Labor and Public Welfare Committee Yarborough has had a great deal to do with the improvement of ordinary people's lives, and he will play a central part in future reforms in medical care. "In America," he said in the New York Times May 9, 1969, "we have the concept of health industry, not health care. There hasn't really been any move from medicine for money to a full-fledged concept of health care for all our people."

He says that of about 40 million Americans living below the poverty level, only 7.5 million are receiving medicaid benefits. "We're squandering our national resources in Vietnam at the rate of \$3 billion a month. The average Mexican-American lives ten years less than the average Anglo-American. And that's not genetic. It's the lack of food. One doctor testified before our committee that more money was spent conserving migratory birds than is spent on health care of migratory workers."

The allocation of \$2 billion, the cost of 20 days of war in Vietnam, could end the hunger problem in the U.S. within a year, Yarborough says.

Among the many causes Yarborough has championed and brought to fruition, bilingualism shows how young he is in his mind and his values. For generations Texas schoolmarms punished Chicano children for speaking, even whispering, in their native tongue when they arrived in school often not knowing as much as a word of English. Yarborough almost single-handedly has turned that around, making the cherishment of one's mother tongue, whether Spanish or English, one of the fundamental values of the public schools in the bicultural Southwest.

Speaking at the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Dallas, he said, "There is no doubt that the language barrier faced by youngsters of the ghetto is in every sense as real and as impenetrable as that faced by the child who speaks no English at all; he is penalized by the educational system, chastised as being ignorant when that may not be the case, and turned down when he seeks any kind of employment that involves communication."

"It is through language and through language alone that understanding can be achieved. In many ways we are prisoners our tongues; faced with beauty or faced with terror, words escape us."

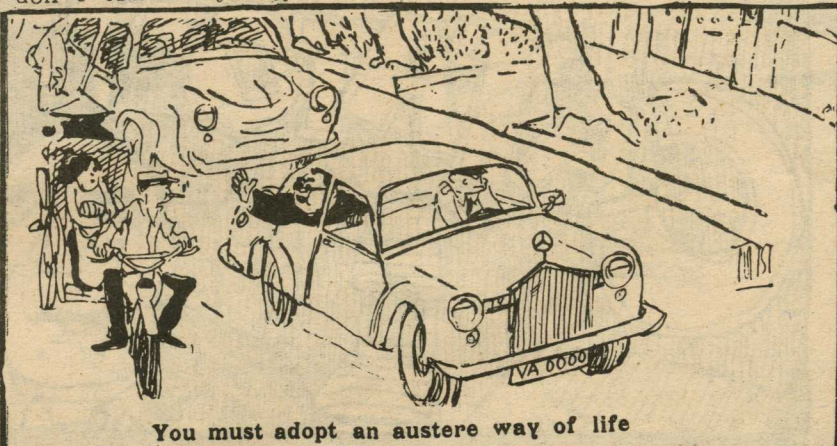
Yarborough is a scholarly, brilliant, widely-read man. He has a large library, loves books, and collects and proudly shows off rare ones that he has picked up rummaging around used book stores. Accordingly, he respects, although not foolishly, men of arts, letters, and ideas. When Robert Frost was testifying on behalf of a National Academy of Culture to encourage and honor excellence in fine arts, it was Yarborough who asked him, "Mr Frost...do you think it important in the inspiration of poetry - do you think there is any connection between adversity and spark of genius, or do you think that ease would kill spark of genius?" That was such a good question, old man Frost had to improvise, "You know, this would not help beginners. They take their lives in their hands in the arts, and nothing can prevent that... There will always be shoestring starts of the arts. That's a rhyme."

The consensus now is that Bentsen, with all his money, the old Shivers machine, and the natural reactionaries behind him, will mount a solid challenge, but that Yarborough should take him with votes to spare. Bentsen, after all, is special interest personified, and Yarborough is the people's interest personified.

Yarborough is expected to face his most serious challenge this year in November rather than in May. For that very reason, however, it is important that he finish as far ahead in May as possible.

This man Yarborough is the substance and the soul of progressive politics in Texas. He licked Shivers. He took on the bedsheet brigade. He beat the states' righters, the Federal-haters. He called down the Texas Rangers. He fights for workers in a non-union state. He was for Adlai Stevenson when Lloyd Bentsen was running for cover on the tidelands issue, he was for John Kennedy while Lloyd Bentsen was busy piling up dough in Houston, he was for Eugene McCarthy while the wizen-worded men running against him were having their drinks at their country clubs, he is for the poor people, whatever their color, and the ordinary middle-class people, and the farmers and small businessmen, and he wants this damnable war over and the killing and maiming stopped. He has earned everything we've got.

In short, in the matter of Ralph Yarborough's re-election, don't trust anybody under 60.



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The revolution is like a princess who wants diamonds but gets costume jewelry instead. The Airplane, the Stones, Canned Heat, and Steppenwolf sing about the end of private property, street fighting, pigs, and draft-dodging. Flicks called "Che" and "The Revolutionaries" blitz crowded theatres. Daily newspapers look like bad imitations of the underground press: a recent edition of the Chicago Daily News had four pages on the Panthers, a half-page about Allen Ginsberg, several columns dealing with the Conspiracy, and a blurb for a forth-coming article detailing the relationship between rock and raunch. Advertising involves sneaking joints into cigarette commercials, carzy cartoons, and "revolutionary" credit cards.

There is now a mod clothing store in Cicero.

The projection of the reality is doing fine, but things in the streets are a bit different. The heat tears apart communes in New Mexico and California every time anyone with long hair has a warrant sworn out against him. Woodstock West was a Hell's Angel horror show. Some students at the University of Pittsburg have announced that Draft Board Bingo was statistically stacked because someone forgot to shake the capsules before using. Young women are forbidden to decide what should happen inside their bodies. Heavy vibes drive people to opt out through speed, smack, and other killer drugs. Fred Hampton is dead, and John Sinclair's in the slam.

Sent off to fight wars not of our making.

Hassled for our long hair and clothing.

Arrested for our taste in drugs.

Jailed and killed for our politics.

Powerless to prevent our culture from being mocked and eaten.

Powerless to implement our values and goals and redefinitions.

Jim and Jean sang a song and a Robert Heinlein wrote a book about being strangers in a strange land. We live versions of their imaginary characters. We are mammals in the Age of Dinosaurs, and we have evolved too much to continue to scurry into the underbrush when some of us are in danger of being squashed.

We are children of the future on a planet that is running out of time.

We need space, physical space in which to operate and build, psycho-space in which to develop the consciousness that we have just begun to understand. To hold and increase this space we need some kind of organization together enough to maintain everything strong and beautiful from the days of flowers.

Karl Marx once called revolution "A Festival of the Oppressed." We can count on oppression to continue; it's our job to make the festival.

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY
c/o CONSPIRACY
28 EAST JACKSON STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

ALPINE, TEXAS

Dear Editor, March 5, 1970

I and several other students plan to publish a student paper against the wishes of the Administration. Since anyone known connected with the paper when it first shows up on campus will be "thrown out," we need some expert suggestions on how we can distribute the paper.

If you are not familiar with Sul Ross State University--you are lucky--but you may hear of us if we are able to circulate our paper. We wish that you would send us information on how we can get our paper to the students here.

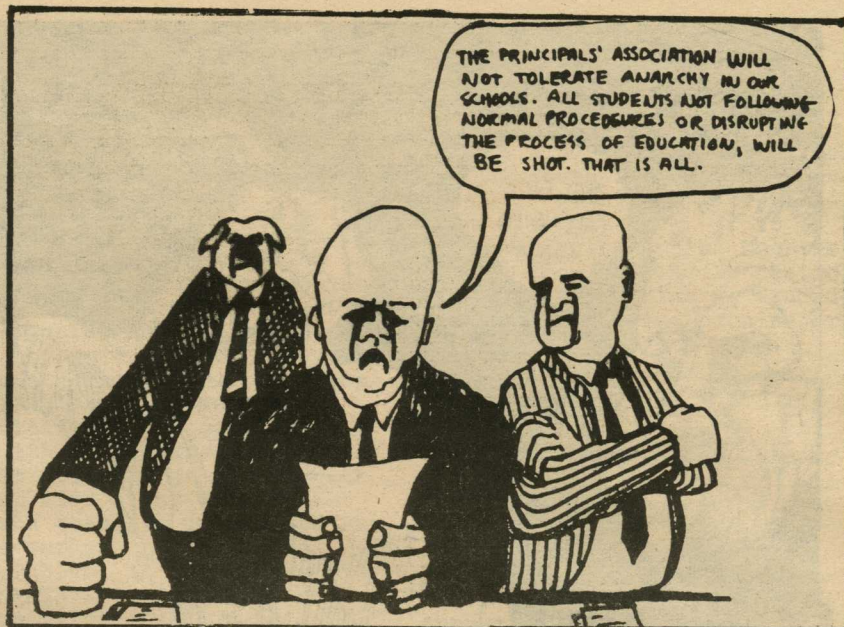
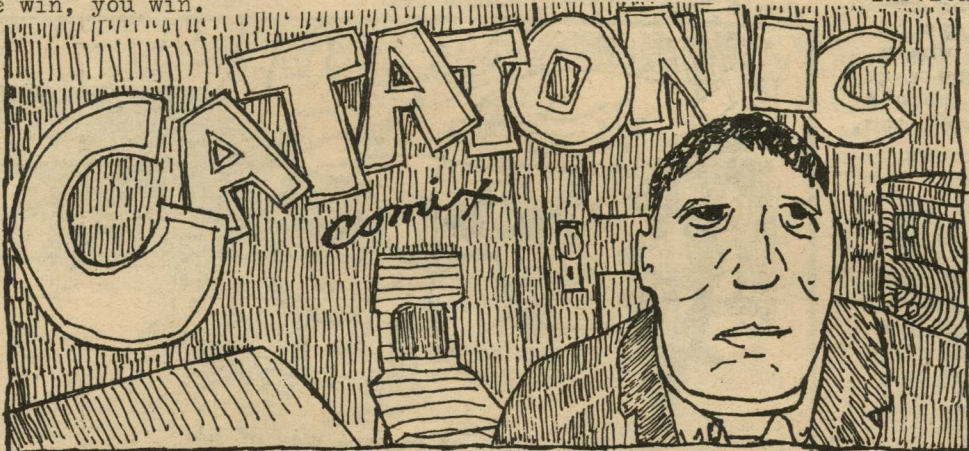
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CATALYST: Sue the bawstards!
Get a lawyer through ACLU.
Watch the CATALYST's case. If we win, you win.

EDITOR'S NOTE: the following short comes from Time, March 9 1970.

Two years ago, when life in polluted New York City got to be too much for Humorist H. ALLEN SMITH, he packed up his wife and headed for Alpine, Texas. There he built a house and settled back to enjoy the good, pure life. Now, SMITH says, he is suffering mightily from "people pollution." The angry humorist insists that he has never seen "such a goddamned bunch of bigoted, pious, lying, cheating bastards in all my life."

The white man
Drafts the black man
To fight the yellow man
To defend the country
He stole from the red man



COMMITTEE '70

The most positive aspect of the report on Lubbock's goals for the seventies, which was recently released and discussed in public meetings, is that the city leaders realize that something is amiss in the Hub. The report proves, however, that they do not understand what is wrong or what to do about it.

If the meeting at Atkins Jr. High was representative, the attempt to make Committee 70 a community wide project was a farce. After listening to high-sounding phrases about Lubbock, the "major city" blessed with "men of vision," the audience of 200 was expected to vote on the proposals. No time was allowed for the citizens of the community to think over or analyze the proposals. No discussion was encouraged or permitted during the actual meeting. Because of the hurried pace, there is a good chance that the responses could have been "rigged"; i.e., the easiest thing for the people to do was to vote for the first three proposals under each category. Although there seemed to be no time for questions or discussion, the meeting was interrupted by one official who went into a semi-lengthy dissertation reprimanding one of our good citizens for smoking in the auditorium.

The reason for the total failure of this report to come to grips with the problems can be seen in the personnel on the committees which drafted the various sections. Lubbock business and professional men, mainly because they are in Lubbock, just aren't very imaginative. The education committee is a good example. It called for more use of the educational resources in the community. Yet it hardly made use of them; the two members from Tech on the committee are vice-presidents subservient to narrow parochial interests. Tech faculty serving on these committees amounted to these vice-presidents, two deans, one other administrator, and one ordinary faculty member. A weak report was probably inevitable.

As for the report itself, the most incisive and most useful section was that on citizens' contributions and involvement. It was written by a committee whose members are all active in organizations aiming to improve the condition of the deprived and oppressed. Its programs for more citizen involvement and for equal opportunity are laudable, if not specific enough.

Otherwise, the report shows many weaknesses. Proposals are vaguely formulated; one example of many is the suggestion of assuring increasingly appropriate programming of community agencies. To some this means full and fair news coverage; to others, continued blackout by the AJ of X-rated movie ads and the activities of liberals such as Ralph Yarborough. In areas such as municipal facilities too many studies, and not enough action, are proposed. Although the report makes some controversial recommendations, such as promoting liquor by the drink, its ambiguity and blandness will hardly excite many thoughtful citizens to support it.

What it will excite is laughter, disgust, and maybe some tears. Fatuous plans for importing water, for development of the canyon, for a new civic center, for a middle-income Lubbock Club, for a Tech golf course--

all are senseless while people get along with inadequate food, roads and streets are unpaved and unlighted, VISTA is kept out, health care is inadequate, and academic needs at Tech are neglected. The proposals for education are the most tragic. A few worthwhile proposals are made, but no mention of upgrading and integrating the school system.

Grandiose plans to participate in the 1976 bicentennial celebration are nothing short of ridiculous. Built into this idea is the plot of fostering a Lubbock-style Americanism based on narrowness and bigotry. The most obvious celebration suggestion was missing: why not stage a Revolution?

Lubbock's true goal for the seventies, simply stated, should be catching up with the progress most other parts of the nation have made since the turn of the century.





Chicago 7 Attorneys Weinglass and Kunstler

CHICAGO APPEAL

Former United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Burke Marshall, former head of the civil rights division of the Justice Department during the Kennedy Administration, have jointly filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief on behalf of the five men convicted for "crossing state lines with intent to incite a riot."

Clark had been slated to appear as a witness for the defense during the trial, but was barred from testifying by Judge Julius Hoffman.

The brief, being handled by the American Civil Liberties Union, is the latest step in the Conspiracy defense's effort to appeal the convictions and the stiff sentences (five years and \$5,000) which Judge Hoffman imposed on Rennie Davis, Dave Dellinger, Tom Hayden, Abbie Hoffman, and Jerry Rubin. The brief will also aid their appeal for bail bond.

The government is expected to stall for time in responding to the brief. Meanwhile the five men - and also Lee Weiner and John Froines, who were acquitted on all counts by the jury but jailed by Hoffman for contempt of court - continue their confinement in the Cook County Jail.

The defense feels that if bail is denied now, it may never be granted. If it is granted on the contempt charges only, Froines and Weiner will go free, but the other five will remain behind bars on the incitement conviction.

But if the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals does come through in favor of bond for the conviction charge, the Conspiracy expects to be able to raise whatever bail is needed - with a little help from their friends.

A major thrust of the defense's appeal to have the incitement convictions overturned is the "compromise verdict" that the jury finally came down with.

Kay Richards, 23 and the youngest juror, has written a series of articles for the Chicago Sun-Times, in which she explained that the jury turned into a battlefield between two hostile "camps" - four who firmly believed in acquitting all the defendants and eight who were for conviction on all counts.

As the trial wore on, the whole jury was desperate to leave their sequestered prison of five months, and since they somehow were convinced that a "hung jury" would never do, Richards became a mediator between the two camps. She shuttled back and forth between them trying to engineer a "compromise" as they met in separate rooms in their "prison", the Palmer House Hotel.

Defense Attorney Bill Kunstler has declared that such separate meetings not only prove that the jury was seriously divided, but also constituted a violation of jury procedure, grounds for a mistrial.

Richards also disclosed that "One of the jurors, a woman was convinced that the defendants should be convicted because of their appearance, their language and their life-style."

"The judge had instructed us to disregard those factors, but as the woman kept putting it when we pressed for a compromise - 'Would you like your children to grow up that way?'"

Such a revelation may also constitute sufficient grounds to have an appeal sustained.

TAHOKA CASE

The temporary injunction granted in U.S. District Court on March 2 was the first victory for the Lubbock chapter of the ACLU. The injunction permitted five Tahoka school children to wear brown armbands in school.

Judge Woodward's order shows that the cause of human rights in the Hub City is not completely hopeless, but that we can make some progress. Throughout the nation civil liberties are under attack by politicians and their henchmen from the Vice President down to the local police. In and around Lubbock rednecks crack down on restive minority groups. The Lubbock CLU was formed because the need to uphold the Bill of Rights is today especially great.

In the Tahoka case, as in most other cases handled by the CLU, officers of the local chapter were contacted by the parents and friends of the suspended children. The CLU has to know about injustices; those aggrieved have to trust it and recognize its vigor before they will come to it with cases. The Lubbock CLU should, after this recent victory, gain much more respect.

Because getting the Tahoka children back in school immediately was imperative, the officers made an on-the-spot decision to take the case. Moreover, the law appeared clearly to be on

their side. The officers then called one of the seven local cooperating attorneys, who was later assisted in court by another cooperating attorney. The CLU was fortunate in finding an attorney to take the case immediately, for several were tied up in court and others were out of town. They need much more cooperation from the more than 150 lawyers in Lubbock. Of course most of them are not interested in anything but money; the CLU cannot pay cooperating attorneys. We will have to make do with the few socially conscious attorneys we have so far enlisted, and hope that we can arouse more enthusiasm.

The greatest need of the Lubbock CLU is for membership. Statewide the organization has about 2500 members and must operate on a shoestring. The local membership is a little over one hundred. Many more, particularly from Tech, ought to join. The CLU has demonstrated its readiness to take cases like the CATALYST case, and it can win civil rights for people. Anyone with respect for the rights of others and an awareness of the threat to these rights must join.

Join THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.

Theodore Taylor, President
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Left to right: Rennie Davis, Abbie Hoffman, Lee Weiner, Dave Dellinger, John Froines, Jerry Rubin, Tom Hayden



WE WON'T BE DETERRED BY
CONSPIRACY INDICTMENTS

Conspiracy Raps

JACK NEWFIELD: "Anybody who read the Walker Report should see that L.B.J. and Mayor Daley should be on trial. Everybody should be a part of the conspiracy."

PHIL OCHS: "This is part of the predictable events in the dying of the country. First it was on the college campuses, now it's in the courtroom." PAUL KRASSNER: "The government says that this is the end (of the conspiracy), but actually it's only the beginning."



... To Be Continued



WHO WON'T GO?

"We Won't Go", a statement of refusal to be inducted, is the main thrust of the opposition to the war being planned for March by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee and the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam. The March movement, which involves draft opposition, is a result of the widespread feeling that effective opposition to the war should focus on its direct causes and consequences.

On October 18, 1968, Presidential candidate Nixon promised to end compulsory service "that arbitrarily selects some and not others." Of course, repeal of the draft was contingent upon a reduction of Vietnam manpower requirements. In spite of Nixon's troop withdrawals and Vietnamization policy, however, no substantial reduction in manpower requirements is foreseeable in the near future.

Since the Vietnam War can not be waged without conscripted manpower, opposing the draft is an effective means of registering dissent to the war. The increase in resistance and non-cooperation tactics are direct outgrowths of the discontent with American involvement in Vietnam and the draft system which supplies the men for that involvement. Indictments for induction refusal are averaging an all time high of 300 per month, and over 50,000 draft-eligible Americans are now in Canada.

Several actions are planned on local, state, and national levels to support the "We Won't Go" movement for March. A petition stating refusal to be inducted while the Vietnam war continues will be circulated among colleges and high schools nationwide. Signing this petition is legal, and can cause no ad-

ministrative punishment such as reclassification. Last year the same petition was signed by over 250 college presidents and newspaper editors. This year, the petitions will be presented at special House and Senate hearings on draft reform and appeal beginning on March 25. Because the hearings and subsequent Congressional debate will probably determine the status of the draft for the next several years, now is the most opportune time to influence policy decisions. The petitions will demonstrate an essential reality concerning conscription: that thousands of young men will refuse to be drafted to fight in a war they do not believe in.

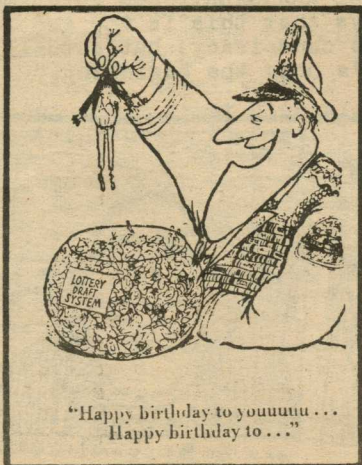
The week of March 16-19 has been designated for special meetings, discussions, and leaflet campaigns. The week will culminate on March 19 with nonviolent civil disobedience at draft boards and induction centers. All week the day-to-day affairs of draft boards will be hampered by frequent phone calls, letters requesting information, and mailing in of anti-war, anti-draft materials to be added to Selective service files. On the 19th, draft-age men are being asked to visit their draft board and request to see their files, hopefully ceasing operations altogether.

With the eyes of the nation focused on the March hearings, it is entirely possible that anti-draft action could have a significant impact on public opinion concerning the war. Perhaps the public will realize that opposition to the war has not been lessened by recent troop withdrawals, Vietnamization policies, or the attempt to pass off the lottery as draft reform.

If ordered into the service, we the undersigned, will refuse to go. We will not serve in the military as long as the Vietnam conflict continues. Sign your name and mail to CATALYST office Box 4611. These will be presented as evidence in Senate and House hearings on the draft.

DOPE

In the wake of the My Lai massacre, many people have tried to find explanations for the slaughter. Senator Thomas Dodd has an answer. On January 24, Senator



This generation has produced a new breed of heroes. Beautiful young men whose inner strength defies adequate description are being sent to prison because they refuse to kill. Our laws demand that draft age men do an insane dance on the killing ground, and the strong say no. To say no to death is to say yes to life and this means a hard turn in prison. Maybe six months, a year, three years, five years, or possibly ten years; the sentence varies.

Our courts are full of draft resistance cases. Over 15% of all federal court cases are now for draft resistance. Over 10,000 of your brothers have gone to prison. The military prisons are so full that most men who refuse orders for Viet Nam are not sent to prison. This ironically means that those who go in and then refuse to go to Viet Nam receive easier treatment than those who refuse induction.

David Harris, the husband of Joan Baez, got three years. He could have beat the draft or gone to Canada but he chose to resist the draft and do his duty in prison. Harris said, "To stand for peace in a nation at war is not easy, but it must be done. If the young people of America continue to march row by row to Asia in the cause of senseless death, we can expect senseless death to reign supreme over a prostrate humanity."

All through history, great men have been put in prison for their political beliefs. Revolutions are always preceded by wholesale jailings of political dissenters. Men choose prison because they know they are right. Prison can be romanticized only from outside the walls and by those in no danger of going. These young men who choose prison have only the comfort of their convictions.

Draft resister, James Rowland said: "I think the worst kind of fear, or dread, is the fear that you yourself will fail to act according to your conscience. That fear is now gone. I am one of the freest men in the country. Can you understand that?"

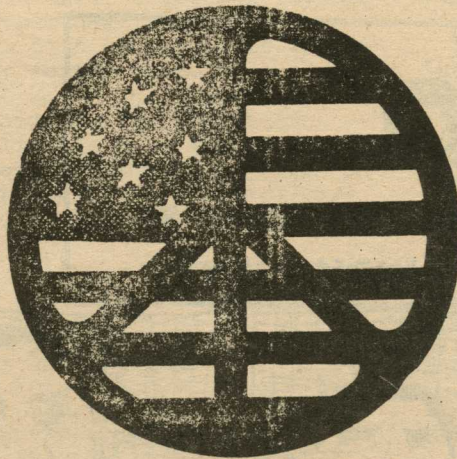
As you have only your own entertainment to worry about over this vacation, think about those young men in prison. As you go to "Peace" festivals, pause to think of the thousands in prison and those facing that decision. For years to come, these men will be in our society. They will be abused, misunderstood, and harassed the rest of their lives. They will have trouble getting jobs with a prison record. You can help if you care. You can help by hiring them when you are in the establishment. You can help bring pressure to allow the men in Canada to come back. While any man is in prison in America for his political beliefs, no American is really free. Our founding fathers (Jefferson, Paine, Washington, Franklin) would be saddened by the political climate in their country. They designed the most beautiful political democracy in the history of man with great reverence for individual liberty and the right to dissent. Now men like Agnew, John Mitchell, Judge Hoffman, Mayor Daley, rap themselves in the flag to abridge those very freedoms our founders felt so important. Any society that puts people like Joan Baez and Martin Luther King in jail and honors people like General Westmoreland and Richard Nixon is in trouble.

The draft resisters have an Anthem. It is a song recorded by the HELLO PEOPLE:

they say i was born in the land of the free--but
the home of the briefcase is all i can see--with
finhouses and highways we covered the land--
but freedom's a fable if the conscience is banned
--so i'm going to prison--for what i believe--
I'm going to prison-- where i can be free--i've
got something i'll die for;--what else can they
do?--I've got something to live for;--what about
you?

--from the bureau of justice directives have come,
--send out the g-men, round up everyone--who is
worshipping god instead of the state,--who's
teaching that love is better than hate.--
some say i'm a liar, some say i'm a fool;--
the neighbors will claim i'm a communist
tool--but my master's not sleeping; some will
understand--if i can't live with him i can't be
a man.

PEACE



Put this decal in your car window and let the American flag freaks know where you stand. The best idea since the bumper sticker, it comes in patriotic red, white, and blue. Four and a quarter inches in diameter so that it can't be missed at any speed. 75 cents each, three for \$2. Order from WIN, 339 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. 10012.

Dodd told the Senate, "I am one of those who think that the massacre at My Lai could have been in part attributable to the use of...marijuana."

SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL 70

**THURSDAY
MARCH 26**

FREDDIE KING
BEAST * FLOCK
BLOODROCK
FRANTIC
BANGOR FLYING CIRCUS
DELANEY & BONNIE & FRIENDS
(INCL. ERIC CLAPTON)
CANNED HEAT

**FRIDAY
MARCH 27**

FRANTIC
BLUE MOUNTAIN EAGLE
BLOODROCK
JOE KELLEY BLUES BAND
FREDDIE KING
TRUTH * SWEETWATER
JOHNNY WINTER
CANNED HEAT

**SATURDAY
MARCH 28**

TRUTH * SWEETWATER
JOE KELLEY BLUES BAND
ZEPHYR * FRANTIC
MUDDY WATERS
BANGOR FLYING CIRCUS
the BYRDS

1:30 pm
to 12:00
midnight



Everybody attending SW 70 may consider themselves heir to the struggle which went in to getting the thing together.

Most of the difficulties facing the festival revolved around land for the site. Several possible sites for the festival were discussed. Leases fell through as land owners were harrassed by their neighbors, by local politicians, and area Christians. A lease signed on a site fourteen miles E-NE of Dickens, Texas, in mid-March, fell to an injunction on Monday, just two days before the festival.

The land troubles caused severe difficulties in on-the-site construction and spawned considerable skepticism as to whether the festival would be held at all.

Skepticism was spawned also by the local press--especially the Avalanche-Journal newspaper which maintained a virtual news blackout on the festival. The media blackout was finally broken only when injunction proceedings were being announced in self-satisfied Dickens. In other cities across the state, the festival had long been front page news.

At Texas Tech University in Lubbock, the University Daily carried stories as antagonistic toward SW 70 as their sophomore journalism students, and their sophomore editors could make them.

Visitors at the festival may witness in the citizens of Lubbock and nearby towns, the real heartblood of middle-America. This area is not nicknamed the Bible Belt without cause. You will find many of the locals narrow, frightened, bigoted and hostile.

The concept of a peace festival has been hard for most of them to grasp. Citizens have harrassed the festival, threatened the lives of merchants they suspected would sell goods to the festival crowds, and in Dickens County citizens came in the night to shoot--presumably in the name of the Lord--into the camp of people camping at the Dickens site before the site was moved to Lubbock.

We of the CATALYST can't stress enough to our readers that West Texas is different (we hope) from most other parts of the country. Be careful, be kind, but cautious--and of course be proud you survived. Don't let the area get you down. Just being here and participating in SW 70 you are doing more than you may imagine to bring our area out of its stupor. For this reason especially, the CATALYST welcomes you--we're glad you came.

--the Staff

camping

Free camping space is plentiful at the site. The ground is a soft topsoil, but should become more firmly compacted as people walk on it. Over a hundred portable chemical toilets will be scattered over the site, but no bathing facilities are planned. Everyone should bring a supply of drinking water. Concessions at the site will include sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, coke, etc. Lubbock's "strip" of beer and liquor stores is within five miles of the site, and there is a small liquor store within a mile of the site. Concession prices at the site will be limited to not more than 30% over the average regional prices. Visitors with cars can drive into Lubbock to eat if they wish.

The Free Stage area will be located near the campsites. Bands will be performing there virtually twenty four hours a day.

There will be some free food, but probably not nearly enough to go around.

TALENT

by Carl La Fong

There's going to be a lot going down in Lubbock Easter weekend. Headlining the Festival are the Byrds, Canned Heat, Delaney and Bonnie and friends featuring Eric Clapton, Johnny Winter and Muddy Waters. Also appearing will be Beast, the Flock, Bloodrock, Frantic, Bangor Flying Circus, Blue Mountain Eagle, Joe Kelly Blues Band, Freddie King, Truth Sweetwater and Zephyr.

THE BYRDS

The Byrds are probably the greatest American group to come out of the mid-60's. Remember how bad music was in the early part of the last decade. We were subjected to the likes of the Tokens, Dovells, Surfari and loads of other crap. Then in '65 we got the Byrds. The first true American rock group. Of course, the Beatles and Stones had led us out of the wilderness in '64, but they were British. With "Mr. Tambourine Man" we were all set free. A group of long haired musicians to call our own. To this day, they have yet to produce a bad record. It's no secret that the Byrds have had personnel problems from the first, but then that's to be expected in any rock group. Therein lies their greatness. Name another group that could lose a David Crosby, a Gene Clark, a Mike Clark and still go on. The reason is evident. In Roger McGuinn the Byrds have one of the guiding lights of rock music. "Younger Than Yesterday" released in 1967 was one of the first albums ever to incorporate and assimilate all the influences of rock. Then in 1968 it was "Sweetheart of the

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Rodeo"-probably the album that started the movement back to the grassroots in pop music. Immediately everyone was doing country music. This past year it was McGuinn's "Ballad of Easy Rider" that set the mood for that fantastic flick. It's no coincidence that the first film to portray the New America as seen by Fonda and Hopper should feature Byrds music more than any other. If for no other reason, go to catch the Byrds. You owe it to yourself.

DELANEY, BONNIE, CLAPTON...

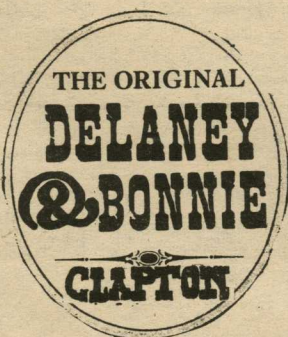
About a year and a half ago I heard rumblings from the West Coast about a husband-wife duo that was into a gospel-R & B-blues bag and just about everything. This in itself is not unusual; what was unusual was the format of their band. It seemed that they had new musicians at every gig they played. Among the people that played with them were Jimi Hendrix, Mick Jagger and many other super-stars. To say that it interested me would be a gross understatement. I immediately picked up a copy of the group's first album and flipped out. Here at last a white female singer that could really wail. Not like Janis or Grace but like a woman. And the band. Tight heavy brass arrangements, great background vocals and Delaney on guitar singing and telling Bonnie to get it on. Unfortunately, no one else agreed and their record sales were far from impressive. Then, a tour to Europe and instant acceptance. Why the turnaround? The band got better and Eric Clapton joined the group. Eric Clapton. A legend in his own time. Guitar player supreme. Starting with the Yardbirds in '65, joining Mayall in '66, helping form Cream in late '66, playing for Blind Faith in '69, and now with Delaney and Bonnie. No matter who he plays with, Clapton can do no wrong. In all of rock music, only one man, Hendrix, plays as well as Clapton. As his recent records with the Plastic Ono Band prove, whether it be blues, rock, or any other form, Clapton not only plays it, he masters it. After seeing them on a recent Dick Cavett appearance, I'm fully confident that Delaney and Bonnie and Eric will flip us out at the Festival.

CANNED HEAT

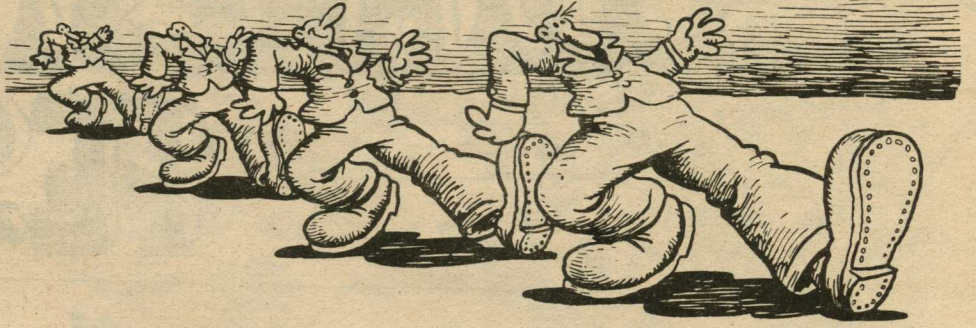
As for Canned Heat, it's probably safe to say that along with Butterfield's first band that featured Bloomfield and Bishop, they've had more to do with the blues revival than anyone else. Unlike many other groups (Led Zeppelin, Beck, etc.) Canned Heat has always given credit to their influences and never taken royalties for something they did not write. I tend to believe this is because these guys are really blues freaks. Bob Hite, the lead singer, is reported to have one of the biggest blues record collections anywhere. And his music shows it. Canned Heat on stage likes to boogie. They do it well. With the recent addition on lead of Harvey Mandel, the group should be even better than ever. The promoters say that Canned Heat has been especially cooperative in getting the Festival together and for that reason, they will headline for two days.

MUDDY WATERS

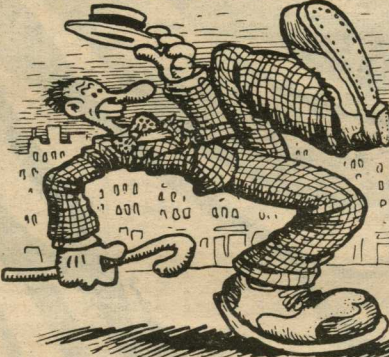
Muddy Waters will also be here and to me will be the thing to see. For in Muddy we have one of the originals. With the exceptions of B. B. King and the late Robert Johnson, no one has had more influence on modern blues. With his first Chess recording in 1948, Muddy proved that his was a music that would last. When you think of all the songs Muddy has contributed to rock it's almost unbelievable. From Muddy we got "I Just Want To Make Love To You", "Hoochie Coochie Man", "Long Distance Call", "Louisiana Blues", "Got My Mojo Workin'" and too many others to mention. But not only has he contributed songs but maybe more importantly Muddy contributed a feeling. For there is no earthier music in the world. When you listen to Muddy Waters, you are transplanted from wherever you are right back to the Delta. In other words you get down with it. And you don't mess around.



Keep on Truckin'...



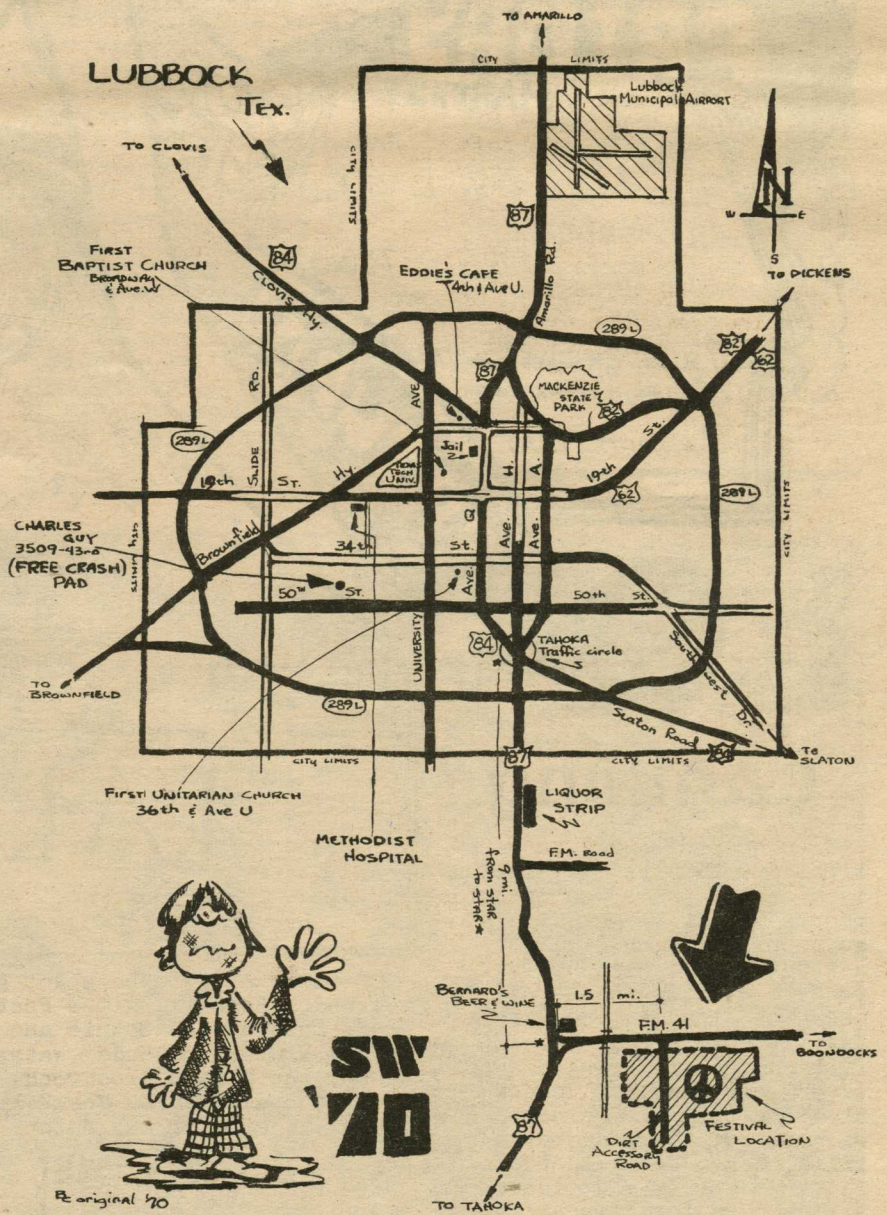
TRUCKIN' ON DOWN THE LINE...



TRUCKIN' MY BLUES AWAY!



WHERE IT'S AT



There are rumors that Bob Dylan is going on a concert tour in a month or two. He's moved back to the Village, and he has two new people playing backup for him. A bass player and a guitarist named Dave Bromberg, who's been playing backup for folksingers in the Village. Dylan is supposed to be coming up with a new style. His album from his Isle of Wight concert isn't out yet, and no one knows when it is coming out.

Bob and Sarah Dylan are expecting their fifth child, a boy, next month. This information was passed on by band member Richard Manuel, Richard's a new father also; a boy, his first. Reliable sources have Bob Dylan in Detroit this March for sure. Negotiations are being completed with Eddie Sarkesian, according to a Columbia records spokesman.



JOHNNY WINTER

From Texas we'll have Johnny Winter. As I'm sure you'll all remember Winter got \$300,000 in cash from Columbia last year. To be sure, they got their money's worth. Unfortunately for Johnny, before he got his break, he recorded for just about everybody and his brother. Consequently, when he signed his contract with Columbia everyone else decided to put out his old material. As a result, a lot of potential fans were misguided and showed it by not buying his second Columbia album released last November. What a pity, because the album is great rock and roll. Covering composers as diversified as Dylan and Percy Mayfield, Winter played his guts out. He'll probably do the same at the festival.

FREDDIE KING

Also from Texas comes Freddie King. Freddie had a few smash instrumental hits in the late '50's such as "Hideaway" and "San-Ho-Zay" but true to style his record company screwed him out of most of his bread and Freddie went back to Dallas where he spent the last few years playing mostly small gigs in the area. Fortunately due to the blues revival King has started gigging again at Festivals and now records for the Catillon label on which he has released two very fine albums. In addition to his excellent guitar work, which has always been great, Freddie now vocalizes to a greater extent, a welcome addition.



ZEPHYR

Of the newer groups Zephyr is the most prominent. Referred to by Boulder freaks as "Son of Echoplex" and by the Denver pigs as a real gas, Zephyr boasts one gut-wrenching bitch of a lead singer, Candy Givens. Miss Givens has been known to really let loose at festivals as she did in Denver last summer. She also is very ethnically funky and blows a good harp. Add on to this a solid if not spectacular back up group and you have a promising group that has yet to fully realize its full potential. Maybe they'll really get it together by festival time.

THE FLOCK

Good reviews have also been given to the Flock. A Chicago-based seven man group, Flock was a sensation in Denver last year and their initial album was enthusiastically received by critics. Consisting of a horn and rhythm section and a really great violinist in Jerry Goodman. Mayall has called them "the best band I've heard in America." Maybe John has something.

Surely we have something. For the first time in Lubbock we have an opportunity to get together in the open. Three days in the sun just to lay back and groove for and with ourselves. It's an opportunity we should take advantage of and utilize it to its greatest potential.

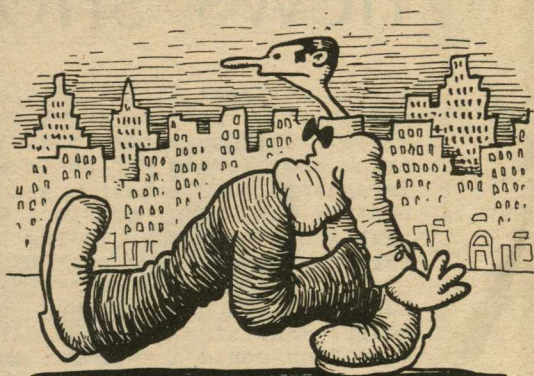
The San Francisco morality fuzz recently scooped the Magnolia Thunderpussy Ice Cream Parlour and charged the owners with SERVING OBSCENE FOOD. The treats in question were some ice cream delights molded in the shape of male genitalia. No mention was made of the flavours involved or whether the yummies were served with toppings...such as nuts.

RALPH'S PIZZA

MEET US AT THE SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL

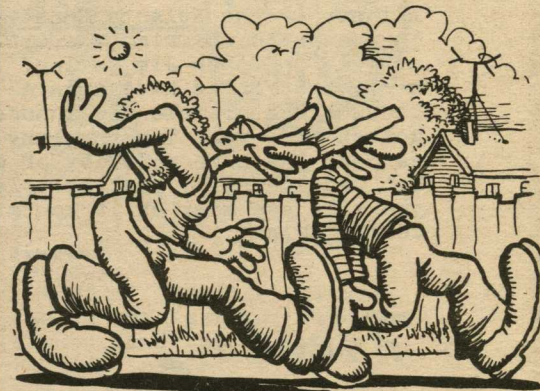
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HEY HEY HEY...

I SAID KEEP ON TRUCKIN'...



news shorts

Austin -- Kappa Sigs traditionally celebrate Texas "Independence" by getting drunk and impersonating Mexican soldiers. This year they had to be satisfied with getting drunk and blowing off their canons. MAYO protested the derogatory impersonation and the distortion of Texas history that never mentions the Chicano blood and sweat that went into the building of Texas and the Chicano culture that is a large part of Texan cultural heritage.

Lubbock -- On his FYI show on KSEL radio, Mac "Young at heart" McAlister gave the CATALYST favorable mention. He said, "You could open a map and put your finger any place and you couldn't find a better place to live than Lubbock, Texas, the CATALYST notwithstanding." Seems we raised Papa's ire when we badmouthed his idiot boy in our last issue. Keep sending those articles, Lew.

Atlanta -- The Atlanta Constitution, the best known paper in the South, carried a short piece about our Morality Fats article on Coach Jim Carlen. The Houston Post also carried mention of it as have several radio and T.V. stations. We thought the article was innocent enough but it seems to have gotten more reaction than any other piece. We still think, as does the huge majority of our readers, that the CATALYST ban was caused by that article. If you look at the article, you will see most of it contains direct quotes made by Coach Carlen.

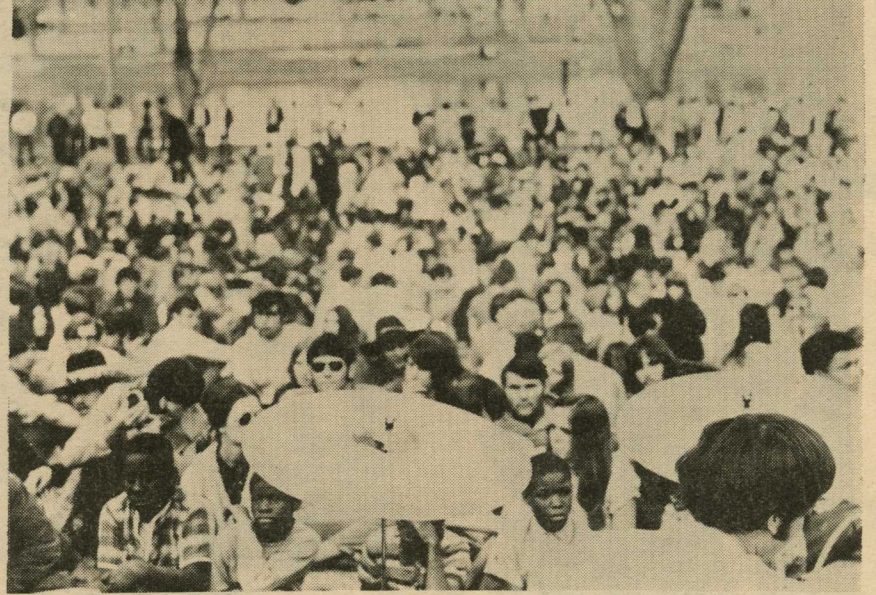
Freak's Guide to Local Fauna

The natural enemy of what is commonly called the "Freak" (Passiveous grasses, variety spaceous) is plentiful in the West Texas area. This exceedingly hostile species, Redus nectus, thrives around the migratory grounds of Passiveous, and comes in several varieties. The most easily spotted is Aggrossis americanus. Aggrossis can be distinguished by his drab, dark blue color, and the unique expansion and flattening of the upper head. Aggrossis travels in twos or groups of twos, usually with the same sex (except "ball-games," see p. 46.) Another feature of this variety is the unusual speech impediment -- a loud, nasal sound with the length of syllables in direct proportion with the heat of the day. Presumably much of this is due to the manufacture of

a dark brown mucous material in the sinus passages. This fluid is used periodically to punctuate remarks by the cultural norm of "spitting." This could be a form of communal sublimation. Aggrossis mode of transportation is the "pick-up" truck, designed to pick up the bodies of Passiveous grasses which often litter the sides of the road in this region.

Another variety of Redus nectus is blotus erecti, commonly referred to by Passiveous as "Theman." A more colorful breed than Aggrossis, blotus is particularly fond of red, white, and blue, which he wears liberally, though conservatively, on his body and displays in signals, lights, and decals on his vehicle. Blotus is so named by the protrusion (Fatus bangus) found in the

Spring Sunday in McKenzie Park (Photo courtesy Larry Martin)



Gentle Sunday

Mackenzie Park, March 22 --

A crowd of about 1500 gentle people gathered Sunday in Mackenzie Park to hear road bands and to be with each other and nature. The vibrations were maximum good: cowboys, Hippies, Chicanos, Blacks, Frats -- all were there working together for peaceful enjoyment. The only harrassment from the cops

115 of them for parking on the grass.

Gentle Sunday will be a regular thing each Sunday afternoon at the park.

On Easter Sunday, all festival visitors are urged to attend the First Presbyterian Church, 1500, 14th St. This will be a freak-in to show the local citizens that Gentle love exists. Come at 10:30 AM and come dirty.

lower abdomen and right hip.

Blotus is the "harvester" for

Aggrossis. Aggrossis picks up his produce, the bodies of Passiveous which are particularly plentiful at these migrations. This is a very good example of symbiosis, where two species are mutually dependent on each other for support.

As a result of extensive interbreeding, a new hybrid of these varieties has emerged. With a remarkable resemblance to Passiveous grasses, the now infamous narkus bustious looms as an ecological threat to existence. The method of avoidance is to remain in your habitat near known Passiveous or avoid overt cultural expression.

Also be sure to hide the rochas!

Willamette Bridge/Frins

Reactionary-Incest: Maureen Reagan recently threw a screw into dad-Ronnie's gung-ho-win-the-war policy by saying that she doesn't think the U.S. should try for a military victory in Vietnam. She made the remark after a one month tour of that country as a singer with a USO troupe. Ronnie replied that he doesn't think foreign policy should be decided by USO entertainers.

Maybe so, but it's better than having it decided by a veteran of the late-late show.



Photo: The Flock- "A subtle fusion of sounds drawn from the bedrock of blues, jazz, gospel, rock, country, and many other sources" (John Mayall)

a nark's day in court

For two dollars an hour, plus expenses, a twenty-year-old Texas Tech Business Administration student named Richard Mills, Jr. was employed by the Lubbock Police Department to act as an undercover narcotics agent.

Mills took the stand on Thursday, February 26th, in a Lubbock court at the trial of Mike Cobb, who was charged with the sale of a dangerous drug. In a voice barely audible, Mills identified himself as the narc who allegedly had made the buy from Cobb. Questioned first by the District Attorney, Mills outlined the procedure for lining up the alleged sale.

"From here on, the proceedings were quite amusing. Richard Mills, Jr. first filed the complaint (under an incorrect name) and then in court identified a man in the courtroom as the man who had indeed made the sale of methamphetamine to him on February 5, 1970, at 2418 14th Street. The defendant, Cobb, actually charged with the crime, was not in the courtroom, but waiting in the adjoining courtroom. It was later brought out that the address at which Mills allegedly made the buy, at which the defendant allegedly lived at the time, was in fact a parking lot for a local dinner club. Ruling out the possibility of an innocent oversight on Mills' part, defending attorney Smith questioned Mills regarding the description of the house. Mills couldn't recall what the house looked like, how he got there, what kind of door he entered through, or if he could return to the scene of the alleged sale.

Mills did succeed in narrowing down the area in which the alleged sale occurred to a radius of several blocks, including a women's dorm on the Texas Tech campus.

Mills was unable to describe in any detail what the alleged seller was wearing, or how he talked or acted. And Mills could not remember what he said, how he

managed to buy speed during the month when every head in town had heard the rumor that this was the month of the big bust) such comment being attributed to Capt. Wayne Love, charged with running the narcotics department and who should know what he is talking about.)

By this time, Mills was well on the way to making a total ass of himself. But the defending attorney required Mills to identify again and again the man sitting in the courtroom, who was supposed to have made the sale.

The climax of the trial came when defense attorney Smith had the man identified repeatedly as the seller of the drugs stand and identify himself as the assistant city editor of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal who was covering the trial.

The tragedy was compounded, however, when the District Attorney at once produced a new complaint and caused the defendant Cobb (who had already suffered through being arrested, handcuffed, jailed, dismissed from his job, and forced to make \$2,500 bond as the result of the dubious charge) to be rearrested, arraigned and bond to be set, using the correct name.

At this point, everything appeared to be a farce, a tragedy and more - a frightening example of men charged with responsibility, failing to discharge the same in a capable, responsible manner, and then failing or refusing to admit that an error had been made.

This story, unlike many others, does in fact have a happy ending. Four days following the examining trial, the District Attorney did move to dismiss the case against Mike Cobb, and further stated that the ten or more other cases based upon the testimony of the unhappy narc were certain to be dismissed in view of the unreliable nature of his testimony.



PLANT 'EM!

by Ed Grassplanter

New York (LNS)-- Spring is almost upon us. Those who smoke have a responsibility to plant the seeds.

I have done this for two years now, and have been very favorably impressed by the quality of grass that grows in the U.S., and the ability of the plant to grow under a wide variety of conditions with no care.

Grass can be planted in vacant lots, roadsides, parks, at your local police station, or any place where tall weeds can grow unmolested and there is plenty of sunshine. It only takes a few minutes to pull up a clump of weeds, shake off the dirt from the roots, scatter half a dozen seeds, throw some dirt over them and split. When you return in the Fall after the first

hard frost, you will find that at least half of the grassplants growing, anywhere from six inches to six feet in height.

Although guerilla planting is the best and safest and least time consuming way to plant, even better results can be had by cultivating the plants (watering in dry weather, adding peat moss to the soil, removing weeds, etc.) In any case, be sure to plant after the last frost.

You should start saving seeds long in advance. To remove the seeds from the grass, pulverize the grass in a large boxtop or similar shallow container with your fingers. Tilt the container and tap lightly. The seeds will roll to the lowest corner.

JOINT FOR THE JUDGE

Recently in Vancouver, a judge got a joint. Richard Julian Turner, 33, is a well-known artist who was busted for dope. When he came to court he handed the judge a joint. He was brought back to court later and this time his lawyer handed both the judge and marshall a joint.

It seems that Turner will give a joint to anybody who asks for one and that Percy Smith, his lawyer, thinks it is about time his peers began turning themselves in. The above, however, should not be taken stoned-minded in hand, so to speak. In order for this to have any relevance you must be straight in action and mind.



"OK, so you want to end the war, end racism, end poverty, and end pollution. But what about something POSITIVE?"

NARK OFFER

The CATALYST has been confronted with a unique problem for several months now. We have received several letters to the editor informing us that certain police officials have planted evidence in narcotics raids. Also, interviews with people arrested in the past and their friends indicate that evidence has been planted. We were hesitant to print this allegation, but we have heard it so often that not printing it would be a disservice.

The persistent allegation of planted evidence raises one interesting question: Do members of the District Attorney's staff know of this practice? They often participate in dope raids. One local criminal lawyer contacted by the CATALYST, who asked that he not be identified, said that the D. A.'s office most definitely would not knowingly submit illegal evidence in court.

Local criminal attorneys warn their clients that dope may be planted. Some have advised victims to plead guilty and receive a probation sentence. If they pleaded not guilty and are tried by a jury, it would be their word against the

officers'. Of course, the jury would probably believe the officers' stories, and the defendants would most likely receive a prison sentence.

We consider this a most grave and serious matter. In order to resolve this situation, the CATALYST has decided to make an offer: If Wayne Love and Bill Bessent will submit to a public lie detector test, the CATALYST will give the officers \$200 or donate a like amount to any charity of their choosing. Members of the press will be allowed to observe the polygraph test, which will be administered by a qualified person. The questions asked shall include:

Have you ever planted evidence in a narcotics case? Have you ever lied to a jury?

Have you ever had an informer or an assistant plant evidence in a narcotics case?

If the two officers will submit to the test and answer the questions, the CATALYST will pay the \$200 regardless of the outcome. If the officers choose to ignore our offer, it can only further damage confidence in law enforcement.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM
THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT
TO THE
BANK OF AMERICA

We are deeply disturbed by the wanton acts of aggression perpetrated on the peoples of S. E. Asia engaged in revolutionary struggles. These military interventions are not childish pranks, peaceful demonstrations, nor even non-violent disruptions designed to give symbolic meaning to imperialism. Rather, they are criminal acts of violent provocations directed against the people's democratic struggle. They are fascist gestures of the kind that lead to torture, bloodshed, and repression. Now are they isolated instances but rather a continuation of the calculated violence that has been emanating from your banks and financial institutions in the name of the state under the direction of the corporate few.

You compare us in the American Revolutionary Movement to the "brown shirts" of Nazi Germany. Best you forget, it was the brown shirts of Nazi Germany who came to power in order to repress the Revolutionary movement in pre-Nazi Germany. In whose interests can you speak of "law and order?"

We accuse your bank, Chairman Lundeberg and ex-chairman Peterson, in your plundering "hungry new markets" and your affiliations with defense contractors like Arthur D. Little, and your support of the CIA through the Asia Foundation, in rapine the underdeveloped world."

We accuse you of continuing the racist hegemony of American Imperialism over Asia, South America, and Africa. We accuse your bank, Director Di Giorgio, of being the largest real estate landlord in the state of California, owning properties larger in area than the state of Nevada, and of your fight against the minimum wage demands of migrant farm workers, and lobby for the continuation of the "bracero program." Not only do you oppose labor union control of a business in California, but you have consistently opposed the needs of workers through generous support of anti-labor legislation.

Your retail food outlets distribute food of declining quality, artificially grown, and of little nutritional value. We accuse you of destroying the world's ecological balance through your mining concerns, your manufacturing interests, and your petroleum companies like Union Oil (or have you forgotten the beaches of Santa Barbara?)

In whose interests is LAW AND ORDER when one of your directors, Harry S. Baker, sits on the board of the largest police weapons manufacturer in the world, Bangor Punta?

This is for the people of the world to decide: what is the burning of a bank compared to the founding of a bank? In whose interest is law and order when tyranny prevails?

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

This letter is being distributed among the world press in answer to a full-page advertisement taken out by the Bank of America in 66 newspapers containing a scurrilous attack on the Revolutionary Movement after the burning of their Isla Vista branch office in Santa Barbara. It was authored by a loose amalgam of radicals laced throughout the state of California in support of the Santa Barbara actions.

MORALITY FATS é JIM THE BAPTIST

Morality Fats Carlen's appearance in Lubbock was greeted with an enthusiasm that could only be overshadowed by the second coming of Christ. Religious scholars and great thinkers alike have always marveled at the beautiful simplicity of the Ten Commandments. Imagine how awestruck they were when Carlen announced that he had further condensed the Ten Commandments into three general rules for his football players.

Recently, Morality Fats enlisted his first disciple, Jim the Baptist Carmichael of Brownwood. Reportedly, Jim was fishing in a stream near Brownwood when Carlen came to him, imploring him to gather up his cleats and shoulder pads and follow him to the promised land. Together, Morality Fats and Jim the Baptist will hopefully lead Tech out of the wilderness of Southwest Conference football mediocrity.

John Lennon and Yoko Ono placed billboards in all of the world's largest cities with the message 'War is Over! If you want it-Happy Christmas from John and Yoko.' *Frens*

POLITICAL RALLY

Editor's Note: The CATALYST isn't used to getting letters from the Lubbock Association of Churches; however, we received the following news release with considerable interest. We encourage our readers to participate.

To encourage maximum participation by an informed electorate in the April 4 (School Board) and the April 21 (city) elections, a candidate rally has been scheduled. The public is invited to hear each candidate's position on important issues. The rally is being sponsored as a service to the general public. It does not support any candidate or platform.

The place : Plains Co Op Oil Mill 2901 Ave. "A"
The day : Monday March 23, 1970
The time : 7:30 P.M.

Format for the rally:

1. 3 minute statement from each candidate
2. Question and answer session for each candidate (time to be limited)
 - A. Questions screened, prepared, and reproduced by committee prior to rally
 - B. Written questions collected from the floor during rally

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POT AS MEDICINE

WASHINGTON (LNS)--Marijuana may well be very good medicine for victims of tetanus, migraine, high blood pressure, and sunstroke, according to long-secret medical research just made public.

Encouraging studies, done ten years ago at the Army chemical welfare laboratory at the Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland, were disclosed when proceedings of a 1969 National Institute of Mental Health conference were published, according to a February 2 Washington Post dispatch.

At that scientific meeting Dr. Van Sim of the Edgewood Arsenal called both natural marijuana and its synthetic "interesting from a medical standpoint."

"There are three areas where they can be of definite use in medicine," he asserted, having investigated two of them himself.

Marijuana, the scientist noted, lowers blood pressure for as long as 36 hours--an effect that may be helpful in treating patients with high blood pressure. Pot also quickly lowers the body temperature of experimental subjects by as much as three degrees--a possible cure for extreme cases of sunstroke. Sunstroke currently kills a large number of its victims when

it is severe enough to render them unconscious. An injection of marijuana serum might save those lives.

Sim also cited the work done in the 1940's by the late Dr. Walter Siegfried Loewe of the University of Utah, who found a tetra-hydrocannabinol (THC, or synthetic marijuana), "very effective" in preventing epileptic seizures when given in small doses.

Loewe's studies, Sim lamented, were stopped because of political pressure and fear of possible addiction. At that time, medical researchers had not proved beyond doubt, the virtual impossibility of physical addiction to marijuana.

Sims' work at the Army Chemical Corps Medical Research Laboratory turned up more evidence of marijuana's positive effects besides its useful medical characteristics. When Sim took some marijuana-equivalent himself he found, according to the transcript of the medical conference: "Colors were intensified and landscapes especially delightful. Occasional visual hallucinations of brilliantly colored geometrical designs were experienced. Although aware of all surrounding events, I preferred to be left alone...even the most bland and unappetizing food was very delightful."

The research disclosed in the the newly published proceedings of the 1969 meeting join the overwhelming body of past work in substantiating the claim that marijuana is far superior to alcohol. No solid research has documented claims that it hurts people. And there is evidence to the contrary: for example, unfinished work in Boston reportedly indicates that motor control of experienced users improves when they smoke marijuana.

Was it Oscar Wilde who, when offered a glass of aqua by a matron at a dinner-party, replied, "Water? Never touch the stuff. Fish fuck in it, you know!"

WAR SUIT

A lawsuit calling on the Federal Court to declare the Vietnam war unlawful and unconstitutional has been filed by Professor Pierre Noyes, a prominent theoretical physicist at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

The suit, filed in the United States District Court by Attorney John E. Thorne, is a complaint for declaratory and other relief against President Richard Nixon; Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird; Secretary of State William P. Rogers; the Chiefs of staff of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps; General Creighton C. Abrams, Commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam; Director of the Internal Revenue Service; and the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

It asks the court to settle the question as a matter of law and fact as to whether (1) the war in Vietnam is an aggressive war in violation of international law and U.S. treaties; (2) U.S. armed forces are committing war crimes; (3) the war is unconstitutional because there has been no Congressional declaration of war; and (4) spending tax monies collected from the plaintiffs is illegal.

The Court will be asked to issue a judgement that the defendants and their predecessors have acted unlawfully and unconstitutionally; and that an order be issued requiring the defendants to discontinue all illegal military actions in Vietnam, or obtain a Congressional declaration of war.

Co-complainants with Professor Noyes include over 300 individuals from throughout the nation.

AN77-BYU

Fort Collins, Colo. (LNS)--Athletes from Brigham Young University came to Colorado State University, Feb. 5, expecting to play basketball. Instead, they found themselves confronted at the outset by 100 blacks and whites angered by the racist policy of Brigham Young University's Mormon governing body: blacks, marked with the "curse of Cain," are not allowed to enter the Mormon priesthood.

THE DAYS WHEN HEROES

HOMER LIKED

by Niemczyk

The days when heroes
Homer liked were praised
Are gone, gone;
These days
We give applause
To brittle glib facades

Encased in my earth-corpse,
I hear the so-intense sophomore
Score me for not appearing
Brighter than I am,
For not erecting
A tabernacle sham
With scrabble-letter balls.
"That kind of man," he urges,
"Makes people get things done!"
"He does not give a Fuck," I answer,
"He only looks like one."

'I cannot be except I am,
That much I promised my new man
The day I killed the old one.
I'll offer what I can of love
And if that should prove not enough,
I'll lay down naked, morning-cold, shivering,
And, with the hard resistant earth, allow
Seduction by the happy warming sun.'

Godless, country less, with only a rite,
Strike at the blind metallic Mormon-face,
Strike for the old brave land!



THE CHURCH WITH AN OPEN MIND

The group staged a halftime demonstration in defiance of the University president's order; fights erupted on court, a reporter was hit with a chunk of flying steel, a firebomb was thrown at the empty BYU bench, and 25 Fort Collins policemen clubbed several demonstrators and chased them into the crowded stands. Seven were arrested as a result of the action—two injured.

During one portion, the BYU band played "The Green Berets." When the police arrived, they broke into "When the Saints Come Marching In."

Brigham Young University has met similar reactions earlier this year: students at San Jose State, Colorado State College, the Universities of Wyoming and Arizona staged protests at sports events involving BYU on their campuses. The anti-BYU demonstrations began November, 1969 at Wyoming University where black athletes were denied permission to wear black armbands during the Wyoming-BYU football game. At Arizona, the action was almost identical to that at Fort Collins, resulting in many injuries and thirteen arrests.

STP

At the Court of Military Appeals in Washington in late January, Andy Granatelli's STP stickers were being handed out. The letters didn't stand for a racing car oil-additive; they stood for "Save The Priest."

The "Priest" in question is a tall blond sailor from Texas named Roger Priest, charged by the Navy with making disloyal statements and with soliciting fellow servicemen to desert and to "commit sedition." Maximum penalty: 36 years in the brig.

Priest is the first serviceman-dissenter to be brought to trial whose only offense is the expression of ideas distasteful to his superiors. It is a clear-cut First Amendment case. The offending views appeared in a newsletter, entitled OM, which Priest wrote, published and distributed, taking care to do so in off-duty hours. The disrespect shown for prevailing authority is not in dispute. General Earle Wheeler is a "pig"; Melvin Laird is "People's Enemy No. 1" and "a practising prostitute and a pimp"; L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, is, by reference, a hog mucking up an otherwise clean stream. Two persons have seen a letter which Congressman Rivers sent to the Pentagon, directing the military to "silence" Priest.

The Navy first charged Priest with "wrongfully" using "contemptuous words" against Rep. Rivers. That charge was later dropped—perhaps because the Navy would have been put in the embarrassing position of repeating, in its own statement of charges, and thus giving further currency to, Seaman Priest's "contemptuous words."

Priest published the first of his newsletters in April, 1969. After the second issue, in May, Priest observed three carloads of crew-cut men, conspicuously looking up at his apartment window from a parking lot below. The Navy later admitted that it had assigned no less than 25 such investigators to keep tabs on Priest. It had also elicited the help of the Washington, D.C. Sanitation Department to make a special pick-up of his trash, for Naval inspection. When Priest addressed a peace workshop in Cleveland, of the 15 persons in his audience, six were thought to be naval investigators.

In addition to raising the First Amendment issue, Priest's lawyer, David Rein,

is challenging one arbitrary feature of military courts-martial that has heretofore been accepted as gospel. Last November, the military judge in the case dismissed, as legally deficient, the two most serious charges against Priest—soliciting desertion and sedition. When this decision was reported to the "convening authority" (the admiral who had ordered the court-martial in the first place), the admiral directed that the military judge "reconsider" his decision. Webster defines "reconsider" as "to think over or ponder again." The Navy means "do what the admiral says." The trial judge so interpreted the word and dutifully reversed himself. Lawyer Rein, assisted by two Navy lawyers assigned to Priest's defense, challenged the authority of the convening authority to overrule the trial judge. That challenge was heard January 23 by the Court of Military Appeals.

The government's argument, if transferred by analogy to the field of civilian justice would run like this: If the Justice Department brings an indictment and a federal district judge finds it legally deficient, the judge's ruling ought to be appealable, not to a higher court, but back to the Justice Department, where the indictment originated—and the Attorney General should have absolute power to order the trial judge to reinstate the charges. In fact, the government's position in the Priest case is more absurd than that, for the Navy contended that on an issue involving solely a matter of law, the trial judge (who must be a trained lawyer) can be overruled by an admiral who is not required to have—and in this case did not have—any legal training whatever.

Former Michigan Senator Homer Ferguson, now a member of the Court of Military Appeals, seemed to find this argument thin. The attitude of his two colleagues has been harder to discern. But even if they decide in the defendant's favor, and two of the six charges are dismissed, Seaman Priest will stand trial for the publication of a newsletter that "contained statements disloyal to the United States." We must wait and see how, and by what authority, the Navy defines "disloyal."

There's an extra j in marijuana.

CHAIN OF COMMAND





The Name That is causing Uneasy Laughter

Women's Liberation--the name that is causing uneasy laughter in men and evergrowing anger and action in women across the country. The groups may begin with small bitches about unfair dorm rules, unsatisfactory dating habits, child raising problems, and questions of family responsibility. But as she progresses, the woman is waking up to some startling realizations. She sees the problem is not just the archaic rules of the school she is attending, an old-fashioned boss, or demanding husband. The problem lies in the very system, in the most basic attitudes and assumptions that our society is based on, and the fact that these are just lies, used by the dominating male hierarchy to perpetuate female slavery. And then she feels disgust and anger at realizing just how many of these lies and perversions have entered her body and mind, and polluted her potential to be a whole, fulfilled person. The female is a nigger in the most confining and complete way.

Women who join men in laughing at their liberated sisters should stop to examine their own role in life. From infancy they are restrained, restricted, and gradually molded into a sub-human, lifeless blob who will one day be ready to take orders and give pleasure. Males, in the meantime, are encouraged to be wild, aggressive, and domineering. In school, especially starting in junior high and high school, girls are pushed into home economics, secretarial courses, and service organizations. Boys are directed toward problems solving, creative activities, and leadership abilities in science, math, architecture, etc. How often have you heard a bad grade being excused "because girls aren't very good in math", or had your science teacher suggest a girl and boy work together as lab partners so the boy can do the work and the girl do the recording? During high school and college the women definitely drop behind men academically as their thoughts turn to "more important matters." The pressure begins to get that man, have a baby, and then sit back, contented. Woman who do try to go into a career often find themselves stuck in dead-end jobs with salaries far less than men equal in position or even lower. Most women end up as store clerks, secretaries, waitresses, maids, etc., many of whom don't even benefit from government programs because of their poor position. The story goes on with middle-age usually bringing an end to all the "desirable" and "admirable" qualities of a woman-beauty and sex.

But the real loss women suffer from all the oppression and ridiculous roles laid upon them is not simply increased salaries or equal civil rights, even though these are very important. It is the loss of a personal identity and ability to relate to a fascinating world as an individual. That's why Women's Liberation has a two-fold purpose--of helping women change in social and political action. In a society dominated by men, natural opportunities for women to get to know each other don't arise. Women learn to mistrust each other and view each other as rivals. Her identity is viewed strictly through her present or future connection with a male. A woman may feel personally "liberated", but she will be forced to recognize that most women feel distrustful of her despite her own lack of animosity. Women's Liberation provides a chance for women to discuss personal problems and ideas, and to cultivate a sisterhood which cultural forces discourage.

A changing perspective means the realization of deficient areas of self which the male-dominated educational system has created. Lubbock WLF has set up several weeks of programs on Tuesday nights, 8:00 p.m., in the Wesley Foundation for learning purposes. Women candidates for public offices will discuss the Lubbock political scene with the group for the next two weeks, and then several lawyers will come to discuss state and federal laws that specifically discriminate for or against women. Thursday mornings at 11:00 are held open for free discussion.

Lubbock WLF made their first public appearance at the Dunlap's style show Saturday, March 14, featuring Miss America. By handing out leaflets, they advertised the movement and started the process of educating the mass of women to the nature of their oppression. The style show was a perfect example of women being used and exploited by the fashion and cosmetic industry as mindless sex-symbols. The second appearance will be Wednesday, March 18, in front of the sub for a "speak-out" on Women's Liberation. Men are invited to air opinions there, and not take up valuable time at meetings by expecting us to constantly explain ourselves to you. We have important things to discuss and are through catering to men and their whims. We have a huge task ahead of us, but one worth our strength and motivation. It is perhaps the most revolutionary of all movement goals. There are many beautiful and courageous women fighting today and many more will fight tomorrow. Join us in creating a new future.

You
Guys

BLEW IT

by Kathy Williams

Women are probably the largest minority group in the world. Yet at the same time, they are the least vocal, the most unrepresented, and one of the most suppressed groups

in the same battle-torn world. A woman of another minority group, such as a Black, is twice as repressed. It is time that such prejudice be ended.

I do not advocate a war with men; that would be stu-

pid. Men are bigger than we are. Rather, an equal partnership with men would be more feasible. I advocate the right for men and women to like each other as humans, not as animalistic sex symbols. I advocate an alienation from, and a destruction of, the buck-eating (no pun intended) business machine that grows fat selling Brut, Jaguars, and Playboy to men who can't make it with their own personality. It is defeating to a man when he finds out he can't make it with these expensive toys. No woman is going to shack up with a guy the minute she sees him unless she has a serious psychological problem, in which case she needs understanding, not undressing.

Women are tired of being referred to as a good lay. If a man should feel this way, I would suggest masturbation as a means of relieving his sexual needs. It is obvious that he thinks more of himself than he ever would of any woman. He masturbates his mind; why not his penis?

In a larger sense, it is no more a woman's responsibility to have sexual relations on demand with her husband than it is her responsibility to clean house, cook, and wash dishes. A man who gets married for these services should get a housekeeper, and follow the above suggestion for his sexual needs.

Another myth that needs exploding is that it is the woman's job to rear children. This myth is dangerous, not only to the mother who is tied down for 20 years, but to the child. A child in a marriage such as this grows up never knowing his father as anything but a money machine, and his mother as an embittered, broken-down maid, who due to early old age and rheumatism, can't jump every time he cries anymore. I am deeply sympathetic toward such people trying desperately to be a family. Their death as individuals is brought about by the business machine, as they are destroyed by their desire for happiness through money. They probably would have been able to achieve true happiness had they sought it in themselves and each other.

Dates are one of the most asinine customs practiced on campuses today. Their only redeemable quality is that in Middle Class America it is almost the only way to know another person of the opposite sex. Dates have become a game. The female uses the male for social entertainment, and the male uses the female for sexual satisfaction. The person who wins is the one who gets the most and gives the least. I feel a girl should be willing to pay her way to any social engagement. If the male will not let her, she should ask herself in all honesty if she would spend the same amount of money on him that he spends on her. If she would not, she should stop wasting his money. This would free the female from any obligation to the male, and would assure the male that any show of affection is pure, not paid.

Although there are many things to talk about, the last I shall discuss is the matter of language. A woman should have the right to utter any word she pleases, without the male being

embarrassed. Women know what "screw" means. If they did not, you could be assured that men wouldn't either.

Society should realize that words are only an organization of letters that mean

nothing more than what is in one's mind when he hears them. The Women's Liberation Movement is a movement for freedom of the sexes. If it is achieved, the Social Machine as we know it will be destroyed. Isn't it time we traded the old model in for a newer, more effective one?

UNSEX!

The Women's Liberation Movement is encountering the usual resentment and reactions with which all movements for social change are confronted. However, a new, annoying element is manifest. When one is a woman, and has recognized her second-class status through personal experience, it is nauseating to be subjected to laughter when she makes her grievances known.

It is usually men who react with laughter. One is sorely tempted to conclude that these men laugh at women for the same reason that adolescents laugh at biology class discussions of sex: they are covering their embarrassment. Any man who refuses to recognize that women are discriminated against is either lying to himself or grossly ignorant. The tragic part is that he himself is a victim of the same stupid social practices that oppress women.

It must be trying for a male to have to constantly maintain to his peers that all he ever thinks about is screwing. It must be a real challenge to have to constantly think of new lines, to worry about having enough money when the girl he's with orders steak for dinner instead of chicken. Both sexes are forced by advertising and big business to be ashamed of their bodies in their natural state, and strive to cover them with cosmetics, mouthwashes, deodorants, and perfume or aftershave. One is led to believe that the only things that matter in inter-personal relationships are superficialities like smell.

It would certainly be refreshing to live in a society where honesty, both with oneself and with others, were the basic value. Instead, by evolving a social system to keep women subservient, men have deprived themselves as well. They have compromised their individual identities and their integrity for a social system which is archaic and stupid. Courtship is phoney and exploitative. Marriage is repressive. The typical female stereotype makes a lousy companion. But her role has been created by men, and these same men wonder why marriage is not the gas they thought it would be. The woman's "job" as child-rearer and maid deprives women of their personalities and self-respect, but it also deprives men of the companionship and respect of their children and their wives.

If men would just stop to think of how they have lost out, as well as women, perhaps they would not think the women's liberation movement is so damned funny. Perhaps they would join in the effort to create a free society of intelligent, independent individuals to replace the steaming mess our society is now, on its base of suppression and exploitation.

A newspaper of women's liberation. Available from: Women's Liberation Basement Press, P.O. Box 6323, Albany, Calif. 94706. \$1.80 for 6 mos. \$5 supporting sub. Bulk orders 10¢ each for ten or more.



bobby seale

(Interview with Bobby Seale in San Francisco jail, Jan. 1970)

WHAT'S THE REVOLUTION?

The Black Panther Party does not deal with abstract notions of integration or abstract notions of separation. We're trying to deal with the actual problems. This is the way Malcolm X said it and this is the way we see it. You'll hear Huey say that when the people learn guerilla warfare tactics and they see guerilla warfare as necessary, when the people are educated to this there will no longer be a need for us to go to the streets. When the people hear about a gestapo policeman being sniped while sipping a cup of coffee, when the people learn this tactic, they'll know what to do.

The word revolution doesn't refer to what some lackey has misdescribed. We're not trying to import a revolution from Russia, we're not trying to import a revolution from China, we're not trying to import a revolution from Cuba or even Africa although the racism of the colonial system in Africa is quite similar to the colonial situation which exists for black people and brown people here. This is a highly technological society whereas Cuba's still underdeveloped and China's still underdeveloped and even Russia in 1917 was underdeveloped.

We're relating our struggle to the situation here where we exist as people, to change the system. Our techniques and our tactics are going to be interrelated with the people here. Eldridge Cleaver made a statement that the socialist revolution that's occurring here is going to be a very yankee doodle kind of socialism. What some of these bourgeois reporters, bourgeois minded reporters, that protect the ruling class elite have defined re-

volution to be is completely absurd.

A lot of people seem to misunderstand a lot of things. Sometimes people think that because the Black Panther Party won't let white people dictate to us they should pull to the side. What they have to understand is that we don't mind criticism, revolutionary criticisms, but we don't want no counter-revolutionary criticism. I'm not saying that all the white radicals, progressive liberals have done this but they just haven't understood where we're coming from yet. One reason is that they don't understand the historical experience of black people and how that's translated through the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism, how it's translated making the ideology of the party.

The ideology of the Black Panther Party which is the historical experience of black people translated by way of the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism. When we say translated we're talking about the real, practical everyday work that's put forth, our revolutionary work, our revolutionary tasks of trying to change the system. This is what makes an ideology. When you talk to poor-oppressed people you can't just talk about the socio-economic system, you've got to be real. And the ideology becomes very real through the Black Panther Party.

When we have to battle, we are attacked, we shoot back but that's not the essence--the guns are tools. I think a lot of people are looking at guns like to say if we have so many guns we can overthrow so many pigs etc. No, that's not the case. What about the masses of the people? Because a revolution is manifested in the masses of the people. This is very important.

ONLY 576?

The American Deserters Committee is still chuckling over a recent Pentagon statement that there are only "576 American deserters in Canada". They say that the Montreal ADC alone received about 650 deserters last year and that there are between 800 and 1200 living in that city. Because many AWOLs go it alone after

entering Canada, there is no reliable tally of the number of deserters living in this country, ADC officials, however, estimate that there must be three to six thousand scattered across the land. If they're right, the Pentagon is guilty of wishful thinking. But then again, they never were very good at body-counts!

TWICE

Washington (LNS/CPS)-- There may be almost twice as many American deaths in Vietnam as the Defense Department claims.

Former Senator Wayne Morse has charged the Defense Department has two sets of death statistics: the real ones and those released to the public in its weekly "statistical summary." Morse first made the charge last August, claiming 70,000 rather than 30,000 Americans had been killed in Vietnam combat at that time.

An ex-Marine, who was stationed at Marine Headquarters here, told an October Vietnam Moratorium audience, "I realized that the Corps was, as a matter of policy, announcing a death toll that was just about half of the number of deaths reported to our office. ...I talked to guys who were clerking at Army headquarters and they said the same thing was going on in their office. ... The fact is, twice as many Americans have died in Vietnam as the military admits."

Slightly more than 40,000 American men have now been killed in Vietnam action, according to the Defense Department. If Morse and the Marine are right, the figure is actually closer to 80,000.

Even the back side of the weekly Defense Department report shows that another 7,250 Americans have been killed in Vietnam from aircraft "accidents and incidents" and "other causes" or they are "missing." The causes including the "aircraft incidents," are listed as "U.S. casualties not the result of action by hostile forces."

WEAPONS

Phila., Pa. (LNS)-- Weapons for Counterinsurgency is the first of a series of books published by the American Friends Service Committee on how to alert a community about its entanglements with the military-industrial complex. The book includes a catalogue of what weapons are produced by whom, an account of a specific project which is trying to halt production of such weapons, and a bibliography of sources which might be used by local organizers in investigating defense contractors.

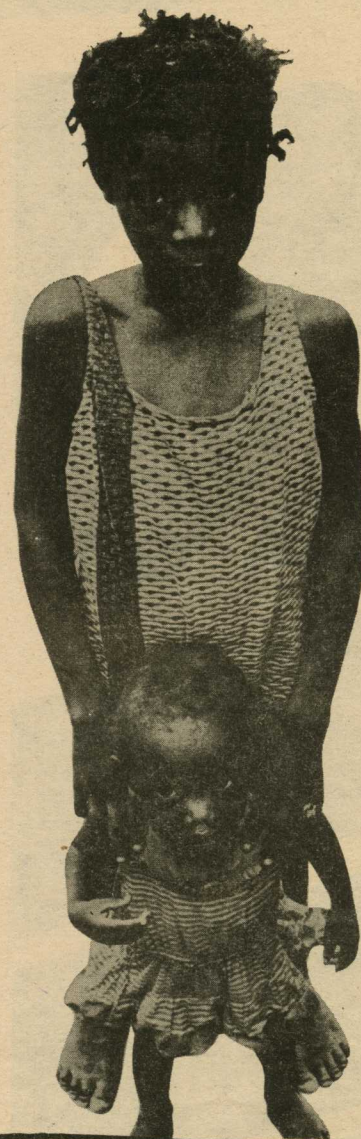
Research for the handbook was done through NARMIC (National Research/Action on the Military-Industrial Complex), a project of the Peace Education Division of the AFSC.

NARMIC, in the words of its first handbook, was "designed to dramatize the need to demilitarize the American system and create a consciousness of the depth of impingement of the military on the institutions of this society and our own lives."

Designed to stimulate direct action and research, NARMIC performs three services for local organizations: providing facts about the military-industrial complex, publishing material to help local groups develop their own research techniques, and serving as a national clearing house for information and reports on the military-industrial complex.

The handbook lists the weapons in the U.S. arsenal in each of three categories: chemical and biological, incendiary, and anti-personnel. NARMIC also lists the companies who hold government contracts on these weapons and the institutions involved in their development.

As a service to local communities, NARMIC hopes to report on various existing models of research-action on the military-industrial complex.



HUNGER

Your \$10 gift to these hungry kids can bring them \$240 worth of meat, milk, and bread.

These kids go through life never knowing what it is like not to be hungry. They subsist day after day on a few greens around noon and some pinto beans in the evening. Nothing more. Nothing different. And not even enough of that.

Biafra?...No! This is here in America. Walk down the back roads of most any Mississippi Delta town and you'll see sharecroppers, field hands, seasonal workers...and their children...with stomachs bloated, eyes dulled, feet swollen, arms and legs that are matchstick thin.

The irony is that they are not starving at a rate dramatic enough to arouse the indignation of the nation and the world. Otherwise something would have already been done.

One of the programs that is aiding many of these families is the federally sponsored Food Stamp Plan. Under this plan a needy family can convert a 50¢ food stamp into as much as \$12.00 worth of food. The problem is getting that 50¢, because many families have no income at all.

The NAACP Special Contribution Fund is conducting a nationwide drive to help thousands survive. If you can do with one less "dinner out" this month, the money can mean a month's supply of meat, milk, and bread for a family of five. Just \$10.00 buys up to \$240.00 in food stamps.

Send check to:

NAACP Emergency Relief
Dept B4, Box 121
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