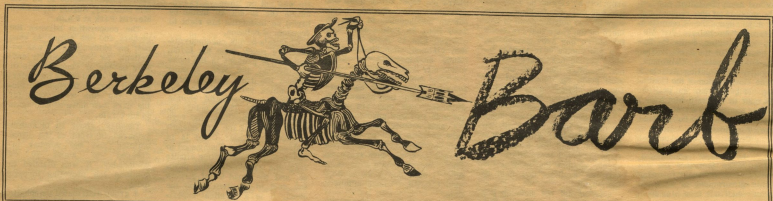


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## Black Response to Merritt Park Meet Seeks Solutions to War, Poverty, Bias

"Whitey" Writer  
by Dave Lee

### SCHEDULE (Schedule & Program

Last Tuesday, the day after the Los Angeles riots ended, I found myself at Alcatraz and Shattuck in the midst of Berkeley's Negro community area. My assignment was to ask people on the street what they thought of the Los Angeles situation. There were only a few comments but they followed the usual pattern of Negro attitudes on the racial situation. Young people - teen-age to the thirties - feel that it is about time something happened; to them the riots express their own dissatisfactions and resentments; they are listening to men such as Dr. Martin Luther King of the African American Association; they voice antagonism toward the police and toward other Negroes who are too mild in condemning existing conditions. The older people say they're sorry that the riots occurred; they talk about law and order; they disapprove of the violence and the disorder - in short, their comments resemble the comments of government officials and other white leaders.

Faye, a young girl working at Music City Record Shop said: "People down in L.A. respect the National Guard but disrespect the police for the brutality which has gone on. Young people of today aren't going to take what my parents and ancestors took. Donald Warden has said, 'The people in L.A. feel that Martin Luther King has let them down and if he does go down there, he will be killed.'" An elderly woman in a clothing shop said: "The only thing I can say is that I'm very sorry that such a thing has happened." She would not say any more.

A man who ran an electronics shop commented: "It's a horrible situation. It's ignorance." I asked "whose ignorance he meant." "Whoever did it," he replied.

A group of very well-dressed people, all of whom looked over 40, had gathered in small groups outside a church. I guessed that some kind of church service had been held and the Los Angeles situation might well have been one of the subjects of a sermon. I was greeted by a minister to a minister, Rev. N.B. Turkey. He told me: "Those who did that damage should go to prison. They should be punished. The National Guard has done a good job." I asked him about the police. He said: "The po-

9:00 A.M. - CALL: Opening of the Congress of Unrepresented People.

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 A.M. - DISCUSSION GROUPS.

12:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - LUNCH will be provided at a reasonable cost by the Vietnam Day Committee.

ENTERTAINMENT provided by the San Francisco Mime Troupe.

MEETING OF discussion leaders.

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - DISCUSSION GROUPS WILL CONTINUE.

3:00 P.M. - GENERAL MEETING Summary by Discussion Leaders. Resolutions will be presented by each group, and a Declaration of Unrepresented People will be issued.

4:00 P.M. - MARCH TO JEFFREY COHLEN'S OFFICE.

PROGRAM OF DISCUSSION GROUPS:

THE WAR IN VIETNAM

1. What Does "Negotiate" Mean? - Bob Kaufman

2. Communism is a Menace? - Bob Sheer

3. Vietnamese Women: Their Role in the National Liberation Front. Our Meeting in Jakarta - Frances Herzig

4. The United Nations and Vietnam - Berkeley Women for Peace

NOTE: Other speakers will be included.

EFFECTS OF THE WAR MARCHING ON AMERICAN SOCIETY:

1. Civil Liberties and Effective Peace Work - Doug Hill, Dale Groelmer, Frank Wilkinson (7th Congressional District Committee to Abolish HUAC)

2. The University and the Cold War - Free Student Union, Carolyn Craven of the San Francisco New School

3. The Press: To Inform or Indoctrinate? - Marion Steinke

4. Labor and the War Economy - Al Pisano, Dick Liebes, Dulcis Clubs

5. The Effect of War on Children - Dr. Thomas Brewer of the American Society of Defiant Children.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY - PROMISE AND REALITY

1. Democracy, Power Politics and the G Bomb - Dr. Lucille Green, Core Donkin (Citizens Committee of Correspondence) Resource speaker - Hugh Mann (Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party Lawyer)

2. The Political Machine: Possibilities of Change - Stanford Committee for Peace in Vietnam.

3. The Problems of Organizing High School Youth Around Peace and Civil Rights - Students Organized Education and Action League.

4. Race Exploitation: Mississippi, Oakland, Vietnam - Beverly Axelrod of San Francisco Women for Peace; Lou Smith, CORE Field Secretary; Oakland Direct Action Committee Youth for Jobs.

5. Police Brutality - Oakland Direct Action Committee, Youth for Jobs.

HOW CHANGES CAN BE MADE IN AMERICA

1. Community Organizing and Fund Raising - Mike Miller of the Student Non Violent Coordinating Committee; Students for a Democratic Society.

2. Political Action: The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party - Independent Socialist Club

3. A Third Party - Harvey Davidson of the Federalist Party, U.S.A.

4. Non Violent Action (Techniques will be acted out and discussed) - Mark Morris, Alan Meyerson, Committee for Non Violent Action.

5. The Role of Civil Disobedience in Stopping the War Machine - Vietnam Day Committee.

A Negro reporter might have gotten more response.

Several times I went up to a few men talking on the street and asked if they had anything to say. Everyone would hesitate, and finally one man would say he had nothing to say, "no comment." I would ask. He would

"This government in general and Cohelan in particular don't represent us."

"We are going to unseat Cohelan."

### VDC Defies

### Oakland Board

"We defy the authority of the Oakland Park Commission to reduce us the right to hold this Congress in Merritt Park," Jerry Rubin, co-chairman of the Vietnam Day Committee, declared today.

He was referring to the fact that the Committee's application to hold the meeting in Merritt Park has not been approved by the Commission.

"The letter of refusal we received from that Commission was a classic of bureaucratism," Rubin said, "that reason they gave for refusing our request was, quote, 'hundreds of unestablished reasons,' unquote."

The Commission offered DeFremery Park, deep in West Oakland, but this offer is unacceptable to the VDC, largely because of its inconvenient location and strictly neighborhood character.

The Congress will take place in centrally-located Merritt Park, under rights guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, the VDC has decided.

### Vigil & BARB

### Cut to Sea

Two young men were going to attempt to block ships departing for Viet Nam at the Oakland Army Terminal according to a story in Tuesday's BERKELEY DAILY GAZETTE.

John White and Craig Young were supposed to have kept a "lawful" sea vigil from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, "in its intention," they said,

"to call a small boat into San Francisco Bay and physically obstruct the departure of men and arms from Oakland Army Port bound for Viet Nam. We cannot stand idly while the slaughter continues."

Sounds interesting? THE BARB thought so, and sent a reporter to investigate but he never came back. As THE BARB goes to press Thursday morning, it has heard no more news about this new anti-war protest but would welcome any additional information or reports.

This is the cause and the challenge of Saturday's Congress of Unrepresented People, according to Paul Ivory, acting assistant professor of economics. A member of the executive committee, he is working with the Vietnam Day Committee in organizing the meeting which will begin tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the bandstand area of Lake Merritt Park, off downtown Oakland. The meeting will discuss problems of peace, poverty and racial discrimination.

In referring to the meeting, Ivory stated: "We are holding a series of democratic discussion groups to talk about the important issues of our time: police brutality, the war in Vietnam, poverty and alienation. We hope to make a beginning in setting up genuine representative institutions that are not merely transmission belts to carry out decided policies."

"This meeting was inspired, in part, by the recent Congress of Unrepresented People in Washington, D.C."

COHLEN REFUSES

"Cohelan was originally invited to attend; the date was changed once to accommodate him; he refused both times."

The VDC, now rated as one of the largest and most active anti-war groups in the country, despite its ad hoc origin, name, and set-up, originally called the Congress. At present at least 17 groups from this side of, and across, the Bay are participating.

They pointed to a growing disgust on the part of the people with their government's actions in Santo Domingo, Vietnam and Watergate as some of the same causes - institutions of representative democracy have broken down."

The organizers of the meeting are incensed at Congressman Cohelan's refusal to attend their Congress. The leaflet announced a march to Rep. Cohelan's office at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The leaflet alleges: "We invited Representative Cohelan to meet with us, and offered to fly him here. He declined, saying he can take on no new obligations away from Washington. We urge you to walk with us to null our resolutions to his door."

## Troop Train Ban

"IN A WEEK OR TWO"

This was the most accurate estimate Jerry Rubin, co-chairman of the Vietnam Day Committee, could make of the time when the Federal District Court of San Francisco will act on a petition for an injunction to halt further troop trains from going through Berkeley to the Oakland Army Terminal.

In support of the request for the injunction, the Committee declared: "We believe that Mr. J.T. Groundwater, Santa Fe Superintendent of the Santa Fe Depot, San Francisco, California, is guilty of violating Article 8 of the Constitution of the Neighboring Tribunal and we petition this court to restrain him from sending the Santa Fe troop trains through Berkeley to the Oakland Army Terminal."

The Committee pointed out that Article 8, under which Nazi war criminals were condemned, states: "The fact that the defendant acted pursuant to order of his government or of a superior shall not free him from responsibility."

Accordingly, "Under the Neighboring code which the United States enforced, the train engineer, the bureaucrat, the soldier and the Berkeley City Councilmen are directly to be held responsible for their part in the execution of the immoral acts in Vietnam." A good part of the petition is devoted to establishing the alleged immorality of these acts.

"Take orders, acting in the name of state patriotism, or just doing one's job were completely eliminated as possible excuses for the Neighboring code violation continues. "Everyone must face directly the ends of his acts."

## Longshore View

### of Pickets

A small group of peace pickets from Berkeley handed out leaflets to longshoremen on the docks of San Francisco last week, asking them not to load war mater.

"About half the longshoremen were for us, the others insulted us," one picket, an 18 year old youth about to be drafted, told the BERKELEY LEADER.

"We were called rap-suckers and beatniks," added a 17-year old female peace worker. "After handing out the leaflets, we called a rally and asked anybody to speak. Those longshoremen who called us names just hung around and sneered. Brave men."

One longshoreman gave an

## Charlie Brown and the Peyote Road

by Sigurd Ozols

Saturday night, August 14, Berkeley police drove up winding road would go, entered an Indian speak to Charlie Brown Artman.

Charlie wasn't there, I had come up earlier that evening hoping to tell the story of this man who a day earlier had confounded society's whole sense of propriety by rigging up a twenty-five mile long, red-covered wigwam and setting down to live there on the ridge that overlooks the entire Bay Area metropolitan. A few people were already inside, spread out around a vigorous campfire that from the outside made the tepee wall look like an opaque magic lantern screen flickering darkly. It was warm and smoky there. We had a few beers and talked about nothing in particular while the wind outside beat against the thin nylon in gusts and made loose flaps here and there flutter slyly against the slender Eucalyptus saplings that held up the fabric.

Charlie did not show up that night, and after everyone left, the police came and left, too, and the tepee was dismantled. The bill on public property, they said, and living on public property is trespassing. I stamped the fire and drove down the hill disturbed. Who in the world could object to such trespassing except a patch of arid hillside and a few clumps of mesquite?

But next afternoon the tepee lay on its side, dismantled, and long-haired, bearded Charlie Brown was squatting next to it.

### FSM AFFAIR FUND

Friday, August 20, 8 P.M. Emergency rally for appeal of convictions of FSM defendants, featuring Assemblyman Willie Brown, author Jessica Mitford and entertainment. Sponsored by Committee for the Defense of the Bill of Rights and the Free Student Union, Admission \$1.50, ILWU Hall, 400 North Point, San Francisco.

"Impassioned speech," according to the draftee-picket, "He told of how his son is going overseas, how this war must be stopped and that his union, the ILWU, has gone on record to stop the war."

After this man spoke, the draftee-picket talked with him some more and found out that, according to this longshoreman, "we won't stop work, most of us have bills and payments to make."

The draftee-picket passed a moment, then said, "I guess these men are no different from anybody else. It's disappointing."

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Kekeley police drove up winding road would go, entered an Indian speak to Charlie Brown Artman. putting things in order. The police department's eviction notice, he said, was no surprise.

After returning from an unsuccessful campout in Redwood Canyon southwest of Moraga where the tepee broke down under heavy rain and wind, he had a housekeeping in back of 2404 Dana St. Police came and ordered him to move because, "They don't ask permission, nor do they have search warrants. But they are never going to find any peyote here."

"Well, look, I don't want to write anything that will get you wasted. Having peyote around is worse than trespassing." And the whole story came out. "I want this to be public," said Charlie. "I have nothing to hide."

Believing himself to have been reincarnated from American Indians in the course of several past lifetimes, Charlie is spiritually guided by the current-day Native American Church, whose membership consists almost entirely of Indians. The law today, says Charlie, allows the Native American Church to use the hallucinatory peyote cactus for religious purposes.

Charlie put the law to trial in August, 1963, by invoking it after being arrested for possession of peyote, and claiming

by Sallie Shaul

On Friday, August 13, a student for the first time was allowed, formally and officially, to address the Regents, Jerry Goldstein, ASUC President, urged the Finance Committee to appropriate the necessary funds to build the auditorium-theater on the Berkeley campus.

Assuredly, the theater is desperately needed on the Berkeley campus. But it would have been just as timely to have a student speak on the recent raise in tuition for out-of-state students. This is a subject of great concern to a large segment of the University community. Therefore, if the ASUC has a voice in a Regents meeting, students affected by the Regents in areas not of ASUC verbal interest should also be heard if, indeed, the Regents are to be democratic in their processes.

shake his head and everyone else would shake their heads - no comment.

Walking down the street and talking to people, I felt no hostility from anyone but the looks on people's faces read: "What's HE doing here?" "What does HE want?" "We've got nothing to say to him."

There was an anger voiced - just no comment. There was no communication and no matter how hard I tried or how sympathetic and interested I appeared from Berkeley's Negro population there seemed to be no comment."

## The Rambam

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## Cohelan's Office

Picketed

At least 12 police officers were on hand this week when members of the Vietnam Day Committee picketed the offices of Bob Jeffrey Cohelan at the Latham Square Building at 908 16th Street in Oakland. The pickets were protesting his efforts to accept an invitation to speak at the Congress of Unrepresented Peoples to be held this Saturday, August 21, in Lake Merritt Park 3 p.m.

The cooperation between the pickets and the police to keep the demonstration clear was excellent. As the seemingly endless parade of Thunderbirds or Cadillac came out of the underground garage through the pickets, the line would part for the cars then move around again in its circle.

Tuesday, about 10 picketers gathered in front of the office building and the number increased to about 80 on Wednesday. It was planned to continue the picketing through today.

A group distributed pamphlets at street corners at either end of the block. At the conclusion of the picket, community workers dispersed to their respective neighborhoods to carry on their project of door-to-door community education on the Vietnam crisis.

When the picketing was over, Jerry Rubin asked a police if, if they could hold a short rally on the sidewalk at the entrance of the building.

The officer said, "Go ahead," so announcements were made, assignments for future picketing given out, then everybody left, except a few secretaries with their mouths still open.

## Merritt Meet

The label of "liberal" to characterize the backers of the meeting was rejected by Mr. Ivory. "We are not liberals," he said, "and the reason why is because of Jeff Cohelan is, Peace workers, labor and liberals voted against the Cohelan and got a worthless mouthpiece of administration policy; his only answer to questions asked about his role are formal letters filled with clichés borrowed from Rusk and McNamara."

For himself, he added, "I am not interested in working inside the Democratic Party; I am interested in new political institutions."







