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"THERE ARE GUNS BETWEEN ME AND THE WHITE HOUSE"

ROBERT KENNEDY TO JIM GARRISON

BY MARK LANE

On Tuesday evening, June 4, just before the polls closed in the California primary, I was being interviewed in Washington, D.C. by John Hightower over television station WFAN. I was asked why Robert Kennedy appeared to accept the findings of the Warren Commission. For some months I had been aware of conversations between emissaries from Robert Kennedy to New Orleans's D.A., Jim Garrison. (Since the confidence was not originally shared with me, I am not at liberty to reveal the names of the emissaries. However, should Garrison be asked for that information by the press, it is conceivable that he might reveal the names.) Yet I felt that it would be unfair to breach a confidential relationship while the primary campaign proceeded. It was quite plain however, that as the last primary was about to end and that no remarks that I made in Wash. could reach Calif. in time to influence any voters, my revealing the confidential exchanges could not affect the primary result.

Accordingly I answered the question frankly and disclosed the nature of the various meetings between Garrison and Robert Kennedy's representatives. Over a period of several weeks, two different emissaries had arrived in New Orleans. Each had sought out Jim Garrison; each stated that he was carrying a message from Robert Kennedy; each was known by Garrison to be associated with Robert Kennedy; each carried almost the identical message; each said that Robert Kennedy did not believe the conclusions of the Warren Commission and agreed with Garrison that a conspiracy had taken the life of President Kennedy. Robert Kennedy, they said, would investigate the assassination of his brother thoroughly if he were elected president and would vigorously prosecute those responsible. The essential purpose of the visits was to "reassure" Garrison that despite his public utterances, Robert Kennedy very firmly had a different private view.

Garrison asked why Senator Kennedy felt it necessary to suppress his dissent. Each emissary answered with the same phrase: "He (Robert Kennedy) knows that there are

guns between him and the White House."

Garrison pointed out that John Kennedy had not been assassinated during the campaign but long after his election. This was proof, Garrison added, that the presidency offered no immunity from an assassin's bullet.

Garrison said: "The lesson of November 22 is very clear. Any man who wishes to dismantle the war-machine and who appears to be in a position to do it will have his head blown off in the middle of an American city." Garrison said that the only defence was a full and open assault against the assassins and full disclosure of the role played by the CIA. Garrison pleaded with the emissaries to convince Robert Kennedy that his life was more endangered by his silence than it would be by his public disclosure of the known facts.

Robert Kennedy had said that if he lost the California primary he would withdraw from the presidential campaign. Clearly there would be no reason to kill him unless he won. Minutes after his victory was assured in Calif. he was executed.

Ramsay Clark, the Attorney General of the U.S., immediately stated that there had been no conspiracy although the investigation had not as yet begun. Clark had also said that there had been no conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and appeared not at all embarrassed when, some days later, the FBI formally charged "Eric Starvo Galt" with "conspiracy" to assassinate Dr. King. Clark, whose vocabulary evidently does not include the word conspiracy (he thinks of it as a single hyphenated word, no-conspiracy) made a substantial effort to contribute to national tranquility by adding that Dr. King's lone killer "was on the run" and that his arrest would be made "imminently". As the months passed, it became apparent that Clark did not know even to which country the assassins may have fled.

Galt, or as he was later identified as James Earl Ray, was picked up quite coincidentally by the British authorities on two unrelated charges and not at all because of the efforts of the FBI or the Dept. of Justice. Several days after the murder of Dr. King, according to a Novak and Evan's column, at a conference at the Dept. of Justice. Clark was asked about his public statements following the murder. He replied, the column revealed, that he knew his public statements were false but he felt that they would help restore calm to the country.

The long and dishonorable record compiled by the federal authorities in this area makes it apparent that the American people will have to look elsewhere in seeking to discover the meaning of the assassination of Robert Kennedy. (From the NEW YORK FREE PRESS, Thursday, June 13, 1968.)

GARRISON SCORES FEDS

The action of the United States District Court in issuing a restraining order preventing us from trying Clay Shaw as scheduled is: outrageous and unprecedented interference by the federal government with the legal processes of the State of Louisiana.

First of all, the federal court has no legal justification whatsoever for interrupting the scheduled trial at this time. This is a trial by the State of Louisiana--not by the United States government--and the recitation by the defendant's lawyers of completely fictional grievances does not create federal jurisdiction where none exists.

Secondly, the federal government is a party with special interests in this case. Our investigation has shown that the federal investigation was faked and the Warren Commission inquiry was faked to conceal the fact that President Kennedy was killed in a professionally executed ambush. The evidence is overwhelming--and it was overwhelming on November 22nd, 1963--that the President was shot from at least three different directions. The Warren Commission concealed this and much else from the people of this country.

Obviously, the federal government does not want it known that it conducted a fraudulent inquiry, using altered evidence and false evidence to fool the people of this country. Therefore, it would be a much more objective inquiry in a court of the State of Louisiana, where the case belongs.

Another reason that the federal government has a special interest in this case--and should therefore keep its large nose out of it--is the very deep involvement of agents of the Central Intelligence Agency in the assassination. The concealment of the involvement of the C.I.A. was the major objective of the false federal investigation and the false inquiry by the Warren Commission. Many people in this country still do not know that the Central Intelligence Agency--which is completely uncontrolled by Congress--has been engaged in the assassination

business for some years.

Ever since my office discovered that a part of the C.I.A. was responsible for the murder of President Kennedy, we have had nothing but interference by the federal government in this case.

After President Kennedy began removing troops from Vietnam, executed the nuclear test ban treaty, began reaching an understanding with Russia, began reaching an understanding with Cuba--all in the interests of ending the Cold War--and began to institute controls on the previously uncontrolled C.I.A., he was killed in an ambush by men connected with the Department of Covert Activity. This may be hard to believe--we found it hard to believe at first--but the evidence is unavoidable once you get behind the faked federal investigation. It should be added that the evidence indicates that the top command of the C.I.A. did not know this was going to happen--but this has not kept the rest of the government from concealing the truth.

The federal government has been interfering with any honest inquiry in every conceivable way--from the threatening of witnesses at the outset to the monitoring of telephones to the use of a constant barrage of propaganda through national media in an attempt to discredit the inquiry.

In contradistinction, we have made no critical or derogatory statements concerning Mr. Shaw. From the time he was charged, my office has been fair to him and none of his rights have been violated even inferentially. The members of the press of New Orleans will bear witness to the fact that my office has refused to mention his name publicly. Just where is the "reign of terror" which is supposed to justify this federal intervention?

If the case of the State of Louisiana is as fraudulent as his attorneys pretend, why not let him go to trial and be acquitted? Why is there suddenly such loss of faith in trial by jury?

The unauthorized interference by the federal government with aspects of this case has been escalating steadily. When we subpoenaed Walter Sheridan of N.B.C. news to the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, a federal court ruled he did not have to appear. When we subpoenaed a Life magazine reporter to the Grand Jury, a federal court ruled he did not have to appear. There was absolutely no law nor precedent supporting these federal court rulings.

In six years we have had no trouble calling witnesses in from other states to appear before the Grand Jury. Now, suddenly, we have trouble getting witnesses into Louisiana to testify.

The reasons given by the federal district judge for restraining us from going to trial as scheduled are plainly merely excuses to support an unauthorized federal intervention in the judicial processes of Louisiana. We have not even had the trial yet. What is the federal government interfering with this case for?

If there can be unauthorized federal intervention to help a defendant where the national government has a special interest, in time there can be federal intervention opposed to the interests of a defendant.

Although the words used by the federal court purport to indicate deep concern for protection of the defendant's rights from persecution by the prosecutor, the fact is that it is well known that my office has never had a case reversed because we used improper methods. Even so, the law of the State of Louisiana has many remedies to protect the defendant. We do not need the help of the federal government in leading us from our wicked ways to the path of righteousness. It is pretty plain that this unauthorized and unprecedented federal maneuver is the beginning of a power play by the federal government to interrupt and obstruct a State prosecution where the federal government has a special interest in the outcome. by JIM GARRISON (press release)

SNCC Cleve Sellers Denied Bail Again

SNCC worker Cleve Sellers remains in jail after U.S. District Judge Newell Edenfield denied bail for the third time on June 10. Sellers refused induction into the army May 1, 1967, charging that draft boards in South Carolina and Georgia discriminate against Negroes. He charged that only 0.53% of draft boards in South Carolina, where his board is located, are Negroes while 30% of the men drafted are black.

In his most recent order denying bail pending appeal of Seller's case, Edenfield cited Sellers statement to the court at the time of sentencing. Sellers said in part, "...The only people who can sentence me are black people, and I see none. Therefore, the only thing I can say is that you be prepared to carry out whatever you are, and I will fight as the rest of the black brothers have for liberation of black people, and till my death I will fight for that...."

Sellers is charged with "conspiring, inciting, and participating in arson, destruction of property, and assault and battery" in the "incident" at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg in February of this year. At that college, S.C. state troopers fired upon students, killing three. The students were involved in a peaceful demonstration protesting a segregated bowling alley. According to Los Angeles Times reporter Jack Nelson, (see the *Atlanta Journal* February 18, 1968) medial records showed 16 of 28 students hit were shot in the back. According to Nelson's article Sellers had told a Columbia, South Carolina newsman before the shooting occurred, "that if trouble broke out he would be made the 'scapegoat'."

While her husband remains in jail, Mrs. Sandi Sellers, has issued an emergency appeal for funds for SNCC. Sellers faces up to 78 years of incarceration for various charges emerging from the Orangeburg massacre and there is a huge backlog of legal debts. Contributions may be sent to the Cleve and Sellers Defense Fund, 1919 McFadden St., Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

With the continued imprisonment of Sellers, the recent sentencing of SNCC Chairman Rap Brown (See *GSB*, May 24, 1968) to five years in jail for carrying a firearm across state lines while under indictment, the experience of the Black Panthers in California (See *GSB*, June 7, 1968), and the experience of Jack Dawkins in Gainesville, Fla. (See *GSB*, June 7, 1968), one is forced to reflect on another statement Sellers made to the court before he was sentenced. He said, "...I have recognized that there's a conscious attempt on the part of the Courts of this country, the Federal Government and every other agency, to destroy black people inside this country..."

Braden Alive & Well In Jail

Atlanta, June 7, 1968, Fulton Superior Court Judge Claude O. Shaw denied David Braden's writ of habeas corpus which would have dismissed Braden's guilty plea and cleared the way for a new trial.

Braden was sentenced on April 24 to seven years imprisonment for "possession of narcotics." Originally, Braden's lawyer entered a special plea of insanity on grounds that Braden was mentally incompetent to aid in preparation of defense. When the jury returned against the plea and when the prosecution offered to reduce the charges from "selling to a minor" to "possession", Braden, on advice from his counsel, pleaded guilty.

Attorney Walter Henritze, Jr., Braden's new lawyer argued before Judge Shaw, that given experts' testimony concerning Braden's mental incompetence, "no plea could have been voluntary."

Henritze also argued that Braden was "constructively denied the right to counsel". The day before counsel advised Braden to plead guilty, he testified under oath that Braden was "mentally incompetent" to help prepare the case.

After a summary glance at the trial record, Judge Shaw ordered the writ of habeas corpus dismissed. Attorney Henritze has filed appeal notes in the Georgia Supreme Court.

MAH FELLOW AMERICANS: Because of the upcoming gala celebration in Atlanta of John Wayne's new movie, **(THE GREEN GIANTS BERETS)**, premiering July 4, and during which the entire city will shut down, the next issue of *The Great Speckled Bird* will be out not on Friday as per usual but on **WEDNESDAY, July the Third.** (Our fourth of July slogan: "Give John Wayne the BIRD!")



Presidential candidate George Wallace, ex-cabbie from and ex-governor of the state of (Dixie, "the good wine . . .") Alabama, came and went a week or so ago. He received slight fanfare, no noticeable groundswell. He gave a canned speech before 3,000 at the old Municipal Auditorium, recieved rousing cheers at predictable points, but seemed not to sustain the enthusiasm. Few felt catharsis. None nirvana.

Q. Would you care to comment on the Justice Department's suit against the state of Alabama on its discriminatory employment practices?

A. On its employment practices? We, as far as the Justice Department-and I'm not being critical of the average law enforcement official in these departments because they answer to Ramsey Clark, and Mr. Ramsey Clark has seen in this country people advocate its destruction, he has seen them degrade him and threaten to burn the country down, he has seen folks violate passport laws by traveling to Hanoi, Peking, Moscow and Havana after they incited to riot and destroyed cities almost, and impaired the internal security of our country and yet, instead of doing anything in this field, but very little, he turns around and sues, files a suit against the state of Alabama and impede what . . . ahhh . . . and that in my judgment is pure crazy."

Straight from the shoulder, off the cuff, thank you Mr. Wallace.

Wallace managed to avoid or not too cleverly circumlocute all substantive issues. Vietnam: Indeed it is a difficult situation. I have been privy to classified discussion on the matter but I say that if we couldn't have won it militarily we shouldn't have been there in the first place and if the talks in Paris don't bring an honorable peace we should go in and win it militarily but I of course PRAY. . . Breakdown of Law and Order: Them Anarchists did it . . . Race: Well, you know, I'm not a racist. I'm just honest . . .

His all-white, non-racist, honest audience applauded each slogan as if they knew . . .

George Wallace. Anachronistic perhaps, but certainly not an enigma in America today. Rather he may well be

the truest expression of the American political reality. This does not mean that he will be elected; it does mean that he will significantly affect the political "drift" of the nation. News Item: "About 1,800 federal employees voted in our presidential preference poll. Of the total votes cast, 485 went to George Wallace. Hubert Humphrey was second with 287; Richard Nixon next with 245. Robert Kennedy got 224." (from the *Federal Times*, a government house organ.) Would this poll have been the same five years ago? A year ago? What's the direction of the drift?

Wallace is the increasingly visible dark side of the American system. He is blatant in demands that his fellow candidates would prefer remain surreptitious. He asks that full repressive machinery be immediately institutionalized; his fellows prefer an approach obfuscated with rhetoric or pursued with a maximum of liberal hand-wringing: Civil Rights—Anti-riot bills; "Conspiracy charges to silence dissent; the Draft as punishment for political activity; Omnibus crime-control bills aimed at "deviants"; quiet construction of prison camps (an unofficial 39 to date); systematic "legal" (and illegal) persecution of movement leaders.

"SIMPLE SOLUTION FOR ALL THE MASSES — ELECT GEORGE WALLACE, PRESIDENT". Wallace plays on the feelings of social and class inferiority of his immediate constituency, lending them currency and legitimacy. He has appeal, however, beyond "his people" — white cab drivers, bus drivers, barbers, steel workers, druggists, small business owners. Wallace articulates the racism, the greed and the patriotic xenophobia of a fearful citizenry increasingly threatened by worldwide demand for change — "They want what we got, and we're not going to let them have it," as our beloved prexy puts it.

The election is not in Wallace's control. His strength increases, however, with each shift in the objective political situation of the country. War frustrations, increasingly destructive riots, political assassinations — any threat to the status quo — helps his political position. It would be a mean temper unleashed.

—tom coffin

U.S. ÜBER SPOCK

Uncle Sam busted Dr. Spock last Friday, and with him the Chaplain of Yale, a Harvard graduate student and a writer-teacher. They were accused and convicted of plotting together to help people dodge the draft and to get in General Hershey's way. They may each get five years in jail for this and a fine of ten thousand dollars. Of course they will appeal. If they lose on appeal, it's all over for a lot of people who have ever discussed how to help the cannon-fodder, then have tried to help them.

Dr. Spock and his companions wanted to defend themselves by arguing that it couldn't be a crime to fight against a criminal war. But the "tough-minded" judge wasn't having any of that and the all-male Boston jury didn't get to think about it. The judge's motto was "go forward"—get past all this chit-chat and off with their heads. "We are not," he said, "trying the legality, morality or constitutionality of the war in Vietnam (American Indo-China) or the right of citizens to protest." In all likelihood there aren't five Justices on the Mother Court who will disagree with him; and these men and many others will serve their time. This process of dissent followed by trial, orderly review and jail is, in the words of *The New York Times*, "the bedrock on which the institutions of this country....are built."

As the prosecutor, an ex-paratrooper, said, the defendants were "self-righteous" in their views. "Congress," he said, "is the collective conscience of the nation."

Herman Talmadge
Everett McKinley Dirksen
Richard Russell
Mendel Rivers
Tom Dodd

Your conscience. My conscience. The collective conscience of all of us. Come into the polling booth and vote for us, and we will intercede for you. Yea, verily. What a friend we have in Hummon.

Hallelujah! I've been washed in the blood of the Vietnamese.

—D. D. Uberalles

FRIENDS OF REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE

DeGaulle is escalating his police state tactics against the workers and students of France by banning legitimate political groups. The international youth movement will join in protest demonstrations at French consulates throughout the world on June 22, the day before elections in France.

Demonstrate at the French consulate in Atlanta, 950 West Marietta Street, N.W., Saturday, June 22, at 1:30 P.M.

For further information call 892-8867.

FOIBLES TO ADE PEOPLE

The Foible of Who-shot-John



Once, and in all Probability a Lot more times than That, if the Truth be Known, there were Two Brothers, sons of Loving and Devoted Parents, who were Grimly determined to grow Up to be a Credit to their Upbring- ing.

It is not Enough, John said to Bill, to sit Around being a \$600 exemption for Twenty years. We must do Honor to our Parents and their Ideals, so that they may Live Out a Happy Old Age in the Contem- plation of Our Virtues.

You are no Doubt right, Bill Said to John; let us Closely observe all the Parental Precepts we can lay our Grubby Little paws on. Which they Did. It went like This:

On sundays, whilst Lustily Wheezing that God is Love, Momma and Poppa took care to Look the Other way when the deacons Sent the goddamned Trouble- makers home to Their own Kind.

Momma taught John and Bill that the Flag meant Liberty and Justice for all, and furthermore that the Policeman is Your Friend (mainly because he watches the Riff and Raff). Poppa said that Jesus said to feed the Hungry even if he is Your Enemy, but relief Checks are Bad for One's character and did I tell you how I Killed thirty Gooks in one afterNoon?

John and Bill were shown a Picture of a dingy look- ing Dude in Beard and sandals who was a Good guy and another of a Similarly dressed Cat who was a Bad Guy. They learned that while Gestapos are Bad, effbee- eyes are Good.

John is now in Prison for picketing the Pentagon, burning his Draft card, stopping his Car on the Free- way, and Mopery with intent to Gawk.

Bill is now in Prison for Violation of the Anti-trust laws, stockpiling Bazookas, nigger- Shooting, and in- come-tax Evasion.

Moral: You never can tell.

--og, king of bashan

molasses and quinine

There exists a song, now seldom sung, which was once the unofficial theme song of the U.S. Army's parachutist's school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Written during World War II by two lieutenants, William Harris and E.I. Williams, it tells of a paratrooper whose chute failed to open properly, depicting his end in minute and almost ghoulish detail. His dying thoughts, the reactions of other soldiers, the undertaker's inability to re-assemble the corpse, the courses taken by each splatter of blood -- these are described. All told, it's probably one of the most grisly ballads ever written.

It seems appropriate to comment on this old song at the end of a tragic week. As that parachutist jumped from the plane, depending on his harness and silk canopy, so Robert Kennedy jumped into an election campaign depending on ideals and faith in people. Money couldn't cushion his fall. The two final lines of the chorus:

"... Gory, gory, what a helluva way to die;
He ain't gonna jump no more."

There's more to it than that, though. It's a repul- sive song, written to turn people's stomachs, and there's nothing subtle about it. Death, never a beautiful sight, is here painted in a particularly hideous way. It's a great example of what "hippies" are against -- they favor life and gentleness, not death and violence; the beautiful things of life, not the sickening ones; the molasses, not the quinine. Yet, one can not get rid of problems by merely ignoring them.

An acquaintance recently spoke of a fake medical experiment conducted at a large New England college, wherein it was found that 90% of those people tested would subject a man with a bad heart to a 750-volt electrical shock if an alleged "doctor" assumed responsibility and told them to press the button; and that 10% would

go over and press the man's hands down on the elec- trodes to unsure good contact when told to do so.

The man with the "bad heart" was actually a good actor, and there was no electricity flowing through the wiring connected to his body, but this does not invalidate the experiment. The results obtained seem to indicate that respect for academic (and other) "authorities" has outweighed respect for other common people in this nation, and that the great majority of our citizens will perform acts of extreme brutality if someone in an official position will assume "responsibility" for issuing and order.

Then we piously look at Hitler's Germany, shudder, and say "It couldn't happen here." Most of us don't realize how similar our position is to that of the German people in 1936. We've accepted official decisions for so long that most of us have forgotten how to think for our- selves. "I only followed orders" wasn't good enough after Auschwitz. These are days for real thought, and serious soul-searching.

What has so cheapened human life in this nation? Why is murder less frequently an act of desperation now? Is it war, TV, or something else? Frustration is apparently our national mood; why is murder so often an outlet for this? Guns are not to be blamed, for they're only tools -- we could legislate against guns today and ice picks tomor- row, and still not find the cause of this depreciation of human value.

In the week of Robert Kennedy's assassination, 438 Americans were killed in Vietnam, and 3,870 wounded. If these were placed end to end along the centerline of Peach- tree Street, the street wouldn't be long enough. The line of corpses and wounded men from that one week's fight- ing would reach from Five Points to Buckhead, give or take a few blocks. It takes thousands of undertakers to cover up the mistakes of politicians.

Now that's an idea. Line up the war dead, end to end, in public view. Let politicians offer the world's common people more of the same, and see if the people reply:

"... Gory, gory, what a helluva way to die;
We ain't gonna jump no more."

Ernie Marrs

Eliza Paschal...

REACTIONS OF A REACTOR

I was recently invited to be a "reactor" to certain speeches at a conference on Education and Human Rights. I had to leave before giving my reactions, so I'll give them here. The subject is a general one.

First, the wording of "Education and Human Rights" needs to be re-examined. No matter how you define the terms, education cannot exist without human rights, and vice-versa. What is meant is that part of education which is *schooling* -- the process of attending a physical facility at certain ages, at certain fixed times, and under prescribed conditions.

Schooling is the business of certain groups of people. What goes on in school is determined by certain persons in certain positions. I am not so sure they always know best about "education," if by that we mean preparation for life and the fullest development of one's potential.

Schooling is primarily a preoccupation of the middle class. If you're rich enough, you don't need it to survive. If you're poor (according to the "schoolers"), you either don't have it or are not using it....otherwise, they say, you wouldn't be poor.

As always, there was a lot of talk about tests, and as always I was struck by the fact that the persons respon- sible for the system which we all, including them, admit has failed in its mission are still the ones we turn to to get us out of the morass.

The very concept of comparative testing negates the concept of dealing with each person as a unique being -- important and "right" in himself. If by "testing" we mean trying out something to see if it works, then each person should be tested in terms of his own needs and his own environment. But if by testing we mean merely a description of where one falls on a bell curve, then the question to be considered is not what to do to those on the low end of the curve to bring them up, but what dif- ference does it make where one falls on the curve. Is it im- portant that reading scores be improved, or is it important that reading scores not matter so much? The vital thing is that there be more than one access highway to success.

and if it is important for everybody to read well, the thou- sands who claim knowledge of how to teach people to read should either do their job or be replaced.

Education conferences also always get around to text- books, with pictures exclusively of white middle class scenes cited as example of a wrong that must be redressed. I am all for textbooks which show other pictures, but not exclusively for the reason of developing self-respect in mi- nority groups. Whites need textbooks with pictures of blacks as much or more so than blacks do. Just as we do not want books which make a child feel like a freak, we do not want books which make a child think everyone is just like him. We might try the method used in India, where each person learning to read writes his own text of his own life...then we could swap books.

And we always get to "what are middle class values?" The usual response goes something like "our educational system reflects our middle class values -- you must be neat and clean and live in a shiny house, etc. . . ." Do we mean to imply that non-middle class people are *not* neat and clean and do not want a shiny house?

I have further found that other traits we ascribe to the middle class -- generosity, energy, resourcefulness, service -- are perhaps more prevalent among "The Poor." They make less show of them -- perhaps because they don't have to get receipts for income tax deductions, paying little income tax. They have, in other words, more congruity between their "talk" and their "walk." The middle class in Amer- ica usually talks one way and walks another.

The suspicion grows that the talk of the middle class about anxieties and inadequacies in others reflects our own anxieties and inadequacies. This is not to say that poverty breeds nobility, but it does breed realism and imagination and experimentation and simplicity. And if you feed a hungry child, you will not have to understand the com- plications of hunger because there won't be any. . . .

-eliza paschall

CORRECTION:

THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES

William Daniels, Jr. and Phil Evans, both members of Students for a Democratic Society at the University of Georgia, were suspended for a quarter for participating in the women's rights demonstrations. j.g. reported last issue that they had only been placed on probation.

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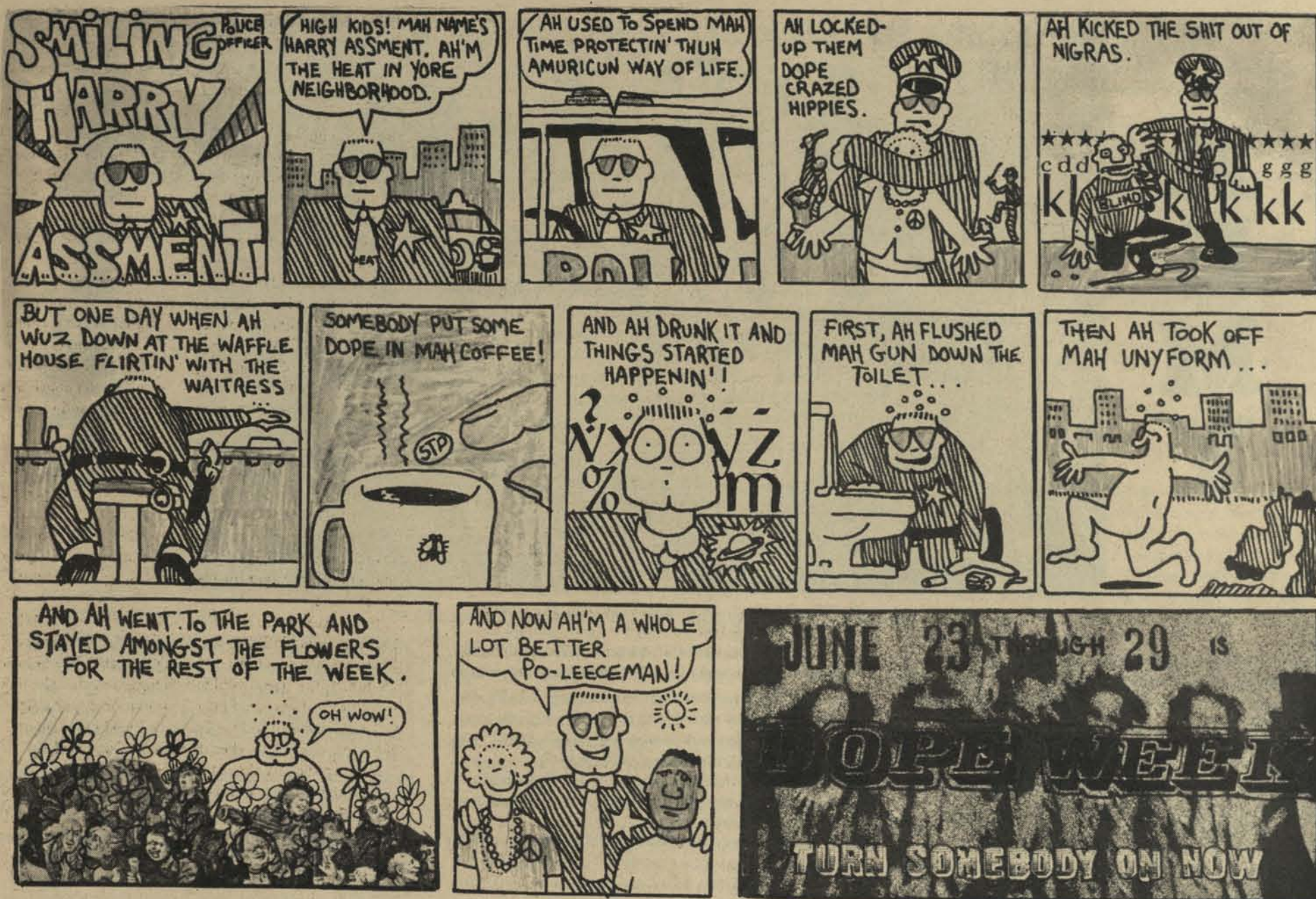
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THE UGLIEST PART OF YOUR BODY IS YOUR MIND...

Young people all over the world are hip to the fact that Peace on Earth just ain't gonna get here by electing good men to bad offices in obsolescent political structures founded on racism and greed. Society as we know it needs an enemy, and the last-resort laxatives that liberals are showing down its throat just don't make it. It is becoming clearer everyday that Man must RADICALLY change his civilization before his civilization annihilates him.

When people think of radical change they normally assume major things, but that is very importantly untrue. A truly radical change is to change one's everyday living - all the minor things that over a period of years and a population of billions create the world-wide tensions which cause self-destruction. We who consider ourselves as New World people must conscientiously experiment with and enrich our daily and general culture, lest we fall into the bag of knowing what's wrong but not knowing what's better.

Haircuts began as a style. Now, high school kids sometimes have to initiate court proceedings in order to attend school with long hair; scores of jobs are unavailable to guys and chicks who prefer their hair long; and saddest of all, anyone who chooses not to conform to the style of short hair must be prepared to face constant harassment by everyone from the general public to the police force. These are the earmarks of insecurity and neurosis.

Clothing too began as style. Style and protection. Only a fool would even pretend that protection remains as a reason for present clothing. Once again we have the case of style becoming law - once again we have insecurity and neurosis directing our daily habits.

What New Worlders must do is to reassess the animal called Man - reassess his values and his communication with others of his species. We must take man as a naked animal with others of his species. We must take man as a naked animal and try to figure out what has caused the failure of his ability to live in peace with other men. And then we must use our conclusions in guiding our own lives; we must begin showing the world alternatives. We must free ourselves as much as possible from the choking, squeezing, ball-grabbing reality of 20th century

TENSION, if only so that our children may free themselves more.

Tension stifles thought, clouds decisions, increases hostilities, creates psychoses. Practically all of our upbringing is based on developing tension. Remember this rule, remember that rule, be careful of how you say this, be careful of how you do that, watch your manners you made a mistake, get embarrassed, watch your weight, be popular, be best in this, win in that, watch out or you'll wind up a failure, make us proud of you, do this but don't tell us, don't do that and always tell us, small spoon for dessert, big spoon for soup, impress them, snub those, be smart, if you can't then look smart, remember people's names, pretend you don't, cuss with guys, never with girls, fuck the tramps, marry a virgin, be truthful, don't let people know what you really think, your body is beautiful, never let anyone see it, BUT ABOVE ALL CHILD: DO WHAT YOU KNOW IN YOUR HEART IS RIGHT. WE KNOW YOU WON'T FAIL US. Wow.

You can't solve tension in the world until you begin to solve it for yourself - in your own body. You have to ease off and let your mind breathe, like stop worrying about clothes and did the wind muss your hair, etc. How the hell can McCarthy really think about poor people's problems when he spent the past several hours with television make-up artists and must keep wondering if he looks alright for the cameras? If he were really concerned with issues he would stand up in a t-shirt or anything else that was handy before the press conference. Of course, if he did that, he'd automatically lose, because the listeners aren't really listeners, they're lookers. They wouldn't hear a word he said, but they sure would notice that sloppy t-shirt. Because it's not important what you say or do, boy, it's how you appear, and don't you forget it.

The point is that clothes, and certainly the degree to which we're caught up in clothes, create tension, competition and sexual hangups to an overwhelming degree. Clothes impede friendly relationships between people and promote dishonesty on many levels. Worst of all, clothes to the extent of our present involvement with

them pervert the concept of non-clothes. They pervert it and outlaw it; they degrade the unclothed body and unbeautify it. So much that Man has removed this body from the world of Natural things. Isn't it weird to realize that millions and millions of people never take their nude bodies out of their cement or wooden houses into the world which we all come from? Never feel a wind or a breeze or a ray of sunlight without feeling some kind of cloth covering over their skin?

It's really sick, and we're right in the middle of it. If I were to stroll nude in Piedmont Park tomorrow relating to nature I could be imprisoned for one year and fined a few thousand dollars; that's how threatening the human body has become to the Sterile Society. Free people who wish a free world must say Screw You, Sterile Society, the ugliest part of your body is your mind. If someone wishes to play with clothing, that's his thing; if someone else doesn't, he is neither a criminal nor a pervert. Clothing has been around for a long time and has been taken for granted as being necessary. So has war. Let's take neither for granted.

-bo lozoff

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American GI's pose proudly beside their latest conquest. (Vietnam GI/LNS)

On the nights of April 10 and 11, 1968, there was rioting on Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In February, GI's on Fort Jackson tried to have a pray-in. Two weeks ago four GI's in uniform took part in a demonstration in Augusta, Georgia (Fort Gordon). There are four GI's on Fort Benning, Georgia applying for discharges on the grounds of conscientious objection. Resisters are in stockades, AWOL, and heading for Canada, France and Sweden.

Isolated instances? GI's are becoming disenchanted with the military to such an extent that in recent months military counseling has become a bigger job than draft counseling. Although many civilians are sympathetic with the problems of soldiers, there are very few that understand the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and the thousands of Army Regulations (AR), Air Force Regulations (AFR), Marine Corps Orders (MCO), and Navy Bureau of Personnel Regulations (BUPERS) enough to advise military personnel. The military is supposed to furnish a serviceman with a military lawyer when he so requests. They are supposed to furnish him with a copy of the UCMJ, the appropriate Army Regulation or corresponding AFR, BUPERS, or MCO. Quite often this is denied him.

The soldier with problems has very few places to turn, although several organizations have started during the past year—*The Bond* (Room 633, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010) and the *Vietnam GI* (Box 9273, Chicago, Illinois 60690) are two anti-military newspapers for GI's. Both are free for servicemen, and the *Vietnam GI* is free for Vietnam veterans. SLAP (Southern Legal Assistance Project) gives free legal counsel to servicemen opposed to the war. A handbook for men in the service is in the works, and should be completed near the end of this month.

More and more servicemen are learning about their right to apply for a discharge on the grounds of conscientious objection, as provided by AR635-20 (AFR 35-24, BUPERS 1616.6, MCO 1306.16A). According to this regulation, any enlisted man who has become a conscientious objector

since his induction, and who had not applied for I-O prior to induction, may apply for a discharge. Very few who apply get the discharge, but while the discharge is being considered (which may take as long as six months) they must be assigned to duties and training which will provide "minimum conflict with the individual's beliefs." He cannot be transferred while such a discharge is being considered.

A GI may also apply for noncombatant duty, and the procedure is somewhat similar.

One solution for all problems is the one the brass will urge you not to use. From the day of induction, they tell you "Don't go AWOL. There's no problem we can't solve." According to CCCO, AWOL's in the Army have increased from 40 per 1000 in 1960 to 51 per 1000 in 1966. Stockades are filled above capacity, and news of stockade riots are suppressed as effectively as news of other GI riots. The stockades are filled with AWOLs—soldiers who just keep going AWOL until they are kicked out of the Army. They don't mind the stockade—it's not much worse than basic (a little better, since they can't threaten to take away your week-end privileges). If a soldier is AWOL long enough, they can charge him with desertion if they can prove that he had no intention of returning to his unit. They'll charge you with desertion if they have it in for you. There have been soldiers AWOL for 2½ years and they were charged with being AWOL. There is one case of a soldier being an hour late for an appointment and he was charged with desertion! (He was acquitted.)

Some enlisted men feel they have no other choice than to refuse to cooperate with the Army any longer. Non-cooperation in the military is a rough road to travel. The authorities have too much control over the situation. With public support, a civilian lawyer and a clearly defined moral position, a person can do it—but the kangaroo court nature of military courts-martial and the possibility of unsympathetic military lawyers, chaplains and stockade guards can make it rough. They will stress the physical fact of your refusal to obey orders, and attempt to ignore the moral stand you are taking. You could wind up with a medical discharge, an undesirable discharge, or several years at Fort Leavenworth.

Unless he is willing to live as a mindless animal for two years, the GI has to resist, just to seek his rights. For ex-

ample, take Savings Bonds (or Freedom Shares, or War Bonds). You know what you earn as a soldier. You know what you put up with to get it. You know you're defending your country. You know that they also expect you to pay for the damned war! Some 2nd Lieutenants gets a medal every time 90% of "his" men buy savings bonds. Those efficiency charts and performance records are what they live for. You know this, you know you don't have to buy bonds. But chances are, you're getting at least \$6.25 deducted from your pay every month to pay for this war. Why do you buy bonds? Because you know the extra details, the harassment, that they will put you through if you don't.

So if you're going to do anything to live as a human, forget rank, forget easy duty stations, forget week-end passes. Plan to spend two or three years contacting GI's, Congressmen, reading the UCMJ, and making appointments with military lawyers. Find out what your rights are, and hang on to them.

—denis j. adelsberger

[Denis Adelsberger was recently discharged from the Army after refusing further cooperation at Fort Gordon. He is now coordinator of the Atlanta Workshop in Nonviolence, 1036 Peachtree Street, NE, 892-8867.]

Vietnam GI Barred

O, the press, the press,
The freedom of the press,
They'll never take away
The freedom of the press.

— Marc Blitzstein

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 30 (LNS)—The serviceman's newspaper *Vietnam GI* has been banned on several East Coast Army bases, GI contacts have told the paper. GI's from Forts Dix, Gordon, Benning, and Marines from Parris Island and Cherry Point have reported a written directive has come down warning soldiers not to accept or read *Vietnam GI* under threat of Article 15 punishment. *Vietnam GI* is an anti-war monthly newspaper published by Vietnam veterans for GI's, many in Vietnam itself. Over 15,000 copies are now distributed free to servicemen every month. Supporting subs for civilians are \$10.00. If interested in distributing the paper to GI's or making a contribution, write: *Vietnam GI*, P.O. Box 9273, Chicago, 60690.

The Atlanta Workshop in Nonviolence desperately needs funds to continue operation. They are \$500 in debt, rent is past due, the telephone is going to be (or has been) disconnected. Meanwhile the war continues and increasing numbers of people are seeking draft counseling from the Workshop. This vital service must not stop.

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The Fruit Of imperialism-KILLS

Guatemala is a Central American country with an almost totally Indian population of between 4 and 5 million. Coffee produces 72% of its export earnings. The second largest export crop is bananas (13%). The control of these exports is largely in the hands of The United Fruit Company of Boston which has a history in Guatemala going back to the early 1900's when the dictator at that time, Manuel Estrada Cabrera, allowed United Fruit to use private armies as 'pacifiers'.

Before 1945, a handful of Guatemalans and foreign corporations owned 98% of the cultivated land; only 10% of school-age children attended classes; the right of labor was not recognized; civil liberties, unions, freedom of speech and press were outlawed; and the privileges and tax concessions granted foreign interests were extravagant. In 1945, what is commonly called the Social Revolution was begun by Juan Jose Arevalo and was carried out to an even greater degree by his successor, Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

When it became obvious that Arbenz was serious about economic reforms, he was ousted by a U.S. backed coup in 1954 and conditions reverted back to before Arevalo took office. The military occupied the presidency until 1966. At that time it was decided that a liberal front would be the best way to combat the growing revolutionary movement.

Julio Cesar Mendez Montenegro, head of the liberal Partido Revolucionario, was elected president in 1966. He first pursued the guerrillas psychologically by offering them amnesty—they of course refused. He has since pursued them militarily with the aid of U.S. "advisors" and he has allowed the U.S. great leeway in all governmental affairs. While the revolutionary guerrillas have been contained, the extreme right has been allowed to flourish and has assassinated literally thousands.

Mendez also seems to be taking lessons on means of liberal pacification from the U.S. The U.S.-initiated educational reform program seeks to depoliticize the university by requiring students to study more and take more exams, emphasizing science, raising tuition and perpetuating *in loco parentis*. Labor unions, which never recovered from the 1954 coup, are fragmented, corrupt and penetrated by U.S. labor and government agencies. As things stand now in Guatemala, the nationalists and communist revolutionaries are on one side and Mendez's liberal facade, supported by right wing violence, the United Fruit Company, the CIA and the U.S. State Department, is on the other.

In the following interview, Jon Frappier interviews Father Blase Bonpane, the Maryknoll priest accused of cooperating with the guerrillas in Guatemala. The interview was first published in the April-May issue of *Viet Report*.

"A VIOLENCE...WORSE THAN ARMED VIOLENCE"

(Jon Frappier interviewed Father Blase Bonpane, the Maryknoll priest accused of cooperating with the guerrillas in Guatemala, for *Viet Report*.)

Frappier: Could you describe living conditions in Guatemala?

Bonpane: I would say that Guatemala is close to the bottom of every list on Latin American development. The only country that would be lower is Haiti. First of all, the average man is hungry. More than 50% of the people suffer from malnutrition. The impact of this shows itself particularly in children. The infant mortality rate is forty times that of the United States. The children do fairly well while they are at the breast. As soon as they leave their mother's breast and try to live on the type of food that is given to them they die. Those who do not die are permanently damaged because as we know from many studies, a child that does not eat well during his first five years suffers mentally for the rest of his life.

We could say that of the total Guatemalan population, about 72% do not read or write. Among certain groups of people this gets much higher. 96% of the Indian women do not read or write and close to 85% of the men. Along with this ignorance, we have a horrible economic situation, a wage scale that is brutal and violent. About fifty

cents a day is above average, yet nothing is cheap. Meat is forty cents a pound, eggs are fifty to sixty cents a dozen, a pound of beans is seventeen cents -- almost the same as in the United States. A man cannot feed his family on fifty cents a day, especially since Latin Americans tend to have large families. And I have seen wages as low as five or twenty cents a day.

We have something that is like slave labor in Guatemala. Trucks go up into the mountains and whole families of Indians are loaded into the back and shipped down to the coast to pick cotton or coffee. They go primarily because they are hungry. Frequently these trucks have accidents and the people are killed. Sometimes they are asphyxiated when the trucks are covered up with tarps and the fumes come up. They are treated worse than animals. If a horse on a ranch gets sick, a veterinarian is called immediately. If an Indian on a ranch gets sick, he receives no aid. When the Indians return to their homes in the highlands, some of them die, because they have picked up malaria while on the coast. Still, hunger drives them back again the next year. Many people are beginning to think that this is a violence that is worse than armed violence.

Frappier: Most of us have heard about the violence that has been occurring in Guatemala. Could you talk about the right wing terrorist groups, their activities and base of support?

Bonpane: The Mano Blanca is a right wing extremist group. When we deal with these people directly as I have in the department of Zacapa, we find that each member of the Mano Blanca has a card from the army identifying him as commissioned by the Army to work in this capacity. So the army not only tolerates, but encourages this group. Also, the Mano Blanca informs rich families that they must contribute a certain amount of tax money to help them in their great anti-Communist campaign. Even significant

wealthy people who have refused to pay the Mano Blanca have had attempts on their lives.

Frappier: Could you estimate the number of assassinations by the Mano Blanca and the guerrillas?

Bonpane: The *New York Times* estimated between 1,000 and 4,000 deaths in the past year. I think if we just take a sum total from the Guatemalan papers, we would get 3,000 -- perhaps double that if we consider all the killings not reported in the papers. If we study the sources of the deaths, we might say that 2,800 to 3,000 have been at the hands of the far right. The guerrilla forces have possibly taken 200 lives in the same year. Students are the most vulnerable of all. Any student is a presumed guerrilla. They have been dragged from their houses at night, tortured and killed. This happened to our beloved poetess at the University, and to the finest poet at the University of Castillo whose works are read throughout Latin America.

Frappier: Could you describe your work in Guatemala?

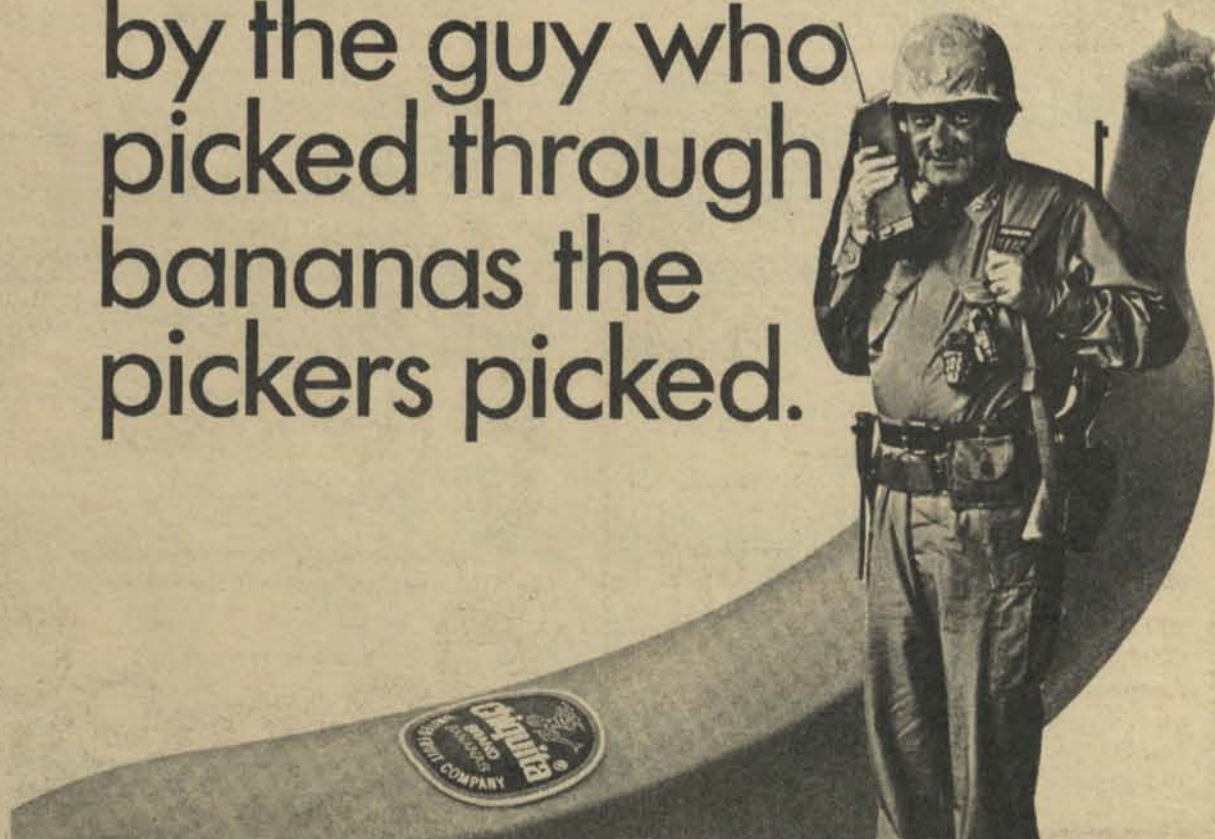
Bonpane: I was working with the Maryknoll Center for Social Training. Students from the national university would come together in groups of forty and spend eight days in sessions studying Capitalism, Socialism, and Communism, the Papal Encyclicals that were related to social justice and the sociological conditions of Guatemala. Later, they could spend weekends and vacations in various villages where they would speak to the Indians on subjects that seemed very bland: the common good, the dignity of man, community, how to organize a peasants' league. During their longer vacation, the students would engage in programs for literacy, health hygiene and what we call in Spanish *conciencia* (self awareness), helping the person to have the ability to think and act as a human being.

The students were well received by the Indians. They always went to the villages unarmed and only wanted to speak to those who were interested in hearing them. Frequently they would live in a one room Indian home with the rest of the family for the six week period.

Frappier: Why did you leave Guatemala?

Bonpane: During the past six months there was a lot of tension over the work that we were doing. We had received threats from various right wing

We're so fussy, we even have a guy who picks through the bananas picked by the guy who picked through bananas the pickers picked.



the great speckled bird--7

A day in time and sounds of
current doings,
away and beyond, a clanging bell
and soft sounds of trees and fields,
a sonnet of birds and woods' creatures
and dirt roads, wandering like polished lead rivers
with long legged birds walking among the small round stones
along the bank.

Like old men walking, wherever it is that they walk,
re-living the smallness of their lives,
remembering when kids used to lie on their backs in the grass
and watch the sky go by,
and storms, and the color of storms and the anxiety of storms,
the anxiety of birth, the anxiety of birth, the anxiety of birth,
never anxiety of death, for dying is not anxious except
in its replacement, like a burning field or one eroded
into austerity, old maid like, waiting, waiting, waiting,
waiting, wailing, wailing,
Crying with someone else's tears.

In and among all of being, laughter and crying vie for
their places beside the heroes and martyrs of the cons.
Scales constantly seeking balance, but at whose wish? the oppressed?
or will their measure ever be known? who cares? except maybe
dogs whose masters have died.

Name, intrinsic wilderbeast, land of plenty, and start
to finish a hodge podge of Calderack and remnants,
remnants of souls and fists a flying. A way to go
and away to die and away to gain speed on the merry-go-toot,
away, away, away down south in routerballit.
Poets + pestilence the redundant plague of the land.

It is often the time to be eclectic and in doing so, you get
involved in saffron and shields made of chrome and wheat straw,
fashioned by gypsies under a ruby spotted sun, their anvils ringing
like country bells — country bells, up your ass are
softly ringing, yes, that's the way life goes, a little at a time until
your ear drums burst from the monotony

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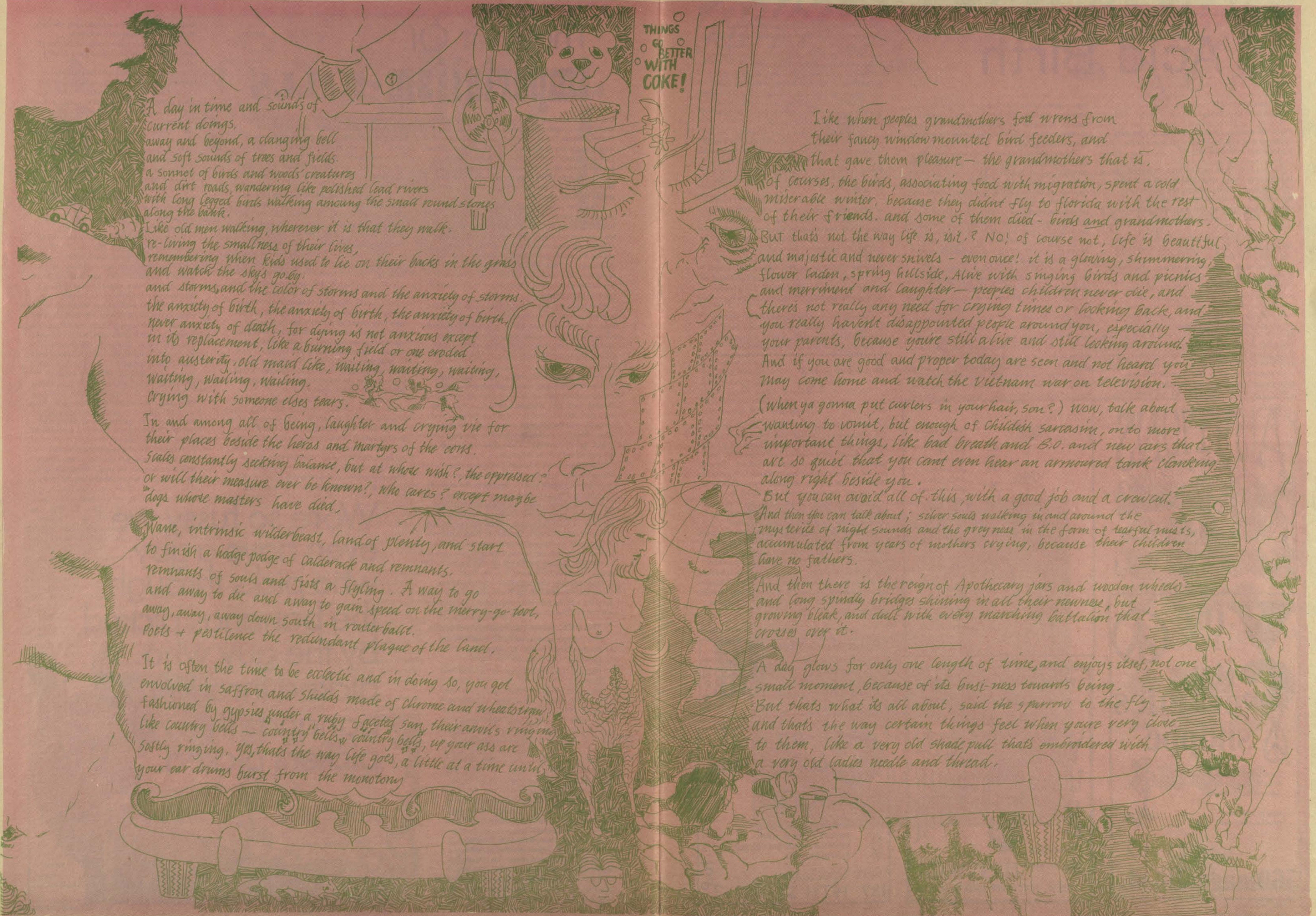
Like when peoples grandmothers fed wrens from
their fancy window mounted bird feeders, and
that gave them pleasure — the grandmothers that is,
of course, the birds, associating food with migration, spent a cold
miserable winter, because they didn't fly to florida with the rest
of their friends. and some of them died — birds and grandmothers.
But that's not the way life is, is it? NO! of course not, life is beautiful
and majestic and never snivels — even once! it is a glowing, shimmering,
flower laden, spring hillside, alive with singing birds and picnics
and merriment and laughter — peoples children never die, and
there's not really any need for crying times or looking back, and
you really haven't disappointed people around you, especially
your parents, because you're still alive and still looking around.
And if you are good and proper today are seen and not heard you
may come home and watch the Vietnam war on television.

(When ya gonna put curlers in your hair, son?) Now, talk about
wanting to vomit, but enough of childish sarcasm, on to more
important things, like bad breath and B.O. and new cars that
are so quiet that you can't even hear an armoured tank clanking
along right beside you.

But you can avoid all of this, with a good job and a crew cut.
And then you can talk about; silver souls walking in and around the
mysteries of night sounds and the grey mist in the form of tearful mists,
accumulated from years of mothers crying, because their children
have no fathers.

And then there is the reign of Apothecary jars and wooden wheels
and long spindly bridges shining in all their newness, but
growing bleak, and dull with every marching battalion that
crosses over it.

A day glows for only one length of time, and enjoys itself, not one
small moment, because of its busi-ness towards being.
But that's what it's all about, said the sparrow to the fly —
and that's the way certain things feel when you're very close
to them, like a very old shade pull that's embroidered with
a very old ladies needle and thread.



Acid Birth

By Stephen Brown, M.D.
LIBERATION News Service

(Note: Dr. Brown is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Medical School. He is the doctor of the Washington-Free Community.)

Before I begin let me say this: from my earliest contacts with psychedelic drugs (1961) as both an observer and participant, I always had a positive approach and high expectations for them, not only as a genuinely insight-providing experience, but as a psychic medication as well. I never had a bad trip despite quite a few exposures.

But during the past year an increasing bombardment of experimental studies on the effects of LSD and other psychedelics have forced me to rethink the question.

The bulk of the argument does not rest on the problem of pregnant females taking the drug. I think that is or should be -- a closed issue. There are several reported cases in humans, and thousands in animals of several different species, of serious birth defects, miscarriage, and decreased fertility. The argument against generalizing from animal experiments to humans just doesn't hold in this case. Humans are directly affected. In addition, enough different species have been tested to risk generalization. The mechanism by which embryos are affected or killed is the genes (i.e., the chromosomes) of the reproducing cells -- and all animal cells have chromosomes made of the same basic chemicals. Thus I believe it is clearly irrational to think that women who

expose themselves to LSD during the first months of pregnancy don't put their future children in danger -- they do. Thus arises the very real problem of that group of women who don't find out about being pregnant until after taking the acid.

The problem of chromosome damage beyond this specific circumstance is less obvious, but perhaps more important on the broad scale. The argument is based on the function of chromosomes and genetics. Chromosomes are the carriers of genetic coding, and thus of all hereditary biological information -- carrying out the messages which control almost all the basic biochemical reactions, cell reproduction, size, structure, and function to every cell, and to the daughter cell of every cell that reproduces. They carry the information in the sperm and egg that is transmitted to all the generations which follow.

There is a good long list of things (chemicals, drugs, viruses, diseases and radiation) which, in addition to LSD cause chromosome breakage. A very large majority of the things on this list not only cause chromosome damage but also cause at least one other serious destructive effect: either birth defect, infertility, mutation or malignancy; decreased cell reproduction of certain body tissues. One must presume that the way these diseases are produced are through the genes, messing around with genetic controls in an embryo or reproducing tissues could explain any of this serious group of conditions.

The crucial fact is that LSD and probably all of the other psychomimetic amines, are in the family of chromosome-breakers. At this time it is impossible to know

whether that means it will produce all of the horrible conditions mentioned, that it produces birth defects is already accepted. I would not want to mess around with my own genetic material UNTIL I knew that the others were definitely not going to result.

Right now my feeling is, knowing how high the probabilities are that LSD belongs in the same family with benzene and radiation, that during the next twenty years it will be found that malignancy and/or mutation will result in an unpredictable but higher-than-normal percentage of those exposed.

I do not wish to be among that percentage. Nor do I believe that once you have taken the drug the damage has been done; there is no reason to believe that repeated exposure leads to increasing danger as it does with radiation. Having had it ten or even fifty times, even if you accept my arguments here, should not be reason to continue.

Those are the arguments. If you just don't want to believe that the producer of such beautiful and important experiences could be bad, remember that it's easier to over-look something which is potentially dangerous (like air pollution) when the effects may not turn up for a generation. But as for me, while the facts about acid are not really all in and can't be in for decades, the facts about radiation, benzene and nitrogen mustards, etc., are in. With several good trips behind me (and I would have really dug some more) I really think its time to cool it. The possibilities are too bad and too great.

I welcome all questions and discussions (write c/o LNS) and wish to remind one and all that a search for biological ill-effects of cannabis sativa and cannabis indica has failed to turn up anything substantial.

Building the Empire...

BANGKOK (LNS) June 14—On May 30, Leonard Unger, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, and Thanom Kittikachorn, puppet premier of Thailand, held a handing-over ceremony of the Sattahip military seaport. Said Unger, "This port aims at providing a logistical base for Thailand. . .the seaport will facilitate logistic support of areas in Northeastern Thailand. It will speed up movement of people and material. . .the port will continue to be used mainly for the receipt of U.S. military cargoes. The pattern of activities and operations will not change so long as the current threat to freedom in this area continues to exist."

In other words, as long as revolutionary fighting continues in the northeast. The Sattahip port costs \$43 million and is located near the U.S. air base at Utapao which berths many B-52's. Thus far 1.5 million tons of weapons have been shipped to Thailand. In addition, the U.S. is building a new airfield at Kamphaengsaen, 58 km south of Bangkok and has set up a permanent counter-revolutionary training center in Kanchanaburi Province, 160 km northwest of the capital city.

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EREK BOMBBA

I am concentric with sleazy Ramon, the art department comanche, who is an oriental word hustler and sometime head of the onetime head and golden chain association of the lost-found nation of hassan in the cauczoids. Ramon and I have dealings way back in pre-agent times when we are forced to do it, duet, lest the wolves make us vanished. Interzone security check reveals our karmactic cohabitation and we are enlisted as pox and pax, yin-yang blanket control operatives in the matter of one slightly Ernst, the uncommitted. Testament from near fatality is pulled from image file and relayed to all security elements in the zone with intention of disrupting parallel control operations: "Ernst have this clarification rap for you if and when you show. for a fleshy autobiologic investment, which all but eliminate a return trip, yeah, render you hopeless, helpless in permanent orgasm." Clearly crimonosis: "All systems shall be defined by nature of their opposition, all systems shall be confined to the dualism of the on/off condition. . . .any attempt to create a permanent ebb or permanent full for the purpose of control is criminal to the extent of Interzone intervention", Coda Ethica.

Ernst has rented a garden of serenity and is fixing to feed upon the gathered membership of HEY (Hue & Ewe & You). Full house, under each and every bushy big green thing be a mystical mark, an impatient sucker waiting for a key to the mastery of life, amorc yet. . . .alternating etruscans in dayglo pantaloons guard the exits, prancing in their elementary drag, intimidating gestures to any who may prefer the egress to the ingress. Ernst be above and beyond sitting vaguely on a jungle fantasy platform mixing artistic alkaloids and muttering at his audience, "This be an animal show, cum to me once ina dream and you'll by gawd get your dollafiftease worth, wiggle a lil bit with the dogs and cats., ekkcetterra, ex set eara, the whole shake be thin by now and ole Ernst jes loves em thin. Swallow em whole when they thin, recollect

easy pickins once when I strun gout the entire metropp of uppa deerfield countee on musk fumes and jest took my fill from what hicks was layin and fussin in the streets of that fair city. And these is a masterpiece of contortion, 5cccees of assorted sodomy for about a month and they allatime ready to melt into one fat lumpy gravy at the first sign of withdrawal. Remind me of the interfaith conference a year or so back when the good ministers commin on with their fear of the synthetic sacraments and I be smuggling hotshots to the faithful and I tell em' lookit hear, I'm a business, man, my job as you see it is to fuck up the joyous for sake of the pious, but jest don forget who your friends are when you get to hebben fatha, remember it was us who devalued the hallucinogens ya unnerstan. . . . certainly were Ernst and the boys from PAPA (Proper Advertising Procedure Assoc.) who succeeded in poisoning the herbal sacraments. .coulda made a fortune that year, not to mention the revolution and revelation mind you, but I be a sap and let them preachers outa the bag. . . .consummate that deal in the blue confessional with father Abdul in ex for a quickee absolve te. . ."

SILENCE IS SANITY

We move in for the bust while Ernst is busy digging his unfolding intestines. Ramon and Bombba, to the right and left, pos and pax, pounce upon him. . .

"Your mutha chokes on the several caramels while she eats fagnut bars."

"When wild geese fly over a cold lake, it does not retain their shadow after they have passed. So the mind of a superior man works only when an event occurs and becomes a void when the matter has passed."

"Your father sells time to the aborigines."

"Decayed grasses are not bright yet, they give rise to the glow worm whose luster matches the summer moon, thus we learn that cleanliness oft arise out of filth and brilliance from gloom."

"Peddle your proxy to AT&T."

"To get rid of scoundrels and sycophants one must leave them an opening, if they are denied even a foothold it is like closing the ways of escape at rat holes so the ratt must gnaw at the good things within."

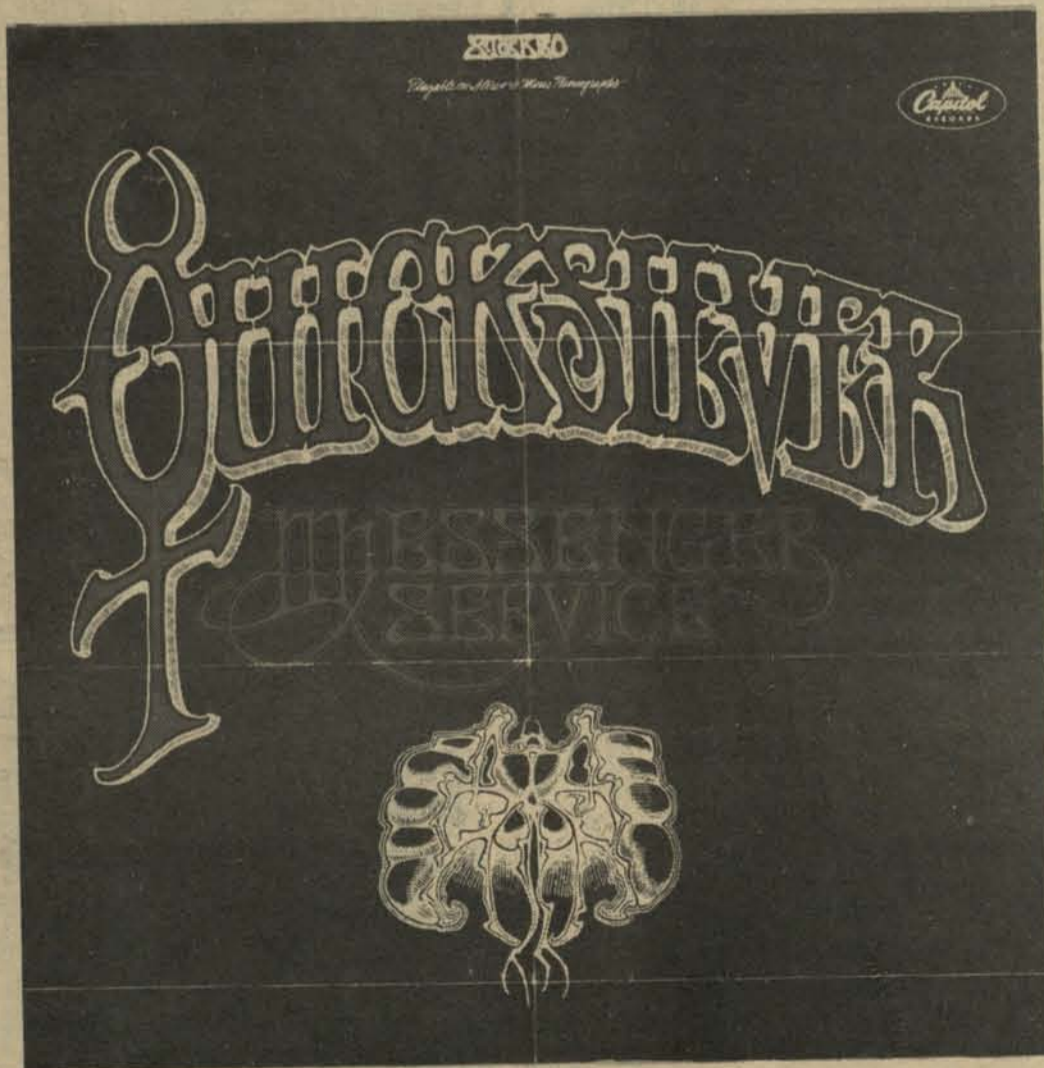
Ernst is adipose with indignation and counterdisgust as his groppers turn to Ramon who is distributing samples of obscure extracts. He feels for a loophole with extension of the prospectus.

"Wadd a shakedown from the heat."

"Get your hemisphere to the temple Ernst or I'll by the venusian moon be forced to render you prematurely exposed."

"Meat for you fuzz!" he say as he attempt to sling his semi colon about Ramon and I am given to slap a vibration on him. kerchow. . . it caught him upside the facia brutt and he be limp, befuddled puddle and the various singing dogs of Interzone move in and lapp him up. . . .

—eric bonner



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Music is the most influential, most communicative media of our time. I will spare you the details of how the Beatles, Fugs, Mothers, Charles Lloyd, etc., turned on a billion minds. . .you've heard that crap before, I will spare you the details of the common lineage of blues, jazz and rock. . .suffice it to say that rock is a corporal expression of our reality and jazz is a spiritual explanation of that reality. The best of each preaches the same sermon. . .it's all meat on just one bone. . .

I won't however, spare you the details of the Third Annual Atlanta Jazz Festival. . .I would instead pull your coat to same. . .June 29th and 30th at the Atlanta Stadium. . .alright, so a ballpark isn't the best place to hear jazz music. . .but lest you forget, this is Atlanta, George, and the only place you can pick up on live topflight jazz is by godd at the stadium. . .until some of the more affluent clubs realize that there is a receptive audience for good jazz music.

Anyway, leave us rapp a bit about who George Wien has booked for the festival. . .on the 29th, Saturday, . . .Dionne Warwick (if Sinatra can play Newport, then Dionne can make Atlanta without too much screaming from the purists) Dionne singeth her ass off, whether you call it jazz or not.

Cannonball and Nat Adderly whose renderings of "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" and the Robuck Staples classic, "Why Am I treated So Bad", have made their latest album a million seller. . .Herbie Mann, the ex-tenorman who made the flute an accepted member of the jazz ensemble, with his sidemen

stoneface Bruno Carr and Carlos "PoTaToe" Valdez, making the prettiest Latin sounds this side of El Barrio.

Thelonious Monk comes up from the underground to make a rare concert appearance. . .he grunts better than most pianists play.

Wes Montgomery had been scheduled to play prior to his death from a heart attack on Sunday, June 16. Wes, who taught himself the guitar, had developed his own style of thumb picking that made his work unique among jazz musicians. He had paid his dues for about twenty years, working as back-up man on numerous LP's and playing the West Coast circuit before crashing thru with "Tequila" and "Day In The Life". No information is available as of this writing as to whether or not anyone will be booked in an attempt to pick up the slack caused by the death of this fine musician.

On the 30th, Sunday, Ramsey Lewis and trio, Diz and Fatha Hines and dig this, two (2), countem—one, two of the jazz scene giants—Nina Simone and Jimmy Smith. Nina is The High Priestess of Soul and bro, you ain't heard soul til she lays her own composition, "Consummation", or Billy Taylor's "I Wish I Knew How It Felt To Be Free", on you. As for Jimmy Smith, his album jackets use words like genius and incredible but they just don't describe his complete mastery of the organ. Just dig his left hand sometime. I'd fight a thousand purists and sit on a flagpole to see them on the same bill. . .(commercialism don't fuckup my Christmas either, cause it's mine).

Anyway, that's the go down and Atlanta is lucky to have these people after the fiasco with Les McCann (he was refused the use of the YMCA to play basketball) who swore that he would never work south of D.C. again. So, make it to the stadium and sink your teeth into some of the choicest meat to hit this burg in ages. . .

-eric bonner-



It's not that the Steve Miller Band is so fantastically new and original. It's not even that they've moved music so far from what it is to what it will be. The beauty of the Band is that it's snowing.

The Band has come from somewhere, are presently playing on the West Coast and are moving toward the future. Time past, time present, time to come. Time present is an album entitled *Children of the Future: Side 1 and 2*.

Side 1 has five songs which are one song and not because the music never stops but because the beauty never stops and the mingling of present and past and future never stops. The first song, "Children of the Future", blends to "Pushed Me To It" which develops into "You've Got The Power" which expands into "In My First Mind" which resolves into "The Beauty of Time is That It's Snowing". The progression is beautiful in itself, getting from one place to another. The music is strongly emotional and just strong. It's part of what the Band is into; a sound that is electronically created sometimes and always natural. There are voices, an organ, a fine drum, guitars, sea gulls, a snowstorm and an ocean, all of which are blended with a musical precision that other groups have yet to find. The lyrics to this rock suite are often fine. The best are those to "In My First Mind". "My first mind/You are so fine./All the good things you do/Are in my own time./My second mind/I can see you grow/Feel you flow/And move my soul."

What happens on this side takes time to discover. It doesn't sound like it is coming from a group of people except for the organ which supplies power. It sounds vaguely like something recorded beneath the sea and beyond the stars. And the beauty is that it's snowing.

Side 2 has six songs that are six songs that are connected with the best transitions I've ever heard. One is simply footsteps coming out of one song and going into another. Here the sound is different. The Band's blues influence is evident. "Fanny Mae" and "Key To The Highway" are the best examples of Steve Miller blues; harmonica and fine organ playing are the foundation. And the drummer is always there, precise and moving. What the Band can do with a guitar is evident on "Roll With It" and "Junior Saw It". There is one fine thing then simple, innocent voices come in underneath to cool it down and they end by blending in a way that is at least sexual.

The two sides of the Steve Miller Band. Different and fine. The two styles don't do anything to make one wonder where they will settle or make one feel that they should even settle on either one. They're doing their thing which is both and they are doing it well. Children of the Future live now and will live again and they grow in one time and toward another. And so with the Band. "Knowing that it is the future that I'm living for for today."—Steve Miller Band. "Time present and time past/Are both perhaps present in time future,/And time future contained in time past."—T.S. Eliot

— don speicher

NEWS TIP OF THE WEEK According to quote usually reliable inside source unquote, a Federal Narcotics Director has been sent to Atlanta to coordinate Federal, State, County and City narco squads in a crackdown of all drug traffic in Atlanta. Keep clean.

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"We don't want your millions, mister." Like hell you don't, said Woody Guthrie once, but it was good enough to sing in 1960. Just being beat hadn't lasted, hadn't felt right, so, coincidental with the Freedom Movement in the south, young whites developed a new scene, related to dissatisfaction (*Growing Up Absurd*) but since those forms were embarrassing, we needed a metaphor. The black man and the white hobo were chosen, and for most of us it began with what we called "folk music".

Bob Dylan took it upon himself to become Woody Guthrie.

"I made my own depression. Rode freight trains for kicks, got beat up for laughs, cut grass for quarters, met a waitress who picked me up and dropped me off in Washington."

Others suddenly got the blues. Check the liner notes on some of those albums. You don't have to put yourself through the music. A lot of us were afraid to admit that in this society a young white man can be down-and-out, his own way. At least put-down, and out of it. There's nothing unreal about being 19 years old, sick of school, sick of home, sick of yourself, and worried because everything that has been provided for you "to do" is a terrible drag.



In an important way, the rambling unemployed worker, riding the rails with a guitar and a can of spinach was a very usable metaphor for discontented middle class white kids. There was a problem in making metaphor come alive. Bob Dylan, of course, was the projection, and if you really want to win these days put on his version of "See that my Grave is Kept Clean." Even Leadbelly would have a hard time bringing that off. With Dylan we went out, "got beat up for laughs," and finally made it to the city. There, after working through the artistic deadend of "folk", young whites began developing their own voice.

That voice, which does not depend on a forced connection between two dissimilar forms of alienation, is finding itself in the current rock scene, and in the kind of "high"-inspired nonrational lyrics both the Beatles and Dylan have written. Dylan especially, in songs like "Memphis Blues Again" and "Like a Rolling Stone" is speaking directly to the condition of young white discontent. He's describing America through our own surrealistic eyes and ears, not those of Guthrie or Big Joe Williams who, how-

ever attractive they are, aren't us. Yet as Steve Henderson has pointed out, the blues, used properly by young white performers, has proved flexible enough to accommodate our own sorrows in being suggestive of new forms.

There's a tremendous difference between Tom Rush singing "90 Pound Hammer" and Mick Jagger singing the blues-directed "Satisfaction." "Satisfaction" works, because it applies. Jagger has learned enough not to be talking about his credit troubles at the company store.

The young white voice is going to emerge as a complex thing, involving all sorts of relevant experience, from acid to political frustration. Though there are many possible directions, perhaps the most interesting and essential one is in the meaningful-nonsense tradition of Dylan.

"John Wesley Harding" is evidence of a profound understanding of the country, and of a profound ability to communicate it. Dylan, and other singers who are really talking, have had the guts to accept as meaningful the kind of imagery that frightens the conventional American mentality. As John Densmore of THE DOORS says, when the kids hear "Take a chance with us/ and meet me at the back of the blue bus," they don't say, anxiously, "hmmm, blue bus." We have got to a point, in music and language, where Dylan's

Well the senator came down here

Showing everyone his gun

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To the wedding of his son

is a relevant political statement that actually casts light on its subject. It's not, as some maintain, the escape into subjectivism. It is, instead, the discovery of a new way of talking: the articulation of the generation that is finally bringing it all back home.

—dennis jarrett

Socialist Summer school

what a cool idea

The Atlanta Young Socialist Alliance is sponsoring an Atlanta Socialist Summer School. The school will open with three classes on "Socialist Politics and Electoral Action," taught by Doug Jenness, former editor of the *Young Socialist* and author of *War and Revolution in Vietnam*. The classes will be held Thursday and Friday, June 27-28, at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 29, at 11:00 a.m. The classes will meet at 635 Myrtle Street, N.E., Apt. 4.

The second series of classes will be conducted by George Novack, one of America's most distinguished Marxist scholars. His topic will be "Socialism; Utopian and Scientific". The classes will be held Sunday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday, July 15-16 at 8:00 p.m.

Subsequent classes will cover "Imperialism", on Saturday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. This class will be lead by Robert Langston, staff writer for *The Militant* and contributor to *The International Socialist Review*. "Cuba and the Theory of Permanent Revolution" will be discussed each Thursday evening, August 9-30 at 8:00 p.m. The school will close with "Speeches of Malcolm X" held in two sessions Sunday evenings, August 18 and 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The Young Socialists "invite all those involved in the Afro-American struggle, the fight against the Vietnam war, and those young people concerned with changing this system to attend." For further information call 872-1612 or write Atlanta Socialist Summer School, Box 6262, Atlanta, 30308.

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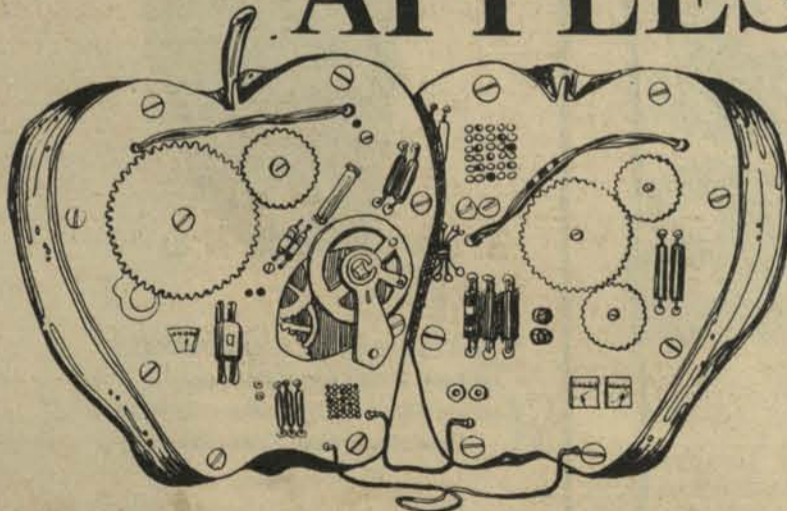
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cleaver released

BERKELEY, Calif., June 14, (LNS-SCN)—Solano County Superior Judge Raymond J. Sherwin ordered the release of Black Panther Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver (author of *Soul on Ice*) from the Vacaville State Medical Facility on June 11, on the grounds that Cleaver was being held a political prisoner. The petition for release was filed by Charles Garry.

Cleaver was imprisoned as a parole violator last April after a shoot-out involving several Panthers and the Oakland Police Department. During the police shooting spree, 17-year-old Panther treasurer, Bobby Hutton, was gunned down when he attempted to surrender after he and Cleaver were driven out of the basement of a house in which they had sought to escape the barrage of tear gas and gunfire. Hutton was stripped to the waist and Cleaver was naked when they walked out, hands in the air.

Cleaver's parole was then revoked by the California Adult Authority because it claimed he possessed a gun, had associated with "individuals of bad reputation", and had failed to cooperate with his parole officer.

In his decision, Judge Sherwin stated:

"The record here is that though the petitioner was arrested and his parole cancelled more than two months ago, hearings before the Adult Authority have not even been scheduled. There is nothing to indicate why it was deemed necessary to cancel his parole before his trial on the pending criminal charges of which he is presumed innocent.

"The question of the propriety of judicial intervention, and the timing of it, are affected unavoidably by the facts of the case. It has to be stressed that the uncontradicted evidence presented to this court indicated that the petitioner has been a model parolee. The peril to his parole status stemmed from no failure of personal rehabilitation but from his undue eloquence in pursuing political goals which were offensive to many of his contemporaries.

"Not only was there absence of cause for the cancellation of parole, it was the product of a type of pressure unbecoming, to say the least, to the law enforcement paraphernalia of this state."

Garry's main argument centered around the assertion that Cleaver was being held for his association with the Panthers. Meanwhile Cleaver must still face charges on an Oakland assault charge stemming from his presence at Hutton's shooting. Atty. Garry has charged that the Vacaville authorities have hindered his preparation of the Oakland case.

LETTERS

BRAIN VIBES

Eric,

In case you're innerested, a "vibratron" is the ordinance identification name for the process by which back-brain energy is amplified and directed at a point outside the source agents circuits. This concentrated energy has the effect of melting any contradictory matter. (It is not for nothing that we are called the Interzone Heat.) I have used vibratron often when dealing with crimososis of the advanced stages, as is my duty, in order to void my consciousness, which of course is in your subliminal statement that vibratron is just something I made up out of my almighty head just to get out of a tight squeeze...in the future kindly keep your common low-lived, elementary-minded, dufused mothafukin' observations to your self, lest I am forced to disappear you.

Ereek Bommba

GETTING WITH ZEN

Dear Dennis:

Your article "How to Get with It" in the last issue of the *Bird* was excellent.

However, when discussing Zen influences in America, please don't omit the name of the enobled D.T. Suzuki, whose writings are equally lucid, readable, and potent as Watts'. For example, see *Suzuki's Essays in Zen Buddhism* (Grove Press, 1961).

The possible advantage of Alan Watts, who writes excellently, is that he is a Westerner, interpreting Zen through the more familiar Western perspective.

Jim Buchanan

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GUATEMALA --- cont. from page 7

organizations and sometimes directly from wealthy families. Guatemala is a very static place and those who have the power do not welcome change. We were a threat to these people and trouble finally came.

A few weeks ago I was told that my students were about to begin an armed revolution in the department of Huehuetenango. There were ninety of them together up there. It was simple for me to prove that they weren't going to begin an armed revolution. I just asked that military men and political leaders go up there and observe them. There was not even a slingshot in the area.

Then a small group including some other priests and sisters were accused of plotting an armed revolution. As a result of that, the priests and sisters were asked to leave the country. The students had to run for their lives. I noticed that some news reports say that the Melvilles and Sister Marion Peter were accused of aiding rebels financially and using money not for church purposes. I would have to differ with this by saying that they used money to help the students flee for their lives. Now when there is no due process of law, and an accusation has been made and the only way to avoid death is to flee the country, I think that is a very valid church purpose.

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Aside from the threat from the right wing, the second in command of the Maryknoll Fathers in Guatemala informed me that my plane ticket was ready and that I should be on the plane Christmas Eve. So realizing that the superior in New York would not have the details on the immediate problem, I discussed the matter with my church, my community there, and they were of the opinion that it would be a good idea to accept this command in order to have a voice with the North American Church and people.

Frappier: Could you describe the relationship between the guerrillas and the peasants, especially before the fighting started, and some of the projects they have been working on.

Bonpane: The self definition of the guerrilla would be that he is a teacher. But he knows from long experience that it is impossible to teach what he wants to without defending himself, so he is

armed. The guerrilla is not a tinpot revolutionary. We have hundreds of examples in Latin America of palace revolutions where a small group moves in, takes over the country, and continues the same corruption as before only under different management.

The guerrilla, however, is working for a development of the thinking of the people, or popular development. The guerrilla in the small village will teach literacy, reading and writing. There will be a submachine gun nearby. The people certainly are afraid of him because they know he's armed and they have only seen arms in the hands of the military. It sometimes takes a long time to get across the idea that the guerrilla is actually there in the name of the peasant.

Now the guerrilla has not always been successful in this; there have been errors. I don't think we should glorify the movement as something absolutely faultless or perfect. In a certain village a guerrilla asked for something to eat and the peasant refused, so the guerrilla shot him. But I would simply say that such cases are examples of things that the leadership would be opposed to. They want the peasant to be in their favor and they want to develop a popular spirit of community.

Frappier: Could you describe some of the activity that started in October of 1966 when the Guatemalan military supported by and supplied by the U.S. military began seeking out the guerrillas in Zacapa and Izabal? Could you estimate the involvement of U.S. advisors, troops and equipment?

Bonpane: Naturally, it is very hard to get facts or an actual count. But it was obvious to anyone in Guatemala that there was a force of about 1,000 U.S. military personnel. There are probably still that number or more today. They were not directly involved in the fighting, but they were involved in everything else. Reports are that napalm was used, that it was brought up from the U.S. supply depot in the Panama Canal Zone. This had a very negative impact on the Guatemalan people. They know where the napalm comes from in spite of the fact that it's dropped by Guatemalan pilots.

The repressive measures against the guerrillas were very detrimental to the revolutionary movement. For example, the guerrillas had occupied the towns of Rio Hondo and Jones. Well, they were pushed out of those areas and also out of Sierra de la Minas where they were also strong. But ideologically, the movement is doing nothing but growing. As far as I can see, the United States will have to direct the killing of all of the people of Guatemala before this type of activity is stopped. Maybe the killing goes on in small numbers at any one time, no more than three to four hundred, but the group does not die, it keeps coming back.

¿QUÉ PASA?

FRIDAY June 21

12th Gate *Flo Warner sings; Arthur Burghardt reads LeRoi Jones* 9 til 2 (thru the 23rd).
 Grand Central Station *Fanny Carmichael sings Gospel; Toni Ganim sings* 8:30 til forever (thru the 22nd).
 Bottom of the Barrel *Jeff Espina* (thru the 23rd).
 Lake Spivey *Little Phil and the Night Show* 8:30 til 11.
 Playroom *Bobby Bare plays Country* (thru the 23rd).
 Poison Apple (courtyard & edgewood) *Tam Duffel; Jeff Espina* (thru ???).
 Spelman College *Magic Apples (musical)* Fine Art Theatre, 8:00 (thru the 23rd - Sunday at 10 a.m.).

SATURDAY June 22

Lake Spivey *Sweet Younguns* 8:30 til 11.
 Pinetree Skaterama *Celestial Voluptuous Banana* 10 til 12.
 High Museum *Atlanta Art School exhibit* (thru the 30th).

SUNDAY June 23

City Hall *In Defense of Sirhan* Arabian Nationalist League rally, 8:30.

MONDAY June 24

12th Gate *Rick Norcross (of the Bitter End, N.Y.C.)* (thru the 30th).

Bottom of the Barrel *Leonda* (thru the 29th).
 Playroom *Bob Lumis plays Country* (thru the 29th).
 Blake Park *Show Mobile, Barbara Hall sings Soul*. 7 til 9.
 Unitarian Church *Forum, "Hunger, Race and War"*
 Speakers: John Boone (SRC); John McKeown (Ga. Human Relations Comm.).

TUESDAY June 25

Clark College *Forum, with Robt. J. Freil, Ass't. Director of the State Dept. of Family and Children Services, Div. of Social Adm.* Davage Aud., 9:30.

Unitarian Church *Great Books and Chinese Calligraphy* (by registration only).

Pinetree Skaterama *Sweet Younguns* 9 til 12.

WEDNESDAY June 26

Atlanta University *The Social Scientist's Approach*, Dr. Donald Davis, Emory Psychology Dept. Social Work Bldg., 3rd floor. 9:30.

Unitarian Church *"Summer Crisis," a dissection of the Kerner Report* (by registration only).

THURSDAY June 27

Academy Theater *Playground*, by Frank Wittow and Barbra Halpern. 8:00 (thru saturday)

Atlanta Socialist Summer School *Socialist Politics and Electoral Action* Thurs. & Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. (for further info, call 872-1612).

Unitarian Church *Guitar workshop, by registration only*.

FRIDAY June 28

Lake Spivey *Fifth Order* 8:30 til 11.

SATURDAY June 29

Atlanta Stadium *Jazz Festival, with Dionne Warwick, Herbie Mann, Cannonball Adderly, Thelonious Monk*. Reserved and box seats. Also tickets at gate.

Peachtree Skaterama *The Rain* 10 til 12.

SUNDAY June 30

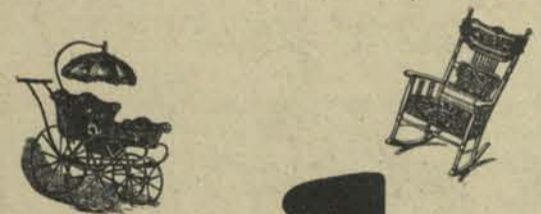
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Congress VOTES Police STATE

By Bill Higgs

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(Editor's Note: On Thursday, June 6, the House gave final approval and sent to the President for his signature or veto, the Omnibus Crime Bill of 1968, the effects of which may be on us for years.)

Now a person can sit on his chair in his home and say, "I sure am enjoying this grass!" and be sent to federal prison for five years based on that statement -- when and if the President signs the 109-page Omnibus Crime Bill. A local cop might have bugged the pot smoker's house, on the tip of a member of a new style police private vigilante group which the new bill also provides for and would finance.



No longer would the police be required to warn of one's right to be silent or his right to counsel -- If a person isn't under arrest or being questioned, they could have the hell beat out of him to get a confession.

The new National Law Enforcement Institute could -- Institute for Defense Analysis-like -- contract with Universities for major crime-prevention research. Police investigation techniques are stated to become a big item for the nation's institutions of higher learning. New programs are provided for the public schools to encourage cooperation with the police -- all financed with federal money.

The American Police-state has now arrived.

The legalization of both bugging and wiretapping by all law enforcement officials is now a fact of life -- the local cop, sheriff and highway patrolman, as well as the FBI and the CIA, are now in on the act. And they can do it on suspicion of almost any crime -- you name it. In its lazy fashion, the establishment press has only cried out against "Title II", the part of the new bill that overturns the recent Supreme Court decisions concerning such matters as advising of right to counsel and right to be silent. However, while "Title II" was knocking out these peripheral "rights" dear to the heart of American liberalism, the Congress was gutting the right to privacy itself in the other parts of the new law.

In complex and inter-drafted legislation that is a layman's nightmare, the Congress has put together a monstrosity that will take years to reach the Supreme Court for review of its provisions: Meanwhile the fuzz will be enforcing their dream-baby with a real vengeance. And, with Congress now acting directly in the area of criminal procedure, can the Court strike down the new law with the ease that it has dealt with oppressive substantive legislation in the past?

ANALYSIS OF THE OMNIBUS CRIME BILL OF 1968 (H.R. 5037) AS PASSED BY CONGRESS AND SENT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR SIGNING (OR VETO)

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LIBERATION News Service -- (Note: The Bill was passed by the House on June 6, 1968, in the identical form as earlier passed by the Senate.)

1. A general system of grants is made available to the states under the direction of a central Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) in Washington. \$100 million is made available for expenditure by June 30, 1968, and a like sum for the following fiscal year. \$300 million

is provided for the following fiscal year. The grants go to state, regional, and local law enforcement agencies for various purposes, including research, administration, planning, training, personnel and the purchase of weapons. Up to \$50 million is immediately available for the organization of vigilante units to supplement local police forces. (Sec. 301 (b) (7)).

A national Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice is established for training, research, dissemination of information, planning and recommending to the various law enforcement agencies. (Sec. 402 (a)) The Institute is authorized to make grants to and contract with colleges and universities to do research, demonstrations and special projects; programs of behavioral research are specifically mentioned (Sections 402 (b) (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) and 402 (b) (3)). Moreover, the LEAA is empowered to finance through contracts with colleges and universities undergraduate and graduate program training of present local and state law enforcement personnel (up to \$1,800 per person per year) in law enforcement techniques (Sec. 406 (b)). The LEAA is authorized to appoint private (or public) committees to "advise" it all over the country (Sec. 517). Special emphasis is put on "riots and other civil disorders", as well as on organized crime (Sec. 307 (a)).

Grants for the financing of public school programs are provided "to improve public understanding of and cooperation with law enforcement agencies" (Sec. 301 (b) (3)).

Racial discrimination in the selection of personnel of all law enforcement agencies is specifically allowed. (Sec. 518 (b)).

2. The Supreme Court's procedural safeguards preventing the use of confessions obtained under conditions evidencing police intimidation (such as excessive detention prior to arraignment before a magistrate, failure to warn of right to counsel or right to remain silent, and failure to supply with counsel) are legislatively overturned as to all cases in federal courts. The "voluntariness" of the confession is made the sole question to be decided. Moreover, if the confession is obtained by means other than interrogation or when the person is not technically arrested, then it may be used in court anyway (Sec. 701 (a)). The Supreme Court's limitations on the use of eyewitness testimony growing out of staged police lineups were also overturned (Sec. 701 (a)).

These provisions apparently constitute an open invitation to the police to use virtually any means possible to obtain a desired confession, since the loopholes are big enough to drive a truck through. Moreover, the fact that some of them may be declared unconstitutional two or three years from now by the Supreme Court means also that they will be fully used until that time (if ever it comes).

3. As if the foregoing provisions were not sufficient to effect the shift to an American police state, the wire-tapping and bugging parts of the bill were added to complete the picture.

First of all, any telephone instrument or equipment used by "an investigative or law enforcement officer in the ordinary course of his duties" is totally exempt from any coverage of the bill by definition (Sec. 302 (2510 (4) and (5) (a) (ii))). This provision means that, at the outset, the police don't even have to use the huge loopholes that will be described in the following paragraphs:

The phone company can use wiretapping almost without restriction for its own internal purposes (whatever those may be) (Sec. 2511 (2) (a)). The President can authorize the tapping or bugging under almost any circumstances even only vaguely related to the national security, including those involving "the overthrow of the government by force or other unlawful means, or ... other clear and present danger to the structure or existence of the government." (Sec. 2511 (3) 0).

It should be strongly emphasized that, unlike present law, all of the information obtained by the bugging or tapping can now be used in court to convict (Sec. 2517 (3)).

The above paragraph cannot be emphasized too strongly.

Not only the use or making of a bugging or wiretapping device is now made a crime, but is also a violation to even possess one (five years and/or \$10,000) (Sec. 2512), unless you're a law enforcement officer or under contract with one. Moreover, Sec. 2513 provides for the confiscation of any such devices and for the paying of informers from federal funds. The Attorney General is also authorized to offer immunity from prosecution in order to force the witness to give incriminating testimony in court (Sec. 2514).

Even the elaborate, showy procedural facade for obtaining a bugging or wiretap authorization from a court (federal or state) is a joke. The proceedings are, of course, secret; they may be taken even after the surveillance had already begun, and it may be continued indefinitely, even though there is a technical requirement of a monthly renewal by the court. Virtually any law enforcement official, federal, state or local, may apply. Surveillance is

authorized in regard to most federal crimes specifically including drugs such as marijuana and violation of the new anti-riot laws (violations of the criminal anti-trust laws are, of course, omitted). Electronic surveillance of all state crimes "dangerous to life, limb, or property" punishable by one year or more is authorized though the bugging is initiated for one purpose and uncovers other things constituting crimes (except the judge's permission (!) in the latter case is needed before it can be used in court). The police can shop around to find any judge that they can take a secret appeal to higher courts -- procedure heretofore unheard of in American law. Even though the words of the statute state that the persons under surveillance must eventually be informed of the fact, by its own terms the law allows this to be indefinitely postponed. (Secs. 2516-19)

Finally, even if the provisions are completely violated by the police from top to bottom, the remedy available to the citizen is a civil case for "damages." But then the law provides that to any "civil or criminal action" against a law enforcement officer. (Sec. 2520) (How the police could be subject to a criminal action in the first place and under what authority is unclear to say the least.) (The Communications Act is amended to allow any activities that take place under the new Act; that Act was interpreted to restrict and prohibit the use of information obtained from bugging and tapping.) (Sec. 803) 4. The "firearms control" provisions are generally ineffective to prevent the weapons traffic, particularly in rifles and shotguns; yet, the new law contains sufficient tricky provisions to trap almost anyone that the authorities wish to get. Controls on major weapons (bazookas, machine guns, etc.) are strong, are fairly weak on other weapons, such as pistols, and are virtually non-existent on rifles and shotguns. The Secretary of the Treasury administers the law. In essence, any transporting of a firearm (other than a rifle or a shotgun) over state lines or any disposition of the firearm thereafter or any transfer between residents of different states will probably result in violation of the new law; the penalty is five years and/or \$5,000. Dealers are subject to rigid penalties for failure to comply with the provisions, including registration of all sales and prohibition against selling to anyone under 21 or to anyone indicted or convicted of any crime involving a penalty greater than one year (except for violation of the criminal anti-trust laws). Major weapons can only be purchased upon the O.K. of the chief law enforcement officer of the locality (therefore, only by the "minutemen" types?); Law enforcement officers are exempt from the new law; even private guards are exempt from many of them. (Secs. 901-907)

The new law also makes it a crime, carrying two years and/or \$10,000, for 1) convicts (crimes carrying sentence of one year or more), 2) those discharged under other than honorable conditions, 3) mental incompetents, 4) aliens illegally in the U.S. and 5) those who have renounced their U.S. citizenship to receive or possess any firearm. (Sec. 1201)

5. The Anti-Riot Act (otherwise known as the Civil Rights Act of 1968) is amended to disqualify from federal employment (for five years) anyone convicted of any participation in a riot or civil disorder when the crime constitutes a felony (Sec. 1001)



6. The tone of the entire bill is best set by quoting an exquisite bit of neo-Mississippiana -- the final section of the new law, Congress' gift to the Poor Peoples' Campaign:

Sec. 1502. Whoever threatens within the District of Columbia ... to injure the person of another or physically damage the property of any person or of another person, in whole or in part, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.