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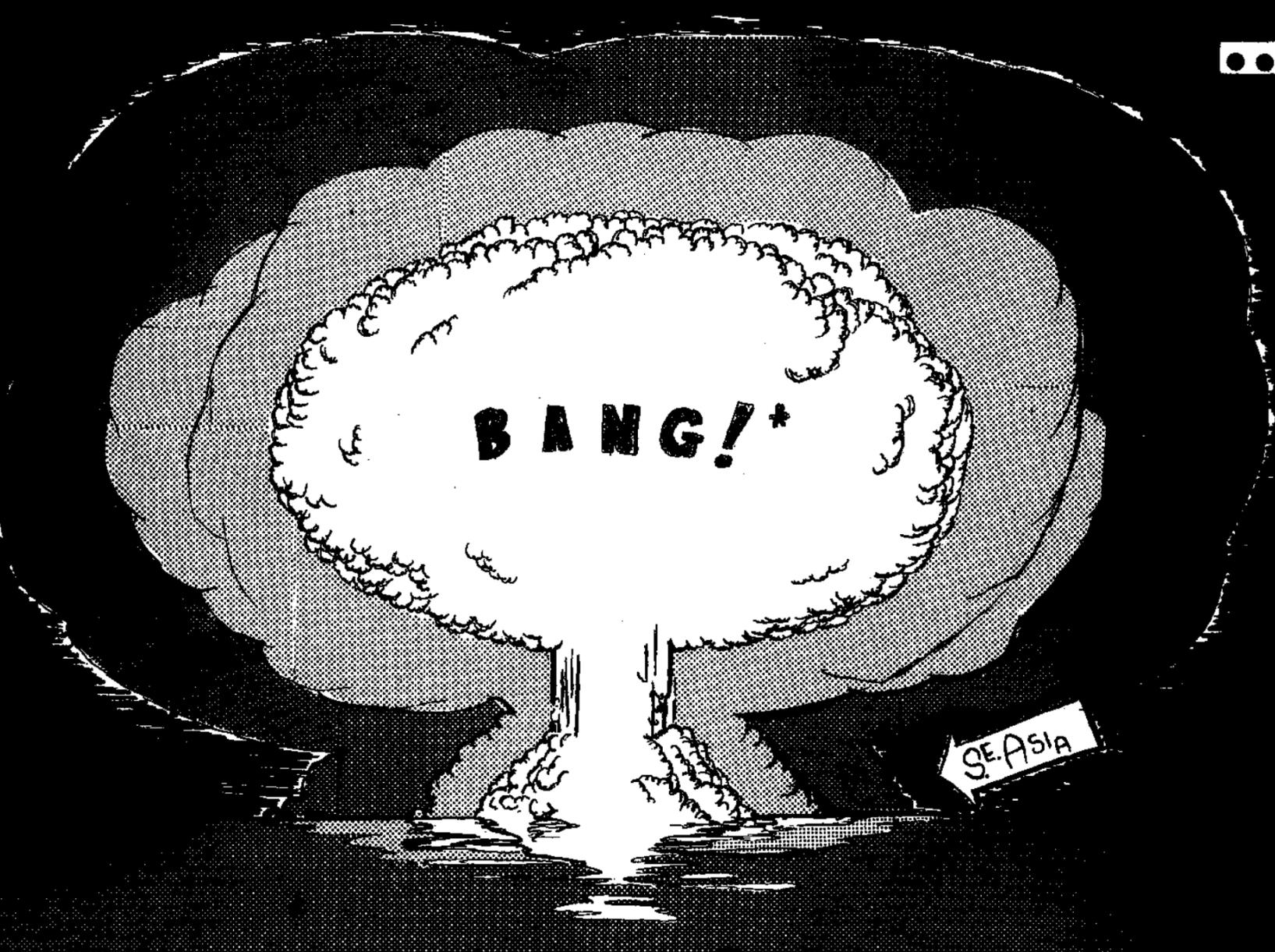
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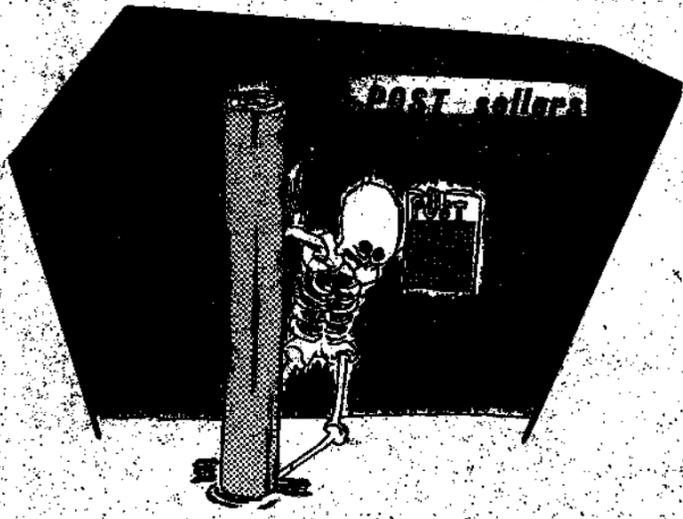
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EXAMINED AGAIN

by Holden and Phoebe Caulfield

In our last article (*Post-Amerikan* #8) we related the experiences of one ex-patient of Dr. Rudnicki, a local gynecologist. We reported that Carol had twice been propositioned while in Rudnicki's examining room. We reported that one local doctor said, "Rudnicki likes his patients too much. He doesn't look at them with professional eyes." We quoted another doctor's reference to Rudnicki: "We know there's something wrong with him, but you women must report it before something can be done."

Since the writing of that article, we have spoken with several more of Rudnicki's ex-patients.

Jane's Story

One woman, who we will call Jane, first went to Rudnicki because she felt sure she was pregnant.

"He was very sarcastic," Jane told us, "and he got kind of moralistic about the fact that I would be pregnant and not married. When he took the urinalysis test, it was negative, and I was pretty sure I was pregnant. He asked me what kind of game I was playing. He also gave me an eight-dollar shot and some six-dollar pills to try to induce a period, because he didn't think I was pregnant. So when I went back a week later, as he had told me to, the test was positive. This kind of freaked him out. So he said, 'well, we won't make you pay for this test,' because he knew he had fucked up."

Jane told Rudnicki that she planned to go to New York for an abortion. According to Jane, Rudnicki said, "Well, you know this abortion is going to cost four hundred dollars." Jane told us, "He gave me a bunch of misinformation about abortion. He said it is bad for you and would cost a lot of money."

Jane had an abortion in New York, and returned to Dr. Rudnicki for a post-abortion check-up. "He said I had a cyst, a uterine cyst," Jane told us. Rudnicki told Jane to return in a few weeks. According to Jane, Rudnicki said that if the cyst remained, he would have to perform surgery. "I was kind of shook up about that," Jane said, "but I didn't really believe him. I was beginning to think he was a quack or something."

"So I went back a couple weeks later," Jane said, "and the cyst had mysteriously cleared up." Several people I've talked to have been told by Rudnicki that they have cysts, and he had them come back a couple times. But they always went away by themselves, without having to go to the hospital for surgery."

very long time. She switched doctors, and the new doctor said that Rudnicki's diagnosis was wrong.

Headaches

We spoke with Pat Anderson (her real name), a divorced woman. Pat began having severe headaches, so she went to Dr. Rudnicki, since he was the doctor she had already been seeing. She told Dr. Rudnicki about the headaches, and he gave her a vaginal examination. Later in the week she went again about the headaches. Again, Rudnicki performed a vaginal examination. Pat went a third time about her headaches. Finally Rudnicki gave her some medicine, but only after another vaginal exam. Pat had three vaginal examinations in one week, and she had been going to the doctor only for her headaches.

It turned out, after Pat switched doctors, that her headaches stemmed from her diet pills.

Pat told us that she felt Rudnicki was more interested in her sex life than anything else.

We did speak with two women who are going to Rudnicki and have found nothing to be displeased about. They had been somewhat upset by our earlier article, as nothing of the sort had ever happened to them. They questioned neither Rudnicki's competency nor his professional ethics.

As we speak with more of Rudnicki's patients, we will continue to report on their experiences. We encourage women who have been to Rudnicki to write up their experiences and send the letter to the *Post-Amerikan*.

Another Cyst

We spoke with another woman, who, according to Rudnicki, also had a cyst. She went to Rudnicki in order to get birth control pills, and during the examination Rudnicki determined that she had an ovarian cyst. He told her that unless the cyst disappeared soon, she would have to have surgery. She asked questions about the cyst, and Rudnicki showed her pictures in medical books. She told us that these pictures were extremely gory and nasty; she said that she was very disturbed by Rudnicki's suggestion that these pictures were examples of what was probably wrong with her.

She did say that she was pleased to find a doctor who would take time to answer medical questions.

She returned several weeks later, as the doctor had suggested. She said Rudnicki did not seem to remember that she was coming back about the cyst. She did not think that Rudnicki had checked her records, and she had to remind him that he was supposed to examine her to see if the cyst remained. Rudnicki performed another examination, but this time "he did not seem very interested." The examination was surprisingly fast and perfunctory. Rudnicki said the cyst was gone.

False Diagnosis

We spoke with another woman, who, according to Rudnicki, had gonorrhea. This woman said she knew she couldn't have VD, as she had not had sex for a

More on Dr. Rudnicki

(The following letter was sent to the *Post-Amerikan* office in response to an earlier article about Dr. Rudnicki. The letter's author requested that her name be withheld.)

"Carol's" experiences with Dr. Richard P. Rudnicki recounted in the September issue of the *Post-Amerikan* are not as exaggerated or incredible as they may sound.

My own past appointments with Dr. Rudnicki extended over a two-year period. During this time, Rudnicki treated me for vaginal infections, a lump in my breast, issued prescriptions for the pill and was responsible for my yearly Pap test. Dr. Rudnicki was frequently more than professionally friendly, flirtatious and would openly question me about my private sexual experiences. At no time did I ever provoke or prompt this attitude or conversation.

Several times Dr. Rudnicki issued me vaginal medication and on occasion birth control pills clearly marked "samples" from drug companies. My bill would include a charge for the medication in addition to the charge for the office call.

At one point I chose to quit taking the pill and instead scheduled an appointment for the insertion of an IUD.

After a 2 1/2 hour wait in the outer office I was finally examined. After prolonged and painful dilation of my uterus and a seeming struggle to insert the IUD, Rudnicki abruptly told me that I couldn't wear one because my uterus was both too short and too narrow.

Another gynecologist recently examined me and assured me that there was nothing physically or anatomically preventing my wearing an IUD.

All of my appointments involved an 1 1/2 - 2 hour waiting period. The sign-in sheet in the waiting room showed that frequently Dr. Rudnicki had 2 or 3 women scheduled for the same appointment time.

I stopped going to Dr. Rudnicki because he became increasingly flirtatious and during my last two visits he made overt advances and openly propositioned me.

I feel an obligation to write this for the sake of numerous unsuspecting women in search of good professional medical care who may want to consider my own experiences in their decisions.

Anonymous
(but with sisterly concern)

WHO DO YOU LOVE? OR

nixon's SYSTEM

Hayden Rap from August Ramparts

The major purpose of the offensive, as judged by events on the battlefield, has been to utterly destroy Nixon's option of Vietnamization and to make a negotiated settlement the only possible basis for ending the war. The negotiated settlement would include 2 controversial main points: 1. That Nixon set a date for the withdrawal of U.S. forces, in exchange for which American POW's would be returned, simultaneously with the withdrawal; and 2. that U.S. withdraw support from Thieu and his supporters, letting emerge a conditional government of the Provincial Revolutionary Government, the urban opposition, and elements of the former Saigon regime.

Vietnamization Smashed

What does destruction of Vietnamization mean concretely? It means, in military terms, that the entire strategic reserve of the Saigon army has been committed to a battlefield in which its forces have been over-extended, nailed down, and have begun to suffer devastating losses. Of the thirteen divisions of the Saigon army, two were completely wiped out in the first two months of the offensive--the 3rd division, which retreated from Quang Tri, and the 22nd division which collapsed in the central highland. Of the remaining eleven divisions, all had lost between several battalions and several brigades in the same two month period. They were pinned down at three fixed points; below the DMZ in the Quang Tri-Hue area, in the center of South Vietnam in the Kontum area, and in the third military region northwest of Saigon around the provincial capital of An Loc. These were battlefronts chosen at

the initiative of the liberation forces in which the conventional ARVN troops were held under devastating siege. In two months the Thieu Administration had irreversibly lost huge areas of South Vietnam in which millions of people live.

A Vietnamese schoolteacher stressed the importance of the fact that the offensive has reversed the "forced urbanization" process designed by Samuel Huntington and other American officials to crowd refugees into more easily controllable urban areas and camps of South Vietnam. The offensive has been the high point of a process, she said, in which large numbers of the people are returning to the countryside where life--even under the bombing--is more liveable than in the American-controlled cities, with their disintegrating culture, their state of nearly total joblessness, and their oppressive conditions ranging from the draft to the penitentiaries to prostitution.

The perspective into which the offensive and the escalation fit is the perspective of a total collapse of US strategy in Vietnam at all levels. We now know that the Nixon administration had entered its term in office with no serious hopes that Vietnamization by itself could work. Instead, the secret Nixon strategy consisted of other plans. Vietnamization was directed as much at dissipating protests in America as at slowing up the Saigon government. Aerial bombardment by the US Air Force was to be the real means of starving off the collapse in Saigon. In the meantime, secret talks would be engaged in by Kissinger to sound out the North Vietnamese on the possibilities of arranging a settlement at any point when American military

pressure had become too severe. Furthermore, the mining of Haiphong Harbor reminds us that the ultimate hope of the US government is to force abasement on North Vietnam through pressure directed against its "great power" allies. (Nixon in 1969 advised the Soviet Union that Haiphong would be mined in 1972.)

Sellout

It seems clear now that both the Soviet Union and China have placed national interests, as indicated by Kissinger, above their solidarity with Vietnam. It was hardly "internationalization" when China announced its acceptance of the U.S. ping pong team one week after the PRS proposed its Seven Point Program last July. More callous by far was the Soviet decision to welcome Nixon in Moscow and sign a "peaceful co-existence" agreement after Haiphong Harbor (a mainly rice port not military) was mined. Reliable sources go further to state that Podgorny followed the summit with a trip to Hanoi in which he urged acceptance of the Nixon ceasefire proposal. All these actions at the very least diverted attention from the Paris Peace Talks by opening the illusory prospect of a Great Power settlement once again. They also permitted the US to escalate the killing of Indochinese people without danger of a direct Soviet or Chinese response, thus bolstering the arguments made by hawks in the US for five years.

However the international tempo which seemed to favor Nixon, the megamaniac, in the immediate wake of the summits, now is swinging the other direction as a result of the genocidal bombing of the dikes and cities, and the US refusal to talk sense in Paris.



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WATCHING THE RIVER FLOW

McGovern's SYSTEM

Walrus Sept

McGovern's electoral strategy from the very beginning has been to first draw in the activist, leftist youth, and then slowly and gradually move over to the so-called moderates, after he has got the progressive elements among the young, the Black, and the women wrapped to his bandwagon.

Remember when he was oh so radical?

To check out how loose McGovern's shit is, the cheers fro the victory in the California credentials test had hardly died down when Mc Govern met with a group of wives and relatives of Amerikan POW's. He released a statement that if elected he would "retain a military capability in Southeast Asia to signal and fulfill our determination on this (POW) issue."

Of course, McGovern also said in this statement that he would stand by his pledge to get out of Vietnam within 90 days of his inauguration. But the Wall Street Hourmal of July 12 quickly caught the significance of what it called "Mc Govern's flexibility even on his longstanding pledge to totally withdraw the American military presence from Southeast Asia." While McGovern moved so swiftly to show flexibility and an eagerness to soften his stand on the war in Southeast Asia, he moved even more swiftly to strengthen his reactionary position in the party's plank on Israel. This was shown when he threw his support behind this clearly worded rap: "The US must ... make and carry out a firm, long term public commitment to provide Israel with aircraft and other military equipment in the quantity and sophistication she needs to preserve her deterrent strength in the face of Soviet arsealing of Arab threats of renewed war." This plank is even more outspoken, reactionary than the old proposal.

The most dangerous aspect of the illusions created by the McGovern campaign is really his anti-war position. A liberation leader from any of the Arab countries, listening to the convention speeches from the McGovern camps, would come away with the feeling that so far as the Middle East is concerned, McGovern's candidacy is just as fucked up as Nixon's and that McGovern is in a race to outdo Nixon on "help for Israel" (maintenance of US monopoly oil privileges in the Arab lands and a military

presence in the Mediterranean)

It goes without saying that the issues on which so many of the leftist elements fought so hard were defeated in the voting on the program. Many women who worked hard for the McGovern campaign were dealt the severest blow when the issue of abortion was defeated and a vague, innocuous clause on women's rights was accepted instead. But the liberal abortion clause was not the only casualty in the struggle over the platform. Even such moderate demands as the repeal of Nixon's income tax code and the substitution of a more liberal system of lower tax rates for the poor were soundly defeated. The rights of gay people were completely ignored in the platform, and most significantly, the liberal welfare proposal of a \$6500 yearly minimum for a family of four was also lost.

This is not to say that if these proposals had passed they would have been taken seriously by the incumbent President, but, they would have been a clue as to which way the wind is blowing.

With the adoption of the platform ends the heroic age of the new politics of the McGovern leftests! Their very victory is also their defeat. From here on the word is slow and steady retreat on all fundamental issues. The more reactionary the attack from the Nixon administration, the more McGovern will be made to look good. And this will get his left wing to cling more to him.

The coming of McGovern has accomplished what Eugene McCarthy began in 1968, but failed to accomplish. McCarthy openly proclaimed that he wanted to get the young people "off the streets" and into the electoral process; he constantly argued against the futility of real mass struggle and beaked them to come back into "the established forms of political dissent: rather than political combat outside and against the establishment. McGovern took up the threads left by McCarthy and roped in a whole generation of a politically emerging movement, binding them to the chariot wheel of the imperialist establishment. Thus a shameful silence reigns while the murderous bombings in Vietnam continue.



McGovern in his response to the wives and relatives of the POW's has in so many words proclaimed that he is for a new version of the Nixonite "residual force" in Southeast Asia. And it is to be noted that practically all of the leftests in the McGovern camp seem to be completely oblivious to the fact that in spite of all McGovern's so-called anti-militarist talks, he as well as the platform passed by the convention carefully avoiding any mention of withdrawing troops from Northeast Asia, from Korea, Taiwan, or of specifically calling for the abandonment of the Guantanamo base in Cuba. The platform merely calls for "reducing overseas bases and forces", without saying which bases should be completely eliminated, and what military forces are to be withdrawn from what bases. There are any number of militarists in the Pentagon, including Admiral Rickover, who are for "reducing overseas bases and forces." They openly admit that their motivation is based purely on economy and obsolescence.

P.S. It is in the name of the time honored rule of political expedience that the mass of the electorate are asked time and again to condone very crime committed by the elected public officials. It is precisely the most left within the inner circle of McGovern's group who are now being praised for their "realism", as the N.Y. Times of July 2 put it, and it's all under the formula, "We can't win otherwise." Even Yippie leaders Jerry Rubin & Abbie Hoffman have learned the wisdom of being "realistic." This proves once again that middle class anarchism is a paper tiger that can easily be co-opted by the establishment. It demonstrates the Marxist maxim that without a firm working class approach, all politics tend to be consumed by the bourgeoisie.

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Local Obscenity Trial Held

by Ralph Ginzburg

McLean County State's Attorney Paul Welch's "War on Smut" reached a climax (hmm...) October 16 and 17 in the trial of Al's Book World, a local adult book store.

Al Tannahill and Gary Whitbeck, co-owners of the store, were busted July 5th on obscenity charges. On July 18, Tannahill and Whitbeck were busted again, along with Bobby Hayden, a clerk at the book shop. (See Post-Amerikan #7)

The charges were based on a total of nine magazines purchased on the two dates. State troopers working undercover had to undertake the purchases, as members of the local police force were regular and known frequenters of the store.

The jury trial began Monday October 16. The prosecution called four state troopers to the stand, and each testified that he had purchased certain magazines at Al's Book World.

It was the prosecuting attorney's job to demonstrate that the magazines met the Supreme Court's criteria for obscenity. The material must offend community standards, appeal to prurient interests, and be utterly lacking in any redeeming social value.

The prosecution succeeded in proving that several publications were purchased. The prosecution also proved that the magazines were indeed purchased at Al's Book World. The assistant State's Attorney also managed to prove that the magazines in question cost from four to five dollars.

No Proof

But the prosecution never even attempted to show that the magazines offended community standards. Nor did the prosecution even try to prove that the publications appealed to prurient interests.

One state witness, Pastor Paul Olson, testified that the magazines were without redeeming social value. According to Olson, the magazines depicted sex as a process which could be experienced outside of a marriage relationship. This means the magazines are utterly without redeeming social value, according to the State's witness.

The defense called two University of Illinois professors to the witness stand. They testified that the publications did have redeeming social value. One defense witness pointed out that the magazines did not go beyond the limits of community standards--he mentioned seeing adult movies advertised right in Bloomington.

Nevertheless, the jury, after two days of testimony and four hours of deliberation, found the defendants guilty on all charges.

The defense intends to appeal.

Weed People

Continue

There's good Mexican weed going around and selling for \$10 an ounce. This has been done as part of a plan to distribute good reefer for a fair price in the Bloomington-Normal community. The Weed People have not only collected 95 bucks in Weed nontax to be used for a ball fund and Clinic, but have dealt a serious blow to hard drugs in this town, as it were.

The Weed People are concerned that sometimes hemp dealers are into doing the same kind of rip-offs that other capitalists around here are. Well it seems that the Weed People caught this dude, Sam Bullshit, dealing this good Mexican Reefer for \$15 an ounce. On the surface

Sam's looks like a pleasant transaction doesn't it? Well it ain't. Sam was getting the weed for less than \$8 and selling it for \$15, and given that he promised the Weed People to sell it for \$10 -- The Weed People took back the rest of their shit. Sam ain't that bad of a guy. He just slips back into that slick role every now and then.

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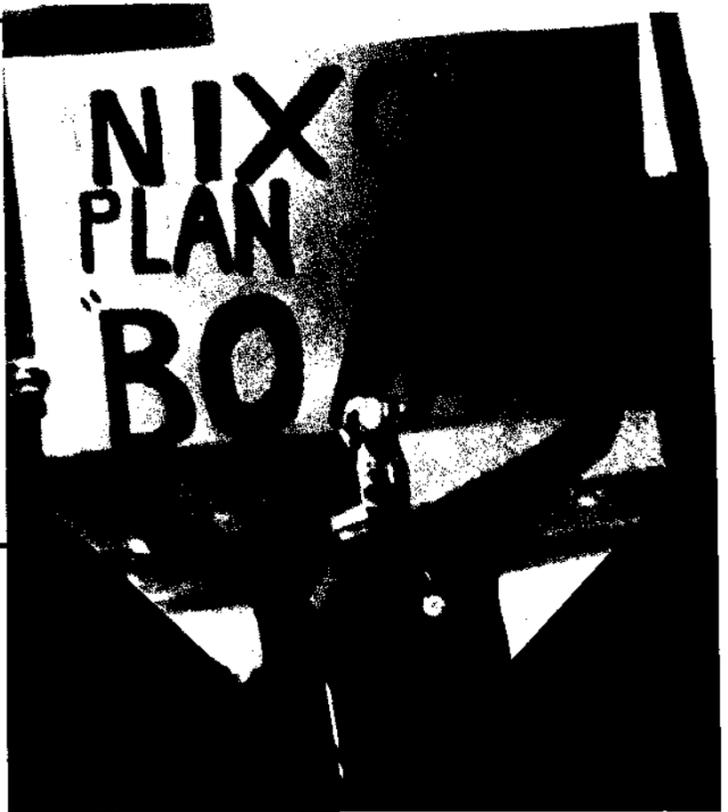
Sunday, Oct. 22, Rogers Morton, Secretary of the Interior, smilingly fumbled questions from approximately four hundred hostile observers. He was greeted with chants of "An Loc, Quang Tri, Vietnam will be free," and several other anti-war slogans. This shook him up from the beginning, in combination with the signs on the walls reading, "Welcome Secretary Hickel" and "Re-Elect the Dike Bomber," and Morton never did quite get it together throughout the full 15 or 20 minutes of questioning before he decided he'd better split. He did get to pull some raps out of the bottom of the bullshit barrel: for instance, concerning the Indians: "We have set up a program of self-determination for them." The audience was together, though, and noisily pointed out bullshit at every turn. Morton helped the audience expose his superficiality and ignorance by sprinkling his answers with "uh...well...now... I don't really know the facts... Uh, I don't really have the background... um... heh, heh, I'm really happy to be here... Well, I don't have the facts, but I believe that Nixon was not involved...uh, I'm really happy to be here..heh heh." The "conference" was cut short by the intervention of an efficient ISU student government twerp who helped Morton dodder off the stage in the middle of a comment, still desperately smiling. He was seen off by more chants, singing, wielding of bloody burned baby dolls, and general pandemonium.

Students Against the War released the following statement to the representatives of the press at the Morton circus:

October 22, 1972

It is the expressed opinion of United Students Against the War that the genocidal Southeast Asian foreign policy being carried out by the President and the administration is racist in its nature and imperialist in its design. The current bombing of the dikes, the mining of Haiphong harbor, and the saturation bombing with anti-personnel and fragmentation explosives are blatant attempts to starve and batter the Vietnamese people into submission. It is a desperate attempt to force the Vietnamese to accept an American settlement, a settlement the U.S. could not gain on the battlefield. It is a most base attempt to intimidate, by threatening genocide, any Third World peoples resisting American imperialism.

Audience members at Morton affair demonstrate their perceptions of Nixon's Peace Plan--bombs and dead babies.



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Bill.

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Good-looking woman looking
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Hester

B: Right now a black ram is
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G: You weren't here so we left.
Didi and Gogo

The Red Flag by Jan & Carol Cox

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--James Connell, 1889

A Note on this column:

Red Flag columns, like all writing by Marxists, are not intended primarily for the private contemplation of the individual reader--a laying on of "truth"--but as points of departure, as tentative expression of a line of potential collective action. Hence we do not attempt to "prove" our statements, but offer them, rather as texts for discussion. We are anxious to carry out such discussion with any readers interested in the possible usefulness of Marxist theory to the struggle for human liberation. Any who are so interested should contact the authors, Phone 828-3701.

One of the many symptoms of liberal self-delusion is the constant cry of "fascism" which greets each new (and to liberals unexpected) horror committed by the American Ruling Class and its lackeys. Just because under monopoly capitalism-imperialism fascism is an ever present danger, it is important not to use the word loosely as a term of general moral revulsion. Moreover, because most studies of fascism have been either firmly rooted in the bourgeois world view--the very culture which generates fascism--or else the work of dogmatic and sectarian Marxist Parties (that is, those linked to Stalin's Third International), the precise structure of fascism is poorly understood. We do have some elementary knowledge of its sources and workings, however, and it is essential that radical political thought be based on a clear awareness of such available knowledge. In this column we state some of the essential principles involved in understanding fascism and the potential for fascism in America.

1. Fascism is NOT a preliminary to revolution; it is a fatal defeat to the revolution and post-

pones it indefinitely.

2. We do NOT have fascism now. Those features of American society which liberals call "fascist" are merely normal features of bourgeois democracy. 2a. For large numbers of people (in Amerika, mostly non-whites) there is no real difference in daily life under fascism or the "best" (or best possible) bourgeois democracy.

3. There is NO immediate danger of fascism in Amerika because one of the two necessary preconditions for it does not exist: the unworkability of the nation. The second condition does exist and must be remedied before the first occurs: that second condition is the lack of a unified, mass revolutionary force.

4. Fascism is an alternative the Ruling Class itself does not like but will always choose rather than accept conditions which threaten the normal workings of profit accumulation.

5. Under such conditions the alternative to fascism is socialist revolution. Such revolution cannot be carried through to conclusion by the spontaneous action of the masses, as is shown by France in 1936 and 1968 (and Russia in 1905). Because in 1968 the world capitalist system was still essentially stable, the French Ruling Class opted for only a partial and temporary move toward fascism. (Note that following an overthrow of the state not completed by revolutionary seizure of state power, the masses, quite sensibly, will vote for a "return to normalcy"--hence the strong conservative vote in France in 1968).

6. For nearly a decade now the world capita-

list system has been moving into a deepening crisis, of which the international monetary crisis is only the most visible symptom. The Ruling Class alternatives for the resolution of that crisis are limited. (The Nixon New Economic Policy is only a stop-gap.) Hence in the next two decades, or sooner, the crisis of either fascism or socialist revolution may confront us. We must be ready.

7. And that brings us back to the central concern of all these Red Flag columns: the absolute necessity--and priority over all other questions--of the struggle against white and male supremacy within the working class. (In a future column we will briefly sketch what we mean by "working class." We don't, of course, mean only "blue-collar" workers. It is part of the stupid self-conceit of innumerable white-collar and "professional" or "educated" workers that they are "petty-bourgeois" or "middle class"--and that self-conceit, which is partly though indirectly rooted in racism and sexism, must be smashed, before working-class unity can be achieved.)



AN ALTERNATE FLAG

Like many other concepts of Marxist-Communist theory, the idea of working class unity has become, in many aspects, outdated.

Marx was primarily concerned with industrial workers, but Lenin slightly altered the emphasis with his concessions to the role of peasants. Mao continued the trend of including the agrarian worker in Communist theory to the point of almost giving the peasant more emphasis than the industrial worker.

The revisions of both Lenin and Mao were naturally reflections of the specific material conditions of their respective countries. The success of the revolutions led by those two men was considerably dependent upon the adaptations they made of earlier interpretations of Marxist theory. (Consider, for instance, the differences between Bolshevik policies in 1905 and those in 1917, and the differences between Chinese Communist policies in the early 1920's and those of the 1930's and 1940's.)

As can be seen fairly readily, the term "worker's unity" has become a very close approximation of "people's unity," but that is thoroughly reasonable in terms of creating the physical means for carrying out a revolution. It is also particularly appropriate in the West in light of the fact that virtually all workers, regardless of what work they do, are ultimately exposed to the same basic culture--something that could not be said of Russian peasants and Russian industrial workers.

WORKER'S UNITY?

Thus, the theory of creating worker's unity to promote the revolution would succeed in the U.S.--if only it were possible to create worker's unity.

Unfortunately, there is relatively widespread support of the present system in the U.S. among the very groups the revolution would most aid: industrial workers, small farmers, office workers and service workers. In fact, the populace as a whole is not willing to take the risks of revolution in order to further



improve its lot. Materially, a majority of the people are content with their lot.

Appeals to persuade this majority to act to improve the conditions of the rest of the people through revolution are not likely to have a great deal of success, nor is propaganda intended to make alienation a sufficient cause for revolt likely to produce the desired result.

Even the people, mainly non-whites, who are directly and physically oppressed, are not likely to form a united front because of many internal disputes and because of (even now!) continued belief in reform within the system.

Worse still, even if the factors mentioned above were to disappear from the scene, the directly-oppressed minority would most probably be unable to advance its cause successfully by revolutionary

means simply because of the technology and physical power available to the ruling groups.

This analysis makes clear the potentially great odds against even a successful revolutionary takeover, not to mention the odds against a successful revolutionary transformation of the society and physical systems.

WAYS TO SUCCEED

But there are ways to succeed.

One is organization combined with self-discipline, to eliminate the ill-effects of organizational discipline.

One is infiltration of existing power positions.

One is support of foreign revolutionary movements to destroy the sources of the material bases of the U.S. system.

One is to combat racism in every form in order to gain popular support, in order to create the societal-change basis for a successful revolution, and in order to gain power positions for our allies.

One is to combat sexism in every form in order to make possible the maximum utility of every person (which includes personal freedom and personal expression) in the same manner and with essentially the same aims as are expressed in the fight against racism.

One is to support means of communication between actual and potential revolutionaries.

One is to combat the ill effects of petty internal quarrels.

And one, perhaps, is to promote the economic collapse of the U.S. by means of delaying the adaptation to the declining availability of resources which are necessary to the continuation of the present economic system; and thus, create the necessary pre-conditions for the actual revolutionary takeover.

--Ilyin Starik

THERE'S A LAW . . .

CHICAGO (AP)—Researchers, inspired by the recent surgeon general's report on smoking, have discovered that since June 3, 1907, there's been a law on the Illinois books forbidding anyone to manufacture, sell or give away cigarets.

Chapter 111^{1/2}, section 321 of the Illinois revised statutes reads:

"Every person who shall manufacture, sell or give away any cigaret containing any substance deleterious to health, including tobacco, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 30 days."

Cigarettes were illegal to sell then, yet their availability was no different than if there had been no law at all.

Even though selling cigarettes was illegal, no one was ever busted.

Perhaps the cigarette dealers were just too clever for the authorities.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S POSITION

When Paul Welch, McLean County State's Attorney, began prosecuting people for marijuana, he refused to consider the legitimacy, morality, sanity, or purpose of the narcotics laws.

Welch was charging some people with sale of marijuana. At that time, the charge carried a minimum penalty of ten years in jail, and suspended sentences and probation were specifically forbidden in the narcotics statutes.

When Welch convicted someone of selling marijuana, the judge had no legal choice but to sentence the defendant to at least ten years.

Welch claimed he was not allowed to do anything but prosecute for all charges. Welch said it was his job to ask for the full penalty provided by the law. In bad faith, Welch claimed he had no choice in the matter.

According to Welch, the State's Attorney's job is to unquestioningly enforce all the laws of the state.

LAW 'N ORDER A FRAUD

But I don't remember anyone ever being busted for selling cigarettes in Bloomington, and I've lived here for years.

Really, the State's Attorney's job is to enforce the laws he feels like enforcing. He makes choices. He initiates campaigns to strictly enforce some laws while totally ignoring others.

This puts the State's Attorney in the position of deciding what shall be considered a crime and what shall not. In a way, the State's Attorney usurps the legislature's lawful role.

The police, too, decide what is a crime and what is not. Both the police and the State's Attorney decided not to enforce the cigarette law.

The overall thrust of this selective enforcement is the victimization of groups not falling within the protection of establishment power and morality--blacks, hippies, poor people, and political activists, just to mention a few.

The whole appeal to law and order is a pretentious fraud. If they were really into law and order, they would have busted the cigarette dealers long ago.

But the tobacco sellers are respectable, so that law is not enforced. They go after hippies and their marijuana.

CIGARETTES LEGALIZED

And why is marijuana still illegal? Supposedly, the legislators are acting in our best interest, refusing to legalize a substance suspected to be dangerously unhealthy.

We can argue about marijuana use and its consequences to health, but the legislators are not really interested in the question.

In 1967, the Illinois Legislature legalized cigarettes. In 1967, the 60-year-long ban was repealed.

Only three years before, the Surgeon General had issued an authoritative study linking cigarettes with all sorts of unhealthy conditions.

The Surgeon General's report was the basis for new federal laws about cigarettes. Despite pressure from the powerful tobacco lobby, Congress required warnings on cigarette packages and advertisements. Now cigarette ads are banned from TV.

But in 1967 the Illinois Legislature legalized cigarettes, continuing at the same time the marijuana prohibition on health grounds.

What the legislature means is this: marijuana smoking is immoral and must therefore remain illegal. On the other hand, the lawmakers say, some of our best citizens are tobacco addicts, and that addiction is therefore OK, and so should be legal. And, they say, since cigarette addicts are moral people, they have the right to make health decisions themselves. But immoral people like marijuana smokers, are forbidden to injure their health, even no one has shown that pot really is unhealthy.

Apparently the legalization was part of a bill increasing the cigarette tax. Some state senator must have had the strange idea that a taxed substance ought to be legal, a technicality no one bothered with in previous tobacco tax laws.

One would think that legalizing a drug like tobacco would be a pretty big thing. One would have expected quite a lot of publicity in the newspapers.

But a check in papers printed around July 31, 1967, the date of cigarette legalization, turns up no mention of the subject.

It's a good thing, too. The legislators might have been a little embarrassed.

After all, we do still pay lip service to the notion that our representatives are not supposed to be really conspicuous hypocrites and liars.

Phone ⁹ for Free

Since many people missed the 1972 telephone credit card code, and since many people would probably dig making free calls, we are reprinting the code.

A Bell Telephone credit card has 11 digits, arranged in four parts. There are three sections of numbers followed by a corresponding letter.

Example: XXX-XXXX-YYY-A

The first seven digits are a telephone number.

The next three digits represent the card-holder's geographical area. (But this doesn't stop you from calling from anywhere.) These three digits must be in between 001 and 599.

The letter at the end of the card number can be only one of the following: Z, J, Q, S, D, H, U, M, A, X. The letter must match the fourth digit of the phone number, according to the following code:

1-Z	4-S	7-H	10-X
2-J	5-D	8-U	
3-Q	6-H	9-M	

An acceptable credit card number is 834-1656-087-Z. The Z corresponds to the fourth digit of the phone number, and the 087 is in the proper 001-599 range.

rePRESSion

Nixon's relationship with the press is not an easy thing to figure out. One of the few times that he ever lost control in public was after the 1962 California Gubernatorial election.

"Now that all the members of the press are so delighted that I have lost, I'd like to make a statement of my own," he said then. "I want that--for once--gentlemen--I would appreciate if you would write what I say...For 15 years, ever since the Hiss case, you've had a lot of fun--a lot of fun. You've had the opportunity to attack me..."

"But as I leave you I want you to know--just think how much you're going to be missing. You won't have Nixon to kick around any more, because gentlemen, this is my last press conference."

Yet in that race, Nixon had the editorial backing of most of the state's papers and in his three Presidential races he had the support of about 80 per cent of the nation's papers.

Now, 10 years later there are less newspapers and they are in increasingly monopolized hands. For TV stations, that is even more true.

"The money for TV affiliates comes from Madison Avenue," said Bill Greeley, who writes about TV for Variety. "They represent corporate America. RKO General has \$200-300 million in war contracts."

How often, since they are owned by huge business interests, did the papers expose the firms they are owned by? How many have accepted anything but government sources about the war? How many write sympathetically about poor people or welfare people? Do they uncover secret deals between different firms to defraud the public, or corruption in government?

TV is even worse. Harry Reasoner has been quoted as saying, "My last scoop was in 1958. I went to the management with it and they said to me, 'Let's take it to the papers and then run it tomorrow.'"

So, it's hard to see what bone Nixon has to pick with the press.
from LNS

Self Help Clinics

Happiness is knowing your own cervix

Have you ever seen your own cervix? Do you know what a cervix is? When you go to a gynecologist, do you know what he's looking at? Women grow up to be ashamed and afraid of our bodies. We are not taught how they work or how to control them. The changes of pregnancy and menstruation we scarcely understand. We are taught, however, that we mustn't touch our bodies—except, of course, to make them "up". We are taught that nakedness is shameful and most of us learn that our breasts and vaginas are shameful and secret places, not to be openly discussed. One effect of this teaching is that we often dread or avoid the visits we need to our family doctor or gynecologist because we don't know what a well-woman is. Many women are too embarrassed to talk about their breasts and vaginas to doctors (mostly men, after all) even when they fear something is wrong. When they see a change in their breasts or a strange vaginal discharge, they ignore it fearfully. Yet when a woman does go to a doctor, she is still left in the dark (even though she pays exorbitant doctor bills).

It's time we women wake up! Doctors don't have the time and most women don't have the money for regular medical examinations that can catch all the early signs of breast cancer, vaginal infections, venereal disease, cervical cysts, or pregnancy. There is no reason why women can't notice these things for themselves. And that's what self-help is all about.

Self-help is women getting together to use the techniques of self-examination to learn what a well woman is. By recognizing what a well woman is, we are more knowledgeably able to recognize deviations and better able to know when to seek professional help. Also, with personal knowledge of our bodies, we can have a more intelligent basis to judge good health care for ourselves.

Self Exam

Self examination is done with a speculum. A speculum is a device used to open the vagina to allow examination of the vaginal walls and cervix. With the use of a lamp (or flashlight) and mirror any woman can learn to examine herself. With frequent examinations, it is easy to identify irritation, infections, discharges, etc. Women have even been able to detect pregnancy within one week after missing a period.

Another important aspect of self-help involves the political implications of women being able to control their own bodies, giving abortion referrals,

becoming fully aware of the great need for abolishing all laws that restrict and control women. Getting to know yourself can save your life. Women are killing themselves with panic abortion methods, because the laws refuse us proper care. In spite of the restrictive laws, getting to know our bodies and what we can do for them has opened up far better choices of personal care. We are continuing to live under outrageous laws and barbaric medical practices. We believe that in learning to accept the care and knowledge of our own physical selves, we will be well on the road to self-determination.

We will control our own bodies!
We will look at ourselves!
We will touch ourselves!
We will use speculums!
We will learn to know our uterus by first hand knowledge!
We will know our bodies so that we can intelligently and knowledgeably seek professional help!
We will help our sisters help ourselves to knowledge of our bodies through Self-Help Clinics!

For more information call:
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"(Women's) development, her freedom, her independence, must come from and through herself. First by asserting herself as a personality and not as a sex commodity. Second, by refusing the right to anyone over her body; by refusing to bear children, unless she wants them; by refusing to be a servant to God, the State, society, the husband, the family, etc. by making her life simpler, but deeper and richer. That is, by trying to learn the meaning and substance of life in all its complexities, by freeing herself from the fear of public opinion and public condemnation. Only that, and not the ballot, will set woman free."

-- Emma Goldman, anarchist



HOW TO DO SELF EXAMINATION USING THE PLASTIC SPECULUM © Copyrighted by Self-Help Clinic One 1972



Lubricate your speculum with the duckbill closed and the handle in an upward position. Grasping it by the duckbills, gently insert it with the bills closed into your vagina, as you would insert a tampon until the handle touches the pubic area. (Many women prefer to insert the speculum sideways and then turn the handle up.)

Do not insert the speculum if you experience pain. You may need a smaller size. Please let us know and we will send you a smaller-sized one.



Squeeze handle together (this will open the speculum within your vagina). Press down the part of the handle with the finger depression while pulling up on the longer handle. This will lock the speculum open. You can adjust the handle to three positions (you can hear it click in place).



To see yourself, hold the mirror between your legs and direct the light toward it. The light will reflect off the mirror into your vagina so that you can view your cervix in the mirror. Do not be discouraged if you are not successful your first try. The speculum may have to be moved around or be reinserted before the cervix will pop into view. Having someone with you to tell you when it is in view is of great help. Many women have had to try several times before they were successful. But they were always successful.



After viewing yourself, remove the speculum, still open, by slowly pulling it straight out. Wash it with hot water and antiseptic soap and store in a clean place.

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by Sue Gage

The first time I attended a Self-Help Clinic was in the fall of 1971. The meeting was held in a private home in Rock Island, Illinois with a group of about ten women. I knew a few of them from my local N.O.W. (National Organization of Women) group. The Clinic was held by Carol Downer and Lorraine Rothman from the Feminist Women's Health Center in Los Angeles, California. Each of us was issued a Birth Control Handbook and then shown a series of slides. The slides showed us what a speculum looked like and how it was used. They showed slides of cervixes, with the use of a speculum, during menstruation, with a yeast infestation, cervicitis, an IUD, and a tipped uterus. They also showed how the cervix looks during pregnancy and after having several children. Other slides were shown of women examining their own cervixes with the use of a speculum, a flashlight, and mirror. We also had a film of an abortion being performed in a hospital by the aspiration technique.

They we talked about birth control, about ourselves, and our bodies. I had sex education in high school, but at the time it had seemed like a lot of terms, glands, and 1950 VD movies. We were taught nothing about birth control. At Self-Help Clinic, we were told how not to get pregnant, rather than just how to get pregnant. Carol demonstrated on herself the use of the speculum. We then all looked at a real cervix for the first time. She pointed us the os, the hole in the center from the cervix to the uterus. We found out where the uterus, fallopian tubes, and ovaries were and how they worked. Lorraine talked about a method of menstrual extraction which enables women who have had the proper training to extract each other's monthly periods in approximately five minutes. We were taught what yeast, a common vaginal infection, looks and smells like. They showed us how to check an IUD string. I was learning exactly what my body was all about because for the first time I really cared and was interested. Carol and Lorraine asked if anyone wanted to try to use a speculum. A few women did, but no one was pressured. At the time, I still had hang-ups, so I didn't. But each of us received a speculum with a \$2 contribution.

Later at home I tried it. At first I couldn't find my cervix, so I felt with my fingers and found it to be in the right corner of my vagina! I found by inserting it at an angle, I could easily see it. Cervixes can be found at many angles in the back of the vagina. All are normal for each woman. The birth control handbook had diagrams which enabled me to find my clitoris, and the rest of my external genitals.

This September, I attended a second Self-Help Clinic which was conducted by Madeline Shwenk at the regional NOW convention in Illinois. I was eager to show my sisters what my cervix looked like and how to use a speculum. I also learned how to perform a pelvic examination on another woman.

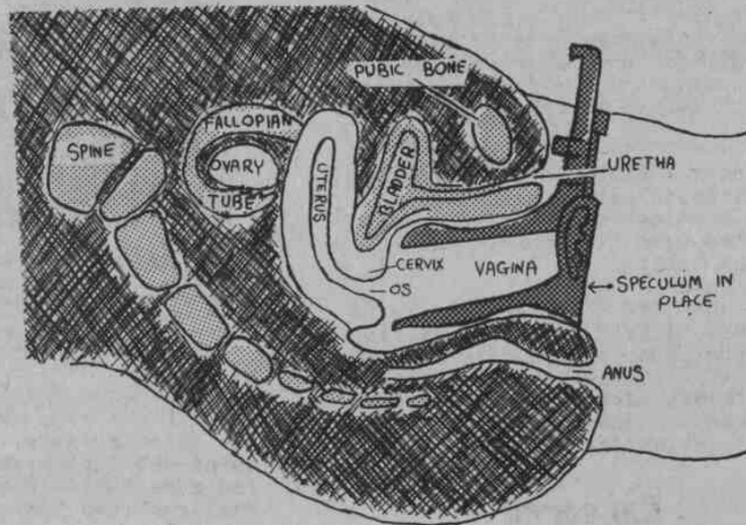
This October 12-15 four other women and myself from the ISU Women's Center attended the National Self-Help Clinic Conference in Iowa City Iowa. Jeanette Gornicki, Cathy Hutson, Ann Lewis, Barb Wilson and I attended workshops concerning abortion referral, pregnancy screening, self examination, pelvic examination, financing, and regional conference planning. The Illinois

regional conference will be held December 9th and 10th which will include workshops on self help. Sisters who had been doing self help all over the country met and discussed their experiences. The work shops were conducted by women who had previous experiences doing self help including Carol Downer, and myself.

My body is no longer a mystery. I know what my body looks like and how it works. I feel more comfortable now with my with my body than I ever have before. I like to share with other sisters what I have learned and talk to women about themselves and their bodies. All women are sisters that need to help one another.

Self help is getting to know yourself and other sisters. And that's beautiful.

RIGHT ON!



women's meeting nov. 5 8:00 PM

women's center

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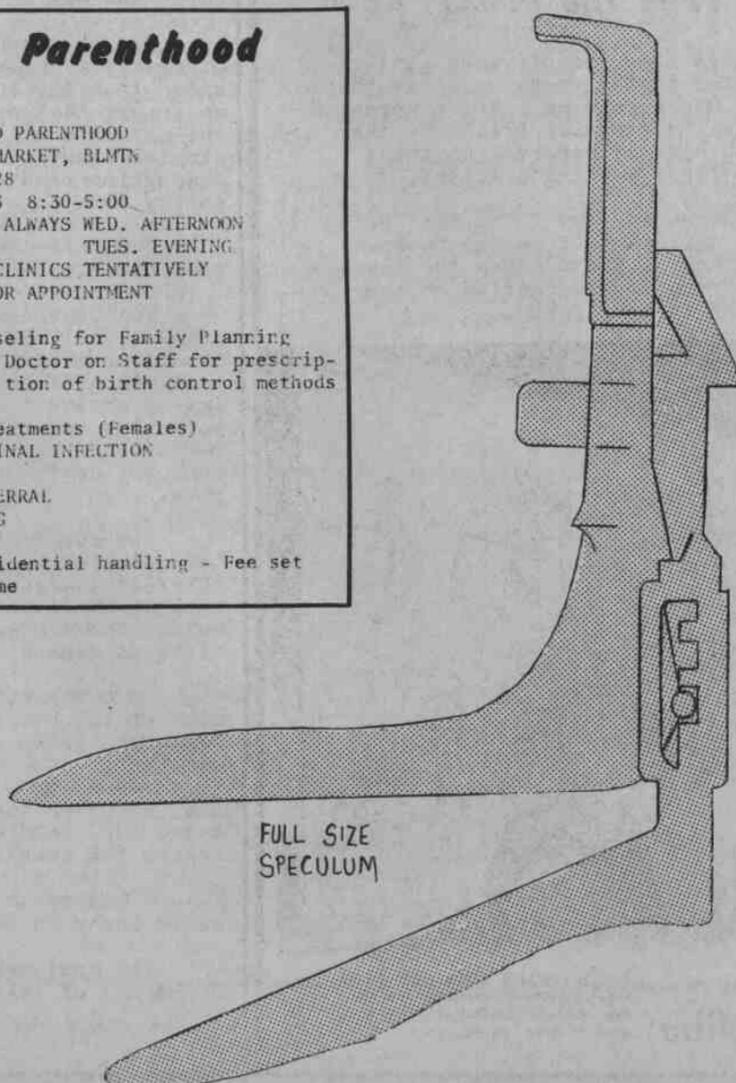
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FULL SIZE SPECULUM

On the evening of September 20, 1972, the Feminist Women's Health Center and the L.A. Women's Center were entered by the Los Angeles Police Department. As stated in the search warrant signed by Judge Cannon, they confiscated all medical equipment and patient records and searched both premises for signs of illegal activity. Warrants were also issued for the arrest of Colleen Wilson and Carol Downer. The warrant accused Colleen and Carol of committing such acts as sharing with other women the using of yogurt to relieve the itch and irritation of yeast infection, using a speculum to examine the cervix, giving pelvic exams to sisters, and being paramedics, which have brought superior care to women which was construed as practicing medicine without a license, falling under Section 2141 of the business and professional code.

Dear Sisters: We must stop this outrage! Our sisters have been arrested for being trained paramedics, sharing with sisters the use of the speculum for self-examination, and giving women good care where the medical profession has failed.

The Board of Medical Examiners, the L.A. Department of Consumer Affairs, the City Attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California, as well as the whole Country must be shown that we women are demanding control of our own bodies and good health care. We are responsible people who are going to continue to do this.

We need visible proof that we as women are going to continue to demand good health care and control of our own bodies by having signed affidavits from every part of the country. Indignant women, write and sign affidavits stating that you have used speculums, will continue to use them; that you will teach other women to use them; or whatever applies to your situation.

Let's get the word out! We women are taking responsible care of ourselves and will continue to do so regardless of obstacles placed by an unresponsive, money-oriented medical profession.

LOCAL SPRING

(Since last Spring's anti-war actions have never been fully documented in the press, and since it is rumored that the Fall Offensive will soon commence, this article has been included--Post-Amerikan)

by George Meteskey and Sue D'Onim

On the evening of May 16, 1972, the Bloomington-Normal Spring Offensive began.

"FUCK NIXON'S WAR" was spray-painted on the walk in front of Stevenson Hall. "SMASH JUDD" was painted on the sidewalk by Milner Library. (Judd, a stoned reactionary, was coming to ISU to advocate stamping out Vietnam.)

Within half an hour, the quad was filled with ISU Security pigs. Several couples strolled aimlessly around the campus, while the pigs watched every movement and reported on walkie-talkies. After a few hours, extra off-duty Security pigs were called in to handle the situation.

With only a little spray paint and a few suspicious-looking strollers, a very large contingent of law enforcement personnel had been tied down. The war's costs rose a little.

About the time the pigs finally began ID checks on everyone still walking around campus, some people were at Normal's Bank of Illinois. The bank was decorated with the slogan "VC RUN IT," and their insurance company absorbed a considerable sandblasting bill.

Censored

Early next morning, ISU authorities had a truck parked over the offensive writing near Stevenson. Cleaning up "FUCK" had top priority.

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The next evening, a Wednesday, the Offensive gained force.

The ISU campus was spray-painted in over twenty places while romantic couples walked arm-in-arm enjoying the pleasant spring evening. The ISU pigs poured out in force again, clutching their walkie-talkies nervously as they followed everyone around the quad.

Boom!

Already frustrated from not knowing just who to watch, the pigs became even jumpier when firecrackers, seemingly spontaneously, began going off. A cigarette fuse on a firecracker works wonders for anonymity; you can be a mile away before it goes off. One pig was standing near Milner Library's entrance--an excellent echo chamber--when a cracker planted ten minutes earlier exploded at his feet. He jumped about twenty feet.

By the early morning hours, paint and pigs were everywhere. Off-duty pigs rushed in again. As many as three squad cars followed some people off campus. But the pigs didn't know who to bust.

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Thursday, all but one of Hovey Hall's outside doors were sabotaged. Liquid solder plugged up the keyholes. One administration official was seen staring incredulously at his useless key. No business as usual.

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The Offensive rested and consolidated its forces for a couple days. Some small spray-painting and trash can fires were the only visible signs of its existence.

On Saturday evening May 20th, while the Woman's Liberation Rock Band played in the amphitheater, the Offensive struck again.

Epoxy glue rendered the University Union's parking meters inoperative, and "FREE PARKING--VC RUN IT" was painted on



Vandalism

Vandals with paint spray cans created a difficult job for Manuel Cordero of the University Union staff in trying to undo the defacing act they had performed under cover of darkness. The vandals painted pro-Viet Cong and anti-war slogans on two university buildings, causing expense for removal.

the Union's walls. The Union got a deluxe paint job that night--every outside wall and some inside ones, too. Stevenson Hall received the same.

Sunday, the Offensive moved off campus. Bloomington's army recruiting office was struck in the first episode of what the Pantagraph was to call a "seige." Projectiles fired from slingshots damaged windows at the army office Sunday night.

Free the Press

By this time, people were getting disappointed in the press coverage the Offensive was receiving. There appeared to be a deliberate news blackout--the Pantagraph had not reported anything since the first evening's action.

So on Monday, May 20th, the Spring Offensive decided to free the press. The accompanying photo shows the messages the Pantagraph trucks carried as they delivered the morning paper.



Vandalism

Vandals sprayed black paint on 12 Daily Pantagraph vehicles late Monday or early Tuesday, causing hundreds of dollars in damage.

The news blackout continued, however. Many actions were never reported. Others were included in routine vandalism stories--trampled gardens, stolen car antennas, etc. The political implications were ignored.

The night the Pantagraph was hit was also the night the Offensive really began getting into windows.

Bloomington Savings and Loan received several nice holes in their glass. First Federal Savings and Loan endured a striking \$250 worth of damage. The Farm Bureau actively working against farmworker organizing, suffered \$120 worth of window damage. The Navy recruiter lost a \$250 window.

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Tuesday night, the \$100,000 residence being constructed for ISU President Berlo was aptly labeled. (see photo.) And the army recruiter felt the seige tighten--another \$200 worth of window destroyed.

Wednesday night, the big landlords preying on students were hit. "NO BUSINESS AS USUAL" and "PIG LANDLORD" were artistically painted on a huge rip-off apartment building under construction near the campus. Sandblasting costs were

Stopping

(a partial explanation of the Bloomington-Normal Spring Offensive, and an invitation to a Fall Offensive.)

The Vietnam war can be stopped, but not by a chorus of naive prayers and poignant pleas for peace. The war can be stopped, but not by any innocent expectations of the powerful's reasonableness or moral sensibility. The war can be stopped by the active determined application of political and economic pressure upon those powerful enough to force the war's end.

The Pentagon Papers and the Autobiography of General Westmoreland have shown that the anti-war movement became an important power in the sixties. In the nation's highest decision-making circles, the growing threat of domestic disruption became important in every policy consideration.

The United States was becoming ungovernable.

Police had to continually control crowds; the National Guard was constantly called upon to preserve order. Every escalation of the war brought increased law-enforcement costs, while insurance companies began having to pay for the re-building of banks, army recruiting centers, draft boards, and ROTC facilities.

The country's leaders began having to arrive at speaking engagements through basements, alleys, and rear entrances. Battalions of police were needed to insulate the leaders from crowds of angry citizens demanding a confrontation.

In university towns, every escalation of the war brought trashings of local businesses. With every escalation, merchants were hit economically as they spent money on security guards. After the Cambodian invasion, plywood substituted for plate glass in storefronts all across the country.

Whenever the war escalated, no one could count on business as usual.

The anti-war movement forced the withdrawal of American land troops.

But, the movement's weakness allowed

OFFENSIVE DETAILED

estimated in the Pantagraph at \$1000.

A paint job also graced the Illinois Power Company that night.

Thursday night, the National Guard armory received the Offensive's attention. "AVENGE KENT STATE," "OUT NOW" and "SMASH IMPERIALISM" were some of the slogans painted on the building. The armory became the scene of a graffiti war as people with differing opinions began getting into spray paint.

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In the next few days, the Offensive raged all over town.

Rainbows

The American State Bank was struck again. The morning sun glistened on spider webs of cracks radiating from gaping holes. Later, in an attempt to mask these rainbowed cobwebs, the bankers pasted yards of ugly white tape all over the glass. The bank reported \$600 damage.

The War

the war to continue and intensify since that withdrawal.

By changing the corpses' color, Nixon has made the war more acceptable. Nixon has managed to drop more bombs on Vietnam than were dropped during all of WWII, while simultaneously reducing the war's domestic opposition.

Millions of Vietnamese have been murdered so far, and hundreds more are being murdered every day. Almost every Vietnamese, whether civilian or soldier, man or woman, adult or child, North or South, is a target not only of Nixon's regular bombs, but also of his anti-personnel bombs. Half the bombs dropped in Vietnam are capable of destroying only human life--not military facilities.

With little discrimination in targets, Nixon's war is genocide. Nixon's policies are genocide.

Those refusing to sit around and attempt to calmly and slowly persuade a majority of the American people to vote against that genocide have made a valid refusal. Any discussion of the pros and cons of Nixon's genocide is illegitimate--there are no two sides to genocide.

And there is no legitimate argument, whether held by 10% or 90% of the people, against acting now to stop the war machine.

By increasing the costs of the war, we can bring the war to an end. By making real the threat of constant militant opposition and disruption, we can end the war.

Every defense contractor is a target. Every subsidiary of a war machine contractor is a target. Every bank, every military installation or office, every big insurance company, and every business or establishment run by the upper class are all targets.

Every time a rally or march brings police, the costs of the war are raised.

Every act of political vandalism, no matter how small, raises the costs of the war.

Support political vandalism!

The army recruiter suffered another \$500 worth of casualties. Across the street, the navy recruiter lost a \$250 window.

The Pantagraph, the Farm Bureau, State Farm Insurance, First Federal Savings and Loan, Corn Belt Bank, and several pig landlords all suffered window damage, some for the second and third time. When new glass was installed, the Offensive perforated it.

The telephone company, too, was harassed. Servicemen collecting money from phone booths began having to first remove the epoxy glue from the keyhole.



"FREE THE SCHOOLS" appeared on Bloomington High and U-High.

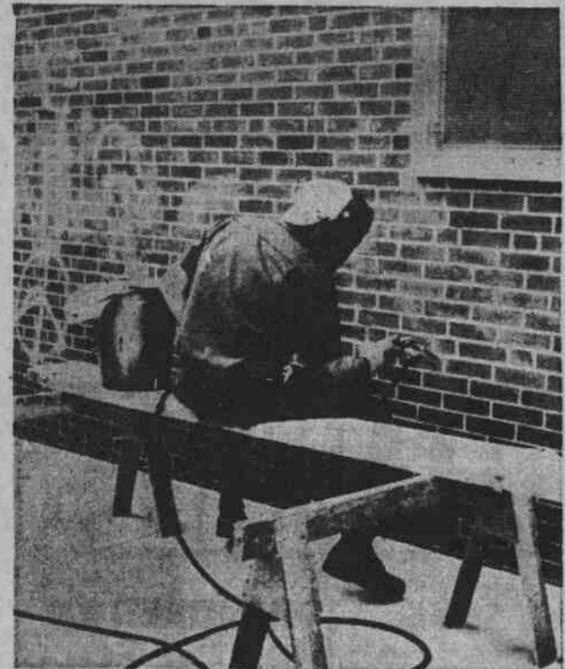
A subdivision development project on College Avenue was selected for redecoration. "PIG DEVELOPER" and "NO BUSINESS AS USUAL" soon graced the exterior.

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In early June, the recruiting stations were again under siege. This time, the army recruiter reported \$600 damage to windows and drapes. The navy recruiter reported a \$200 window broken.

No one wanted the draft board to feel excluded. A stunning 4" hole soon appeared in the draft board's glass door.

Eureka Williams, a manufacturer of bomb fuses, couldn't be ignored either. The firm soon discovered a couple of its glass doors cracked.



Paint removed

Sandblaster tackled spray paint Monday on ISU's union building. The painting was typical of vandalism the past few weeks in Twin Cities. Workers found it impossible to remove lettering with paint remover.

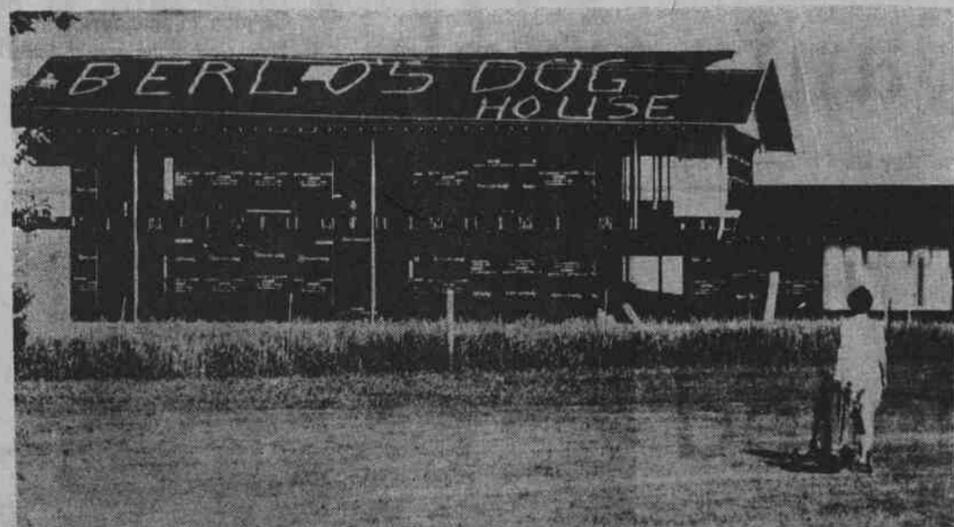
Gen Tel

General Telephone Company still had not yet received the attention it deserved. Gen Tel is a subsidiary of General Telephone and Electronics, which manufactures electronic equipment for army airplanes. Sylvania, another subsidiary of General Telephone and Electronics, advertises "Electronic Warfare is Our Business" in Electronic Warfare magazine.

Sugar does nasty things when placed in a gas tank. A dozen Gen Tel trucks got the sugar treatment, while "HALT WAR PRODUCTION" was painted on the building. The company reported \$800 damage.

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Does the Spring Offensive sound good? How about a Fall Offensive?



Vandals strike

Vandals painted "Berlo's Dog House" on the roofing underlayment of ISU's new university residence west of the ISU golf course Tuesday night. The

house will be occupied by ISU President David K. Berlo and his family. Golfer was looking for her ball. (Pantagraph Photo)

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TRICKY DICK GETS SLICK

San Francisco (LNS)--Precision reminiscent of the Wehrmacht Blitzkrieg and security no less complete than that provided by the old SS characterized another day on Richard M. Nixon's campaign trail.

The event was a three-hour romp through the San Francisco Bay area--a trip sandwiched in between similar jaunts to New York and L.A.

The President of All the People stoically withstood a stiff lack of cross-examination from the directors of a federally-aided transportation project, the enthusiasm of a group of trained



performers called the "Young Voters for the President," and the strict sophistication of \$1000-a-plate republicans.

Ninety Republican-sponsored buses helped create the crowd of 5000 which greeted the President at the Oakland airport. Nixon toured the crowd area in usual limosine which had been flown in for the occasion.

Nixon then took a ride on the ultra-modern East Bay Area Rapid Transis System.

"I've been all over the world and this is the smoothest ride I've ever had," he said afterwards.

That's not surprising --the system was completely shut down for two hours prior to Nixon's ride, two hours during which 5000 mere citizens would have been riding the trains.

Nixon rewarded his hosts with a \$38 million federal tip.

Immediately, Nixon was back in his limosine for another insulated ride to another artificial environment. The President traveled across the Bay Bridge, which was completely closed to ordinary citizens for his protection and convenience, into Frisco.

Surrounded by several hundred police and secret service agents, the President's driver cleverly avoided about 1000 anti-war protesters and delivered Nixon safely into the arms of 100 Nixon Youth who had been hand-picked to welcome him to the plush Sheraton Palace Hotel.

The thoroughly briefed Youth voiced syncopated "Four More Years!" cadences (while raising four fingers of their right hands) both as the Chief arrived and at planned moments later.

The Youth's appearance was "an honor thing for kids who have done a bunch of work," according to a Republican press agent.

Then came the \$1000-a-platers.

They filed into the plush dining hall to a distorted version of Woodie Guthrie's "This land is your land, this land is my land..." Well, after all, they did own it and they did give Nixon the job of protecting it.

Nixon had one important pronouncement.

"First, I want to say a word in regard to what has been termed the limited

campaigning I have been doing this election year.

"I am quite aware of the fact, from long experience, that we have only six weeks, less than six weeks, before election day...And there is nothing that I welcome more than the opportunity to take the case of this administration to the American people.

"But I believe my first obligation is to do my job as President of the United States..."

In the context, he really did not have much to apologize for. He was bringing the campaign to the people--his people. Those people, and small groups like them all over the country, are the people he feels at home with. They are the ones to whom he feels responsible. They are the ones he represented for the last four years. They are his constituency. Their numbers might not physically vote him into office, but they fork up the money to get those votes.

(IF RE-ELECTED I WILL CONTINUE PROMISING TO END THE WAR!)



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CIA Pays Thais to Fight in Laos

The Indochina War is increasingly becoming a process of troop shifting--for example, while U.S. troops are being withdrawn from Vietnam, the U.S. is building up its forces in Thailand. U.S. troop levels in Thailand now surpass those in Vietnam--49,000.

Recent Senate hearing reveal that Thailand, with support and funding from the CIA, has in turn been training troops to fight as mercenaries in neighboring Laos, where Pathet Lao guerrillas control most of the country.

The U.S. has paid approximately \$100 million a year for the last several years to support the Thai troops in Laos. The Thai government, however, has consistently refused to acknowledge the troops' existence. There are now about 8000 Thai troops in Laos.

The Thai mercenaries are encouraged by extremely high pay--far more than they could ever make at home.

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Teen Challenge, a Jesus freak group, has begun a propaganda campaign against young gay people. They're attempting to "prove," with biblical references, that homosexuality is immoral and perverted.

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Bobby Seale Freed

Contempt charges against Black Panther leader Bobby Seale stemming from the Chicago 8 conspiracy trial have been dropped. Seale had been sentenced to an unprecedented 4-year term, but an appeals court reversed the conviction earlier this year. The government announced Sept. 27 that it would not seek a new trial, since they would have to divulge wiretaps.

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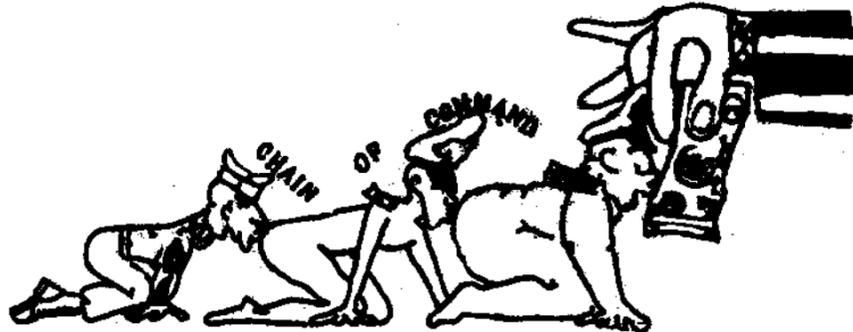
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MISSOULA, MONTANA--Montana Power Company has followed the lead of its greater sister power companies by successfully petitioning to increase natural gas rates 19% and electricity rates 11%. The rationale was rising costs, despite the rosy financial and earnings picture Montana Power recently reported to its stockholders.

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PIKEVILLE, KY.--Over 85% of 237 non-professional workers at the Methodist Hospital here have been on strike since June 10 and have continued to hold out for an official union and better working conditions despite the Hospital's governing board consisting almost entirely of Pikeville businessmen who are actively opposing the union's formation.

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PARIS--Over 300 anti-war students and workers forced an international conference of physicists to move their scheduled meeting site from Trieste to Miramare, a site 65 miles distant.

The activists revealed the scientists' role in the development and production of weapons.

VC Escape

SAIGON--Guard Hoang Thuong Dan reports that there were over 1000 escape attempts last year among the 25,000 NLF and North Vietnamese held prisoner on Phu Quoc Island. No U.S. prisoner has ever been known to attempt escape from a North Vietnamese POW camp.

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"I've seen a lot of prisons in my life. These ten men were unquestionably humanely treated, well treated. Their individual rooms were better and bigger than the rooms in essentially every prison I have ever visited anywhere."

--Ramsay Clark, author of Crime in America, after visiting 10 POW's in North Vietnam.

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Ramsay Clark, former U.S. Attorney General, and Cora Weiss of the Committee of Liaison with the Families of Men Detained in North Vietnam launched a National Medical Aid to Indochina campaign. Write to 146 6th St., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Statistics published in Scientific American recently show that abortion is more than twice as safe as childbirth in the U.S. Mortality rate for women having legal abortions is 8.2 per 100,000, as compared with 20 deaths per 100,000 live births.

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Chairman of the House Committee on Banking Wright Patman has charged that the White House has pulled an "iron curtain of secrecy" over the Watergate affair. Recently Patman's committee called 4 witnesses, all of whom are either associated directly with the White House or with the Committee to Re-Elect the President. None showed up. The meeting was also boycotted by all but one Republican member, and was forced to recess for lack of a quorum.

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Over 15,000 supporters of Puerto Rican independence gathered in Lares Sept. 23 to mark the 104th anniversary of the beginning of the struggle for freedom from Spanish, and then U.S., imperialism.

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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO--Even Rosario Ferre de Trigo, daughter of Puerto Rico's millionaire governor, has publicly announced her support of Puerto Rican independence from U.S. imperialism.

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About 3500 people, mostly Eskimos, have organized 56.5 million acres of the northernmost part of Alaska into the North Slope Borough in order to force U.S. oil companies to pay taxes for their exploitation of the area's vast oil reserves.

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WASHINGTON--In what was believed to be the Nixon administration's first public admission that it has bombed civilian targets in North Vietnam, deputy assistant Secretary of State William H. Sullivan admitted in congressional testimony recently that U.S. war planes have hit non-military targets.

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U.S. Dept. of Labor checked 696 farms, mostly in the South, and found 6263 employees who were illegally shortchanged \$913,901. Estimates of total shortchanging of farmworkers run to 1 billion/yr.

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SERVICE

Contempt charges have been dropped against four members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War who refused to testify before a Florida Grand Jury investigating informers' claims that the Vets planned to disrupt the Republican Convention. A Federal Appeals Court ruled Sept. 26 that charges be dropped because the government refused to deny defense allegations that illegal wiretaps had been used.

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LOUISVILLE--six of the Louisville 7, including four members of the Black Panther Party, have been freed of charges of armed robbery in a case the defendants said was an attempt to halt their efforts to stop Louisville drug traffic. The seventh man, William Blakemore, was found guilty and faces a minimum 20-year sentence.

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LOS ANGELES--L.A. Free Press reporter Ron Ridenour has been sentenced to a year in prison. The journalist was hit with the maximum sentence Sept. 19 on charges of interfering with policemen during an antiwar demonstration last May. He was arrested while photographing the police beating of a paraplegic antiwar veteran. Witnesses testified that Ridenour had done no more than take photos.

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BRASILIA--Three thousand Xavantes Indians are arming every day to fight the rapidly-increasing encroachment of adventurers, ordinary settlers, and big business (ultimately backed by the white-supremacist, U.S.-backed military regime) upon their land.

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Pathet Lao Gain

During every wet season since 1969, the CIA-backed army of Meo and Thai mercenaries has retaken the Plain of Jars from the Pathet Lao forces. And every dry season, the Pathet Lao have re-occupied the Plain. But last summer was the first time the CIA's wet season offensive has failed. The Pathet Lao will already be occupying the strategic Plain when the dry season begins.

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"Since 1966, the U.S. military has dropped over 6.3 million tons of bombs on Indochina--250 pounds for every person living there...Five million acres of forest and cropland in Vietnam have been hit with defoliants and herbicides...33% of the Cambodian population, 44% of the South Vietnamese, and 50% of the Laotians have become refugees...Over half of the bombs dropped in Indochina are anti-personnel bombs..."

These are some of the facts contained in a small pamphlet called The Air War: The Myth of Deescalation, available from the Air War Action Committee, PO Box 40392, San Francisco.

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The Virginia Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Jeff Bigelow, a member of the Virginia Weekly newspaper collective. He was convicted for advertising abortion referral services, in violation of a Virginia State statute. The Atlanta Great Speckled Bird has a similar case pending.

Yippie!

COLUMBUS, OHIO--The Youth International Party will hold a national congress here during Thanksgiving weekend. Communications problems and the inauguration will receive top priority in discussion. Call Steve Conliff in Columbia (614) 292-3678 or write Box 384, Staten Island, New York.

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PARIS--Vietnamese liberation sources have categorically denied the Washington-inspired "peace" rumors which are efforts to keep alive election-eve illusions of an imminent settlement while the U.S. steps up the air war against the people.

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Honolulu--In an effort to help the U.S. Air Force celebrate its 25th anniversary with the proper spirit the organization has displayed since 1947, two men poured their own blood on an A-7D fighter bomber, the plane used in Vietnam, at an Air Force carnival here.

In response to the two men's attempt to reveal the Air Force's real meaning, security forces arrested them. The government has not yet decided what action to take.

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Women repairing dikes in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam

STRAIGHT SHIT

from MANDRILL



We seem to be caught in a situation of conflicting priorities and having a difficult time of choosing what topics to cover. And there was the suggestion that we ought to deal with pieces of lots of information rather than focusing on one topic and elaborating, mainly cause the Post comes out only once every 3 weeks. So we're gonna change the column and run a lot of the information Mandrill's people pick up weekly.

Loco Weed

Most urgent: in the last month we've seen five people flipped out on "Gypsy Seeds", western fans know it as "loco weed", otherwise known as Jimson weed. It grows wild, like grass, and can be found in any field around here. People been eating the seeds and getting off for 3 days and more. Trouble is that they've been getting off and not coming down. It's like strong acid 800 mgs.+ and goes bad easily.

You lose visual sense and auditory gets scrambled so that doors, walls, people just disappear and you hear but respond to requests and questions inappropriately. Like "can I have a cigarette" may sound like "turn on the TV". Hallucinations appear to be fairly constant. Elevated body temperature, chills, elevated pulse are common, and a flushed skin color.

The weed contains belladonna and two other similar drugs which if taken in large enough amounts can cause damage to the heart and death by convulsions. Three of the last five people wound up in jail and then the hospital because of the weird shit they were doing. We'll get a complete run down on jimson weed by next issue. Meanwhile, go slow.

Quaalude

Soapers, Soapbox, Quaalude, or Methaqualone. The stuff is getting popular in the Bloominorm. Its classified as a sedative, sleeping medication. Main asset is that it has nearly the same effect as barbs but without the acute danger of addiction and OD. In low doses people feel a loss of inhibitions, a mild psychological excitation, high doses produce a drunk like stone.

Some cases of habituation and withdrawal have been reported. OD is different than barbs in that a person's pulse, respiration, and reaction to pain is relatively unaffected. People go into a comatose state, like a deep sleep, and can be aroused momentarily but they slip back into coma just as easily. The trick is to keep them awake without using physical activity too much, as this may cause convulsions. So, despite the street rap, you can fuck yourself up on the shit, but it is safer than barbs--a real sleeper.

Cheap Weed

Weed has been dumped at \$10 a lid in Decatur, Champaign, Bloominorm. Its Illinois Green but has been cultivated so has a stronger high than usual local shit. But its still one joint to a person and a mild high' you get what you pay for.

The Weed People seem to be doing good business. \$95 in 3 weeks organizing ain't bad tax. The biggest profit to be gained is a consistency and quality control on weed sold on the streets. Ask you friendly dealer how he feels about the tax.

The 20 lbs. that got busted in the trunk of a local dude's car was supposedly Jamacian and was followed from Florida. That's heresy, but the fact that IBI is in town on one of their 3 month exams isn't. Any new people wanting heavy buys is a sure sign.

The Observer.



More Heroin

Also, some local people are putting herein on the street again. Shit is a death drug. Experimentation isn't the question, its the predictability of outcome when a lot of people start getting into experimentation, and the politics that keep shit on our streets. Make a decision before you get an offer.

Got some people that want to set up a drug analyzing service that works anonymously and accurately. If you have knowledge of a small, clean, well-lighted, heated room with hot and

cold water and little foot traffic, get in touch with us. The people aren't concerned with working for the police or dealers, just letting people know exactly what they're doing. A good way to prevent OD's, bummers, burns.

If people out there want to drop off info about what's in town, general shit about good/bad, head/body effects from stuff currently on the street, busts, whatever, call Mandrill at 452-9111, we're open from 11 AM - 6PM, Mon-Fri., at 114 1/2 North St., Normal. And if you get in a bad way, call PATH, 452-4422 and ask for Mandrill.

Quaalude Rebuttal

(See above article.)

There are differing opinions on whether or not prolonged quaalude consumption can produce "addicting effects to the user of the drug. It may be interesting to note what a recent Liberation News Service article had to say about the possibility of becoming strung out. Most of their information comes from the Drug Help program in Ann Arbor. "But the biggest problem with Quaalude is that while it is addictive---though not as addictive as heroin--a person addicted to quaalude cannot withdraw by going "cold turkey" as she or he can with heroin. Why not? Going cold turkey from quaalude can produce convulsions, stomach hemorrhaging and death (heroin does none of these except through overdose) What make this problem doubly hazzardous is that since few people know methoqualone is addictive most users of the drug are unaware of its withdrawal dangers."

There is one common method of medically supervised withdrawal from methaqualone addiction. That is to place the patient-addict in an in-patient service, put him/her on a 24 hour convulsion precautions, stop all quaalude intake and immediately re-addict the patient with high doses of barbiturates as a substitute for quaalude. Since withdrawal from barbiturates is standardized procedure,

once the patient is addicted to the barbiturates, withdrawal from them is begun and completed in a 4-6 day procedure.

In an attempt to warn the drug using public and particularly unknowingly potential quaalude addicts, Ann Arbor Drug Help has placed articles and ads in all the local newspapers both "straight" and underground, emphasizing the dangers of "cold turkey" withdrawal and the necessity of seeking medical supervision for withdrawal.

There were good reasons for people to believe methaqualone to be non-addicting. Even most doctors will tell you that there was essentially no evidence in medical or pharmacological literature to indicate any serious addicting potential. A major source of information for a wide majority of practicing physicians, the Physicians Desk Reference, has not indicated any serious likelihood of addiction. And no wonder; the PDR is published by a consortium of drug firms and is designed to push their products and not to discourage doctors from using drugs.

--Fred

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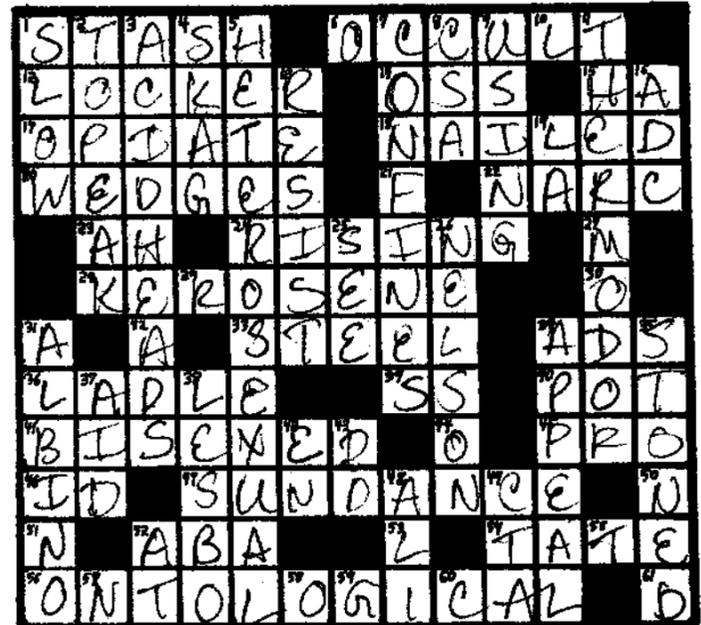
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7. According to Leary, what being straight does to your range of consciousness
8. Community for Social Action (abbrv.)
9. Doing drugs
10. same as 53 across
31. Genetically, Johnny Winters is one
34. What you do after you're convicted, especially in political cases
35. Everybody must get
37. U.S. govt. agency furthering imperialism while masquerading as helpful to foreign nations (abbrv.)
38. _____s, Greek island from which gay women get their name
42. mightier than the sword: p_____
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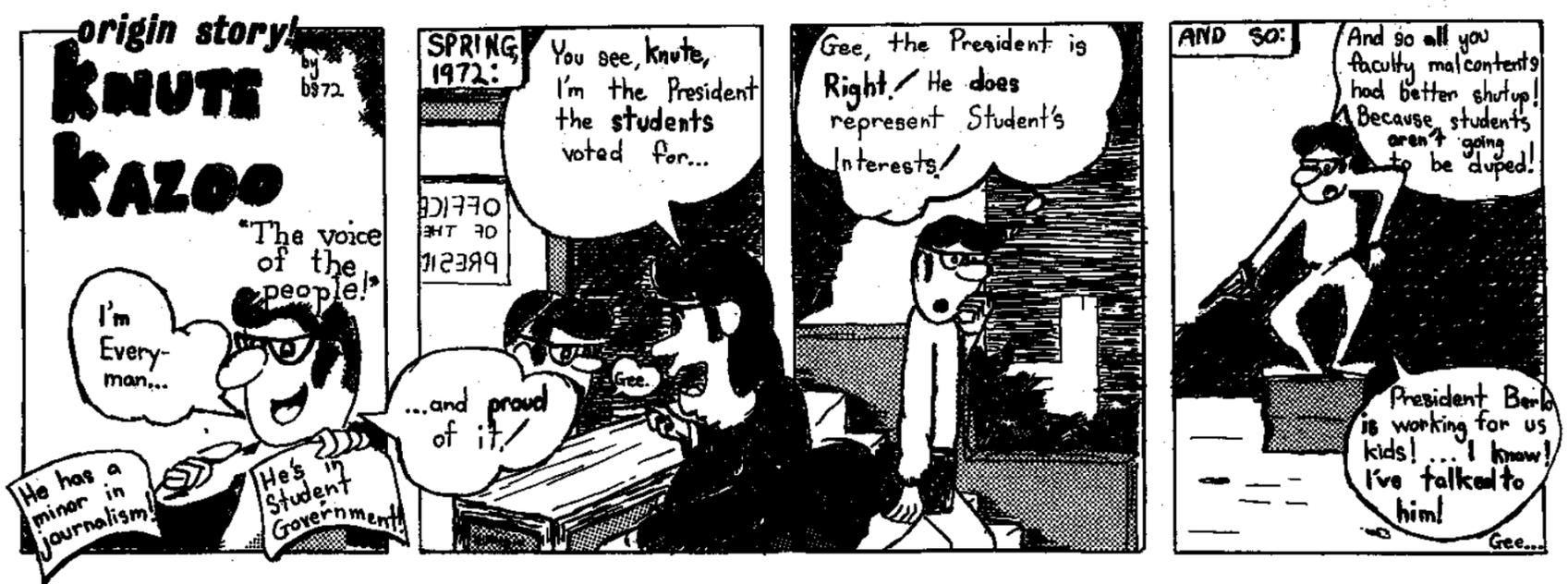
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6. area of interest revived by countercultural elements rejecting rationo-scientific epistemology and consciousness
12. where athletes hide their speed
14. WWII intelligence agency--precursor to the CIA
15. expression of amusement commonly heard during dope-smoking
17. Religion: _____ of the people
18. What they did to Jesus
20. Shapes of tabs: domes, flats, and _____
21. Buckley's middle initial
22. dooper's nemesis
23. first word of a Pug's song written by Wm. Blake: "_____ sunflower..."
24. _____ up Angry
27. Mr. Pork's middle initial
28. Handy tool for arson
30. _____, Robot--book by Asimov
31. good grade
32. same as 31 across
33. Carnegie's gig
34. Hippies live in p_____
36. What hippies serve soup with. (coke-snorters' dream)
39. Hitler's pigs
40. Having it gets you through times of no money better than money gets you through times without it
41. AC-DC
44. Justice Douglas' middle initial
45. Hawks are _____war
46. Source of animal passions released at wild hippie parties
47. Butch Cassidy's friend
50. first letter of 18 across
51. _____LF--progressive group in Vietnam
52. Association of Bourgeois Assholes (abbrv.)
53. middle initial of famous mineworkers leader
54. _____ received Manson's attention
56. having to do with the nature of being; also--name of an argument supposedly proving God's existence
61. middle initial of 19th-century robber baron



11. a month in the French Revolutionary calendar
13. How we should react to the draft
16. welfare program--Aid for Dependent Children (abbrv.)
19. City where L.A. Free Press is published (abbrv.)
25. What Tommy wanted everyone to do to him besides touch, feel, and hear
26. Rockefeller
29. first initial of "anti-psychiatrist" and author of Politics of Experience
49. Name of first Chicago album (abbrv.)
52. Where it's _____
55. Middle initial of author of Studs Lonigan
57. _____OW-- National Organization of Women (abbrv.)
58. middle initial of author of Points of Rebellion
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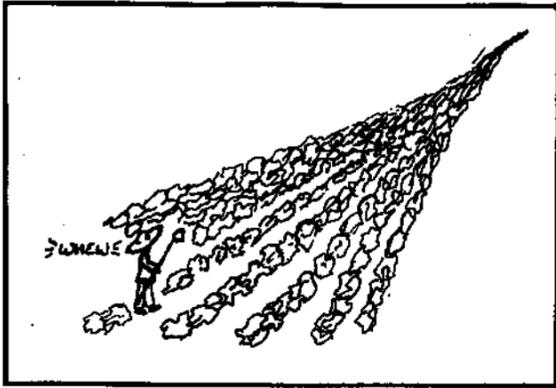
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The National Students Association has called upon student governments of all member schools to remove lettuce from campus cafeterias and to involve students in the boycott.

Bishop Edward O'Rourke, whose Roman-Catholic Diocese of Peoria includes Bloomington-Normal, has endorsed the boycott.

FARM BUREAU, BIRGHERS ALLIED

California's Proposition 22 will be voted on Nov. 7. It's being pushed by the Farm Bureau, John Birch Society, Chamber of Commerce, giant agribusinesses, etc. EFFECTS IF PASSED: Effectively end right to strike by giving growers automatic 60-day injunctions. Few harvests in Calif. last longer than 60 days. (2) Bar negotiation of vital clauses in UFW contracts, e.g., hiring halls, health & safety, pesticides, mechanization. (3) Sanction labor contractor system, at the heart of migrant exploitation. (4) Deny vote on representation to temporary workers, 90% of Cal.-farmer labor force. (5) Establish agricultural labor relations board totally controlled by anti-farmer Gov. Reagan, who recently vetoed for the second time a bill to extend unemployment insurance to farmworkers.



Summary of Conditions of Farmworkers in U.S. WORKERS

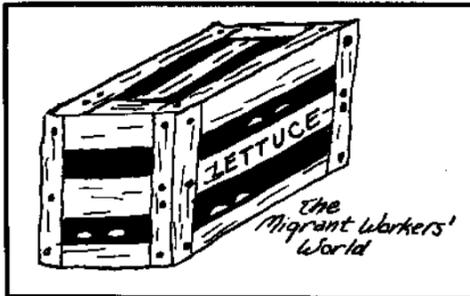
Senate Subcommittee on Migratory Labor puts migrant population at 1,000,000.

300,000 migrant workers are children under 16.

Migrant pop. composed of 75% Mexican-Americans, 19% Blacks, 6% Indians, Puerto-Ricans, Anglos, etc.

EDUCATION

Farmworkers average 8.6 yrs. of school. 25% have 4 yrs. of schooling or less. 17% are functionally illiterate.



WAGES

3/4 of all farmworkers earn less than federal poverty level wages.

1.4 million farmworkers working more than 25 days averaged 135 days of work and an income of \$1576 in 1971.

Average migrant family has 6.4 members, 2.3 of whom work, & earns \$2021/yr..

2/3 of all farmworkers aren't covered by \$1.30 minimum wage law.

Including piece-rate work, hourly farmworker wages averaged \$1.73.

On hourly basis, workers in 1971 earned 48% of industrial workers average.

Farmworker hourly average actually closer to \$1/hr. because wages of thousands of workers include earnings of family members who work in fields but under same Soc. Sec. no.

HEALTH

Life expectancy for farmworkers is 49 years.

Infant mortality for farmworkers is 125% higher than nat'l rate. So is maternal mortality.

Influenza and pneumonia rate is 200% higher.

TB and other infectious diseases are 260% higher.

Accident rate for farmworkers is 300% higher than nat'l rate.

Pesticides cause estimated 75,000 acute poisonings annually to farmworkers.

Health care expenditures for migrants averaged \$7,20/person in 1967. National average was \$256 in 1968.

HOUSING

Farmworker families were housed in average 1.9 rooms in 1969.

18% of farmworker housing had no indoor electricity.

90% had no sink, 96% no tubs or showers.

LETTUCE WORKERS physical demands

Lettuce work done in wet fields in bent over position at fast pace.

Average worker spends 6 mon./yr. in fields, lasts 6-10 years, then can only do low-paid hourly work with short handle hoe. Those working 11 mon./yr. can't last more than 5 yrs.

Foremen often induce workers to take pills to withstand pain and increase pace. Many workers then become addicts and unemployed.

Six hours in lettuce field is full day but crews often pushed to 10-12 hr. days.

Each lettuce cutter cuts up to 4.6 tons of lettuce per day.

Each loader lifts onto truck up to 42 tons per day.

migrancy

Lettuce worker follows crops over 2500 miles per year.

Weekend trips home to families add as much as 15,000 miles per year.

Wages

Work in lettuce isn't steady due to rain, irregular maturing of crops, ice in fields in winter, growers controlling production.

Entire cost of farmworker labor comes to 2.4 cents per head of lettuce.

Lettuce thinners and hoers average \$1.40 to \$1.85 per hour.

field conditions

1969 survey found central coast vegetable farms 80-90% violating state law.

83% violating state toilet regulations requiring clean, private facility for every 40 workers within 5 min. walk, with soap and water provided.

89% violating drinking water provisions requiring employers to provide drinking water in covered containers and individual cups.

Many workers, men and women, had to urinate and defecate in the fields due to lack of facilities.

Sanitation Director for Imperial Valley, second largest lettuce producing area, announced in 1969 outbreaks of typhoid fever citing lack of toilet facilities.



agribusiness & lettuce

Lettuce in U. S. is \$275 million a year business.

In California it is over \$175 million a year business, 21% of vegetable total being from California.

The near-hysterical reaction of Jan Cox to a few lines in an article not (by any means) primarily concerned with woman's liberation is fortunately not typical of that movement although it does represent some particularly onerous traits of revolutionary arguments in general.

She assumes that she has the correct "line" and can divine from an exceptionally small amount of data the overall attitude of a writer. On the basis of one paragraph, she presumes to find me guilty of vast crimes: a "sloppy put-down" of women, opposition to the creation of solidarity among the oppressed, and ignorance of the fact that all words can be misinterpreted.

Poor Jan Cox.

It is as if she could conclusively determine that I am a most deliberate sexist by the fact that I now answer her (individual) comments with pity.

The article (in which the aforementioned paragraph appeared; Post-Amerikan #8) was primarily concerned with the problems dogmatism poses for a revolutionary movement. The particular paragraph proposed the idea that women are not primarily oppressed by laws, but rather by society (behavior codes, economics, etc.--societal "norms"). My basic intention was to refute (however sketchily) the idea that women are oppressed by "men" and "male standards" or any of the like. Women are oppressed by all people who behave in the manner that the dominant capitalist Western culture proscribes, but then so is virtually everyone. There is very little quantitative distinction that can be made between the oppression, on all levels of existence--not merely economic, any particular woman suffers and the oppression that any one man suf-

fers. The manner in which the two sexes suffer oppression is frequently different, but that certainly does not justify asserting that men oppress women. Each person bears responsibility for all oppression that exists in a society so long as the person continues to knowingly (that is, with knowledge of the oppression) live in the society. Hence, the use of "so-called." There can be no women's liberation without human liberation. This line of thought was made clear (relatively) in the Alternate Flag article under discussion and in previous articles.

Clearly this line of criticism does not apply to all women's liberation activists, but it does seem to apply to a significant segment of the more militant section of the movement--that is, to those most likely to support revolutionary methods of change. Unfortunately, the effect of holding such erroneous views is ultimately only divisive and destructive.

Undoubtedly my line of reasoning is open to attack on theoretical grounds, and probably (now) on grounds of exaggerating the problem, but it certainly is not open to attack in the manner in which Ms. Cox attacked it--through apparently deliberate misinterpretation. If blatant personal attacks are all that she can muster, then Ms. Cox is of little more worth to the revolution than a petty police commissioner--by virtue of her destructiveness. Fortunately, that is not true. Let us see reasoned arguments in response to theoretical hypotheses, not hysteria. The time is not yet ripe for that sort of action.

--Ilvin Starik

On 19 November 1915, Joe Hill of the International Workers of the World was executed on a trumped up murder charge. His last words were: "Don't mourn, organize."

nationalism lives

"Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom, and we would rather sacrifice all than lose our country and live as slaves," said Ho Chi Minh.

strictly personal

(P.N.) The so-called controversy between two alleged "columnists" in the POST-AMERIKAN reaches new ad hominem heights in "radical" circles. We sent copies of the articles to top feminist leaders across the country for their response to Jan Cox's rebuttal response to Ilvin Starik's singular single sentence, and received a comment from one voice of One of the Major Revolutionary Forces Around the World.

Ms. Helen Girly Brown sent the following statement, and we decided to share the fabrication with you.

"...Well, personally," the letter continues (after several personal notes--best unprinted,) "I don't see where this Jan Cox gets off with his hard-line nonsense. As we've written for years in COSMO, that sort of rhetoric isn't the way to deal with misguided souls like Mr. Starik. Get him hooked on a good orgasm--that's the way. Manipulation is the only way we'll reach our rights..."

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ISU what's got into you? Where are the days of the disinterest, the neglect, and the downright stupidity that you made the hallmark of your entertainment void? Where is Mitch Miller and his straight racket? Where are your wandering masses, and who in the hell do you think you are, standing atop your boughten rump comforter, shouting, clapping, drinking, and smoking dope. It all brings hope back into the heart of one so pessimistic as to really believe that nothing ever could happen here.

And how was the music? Ah, yes but let's not get ahead of ourselves. Pat your ass and remember. Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

Family confronts you. Drunk, pissed off English, kick ass high class dynamo. They've been around for awhile. Before the days of Satisfaction and illusions proclaiming a newly realized society arising from my generation. A founding and transfiguring rock institution. A composite self perpetuation unit that lost a superstar (Rick Grech) but remains solid. Music straight from the gut of a delinquent, a poet in irons, a mainline to hostility and togetherness. Two very good guitarists, an excellent drummer, but an off night at the synthesizer. They played and reformed raw power into refined energy and back again. Most of the power originated at the source (wet?) or the mouth of the band; a raucous, steaming proposterous, sweating, gloating groto. Very good.

COMPETENCY BASED SEQUENCE MAN

Breathed out in a sigh of the world turning in its sleep,
He picks up and puts down, hoping
for something to keep.
And whatever he thinks he's found,
he brings forth knives,
and he cuts and he pares, to discover
Exactly its size.
The shavings he holds disgust him.
He throws them down,
And never learns not to measure
what he has found.

Edith

Enter Elton John. We have all read in the Vidette about the flash and the professional delivery. We felt and were felt by this exceptional talent. Elton John put out to every person there. He worked his goddamned ass off. From the moment he said "I have a feeling this is going to be one of those memorable occasions" we knew he was going to blow the ceiling off the walls. Yes, he danced and pranced and mimicked and scarfed in your face. He showed us Vaudeville and a touch of Gary Smith (FROM BONZO DOG, a WIERD WIERD group) frolic-king amongst the head ridden, a Trojan in drag with stardust and all the sweetness and fineness of a six foot five inch truck driver. Yes boys and girls, we finally saw a rock concert at ISU, and damned good one at that.

But it was you, the people, who really are amazing. You wouldn't stop clapping and dancing

Fred, I know you've been a friend for years and I know you didn't make a point of talking about it during the controversy, and I probably don't really have a right to ask you, but I've known you all these years!... So I thought I might ask... Fred... Do you think God is dead?



and drinking and smoking and having a good time. Jesse Fell would most undoubtedly disapprove. To him I must implore - go forth and be plentiful, you're so mad you're dead.

Paul Potocky

BLACK OAK CONSTRICTS

How is it that a performer(s) will have a great performance and everyone will say "whatya say Eunice, aren't they unfuckingbelievable", only to finish the next gig eating shit. So it is and so is the division between greatness and goodness and mediocrity.

Black Oak Arkansas revealed something my untrained perceptions first ignored, a revelation of sorts, for me. Last spring, at the Peoria Folk Festival they played a set which was so good I placed it alongside Dave Mascons. (he played that evening) Now I realize the juvenile delight I took with my new feeling and after talking to Jim Dandy and Rick Rochocette I felt they have a lot to tell us. I still do, though their latter performances scream at me and punch at my tastes as well as my ears. At Bull's Island they did a promo gig and at Wesleyan they had a low stage and they're own sound men to fuck up their music.

REO played backup or the "supporting act" as they put it. Same ol' bullshit teenage speed freak approach. I'm biased but, so what? Listen and listen and listen and you'll realize all too soon that you got everything it has to offer the first time you listened.

Back to Black Oak. They can cock, they are beautiful people, (really!) and they are without a doubt in desperate need for wild innovation. They sing their songs and yet you wonder how incredibly bad some of the lyrics are. More seasoning and hard knocks will impede Black Oak. Jump them and they'll be good. Sing Dandy Sing.

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I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.

YOUR SEXUAL GAME'S MAKE ME SICK!

THE ROLES YOU PLAY...

WHY COULDN'T I RESPOND TO HIM?

POP!

AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH ROLES?

BOY, IF HE'D BEEN A WOMAN I COULD HAVE SHOT HIM DOWN!

I SHOULD OF HIT HIM!

NEXT: LIBBY'S TURN

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