

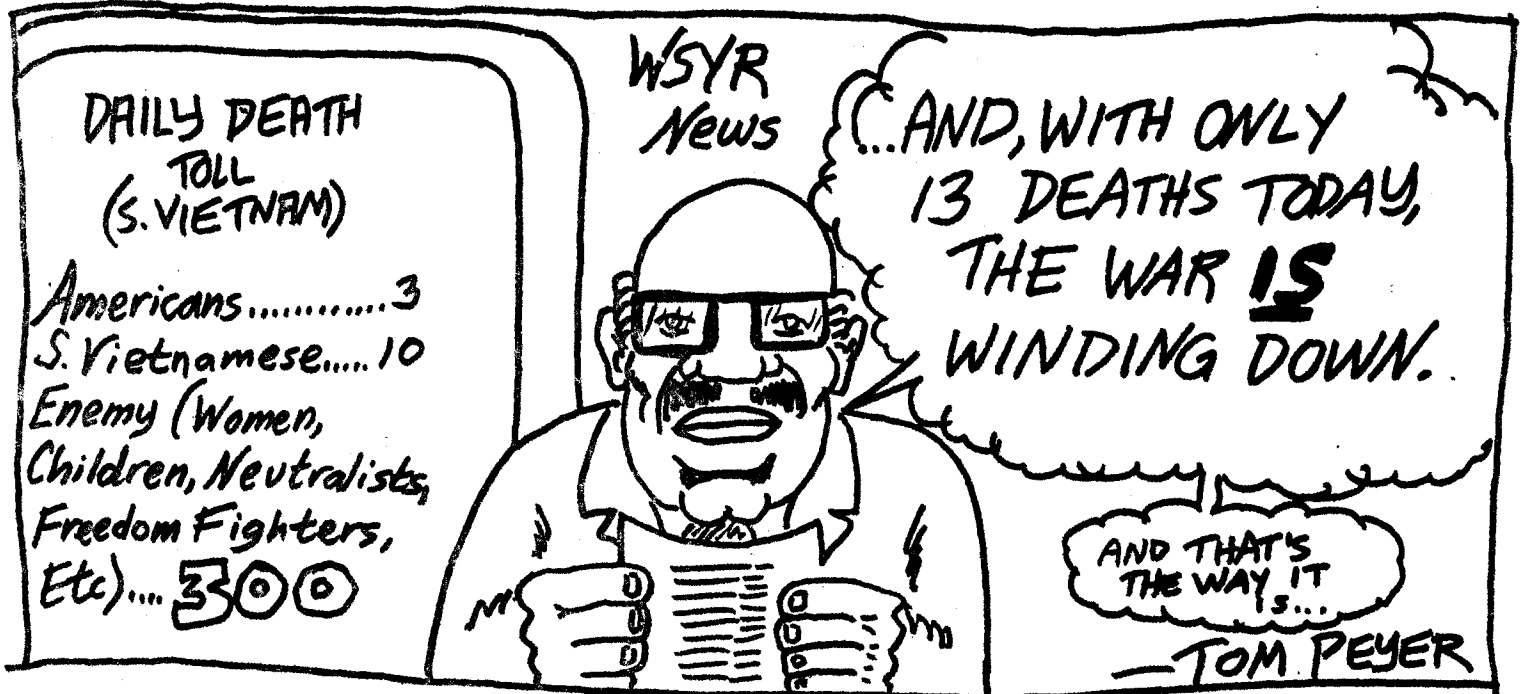
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GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE

The SPC staff extends to you
 A wish for peace in seventy-two!
 From Dave, from Deb, from Sally and Dik
 And Tony, too, with his Direct Action trick.
 The office is crowded and even cramped,
 The volunteers even fear being tramped
 When they give of their talents and their
 time
 And the floor space they're allotted is the
 size of a dime.
 But our Building Committee is aware of our
 plight
 And is working so hard to make it all right.
 We hope soon to greet you from larger quarters
 With room for collaters, stampers and sorters.
 And additional space for a committee to sit,
 To discuss a proplem and find an action to
 fit.
 Where the mimeo can run and not deafen us
 all,
 And books don't have to be sold in the hall.
 We've tried so hard, but we need to do
 more.
 To put an end to the Indo-China war.
 The killings in Bangla Desh must cease

And the whole Middle-East is in need
 of peace.
 How great to see the day set down
 For truce between Ireland and the British
 Crown.
 There's a need for equality in this very
 place
 Where people can live serenely whatever their
 race.
 The Indians could use a little respect
 And just what can a Welfare Mother expect?
 There's all sorts of groups we shouldn't
 leave out
 The women, the prisoners and others, no doubt.
 But at this point we must take a pause
 And thank you all for your help in the cause.
 The Staff is nothing without each of you
 And all of the great things that you do.
 The Steering Committee charts the pace
 The volunteers pick up and continue the race.
 Your financial support is an essential part
 Plus the moral support that comes from the
 heart.
 Let's work together as we have in the past
 And find a peace to endure and last!

-----Sally Brule



U.S. AIR WAR INCREASES

The recent massive U.S. bombing of North Vietnam should convince anyone who did not already know that the Nixon administration has been deceiving the American public.

The raids on North Vietnam are not in retaliation for North Vietnamese efforts to shoot down U.S. military planes flying over their territory, as the administration claims. Rather they are desperate attempts to salvage the U.S.'s military and political position in South East Asia.

In recent weeks Saigon and other U.S. backed troops, bolstered by money, equipment and air power from the American taxpayer, have suffered crushing defeats in Laos and Cambodia. In both of those countries the unpopular U.S. supported governments are on the verge of crumbling. The conscripted Saigon army, which has refused to fight for a corrupt government in South Vietnam, has had the same attitude toward fighting in neighbor countries.

Nixon had assumed that the great God, U.S. technology, this time in the form of airplanes, could thwart the Indochinese peoples struggle for independence. This assumption was proven wrong along Rt. 6 in Cambodia and on the Plain of Jars in Laos in December. Nixon could have learned this lesson by just studying his own and past president's experience in Vietnam, but he didn't. His objectives in Vietnam are no different than Lyndon Johnsons. They both attempted to maintain a non-communist puppet government in Saigon.

Johnson was determined to do it with huge numbers of U.S. ground troops and a sustained massive bombing of North Vietnam, called Operation Rolling Thunder. Rolling Thunder was designed to "bomb them back to the Stone Age". Although it went on for over three years it didn't work. The Vietnamese are a determined people.

By the time Richard Nixon took the reigns of the war the American public was unwilling to support it and the American military full of anti-war sentiment and in serious trouble with drug and racial problems. Nixon said he had a plan. He called it "Vietnamization" but in fact it was "mechanization".

Replace U.S. ground troops with U.S. airplanes and use the conscripted Saigon army as "bait" to find the "enemy".

Any Vietnam veteran can tell you that in Vietnam the "enemy" is the people, so the U.S. pushed forward with development of anti-people or anti-personell bombs for our planes to use. Now as American planes streak over North and South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos they carry napalm, fragmentation bombs and pellet bombs. These weapons are of no use against "military targets". They are designed for and are used against people. Pellet bombs won't penetrate the lightest fortification; not even wood. But they will penetrate flesh. Recently the U.S. has begun to use plastic pellets instead of the steel type-plastic can't be found by X-ray and it enters the body.

Another U.S. weapon recently found to be in use in South East Asia is the BLU-82/B general-purpose high-explosive concussion bomb or "daisy cutter". This is a huge thin walled bomb filled with 12,600 pounds of high density blasting agent. The daisy cutter was developed to create instant clearing for helicopter landing sights in dense jungles. It is dropped by parachute and goes off three feet above the ground. Its blast is horizontal and it creates no crater. When it goes off a mushroom cloud rises over 6,000 feet into the air. Besides creating landing zones the bomb is also usefull against people. It kills everything in a circle over a mile wide.

Even with the use of such weapons, the U.S. has been unable to achieve any of it's military objectives in South East Asia. So, Richard Nixon has returned to an updated version of Operation Rolling Thunder. Again he underestimated the determination of the Indochinese people and again he will fail.

Nixon still thinks that the U.S. can win in Indochina. The reality of the military situation is that it can't. But beyond that it shouldn't. The people of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia must have the right to choose their own government without interference from the U.S.

The stepping up of the air war can only prolong the agony of the Indochinese and the Americans, especially American POW's.

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YOUR WAR TAXES HELP MASSACRE THE PEOPLE OF BANGLA DESH

Since the last week of March of this year, about half a million unarmed and defenseless men, women and children of Bangla Desh have been slaughtered by the troops of West Pakistan sent by a ruthless military dictatorship which has been ruling Pakistan for the last fourteen years. This has been possible because of the military and economic assistance given to the government of West Pakistan by the United States. This money came out of our pockets. It is mostly U.S. arms, tanks, machine guns, bombs and bombers which the West Pakistani army used in this wholesale genocide. Supported by U.S. arms and money, this ruthless killing and destruction of cities and villages are still going on, so that about 10 million people from Bangla Desh have crossed the border to India to seek shelter and food. According to news reports about 25,000 cross the border daily, even today.

As is well known, since the partition of India and the creation of the new country in 1947, West Pakistan has treated East Pakistan (now called Bangla Desh) as a colony, and all these years, like a colonial power, West Pakistan has exploited Bangla Desh in every possible way, keeping all economic and political power in its hands. For the last fourteen years all civil rule has been discarded and the whole country has been ruled by a ruthless fascist military dictatorship. As a result there was widespread discontent, especially in East Pakistan and among the students. Today over 10,000 students from West Pakistan alone are in prison. Mujibar Rahman, the leader of the Awami League, and other leaders have served several prison terms. These leaders demanded a constitutional government with autonomy for all the states. The military dictators paid no attention. Things went from bad to worse. But as a result of long struggle and strikes, the military regime was finally forced to hold an election in December, 1970, the main platform of which was whether the principle of autonomy should be accepted. The Awami League, which fought for this principle for all the states, won by a substantial majority. But the military regime refused to honor the election. The Awami League, finding no other solution, declared that the only way open to them, if the election was not honored, was to attain autonomy through independence. The next day, March 25, 1971, about 60,000 West Pakistani troops descended on Bangla Desh with bombs and bombers, machine guns and tanks and massacred hundreds of thousands of unarmed men, women and children. Dacca University was destroyed, thousands of faculty members and their families, students and many others who showed signs of leadership were butchered. The Awami League was outlawed, Mujibar Ruhman was abducted, all foreign newsmen were expelled and communication with the outside world was cut off.

Terror stricken, about 10 million crossed the border to neighboring India. This has created a serious problem for India. India has allocated \$750 million for the refugees until next March. All international help amounts to \$140 million. Senator Kennedy has proposed \$400 million from this country. It is doubtful if President Nixon or Congress would sanction it. The best remedy is for the people to go back to their own homes. But there has to be a sense of security before they can be persuaded to return. And all this time the U.S. continues to give arms and economic aid to the military regime of West Pakistan. The U.S. is the only member of the consortium of eleven nations (U.S., Great Britain, France, West Germany, Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Scandinavia, and Japan) which has refused to stop aid to West Pakistan. Professor Galbraith, former U.S. Ambassador to India, recently said in a *N.Y. Times Magazine* article: "Without U.S. support there is a chance that West Pakistan will concede effective self-government to Bangla Desh, as the most practical solution for all concerned. . . . Plainly, military and economic support to the Yahya Khan government postpones the only possible solution."

When the World Bank of International Development recommended that all nations cease military and economic aid to West Pakistan until it has settled its differences with Bangla Desh and has established stability in the country, the U.S. declared that it would continue to give aid to West Pakistan, because in this way the U.S. can exert influence on Pakistan. Events of the last six months have proved that this is not the case, unless we may assume that the U.S. wanted the present situation to continue. Now the Nixon Administration has taken a different posture. In order to justify its military and economic aid to West Pakistan, it has started to confuse the people by pushing forward the idea that the tragedy in Bangla Desh is not the slaughter of untold numbers of unarmed and helpless people by the troops of West Pakistan, using bombs and machine guns supplied primarily by the U.S.; that the tragedy is not due to the denial of all civil rights to the people of Bangla Desh, who have been kept under martial law for over a generation; that the tragedy has nothing to do with 10 million refugees who left their homes to seek shelter and food in another country; but, it says that the tragedy is due to hostility between India and Pakistan. So it proposes that both sides should withdraw their troops from border regions and that U.N. observation forces should occupy these places. Strangely, neither the U.S. nor the U.N. raised their voices when West Pakistan was massing its troops in the border regions for fully two weeks. But when India sent its army to defend its borders, they became concerned. But the Nixon Administration does not explain how its proposed measures would solve the problem of the refugees or the problem of autonomy for the states of Pakistan. It is evident that the refugees cannot be persuaded to go back (indeed one would suspect that the West Pakistani government does not want them back) until a stable civil rule is established, which can offer a feeling of security. No such civil government is possible until the people are free to choose one. The U.S. can help in bringing about such stability by withdrawing its support from the military regime of West Pakistan and the people can help by withholding war taxes. They can also help the refugees by contributing funds to Bangla Desh League of America and sending them to Save Bangla Desh Committee, 50 Kenilworth Place, Apt. 3-J, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11210. And also by sending used clothing, blankets, dried milk, canned foods, etc. to: Ruchira Restaurant, 322 West 46th Street, New York City, (212)581-7519

S.P.C. WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND

Many thousands of people across the country are now refusing to pay either part or all of their taxes which they estimate go to war. For some it is the federal excise tax on their phone bill, for others it is some percentage of their income tax.

In the beginning the war tax resistance movement focused mainly on refusing to pay federal taxes. In the last couple of years though, a new dimension has been added which perhaps will provide the cornerstone for the new society for which we are all striving. A society where once again our national priorities will be directed towards providing a better life for all people. If we look at our federal budget today we find that over 60% is going to pay for wars past, present and future. This statistic is a good indicator of where our true priorities lie; if the people of the world are to move forward the priorities of the U.S. must be drastically changed.

Abstractions are hard to relate to so for a moment let us turn to Syracuse. Recently there was a fire at the Plaza Apts. on E. Genesee St.. Out of this came the fact that some of the first line fire equipment was obsolete and was a danger to the firemen every time it was used. Chief Hanlon summed it up on Dec. 9, 1971 when he said "Instead of shooting away billions of dollars in Asia, our legislators should channel money back into the central cities or they won't have to worry about protecting the country; it will destroy itself."

Another interesting result of the shortage of money is the cutting of a mobile stroke unit from Upstate Medical Center. Presently the City school budget is faced with a series of budget cuts. Yet in the words of Senator Symington "Since WW2 our government has spent one trillion dollars for weapon systems that are now obsolete."

There is a partial solution: people refusing to pay all or part of their federal taxes and then reinvesting it back into the community.

A special War Tax Resistance Fund has been started. Our fund will be similar to the Roxbury War Tax Scholarship fund. The tax that you normally withhold would then be deposited in a central savings account

where it would earn interest. You would be able to withdraw your money whenever the government finally got around to collecting it. In the meantime the interest which was earned would be kept in the fund. Eventually say every 3 to 6 months the interest would be given to some community group. There are several other variations as to how this money could be used. The actual ways in which the money would be used is to be determined by those who contribute. The Roxbury fund was started about 2½ years ago and has a little over 40,000 dollars and in the last 6 month period earned about 500 dollars interest.

In Philadelphia a war tax fund was started in the summer of 1970 and they now have 20,000 dollars of which 75% is kept in a checking account which they use by granting interest free loans to different organizations.

A feature of tax resistance is that almost all of us can engage in some aspect of it. It is a simple and effective way of ending our complicity in the increasing militarization of our society. The income taxes we pay represent a substantial portion of our social productivity and should be devoted to the common needs of society. This fund will enable its members to reassert their power to make moral political decisions and at the same time provides a source of funding for basic social needs. For those interested in contributing to the fund checks may be made out to the S.P.C. War Tax Resistance Fund and sent to the Syracuse Peace Council 3049 E. Genesee St. Syracuse, N.Y. 13224. For more information call Pete at 446-5656 or 474-6627.

"..the one thing we're afraid of
is tax resistance..."

Spiro Agnew
25 February 1971

Tom Hayden

- * member Chicago 7
- * long time activist in struggle for peace & justice

speaking on his recent trip to

N. Ireland

8 pm

Monday Jan 10, 1972

Hendricks Chapel (S.U. campus)



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT **TOM FEYER'S SPC 1972 CALENDAR** PEOPLE'S PARK 1969

"Tom WHO?" - Madame Binh

"A LITTLE EXTREME" - Jerry Rubin

"A CATASTROPHIC CONTRIVANCE OF SENSELESS STUPIDITY, NEANDERTHAL NIHILISM AND ANARCHIST ANTICS!"

"FEYER? YEAH, WE KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM. ANARCHO-TROUBLEMAKER FROM WAY BACK. MODUS OPERANDI? INSANE CALENDAR-MAKER. HE HASN'T BROKEN ANY LAWS YET, BUT WE'LL GET HIM." - J. Edgar Groovy

- Spiro Agony

"NEEDS A LITTLE WORK"

"ABSOLUTELY TASTELESS!"

- Lenny Bruce

- Dik Cool

DESPITE ASSUMPTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE SPC 1972 CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE. HONEST AND, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW, IT'S PRINTED ON 17" x 22" HEAVY COATED STOCK AND CONTAINS LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF USEFUL DATES, REMINDERS, EXCUSES TO CELEBRATE AND, YES, PETTY ANNOYANCES. \$3 A PIECE / 4 OR MORE \$2.25 EACH

MONDAY

NIGHT DINNERS

JAN.

3 RAMISH KAMATH will speak on the INDIA - PAKISTAN conflict and the birth of BANGLA DESH.

10 TOM HAYDEN will discuss his recent trip to NORTHERN IRELAND.

17 DIANE CASS will describe the activities of the MEDICAL COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

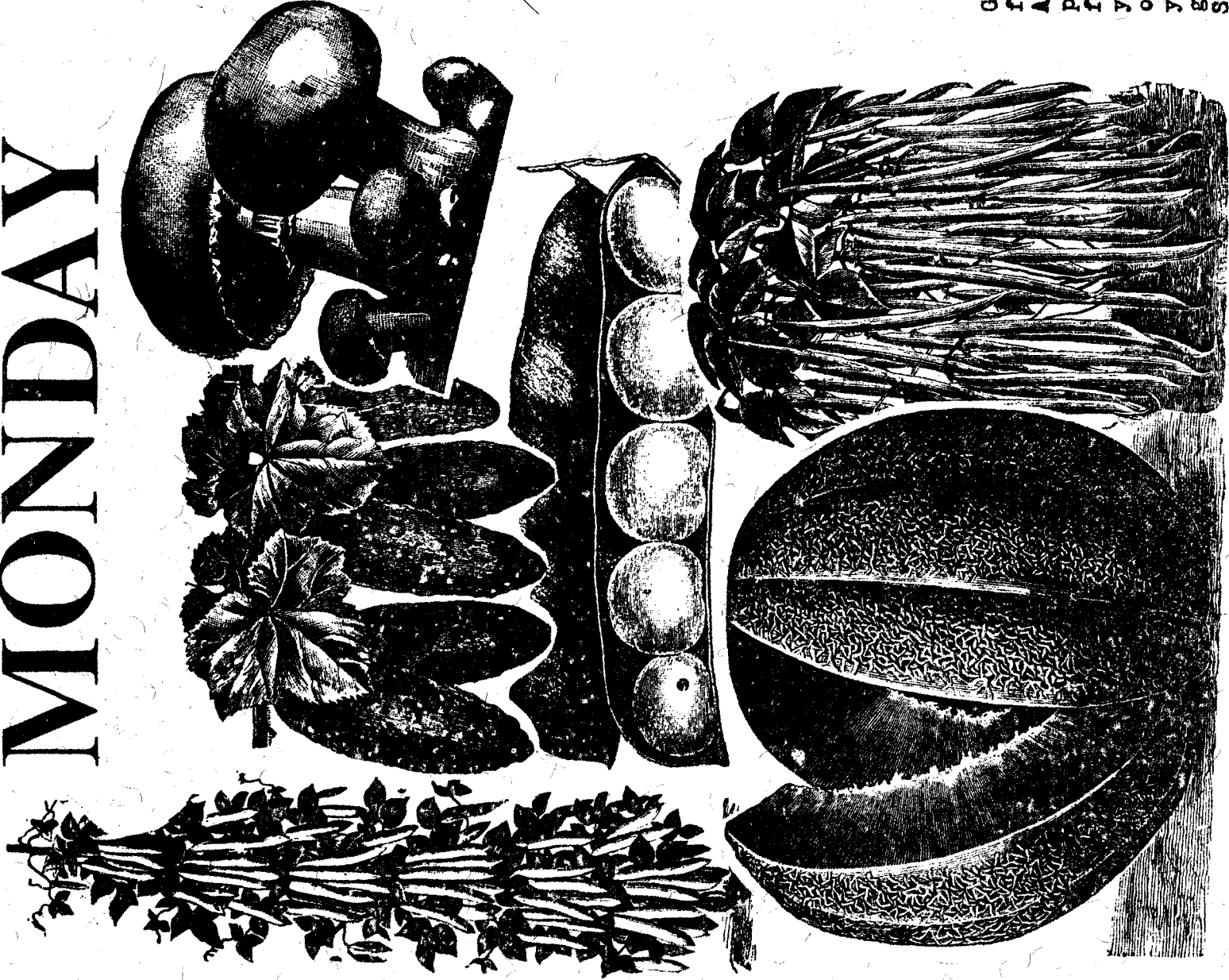
24 DAVE ROSS of VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST the WAR will talk about his participation in the occupation of the BETSY ROSS HOUSE.

31 SLIDE SHOW on the AUTOMATED BATTLEFIELD and the AIR WAR.

University Methodist Church

Cor. of E. Genesee and University at 6:30 PM

Got those Monday night blues! Want some mighty fine food and a little friendship to boot. The Direct Action Project of the Syracuse Peace Council is presenting a series of Monday night potluck dinners followed by films or talks on various topics. Bring your own speciality and enjoy the foods prepared by others. If you can't bring something then bring yourself. But make sure you don't miss out on a good thing. For further information contact the Syracuse Peace Council at 446-5656. 3049 E. Genesee





SUM & SUBSTANCE

A conscience problem

By Fr. John B. Sheerin, C.S.P.
(Editor, The Catholic World)

The American Bishops' condemnation of American involvement in the Vietnam war was an historic step. It was the first time in history that a national hierarchy condemned a national war. In their statement in the latter part of November, the Bishops said that whatever good we had hoped to achieve through the war is now outweighed by the wholesale destruction of human life and moral values which it continues to wreak. "It is our firm conviction, therefore, that its speedy ending is a moral imperative of the highest priority."

Unfortunately the most common reaction to the Bishop's statement was the laconic remark, "six years too late." The condemnation was unconscionably late in coming but one grim fact we have to keep in mind is that the war is far from

over. American planes, helicopter gunships, fighter-bombers and B-52s will continue to strafe and strike targets in South Vietnam and North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia in an attempt to prevent the infiltration of North Vietnamese troops to the South. This will continue until well into 1972.

It will be interesting to see what effect the Bishops' condemnation of the war will have on Catholic chaplains and pilots in the Air Force. Will they ignore the Bishops' pronouncement? I suspect that most will pay little attention but there will be a few who will have remorse of conscience about their role in the continuing war, now that the ultracautious Bishops have spoken. Their judgment was clearly expressed: our involvement is now so immoral that a speedy end of our participation in the war is "a moral imperative of the highest priority."

Catholic pilots will find themselves in an agonizing dilemma. They will be under orders to drop their death-carrying bombs. The extent of their destructiveness can be gleaned from a study made by a group of 20 scholars at Cornell University's Center for International Studies. They estimate that the Administration in Washington plans to continue bombing "for the indefinite future" at a cost approaching \$4 billion dollars a year.

On the other hand, Catholic pilots and bombardiers might conceivably decide that, regardless of what the Bishops say, they will stay with the war until the bitter end. But I would think that the My Lai episode would remind them that no American combatant can excuse his participation in an immoral act by saying that he committed the act under orders from his superior officer.

Moreover, a Catholic flier will probably

notice two events that preceded the issuance of the Bishops' statement. Shortly before the Synod at Rome, the American Bishops came out with a strong endorsement of the right of conscientious objection. Then the Synod itself voted for recognition of the right of conscientious objection. The American Bishops then followed up with their condemnation of the American involvement in Vietnam. These three events, coming in such close succession, seem to have a very urgent message for Catholics still involved in the war. That message is — refuse in conscience to play any part in this immoral enterprise!

If the Catholic pilot dropping bombs on Cambodia can honestly persuade himself that he is simply protecting American soldiers as they withdraw from Indochina, his conscience and sincerity must be respected. But it does seem difficult to understand how he can arrive at this nice distinction. To us at home, the war seems indivisible. American casualties are certainly decreasing but it's the same old war. The only difference is that, as many experts have said, the color of the corpses is different. A quick end to the war, not its transferral, is "a moral imperative of the highest priority."

PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

(This article written by the Program Coordinator for Catholic Social Services, Reverend Richard L. Osborne, continues at a local level the thoughts begun on the reverse side.)

Dick would be very interested in hearing any suggestions you might have for Catholic involvement in war/peace education, especially with church groups. You can contact him at Catholic Social Services, 257 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13202. Phone: 474-6893.)

Our efforts here in the Diocese of Syracuse at Catholic Social Services are directed at closing the highly sensitive gap between Catholic promise and performance. Our efforts can foster a great ferment in the local community to which the People of God can respond in a positive and creative way.

Our Most Reverend Bishop, David F. Cunningham shares these concerns and desires that we implement in our Diocese the American Bishops' Pastoral Directives, concerning the issues of war and peace. Pursuant to that end we have established first, a Draft Information Program at Catholic Social Services, the purpose of which is to provide an independent service that young men and their parents can feel free to approach and accept as a source of impartial information about their choices and rights under the Selective Service Law. Both individual counseling and broader education in the community is involved in the activity of this program. In addition to shedding light on the current controversy over conscription and war/peace issues, basic community needs are being served through a broadly based "ecumenical" program formed in cooperation with the other Churches in the area.

Our aim or goal, broadly stated, is to encourage the religious community in participating in a responsible and creative search for peaceful to local, national and international conflict. An actively engaged religious community in Central New York could make a difference; it could significantly help set the moral and political context within which government could act to move us away from war.

Because our goal is to engage the entire church and secular community in a mutual search for alternatives to war, our effort is not committed to any one solution or any one position on any issue. We seek instead to raise the level of discourse, involvement and interest with the goal of making an end to war one of the nation's top priorities. We also seek, to find ways in which the interest generated can be expressed in action programs that reach other members of the churches and of the community as a whole. We intend to implement this in cooperation with the Metropolitan Church Board, and with all other groups within the community who have similar goals. This also means cooperating in some activities sponsored by the Syracuse Peace Council.

Our ultimate goal is to inculcate a new attitude toward war and peace in the hearts of every individual. We want to stress that each person must look to his own conscience to discover what he should do to promote peace. Suggestions like the following may be of some assistance:

1. LEARN ABOUT PEACE. It is harder to work for peace than to drift into war. Keep informed about current events and examine the various proposals advanced for the achieving of a peaceful world.
2. PROMOTE PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION. A "peace" dimension can be added to almost any course of study from grade school through university. The humanities can focus on the religious, social and historical views of peace. The sciences can examine man's technological achievements and what these can do to remove the seeds of global war. Business subjects can discuss the role of business in shaping a world free of want.
3. BREAK THE LINK BETWEEN VIOLENCE AND COURAGE. The man or woman of moral strength is the one who energetically labors for non-violent solutions to community and national problems. Courage and violence have no necessary connection.
4. PUNCTURE THE MYTH. Convince others that war is neither noble nor glorious. Total war, in this nuclear age, is an unspeakable evil, universally condemned by thinking people of every faith and conviction.

WE ACCUSE !

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We accuse the Peace Council membership of being unconcerned
for the Near East!

The three wars in 23 years, the talk of another, the
deeply-rooted animosities, etc., are of great concern
to many Americans, and yet so few Peace Council members
seem to be concerned. HOW COME?!

The Near East Discussion Group has had
two provocative pages in the "Peace Newsletter"
asking for your comments, and all we have
heard from you is zilch!

So me people have said, "We already
know about the problems in the Near
East, so why talk about it?"
That's sensible, enlightened
thinking!

So we wonder if the Peace Council membership is really interested
in finding ways to work for a non-violent solution to the Near East
problem.

Or

Does the membership think that we need
to have war there
but not in Vietnam?

Last year some people asked
our discussion group what we were
doing, and when we described our stim-
ulating and frustrating discussions, they
thought we should have done more. This year when
we invite the membership to be part of our work, we
don't hear anything from you! So we accuse you of not really
being interested in how we can work to help in the Near East!

Len Bjorkman
492-9042
469-0946

Ona Bregman
446-5736

Now if it happens that you are interested,
and that our accusation is unfounded,
then here is something you can do:
call either one of us and chew off our ears,
ask us about the meeting on Jan. 2, at 8 p.m.
at 108 Andrews Rd., Dewitt
and also tell us if you would be interested to come to a
General meeting to discuss the Near East. (The date has not yet been
set; this is a trial balloon to assess interest.)

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5. SHAPE PUBLIC OPINION. Through everyday conversations, letters to newspapers and representatives, you can help dispose countless persons towards peace and away from war.

6. COOPERATE WITH OTHERS. Associate yourself with responsible individuals and groups to call for such programs as economic assistance to needy countries.. limitation of the arms race...a cabinet-level Department of Peace...provision for selective conscientious objectors ...amnesty for deserters and resisters to war.

7. VOTE FOR PEACE. Become involved in party politics to participate in the selection of primary candidates who are peace-minded rather than war-minded. Take the time and trouble to secure their election and back them up when their advocacy of peace leads them into taking unpopular positions.

8. SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS. With all its handicaps, the United Nations provides a forum for the peaceful airing of disputes, furnishes a peace-keeping force to police contested borders and recruits technical experts to promote human betterment in economically underdeveloped regions.

9. ENCOURAGE TRUE PATRIOTISM. The real patriot is the person who is not afraid to criticize the defective policies of the country which he loves. He never belittles or disdains the affection of others for their native lands. Our common humanity is more basic than any political distinctions.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Inspired by so many frustrations resulting from the unended war and insane bombing in Southeast Asia, the Syracuse Peace Council announces the formation of a Legislative Committee.

The first order of business of the committee, will be a follow up of those Peace Council members who dropped in on Representatives Hanley and Terry, just prior to participating in the Daily Death Toll Project.

After receiving some cool air from

Terry, a second group attempted to communicate with Congressman Hanley. The attempt turned out to be not entirely fruitless. Mr. Hanley was informed of the absurd amount of bombing and the indiscriminate use of hideous instruments of torture that fall like so much deadly rain on the people of Indo-China. The inconvenience of moving to refugee camps because your home and land were decimated from the skies, was also brought to his attention. Hanley promised his constituents that he would check with Pentagon officials to verify this information. He also indicated, that upon verification of what he should have already known, that he would consider introducing legislation toward ending this senseless aerial destruction.

The requests made of Hanley and Terry are hardly unreasonable and must not be left to echo hollowly in their offices. Too many lives are at stake for the matter to be left unresolved.

The Legislative Committee urges all members of the Peace Council and all others who value life, to familiarize themselves with the atrocities that this highly automated air war has produced. The Committee urgently requests that everyone write to Representatives Hanley and Terry and ask specifically what they have done to end the bombing and the war. Write and demand action! These men are your representatives! They work for you! You have a right to expect that they respect and reflect your wishes. Write to them at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C., or at their home addresses. (See BUILDING...for them)

When you write, please send a copy of the letter to Charlie Grealish at 105 Concord Place, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210. The copies of the letter are important, so that when we meet with Representatives Hanley and Terry any further buck passing will stop right then and there. The more letters the better since this is one of the best ways to articulate in terms that Congressmen understand. Western Union Public Opinion telegrams can also be sent to Hanley or Terry or both. One telegram costs \$1. The Committee intends to keep after our legislators and confront them every time they neglect any opportunity to rid this country of war. They will be confronted every time they neglect a chance to halt the death, misery and destruction this country exports to the rest of the

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world.

Another goal the Legislative Committee intends to fulfill, is to deep Peace Council members informed of pertinent legislation, pending before Congress, before it becomes law.

Anyone interested in becoming a Committee member or if you have information you feel the Committee should be made aware of, please call Ed Kellette (637-8577) or Charlie Grealish(479-5262) or leave word at the Peace Council office at 446-5656

STUDENTS STRUGGLE FOR EDUCATION

The High School Student Alliance recently held a meeting to discuss the third issue of the newspaper GUNNING. Articles have been submitted and it should be in the schools by the second week in January.

Members of the Alliance have been attending school board meetings, some protesting the budget cuts in the city school district. Driver Education is one of the things being cut, and much work was done (and is still being done) to alert parents and others to the cut, and the need for Driver Ed.

The schools now represented in the Student Alliance are; Henninger, Corcoran, Clary Jr. High, Nottingham, Bishop Grimes, Levy Jr. High, West Genesee, Cicero, and Fayetteville-Manlius.

Students have been leafletting; distributing GUNNING, and arranging for speakers in their schools. They have circulated petitions, attended school board meetings, studied the city school district budget. They have shown that junior high and high school students can and will have a voice in education.

AMP AND WRL CALENDARS HERE!

The spiral bound Another Mother For Peace and War Resister's League (devoted to the Women's Movement this year) calendars provide an attractive way to keep track of dates and make great gifts(6" X9"). AMP is \$2.50, WRL is \$2.25; include 20¢ on mail orders. Don't forget the SPC wall calendar mentioned elsewhere in PNL.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS FOCUS ON THE BERRIGANS

On December 9 the Jamesville-Dewitt Neighborhood Group held a potluch supper after which the group held a reading of "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine." The participants found this a moving experience and suggest that other groups do the same.

The newly formed Camillus Neighborhood Group is presenting a program on the Berrigans, Tuesday, January 11, 8:00p.m. at the home of Hildegard Vander Sluis, 4132 Onondaga Blvd.. The program will consist of a showing of the film "The Holy Outlaw" and a discussion led by Jerry Berrigan. For further information call Hildegard at 468-1971.

The Fayetteville-Manlius Neighborhood Group will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at 8:00p.m. at the home of Jane Begley, 307 Spring St., Fayetteville. They will be reading and discussing The Trial of the Catonsville Nine. Make a New Year's resolution to join us!!

COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

The communications committee is conducting a sample survey of our membership in order to better understand the needs of our members in relation to their perceptions of the Peace Council. In addition, we are trying to understand which media and types of information better facilitate communications with each other. With this information we will try to adjust our activities to better satisfy our members and facilitate intragroup communications.

We need volunteers to help gather the survey data. Donations of \$1 per respondent are also needed to cover the cost of the survey. If you are interested in helping with this study and/or participating in future surveys designed to measure the effects of Peace Council activities, please leave your name with one of the staff members or contact Richard Nielsen, 476-7797. Thank you

-----Richard Nielsen

REPORT, PEACE COUNCIL'S FIRST

Hope all of you made it down to Plymouth Congregational Church on December 4th for the Peace Council's first crafts fair, because it was really a good time (at least no one told me that they had a bad time). It was one of the best places I've been to load up on holiday gifts, meet old friends and make new ones. It was really great, too, to see all these local people who are doing beautiful things, making stuff out of string and old wax and other stuff that some of us just have laying around the house.

There were over 50 craftspeople and probably millions of people who came to look at and to buy the crafts. (At least for a couple of hours, it seemed as though there were a few hundred people there). A lot of trading went on between the craftspeople who realized that it was easier to trade goods than it was to try and figure out the whole price thing.

We were actually able to make some money for the Peace Council, too, which was quite a surprise since we didn't plan it to be a money raising event. The raffle, which had 4 beautiful handcrafted items donated, raised about \$70, and the items donated to the Peace Council table raised another \$90. \$130 worth of literature and \$100 on holiday cards added to the helpful money picture. The rest of the monies came from the table fee and from donations. But even without it being so successful financially, it still would have been a really nice day.

Diane Cass

State Fair Committee

Talk about long range planning! Many good ideas- around the concept of having the State Fair provide as much time and space for life as it does for death- were discussed at a recent meeting convened by Pat Hoffmann.

Inviting well known speakers and trainers on such topics as world peace-keeping, nonviolent conflict resolution, transarmament and the Middle East was one idea. Others included: arranging a meeting in early January with Bernard Potter, Fair Director, to request a large allotment of space which would then be offered to churches and various organizations around

New York State working for social change; Syracuse Peace Council committees would be asked to develop a program for presentation at the fair. These are only some of the ideas.

Call Pat, 469-2593, if you are interested in working on this challenging project.

BUILDING... Funding Report

The magazine BUILDING... was a tremendous success. It reached and influenced many people who knew little about SPC. Its reference use is best attested by the Syracuse Public Library requesting 41 extra copies. \$900 was raised by BUILDING... when patronizing its advertisers, please mention where you saw their ad. Those who helped with the big job of preparing BUILDING... for mailing were: Allison, Karen, Steve and Pat Vitacolonna, Bill and Laura Birch, Norma and Ed Blackman, Janet Saleon, Sue Carley, Carol Schur, Lillian Reiner, Dik Cool, Ellen Koretz, Laurie (frog) Walker, Ann Hartenstein, Sidney Smith, Larry Carlson, Debbie Herman, Carrie Penner.

About \$2200 has been raised for the purchase of our new home at 618 S. Beech. We are almost at the halfway point in our goal of \$5000 to cover downpayment and closing costs. We should know soon whether the zoning variance has been granted. If you would like to contribute to the SPC Building fund, please do it quickly. Mail to Lillian Reiner, 1009 Cumberland Ave, Syracuse, 13210, 472-2406

A hand lettered scroll reading "A gift to the home of the Syracuse Peace Council has been made in the memory of" This will be hung in the house. If you would like to help in this way, contact Lillian.

Film Committee

It was a slow month for SPC films. Holy Outlaw was shown twice and Another Family for Peace once. The film HO Vietnamese Ever Called He Figger (60 min) is being purchased, bringing the number of 16mm films in the SPC library to 12. A new attractive film brochure is now available. To reserve a film or get copies of the brochure (to give to program chairpersons or teachers, etc.) contact Ronnie Vitacolonna, 210 Haddon Rd. Syr, 13224

7 POINT PEACE PROPOSAL

RESPONDING TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, CONSIDERING THE AMERICAN AND THE WORLD PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR PEACE, SHOWING ITS GOODWILL TO MAKE THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON VIET NAM PROGRESS, BASING ITSELF ON THE 10-POINT OVER-ALL SOLUTION, AND FOLLOWING UP THE SEPTEMBER 17, 1970 EIGHT-POINT AND THE DECEMBER 10, 1970 THREE-POINT STATEMENTS, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM DECLARES THE FOLLOWING:

by the P.R.G. of the
Republic of
South Vietnam

July 1, 1971

1- Regarding The Terminal Date For The Total Withdrawal Of U.S. Forces

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST END ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIET NAM, STOP THE POLICY OF VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR, WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH VIET NAM ALL TROOPS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, WEAPONS, AND WAR MATERIALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. CAMP, AND DISMANTLE ALL U.S. BASES IN SOUTH VIET NAM, WITHOUT POSING ANY CONDITIONS WHATSOEVER.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST SET A TERMINAL DATE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIET NAM OF THE TOTALITY OF U.S. FORCES AND THOSE OF THE OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. CAMP.

IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SETS A TERMINAL DATE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIET NAM IN 1971 OF THE TOTALITY OF U.S. FORCES AND THOSE OF THE OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. CAMP, THE PARTIES WILL AT THE SAME TIME AGREE ON THE MODALITIES OF

A) THE WITHDRAWAL IN SAFETY FROM SOUTH VIET NAM OF THE TOTALITY OF U.S. FORCES AND THOSE OF THE OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. CAMP;

B) THE RELEASE OF THE TOTALITY OF MILITARYMEN OF ALL PARTIES AND OF THE CIVILIANS CAPTURED DURING THE WAR (INCLUDING AMERICAN PILOTS CAPTURED IN NORTH VIET NAM), SO THAT THEY MAY ALL RAPIDLY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

THESE TWO OPERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON THE SAME DATE AND WILL END ON THE SAME DATE.

A CEASE-FIRE WILL BE OBSERVED BETWEEN THE SOUTH VIET NAM PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. CAMP AS SOON AS THE PARTIES REACH AGREEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH VIET NAM OF THE TOTALITY OF U.S. FORCES AND THOSE OF THE OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. CAMP.

2- Regarding The Question Of Power In South Vietnam

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST REALLY RESPECT THE SOUTH VIET NAM PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, PUT AN END TO ITS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET NAM, CEASE TO SUPPORT THE BELLICOSE GROUP HEADED BY NGUYEN VAN THIEU NOW IN OFFICE IN SAIGON, AND STOP ALL MANEUVERS, INCLUDING TRICKS ON ELECTIONS, AIMED AT MAINTAINING THE PUPPET NGUYEN VAN THIEU.

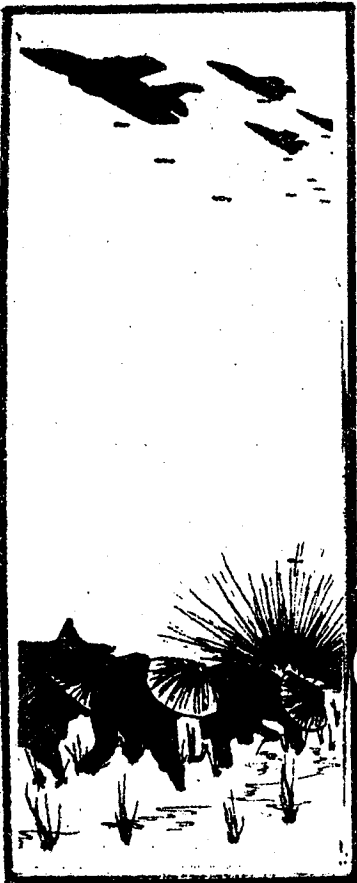
BY VARIOUS MEANS, THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND RELIGIOUS FORCES IN SOUTH VIET NAM ASPIRING TO PEACE AND NATIONAL CONCORD WILL FORM IN SAIGON A NEW ADMINISTRATION FAVORING PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND DEMOCRACY. THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM WILL IMMEDIATELY ENTER INTO TALKS WITH THAT ADMINISTRATION IN ORDER TO SETTLE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A) TO FORM A BROAD THREE-SEGMENT GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CONCORD THAT WILL ASSUME ITS FUNCTIONS DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND THE HOLDING OF GENERAL ELECTIONS AND THAT WILL ORGANIZE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

A CEASE-FIRE WILL BE OBSERVED BETWEEN THE SOUTH VIET NAM PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION AS SOON AS A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL ACCORD IS FORMED.

B) TO TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES WITH THE NECESSARY GUARANTEES TO PROHIBIT ALL ACTS OF TERROR, REPRISAL AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS HAVING COLLABORATED WITH ONE OR THE OTHER PARTY; TO ENSURE EVERY DEMOCRATIC LIBERTY TO THE SOUTH VIET NAM PEOPLE; TO RELEASE ALL PERSONS JAILED FOR POLITICAL REASONS; TO DISSOLVE ALL CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND TO LIQUIDATE ALL FORMS OF CONSTRAINT AND COERCION SO AS TO PERMIT THE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE PLACES IN COMPLETE FREEDOM AND TO FREELY ENGAGE IN THEIR OCCUPATIONS.

C) TO SEE THAT THE PEOPLE'S CONDITIONS OF LIVING ARE STABILIZED AND GRADUALLY IMPROVED, TO CREATE CONDITIONS ALLOWING EVERYONE TO CONTRIBUTE



HIS TALENTS AND EFFORTS TO HEAL THE WAR WOUNDS AND REBUILD THE COUNTRY.
D) TO AGREE ON MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE HOLDING OF GENUINELY FREE, DEMOCRATIC AND FAIR GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

3- Regarding The Question Of Vietnamese Armed Forces In South Vietnam

THE VIETNAMESE PARTIES WILL TOGETHER SETTLE THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH VIET NAM IN A SPIRIT OF NATIONAL CONCORD, EQUALITY, AND MUTUAL RESPECT, WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POST-WAR SITUATION AND WITH A VIEW TO LIGHTENING THE PEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTIONS.

4- Regarding The Peaceful Re-Unification Of Vietnam And The Relations Between The North And South Zones

A) THE RE-UNIFICATION OF VIET NAM WILL BE ACHIEVED STEP BY STEP, BY PEACEFUL MEANS, ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO ZONES, WITHOUT CONSTRAINT AND ANNEXATION FROM EITHER PARTY, AND WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

PENDING THE RE-UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY, THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH ZONES WILL RE-ESTABLISH NORMAL RELATIONS, GUARANTEE FREE MOVEMENT, FREE CORRESPONDENCE, FREE CHOICE OF RESIDENCE, AND ESTABLISH ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL INTERESTS AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TWO ZONES WILL BE SETTLED BY QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE TWO ZONES ON THE BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE.

B) IN KEEPING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIET NAM, DURING THE PRESENT TEMPORARY PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY INTO TWO ZONES THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH ZONES OF VIET NAM WILL REFRAIN FROM JOINING ANY MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH ANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM ALLOWING ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN MILITARY BASES, TROOPS, AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ON THEIR SOIL, AND FROM RECOGNIZING THE PROTECTION OF ANY COUNTRY OR OF ANY MILITARY ALLIANCE OR BLOC.

5- Regarding The Foreign Policy Of Peace And Neutrality Of South Vietnam

SOUTH VIET NAM WILL PURSUE A FOREIGN POLICY OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY, ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, MAINTAIN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, ACCEPT THE COOPERATION OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF SOUTH VIET NAM, ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID OF ANY COUNTRY WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED, AND PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PLANS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES, AFTER THE END OF THE WAR, SOUTH VIET NAM AND THE UNITED STATES WILL ESTABLISH RELATIONS IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS.

6- Regarding The Damages Caused By The United States To The Vietnamese People In The Two Zones

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOSSES AND THE DESTRUCTION IT HAS CAUSED TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE TWO ZONES.

7- Regarding The Respect And The International Guarantee Of The Accords To Be Concluded

THE PARTIES WILL REACH AGREEMENT ON THE FORMS OF RESPECT AND INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEE OF THE ACCORDS THAT WILL BE CONCLUDED.



TECHNOLOGISTS AND THE WAR MACHINE

If there weren't technologists there wouldn't be guided missiles, electricity, atomic warheads, motors, electronic snoopers, Pacemakers, anti-personnel weapons, and the machine to reproduce this document. While we technologists may be right in our belief that the equipment we design is in itself without moral value, it is a game of self-deception we play if our thinking stops there. We do make a moral judgement, and we do have a profound negative effect upon society if we believe we have no business questioning the way in which the products we design are being used. There is more than a technical difference between an electronic circuit designed for use in a guided missile and one for use in the automatic analysis of an electrocardiogram. Where does this leave the technologist who wants to use the skills of the profession, but does not want them to be exploited for the purpose of killing fellow human beings? At best in a situation where it is possible to help redirect this society, and at worst busy rationalizing the difference between working on military equipment to be used for "protective reaction" vis-a-vis "first strike capability!"

What is the situation facing the engineer? Fact-- There are approximately 50,000 unemployed people who may be loosely classified as engineers. Most of these people were last employed in aerospace and defense industries. These industries grew and flourished not as a result of their importance in serving real human needs, but rather to serve political ends--we can't let the Russians be the first to walk on the moon--if the Russians can wipe us out 5 times over, then we must be able to wipe them out 7 times over. Many of these unemployed engineers now see the folly of being exploited by the government for these useless purposes, and are refusing to allow themselves to be used again in such counterproductive activities. The number of such people is increasing, and they are no longer a radical fringe. I have talked with many of these people--who range in age from students to 25 year veterans in the field--and they are not starry-eyed idealists, but practical engineers who want to see this country move into areas that are meaningful to themselves and mankind. Consider an example.

At Syracuse University there are plans to expand our time-share computer language--APL. It was decided to purchase new software, APL PLUS, from Scientific Time-sharing Corporation (STC), in Washington, D.C. The funds for this purpose were to be obtained from a contract the university has with the Rome Air Development Center, (RADC). When the vice-President of STC found out that the university was going to use DOD funds to pay them, he refused to supply the software. This refusal was based upon the concern of what could happen to the privacy of the individual if DOD offices were able to use the file handling capabilities of APL PLUS. At this time the dilemma may be resolved by guaranteeing that RADC will not be allowed to use the system.

While this is but one example, there are many companies that are wary of DOD funds. Of course, many times this is merely because past experience shows that such funds can be turned on and off in a capricious manner, but also the tone of the times is such that people are not motivated to work on weapons of war. Technologists can and do move out of direct participation in the war making machine. As I see it, the reasons for such a decision includes the desire to eliminate the control that the DOD has on us. We can all make such decisions, and I believe this country will be better off as a result. As a citizen I can protest the war machine in some ways--as an engineer I can do other things--including the refusal to work on any DOD sponsored project, no matter how innocuous it may sound. I realize that I am not alone, but only one of a growing number of technologists who are working towards the elimination of the all-pervasive influence of the DOD on our profession, our daily lives, and the political decisions of this country.

John D. Brule'

Free Clinic Schedule

Monday gynecology 7-9pm (approx)
Tuesday general medicine 7-10 pm
Wednesday general medicine 7-10 pm.
Thursday pediatrics (kids to age 12)
7:30-9:30 pm.

The free clinic is located at:
1305 E. Adams in Syracuse
phone 476-0094

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How can it all end? Certainly not by more military action of any type. There is, however, a way that the war can end quickly and honorably for all concerned. That way is on the basis of the Seven Point Peace Proposal of the P.R.G. (reprinted on pages 13 & 14). This document provides a way for American POW's and troops to be returned home quickly and for the Vietnamese people to choose their own government.

As far as Nixon is concerned the Seven Point Peace Proposal is dangerous. By not accepting it his military aims in Indochina are exposed. Nixon has done everything possible to keep this important document from the American people. When it was presented at the Paris Peace Talks on July 1 Nixon made several quick moves to get it off of the front pages. The first was to announce a change in ambassadors to the Peace Talks and to quickly follow that with the announcement of his China trip. The result of these maneuvers was that the Seven Point Peace Proposal was quickly forgotten by the U.S. press and the full text has only been reprinted in a few places. Very few Americans, even "peace movement people" have actually read it.

It must be read and discussed because it is the only realistic way in which the sufferings of Indochinese and Americans can end.

DDTP FOLLOW UP

The Daily Death Toll Project (reported in last month's PNL) has continued to make waves in the consciousness of the Syracuse community. The project, organized by the Peace Council's Direct Action Project, received more attention from the public and the local press than anything the peace movement has done recently. There was extensive press coverage of the event itself and quite a few follow up TV, radio and newspaper interviews. Project participants have appeared on several TV talk shows and have been speaking at churches, clubs and community groups.

On the legal side of things, several participants still have trials pending. The trials have been postponed and are now scheduled for later this month. Several test cases have already gone to trial and the government has lost them all, because

December 28, 1971

LOCAL "LIMITED DURATION PROTECTIVE REACTION" RAID

A "limited duration protective reaction" strike was launched early this morning, December 28, 1971, by the Direct Action Project of the Syracuse Peace Council. The doors of the Air Force and Navy Recruiting Station at 321 Erie Blvd. West were chained shut to prevent more Syracuse men from being trained to carry out the Southeast Asian air war. The U.S. war daily kills more than 300 people in South Vietnam and countless more in other parts of Indochina.

This action protests Richard M. Nixon's directive to again intensify bombardments of North Vietnam, which have continued since the supposed bombing halt in 1968, and have greatly escalated in the last few days.

To dramatize the realities of the U.S. air war, blood has been spilled on the doorstep and sensor devices were spread around the entryway. U.S. dropped sensors cover large areas of the ground in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, transmitting signals set off by anything that moves. These signals are then transmitted to computers which analyze and call forth varying types of weapons, including bombs designed only to penetrate human flesh.

Nixon's air war has only changed the color of the corpses. By escalating the war with air strikes such as are going on today Nixon is prolonging the suffering of the people of Indochina, wasting billions of dollars and extending the internment and number of American POW's.

This local "protective reaction strike" has been carried out in a nonviolent manner unlike Nixon's strike which means death and suffering to thousands. This action has been taken in solidarity with Vietnam veterans who have occupied the Statue of Liberty in New York and the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia. The way to stop the war is to stop the bombing and to bring all U.S. troops and equipment home NOW!!

For additional information call the Direct Action Project of the Syracuse Peace Council---446-5656

Radio Commercials to Unsell the War.

R-11. "A Veteran Speaks I." Larry Bottman tells of the cruelty and killing he saw in Vietnam...and why he thinks it was all a tragic mistake.

R-12. "A Veteran Speaks II." Frank Miranda describes the napalming of a Vietnam villager's home and the look on the face of a little girl before she died.

R-13. "Dog Tags, a Watch, a Ring." An announcer lists the personal effects of a soldier whose body has been shipped back from Vietnam and asks - "Is it worth it?"

R-14. "Should you write?" Two people hotly argue the merits of writing their Congressmen about the war.

R-15. "Gaitup Poll." Chorus of citizens explains that 73 percent of the American people want to end the war this year.

R-16. "One more death." As a bugle plays "Taps," the narrator talks about what the war had done to the spirit, the substance, and the lives of Americans.

R-19. "Stop it." A montage of angry voices summing up the agony, frustration, and crippling effect of the war on America.

R-20. "It's my war." As she writes a letter to her Congressman, a woman reads it aloud. She explains that she had never done anything like this before, but that she has heard somewhere that as few as 68 letters to a Senator influenced his vote on the SST project. So she's hopeful her letter might do some good, too.

R-21. "Don't buy the war." A woman speaks, as a consumer, about how she and other Americans have been sold the war, and concludes she's not buying it any longer.

R-22. "Practically almost everybody." A realistic dialogue between a group of average Americans on the frustrations the war has brought to their lives.

R-23. "Is it because of the war?" A deeply felt folk song about what the war has done to the country.

R-24. "Stop." A rousing, right on Rock song urging an end to the war.

A SPC committee is now at work to get the above Unsell commercials on local stations. They are also working to get Unsell TV commercials on local stations and Unsell ads in local newspapers and magazines.

If you feel you could get one of the ads on a station, or if you would like to work with the committee, please call the SPC office.

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR SAIGON PEACE MOVEMENT

For a long time the S. Vietnamese students have been at the vanguard of the movement opposing Thieu and calling for the withdrawal of all American forces and materiel from Indochina. When the "election" in S. Vietnam became a one man race last August the students' struggle intensified. In the wake of the election many students have been in jail for over two months. In response to this emergency situation the Steering Committee

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of SPC passed the following resolution:

" The Syracuse Peace Council has been working for peace, freedom and justice for 36 years. We now feel it necessary to speak out in strong opposition to U.S. supported and financed acts of political repression, carried out by Nguyen Van Thieu's police forces in S. Vietnam.

In recent months Thieu's police have been engaged in a brutal campaign aimed at crushing the S. Vietnamese peace movement. Since the October "elections", hundreds of students, homemakers and workers who have spoken for peace have been arrested, tortured and held without charges or trial. This repression is directed and financed by the U.S. as part of a program for "public safety".

The Syracuse Peace Council understands that our peace movement and the peace movement of the people of S. Vietnam are one in the same. To jail them is to jail us. We pledge our determination to take actions in this country to see that our sisters and brothers in S. Vietnamese jails are set free."

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Particularly serious is the case of Vu thi Dung, the foreign relations officer of the Vietnam National Student Union. Vu is a personal friend of Peace Council staff member Tony Avirgan. She was arrested in early October and reports say that she has been tortured and beaten severely.

Pressure from this country on behalf of Vu and the other students is desperately needed. Take 5 minutes and write a note protesting the repression and demanding the release of Vu thi Dung. Send the letter to the following addresses:
Embassy of Vietnam U.S. State Dept.
2251 "R" St., NW 2201 "C" St., NW
Washington, D.C. Washington, D.C. 20520

U.S. Embassy/Saigon WRITE TODAY, IT'S A
APO San Francisco MATTER OF LIFE OR
California 96243 DEATH.

FINANCIAL REPORT Rec'd to date (12/21) in Dec.

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include year long pledges	
literature	190.31
other	92.00
	<u>\$ 2593.86</u>

We will clear 2to 3 hundred dollars on holiday cards and 1-2 hundred on the SPC calendar. Both of these were new projects; with some improvement they can be substantial money raisers next year.

Please remember the \$ cards that were sent out in the Nov. finance mailing. The response has been good as we are now without past-due bills & salaries. Keep it coming. Now is a good time to get in a pledge for '72. Help stabilize our economy!!!!

SPC CALENDAR JANUARY 1972

- Sun 2 Middle East Committee 8:00pm home of Ona Bregman, 108 Andrews Rd.
- Mon 3 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm Ramish Kamath speaking on the India-Pakistan conflict (see flyer).
- Thur 6 MCHR meeting to discuss medical problems at Unity Acres, 7:30pm Campus Activities Building.
- Fri 7 Nonviolence Training weekend at Camp Asbury. call SPC 4465656 for details.
- Mon 10 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm Tom Hayden.
- Mon 10 Tom Hayden speaking on recent trip to Northern Ireland, 8:00pm Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University.
- Tues 11 MCHR meeting on Occupational Health and Safety, 7:30 pm, Campus Activities building.
- Tues 11 Camillus Neighborhood group, showing "The Holy Outlaw", Jerry Berrigan discussion leader, home of Hildegard Vander Sluis, 4132 Onondaga Blvd. 8:00 pm.
- Wed 12 F-M Peace Council meeting, home of Jane Begley, 307 Spring St F'ville, reading "Trial of the Catonsville Nine". 8:00pm
- Mon 17 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30 Diane Cass speaking on Medical Committee for Human Rights.
- Tues 18 Steering Committee Meeting, 8:00pm 3049 E Genesee, Everyone Welcome.
- Wed 19 Citizen's Prison Group meeting 8:00pm Grace Episcopal for information call 474-5551.

- Mon 24 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30 Dave Ross, Vietnam Veterans Against the War.
- Sat 29 Mailing Party for Newsletter, all invited, free pizza, 3049 E Genesee 12:00noon.
- Mon 31 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30 Slide show on the automated battlefield.
- February 4-6 Onondaga Indian Weekend SU campus, many activities.

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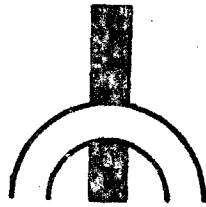
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VIETNAMESE DINNER

To mark the beginning of Tet
Prepared by Tran Khanh Tuyet



SUNDAY FEB. 13
5:00 PM

MAY MEMORIAL CHURCH
3800 E. GENESEE

speaker

GEORGE E. SMITH

George Smith spent two years as a POW, moving from camp to camp in the middle of the jungle. Impressed from the beginning by Vietcong military proficiency, he slowly overcame his Green Beret "arrogance" and learned to see the VC as people—warm, just, humane, sincere, and highly motivated. In 1965 he was released in a gesture honoring Norman Morrison, the Quaker pacifist who immolated himself on the steps of the Pentagon. George Smith is well qualified to present a realistic plan for ending the war and freeing POWs.

\$5.00 donation

1/2 price for children

RESERVATIONS NECESSARY

CALL 637-8625 BEFORE FEB. 9

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TRIAL OF THE CATONSVILLE 9

The Peace Council is very fortunate to be able to present "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine" by Dan Berrigan as a fundraising Benefit March 9, 10, and 12. The play is performed by the Salt City Playhouse.

The play which has been running off Broadway in New York has been causing excitement where ever it has played. It has just opened in the underground in Greece. And "The Trial" is the biggest hit to reach Germany in recent years. Francine Duplessix Gray said, "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine" is an indispensable experience for anyone who cares a damn for the state of affairs in this country."

A strong committee is working to make the play an enjoyable experience and to make the play a financial success which the Peace Council so badly needs. The committee is planning an opening night cast party; is arranging dinner parties before the performances; and is seeking sponsors for the play who will contribute at least \$5.00. Sponsors names will appear in a tabloid size paper containing many interesting articles. This paper will be given out at each performance.

Don't wait to order your tickets; do so now. The Salt City Playhouse is selling the entire house to the Peace Council for each of the three performances at a reduced rate of \$400.00 per performance. Insetting ticket prices of \$10 for the opening night and \$5 for the other two performances the committee felt that the pressing financial needs of SPC had to be the prime concern of this event.

If you would like to be a sponsor, send your check and name indicating that you will be a sponsor to P.O. Box 1, Jamesville NY 13078.

If you would be willing to host a dinner in your house for ten or twelve people prior to the play, call Carol Berrigan at 492-9060.

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A weekly of ever growing usefulness. By Clergy and Laymen Concerned.

President Nixon's speech of Tuesday, Jan. 25 and disclosure of his eight point plan for Vietnam will undoubtedly appeal to many war-weary Americans. If it does it will have served its purpose, for it was a plan aimed basically at the American public and offers little hope for an end to the war. As James Reston of the New York Times stated, the plan is "like the old insurance policies: 'the big type giveth but the small type taketh away'".

It is important for Americans to understand on the one hand why Nixon's plan is unacceptable to the Vietnamese and on the other hand why the peace movement must push with increased vigor for the U.S., on its own, to set a date for complete withdrawal of all personnel and equipment from Indochina-- no matter what the Vietnamese decide to do.

The basic elements of Nixon's plan are not new. Most of the plan's points have been rejected by the Vietnamese over the last few years and there is no reason to expect that eight unacceptable points will suddenly become acceptable when stuck together.

The most striking points of Nixon's plan are cease fire; withdrawal of troops over a six-month period; elections in South Vietnam at the end of the six-month period; the resignation of Nguyen Van Thieu one month before the elections; and the release of POW's and "innocent" civilians held captive.

From a Vietnamese point of view it is easy to see why this plan will not work. First, it is essential to understand the depth of Vietnamese lack of trust in the motives and actions of the U.S. They have had previous experience with "elections" promised by the Americans beginning with the 1956 elections (which the U.S. had a strong hand in preventing) and most recently with the one man "election" of Nguyen Van Thieu. As the Pentagon Papers demonstrate our involvement in Vietnam has been marked from the beginning by behind the scenes maneuvering and deceit. On what basis should the Vietnamese trust us?

The call for an Indochina cease fire has been rejected many times by both the National Liberation Front and North Vietnam. From their point of view the effect of such a cease fire would be to consolidate the position of the Thieu regime-- a regime which most Vietnamese are determined to overthrow. (continued on page 8)

The trial of The Catonsville Nine

The eloquent and moving dramatization
of the courtroom proceedings involving
nine anti-war protesters convicted of
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the play.

Tickets including the
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Friday evening March 10

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Last year's Pete Seeger Concert was a sell out.
Order your tickets now for "The Trial of the Catonsville
Nine" by sending a self addressed stamped envelop to:

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Enclose your check and indicate which performance
and how many tickets you wish.

ROCHESTER "PROTECTIVE REACTION STRIKE"

On Dec. 31, 1971, hard on the heels of the Syracuse "limited duration" raid of December 28, a Rochester group carried out a similar action. Human blood, maps of Indochina and a leaflet explaining the actions were laid on the doors of many South Rochester buildings: IRS, federal bldg., Air Force recruiting and DOD, a bank and a church. These sites were chosen to help people realize that the total society is responsible for the destruction of Indochina. The military may carry out the carnage but it's role wouldn't be possible without the tacit approval or unconcern of a majority of the American people.

The citizen's "limited duration protective reaction strike" is a way of tuning around the rhetoric of the administration. Rhetoric that provides a wordy smokescreen for more of the same in Indochina-imposition of an "American solution" to the conflict by a massive air war campaign. It is the hope of the Direct Action Project that each time a "protective reaction strike" is called against the Vietnamese the government will experience the same event (nonviolently and in many different cities) at home.

OUR NEW HOME

We will know on Feb. 3 whether the Zoning Board has accepted our application for a zoning variance on the house at 618 South Beech St. If favorable the only roadblock will be raising the other half of the \$5,000 needed for downpayment. Part of this \$2500 has been pledged but we still need more. Can you help?

The magazine BUILDING....(a fund raising project of the Building Fund Committee) continues to bring in money and create new awarenesses in the community.

If the variance is not granted the Steering Committee has decided to look for rental or sale property which will not need a zoning variance, the feeling being that too much time is consumed with this process. Our ceiling for either purchase or rent is \$200.00/ month, total. If there is a property in your area that might meet these criteria call Sam Feld or the office.

Sam's numbers are: 472-7926
work 478-2121

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

F-M

Over the past month, the F-M group has answered editorials printed in the Eagle Bulletin, and has circulated petitions to end the air war. A new Army recruiting station is opening in Manlius, and will soon have an open house. The group plans to leaflet on this occasion. The next meeting will be Feb. 13, held jointly with the J-D group. Convener: Toppie Simonfay 637-8625

Camillus

21 people met Jan. 18 with Jerry Berrigan and watched the Holy Outlaw. They agreed to recruit people in their area for the Fast For Life, and to set up several of the dinners (fundraising and enjoyment) which will precede The Trial of the Catonsville 9 performances. Convener is Ruth McDonnell, 468-1971

Westcott

Signatures were collected from neighborhood residents favoring SPC locating at 618 S. Beech. The names were given to the Zoning Board. At the meeting Jan. 26 the group decided to concentrate efforts on the campaign to stop the air war. Petitions will be circulated with signers asked to write a letter and participate in the Fast For Life. The Automated Air War slide show will be shown in the Westcott area during Feb. Sue Strunk, 472-3726 is convener.

J-D

The group met Jan. 16 with Pete Wirth who reported on the war tax resistance conference he had just attended and the plans that were laid for nationwide actions on April 15. Some people expressed interest in the Tax Clinic, Feb. 12. In the future the NG will be meeting with Jim Smucker, Mar. 12, to discuss the World Without War Council and hear a report on the National religious conference on peace issues which just ended in Kansas City. In April the NG will probably meet with SPC's Middle East committee to learn more about this conflict area. convener: Shirley DeHority 446-4973

CONSPIRACY LAWS

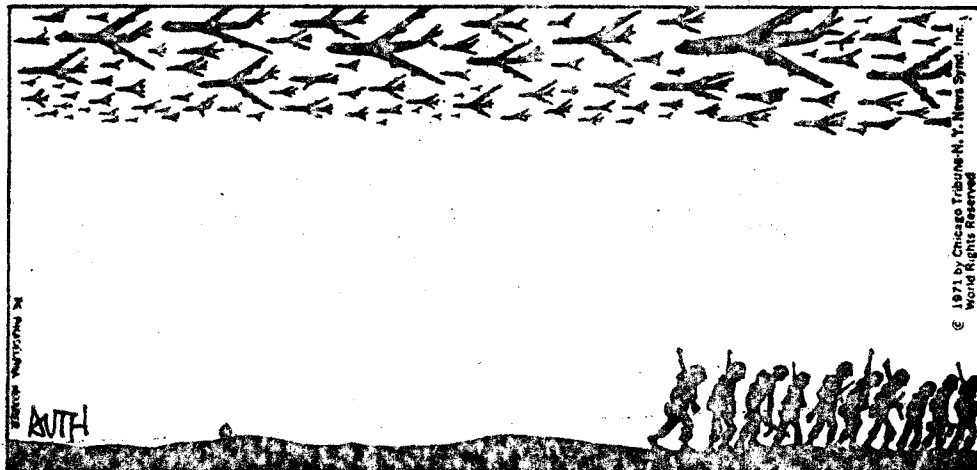
The J-D and F-M groups will hold a joint meeting, Sun., Feb. 13 at Pebble Hill Presb. Church, Jamesville Rd., 8pm. The topic will be "Conspiracy Laws" with speaker Travis Lewin, Syracuse University law professor. Everybody welcome.

FAST FOR LIFE

Beginning February 27, 1972

Each person participating will agree to fast at least 24 hours. After that, each person will make an individual decision how long to maintain the fast.

Each person will agree to write to Congressmen Hanley and Terry asking them to introduce or support legislation to end the air war in Indochina.



GOALS OF THE FAST

To sensitize ourselves and others to the continued suffering of the people of Indochina.

To demonstrate to our Congressmen and the public the seriousness of our commitment to an end to all the killing in Indochina.

To call particularly for an immediate end to the air war which is causing mass destruction in Indochina.

In preparation for the fast, all participants will gather for a rice and tea fellowship meal at:

DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH

East Genesee and Grenfell Road

6:30 pm, Sunday, February 27, 1972

Sponsored by :

American Friends Service Committee

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*If you will participate
in the Fast; or for more
information, call :*

*Peggy Pusch 478-4833
475-2677*

- * carbon ribbon typewriter
- * paper jogger
- * used electronic stencil making machine.

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The cost of one issue (18 pages, 3000 copies):

54 reams of paper	\$72.90
6 tubes of ink	15.00
18 stencils	16.00
misc.(presstype, correction, staples, fluid, etc.)	3.00
mailing costs (2100 mailed)	35.70
returned PNL's (address changes cost 10¢ each from post office)	3.00
Total	<u>\$145.60</u>

This figure gives some indication of the growth and effectiveness of SPC. A year and a half ago the cost of one issue was about 1/3 of the above total. This is why we ask everyone who can afford it to contribute at least \$5.00 yearly. Thanks.

The Peace Newsletter is distributed at 25 locations around Syracuse and Central N.Y. in addition to the 2100 that are mailed. If you have a location (office, employee's lounge, store) where you could display or distribute the PNL please call the office (446-5656) and we can deliver them to you.

"GUNNING" RETURNS

As you read this, the third issue of GUNNING is being circulated in the junior high and high schools in Syracuse.

Produced by the High School Student Alliance, it contains articles on V.D., computerization of high schools, Driver Education, High School Women, and much more.

Copies are available for a donation of 5¢ at the Peace Council office. Stop by.

NEW BOOK

Check Out The Odds (1971, Twin Cities Resistance, 40¢) is for high school people. Its main emphasis is on nonregistration; it has information on resistance, includes personal experiences. Must reading for those facing the draft.

Financial Statement

December 15, 1971 - January 15, 1972

receipts-	
checks & cash	1693.75
Elizabeth Allen	25.00
calendars	17.85
cards	172.71
craft fair	20.00
literature	<u>123.06</u>
	2052.37

Expenses-	
rent	59.91
phone (2 months)	199.16
postage	150.75
office supplies	307.59
literature	219.30
taxes (quarterly, withholding)	433.00
miscellaneous	19.50
salaries	<u>688.71</u>
	2077.92

The response to the November fund appeal letter has allowed us to pay all back bills and salaries. The money flow has all but stopped at this point which puts us in a precarious money position. The bank balance as of January 15 was \$145.19.

We will have to spend more and more staff and program time raising money. Please dig out the contribution card and return envelope from that jumble of papers and send us as large a contribution as you can. Year-long pledges are especially helpful.

The final figure on the holiday cards was \$245.00. Susan Ashley, with help from Terry Ellen, spent a great deal of time on this project. We still have packets of all the cards which can be used as note paper. \$1.00 for 12 small cards, \$1.25 for 12 large.

COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP

Good quality, fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, eggs, from Regional Market at moderate prices. Leave order at 432 Westcott, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays. For more information call 478-6861

"JOIN SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL" bumper stickers are available at the office, black letters and peace symbol on orange background, 25¢ each.

UNSELL THE WAR

The Unsell committee has met twice since the last Peace Newsletter. The committee now has radio tapes and T.V. films of excellent ads to Unsell the war. The committee has compiled a list of persons at each station to whom to send a letter which it has composed. WSEN radio has already agreed to carry some ads. Call Helen Anderson, 492-0036 for more information.

TRANSARMAMENT

The SPC transarmament group has begun meeting again with Bill Bookheimer, 457-4927, serving as convener. The group is studying the concept of civilian non-violent resistance as an alternative to military defense. The group recommends that SPC members interested in this topic read Exploring Nonviolent Alternatives by Gene Sharp which is available in the SPC office for \$2.25.

The next meeting of the group will be Wed., Feb. 9 at 7:30 at the home of Frank Gould Bldg. A-3 Apt. L-4 Slocum Heights (S.U. Married Student Housing) 446-6279.

CONSCRIPTION

The draft is still with us. The objective of the administration-- zero draft calls during an election year-- has almost been reached. The anti-draft/ resistance movements are relatively quiet and when actions are taken they are largely ignored by the media (e.g., the S.S.S. raids in Buffalo area). In short the draft is as unpopular as ever but open opposition has been defused.

What can we do? Point out, at every opportunity, that zero draft calls do not mean the draft has ended. Nixon still has the power to induct any number whenever he chooses. The draft law must be completely eliminated. Politicians should be asked whether they support abolition of the draft. We have been told that a volunteer army is "imminent" for 6 years. The DOD has shown that it is not happy about losing its power to reach into the civilian sector for its warm bodies. So the struggle will continue.

More concretely, educational projects around the draft will be beginning locally very soon. S.U. Draft Counseling will be

setting up a table at Hunter-Plaza (site of S.S.S. boards) and the Direct Action Project of SPC will be talking with men at the Induction center, particularly about G.I. rights, alternatives to military service and ways which the draft & military contribute to injustice here and abroad. DAP will also be supporting the struggle of Joe Russo, who, for well over a year, has been trying to get out of the Army reserves as a C.O. Joe thought he had won until recently his case was reopened. The incompetence and arbitrary exercise of power within the vast military machine are clearly revealed in Joe's case.

NIXON'S PLAN (cont. from page 2)

Also, what would the United Cambodian Front or the Pathet Lao have to gain from a cease fire when they are just on the verge of overthrowing unpopular U.S. supported governments in their countries?

Nixon made no mention of a cessation of the air war. Most planes that currently bomb Indochina are based outside the war zone in Thailand or on carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin. The demand for a cease fire without a cessation of bombing and the removal of these aircraft is a call for the people of Indochina to allow themselves to be surrounded by a hostile military force.

The Vietnamese also know very well that there can't possibly be anything resembling free elections in six months in South Vietnam. How can elections be free when for years all political opposition has been sought out, arrested, jailed and often executed-- there are still well over 100,000 political prisoners in South Vietnam and the U.S.'s Operation Phoenix has assassinated over 40,000 NLF political cadre. In his Tuesday speech in Saigon, Thieu stated that Communists could participate in the elections if they laid down their arms and renounced violence. What about his national police force which is larger and better equipped than many armies?

Are those still in jail under abominable conditions supposed to be suddenly released and engage in successful political organizing for an election months or even weeks away? Would, in fact, they be released? Nixon's plan calls for the release of "innocent civilians". The laws of South Vietnam state that it is illegal to be a Communist or a pro-Communist neutralist. Under South Vietnamese law these people are not innocent and could be held through the "election". (continued on page 17)

bring the automated battlefield into your home

slide show

This country's policy of war against Indochina is entering its most sinister phase. In order to make the war politically acceptable on the home front the Pentagon has developed the automated battlefield. Through the use of sophisticated technology and air power it is possible for the U.S. to continue its destruction of Indochina while pulling home American ground troops and giving the impression that the war is "winding down". In order to oppose these developments, we must first understand them. So, we are asking you to open your home to a Peace Council Direct Action Project member who will present a new and excellent slide show about the automated air war to you and your friends. You don't need a large home or a large group. You do need a free evening, a few friends, and a little concern. If you're interested in having this program in your home, contact the Peace Council Film Committee by calling Ronnie Vitacolonna at 446-7523 or write to her at 210 Haddon Rd. Syracuse, N.Y.

Tom Peyer, who also goes by the names Lance Kropotkin and Clark Kent, went to A LOT OF TROUBLE (believe me!) to whip up that magnificent SP6 1972 wall calendar and then write AD AFTER AD AFTER AD about it. Well, I've had it.

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MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS

FEB.

- 7 BOB HERBISON on the NEW PARTY
- 14 GEORGE SMITH ex POW
- 21 SONGFEST
- 28 JERRY BERRIGAN on the HARRISBURG 8 TRIAL

The Direct Action Project of the Syracuse Peace Council holds a potluck dinner every Monday. The dinners are followed by a talk or film and informal discussion. Bring yourself, your friends and a little food to share.

For more information call the DIRECT ACTION PROJECT
446-5656

UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHURCH
E. Genesee and University
6:30 pm

EVERYONE is WELCOME

The Morning's Mail

Area Clergy Join POW Vigil

To the Editor of The Post-Standard:

Dear Members of the Downtown Syracuse Churches and the Community at Large:

In response to a call to clergy by Prisoner of War families, six Syracuse area clergymen will travel to Washington on Thursday, Jan. 20, to participate in a vigil at the Capitol at the time of the President's State of the Union address.

They are Father Richard Keough of St. Lucy's Catholic Parish, Father Richard Osborne, Catholic Social Service, Father William Cutty, Colgate University Newman Club, the Rev. Gordon Wendell of the United Church of America and the Rev. Walter

Presbyterian Church. These men act upon personal conviction and thus reflect their own consciences, not necessarily the corporate feelings of the institutions they serve. Each of the participants will carry the name of one P.O.W. (some 339 plus) with the words "Hundreds more killed today in Indo-China and (name) still a P.O.W."

This particular moment in time seems altogether appropriate for raising up the grave concern of increased reliance upon the air war over Indo-China. Indeed, until such time as there is a cessation of bombing and a date set for a total withdrawal of all forces in Indo-China, negotiations for release of P.O.W.'s will prove futile.

Recognizing that the vigil on Thursday, Jan. 20, is not the only way to express concern for our country's continued intervention in the war of Indo-China, the undersigned clergymen not only support the action of their colleagues but ask their respective congregations and the community at large to share their concerns about the war in the following ways:

1. Pray for peace on Jan. 20th at the hour of the vigil, 11 a.m.
 2. Respond to the next call for a gathering of members of our community who wish to share common concerns for peace.
 3. Be prepared to participate in the planning of events that would allow for a sustained interest in peace, perhaps observances that would extend to the November presidential elections.
- The formation of a fellowship of peace-seekers seems most timely. Your presence through prayer and participation over the next few weeks and months can both help deal with our ambiguities and frustrations and also may well increase our concern for peace to a level never before experienced in our community.

Faithful
 RICHARD KEOUGH
 JAMES A. LANCASTER
 WALTER N. WELLS
 PAUL FLUCHE
 BRADFORD N. PUSEY
 DICK OSBORNE
 WILLIAM H. MCCONAGH
 (Institutions listed for the purpose of identification only.)

City clergymen plan Capitol vigil

By JOSEPH V. GANLEY
 Of Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Five Syracuse clergymen will participate tomorrow in a vigil on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in a demonstration relating to the prisoner of war issue. The group is part of an expected delegation of 200 to 300 clergymen who will conduct the vigil at the time President Nixon is presenting his State of the Union message to a joint session of Congress inside the Capitol building. The group will include a spokesman for the Syracuse Peace Council said, the Rev. Ford Pusey of Park Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Richard Keough of St. Lucy's Catholic Church; the Rev. Charles Osborne of the Syracuse Catholic Social Service; and the Rev. Gordon Wendell of the United Church of Christ, Amboy. William Cutty from Colgate University will be present. The vigil is sponsored by the National Fellowship of Reconciliation — the organization which sponsored the daily death toll demonstration at the White House last November — will call for a halt in bombing in Viet Nam and demand the immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Southeast Asia as the only way to get P.O.W.s home.

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WEEKEND BENEFIT FOR THE ONONDAGA INDIANS FEBRUARY 4,5,6, 1972

Sponsored by: Syracuse University Union, Student Association, members of the S.U. faculty, and the Syracuse community--in cooperation with Chief Oren Lyons and the Onondaga Indians.

WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday, February 4

8:00P.M. Watson Theater (corner of Comstock and Waverly Ave.)
Film-As Long As The River Runs

Forum Discussion-Treaty Violations and the Rte. 81
issue. Chief Lyons

Saturday, February 5

2:00 P.M. Watson Theater
Children's Puppet Show-Syracuse University Union
Puppet Theater Workshop

7:00 P.M. Women's Gym
Benefit Dance--featuring Bad Medecine and Hash Brown
and Symphony, those wonderful fellars
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Onondaga Singing Society

Brown Rice and vegetable dinner.
\$1 minimum donation. Donations may be charged
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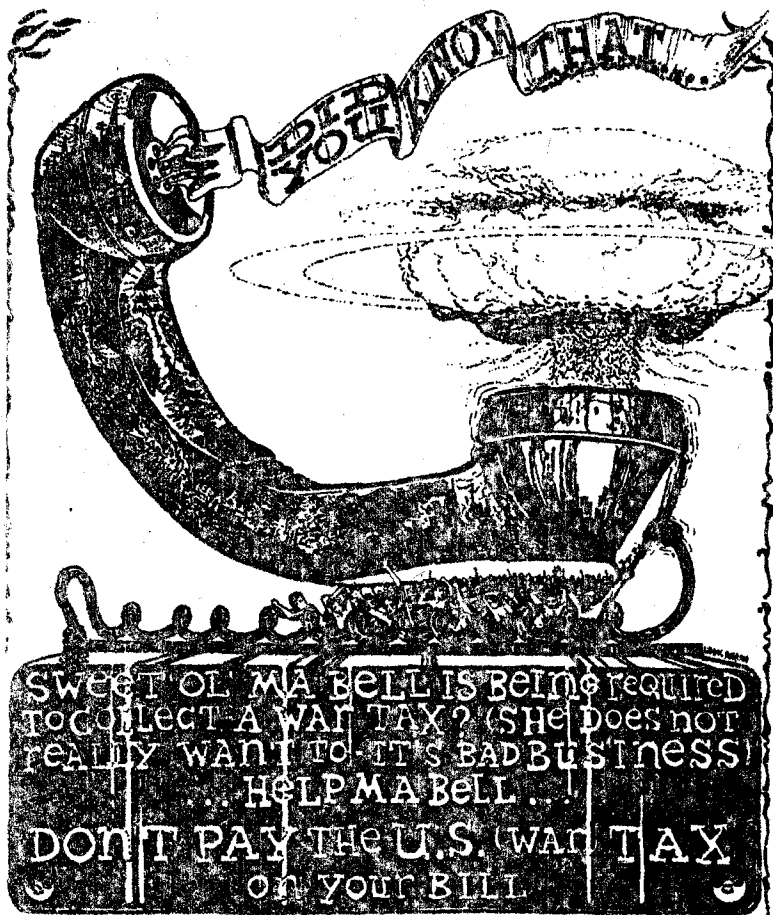
Sunday, February 6

1:00 P.M. Women's Gym

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ONONDAGA INDIANS



Join With Thousands Who Do Not Pay the 10% Federal Telephone "War" Tax

In April of 1966, as the government was escalating the Vietnam war, Congress passed a law raising the Federal tax on telephone service to 10%. "It is clear," said Rep. Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, "that Vietnam and only the Vietnam operation makes this bill necessary." (*Congressional Record*, February 23, 1966) Today that escalation continues and so does the telephone tax.

One effective way of saying NO to the endless loss of lives in what is now the longest war in U.S. history, of resisting a government that is ignoring serious social deterioration and becoming more repressive at home, is by joining the thousands of Americans who are refusing to pay that "war" tax.

WHY BOYCOTT THIS TAX?

A tax boycott demonstrates to the government that you are opposed to the Vietnam war and are acting conscientiously on your belief. This act of refusing to pay the tax concretely affirms the position that individuals must not comply with immoral actions of governments. It results in a direct confrontation between citizen and government, and creates just one more problem the government has to contend with so long as it pursues its current policies. In addition, the fact that people are willing to resist the war to the point of breaking the law compels others to examine more carefully the depth and nature of their own opposition to that war, and to begin to act themselves. Finally, the monthly refusal of a small amount of money creates a thorny collection problem for the Internal Revenue Service.

WHAT HAPPENS TO TELEPHONE TAX REFUSERS?

Many thousands of people — in all parts of the country — are deducting this "war" tax from their telephone bills. In virtually every case telephone companies have assured the refusers that their telephone service will not be interrupted. The phone companies usually treat refusal as a matter between the individual and the government. In some cases they have even called to remind a customer that on the bill he has just paid he has forgotten to refuse the tax.

The telephone companies report to the Internal Revenue Service that the tax is not being paid. The IRS eventually sends the tax refuser several written demands for the unpaid amount and usually pays him a visit. When these measures fail to get him to pay up, the IRS finally attempts to seek out a bank account or salary check from which to deduct the unpaid amount plus up to 6% interest.

DON'T PAY THIS TAX. Send a letter of explanation with your check. (We have cards you can use instead of letters.)

This tax was first enacted as a temporary tax. Under past laws it was to be repealed in 1974. However, in January, 1971, it was passed into law that the telephone excise tax is not due to expire until 1984.

HANG UP ON WAR!



New York Telephone

Thank You!

See the front pages of your telephone directory for information on:

- Charges for calls
- Your Business Office phone number
- Payment locations

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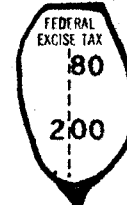
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MONTHLY CHARGE FOR SERVICE LOCAL CALLS OR MESSAGE UNITS INCLUDED _____
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 CALLS AND TELEGRAMS • See Statement _____
 OTHER CHARGES OR CREDITS • Explanation enclosed _____
 DIRECTORY REPRESENTATION • Monthly charge _____
 BALANCE FROM LAST BILL • Please disregard this amount if paid _____

STATE TAX AND ANY LOCAL TAX

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AMOUNT INCL. TAX

938

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3671

6842

1013R SYR

TOTAL

DON'T PAY THIS TAX

TAX REFUSAL AND THE LAW

Imposition of the telephone tax is covered by Section 4251 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, which reads, "The taxes imposed by this section shall be paid by the person paying for the services."

This provision is amplified in the Internal Revenue Regulations, Section 49.4251-2 (c) LIABILITY FOR, AND RETURN OF TAX: The taxes imposed by Section 5251 are payable by the person paying for the service rendered, and shall be paid to the person rendering the services, who is required to collect the tax and return and pay over the tax in accordance with the applicable provisions of the regulations contained in Subparts F and G.

According to the Commerce Clearing House 1966 Excise Tax Guide, Paragraph 2235 on Collection of Tax by Another Person, "Certain miscellaneous taxes are imposed on the person making the payment but are required to be collected by the person receiving the payment. All taxes collected in this manner are held by the collecting agent in trust for the United States until paid over to the district director of internal revenue. If the person from whom the tax is required to be collected refuses to pay it or if for any other reason it is impossible for the collecting agency to collect the tax from such person, the collecting agency is required to report the facts to the district director of internal revenue and the tax will then be collected by district assessment against the person failing, or refusing to pay the tax to the collecting agent." Exactly the same language appears in Prentice

Hall Federal Taxes, Excise Volume, Paragraph 189.514-A, with a reference to Statement of Procedural Rules CB 1955-2, Page 977, Section 601.493 (c) (2).

This indicates that the ultimate responsibility for paying, or refusing, the tax lies with the telephone user, not with the phone company, and that if the user refuses to pay the tax as billed, the issue will be settled directly between him and the Internal Revenue Service, through its standard collection procedures, rather than by termination of telephone service. This also agrees with informal opinions given by representatives of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. and the Chicago District office of IRS.

Having dealt with the question of tax liability, and collection procedures, it might be well, for the record, to mention the subject of criminal penalties for tax refusal. One who "wilfully fails to pay" the phone tax could possibly be charged with a misdemeanor, under Section 7203 of the Internal Revenue Code, and be imprisoned for a period up to one year and fined an amount up to \$10,000. It is also possible that one could be charged with attempt to "evade or defeat" the phone tax, under a section carrying a stiffer penalty.

However, experiences of objectors to other federal war taxes during the past several years indicate that the government would not be interested in pressing criminal charges, but that it would instead try here or there to collect the tax (with interest).

WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND

Now that you've withheld your tax the next step is to reinvest it back into the community. A savings account has been set up in which war tax resisters can deposit their money. The interest earned will be given to various community groups. All members of the fund will have a say in deciding which groups will receive any money. At any time you need your deposit you may withdraw it. Now is the time to help start a new society.

For War Tax Counseling and information about War Tax Resistance Fund contact :

Peter Wirth
474-6627

942 Westmorland Ave.
Syracuse, N.Y. 13210

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WHAT IF THEY GAVE A WAR AND NOBODY PAID?

Tired of paying for the war but you don't know how to avoid it?

Have you considered refusing to pay the federal telephone tax, but still have unresolved questions about it?

Are you interested in hearing about the experiences of others in refusing to pay part or all of their income tax?

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3049 E. Genesee

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For more information, contact the Syracuse Peace Council, 3049 E. Genesee, 446-5656.

HOW COULD THEY GIVE A WAR IF NOBODY PAID?

Soledad Brothers

In a courtroom in California, the following scene is taking place: A thick barrier of glass and steel has been erected stretching wall to wall, floor to ceiling, between the trial participants and the public, who are barely able to hear the proceedings. Some fifteen Tactical Squad men in full riot gear stand outside the courtroom. Everyone attending the trial is photographed and given a seat number. Both men and women are checked with a metal detector and given a full pat-down search; women are additionally required to remove their underwear. Each person is then escorted to the numbered seat in the spectator's section, which features a closed-circuit television camera monitored by the police. Despite this "security", eight bailiffs and at least two plainclothes policemen are stationed inside the courtroom and, out of sight, other Tactical Squad members stand ready with M-16's and submachine guns.

The scene is the Soledad Brothers' trial.

There are now 2 Soledad Brothers: John Clutchette and Fleeta Drumgo. George Jackson (in the 11th year of life sentence for being present, at the age of 18, at a \$70 robbery) has been killed. The person most able to convey the horror and degradation of American prisons has been silenced. California authorities continue to harass and intimidate witnesses and the defendents of Angela Davis remains after 16 months unconvicted, in prison. The defense, through the tactics of the California District Attorney's office, has had great difficulty in preparing their case. Our support is needed. Send contributions to Soledad Brothers Legal Committee, P.O. Box 4097, San Francisco, California, 94140

Harrisburg 7

The conspiracy trial began Monday, January 24. Phil Berrigan and 6 others (Ted Glick, wanting to defend himself, was separated from the others and will be tried later) are accused of conspiring to kidnap Henry Kissinger, blow up heating tunnels under the Capitol and (recently added to enhance the government's case) to destroy draft records in a number of eastern cities.

This may sound ludicrous but the government is dead serious. Conspiracy trials, and the extralegal techniques they rely on (here-say testimony accepted, conclusive evidence of "intent" not needed) are becoming an increasingly frequent tactic in the government's effort to stifle dissent.

A communal meal and spirited celebration were held in Harrisburg Sunday the 23rd. Two key points emerged from this gathering: 1) We must continue to show the government that all repression tactics including conspiracy trials, will not intimidate the movement for peace and justice; 2) We must use the trial to talk to the American people about resistance and the basic changes which resistance creates and offers. Resistance means, first, the denial of authority to those who abuse it; second, the development of alternative methods of confronting our problems as persons and as a community. Resistance takes many forms-- free schools, people's fun's, child care centers, direct action projects, tax resistance, draft resistance. Our main work is not to define resistance but to create it.

To carry out these 2 goals a "Pilgrimage for Freedom" is in formation. The Pilgrimage will begin Feb. 16 and continue for the entire lenten period culminating with a week of highly concentrated activities in Harrisburg March 27-April 4.

Core groups will be travelling through many regions across the country providing information and analysis in cities and towns where they stop. New York State is one of these regions. People from the Syracuse area who can commit 2-5 weeks on this project are needed. To provide on-going community education and action in Syracuse and to assist the Pilgrimage core group when it reaches Syracuse a "40 Day Committee" is needed. If you wish to help in either of these ways call SPC, 446-5656.

Continuous activities will be taking place in Harrisburg during the 6 week Pilgrimage and probably after. Call the Defense Committee for final info, (717) 232-7531.

The Camden 28 (Mike Giocondo, a Syracusan is a member), awaiting trial for draft file destruction, have been helping the Harrisburg Defense Committee with preparations for the trial. Funds are needed by this group also. Contact Gloria Whistler (446-2304) for more information.

Local Activities Related to Pilgrimage and Trial

1. SPC, as a fund raising and educational project will sponsor 3 performances (including opening night) of The Trial of the Catonsville 9 by Dan Berrigan. The play is presented by the Salt City Playhouse.
2. The Camden 28 will sponsor an additional night of the play as a fund raising effort.
3. Jerry Berrigan will speak on the trial at the Direct Action Project's Monday Night Potlick Dinner, Feb. 28, 6:30 pm. Bring food to share.
4. The Fayetteville-Manlius and Jamesville Dewitt SPC Neighborhood Groups will sponsor a program on CONSPIRACY LAWS with Travis Lewin, S.U. law professor, Sunday Feb. 13.

AS OF 2/24/72 DAN BERRIGAN WILL BE WALKING THE STREETS AND PICKETING IN THE MARCHES! FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

FREE CLINIC SCHEDULE

Monday gynecology 7-9pm (approximately)
Tuesday general medicine 7-10 pm.
Wednesday general medicine 7-10 pm.
Thursday pediatrics (kids to age 12)
7:30-9:30 pm.

The free clinic is located at:
1305 East Adams in Syracuse 476-0094

NIXON'S PLAN (continued from page 8)

The resignation of Thieu one month before the election would be a dramatic, but meaningless gesture. The Nixon proposal states Thieu's position would be filled by the President of the Senate - a strong supporter of Thieu. Further, under Nixon's proposal, the election would be run while Thieu's entire administrative apparatus, including the powerful and corrupt province chiefs, would still be in power.

Nixon's plan will prove unacceptable to most Vietnamese, but even this should not be the basis for our actions. The fact still remains that U.S. involvement in Vietnam is and always has been completely unjustified and immoral.

As U.S. citizens we are responsible for what our government does and we must increase our pressure for a complete withdrawal of U.S. troops, equipment and air power from S.E. Asia.

Nixon's recent proposal was aimed at ending American opposition to the continuing war rather than ending the war itself. If Nixon is successful in pacifying the American people he is free to continue and even step up the brutal air war. We cannot let that happen.

National War Tax Resistance Conference

On January 7, 1972 a national conference on war tax resistance was held for the first time. Approximately 50 people attended representing organizations from ten states. Workshops were held on Saturday covering local organizing, national organizing and alternative funds. On Sunday we tied up the loose ends and decided on a program for April 15.

On April 15 demonstrations with a 2 fold purpose will be held throughout the country. The first is to publicize tax resistance; 2nd to relate tax resistance to the ongoing air war in Indochina. Much work has to be done if this idea is to be successful. If you have any free time and would like to help develop a program for the 15th please contact the SPC, 446-5656 or call Pete at 474-6647.

(Inadvertently the Jan 1972 PNL had a no end article on page 15; following is the much awaited conclusion)

D.D.T. FOLLOWUP

The returns are in and the defendants of the Daily Death Toll project are free. All of the charges have been dropped as the government was unable to prove that the demonstrators actually disturbed the peace. Also, some of the participants of the project who posted \$25 collateral in lieu of returning for their trial have had their money returned.

MILITARY COUNSELORS COURSE

Military Counseling course sponsored by VVAW and S.U. Draft Counseling Service is offered through both the Non Violence Studies Dept. and the Community Internship Program. The course is free and graduates will receive 3 credit hours. To register, call Jim Marti 476-5541 Ext 4110 For more info; Glen Whitkin 476-5541 Ext 4306

Non Violence Course: Sponsored by VVAW, this course will explore means of incorporating non violence into our everyday lifestyles - from the personal to the political. The course is free and 3 credit hours will be granted to graduates. For more info; Dave Ross, 478-1028, 476-5541 Ext 2774 or Jim Marti 476-5541 Ext 4110

SPC CALENDAR FEBRUARY 1972

Mon 7 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm. University Methodist Church. Bob Herbison speaking on the People's Party.

Wed 9 Transarmament Committee meeting, 7:30pm, home of Frank Gould, Bldg. A-3 Apt. 1-4, Slocum Hgts. (S.u. Married Student Housing) 446-6279.

Sat12 Tax Resistance Clinic, 12-4pm, 3049 E. Genesee St. See elsewhere in PNL for details.

Sun13 Vietnamese Dinner, 5pm., May Memorial Church, 3800 E. Genesee St. George Smith, ex-POW, speaker.

Sun13 J-D F-N meeting, 8pm., Pebble Hill Presb. Church, Jamesville Rd. "Conspiracy Laws" with Travis Lewin.

Sun13 POW talk-Peace Film Festival: Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans Against the War. George Smith, formerly a prisoner of the National Liberation Front, will speak about his captivity and feelings on the war. There will be numerous films on the war, including some by or about VVAW, plus several DOD films. We are asking a 50¢ donation. 7:30pm., Gifford and Katteredge Auditoriums in HBC on S.U. campus.

Mon14 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm Univ. Meth. Church. George Smith, ex-POW speaking.

Tue15 SPC Steering Committee meeting, 8pm 3049 E. Genesee St. All welcome.

Thu17 Middle East Committee meeting, 8pm. home of Len & Judy Bjorkman, 5063 Bradbury Dr.

Mon21 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm. Univ. Meth. Church. Sing-along.

Wed or Thurs, 23 or 24, Buzz Theberge, member Mid East Research & Info Project visited Syria, Lebanon, Jordan summer of '71, speaking on S.U. campus. Will be plenty of time for questions. Call PFP 478-0446 for final details.

Thurs & Fri, 24 & 25, Mailing Party for PNL. All welcome, 12:30-4pm both days. Free pizza.

Sun27 Fast For Life begins, 6:30pm., Dewitt Community Church, Rice & Tea dinner.

Mon28 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm. Univ. Meth. Church. Jerry Berrigan on Harrisburg Trial.

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NEW FORMAT



You just might have noticed by now that this issue of the PEACE NEWSLETTER looks a bit different. At the March Steering Committee meeting we decided to try offset printing. The cost is very close to mimeo for 50,000 sheets and there is very little comparison in readability and flexibility of design. This will take almost 1 1/2 days of constant mimeoing out of our hectic offices and free the machine for leaflet production.

What do you think??? Send in your comments and suggestions. This changeover makes even more important our getting hold of a carbon-ribbon typewriter. If you can donate one or know where one can be bought really cheap or would like to contribute to the purchase of one please don't linger. You will be making a significant contribution to the reduction of eye-strain for at least 5,000 readers of the PEACE NEWSLETTER.

Nbhd. Discussion Program

Paul Malcolmson has been working to re-activate the SPC neighborhood discussion program. The idea is for SPC members to invite friends and neighbors into their homes for a get-together where a film or slide show would be shown. Over 30 of these meetings were held last year and they proved an effective way to reach new people.

On March 16 an evening training session was held for 8 discussion leaders. If you would be willing to host one of the get-togethers, one of the discussion leaders would be happy to come and bring a film. To make arrangements call Paul 451-0690.

Protest Local Jail

A number of people from the community have expressed a concern about certain conditions in the Public Safety Building, particularly the many restrictions on visiting those being held there. These unfair restrictions make it impossible for many people to visit the jail and tend to isolate the poor who cannot be released in an inequitable bail system because they have no money. In the near future we will be meeting with the sheriff again to discuss the situation. Those who are concerned about liberalizing visitation rules at the PBS to allow for evening and weekend visits (so that working people are not discriminated against), and visiting by others than blood relatives (for those who feel an obligation to our brothers and sisters being held there) can express their concern by writing to Sheriff Corbett personally.

Sheriff Patrick Corbett
511 South State Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

PHONE NETWORK



The Phone Network was activated to inform SPC members about the Freedom Festival, and all other events surrounding the Harrisburg trial. Main callers are Ann O'Connor, Dani Riposo, Toppie Simcn-fay, and Mary Murphy.



600 Strife in The Chicago Sun-Times
"Here come our replacements."

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

A Freedom Festival at the Everson Museum of Art was the first main event of Holy Week activities to protest political repression and the continuing war on Indochina. The event on Saturday, March 25 was sponsored by the Defense Committee of the Syracuse Peace Council with the cooperation of the Everson Museum.

One thousand people watched the activities either in the museum auditorium or on closed circuit TV monitors in other rooms. The event included rock music by the Mystics, the folk singing of Rev. John Eineson and a classical piano composition by Dr. R. Pritchard. Lawrence Killabrew, who was shot four times while a prisoner at Attica, Ben Davis, Angela Davis' brother, Roger McAfee, the California farmer who posted Angela's bail and author Karen DeCrow spoke. Dan Berrigan read his poetry.

The festival made clear the connections between the struggles for peace, justice, and racial and economic equality. Each

of the artists and speakers echoed the theme that these issues were one in the same; that you couldn't solve one without solving the others. The Freedom Festival also marked the opening of an art exhibit by inmates and former inmates of Auburn Prison.

A collection was taken and the proceeds will be divided evenly between the Angela Davis Defense Committee, the Harrisburg 8 Defense Committee and the Attica-Auburn Defense Committee.

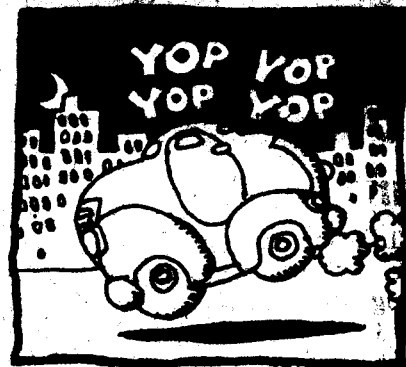
The Freedom Festival was an encouraging and stimulating afternoon. It marks a large step forward for the movements for peace and justice in Central New York. (Note: There will soon be available an hour-long video tape of the Freedom Festival. There will also be cassette audio tapes of each speaker. If you are interested in using these please contact the Peace Council.)

PILGRIMAGE TO HARRISBURG

After the Freedom Festival, about 50 persons met for Saturday evening dinner and planning at University Methodist Church. A performance by the Punch and Judy Puppet Theatre, a conversation with Roger McAfee, and songs by John Szelewski followed the dinner. The sense of common struggle & mutual support which the Freedom Festival had begun continued to build during and after the dinner.

We broke "camp" at 8 Sunday morning and bundled on over to the Everson for the ecumenical service. Breadbreakers at the service were Dan Berrigan, Bob Grimm, Al Hennelly, Dan Mulhauser, and Betty Schiess. The simple service was a unique and warm experience for the 300 participants. Sharing of bread and wine and several songs closed the service.

Under very gusty wind conditions, the 30-car pilgrimage caravan assembled outside the museum. The lead car carried a speaker system, and each vehicle had one or two signs plus streamers. By 10:30 we were slowly proceeding down Salina Street in full pilgrimage regalia. People in the street seemed to respond quizzically or enthusiastically to the passage



of the caravan. Many took leaflets which detailed the Harrisburg week activities. The sight of the long caravan of headlighted cars passing up and down the hills south of Syracuse gave all of us a tangible sense of its impact.

We reached Cortland about noon (on schedule), and joined about 500 people assembled in the SUNY Union. Larry Killabrew spoke about prisons, particularly Attica; Bill Griffen talked about the need to build resistance to war-making and exploitation; and I spoke about April 15th and the importance of the Automated

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PILGRIMAGE

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Air War slide show as an educational and organizing tool. The slide show was then shown to close out the program. After a short meal, an organizing meeting, the pilgrimage took to the highway, with cars much heavier from the people who joined in Cortland. The caravan wound through Cortland for a while, carrying our message with leaflets and sound system.

We reached Binghamton in two groups, as several cars had had mechanical or directional problems. Some people joined the 5:30 mass at St. Mary's of Assumption, which the pilgrimage had been invited to attend. Others helped with preparation for dinner and overnight accommodations at the St. Mary's gymnasium. Still others set up literature for the coffee hour following mass, at which caravan members talked with Binghamton people about the purpose of the pilgrimage. After the coffee hour, we were treated to a rice and soup meal, then off to a rally at the Unitarian church where Larry Killabrew, Bill Griffen, and Dik Cool spoke, along with songs and talks by a number of local people. Later in the evening, the Automated Air War slide show was shown. The pilgrimage seemed to have generated a great deal of activity in Binghamton around Harrisburg and related issues. I sensed a commitment to longer-range organizing, as well. April 15th War Tax Resistance projects were encouraged by members of the caravan. Then, back to the gym for much-needed sleep.

People who assisted the pilgrimage in both cities were so beautiful, and our schedule was so hectic, that it was difficult for pilgrimage people to solidify ourselves with work & rap sessions. We did work one in Monday am., attempting to deal with car problems and the day's schedule. We decided to stop in Scranton, then go directly to Harrisburg.

Fight cars, packed with extra food donated by Binghamton people, and loaded to the rafters with the people who were left from individuals who had come to Binghamton but gone back to Syracuse, set out at 10am. Car trouble became a serious problem at this point, eventually forcing us to abandon our stop in Scranton.

We entered Harrisburg with spirits high and speakers blaring. There was an absence of visible hostility to the cara-

van. The narrow, one-way side streets of this old town seemed to welcome our efforts at close-in, serious communication.

Almost 1,000 people have come to Harrisburg by Tuesday noon. Five pilgrimage caravans which stopped in 60 cities are here. They came from as far as Milwaukee and Chicago, focusing actions on IRS, military contractors, recruiting stations, and induction centers. The 500-strong procession into Harrisburg on Palm Sunday was led by black-robed figures of death laying palms for the unholy of the war machine. The communal meal and concert Sunday evening led into the beginning of workshops Monday morning.

Two significant events continued to raise energy levels and solidarity among our people. First, the announcement that the Soledad Brothers had been acquitted. Second, sabotage of bombs at a war manufacturing plant in York, Pa.

Women's actions began Tuesday morning at the Federal courthouse and a local draft board. Workshops are producing a great variety of spontaneous actions. 15,000 and up are expected by Saturday, April 1. A sense of purpose and an understanding of our long-range goals seem fused here in Harrisburg, more so, perhaps, than in any large mobilization in recent years. Quiet night and day concentration and cooperation are everywhere. If the movement is dead, then the afterlife is truly where it's at. We must continue to build actions in the spring and summer and beyond to all the seasons that will be host to our new way of life.

Dik Cool, for all Pilgrimage participants

GARAGE SALES

SPC hopes to have several Garage Sales in different parts of the metropolitan area this Spring. If you would be willing to help organize a sale, please call the office.

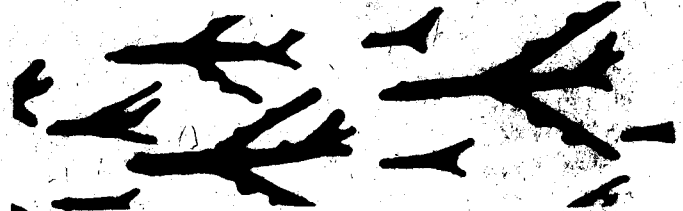
Think of it this way: by putting in time over a two or three week period you can raise \$500 for the Peace Council.

If you have items to donate, hang on to them and watch the Peace Newsletter for where to take them.

BOMBS SABOTAGED

At 10:30pm last night, March 26, Ted Glick, a defendant in the Harrisburg conspiracy case, found seven packets of material in his car. In each packet was the plastic top removed from the head of a bomb casing, a map with directions to the American Machine and Foundry plant in York, Pa., a press release, and a statement of a group calling itself the Citizens Commission to De-Militarize Industry. Here is there statement:

During the month of March, 1972, we have made unusable many hundreds of casings for M-K 82 500-lb. bombs from among shipments made for the U.S. military by the American Machine and Foundry Corp. in York, Pa. Some non-explosive parts of these bombs have been removed and will be sent to people in public life. While our removal of the hundreds of bombs from the reign of terror now falling on Indochina does not by itself change war plans or war profits, we have taken this action so that 1. More people may see the complicity of large corporations in the automated air war which the U.S. wages to maintain its power over S.E. Asia, and to prop up the Thieu regime in Saigon. We hope others will learn about the war industries in their



own communities, and take non-injurious action which respects life and impades the war-makers. 2. Workers and their families whose jobs now depend on war production over which they have little control may be reminded of the destructive and unsteady nature of their work. They may begin to take steps to achieve conversion of their plants to meet real human needs with full employment. 3. People in Indochina will be reminded that millions of Americans not only want all the bombings to cease, but also that many of us are prepared to take principled action to stop it. 4. Government administrators and corporate profiteers will realize that vigorous opposition to them is developing, that their ability to guarantee the security of war industries is limited, and that the costs of continuing this destructive work are growing. Many types of education and action are necessary to resist this war, and the institutions that maintain it. Resistance has grown over the past years within the military, among government employees, among factory workers, and the unemployed, those hit hardest by high taxes, inflation, and wage controls. This resistance will continue despite the government's attempt to stop it with sophisticated technology, informers and provocateurs, conspiracy indictments, and lies.

new book

America's First Vietnam: The Hidden History of the Korean War by I.F. Stone (1952, 1971, \$3.95, 348 pages).

"When /I.F. Stone/ is finished with his indiotment--and make no mistake about it, this book is one of the most devastating indiotments of United States foreign policy ever made--one is left slightly numb....

"Hidden History is disquieting on many levels, not the least of which is its Dorian Gray portrait of United States leadership at the time it was written. But what makes the book especially significant is its present timeliness.

"The parallels to be found in Hidden History are both obvious and alarming. It is urgent that everyone concerned read the book and act on the lesson it offers while there is still time."

Bernhardt J. Hurwood, Sat. Review

Please send me:

_____ Hidden History of the Korean War,
_____ \$3.95 + 20¢ postage
_____ Syracuse Peace Council Literature List for 1972

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Clip & mail to Syracuse Peace Council,
3049 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY
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SPC.

MIDDLE EAST FORUM

3 contributions from 3 Middle East-Committee participants . . .

1. Meaningful steps to peace in the M.E. must include the recognition on the part of all relevant parties that both Jewish and Palestinian territorial claims are eminently supportable. An important peace task in the M.E. then is to seek the free cohabitation of both Semitic peoples on the land they so strongly value; yet this task must include the clear affirmation of the integrity and distinguishing national characteristics of the Arab and the Jew.

The goal of cohabitation presupposes of course a reduction in antagonisms in the M.E., a process which, judging from the military stockpiling and forays on both sides, has not begun in a serious way. Lesser goals than that of cohabitation are perhaps more easily attainable, e.g., those which divvy up Middle Eastern territory into exclusivist sectors. But these proposals will undoubtedly, as past experience indicates, continue to fan smoldering resentments over questions of territorial rights and so, require the use of force for their maintenance.

The partisan and militaristic involvement of our government in the M.E. plainly does not contribute positively to the already difficult task of reconciling overlapping territorial claims. As tax-paying citizens of the U.S., you and I are already involved in the M.E. It is sheer folly to call ourselves politically neutral towards Middle Eastern affairs when in fact our silence and our ignorance serves to support and foster our government's militaristic stance.

2. There will be no solution to the search for peace in the M.E. as long as the position of the U.S. is in absolute support of Israel.

The number one question which must be answered before there is any reasonable hope of peace in the area is simply this: What is to happen to the Palestinian Arab? Over the past 24 years, more than 2 million Arabs, whose families have lived in Palestine for centuries, have been pressured, frightened and in some cases, driven out of their homeland by the exclusive territorial demands of 20th century Jewish immigrants.

The press talks of Arabs threatening to drive the Jews into the sea, but ironically, what actually has happened is that the Zionists have driven as many Arabs as possible into the desert.

Only the solution of a bi-national state, pluralistic and secular in which Israelis and Palestinians work out together a common political and cultural destiny, can assure the survival of all. Peace means adjustment, negotiation and compromise. The alternative is eternal war which can mean nothing but disarray and death.

3. "I consider this the greatest day in my life. Hitherto I have always found something to regret in the Jewish soul, and that is the forgetfulness of its own people. Today I have made happy by the sight of the Jewish people learning to recognize themselves and to make themselves recognized as a force in the world. This is a great age, the age of the liberation of the Jewish soul; and it has been accomplished through the Zionist movement, so that no one in the world will be able to destroy it."

Albert Einstein
Tel Aviv, 2/2/23

Letter From Sai-gon



In past Peace Newsletters, Peace Council members have been asked to write letters protesting the imprisonment and torture of South Vietnamese students who work for peace. The last such appeal was several months ago when word was received of the imprisonment of Vu thi Dung, a young woman active in the anti-war movement in Saigon. Many Peace Council members wrote letters and we are most happy to announce that we have recently received word of Dung's release.

Right on the heels of this happy news, however, we received the following letter from Saigon:

March 1, 1972
Saigon, Viet-Nam

Dear Friends,

We wish to make an urgent announcement regarding the current situation of the medical student, Huynh Tan Mam, Chairman of the Sai-gon Student Union and Chairman of the Provisional Representative Board of the Students of South Viet-Nam.

He was arrested without warrant on January 5 and has not been brought to trial. One student, who has just been released from the Sai-gon Metropolitan Police Station's prison, reports that he witnessed Mam being tortured by the police. When Mam was last seen, blood was flowing from his eyes and ears. A liquid, possibly sodium pentathol, had been injected into his arm veins, and he had been conscious only intermittently for several days.

We denounce this illegal arrest and barbarous torture of a student by the Sai-gon police. The Thieu government must be held completely responsible for the physical condition of Huynh Tan Mam, and the sixty-one other students imprisoned since last October's election farce.

Some days after Mam was secretly arrested, the Sai-gon authorities released the news to pro-government newspapers that Mam had fled to the other side and was being traced by police. In fact, he was already in prison. Students here believe that this was a pretext created to justify the arrest, torture, and eventual elimination of Mam.

The Thieu government could not repress our people in this manner if it did not have the backing of the Nixon administration. We call for the support of all American students in an immediate effort to end this backing NOW...in order that all political factions may participate in a government of self-determination for the Vietnamese people.

Sincerely,
Loain
Pham Trong Hat
Secretary-General,
Sai-gon Student Representative Council

The thing that the Saigon regime fears most is that the American public will learn about and object to such repression. A strong protest from the people of the U.S. is the only thing that can save the life of Huynh Tan Mam. Please write a letter of protest or telegram today to: 1. Embassy of Vietnam, 2251 R St. NW, Washington, DC; 2. U.S. State Dept., S.E. Asia Desk, Washington, DC. Also write to any Congressperson or Senator whom you think would act on Mam's behalf.

Remember that these brave South Vietnamese students have the courage to act because they are confident of the support they will receive from us. Don't let them down.

Response from Congressman Terry &

As part of the recent Fast for Life several hundred Syracusans wrote to their Congressmen asking them to act to stop the war. So far we know of no response from Congressman Hanley. Congressman Terry sent out the same response to all who wrote to him. That response is reproduced below and a reply to it is on the next page.

JOHN H. TERRY
24TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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40 WEST MAIN STREET
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Mr. Anthony Avirgan
400 Kirk Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13205

Dear Mr. Avirgan:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the war in Indochina. I share your concern for a conclusion of the war at the earliest possible date.

I believe we are on the correct path at the present time. As you know, the troop strength in Vietnam will be down to 69,000 by May 1 and the likelihood is that there will be a further reduction in the months beyond that time.

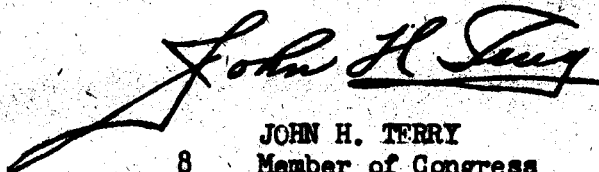
I am concerned that there has been little response from the North Vietnamese or the Viet Cong about the President's peace proposal. As you are probably aware, there has been an offer made for total withdrawal of troops, which incidentally would have been accomplished by now, if there had been any movement by the other side.

Our government has offered cessation of all military action and called for new elections, without the present Saigon administration in power.

I believe there has to be some positive reaction from the other side before the war can be totally stopped. I think it is important to remember that the war in Vietnam will not stop merely by the United States removing itself from the conflict. There has to be an agreement to settle the conflict involving all sides to the war.

I appreciate your informing me of your opinion on this very important issue and hope that my answer has provided you with the basis of my position. Best regards.

Sincerely,



JOHN H. TERRY
Member of Congress

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a Reply

March 28, 1972

Dear Congressman Terry:

Thank you for your letter of March 8 which explained the basis of your position on Vietnam. I am happy to know that you share my "concern for a conclusion of the war at the earliest possible date". However, I find your arguments for supporting President Nixon's policy to be lacking in basis in fact.

I do not believe, as you do, that we are on the correct path at the present time. Far from it, our current policy can only mean prolonged war and suffering for the people of Indochina. We do not disagree that many American ground troops have been withdrawn. The problem now is American air power and support of the Thieu regime. These issues are quite interrelated as the Thieu regime could not stand without the bombing and the massive input of U.S. taxpayers' money. It is a ruthless, repressive, undemocratic regime that does not have the support of the Vietnamese people and should not have our support.

You say that there has been little response from the North Vietnamese or the "Viet Cong" to the President's peace proposal. That is not so. The President's proposal has been rejected as he surely knew it would be before he presented it. It is a proposal designed to keep the present regime in power.

You state that our government "has offered cessation of all military action and called for new elections, without the present Saigon administration in power". That simply is not true. The President's proposal made no mention of a stopping of the bombing throughout Indochina or of the withdrawal of U.S. air bases and carriers which surround that beleaguered part of the world. The offer to have Thieu and his vice president step down one month before the election is meaningless since all of Thieu's administrative apparatus would remain in power and the reins of the government would be taken over by the president of the senate, a strong Thieu supporter. The election would be "open to all", yet the U.S.'s "Phoenix" program which offers a bounty for dead communist cadre would still be in effect.

The plan contains many other deceptions which I would be happy to discuss with you in the future either by letter or in person.

You say that "it is important to remember that the war in Vietnam will not stop merely by the United States removing itself from the conflict". I say that it is important to remember that there would not be a war in Indochina were it not for U.S. interference in the internal affairs of the countries of Southeast Asia. The war in Indochina is, and has been for almost twenty years, a U.S. war. (Please read the Pentagon Papers.) Now we must get our guns, our planes, our bombs and our money out of there, so that the people of Indochina can settle their own affairs.

You say that there "has to be an agreement to settle the conflict involving all sides to the war". There has been a workable proposal for such an agreement; unfortunately, it has not come from the U.S.

The future for Indochina looks very dim at the present time. With the U.S. escalating the air war at the same time that it has called off the Paris Peace Talks, a clear message has gone out to the world that we intend to settle this conflict on the battlefield rather than at the negotiating table.

I urge you to come to Syracuse to meet with Syracuse Peace Council members, to see our slide show The Automated Air War, and to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Tony Avirgan
Tony Avirgan
Syracuse Peace Council

Thoughts on W-4 Resistance

For the vast majority of Americans, meaningful income tax resistance depends on the elimination (total or partial) of withholding by employer. The basic premise of the withholding system is that by the end of the year, the amount withheld by the employer (and paid to the government) will equal the employee's tax liability. It follows logically that if a tax resister owes no federal income tax (or owes only a percentage of that claimed by IRS); nothing (or only the percentage) should be withheld by the employer.

The amount the employer will withhold is based upon the information he or she receives from each employee. Normally, that information is transmitted on a "Withholding Exemption Certificate." The normal certificate, form W-4, contains five lines on which numbers may be entered, and a box at the bottom (line 7) where the numbers are totaled. The employer uses this total as the basis for withholding. For example, a single person earning \$140/week and claiming 1 exemption would have \$20.20 withheld (\$1,050.40/year). If the same person claimed 10 exemptions, nothing would be withheld. A claim of 5 exemptions would result in \$10.80 being withheld each week (\$561.60/year).

The top line of the W-4 is for single persons to claim themselves; line 2 is for married persons; lines 4a and 4b are for over-age and blindness exemptions; line 5 is for dependants; and line 6 is for withholding allowances (more on this later on). The entry of a number in any of these lines involves the supplying of some information. Thus, if the number 2 were entered on line 4a, this would be the same as saying: "I am married, and both my spouse and myself are over 65." Placing the number 14 on line 5 says: "I am entitled to exemptions for 14 dependants, as defined by IRS on the reverse side of the W-4 form."

A number of people have sought to reduce or eliminate withholding by inflating their number of withholding exemptions. Among these are two Philadelphians who are presently under indictment. Jack Malinowski claimed himself on line 1 and claimed 14 dependants on line 5, for a total of 15. Henry Braun made no entries on the W-4 except for a "10" which he placed in the box on line 7.

The provision under which these prosecutions were brought is § 7203 of the Internal Revenue Code. This is the only section under which a W-4 resister may be prosecuted:

"Any individual required to supply information to his employer who willfully supplies false or fraudulent information shall, in lieu of any other penalty provided by law, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both."

In Jack's case, the government contended that the false information supplied was: "Under IRS regulations, I am entitled to exemptions for 14 dependants." Since Jack admitted that he did not have 14 dependants as defined by IRS, the trial judge steered the case to a verdict of guilty. Numerous points were raised as part of the defense. One of the most significant—whether the government established that Jack acted "willfully"—is discussed later on in this article. Another aspect of the defense will be mentioned briefly here.

Since the crime charged is the supplying of "false information," the context in which the W-4 was submitted must be taken into consideration. Thus Jack (as well as Henry and most other W-4 resisters) attached his W-4 to a letter which explained, in fuller terms, what was being done, and why. It was argued in Jack's case that the "information" contained in the letter made it clear that Jack was saying: "Because I cannot lawfully pay for the war, I must stop my employer from withholding, by claiming 14 dependants." It

should be noted that 14 was not a number chosen at random; rather, it was the 14 real people who, together with Jack, formed the Philadelphia WTR Alternative Fund.

The trial judge has yet to make a final ruling on this point, as well as a number of others. Until he does, Jack will remain unsentenced. If the judge dismisses the defense arguments, Jack will then be sentenced and will thereafter appeal.

In Henry's case, by contrast, there is no specific statement which the government can claim is "false." As such, the judge (not the same as in Jack's case) has been putting pressure on the government to dismiss the case. Even if the government does not dismiss, there is a very real likelihood that Henry would be acquitted on this one point.

Form W-4/Schedule A

The government's ability to prosecute a W-4 resister can be even further curtailed through two different methods of W-4 resistance: (1) use of the Schedule A with the W-4, and (2) use of the W-4E.



NO MORE
DOLLARS
FOR DEATH

As indicated above, line 6 of the W-4 is for "withholding allowances." These "allowances" are computed on the Schedule A (not to be confused with the Schedule A to the Form 1040). The reason for the Schedule A is to make provision for a taxpayer who expects to have a large amount of itemized deductions. If taxes were withheld at the normal rate, such a taxpayer would be entitled to a substantial refund at the end of the year. The table on the back of the Schedule A converts the "expected itemized deductions" (a dollar amount) into "withholding allowances" (a number which is inserted on line 9 of the Schedule A and line 6 of the W-4).

The Schedule A process would be applicable to any tax resister who believed that, as a result of the illegal and immoral conduct of the U.S. Government, some or all of the federal taxes claimed could not lawfully be collected. If one held such a belief (and it is the view of many noted scholars that such a belief is correct), it would be necessary to improvise some basis for preparing one's income tax returns, since IRS has not, as yet, seen fit to follow the LAW of this country, which includes not only the Internal Revenue Code, but also numerous principles of International Law to which the United States has subscribed.

One possible improvization (and the one suggested for use in connection with a W-4/Schedule A) is to anticipate the claim of a "war crimes deduction" on the 1040. It would be this "expected war crimes" deduction that would be reflected on the Schedule A. It should be noted that the Schedule A does not require any indication as to what the "expected deductions" will be for.

If the government attempted to prosecute a tax resister who submitted a W-4/Schedule A, the only false statement they could point to would be: "I am entitled to a war crimes deduction because . . ." Such a statement reflects a legal conclusion which has never been ruled upon by any court, and which, as noted above, enjoys the support of many noted scholars.

It seems quite clear that the government could not prove such a statement was false, let alone that the maker of the statement acted willfully. To prove willfulness, the government must prove that the statement was false and that the person knew it was false at the time the statement was made.

The landmark case concerning the interpretation of the concept of "willfulness" as it is applied to prosecutions under the Internal Revenue Code is *United States v. Murdock*, 290 U.S. 389 (1933). The defendant was prosecuted for refusal to supply information to an Internal Revenue Officer under what is now § 7203. The defendant's refusal was based on his belief that he was protected by the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination and thus did not have to give the information. At the time of the refusal, the law was unsettled as to the scope of the 5th Amendment privilege. After the criminal charges were brought, the Supreme Court held that the 5th Amendment did not apply, and thus Murdock was wrong in his refusal to supply the information. However, the Supreme Court held that he was not guilty of the crime charged because his actions were not willful; and his actions were not willful because he reasonably believed that the course he took was in accordance with the law.

The same analysis would apply to a tax resister who reasonably believes that the LAW requires every American to refuse to be in complicity with the criminal actions of the U.S. government.

Form W-4E

The W-4E form is not based upon withholding exemptions. Thus, the only numbers on the form are the date and the taxpayer's address and social security number. All the form requires, in addition to the foregoing, is the taxpayer's signature to the following statement:

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"Under penalties of perjury, I certify that I incurred no liability for Federal income tax for 1971 and that I anticipate that I will incur no liability for Federal income tax for 1972."

After the form is accepted by the employer, no income taxes will be withheld. The form was created for employees who earned less than \$1,700 per year, but it should be noted that the form is not limited to persons with such an income. Recall that every year there are always a number of taxpayers who earn more than \$1,000,000 and pay no federal income tax.

For the reasons referred to above, a person could reasonably believe that since the government was acting in a criminal fashion in Indochina, no tax liability was incurred in 1971 and none will be incurred in 1972. As in the case of the W-4/Schedule A, the government could not prove that a tax resister who signed the W-4E will fully supplied "false information."

With the government facing such a difficult task, it is probable that it would not even attempt to indict a tax resister who submitted a W-4/Schedule A or a W-4E. Certainly, it could not get a conviction, in either case.

W-4 Resistance and Employers

Some W-4 resisters have encountered problems in dealing with their employers. A solid point to rely upon is the fact that an employer is under absolutely no obligation and can incur no liability so long as it follows the directions of the employee (as set forth on the W-4/Schedule A or W-4E).

In Jack's case, the District Director of IRS sent a letter to Jack's employer which stated:

"Under the Internal Revenue Code you must withhold on the basis of the information furnished on the Form W-4."

This was reinforced by Thomas F. Martin, regional chief of IRS intelligence, who testified at a pre-trial hearing, as follows:

Q. Does the agent or do you have the power to direct the employer in the case to simply stop honoring the false W-4 and to begin withholding the correct amount?

A. I don't think anybody in the IRS has that authority. I don't believe the District Director does. I believe it is one of the regulations that they must withhold in accordance with the exemptions on the certificate.

The regulation, by the way, is §31.3401(e)(1)(b).

Of course, the most important point is the nature of the employer-employee relationship. It may not be advisable to let the employer know you are a tax resister. In such a case, it is suggested that a letter of full explanation be sent to IRS (or made public in some other way) at the time the withholding certificate is filed. On the other hand, many employers may be ripe for a good consciousness raising experience, and the filing of a W-4/Schedule A or W-4E may be an excellent vehicle. Perhaps the employer will become an income tax resister, or at least a telephone tax resister; or he or she may be willing to help his/her tax resisting employees by refusing to honor IRS levies; or he or she may join B.E.M.; or he or she may do something...

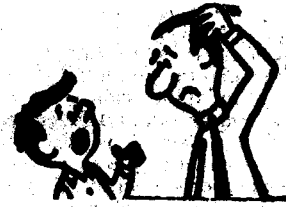
In a nutshell, play it by ear. But if necessary, remember that the law (their version) is on the side of the tax resister, especially at the point when the objective is to put an end to withholding.

John David Egnal
Lawyer for Jack Malinowski

CAMPUS CANVASSED

The Campus Canvassing committee sent a mailing to all the faculty at Syracuse University. The mailing consisted of an SPC committee sheet plus a fact sheet with an invitation to receive the Peace Newsletter. The response has just started to come in with about 10 people put on the mailing list.

How Does The Peace Council Get Its Funds?



From you! SPC is supported entirely by individual contributions and by fundraising events SPC members organize. If it seems that the SPC bank account is nearly always empty -- it is. Money raised from "The Trial of the Catonsville Nine" has already been used to pay back bills. Because SPC depends on voluntary contributions, bills are paid when money comes in. Consequently, except for a brief period after the initial finance mailing of the year, SPC exists, financially, on a week by week basis.

This may seem like an unsound practice, but it is carried out for two reasons: necessity and faith in the Peace Council membership. Members will make contributions because SPC work is so important.

The Peace Council puts as little time as possible in fundraising and as much as possible into the cause of peace. We try to find fundraising events like the "Trial of the Catonsville Nine" which because of their educational value are worth doing whether they raise funds or not. However, we are not always so fortunate and other fundraising must be done. You can help keep SPC from diverting energy into fundraising by taking out your check book and writing a check.

AUTO CO-OP

If you can't afford the incompetence and high prices of many garages then the Auto Co-op is the place for you. Call Kay, 478-0446 for more info.

APRIL MONDAY DINNERS



"Les gros Peissons mangent les petits." Drawing by F. Bouchet the Elder, after Jerome Bosch. What sense of fun is expressed here. " Big fishes eat the little ones." Go pose the proverb. But where did the artist see such a sight?

- 3rd- FARMWORKERS UNION and the new lettuce boycott.
- 10th- TAX RESISTANCE WORKSHOP. Your questions answered.
- 17th- PLAN FUTURE TAX RESISTANCE STRATEGY
Later leaflet during last minute rush of taxpayers to the Post Office
- 24th- CENTRAL NEW YORK PREMIER of U.S. TECHNIQUE AND GENOCIDE, a new film from North Vietnam.

The Direct Action Project of the Peace Council holds a free potluck dinner every Monday. The dinner are followed by a talk or film and informal discussion. Everyone is welcome!

UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHURCH
E. Genesee and University
6:30 pm

For more information call 446-5656



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The Trial of the Catonsville Nine

SPC was able to raise \$1,600 from the three benefit performances of "The Trial Of The Catonsville Nine" by Dan Berrigan put on by the Salt City Playhouse March 9th, 10th, and 12th. The benefit was a great help, enabling us to pay all of our outstanding bills.

The play was a moving experience that gave many SPC members a much fuller understanding of the personal and moral motives of the defendants in the Catonsville draft file burning case.

The following SPC members worked to make the benefit a success:
Shirley Letizia, Pat Durgin, Ruth Janks, Elaine Lytel, Judy Hand, Mildred Siminoff, Tom and Mary Cobb.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Feb. 15-Mar. 15, 1972

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Donations	479.00
	Benefit (Catonsville)	1231.23
	Literature Sales	166.11
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	1876.34
<u>EXPENSES</u>	Rent	59.35
	Phone	107.46
	Postage	146.08
	Office Supplies	342.72
	Literature	293.00
	Cards	19.25
	Calendars	26.50
	Miscellaneous	40.96
	Salaries 746.42	990.28
	Taxes 243.86	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	2025.60

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Bank Balance-Mar. 15, 1972 261.76

TOWN MEETING

Syracuse Demands Federal Tax Dollars
Be Used For Human Needs

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 1972

MIDTOWN PLAZA
700 WATER STREET
ROOM 742

1-4pm

Many community groups will present testimony to

PANEL MEMBERS

ROSEMARY POOLER City Consumer Advocate
NICK PINTO Executive Secretary County and City Workers
ANNA TOMPSON, Executive Director Spanish Action League
BOB GRIMM Executive Secretary Metropolitan Church Board
JOHN MURRAY Former Councilman
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Jim Harlow

NEIGHBORHOODS

The F-M Peace Council will hold a meeting Wed., April 19 at 8pm at the United Church, Fayetteville. Jerry Ciekot will speak on the Peace Task Force of the Metropolitan Church Board.

The J-D Peace Council will have a meeting jointly with the SPC Middle East Committee Sun., April 23 at 8pm at the home of Ona Bregman, 108 Andrews Rd.

The Westcott Peace Council is planning to leaflet the Westcott & Nottingham shopping districts on Sat., April 8. They will hold a meeting at 8pm, April 19, at the home of Sue Strunk, 834 Westcott St. The group also plans a film showing sometime during the month.

UNSELL THE WAR

The UNSELL committee, as part of Clergy and Lay's nationwide campaign is continuing to work to get antiwar public service ads on radio and TV. Bishop Ralph Ward has sent a letter to all radio and TV stations requesting that they carry the ads.

In addition sample tapes have been sent to all stations. The next step is to monitor the stations to see whether or not the ads are used. If necessary delegations will go to speak to station managers.

TAX RESISTANCE WEEK

Several SPC committees are hard at work planning a full week of activities April 10-17 focussing on the misuse of the tax dollar on military spending. Your support is needed to insure the week will have maximum possible impact on the community.

Every day during the week the slide show The Automated Air War will be shown in a downtown location. *Sibley's*

Starting April 10 a large mobile display will be driven through downtown Syracuse. A large billboard designed by Joan Rathenberg will show in a graphic way the human suffering caused by the air war and will outline ways the tax dollar could be put to constructive use.

Wednesday April 12 will see SPC members gathering at noon at Hunter Place to lodge a personal protest with IRS at having 61% of the tax dollar taken for military spending.

The high point of the week will be a Town Meeting at Midtown Plaza Saturday April 15, 1-4pm where individuals and many community groups will testify on military spending and local needs.

The week will end the evening of April 17 as the tax deadline nears. The mobile display will be present at the Main Post Office. Persons mailing their tax returns will be leafleted.

It is assumed that the ballot box is the major point that the government gains the power to fight wars. In fact it may be the payment of taxes that forms the greatest basis of power for the military industrial complex to steam ahead.

It is very important that the people of Syracuse understand exactly what they are getting for their tax dollar. It is time for a real tax revolt.

TOWN MEETING APRIL 15

Deadline for filing your income tax return. What better time to make a reassessment of where your tax money goes? In an effort to make this possible for all Syracusans, the Syracuse Peace Council has planned a Town Meeting to do just that. It will be held Saturday, April 15th from 1-4p.m., at Midtown Plaza Rm 742.

Why isn't there enough money for local services? 61% of the Federal budget goes for the cost of wars; only 17% for human resources (education, services, health, income security); 11% for physical resources, commerce, transportation, community development, & housing; and only another 11% for all other costs (international affairs and finance, space, general government, revenue-sharing, non-military pay increases, contingencies).

A Town Meeting will give community groups and individuals a chance to testify on how they have been affected by lack of local funds and speak to

the question "Why are we being short-changed in cities like Syracuse while the Federal budget swells with military spending?" There will be a panel of five community people to receive testimony on military spending and local needs. Panel members to date are: Bob Grimm, Director, Metropolitan Church Board; Nick Pinto, Executive Secretary of County and City Employees; Rosemary Pooler, Consumer Protection Agency; Anna Tompson, Director, Spanish Action League.

The panel will summarize testimony and it will be submitted as a report to elected officials, participants in the Town Meeting, and all other appropriate community agencies. It may form the basis of legislative action at state or local level.

If you belong to a group which would like to testify, call Ronnie Vitacolonna at 446-7523. Work to invite your friends to participate in this important event.

calls Dave Mon & Tues
will go up ca. 12:30
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Get commitment
read letters
ahead in just 2 go to IRS
work letters
town mtg sat.

Scott Brady

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PROTEST WAR TAXES AT IRS

SYRACUSENS TO PROTEST WAR TAXES AT IRS

Are you caught in a bind: hating to pay 61% of your taxes to the military; yet not feeling free to refuse to pay the tax?

Have you considered paying the tax under protest? You are urged to join with other Peace Council members Wednesday April 12, 1972 to carry out such a protest. Peace Council members and other concerned Syracuseans will gather at Hunter Plaza, corner of South Salina and East Fayette at noon.

We will go upstairs to the IRS office to deliver our tax returns in person with a letter of protest. We will explain to IRS how strongly we feel. (If you have decided to refuse to pay part or all you tax, this protest is for you, also. It would be an excellent time for you to make your tax resistance public.)

The following is a sample of the kind of letter you might write:

IRS
Hunter Plaza
South Salina & East Fayette
Syracuse, NY

Dear People:

I am sending in my tax forms with a feeling of deep anger. 61% of my tax money goes to pay for war and the preparation for war.*

I am not opposed to paying taxes. I would gladly pay if I felt that my tax money was going to meet human needs in this society and around the world. However, it agonizes me to pay for the bombing in Indochina. I am convinced that our huge military establishment, with power enough to destroy the planet, is not protecting my family, but rather threatening to cause our annihilation.

I will no longer pay my taxes in silence.

Sincerely,

Ira
Ira Taxpayer

*The claim of the Nixon Administration that much less is spent on war is a result of deceptive juggling of figures. Expenditures from huge trust funds such as Social Security have incorrectly been added to the total U.S. expenditure to give the impression that a much higher percentage of the budget is spent on human resources than is actually the case.

TAX RESISTANCE FUND

With over six hundred dollars in the bank the War Tax Resistance Fund is finally a reality. With the increase in the tax resistance movement both locally and nationally it is only natural that tax resisters should pool their resources and attempt to fulfill the job that the government is not doing. To accomplish this a fund has been started from which interest-free loans will be granted to community groups working to fulfill the needs of its citizens.

People interested in learning about the fund should come to a potluck dinner on Sunday, April 9 at the Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. at 6:30pm. Following the dinner will be a meeting of the fund.

FILM COMMITTEE REPORT

SPC films shown in March were:

Slide show	18 times
Cartoons	1
Another Family for Peace	1
Holy Outlaw	7
Hiroshima	1
No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger	1
Selling of the Pentagon	5
Vietnam: How We Got In, etc.	1

APRIL 1972 CALENDAR

- Sat 1 Mass demonstration in Harrisburg, Pa.
- Mon 3 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, University.
- Sat 1 Mass demonstration in Harrisburg, Pa.
- Mon 3 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, University Methodist Church, 6:30pm. Farmworkers Union & the new lettuce boycott. All invited.
- Sun 9 War Tax Resistance Fund meeting, 6:30pm potluck dinner, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. All invited.
- Sun 9 Richard Baishline, director of program development for the IFLU Assoc. and executive director of the Action for Clean Air Committee, will speak on "Human Attitudes Toward the Environment" 10:30 AM, May Memorial Church. There will be a special environmental service with talk back after the service.
- Mon 10 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, University Methodist Church, 6:30pm. Tax Resistance workshop. Your questions answered. All invited.
- Sat 15 Arts & Crafts Fair, "Joy In Creating", 10am-6pm, First Presbyterian Church, 620 W. Genesee St. Sponsored by Church Women United. Proceeds go to AFSC Selective Service Info. Program. All invited.

- Mon-Mon 10-17 Tax Resistance Week in Syracuse. Many activities planned. See elsewhere in PNL for details.
- Wed 12 Citizens Prison Group Meeting, 8pm, Grace Episcopal Church, all welcome.
- Mon 17 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, University Methodist Church, 6:30pm. Plan future tax resistance strategy, then leaflet during last-minute rush of taxpayers to the Post Office. All invited.
- Tues 18 SPC Steering Committee mtg., 8pm, Church Center. All welcome.
- Wed 19 Westcott Peace Council meeting, 8pm, home of Sue Strunk, 83h Westcott St. All welcome.
- Wed 19 F-N Peace Council meeting, 8pm, United Church, P'ville. Jerry Ciekot speaking on MCB Peace Task Force.
- Sun 23 Middle East and J-D Peace Council joint meeting, 8pm, home of One Drogan, 108 Andrews Road.
- Mon 24 Monday Night Potluck Dinner, University Methodist Church, 6:30pm. Central New York Premiere of U.S. Nuclear and Genocide, a new film from North Vietnam.

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WAR ESCALATES



PEOPLE RESPOND

NYS ROUND-UP

CANDLELIGHT MARCH

"CRISIS IN VIETNAM" CIRCULATED

AIR FORCE RECRUITING STATION BLOCKED

ANTI-WAR ACTIONS UPPER N Y STATE

COLGATE

60 people fasted in protest of escalation April 12 - 14; 19th - 1000 people vote overwhelmingly to strike on Friday; 20 - silent candlelight march through Hamilton with door-to-door leafletting giving analysis and things to do; 21 - Ecumenical Peace service, community lunch on Quad, workshops, showing of Air War slide show, electoral work, canvassing in nearby Norwich, 800 letters sent to Congressmen, 22 - downtown theatre used to show slide show, storefront in Hamilton opened, Most important students and townspeople are coming together to work against the war.

OSWEGO

19th - plane drops anti-personnel bomb leaflets; 20 - 300 rally; 21 - 700 march 1½ miles into downtown Oswego, 3 times guerrilla theatre people kill marchers with bombing raids; carloads to NYC for 22nd; Oswego Student Association refusing phone tax; 25 - 500 see Air War slide show; actions at Air Force recruiting office continuing.

CORTLAND

18th - impromptu rally, 150; 20 - slide show, planning meeting, 200, later candlelight march around SUNY campus with 250 people; 21 - alternate classroom discussion, noon rally with 350; guerrilla theatre at open education conference, leafletting downtown; 23 - petitions circulated; 24 - structure set up to organize for May 4 actions and future.

SENECA FALLS

Eisenhower College sent 50 people to NYC for 22nd; slide show shown to about 100 people week of 17th.

BUFFALO

University of Buffalo on strike 21st; support of Buffalo 5 continues; 21st - 800 rally downtown followed by rally at YMCA.

ALBANY

21st - 1,000 march 5 miles to Federal building in downtown Albany; 90 people go to Emergency March NYC on 22nd; many phone calls made to White House, telegrams sent.

TROY

21st - 150 people march to Federal Building and recruiting offices.

ITHACA

20th - strike called; 2,500 rally on Cornell campus; 21 - largest march in Ithaca history, over 2,000, proceeds to downtown rally, Ithaca College students and many townspeople join march; canvassing, leafletting, workshops follow rally and continue; 22 - 300-400 go to NYC.

ONEONTA

19th - 17 people dressed as Vietnamese die on Main St.; 21 - rally with 200; 22 - 400 people march downtown for 1 hour silent vigil, VVAW does guerrilla theatre; 24 - films, workshops.

DELHI

21st - about 250 people view slide show.

UTICA

21st - Mohawk Valley Community College holds first anti-war rally in its history; 22 - bus plus many cars to NYC; 24 - 50 people hold candlelight march.

BINGHAMTON

20th - Harpur calls 2 day strike; 21 - rally at Federal building with 400 people; 22 - noon Saturday to 9 pm Sunday 60 people hold vigil at Court House - 33 straight hours.

ROCHESTER

17th - Daily Death Toll demonstration at IRS, 5 arrests; 21 - 600 rally at Federal building

SYRACUSE CAMPUSES RESPOND

The escalation of the war sparked protest activity at Syracuse University. Thursday night, April 20th Hendricks Chapel on the campus was filled to capacity for a teach-in on the war. Plans were laid for a march the next day.

Friday noon 1,000 students gathered in Walnut Park for a march downtown to the Air Force Recruiting station on Erie Blvd. West to protest the bombing. Some students set up a picket line while others sat-in blocking the entrances to the recruiting station. As a result of this civil disobedience, 30 persons were arrested.

On Monday April 24, 150 S.U. students set up a picket line around the Armed Forces Induction Center to protest and make clear that while the administration talks of troop withdrawals, many more sailors and pilots are going to Indochina than soldiers brought home. The picket was maintained throughout the day.

The students plan to maintain their protest -- additional actions are scheduled now for dormitories.

LE MOYNE

Two seminarians fasted for 4 days in protest of the escalation of the war. Prompted in part by the fast, Father Reilly, head of LeMoyne spoke out against the war. On Friday, April 21 a teach-in using the Automated Air War slide show was held. A mass followed. A number of LeMoyne students joined the demonstration at the Air Force recruiting station and joined the Emergency March in NYC on Saturday.

O.C.C.

Dave Ross of VVAW spoke and the film Winter Soldier was shown April 17. Many Vietnam vets attended. About 100 people were at the teach-in on Strike Day. OCC faculty and students spoke, music was played then the meeting adjourned to the Air Force Recruiting station to join the demonstration.



Demonstrators block entrance to air force recruiting station

EMERGENCY CANDLELIGHT MARCH

Over 300 persons stood in silence, each held a candle representing the life of a Vietnamese citizen. One by one the candles were snuffed out in turn, just as hundreds of Vietnamese people are snuffed out each day by the heaviest bombing the world has ever known.

An emergency meeting of the Peace Council steering committee had been called Sunday night, April 16th, in response to the bombing of Haiphong and Hanoi to plan ways to protest the escalation of the war. One of the first actions, less than 24 hours later, was an emergency candlelight march Monday night, April 17th. The SPC phone network had been activated Sunday night. Calling was done throughout Monday continuing until the 7:30 p.m. starting time. As a

GOODBYE

With deep and sincere grief, Syracuse Monthly Meeting of Friends announces the death of Mildred Whitney on February 29 at the home of her brother Leon Whitney in New Jersey.

After Mildred's retirement from 36 years of teaching science at East Syracuse High School, she joined her brother Norman in 1958 in travels to European Friends Meetings. Returning to Philadelphia, she worked for peace tirelessly and with dedication at American Friends Service Committee, Friends World College, and in the Philadelphia Friends Meeting.

After Norman's death in 1968, Mildred returned to her many school friends and to Syracuse Friends Meeting, where she was active as recorder and served on several committees.

The Syracuse Peace Council and Syracuse Fellowship of Reconciliation also benefited from her generous service. Mildred was a permanent member of the Steering Committee of the Peace Council.

A most appropriate statement regarding Mildred's personality was made by a former pupil in an East Syracuse class: "She was a wonderful person, warm and direct. Her no-nonsense honesty was warmly and deeply felt."

result of this work over 300 persons came to the Armed Forces induction center on South Salina street for the start of the March-with-candles.

The march proceeded single file down Salina Street to the steps of the Federal Building on Clinton Square. The mood of the participants was quiet and serious. People left the Federal Building with a determination to carry on the protest during the coming weeks. This quick response to the escalation of the war by the Peace Council of Syracuse, as well as by Peace groups throughout the country, means that the Nixon Administration will be facing greater pressure as it tries to continue the war.

EMERGENCY

On Sunday morning, April 16, the world was given the shocking news that the U.S. was bombing Hanoi and Haiphong. All Peace Council members felt the need for a quick response and that evening there was an emergency session of the steering committee.

The meeting was well attended and quickly got down to serious business as everyone felt a sense of urgency. Many plans were discussed and eventually a program was decided upon. The Phone Network was immediately activated and Peace Council members were asked to send telegrams to Washington and to attend an emergency candlelight procession the next evening (reported on elsewhere in this PNL). There were also committees established to follow up on other activities throughout the week.

The members of the Steering Committee and the Phone Network all performed meritorious service in this time of crisis.

OPINIONS COSTLY IN HERALD-JOURNAL

At the Steering Committee meeting April 16, a very dominant sense was that we needed to make the greatest possible effort to communicate with the Syracuse community. What better way than to take a full page ad in CNY's largest circulation paper the alleged Herald-Journal. But a full page "opinion"

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NIXON'S PLAN FAILS

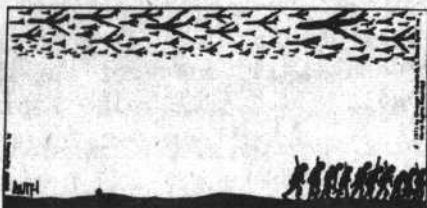
Each day in past weeks Richard Nixon's vietnamization plan has been battered apart on the battlefields of Vietnam. For years the Peace Council has been countering government claims that the war is "winding down". The Peace Council has pointed out that: 1. although U.S. ground troops were being slowly withdrawn, they were being replaced by more deadly air power; 2. The will of the people of Vietnam to throw-off foreign domination and defeat a foreign controlled Saigon government was just as strong as ever; 3. That Vietnamization was a farce since a conscripted army would not fight well for a government which the soldiers do not support; 4. That the Thieu regime could not stand without the U.S. military behind it and that Richard Nixon and the Pentagon were committed to stay behind it. Recent events have proven all of these points.

The recent offensive mounted by the National Liberation Front and North Vietnamese forces has clearly demonstrated the weakness of the Thieu regime, both in terms of military strength and popular support. From the Mekong Delta to the Central Highlands to the northern provinces of south Vietnam camps and firebases have been overrun. The Saigon army has shown no willingness to die for the interests of the United States government. Often looting has been their major preoccupation.

Richard Nixon has responded in anger by unleashing the most massive air and naval bombardments of the war and has bombed Hanoi and Haiphong. Out of desperation he has resorted to the brutal and unsuccessful tactics of Lyndon Johnson.

Vietnamization has failed. Americanization has failed. What is left is Richard Nixon, unable to accept the inevitable failure of Vietnamization, unleashing his anger on the people of Indochina.

Now is the time for Americans to redouble their efforts and stop the Nixon administration so that the people of Indochina can settle their own affairs without foreign interference.



NATIONAL ACTION DAY

MAY 4 VIGIL

LINE S. SALINA ST. 11:30 AM
TO 1 PM THURSDAY, MAY 4

May 4th has been named as the date for nationwide actions in protest of the escalation of the war. In Syracuse, a vigil will be held from 11:30am to 1:00pm, with participants lining Salina Street, holding identical signs. Assemble at Hunter Plaza (corner S. Salina and E. Fayette) at 11:00am.

SPC NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

On Good Friday the Westcott Neighborhood Group hosted 11 people from the Mid-hudson Nonviolence Center who were on their way to present money to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for assistance to the Vietnamese. A much needed garage sale is being planned for May. Call Sue Strunk, 472-3726, if you can help.

All the SPC Neighborhood Groups have been assisting with the large scale activities of the last several weeks. The presence of neighborhood constituencies which have worked together on projects is a tremendous boost to efforts such as the circulation of Crisis in Vietnam. A new Neighborhood Group has been started in the Salt Springs area. Contact Gloria Whistler at 446-2304.

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OPINIONS

ad by this paper's reputed rates costs \$1800, fully twice as much as a business ad. Opinion control? From an alleged paper? (the headliner machine, muttering something about obscenities, refused to print the paper's allegedly correct name)

TAX WEEK APRIL 10-17

Starting on Saturday, April 8 with the distribution of over 10,000 leaflets, tax resistance week 1972 was under way. The leafletting, which took place downtown and in various shopping centers throughout the city advertised the week's events and also called for an end to the escalation of the bombing of North Vietnam.

AUTOMATED AIR WAR

All week the slide show, "The Automated Air War" was shown in the mall south of Sibley's. A literature table and leafletting accompanied the showing. The response was favorable, as illustrated by one salesman's comment, "how could anyone not be against the war after seeing this show". It was slightly discouraging though to see some people just stop for a second and then continue their shopping.

Air War



OUR TAXES — OUR CHOICE

Meanwhile the Direct Action Project was involved in another phase of the week's activities. Juan Rothenberg and Judy Hand painted three murals for a twelve foot float. The murals depicted Vietnamese women and children in a village being bombed by aircraft and showed where our tax dollars go. The float was driven around downtown all week with a tape recorded message concerning our misplaced priorities broadcast over loudspeakers. Announcements were also made of other Tax Week activities. The impact of the float was considerable on workers and shoppers in the downtown area. Many people who didn't take the time to read it the first several times they saw it were, by the end of the week, considering the float's message. Frequency of appearance was a key to its success.



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TAX WEEK

TAX PROTEST RALLY

On Wednesday, a demonstration was held at I.R.S. headquarters, Hunter Plaza. About forty people participated. A number of personal letters of protest were read and the large, open letter to I.R.S. was signed by many people. A brief problem arose when the size of our letter of protest (4' X 8', not nearly large enough considering the military budget) prevented entrance to the elevator up to I.R.S. Quickly an unlocked (yes, Hunter Plaza locks its stairway doors) stairway was located allowing the "letter" to reach the eager hands of the people of I.R.S.

Following this a group of people went over to the First Federal Savings and Loan Association where the Syracuse Peace Council War Tax Resistance Fund has its account. A member of the Fund issued a statement and some money was collected and deposited in the Fund. SPC recruited a number of people for the emergency action in Washington on April 15.

HAVE A BALLOON

The week was over but, because of the extension, taxes were due on Monday the 17th so the Direct Action Project had one more action. A ballon, with a picture of a guava (anti-personell) bomb, and an attached leaflet detailing what tax money buys, were presented to each last minute taxpayer. This was done on Tuesday night from 10 to midnight as the deadline period was extended another day.

All in all the week's activities were very successful both in involving Peace Council members and media coverage. However if we all go back to our normal activities and forget about what our taxes are buying and how our priorities are misplaced, tax resistance week will have been in vain. Now more than ever we must continue our struggle to redirect our priorities towards life and not death.



Taxpayers protesting at I.R.S.

CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

In response to the feelings of urgency, three people went to the congressional offices of Mr. Hanley and Mr. Terry on Monday morning, the 17th to let them know of our opposition to the US bombings in North Vietnam.

In speaking to the aide of Mr. Hanley we were told that in fact the congressman was very concerned about the increased bombing and would be making a statement to the press about it. We had the impression from our conversation that a strongly worded comment would be issued - but those contained in Tuesday's Post Standard were very disappointing to say the least. It disturbs this writer that Mr. Hanley cannot find it in himself to take a strong stand against Mr. Nixon's policies - but

his present stand does offer some encouragement over the previous ones.

Mr. Terry's office was another story. There his aide told us that Mr. Terry's constituency does not find the war an issue of much concern. In fact it is ninth on a list of ten issues! Therefore he told us, Mr. Terry is much more concerned about ecology as an issue than he is about the war. Knowing that he has a son-in-law who is MIA this attitude somewhat puzzled us and we did point out that the present course of action by the US was hardly going to bring about an early settlement of the "POW-MIA question". Any of you reading this who feel you'd like Mr. Terry to know that you consider the war to be an issue should communicate that to him.



On Saturday, April 15, traditionally income tax day, several hundred Syracusans attended a town meeting in Midtown Plaza.

The meeting, sponsored by the Syracuse Peace Council, was concerned with the waste of money on war, and the areas of human improvement on which federal tax dollars would be better spent.

Various groups and individuals testified on the needs of their causes, and how these causes help the human community. Some groups represented were: the Syracuse Fire Department, the 1012 Free Health Clinic, Laubach Literacy, the Farm Workers Boycott Committee, and Vietnam Veterans Against the War. There were speakers on the environment, cuts in school services and general city and nationwide needs. A few groups supporting presidential candidates and political organizations spoke as well. One speaker, from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said he felt the war wasn't costing us anything, but that poor government was. The general tone was, however, that too much money goes to support death, instead of to improve life.

Several good comments were made by the audience during the Questions-and-Answers period following each speaker. The panel, whose purpose was to prepare a "white paper" report from the testimonies, also had some interesting observations. One of the lighter moments came when Rosemary Pooler, panel member and city Consumer Advocate, suggested that the government fund the "United Way" campaign, and door-to-door collections be taken for the war.

Other members of the panel were: Ana Thompson, Executive Director, Liga De Accion Hispana; Nick Pinto, Executive Secretary, American Federation State, County Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO N.Y.S. Council Number 66; John Murray, former Syracuse Councilman; Robert Grimm, Executive Director, Metropolitan Church Board.

For approximately the first half of the meeting, speakers were limited to five minutes. However, after a time it became evident that in order to come near the four o'clock deadline, some testimonies would have to be shortened or removed completely. Copies of all planned testimony, whether read or not, were submitted to the panel. For the second half, only the most imperative questions were allowed, and many speakers consolidated with others of similar interest, or dropped out of speaking.

There were two short coffee breaks, during which changes in speeches were made and people helped themselves to the refreshments which were available throughout the meeting.

Keeping the testimonies going and helping with the questions was our moderator, Paul Flucke. The Town Meeting ended about 4:30 in the afternoon. But the waste goes on.....

The compiled testimony entitled, Syracuse Demands Federal Taxes Be Used For Human Needs, will be available in booklet form in several weeks. Please contact the office if you would like a copy.

WTR FUND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Concern for the living has led a group of people from Upstate New York to form an interest-free loan fund to make money available for use by community groups. Many people forming the Fund refuse to pay portions of their federal taxes which support war. As a creative alternative, the money pledged is used to help community groups.

Our statement of purpose:

For us, life and the living are overwhelming concerns. Yet our government is allotting increasing amounts of energy and money to war, exploitation and dehumanization. We have therefore decided to cease paying to our government certain portions of our daily wages that contribute to destruction and death.

We choose to redirect this money to community needs that require our support. We feel that this is a just and humane way for us to regain control of our lives.

We have in the past willingly paid a portion of our wages to our government, asking in return that we be fairly represented, our children be educated, our community be safe, our health be protected and our elderly be

cared for. We have become aware that we must be responsible where our government has been irresponsible.

In joy we reaffirm our commitment to life by redirecting our tax money to serve our community.

As of April 23, the Fund has over \$1200. This money represents federal telephone tax, income tax, contributions and portions of member's savings accounts. Inputs into the Fund are of three types: contributions which are nonreturnable, short term deposits and long term deposits. A short term deposit is money loaned to the Fund for a period of six months after which the person may then withdraw it. A long term deposit is money remaining in the Fund a year at which time the member may withdraw it. However, in case of an emergency a member may withdraw their funds at any time. We urge people to contribute their federal phone tax on a monthly basis. Checks should be made out to the Syracuse Peace Council War Tax Resistance Fund and mailed to the office. Anyone having any questions about the Fund or knowing of any organization needing funding should contact the Peace Council. The next meeting of the Fund will be a potluck dinner held Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 PM, 821 Euclid Ave.

ANNOUNCING FAST FOR LIFE

Fast For Life is an ongoing witness against man's ever ongoing inhumanity to man. Its goal is to make individuals personally sensitive to the injustices of war, poverty, race discrimination, and any area of human suffering.

Fasting is not negatively abstaining from food. It can be a positive, quiet, persistent, personal witness against all forms of human injustice and a commitment to work toward a more viable society for human beings.

The essential idea is this:

1--One day, a day of the individuals choosing, to fast to the extent set by the participant.

2--One hour of the day of fasting is to be set aside by the participant in some constructive work for peace. It is suggested that meditation, prayer, writing government representatives, or whatever the individual sees that needs doing be done during this time.

3--Taking the money saved by fasting and using it to support any areas of human improvement that the individual sees in need of help.

The group is non-political, non-denominational. The group is forming. If you see the space in your life for this kind of commitment, or if you have any questions--please call Stan Bennet, any time until 10:00pm 478-4917.



MIDDLE EAST FORUM



Americans often confuse the two separate issues of civil rights and national self-determination in discussing the Palestinian Arabs.

The Palestinian Arabs themselves are clear in their demand for national self-determination---but often they would deny this very right to Israeli Jews.

"The Palestinian Arab people possesses the legal right to its homeland, and when its liberation is completed it will exercise self-determination solely according to its own will and choice."

"Jews who were living in Palestine until the beginning of the Zionist invasion (1917) will be considered Palestinians." "The people of Palestine is part of the Arab nation."

"Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine." "The liberation of Palestine is national duty to repulse the Zionist imperialist invasion and to purge the Zionist presence from Palestine."

"The establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void, because it was contrary to the wish of the people of Palestine [!] and its natural right to its homeland."

"The Palestinian Arab people, in expressing itself through the armed Palestinian revolution, rejects every solution that is a substitute for a complete liberation of Palestine."

---Palestinian National Covenant, as last amended (1968).

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The following statement is excerpted from that written by a Palestinian doctor in 1959. His political situation has not improved in the interim.

"I happen to be a Christian Arab of Christian parents born in Palestine. My home is in Jerusalem where I lived all my life. I am not permitted to go back by the Israelis, not because I declared war on any country, not for occupying other people's homes; and not for persecuting the Jews, but for the simple reason that I was not born a Jew. While American Jews, Austrian Jews and even Arab Jews can go and occupy my home today I cannot do so because I am a Christian. ... (M)y home is only 300 yards away from the armistice line and my clinic is on the other side of the road ... I see people in them, people coming and going but I cannot move an inch forward. If I do, I will be killed and my body will be labeled 'guilty of the criminal act of Arab infiltration.' This infiltration...into one's own home, land, farm, and country has been the cause of the death of hundreds of my countrymen by people who, only a few years ago, were total strangers to the land. Moreover, this home of mine is being offered to any Jew in the world, be he from Warsaw, Tokyo, or the West Indies, if he will condescend to go and take it. The Palestine Arab refugee problem is the transplantation of one people of one faith in the place of other people of other faiths through the force of arms. It is the problem of religious discrimination ... How can we improve the political atmosphere to begin peace talks of any kind if we are still prevented from reaching our homes? ... [The Israelis say that] the mere discussion of 'right of return' will be a 'psychological road block' to a solution."

ON ALERT

The carrier Midway has left San Diego with NUCLEAR weapons for Vietnam.

100 ground crewmen have left Travis Air Force Base for Vietnam.

All F-104's (Fighter Bombers) on the East Coast have left for Vietnam.

All bombers from Beale Air Force Base in California have left for Vietnam.

The aircraft carrier Constellation, supposedly returning home, is being KEPT in Vietnam.

Hamsten Air Force Base in Massachusetts -- brains of the automated air war -- is ON ALERT.

Norton Air Force Base in San Bernadino is ON 3-HOUR ALERT for Vietnam.

Loring Air Force Base in Massachusetts is ON ALERT for the next 30 days.

All planes are ON ALERT at Peas Air Force Base in New Hampshire.

The 3rd Marine division at Okinawa and the 7th Marine division at Camp Pendleton are ON ALERT. VOLUNTEERS have been requested for Vietnam.

The 101st and 82nd airborne divisions are ON ALERT either for Vietnam OR for domestic civil disorder!

information gathered from air force, marine and navy personnel on these bases and carriers by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War in Massachusetts.


Wire Senators to support Gravel bill, S3409, "to provide for the cessation of bombing in Indochina and for the withdrawal of U.S. military personnel from the Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos" within 30 days subject to arrangements for release and repatriation of our prisoners of war. URGE your Representatives to co-sponsor and support identical House Bill, H.R. 14055, introduced by Rep. Drinan.

April 19, 1972

SPC FILM SHOWINGS

SPC films shown this month:

Slide show	43
Holy Outlaw	5
Mrs. Smith	1
Vietnam & Beyond	1
No Vietnamese Ever Called	
Me Nigger	2



Covered-dish supper
Cora Weiss will speak
on P.O.W.'s.

6:30 pm

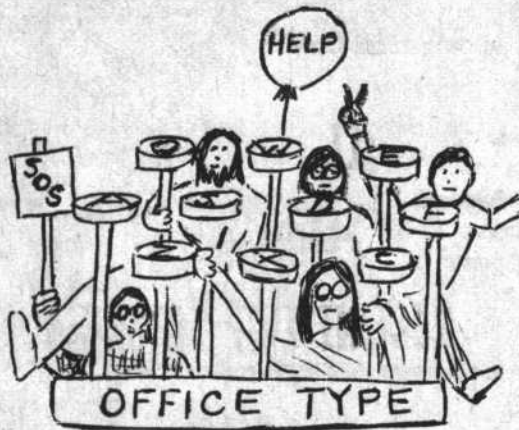
First Universalist Church
250 Waring Rd.

Please don't bring rolls!

UNSELL

An UNSSELL-the-war television spot will be the focus of discussion for the Community Forum on Channel 9, Sunday, May 7. Four persons will react to the UNSSELL spot and to each other: Pentagon spokesman General "Chappie" James, chief defender of the administration's position on POW's; Congressman John Terry(tentative); Bishop Ralph Ward(tentative); and a spokesperson for the Peace Council.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS



Sadly, we have not made much progress in our search for larger office space. Our chafed elbows are getting sorer and tempers are getting shorter and and and..... There just must be an old house or reclusive store front or dusty warehouse or something that some SPC person knows about. It must be zoned for non-residential use and be reasonably priced. Cheap preferable. Free is best. We will also accept payment for using office space.

If you stumble onto something please follow it up (zoning, \$\$, any parking), then call the office. Seriously, the effectiveness of SPC is now, more than ever, being impaired by our present space limitations, so please help if you can.

TRANSARMAMENT COMMITTEE

The Transarmament Committee has continued to study the idea of civilian non-violent resistance as an alternative to the military as a means of national defense.

The group prepared testimony for the April 15, Town Meeting. Bill Bookheimer, convenor of the group, is one of the resource persons for the AFSC conference on national security, disarmament, and national defense to be held Saturday, April 29th, at University Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee Street. Registration for the conference will begin at 9:15 a.m., with the conference running through the day. Bill will speak and lead a workshop on "Civilian Defense as an Alternative." SPC members are urged to attend this conference.

PEACE NEWSLETTER ADS

In an effort to make the PNL pay for itself 1 or 2 pages of advertising will be carried each issue. 2,000 copies are mailed to families in Onondaga County. Another 1500 are circulated at various locations in the metropolitan area. The secondary readership rate is probably quite high, though we haven't done any surveys. So if you would like to let other SPC people or a segment of the community in general know of your business or service and you would like to help the Peace Council at the same time please call the office, 446-5656, for rates and other details.

2 NEW FILMS

U.S. Technique and Genocide, a new 20 minute film made in north Vietnam is now available from the SPC Film Committee. It depicts in terrible detail the effects of the U.S. air war on the people of Vietnam. Particular emphasis is given to the use and results of anti-personnel weapons. Call Ronnie Vitacolonna, 446-7523, to reserve the film.

Only the Beginning is a documentary on the veteran's actions in Washington in April 1971. It's a moving testimonial on the importance of the veterans/G.I. movement and an indictment of the attitudes and institutions that produced the war on Indochina. Film is available from local VVAW at 478-1028.

70,000 DISTRIBUTED CRISIS IN VIETNAM

The war on Vietnam is back on the front page. Taking advantage of renewed public consciousness about the war the SPC Steering Committee decided that a booklet answering people's basic questions on Vietnam should be prepared. It was decided that the piece should be produced in sufficient quantity to put one in most Syracuse household doorways.

The staff quickly wrote, laid out and had printed "Crisis In Vietnam". 70,000 copies were produced and are now being distributed door-to-door in Onondaga Co. A copy should be in this Peace Newsletter. Distribution may not be completed by the time you receive this so please give the office a call to help.

LIFE IN CHINA



RUSSELL JOHNSON'S SLIDE PRESENTATION OF HIS RECENT TRIP TO CHINA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10,
8 PM CHURCH CENTER
3049 E. GENESEE ST.

The Peace Council is very fortunate to be able to present this slide talk by Russell Johnson, Program Secretary of the New England Region AFSC.

Russell and Irene Johnson travelled throughout China at the end of last summer. One of the highlights of the trip was a three hour interview with exiled Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk. They visited Canton, Peking, Changchow, Sion, Nanking Shanghai, and Yen-an. They visited four rural communes and talked with workers and their families in their homes, learning, among other things about the budget of Chinese families today. They visited hos-

pitals and clinics, witnessing three operations being performed with acupuncture anaesthesia. They visited nurseries, kindergartens, primary and middle schools as well as universities

The importance of Russell Johnson's talk comes from the fact that he is uniquely qualified. He is an expert on third world countries. He has been to Vietnam both North and South eleven times. He has travelled throughout Asia and Africa. He spent four weeks in Cuba during May 1969.

This important talk is open to the public--get on the phone now to invite your friends to hear Russell Johnson.

DAY-LONG MEETING

A day-long SPC Steering Committee meeting was held Feb. 26 at the home of Jane and Sam Feld. Attendance was good-- only 6 committee members were missing. There were also several individuals, not on the committee, in attendance.

Six workshops were held-- three in the morning, three in the afternoon. People were asked to choose one a.m. and one p.m. workshop. Some of the topics discussed were: How should SPC relate to the Black Liberation struggle?; Confrontation vs. Reconciliation; What can SPC do about growing political repression?; What should SPC do, considering 1972 is an election year?

At the end of the day, one person from each workshop gave a brief report. In some cases, proposals for action by SPC were made.

Another meeting was held on April 8, at the home of Sally & John Brule'. The discussion centered around the proposals for action made at the Feb. 26 meeting. Some plans were made for SPC election year projects; ways SPC can relate to the Black community were discussed. We also talked about the possibilities of beginning a project to end corporate involvement in war making.

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 15 - April 15, 1972

RECEIPTS-

Donations	1278.70
Benefit (Catonsville 9)	52.76
Literature Sales	183.85

TOTAL \$1515.31

EXPENSES -

Rent	57.87
Phone	100.05
Postage	48.96
Office Supplies	179.01
Literature	20.00
Bank Service chg (2 months)	3.67
Legal Expenses - Zoning (partial payment)	500.00
Tax Demonstration week	78.00
PNL	190.78
Miscellaneous	9.70
Salaries 746.42	944.01
Taxes 197.59	

TOTAL \$2132.05

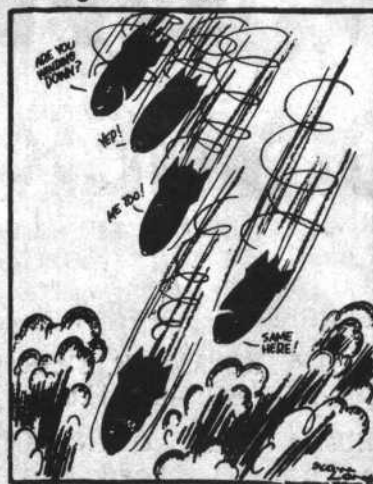
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Bank Balance April 15, 1972 \$ 74.07

NEIGHBORHOOD DISCUSSION PROGRAM

It is an unfortunate truth that many people do not understand the war today or what they can do about it. The purpose of the Neighborhood Discussion Program is to help people learn about the war. The people under consideration could be a group which is currently meeting or friends and neighbors that a SPC member could invite into their home. A speaker will be provided who will show any of the films or the slide show on "The Automated Battlefield" listed in the film brochure, make available various educational and directive literature to the people attending, and lead a discussion afterwards. The program is easily arranged and has proven very effective. For information, please contact Paul Malcolmsen at 451-0690, or call the SPC.

Winding down the war



HOMES FOR ADOLESCENTS

Starting Wednesday, May 10th, at University Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St., Child and Family Service, a United Way Agency based at 728 James Street, will be sponsoring a seminar-style course on "The Needs for Homes for Adolescents." This is a practical course designed to recruit, train and certify homes for adolescents in need.

"There is a great need for temporary and permanent homes for any children who have to be away from their own families, but, the need is greatest for adolescents. In the Upstate New York area there are some large residential centers, smaller group homes and some foster homes available for teenagers but it is still a very difficult task to find the right place for a particular teenager. This is especially so when a family-style living situation is needed.

My hope is to attract people to the May course who are sensitive to the needs of young people and are interested in, but unsure about, offering a home to an adolescent. The course will provide an opportunity for sharing knowledge and experiences on which the decision to provide a home can be based. We will have some guest speakers who are specialists in work with young people. The rest of the course will deal with actual living situations and how to handle them."

For further information about this course please call Grace Ball at 474-4291.

MONDAY DINNERS

MAY

- 1-SONGFEST
- 8-"NO VIETNAMESE EVER CALLED ME NIGGER"-a film
- 15-HUMAN ABUSE & INSTITUTIONS- a look at local institutions by Doug Biklen.
- 22-A LOOK BACK AT HARRISBURG by Jerry Berrigan.
- 29-THE SOCIALIZATION OF WOMEN by Sari Knopp.

For more information call 446-5656



"Les gros Poissons mangent les petits." Drawing by P. Bruegel the Elder, after Jerome Bosch. What sense of fun is expressed here. "Big fishes eat the little ones." So goes the proverb. But where did the artist see such a sight?

The Direct Action Project of the Peace Council holds a free potluck dinner every Monday. The dinner are followed by a talk or film and informal discussion. Everyone is welcome!

UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHURCH
E. Genesee and University
6:30 pm

NEW BOOK

THE NEW EXILES: AMERICAN WAR RESISTERS IN CANADA, Roger Neville Williams, 1971, 401 pages, \$2.95

More Americans have fled to Canada to avoid the Vietnam war than have died in Vietnam. This is the story of that burgeoning exile community now estimated at from 40,000 to 100,000 strong.

An exiled war resister himself, Roger Neville Williams tells how and why this country has lost so many of its most talented, intelligent, and aware young men and women to Canada. And thirteen of these draft dodgers and deserters report their own highly individual experiences in a series of sometimes startling, often frightening, always candid interviews.

This book is available from the Syracuse Peace Council. Please add 20¢ on all mail orders.

MASS MARCH NYC

Syracusans joined over 50,000 persons to march against the war in New York City April 22. This was the largest turnout for a mass march and rally for two years. The turnout war remarkable given a day of cold and miserable rain.

PENTAGON PAPERS

The Beacon Press announces the release of the "Senator Gravel Edition of the Pentagon Papers". This is the complete edition containing most of the narrative and 265 documents. The set consists of 4 volume hardcover at \$45, or the 4 volume paperback at \$20. Send your orders to The Beacon Press, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108. Incidentally, we are very anxious to sell this history making set because we need the money (estimated at \$35,000 so far) to fight the FBI's attempt to stop this publication.

MAY, 1972 CALENDAR

Apr

29 Sat "Can the World Be Defused?", a conference on national security, disarmament, and national defense. University Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St. 9:15 am registration. Speakers: Drs. Franklin Long, Marshall Segall, Julian Friedman, & William Bookheimer. Sponsored by American Friends Service Committee.

May

1 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. Songfest. All welcome.

2 Tues SPC Steering Committee meeting, 8pm at SPC. All welcome.

3 Wed Transarmament Committee mtg. Call Bill Bookheimer (457-4927) for details.

4 Mon National Action Day-- vigil in Syracuse. See elsewhere in PNL for details.

5 Fri Salt Springs Nhd. Group mtg. 8pm, home of Dorothy Tishler, 525 Audubon Pkwy. Film: "Vietnam: How We Got In, How We Can Get Out"; Tape: David Dellinger, "Social Change/Radical Nonviolence".

5 Fri "Peace Efforts in the Middle East", a lecture by Talcott Williams Sellye, Director of North Arabian Affairs, Dept. of State. 8pm, Maxwell Auditorium, S.U. campus.

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Mediterranean Buffet, 6pm, Community House, Comstock Ave. in honor of T.W. Seelye. \$4.00 per person, reservations thru Diane Anani, 472-8615.

6 Sat Middle East Committee mtg., 8pm, home of Judy & Len Bjorkman, 5063 Bradbury Dr.

8 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. Film: "No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger". All Welcome.

9 Tues Shirley Chisholm in Syracuse. Itinerary still in formation. For info call 478-9568 Campaign Headquarters or 472-2874. Help is needed.

10 Wed Russell Johnson speaking on "Life In China" with slides. 8pm, Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee St. All invited.

15 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. Human Abuse & Institutions-- a look at local institutions by Doug Biklen. All welcome.

16 Tues SPC Steering Committee mtg., 6:30pm potluck dinner, 7:30pm regular meeting. Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee. All welcome.

21 Sun SPC War Tax Resistance Fund meeting, 6:30pm potluck dinner, 821 Euclid Ave. All welcome.

22 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. A Look Back At Harrisburg by Jerry Berrigan. All welcome.

29 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. The Socialization of Women by Sari Knopp. All welcome.

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36TH ANNUAL MEETING

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JUNE 8



6:30 P.M.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH 250 WARING RD.

STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

At the Annual Dinner elections are held for membership on the SPC Steering Committee. There are 18 regular members (with a term of 3 years) and 3 high school members (with a term of 1 year) on the Steering Committee and each person must be willing to be a working member. Steering Committee meetings are held once a month and full, active attendance is vitally important. Each year one third of the regular members and all of the high school members automatically retire on this rotating committee.

The nominating committee, convened by Phyllis Denno, offers the following nominations:

for regular members:

Rajendra Nanavati
Bob Russell
Sue Strunk
Pete Wirth

There will be a total of 6 members to be elected in this slot and up to 6 nominations will be received from the floor.

for high school members:

Sue Carley
Laurie Walker

A total of 3 high school members will be elected and up to 3 nominations will be received from the floor.

A special category is the appointment of Marian Price to fill in the vacancy created when Jim Sicherman resigned from the committee. That position was to expire June 1974. Marian's name will be placed on the ballot for a 2 year term with one nomination available from the floor for this category.

COME TO THE ANNUAL DINNER AND VOTE

REBUTTAL TO NIXON'S SPEECH

On May 8, 1972, Richard Nixon announced the most serious and dramatic set of escalations in the Indochina war. At the same time he used the terms "peace" or "ending the war" on 19 separate occasions. He didn't quite claim that "war is peace". But then he didn't have to. It is as much in wonderment as dismay that one turns to an analysis of some of the distortions and outright falsehoods of this remarkable speech:

INVASION

"Five weeks ago, on Easter weekend the Communist armies of North Vietnam launched a massive invasion of South Vietnam."

The very basis of the 1954 Geneva settlement on Vietnam is that Vietnam is one country. The 17th parallel, far from being an "international border" as the President claims, was merely a temporary military demarcation line. History since has seen the development of the Hanoi government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in the north, the Saigon government of the Republic of Vietnam in the south, and the Provisional Revolutionary Government also in the south -- each of these governments seeing Vietnam as one country but contesting militarily, as Vietnamese, for how Vietnam shall be governed. The real outsider, the real invader, is the U.S. which has spread its destruction throughout Vietnam, north and south.

ORIGINS

"We Americans did not choose to resort to war -- it has been forced upon us."

In fact, the U.S. did indeed unilaterally choose this war two decades ago, when the Truman administration decided to pay 3/4 of the cost of the war for the French between 1950-54. We have chosen to remain ever since.

RESTRAINT

"Throughout the war in Vietnam the U.S. has exercised a degree of restraint unprecedented in the annals of war."

Between 1965 and 1972 U.S. restraint has consisted of: 13 million tons of ordnance; over 26 million bomb craters; 5 million acres of crop and forest land destroyed by herbicides; and according to the Senate sub committee on Refugees the U.S. bears the major responsibility for the creation of over 6 million refugees in South Vietnam, the death of 325,000 civilians, and the maiming of 700,000 more.

NEGOTIATIONS

"The U.S. ... has offered the maximum of what any President of the U.S. could offer."

The U.S. has not offered what the U.S. morally should offer: to unconditionally withdraw from Indochina. Making U.S. withdrawal conditional on a mutual ceasefire means the continuation of the war. Whether we like it or not the NLF and North Vietnamese will not agree to a ceasefire. From their point of view it would mean surrender. Nixon is asking that they cede the Thieu regime nominal control of the country. He is asking that they then surface to contest elections in the face of a CIA run Phoenix program which is officially admitted to having killed or imprisoned 35,727 "suspected" NLF cadre under Nixon. He is asking that they take comfort in Thieu's offer to resign one month before elections, when all the South Vietnamese machinery of repression is still intact. And asking them to do all this when he could at anytime rescind his pledges of a free election, just as the Eisenhower administration did in 1956.

Space does not allow further analysis of this incredible speech. For a more detailed point by point analysis, see Fred Branfman's article "How Nixon Rewrote History", available at the SPC office.

GARAGE SALES

Saturday

701 ALLEN ST.

June 10

Drop stuff at 834 Westcott St.
If necessary it can be picked up.
Call Sue at 472-3726.

10 - 4 pm

Sponsored by:
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Saturday

800 VINE ST.

June 17

LIVERPOOL

10 - 4 pm

Drop stuff at above address. To
help call Bea at 457-2002.

NEW BOOK

CRISIS IN VIETNAM

AIR WAR: THE THIRD INDOCHINA WAR by Project Air War and the Indochina Resource Center, 1972, \$1.50, 50 pages.

"This manual was conceived in the belief that this election year 1972 may well be the most crucial period in the Indochina War. The war is not ending. It is not even "winding down". The Nixon Administration is waging a massive and highly sophisticated air war which is even more destructive than the ground war of preceding years...

"This handbook has been designed to... reveal the facts about today's air war to the American people."

Introduction, AIR WAR

This book is available from the Syracuse Peace Council. Please include 20¢ to cover postage costs on all mail orders.

Approximately 50,000 copies of Crisis In Vietnam have been distributed in Central New York. Many people sent in the tearslip that was included in the publication, and are beginning to receive the Peace Newsletter with this issue. Others phoned the office with favorable reactions to Crisis. We feel it's important reading for everyone in the community.

Many areas of the city have not been covered. If you did not receive a copy, chances are your street was not covered; so why not do it? Take a friend or two and distribute them door-to-door in your neighborhood--just don't leave them in mailboxes (we'll be charged postage on 70,000!) Not only will you get some good exercise, but you'll be educating your neighbors at the same time. If you want to help, please call Debbie at 446-5656.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STRIKE

While U.S. planes were bombing populous areas of North and South Viet Nam and U.S. mines were sitting in Haiphong harbor many students at Corcoran H.S. felt that they could not carry on business as usual. On Thursday May 11 over 100 students left Corcoran and assembled in a nearby park to conduct a teach-in on the war. Students and representatives of the Syracuse Peace Council and Vietnam Veterans Against The War spoke about the history of Viet Nam and urged continued anti-war actions. Plans were laid for a H.S. rally the next morning in Billings Park.

Friday morning saw over 150 students, most of them from Corcoran, leave school and march to the park for a spirited rally against Nixon's escalation of the war. Corcoran students are now working to set up a Student Union which would continue peace activities.

NBHD. DISCUSSION PROGRAM

The Neighborhood Discussion Program has been asked by 18 groups and individuals to provide information on the war and what people as individuals or groups can do to bring about change. The invitations have come from SPC members who have invited friends to their home, church groups, high schools, university dormitories, and groups such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the School of Social Work, the YWCA, and the Salt Springs Neighborhood Group. The variety of situations and the good response which has been received has shown the program to be adaptable and effective. The program has 11 qualified discussion leaders who can present films, literature, the Automated Air War slide show, and lead discussions with the people involved. To make arrangements for a discussion leader please contact Paul Malcolmson, 451-0690 or the SPC office.

ARMY RETREATS IN FACE OF INDUCTION CENTER DEMO

The U.S. Army in Syracuse reversed the Vietnamization process on Monday May 15 by adopting some of the tactics of ARVN. Faced with 800 peace demonstrators the Army retreated to Liverpool.

The peace activists assembled at 6am at Walnut Park and marched to the induction center on S. Salina St. Many of the demonstrators were determined to block the buses carrying inductees to the center and several hundred were willing to face arrest.

Rather than face this challenge the Army diverted its buses to a reserve center in Liverpool. The demonstrators picketed at the induction center until noon



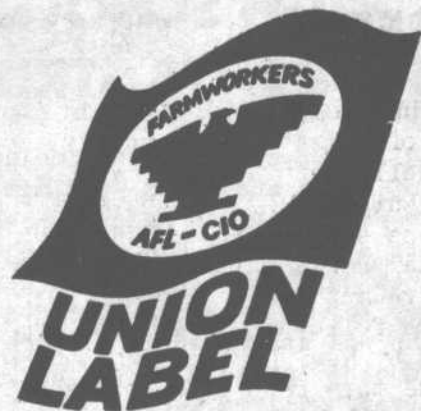
when they were certain that no buses were coming. It seems that the American generals are adopting the Saigon general's most frequently used tactic - retreat.

FARMWORKERS RESUME LETTUCE BOYCOTT

On May 2 Cesar Chavez, director of the United Farmworkers, announced the resumption of the nation-wide lettuce boycott. Migrant workers are the poorest of American laborers, earning an average of \$1300 per year. Forced to follow the crops to find work, migrants must somehow survive in dreadful housing - 1.9 rooms per family - with minimal sanitary facilities; 95% have no toilet, 90% no sink. Such living conditions take a toll on peoples' health. Life expectancy is 49 years, and infant mortality is 125 % higher than the national rate. To earn sufficient money to survive at even this level, entire families must work in the fields; consequently, 25% of all migrant workers are under 16 years of age.

Under the non-violent leadership of Cesar Chavez, the United Farmworkers are working a far-reaching change among dispossessed workers who have traditionally lacked economic, political and civil rights.

Allied against the Farmworkers are corporate interests which, increasingly, are controlling agriculture. Agribusiness is a thriving industry, worth \$4 billion in California alone. Huge farms are operated as subsidiaries of corporations like Dow, and Bank of America. Agribusiness exerts strong influence on local police, courts, and government. It is also tied to the federal government. Multi-million dollar farms like Guimarra - California's largest table grape grower - rake in thousands of dollars in federal subsidies. And the Defense Department supports growers by purchasing large quantities of, first, scab grapes, and now, scab lettuce.



When the Farmworkers began to seek contracts among lettuce growers, in 1970, several growers immediately signed "sweet-heart" contracts with the Teamsters. 7,000 workers then went on strike, but the growers used their influence to win a court restraining order against all strikes in the Salinas Valley. Such tactics, coupled with illegal importation of Mexican labor as strike-breakers, curtails the effectiveness of agricultural strikes. As a result, the Union was forced to call a national consumer boycott of lettuce. The boycott was suspended a year ago, and negotiations began, but the growers were simply stalling to get through another harvest.

The United Farmworkers have, therefore, resumed the lettuce boycott. Please, do not buy or eat any iceberg lettuce. It will be a long struggle, but the success of the boycott will determine the future of migrant labor in this country.

1972 STATE FAIR

After yet another negotiating session with Bernard Potter, Director of the New York State Fair, the Center for Peace and Justice (a multi-sponsored booth area with churches and movement groups) has been abandoned by SPC State Fair committee. The Fair was not willing to provide a large, well located area for the Center. SPC negotiators maintained this was the least the Fair could do in light of the extremely large area provided, free of charge, to the military. The sight of small children clamoring over a tank or being shown how a bazooka works is not what a fun-filled,

people-centered extravaganza is supposed to be all about. But the Fair, at least for this year, has chosen not to act on this condition.

The S.F. committee will probably have a small booth in the Women's Building and will arrange as many film showings as possible. In addition various ways of presenting a life-affirming presence at the military display are being considered. People are needed for these projects. Next meeting is Thursday, June 1, 3:00 pm at SPC or call Pat Hoffmann, 469-2593.

SPC WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND

The Fund which is now in its fourth month of existence has nearly two thousand dollars on deposit. With about twenty contributors I feel we have made great progress since February. However there are many tax resisters in the Syracuse area who have not yet decided to join the Fund.

The following is a quote from an 1969 article by Karl Meyer which I hope will persuade more people to join the Fund. "Assuming that the federal income tax contributions of most people in the movement probably exceed their voluntary political, organizational and charitable contributions, we would expect that the tax alternative funds would become one of the most substantial sources of money for the projects and purposes in which we most strongly believe. But beyond that we could hope that our experience in mutual aid through these cooperative funds would bear fruit in the development of ashrams and communities for closer economic and social cooperation, for it is when our constructive action and our resistance to evil become for real that we see the need and value of mutual aid and begin to create cooperative alternatives within the competitive society on which we live."

If anyone has any questions concerning the Fund contact the Peace Council. Checks should be made payable to the SPC WAR TAX RESISTANCE FUND. Please specify whether your check is a contribution, short term or long term deposit.

COMMUNITY LEADERS INVITED TO SEE AIR WAR

On April 13th a group of Syracuse business and civic leaders were invited to Fort Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida to view first hand "Uncle Sam's muscle". According to Roamin' with Brohmann this was no "freebee". On May 10 the SPC invited these men to view the slide show "The Automated Air War" at Rev. Robert & Roberta Grimm's house to see another aspect of Uncle Sam's air power. The following men were invited:

James Curtin(Rotary) Fred Weller(Rotary) Dr. Howard Beachem(Onondaga Dental Society) Robert Kelly(Motor Carriers Assn.) James Crawford(Crawford Advertising) Robert Dettor(County Bar Assn.) Gerald Burke (Community Chest) Neil P. McCurn (Common Council) Henry Holava(Syr. Jaycees) Howard Hurst(Liverpool Chamber of Commerce) Ray McCarthy(Liverpool Jaycees) Donald Napier(War Memorial) Sam Dell(Auto) Peter Cappucilli(solid waste) Nicholas Kinsella(Aide to Hanley) Robert Atkinson (Post Standard) John Dillon(Deputy Police Chief) John Lawton(County Legislator) John Shannon(Asst. DA) Irwin Davis (Metropolitan Development Assn.) William Purpy(Syracuse Jaycees) Norman West (No. Syr. Jaycees) Arthur Peterson(WFBL).

As of May 22 (and the slide show is scheduled for May 24), only Mr. Curtin, Mr. Weller and Mr. Lawton have had the courtesy to respond, and their response was negative. We are now in the process of calling these men to get an answer.



EMERGENCY MORATORIUM: May 4 was a day when people were urged not to carry on "business as usual". It was a day of protest against U.S. bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong. In Syracuse 100 people braved a cold rain to attend a noontime vigil on S. Salina St. Similar events took place in over 500 communities throughout the nation.

UPPER NYS ANTI-WAR ROUNDUP

Last month's and this round-up reveal a simple fact that hasn't seemed to settle in the minds of many news analysts and social commentators. The peace movement and the broader movement for social change are not periodic mass demonstrations to be tabulated against past performances. They are diverse, grass roots insurgencies which utilize the demonstration as one tool in a methodology of change. As these movements become more and more decentralized - more viable elements in their communities - conditions which spawned Vietnam and other injustices will be eroded at the roots. Not quickly, probably not even slowly, but it's going to happen.

AUBURN

5/10 Teach-in at Auburn Community College, 500 attend;
5/11 Teach-in at ACC followed by 24 hour anti-war fast with 75 people;
5/12 Silent march through Auburn by over 200; 5/20 and 21 "A Weekend of Peace" with films, speakers, poetry, music, "Trial of Catonsville 9" by ACC faculty association and ecumenical service; circulation of "Crisis in Vietnam".

ROCHESTER

5/4 (Moratorium Day) 800 people braved steady rain in march and rally sponsored by 20 organizations; picketing and leafletting before march; after rally 2nd march by anti-imperialist coalition with 200 went through downtown; 11th - 23 arrested in march through downtown, many beaten by police, 2 people needing surgery for head injuries; police claimed traffic blocked but people were back on sidewalks before attacks began; 13th - 150 again march through downtown; war contracting protested on U. of Rochester campus; 16-23 two Bishops and 8 religious leaders go to D.C. for lobbying, 17 arrested for c.d.

BUFFALO

5/4 Rally at U. of Buffalo followed by meeting with Honeywell reps at which they agreed to see Air War ss; 9 - rally downtown; 16-18 five clergy attend lobbying in D.C., 3 arrested; 19 - march from Niagara Square to Federal building to support Buffalo 5; 20 - action at Canisius ROTC graduation.

SIDNEY

5/15 300 people sign anti-war ad in local paper.

OSWEGO

5/4 March on Moratorium Day in form of funeral procession, films, theatre, workshops all day; 10 - strike with picketing and leafletting all day, 2,500 march to park to pray, 100 faculty sign strike statement; 11 - Oswego harbor (Naval Reserve Station) mined with balloons, Navy is asked to surrender its role in war, 700 people block Naval Reserve Station and set up encampment, at least 12 people at gate at all times until 18th; 15th - 60 join demo at Syracuse induction center; students met with factory workers to discuss war; 2 buses to D.C. for 21st.

ALBANY

5/4 Candlelight march to local munitions manufacturer; 9 - 12 50 people arrested - for blocking highway; 100 picket G.E. affiliated t.v. station; 48 hour fast at R.P.I.

UTICA

5/4 300 people demonstrate, leafletting follows.

ROUNDUP CONT.

AURORA

5/18 Large anti-war rally at Welles College.

POTSDAM

5/12 1000 people march downtown, all night candlelight vigil with 100 participating along main downtown street; 9-16th intensive canvassing showed community split 50/50 concerning Nixon's decision; 9-16th Air War slide show at Potsdam (SUNY).

CANTON

5/12 400 people march downtown to protest Nixon's decision.

PLATTSBURGH

5/4 Day long workshops, films, speakers, theatre at state college; 8th - 300 take over Federal building and maintain seizure with at least 20 people for 4 days.

BINGHAMTON

5/10, 11, 12, 16 - 216 people arrested at Federal building; 14th - petitions to impeach Nixon, move local Congressman; Harpur paper changed to Peace Advocate for 1 week; 5/10 - march to courthouse with 200, vigil for 3 days at courthouse - 5/11-5/13; 13th - 200 march downtown, leafletting; 100 come to Syracuse induction center demonstration 15th.

This is not a complete listing of the anti-war activities in upper New York State.



ITHACA

Engineering building at Cornell occupied to protest University complicity in war-making, 17 charged with contempt of court; 15th - 20 mothers and children block draft board, 6 arrested, children vote to be arraigned with mothers; students falsely accused of trying to set policeman on fire (more in next PNL); 75 people join demo at Syracuse induction center.

HAMILTON

1000 signatures gathered on anti-war petition; Air War SS used many times including showing for national guardsmen; Colgate Board of Trustees rejected anti-war resolution causing symbolic mining of exits to building, spectre of death followed the Board members; Hamilton Peace Center, a downtown storefront, has opened, 7 Lebanon St., Hamilton, N.Y. 13346 (315) 824-3382.

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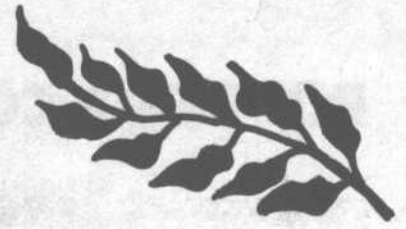
5/9 Strike at Oneonta (SUNY), 1100 march downtown and block streets, workshops follow. 12-16 recruiting station downtown is closed, people arrested on 15th.

CORTLAND

5/4 75 people demonstrated 2 hours in pouring rain, moratorium demands endorsed by 12 area organizations; 5/1-7 Cortland Conspiracy for Change, week of activities directed at social change; 10 - no-business-as-usual on SUNY campus; 9,10,11th - anti-war rallies with more than 1000 people each day; 11th - full page ad in Cortland evening paper; many petitions, letters, telegrams being sent from 9-20. Cortland faculty adopts resolution calling for "immediate end of US military action in Indochina including the mining of harbors in North Vietnamese waters.



MIDDLE EAST FORUM



To the editors of the Peace Newsletter:

While I subscribe to most of the basic aims of the Syracuse Peace Council, I have been perturbed for some time by the "contributions" to the Middle East Forum in the Peace Newsletter.

After the April 1972 issue I started to draft a rebuttal. I wanted to be charitable and assume that the contributions in that issue were not motivated by anti-semitism and bigotry. Since the contributions were anonymous, it was difficult to judge this. However, the contributions were clearly ignorant of the facts or were purposely misrepresenting them.

Now, after the May 1972 issue, there is no longer any doubt in my mind. Even though it is painful for me to state it, it is hard for me to believe now that it is not the deliberate policy of the Syracuse Peace Council to misinform and to misrepresent the facts in the Middle East area. It is distressing to see a peace organization joining the cry of those who hate, and war mongers that want to see the Middle East embroiled in another war.

Harry Gruenberg

Dear Dr. Gruenberg:

We, members of the Middle East discussion group, who have been responsible for the Middle East Forum, welcome your response to our contributions. We wish to comment on some of the matters which you have mentioned.

While our group was formed under the aegis of the Syracuse Peace Council, only about half of the group are actually members of SPC. No policy direction has come to our group from the Council, only the opportunity to express our opinions in the Middle East Forum. Thus, SPC as a whole should not be identified with our presentations.

Our group includes advocates of many different points of view, including some with which you would probably be comfortable. In addition, the group has always been open to anyone who wishes to attend.

With regard to the Middle East Forum, we decided to try to balance the contents of the page by dividing it half and half, each time, between different and/or opposing points of view. Our group members would be glad to identify their specific contributions. We would hope that the anonymity of the contributions would lead people to carefully read and reflect on the issues involved, rather than categorizing the material in advance on the basis of a person's name.

As far as facts are concerned, after two years of discussion we are unable, as a group, to agree on what the facts are. We have argued at length, and often in circles, about the recent history of the Middle East, for example, the origins of the wars in 1948 and 1967.

The Middle East Forum is the only group activity in which we have been engaged, outside of our discussions. A possible exception is a rather rousing Seder which a number of us enjoyed at the home of members of the group.

We hope that this response will deal with some of the matters which are raised in your letter. If time and space permit, we will respond in the next PNL to some of your other remarks.

Jane and Rob Lefkowitz
Kim and Art Palacas
Felisa and Ehud Kaplan

Ona Bregman
Judy and Len Bjorkman
Helen and Ray Kahn

Marge Trojanowski
Helen Merrigan

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STOP IT
this time!

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this summer
will resume
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Information: GREENPEACE FOUNDATION,
3941 Westridge,
West Vancouver,
B.C. Canada

INDIANS & THE DRAFT

Gary Lee Shenandoah, an Onondaga Indian has been drafted into the U.S. Army and is presently in basic training at Fort Dix. Following are excerpts from a statement issued by the Council of Chiefs entitled, "Six Nations and the Draft Laws of the United States.":

"The draft laws of the United States violate the sovereignty of any Indian nation or enrolled members thereof, who still has an active treaty with the U.S., unless such treaty specifically agreed to such a provision through mutual consent... The vast majority of Indian treaties with the U.S. are known as "Peace Treaties", and specifically refrained from encouraging the Indian to enter into any warfare whatsoever". The statement continues by citing precedent regarding Indians, citizenship, and the draft. It concludes by stating, "and lastly, but most important, the Draft Laws of the U.S. should never be forced upon a religious leader or Indian Chief, who has sworn a sacred oath to his Creator,... that he bury all his weapons of war beneath the Sacred Tree of Peace, and teach his brother to obey THE GREAT LAW OF PEACE..., and especially a Chief of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, for to do this would be a crime against man and God."

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TOTAL	72

TEACHER FIRED FOR WAR PROTEST

From February 18 until April 21 I was a teacher's aide in mathematics at Nottingham High School. It seemed to be the general sentiment among the students that I did more than just a competent job, and this feeling was conveyed to the administration of Nottingham on a few occasions. Yet on April 21 I was fired for the seemingly innocuous activity of holding a sign outside the school during my lunch hour. Since that time the administration has spread various stories about my firing, all of them false. To remove any doubts about what happened I quote verbatim a letter from "J.D. Woods, Vice Principal, Wm. Nottingham High School".

"Mr. Kreuther (sic), I would like to convey a deep concern that I have regarding your attitude toward your responsibilities as a teacher assistant.

"Specifically, the incident of April 21, 1972 when you were approached by me while holding a sign in the doorway of the mathematics office which read "Stop the Killing!" You were asked by me not to carry this sign around the school building but your reply was that this is one of your rights. I attempted to explain to you that you are an employee of the city school district and you are not paid to carry signs.

"You were informed that if you did carry the sign you would have to suffer the consequences.

"During first lunch my request of you was denied, you took your sign outside of the building and marched in front of the main entrance of the building.

"In as much as being denied a direct request by you I must consider this as being insubordination."

The only legal redress I have is to bring suit in federal court. The ACLU and Onondaga Neighborhood Legal Services have agreed to do this. Many students, however, have talked of such things as petitions, a boycott of all classes, or a boycott of Math classes. Considering the gravity of the situation, such action seems only appropriate.

Hollywood "John Kreuter"

MOTHER'S DAY CAR CARAVAN

On Saturday, May 13, the day before Mother's Day, a women's caravan of seventeen cars wound its way through the populated business districts and shopping areas of Syracuse. The streets and stores were filled with shoppers buying last minute presents to celebrate the holiday.

The purpose of the caravan was to remind the shoppers that while they were buying, people were dying--in Vietnam. Signs on people's cars ranged from "war is not Healthy For Children and Other Living Things" to "Women Unite Against War!"

The response from onlookers was varied, but generally encouraging. Though some called out the usual heckling remarks, these were offset by the many encouraging ones. We were especially encouraged by the sympathetic and warm response we received from many women.

The caravan was organized by Gloria Whistler and the Salt Springs SPC neighborhood group. The caravan was very successful, and seemed to reach many people in Syracuse who might not have been reached by other methods.



If you are on our mailing list and will be moving before the next issue (as most students will) be sure to let us know in advance what your new address will be (as well as what your old address was). The PNL will not be forwarded by the Post Office...they send it back to us and charge 10¢!

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 15- May 15, 1972

Receipts-

Donations	1226.05
Supplies	31.30
Literature sales	112.71

Special Collections

Russell Johnson talk	46.69
Leaflet costs:	
"Crisis in Vietnam"	172.00
Telegram to Nixon	14.06
Gene Sharp	19.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1621.81

Expenses-

Rent	58.63
Postage	122.00
Russell Johnson	
plane fare	66.00
Tax Week costs	32.50
Literature	104.50
Miscellaneous	9.00
Salaries	746.42

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1139.05

Bank Balance- May 15, 1972 \$613.32

The response has been very good to our special finance letter and money is coming in which will enable us to pay past due bills such as the phone and office supplies. If you haven't answered your finance letter please do so. Our backlog of bills is big.

RUSSELL JOHNSON

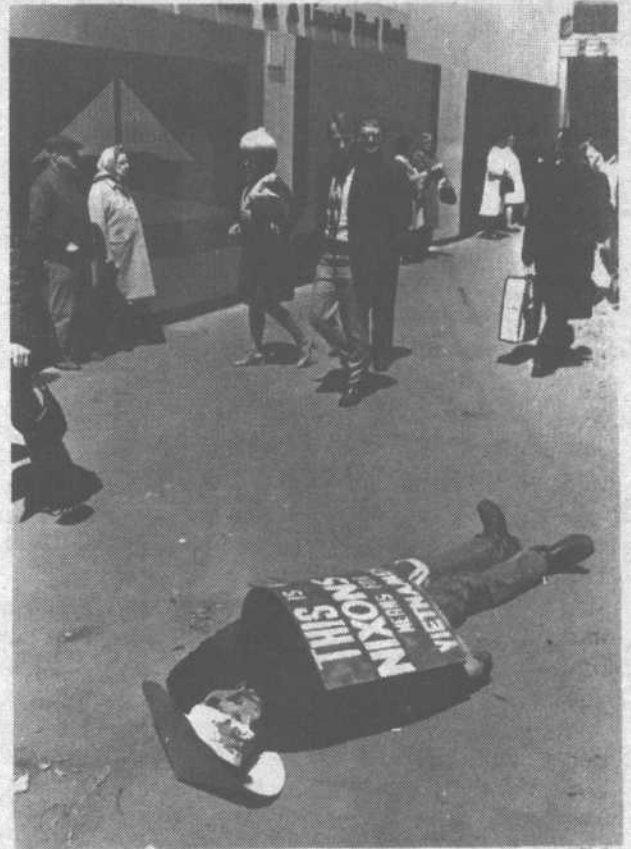
SPC brings important speakers to Syracuse throughout the year. On May 9-10 the Peace Council brought Russell Johnson, program consultant to New England AFSC and a recent visitor to China, to the Syracuse area. While here Russell held a press conference, appeared on the Kay Russell radio program, and taped a half hour slide presentation of his trip for the Markert Place on Channel 9.

In addition, he spoke to a rally of 2,000 persons in Cortland, addressed students and faculty on the Quad at SU, and gave a slide presentation on Life in China at a Peace Council meeting held at the Church Center .

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Peace Council is looking for summer workers. If you are unemployed, a teacher, or student with time free this summer, why don't you consider spending a considerable portion of that time working for peace. Your pay would not be financial, but the satisfaction of bringing new people into the peace movement.

Our anti-war efforts will not taper off during the summer. Some of the activities planned are information tables in shopping areas, a presense at the State Fair and dramatic protest demonstrations. You can work on what seems significant to you. Interested? Call 446-5656



Shortly after President Nixon's May 8 announcement of major escalation in the war members of the Peace Council's Direct Action Project conducted a vivid demonstration of what Nixon's words mean for the people of Viet Nam. On eight downtown street corners demonstrators covered with blood and bloodied bandages and wearing Vietnamese hats layed down. A sign on top of each said, "THIS IS WHAT NIXON'S SPEECH MEANS FOR VIETNAMESE".

ARMED FARCES DAY AT GRIFFISS AFB



Some of the 80 people who participated in a demonstration at Griffiss AFB on May 20. Similar demonstrations occurred at bases across the country.



B-52s, used in Indochina, are rotated at Griffiss. This photo was taken secretly at the time of the demonstration.

SPC MEETS WITH CONG. HANLEY

On Saturday, April 29th a dozen or so people gathered at the home of Shirley and George DeHority in Jamesville. Concerned individuals from all over Jim Hanley's current district fused together to view the "Automated Air War" slide show with Representative Hanley. After writing the Congressman's Washington office, and many phone calls to his local office, it was agreed that he would meet with us at 2pm for the expressed purpose of viewing the slides.

Representative Hanley arrived at 2 and shortly thereafter announced that he would not be able to see the slide show, as he had previously agreed to do, since he had another commitment to fulfill elsewhere. He thereupon offered an hour of his time for discussion of the group's concerns.

This hour or so of time was deftly wasted by the usual techniques of monologing for long periods of time without taking committed stands anywhere. Questions, requiring a simple yes or no, or perhaps a few sentences, were answered in five or ten minute digressions.

It was unfortunate that this group of extremely busy people had to clear their calendars weeks in advance, and for a period of several days, since the Congressman's office was unable to

commit a two-hour block of time until the Wednesday afternoon before the meeting. It was also unfortunate that the members of this group, meeting with their Congressman to discuss the bloody air war in Indochina had to settle for listening to political pablum.

One bright spot did emerge, however, when he tentatively indicated that he was inclined toward supporting a bill that would in some way limit the duration of the war. He even tentatively assured us that he might be inclined toward voting for the House version of the Gravel-Mondale bill proposed in the Senate.

The group was justifiably insulted when Rep. Hanley said he was unable to view the slides as he had agreed to do. To assuage the disappointment and anger of our group at his decision to not view the slide show, Rep. Hanley agreed to view it in Washington, at his earliest convenience. He was also asked to give the group his response, when he finally did view the slide show. We are now awaiting that response.

Even when all the fence straddling and politically expedient non-commitment is added up, it would appear that Hanley is the better man, in this election year, if only for the predictable negativism and regressiveness of his opponent.

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JUNE, 1972 CALENDAR

May

31 Wed Transarmament Committee, 8:00pm,
A3-L4 New Slocum Heights.

June

- 1 Thu State Fair Committee, 3:00pm
SPC office.
- 2 Fri Salt Springs Neighborhood group,
624 Audubon, 8:30pm, 2 films,
"You Don't Have to Buy War Mrs.
Smith", "Another Family for Peace"
All welcome.
- 5 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner,
6:30pm, University Meth. Church,
Destruction of Vietnamese Culture
Tony Avirgan, All welcome.
- 5 Mon Jamesville-Dewitt Neighborhood
Group, 8:00pm, discussion of
Transarmament, call Shirley
DeHority, 446-4973 for place.
- 7 Wed War Tax Resistance Fund meeting,
6:30pm, Potluck dinner, 821
Euclid, all welcome.
- 8 Thu Cora Weiss on Markert Place,
Channel 9, 11:00am.
- 8 Thu SPC Annual Meeting, 6:30pm,
First Universalist Church,
250 Waring Rd., Potluck
Dinner, annual elections,
Cora Weiss speaking on POW's.
- 10 Sat SPC Garage Sale, 701 Allen St,
10-4pm. Great Stuff.
- 12 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner,
6:30pm, University Meth. Church,
The Public Safety Building and
Jail, Bob Russel, all welcome.
- 17 Sat SPC Garage Sale, 800 Vine St,
Liverpool, 10-4pm. Great Stuff.

- 19 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner,
6:30pm, University Meth. Church,
Syracuse University Research Corp
(SURC) develops better ways to
murder, Mark Mohrman, all welcome.
- 20 Tue SPC Steering Committee meeting,
8:00pm, SPC office, all welcome.
- 26 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner,
6:30pm, University Meth. Church,
Human Abuse & Institutions,
Doug Biklen, all welcome.

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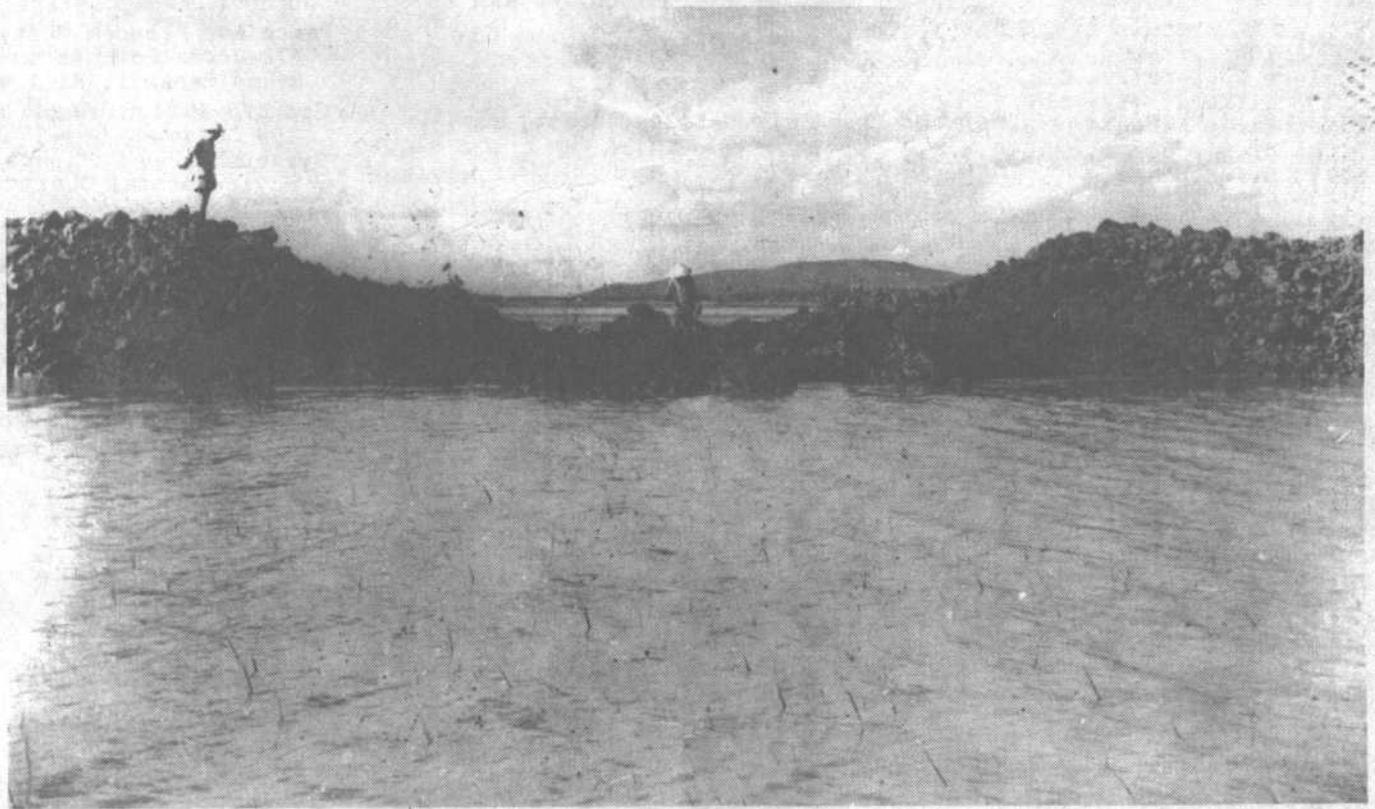
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BOMBING OF DIKES IMPERILS MILLIONS



A section of the Red River dike system (at Viet Tri) destroyed by U.S. bombs in September, 1966.

Although dikes have been hit for as long as the U.S. has been bombing North Viet Nam, the number of such attacks has increased greatly in the last few months. The bombing of dikes has been confirmed by western journalists and diplomats and has prompted protests from the President of the World Council Of Churches and the Secretary General of the United Nations.

If the U.S. does not stop the bombing of the dikes now, millions of civilians may die from floods in the next few months and millions more from famine later.

Now that we on the east coast of the United States have experienced flooding, we can personally begin to understand the horrors of the U.S. war on Viet Nam.

SERVICES DIRECTORY



This Directory, published every four months, is intended to be a source of information on services which either establish an ongoing alternative or attempt to create changes in existing situations. The aim is to provide for human needs in a loving and non-competitive manner. Additions to the Directory are welcome.

DRAFT COUNSELING

American Friends Service Committee
821 Euclid Ave.
475-9469
Catholic Social Services
257 E. Onondaga
474-6893
LeMoyné Peace Council
446-2882 x 247
SU Draft Center
932 S. Crouse Ave.
476-5541 x 4306

EDUCATION

College Cooperative Ctr.
135 Gifford, 473-4613
Alternative Schools
Children's School
233 E. Onondaga
474-4836
Ages 4-11
Concord
110 Concord Pl.
475-2935
Henderson
201 Oxford
475-8429
Ages 10-14
Jowonio
5M Skytop Rd.
479-7744
Ages 5-15
Learning Center
116 Gifford St.
475-0176
Ages 6-9
Madison School
Madison St.
475-1645
Students Inc.
339 E. Onondaga
442-3700
Ages 6-11
S.U. Elem. Day Care
1M Skytop Rd.
476-5541 x 2442

HEALTH

Argosy House
Midtown Plaza, also
830 Westcott St.
474-2456, 475-4217
Birthright
240 E. Onondaga
422-5809 (pregnancy counseling)
Child & Family Services
474-4291
Family Mediation Service
446-3750 (parent-kid communication)

Free Clinic

1305 E. Adams St.
476-0094
Neighborhood Health Center
819 S. Salina, 476-7921
Onondaga Council on Alcoholism, 471-1359
Planned Parenthood
1120 E. Genesee
475-3193 (birth control clinic, abortions)
Public Health Service
300 S. Geddes St.
476-0087
Suicide Prevention Center
475-1333
"1012" Crisis Center
1305 E. Adams St.
476-3784, 476-0094
(drug hassles, crash, rap)

LEGAL

A.C.L.U 471-2821
O.N.L.S.
633 S. Warren, 475-3127
227 Gifford St., 476-7491

NEWS SOURCES

Salt
Box 1026, 13201
472-1452
Syracuse Gazette
120 Dell St. 479-6473
Syracuse Sun
Box 167, 13210
478-0770
Syracuse New Times
Box 95, 13210
476-3143

ORGANIZATIONS

Action Coalition to Create Opportunities for Retirement with Dignity (ACCORD)
471-8126
Black Student Union
476-5541 x 3804
Child Care Coalition
471-8126
Citizens Housing Council
476-6831
Citizens Prison Group
446-9513 (Prison Visitation service)
Coalition for Quality Education
475-5333
Coalition for Health & Welfare
471-8126
Exploratory Studies in Non-violence 476-5541 x 4110
Families for Interracial Adoption 445-0506

Gay Freedom League Coffee

House 476-5541 x4586
507 S. Crouse
6-12 nightly
Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR)
476-0094, 478-5681
National Organization for Women 685-3745
Onondaga Action for Clean Air Committee 422-6142
P.E.A.C.E., Inc.
117 Gifford, 475-0176
(day care, youth and neighborhood centers)

Peace and Freedom Party

478-0446 Focuses on Urban Renewal, Hill area
Spanish Action League
174 Seymour, 465-5266
Syracuse Area Citizens for Environmental Quality (SACEQ) 422-4667
Syracuse Peace Council
446-5656
Vietnam Veterans Against The War (VVAW) 478-1028

Welfare Rights (WRO)

422-2104
Zero Population Growth (ZPG)
457-3219

PRINTING

Salt Mound Press
422-2426
Priority One Press
475-4148

COMMUNITY

Dragon's Emporium
742 S. Beech St.
(hand made crafts)
Everson Museum
S. State & Harrison
474-6064
Greater Syracuse Resource Center
218 E. Castle St.
475-0162
Nature's Pantry
122 Trinity Place
(natural foods)
Savoy Coffee House
742 S. Beech St.
Unity Kitchen
243 W. Adams St.
471-9203 (free meals, companionship)
Westcott Food Co-op
478-6861
Youth Hostel
735 S. Beech St.
472-5788

SPC TO WORK FOR McGOVERN

Many Peace Council members have been asking how SPC will relate to this years Presidential election. On July 18 the Steering Committee met to work out an answer to this question. Those present quickly agreed that the next few months are critical for the people of Indochina. It was felt that at a time when the dikes in Vietnam are being bombed and the air war continues unabated it is wishful thinking to suppose that Nixon will end the war before election time. If Nixon is elected the Indochinese people can only expect more of the same -- death and destruction. On the other hand the McGovern candidacy offers the most concrete chance to end the war in Indochina that we or the people of Indochina have.

The Steering Committee felt that it is very important for peace people to actively work for McGovern. However, the committee was faced with a dilemma. In its 36 year history SPC has never before worked for a political candidate. Many pros and cons relating primarily to the degree of SPC support for McGovern were weighed. There was some feeling that while this year there may be relative consensus among SPC members, in another election, because of the diversity of our

membership, damaging divisions might occur over the practice of working for political candidates. Reservations were also expressed about some of McGovern's more militaristic statements. Finally, because of the critical importance of this election to the people of Indochina, the unprecedented decision to form a McGovern Committee within the Peace Council was reached.

The first suggested task of the McGovern Committee will be to initiate a caucus of SPC members within the McGovern campaign to encourage the local McGovern organization to keep the war a primary issue in the campaign and to urge McGovern not to change his position. Steering Committee members felt that if McGovern backs off his present stand on the war, he will greatly hurt his chances of winning the Presidency.

The second suggested task of the committee will be to urge all SPC members to work in the campaign, make sure they know how to get involved, and to urge newly eligible members to register to vote.

Additional tasks will be determined by the committee.



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SIX DAY TABLE PROJECT

From Monday - Saturday, July 24 - 29 (as the PNL goes to press), literature tables are being set up in downtown Syracuse. Several thousand leaflets were distributed and some literature sold the first couple days in addition to the addition of 16

days; also 16 people were added to the mailing list. The response has been generally good with a number of people coming to the table who are already SPC members. At least 4 people have been working at each table.

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE AUGUST 4 & 5

The downtown merchants will sponsor, Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5, a large sidewalk sale promotional. Salina Street, for these two days will be a mall devoted to walking, sitting and entertainment. SPC will be there making visible the anti-war movement, distributing and selling literature and recruiting. This is nitty-gritty work for SPC and can be a lot of fun. To help call the office, 446-5656.



One friend of mine went to the village to get rice for his mother and father to eat...He crossed the field to the hill and the airplanes saw him and shot and killed him so that you couldn't even find his body. It was scattered all over the field.

Author: Lao child, age 12

U.S. CREATING FLOOD VICTIMS

"Practically all industry in North Viet Nam has been destroyed. But the greater danger just now is the bombing of dams and locks. If there are further attacks, there may be an enormous catastrophe, with villages submerged, and famine. The intention seems to be to weaken North Viet Nam economically for a long period to come and to transform it into a second or third class nation in Southeast Asia. It is a typical policy of annihilation. The bigger the defeats of the U.S. and Saigon troops in the South, the more bombing in the North.

"Now, the dams and dikes are the greatest worry for the Vietnamese. The Red River has already started to rise; it reaches its highest level in July and August. If the river rises as high as last year, there may be an enormous catastrophe.

"Everyone, even diplomats, must react as human beings, particularly those of us who have the advantage of being on the spot. Diplomat or not, I have no intention of witnessing passively what is happening. I am free to do this because we have a government which calls things by their correct names."

The Swedish Ambassador
quoted in Aftonbladet
June 28, 1972

"American aircraft in a series of three attacks have demolished the dike at Phu Ly, about 40 miles south of Hanoi. I was one of a group of foreign and North Vietnamese journalists who visited Phu Ly this morning in a convoy led by Mr. Phan My, the Deputy Minister of Water Conservation.

"We approached the town before dawn, headlights out. When we were about 12 miles from our destination, American fighter-bombers again attacked the city of Nam Dinh nearby . . .

"Then we came to the dike, with its system of sluice-gates designed to hold back the muddy waters of the Song Day River, a tributary of the Red River, to prevent flooding of the 10 districts of Nam Ha Province. Here and there we saw craters which women were patiently filling with their hands. Houses near the dike had been blown away by the bombs, and others were without roofs.

"Even an old bunker dating from 'the other' Indochina War had been pierced by projectiles. The system of sluice-gates no longer worked, for the six doors could not move up or down. The reinforced concrete pillars had been destroyed or cracked."

Jean Thoraval
London Times
July 1, 1972

AMERICAN REPORT July 28, 1972

July 12's Boston Globe reports that on July 6 "Laird raised the possibility that Hanoi Radio was engaged in a propaganda campaign "to relieve themselves from the responsibility with their own people for the failure to adequately repair this system since the major flooding last year!"

FLOORBOARDS FOR SALE

For a contribution of \$50 or more to the Building Fund, now at \$4279, you can have a floorboard in the reception room named after you. Seriously, we're not selling parts of the new SPC home, but please consider very seriously the importance of this house for the future of the anti-war movement in Central New York. Not having to make large house payments will allow SPC to put more money into program work. The Building Fund Committee has just sent out over 100 letters of personal solicitation to SPC members. If you receive one please respond as soon as possible.



TAX RESISTANCE FUND MAKES FIRST LOAN



The SPC War Tax Resistance Fund made an interest-free loan of \$150.00 to the Eastwood Tenants' Association. The money is to be used for holding a dance which will raise money for recreational equipment and programs. A brief ceremony took place at the Peace Council, where Linsay Fair (left) of the Eastwood group accepted the check from Beth Brown, Debbie Burrows and Jim Prior.

PICK A FILM . . . ANY FILM

Summer is a good time to show films! They are available for use in the backyard, living room, at community gatherings, fairs, schools, or anywhere else you can think of.

Our film library now contains the following 16mm films:

Vietnam & Beyond	45 min.
Vietnam: How We Got In, How We Can Get Out	30
Way of the Wind	20
Amendment to End the War	30
Hiroshima-Nagasaki	16
You Don't Have to Buy War, Mrs. Smith	30
The Holy Outlaw	59

And Another Family For Peace	45
The Selling of the Pentagon	54
No Vietnamese Ever Called Me Nigger	65
U.S. Technique & Genocide	20
The Automated Air War (slide show)	40

We also have projectors and screens to go with the films and the Neighborhood Discussion Program (Paul Malcolmson, 699-5088) will provide both projectionists and discussion leaders if they are needed.

Any of these materials plus many tape recordings are easily obtained by calling Ronnie Vitacolonna at (315) 446-7523.

G.E. PROJECT STARTED

In past years SPC has attempted to confront, challenge and change many of the institutions that support militarism. One type of institution has seen very little SPC work to this point: the large American corporation. The Peace Council has recently started a G.E. project which will focus on the abuse of corporate power as it relates to militarism and social injustice.

Why G.E.? G.E.'s very size and visibility make it the logical choice for the project. Choice of any other firm would leave us open to charges that a company with war materiel sales of over One Billion Dollars was being overlooked in order to take on a smaller, more vulnerable manufacturer.

G.E.'s long and ignoble history of labor relations in Syracuse could enlist allies in the project from the ranks of employees. This possibility would be furthered if we do our homework on conversion and communicate these possibilities to the community with some degree of expertise.

Though G.E. does not produce the inhuman antipersonnel bombs that Honewell produces, their manufacture of sophisticated (though undistinguishing) delivery systems cause much human suffering and death. In this respect G.E. has some similarities to its old ally, Krupp.



Big new contracts for the B1 Bomber engines are on their way. This Bomber is America's answer to the SALT agreements critics.

Though statistical evidence is what leads us to consider G.E. as the focus of the project, it is intuitive judgment that allows us to sense that G.E. is the corporation which is "just right" for this project. In this community, at this time, and in this context of war, unemployment, inflation, general dissatisfaction, and mistrust of large institutions, G.E. deserves our attention.

The third meeting of the G.E. Project will be Wednesday August 2 at SPC, 7:30pm. Anyone interested is invited.

Pat Vitacolonna

SPC NEEDS

These are items we need for our new home. If you can contribute one or more, please call the SPC office, 446-5656.

books of green stamps * fire extinguishers
* paper jogger * electronic stencil machine * carbon ribbon electric typewriter * dehumidifier * xerox copier * bath & dish towels * wastebaskets * garbage cans * folding metal tables & chairs * large bulletin boards * electric stapler * radio * snow shovels * rakes * lumber * stuffed chairs * couch * desks * playpen

TERRY VIEWS SLIDES

For many months various SPC delegations have met with Congressman John Terry to challenge his hawkish stance on the war and urge him to view the Automated Air War Slide Show. These meetings have always been less than satisfactory.

Finally, during a meeting last month with the SPC delegation to Ring Around The Capitol, Congressman Terry agreed to view the slide show. On July 20 the slide show was shown to Congressman Terry in his Washington office. At its conclusion he got up and left without comment.

HIROSHIMA DAY MEMORIAL

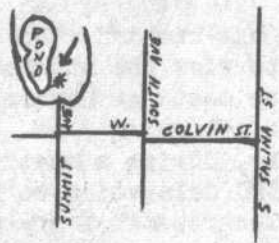
SPEAKERS

- BOB EATON Captain of Phoenix on its voyage from Hiroshima to N. Viet Nam with a cargo of medical supplies.
- MASATO NAGAO They will speak about the atomic bombing of Japan.
- DR. HIROYUKI AONO
- NGUYEN THI THANH On the bombing of Viet Nam.
- SARI KNOPP BIKLEN Worked at Peace Center in Hiroshima.

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"MY ONLY BOMB IS MY HUMAN HEART"

"I only want to be an ordinary person living in a peaceful time" said Nguyen Thai Binh in an interview last April. Now Binh, whose name means peace, lies dead in Saigon.

Binh was killed while attempting to hijack a Pan Am 747 to Hanoi on June 1. "Kill the son of a bitch," commanded the pilot, Capt. Gene Vaughn, as he grappled with Binh after the plane had landed at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport. A passenger, a former police officer who was on his way to Saigon to work for a U.S. company, pulled out a .357 Magnum pistol and shot Binh five times.

Vaughn, a 200-pounder, picked up Binh's limp 116-pound body and threw him out of the aircraft. "He was already dead. We knew that. I just felt it was offensive to have him anywhere near that plane," Vaughn commented while discussing the killing afterwards.

A few weeks before Binh had graduated from the University of Washington. He had come to the United States four years before on a U.S. Agency for International Development "leadership" scholarship. During the last two years Binh had become increasingly active in trying to arouse the American people to the horrors their government was bringing to Viet Nam. He was one of ten Vietnamese students arrested last June for occupying the Saigon regime's consulate in New York. Because of his anti war activities the U.S. and Saigon governments had been threatening to return him to Saigon and certain imprisonment.

Binh's nature, his friends recall, was like his name -- peace. "He was a gentle person. He was barely five feet tall. He composed poetry and music." Hijacking a plane was not the kind of action which Binh could take easily. He was driven to it by the seeming insensitivity of the American people to his cries and the cries of all the people of Viet Nam. In a letter mailed to several peace groups in the U.S. the day before the hijacking Binh explained "I know my voice for peace cannot be heard, cannot defeat the roared sound of B-52, of the U.S. bombings unless I take this dramatic action."

Binh's weapons for the hijacking were a small knife and a "bomb" - later found to be two lemons wrapped in foil. In his letter he wrote "I promise myself not to hurt any innocent person." "My only bomb is my human heart which

can explode to call for love, faith and hope, to wake up the conscience of Viet Nam's enemies."

"I only want to be an ordinary person living in a peaceful time" said Nguyen Thai Binh - but he was not. He was a hero living at a time when the homeland he loved was being destroyed. Neither are any of us ordinary persons living in a peaceful time. Responsibility for the death of Nguyen Thai Binh rests with all of us who have failed to stop the war. If we had tried harder - if we had succeeded Binh would be alive to see his 25th year.

Chris Jenkins & Tony Avirgan



DELEGATE PROJECT CONTINUES

The Syracuse Peace Council Delegate Project is continuing its activities by inviting delegates to the Republican National Convention to view the Automated Air War slide show. Issuing these invitations has not been a particularly rewarding enterprise. So far no Republican delegate has accepted.

Last month's efforts with delegates to the Democratic Convention were more fruitful. Many delegates had already seen the slide show and others made arrangements to see it. The Delegate Project also made arrangements to show the slide show to McGovern campaign workers. Dave Toscano and Charlie Grealish have handled most of the work of tracking down and inviting delegates.

SPC TO MOVE SEPT. 1

Workers in the SPC office at the Church Center are eagerly awaiting the move to the Peace Council's new house at 92 1/2 Burnet Ave. The move will take place about September 1.

In the meantime a housing committee has been appointed to gather needed office equipment, carry out needed renovations and work out housekeeping procedures.

At present the main task is that of renovation. Among the major jobs are: re-wiring, building a second set of stairs to the second floor, and installing heating ducts to the second floor. The housing committee is hoping to get labor for the work donated by people with peace concerns. If you know of persons who might do this work, call Liz Jutton 446-1729.

MTG. IN YORK

On July 8, two members of SPC's Defense Committee attended a Harrisburg Defense Committee meeting in York, Pa. to discuss future directions of the committee after Harrisburg. The tone of the gathering was serious with a feeling that all must increase commitment and expression of the critical situation in Indochina.

Most of the day was spent in sharing feelings at this point on where the committee must go from here. Plans for a serious, extended fast in the near future to express a community of consciousness opposed to U.S. involvement in Indochina, were made. The fast is intended to both mobilize and educate nationally. More details will be coming soon.

Bob Russell

SIGN - UP NOW FOR 1972 SPC STATE FAIR BOOTH

The 1972 State Fair will run Tuesday, August 29 - Monday, September 4 (Labor Day). The SPC State Fair Committee has divided into these components: materials - Susan Ashley, 446-2429; booth construction & design - Bill Whistler, 446-2304; staffing booth - Jean Sackett, 457-8854 & Gilda Geiss, 682-6401; arranging film showings - Pat Hoffmann, 469-2593. The booth will be on the 2nd floor of the Women's Building.

Staffing is the area where the most people are needed so, if you want to work, please

Training Session for Booth Staffers: Wed, August 23, 7:30 pm at SPC (backdoor)

fill out the tearslip below and save people a lot of calling. A dual slideshow will be a feature of the booth. Slides of life-affirming scenes are needed. Call Bill Whistler if you have some.

VVAW and NAM (New American Movement) are going to have a joint Fair booth. They will also be arranging, in co-operation with SPC, daily picketing at the large military display. Meet at this booth (on Hiawatha Ave. towards midway from main ent.) each day at 11:30 am to participate in the picketing

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REPORT FROM CHINA

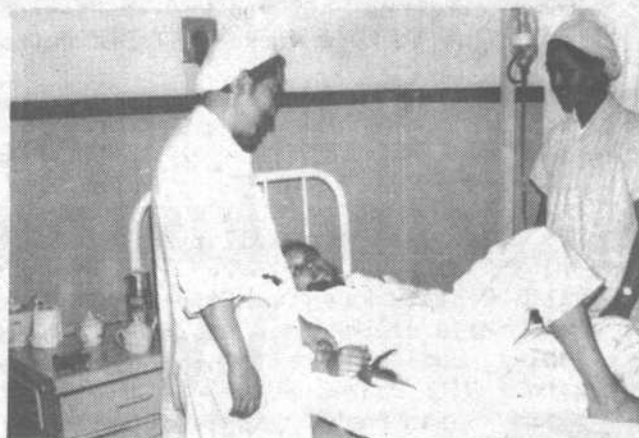
After 22 days and 3500 miles of travel in the People's Republic of China my body clock is still adjusting and my mind whirling. It's still difficult to believe the Chinese volunteered to host a 16-person, non-official U.S. medical group composed of members of the Medical Committee for Human Rights. And it's even more amazing that I was one of the health workers from all over the U.S. chosen.

So on June 14th, after more than usual passport and packing hassles, I left Syracuse on the 4pm Greyhound for Chicago. As we rolled past an old couple, sitting with tulips in the park on Erie Blvd., and on past the bare polluted lake shores of Onondaga, I thought-- "This is my home. This is my country with its good and its bad. This is America."

Now that I'm back, with notebooks full, and hundreds of slides to sort, I feel quite humble about what I know of China. I know what I could absorb in 3 weeks of a very busy schedule using interpreters to communicate with the Chinese, and using early mornings to wander and query or photograph as I wanted. So I am no "China expert" (if there is any such thing in this country), but I have strong feelings and impressions to share with you about China.

My first impression was of openness and friendliness. Obviously, it was the job of the three interpreters who were with us the entire trip, to be diplomatic and polite. These they always were. But when we left, Mr. Shen said, "I mean it, I'll miss you... come back with your baby and husband." We were also consistently & warmly greeted at the hospitals, factories, and schools we visited. Besides I could wander off in spare time and say to a crowd of curious people which often gathered, "Wo litza', May Gua." (I am an American) and get amazement and quick grins. Though we saw signs & heard songs about "American Imperialists", and though in South China we were a few hundred miles from where American planes were bombing, we were still considered American people (as opposed to rulers), and friends.

My second major impression in China was of a happy, healthy people. Nowhere did I see anxious, drawn faces, hear children whining or crying or see them sucking their thumbs. And besides this general look of happiness-- the faces and bodies I saw were healthy. I looked for and didn't see any open sores which had been so common. When I saw evidence of any kind of diseases I also saw that they were under treatment-- a person on crutches, a bandaged elbow or forehead or medication on a rash or cut.



Dr. Jerilynn Prior (in bed) learns about Chinese health care when taken ill in Peking.

My third impression was of a people well-motivated, working hard and enthusiastically living their slogan "Serve the People". Work and labor are rewarded by group support, humane working conditions, a share in making policy and such "fringe benefits" as day care, health care, old age security and housing benefits. They can readily see that their labors are building a country where people's basic human needs are met. I found it quite understandable in that context, that they sing of their leader, and of their accomplishments.

In summary, the friendly, happy, healthy, and creative people of China treated me very well, and taught me that when the resources and energies of a people are turned to creative ends, a humane society can be built in less than a generation.

Jerilynn Prior

NGHBD. GROUPS

A new SPC neighborhood group in Married Student Housing at SU was begun at a small but fruitful meeting Thursday July 13. It was decided that the initial focus of the group will be to work in the McGovern Campaign. A meeting will be held August 10 at 7:30pm. SPC members active in the campaign will outline the tasks ahead. Childcare will be provided. For the place of the meeting or for childcare call David Hopkins 446-4746.

The Westcott neighborhood group got together recently to view the video tape Gathering in the Garden, with Dan Berrigan and others speaking. As a part of the 6 Day Table Project the group is setting up tables on Saturday, July 29, from

11-2 at Nottingham Shopping Center and Westcott St. Also part responsibility for staffing the State Fair booth has been assumed. Sue Strunk, 472-3726, is the convener.

The Salt Springs group is providing the bulk of people power for the State Fair Committee.

Anne Perry, 492-9407, is the new convener for the J-D group. The group also met recently to view Gathering in the Garden. A showing of the Automated Air War will be held at Anne Perry's, 6353 Ledgewood Dr, Jamesville, August 22 at 7:30pm for persons who have not yet seen it.

That last phone bill was a killer.



No fooling. Did you notice the column that says "Federal Excise Tax"? Well that tax is helping to make certain that thousands of people *never use the telephone*. Does that seem strange? Listen to what Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee has to say, "Mr. Chairman, the bill H.R. 12752, is intended first and foremost to provide additional revenues to help finance the expenditures required to sustain our operation in Vietnam. I believe that it is clear that it is the Vietnam, and only the Vietnam operation which makes this bill

necessary." In other words, the 10% Federal tax on your monthly phone bill pays for the napalm, and a whole bunch of other things which are being used to destroy human beings in Southeast Asia. To make matters worse, this destruction of human life *is of no benefit to you*. In fact, it is making *your life* more difficult.

Any reasonable person can see that the more money spent on the military, the less there is available for schools, health care, housing, and a host of other things that millions of people *here in America* desperately need RIGHT NOW. Must

your community go without proper educational facilities, while giant corporate interests profit from the production of war materials? Must you pay more and more for public transportation which gets worse and worse, while the money that could be used to subsidize mass transit is being squandered in a futile and immoral attempt to prevent the Vietnamese people from exercising their legitimate right of self-determination? Help yourself to live better. Clip the coupon below, and find out what you can do to make your next phone bill a statement of life.

*Congressional Record, Feb. 23, 1966; pp. 3676, 3677, 3680.

I would like more information on Telephone War Tax Resistance.

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MONDAY DINNERS

The Direct Action Project of the Peace Council holds a free potluck dinner every Monday. The dinners are followed by a talk or film and informal discussion. Everyone is welcome!



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6:30 pm

AUGUST

For more information call 446-5656

- 7 - LENNY BRUCE** A review with tapes by Glenn Witkin
- 14 - WAR OF BACKSEAT GENERALS** A film about Laos
- 21 - WOMEN ARE MANY FACES** Discussion of local women's activities by Joan Rothenberg and Liz Jutton
- 28 - CAMBODIA** A talk by Ollie Clubb and Tony Avirgan

WOMEN ARE MANY FACES

"Women Are Many Faces", a festival in celebration of the 2nd Anniversary of the Women's Strike and the 52nd Anniversary of Women Suffrage, will take place at the Everson Museum on Saturday, August 26. Public and private organizations and agencies will have booths explaining services which are provided for women; women will "speak out" on a variety of social and political issues; and there will be guerilla theater, films and entertainment. The all-woman band "Sweet Jenny Grit" will play benefit performances for the newly organized Women's Center-Refuge. Women artists of the Syracuse area will exhibit their work. There will be a contest for men at which a Mr. Syracuse will be elected.

If you are interested in planning activities for "Women Are Many Faces", or if you belong to an organization which would like to have an exhibit please call Liz at 446-1729 or Geri at 476-5903 (evenings).



SPC BOOK CLUB

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Reviewed Aug. 9 Wed.

China! Inside The People's Republic by the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars. A report on life in China today.
Reviewed by Jerilynn Prior who is presently touring China to study their health care system. Slides will be shown.



Reviewed Sept. 13 Wed.

Struggle For Justice prepared by the American Friends Service Committee. A report on crime and punishment in America today.
Reviewed by Alex Knopp a co-author presently in prison work.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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8:00 P.M.

Reviewed Oct. 11 Wed.

The Indochina Story by the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars. A comprehensive history of who, why and how the United States is fighting in Indochina.
Reviewed by Ollie Clubb, a professor of political science at S.U.

Books available at Syracuse Peace Council
office 3049 E. Genesee 446-5656.

SPC CLAMBAKE

The First Annual SPC Benefit Clambake will be held at the home of Helen Anderson, 256 LaFayette Rd, September 9. The tempting spread of food will include Clams, Barbequed Chicken, Fresh Corn, Stuffed Potatoes and much more.

Prior to the dinner there will be games, swimming, volleyball, badminton, croquet. Festivities will begin at 3pm; dinner at 5pm.

The suggested contribution is \$6 adults, \$2 under 18, \$1 under 12. Persons are needed to help with advanced ticket sales. If you could help or want more information call Marcia Curran 682-8824 or Whitney 637-6364.

HIROSHIMA DAY

Sunday, August 6th marks the 27th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. The Syracuse Peace Council will commemorate the deaths and suffering inflicted on the citizens of Hiroshima with a memorial service in Onondaga Park.

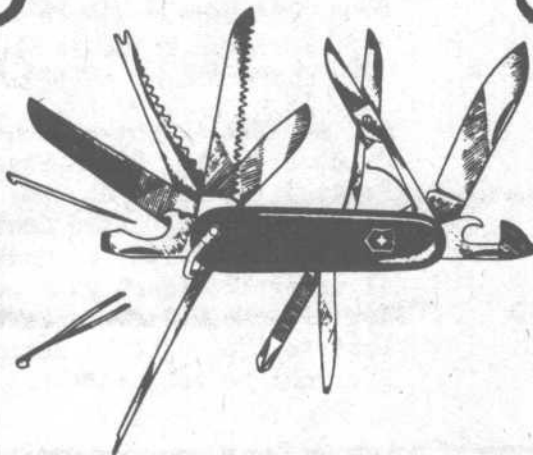
The service will emphasize the theme "From Hiroshima to Vietnam-- the suffering continues." Along with several speakers, including Bob Faton, a captain of the Phoenix, a Quaker ship that carried medical supplies to the people of Vietnam, the evening will feature the launching of memorial lantern boats on Onondaga lake.

The evening program will begin at 7:30.

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AUGUST 1972 CALENDAR

- 2 Wed GE Project meeting, 7:30pm at SPC. All welcome.
- 4 Fri Downtown Syracuse Peace Days:
5 Sat literature tables set up downtown each day. To help call 446-5656.
- 6 Sun Hiroshima Day Memorial, 7:30pm, Onondaga Park. For more info see elsewhere in PNL.
- 7 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30 pm, University Methodist Church, cor. University Ave. & E. Genesee. A review of Lenny Bruce by Glenn Whitkin. All welcome.
- 8 Tue SPC Steering Committee meeting, 8pm, Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee. All welcome.
- 9 Wed SPC Book Club review, China! Inside the People's Republic, done by Jerilynn Prior, a recent visitor there. 8pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison St. All welcome.
- 10 Thu Married Student Housing Nbhd. Group meeting, 7:30pm. For place call Dave Hopkins, 446-4746.
- 12 Sat SPC Garage Sale, 314 Bronson
13 Sun Rd. Camillus. 12-4pm both days. To drop off items or work on the sale call Ruth McDonnell 468-1971.
- 14 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. A film about Laos: War of the Backseat Generals. All welcome.
- 21 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. Women Are Many Faces: a look at upcoming activities by Syracuse Women's Groups. All welcome.
- 22 Tue J-D Nbhd. Group meeting, 7:30 pm, home of Ann Perry, 6353 Ledgewood Dr., J'ville. Showing of Automated Air War slide show. All welcome.
- 23 Wed PNL assembly & mailing. Wed: 2pm-5pm. Thurs: 10am-5pm.
24 Thu Church Center, 3049 E. Genesee. Everyone welcome to come & bring friends!
- 23 Wed State Fair Training Session, 7:30pm, at SPC. Important for all booth staffers to attend.
- 28 Mon F-M Nbhd. Group meeting, 8pm, home of Dorothy Van der Ven, 408 Cleveland Blvd. Videotape of Dan Berrigan. All welcome.
- 28 Mon Monday Night Potluck Dinner, 6:30pm, University Methodist Church. A talk on Cambodia by Tony Avirgan and Ollie Clubb. All welcome.
- 29-4 State Fair. SPC booth in Women's Bldg. See article in PNL.
- Sept 1 SPC moves to 924 Burnet Ave.
- Sept 9 SPC Benefit Clambake at home of Helen Anderson, 256 LaFayette Rd. Festivities begin at 3pm; dinner at 5pm. Suggested contribution: \$6 adults, \$2 under 18, \$1 under 12. There will be a keg of beer & bar-- an extra contribution will be asked there. Everyone is welcome!

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