

"Finally, Woodstock raises the question of drugs. Psychotropic drugs are now as much a part of the youth subculture as alcohol is part of the adult society. It is long past time when our laws should reflect this reality. It is hypocrisy to jail youngsters for five years for possession of marijuana while permitting men to make fortunes selling cancer in a cigarette pack."

- SEN. McGOVERN

"We have raised our children to value the individual, but then ask them to be absorbed into giant bureaucracies which serve themselves before they serve the individual.
"We have crowed about great achievements of our society, about our ability to get to the moon, about our money and our goods and our economic systems and they wonder why 15-million Americans go hungry."

- SEN. McGOVERN

BREAKTHRU

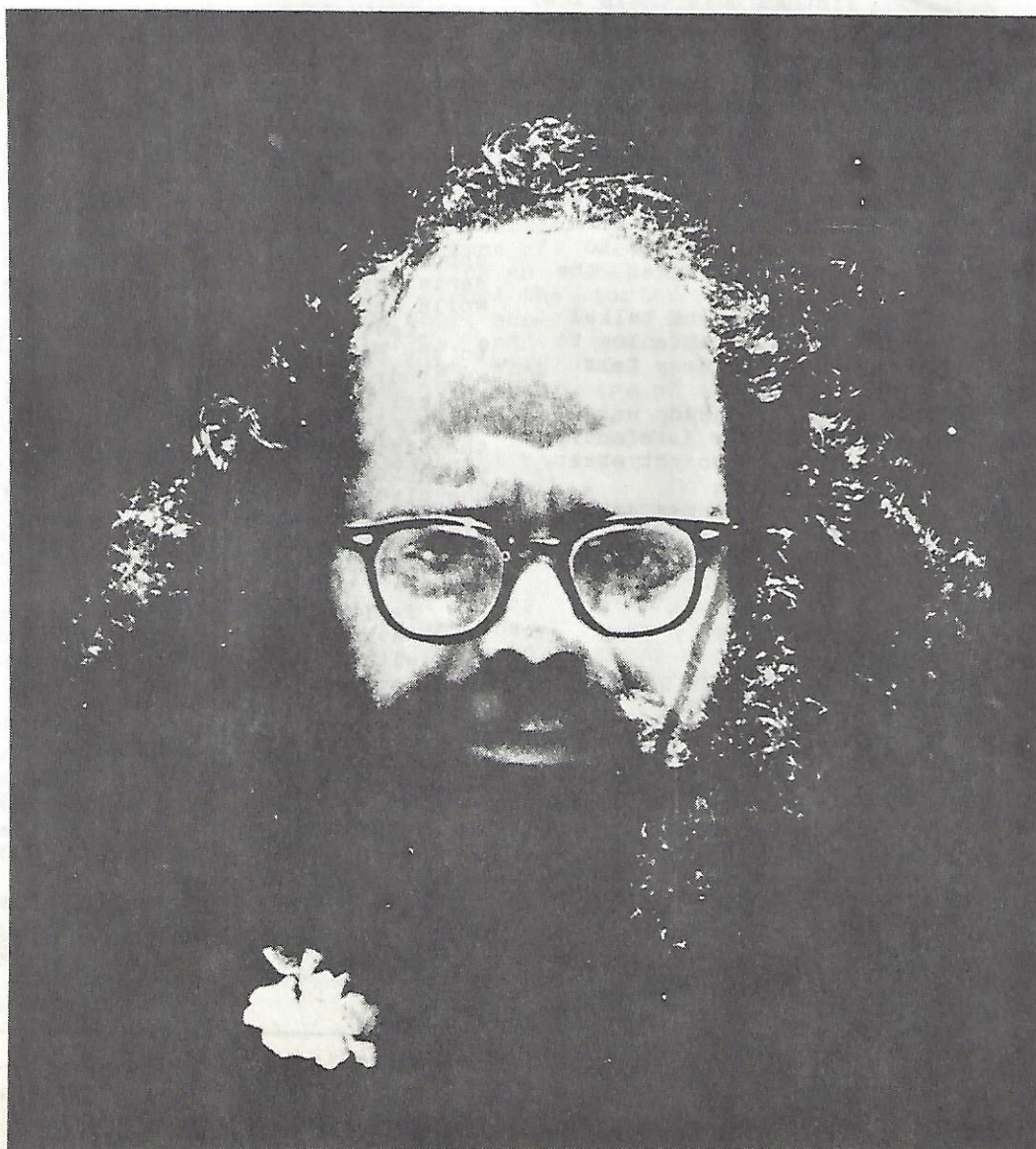
(formerly the ORACLE)

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A revamping of the Oracle has been in order. Breakthru is the product of these renovations. Our main policy is the same, to bring about constructive change. This paper belongs to no one and owes nothing to anybody. It is a paper from the people. We want you to get involved, to be concerned about things happening for and against humanity, and finally to act. To do this we must be together remembering that our purpose must be constructive and fill a void rather create one. Act positively if you disagree with the policies of a ruling body such as your city government and school administrations.

Americans and South Vietnamese voted for peace... got war. Why?

Soldiers
show dissent in
Vietnam base (BASE IKE)

There were those on Fire
Base Ike prone to keeping their
heads down when the fighting began.

There were the Vietnam veterans whose only concern was to get put alive
There were those who openly questioned whether
all the fighting and dying was worth it.

There were those who tried
to escape the grim reality of Fire Base Ike with
drugs. Just that day two junkies were shipped to
the rear because their presence might endanger the
others.

And the dissenters talked
every day about their doubts, thus threatening to
undermine the fighting spirit that Lindsey felt
he needed.

There were those who were
openly disobedient. A few days earlier 5 infantry
men temporarily refused to man an overnight observation post because of the danger.

Another soldier was sent
back because he wouldn't fight.

Another shot himself in the
foot to get out.

Are YOU up-tight over THE DRAFT ?
Do YOU have Any Questions?
WRITE to US and we'll try and HELP!
use the Address for SUBSCRIPTIONS.

STAND
For the things you know are right
It's the truth that the truth makes them so uptight
STAND

They will try to make you crawl
And they know what you're saying makes sense and
all

STAND
Don't you know that you are free
Well at least in your mind if you want to be

-Sylvester Stewart

We're overworked and we need more people.
Writers, Artists, TYPISTS and activists through
the city come in and HELP!

write to: John Beattie
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So. Hadley Falls
or call: 5340093

No More Vietnams

A lesson has been learned by the majority of the U.S. Senate concerning Vietnam. The Senate approved a resolution (70-16) stating that a "national commitment" will result only from affirmative action from both legislative branches.

This is a step in bringing the presidential powers, in the area of foreign policy, under control. Simply it is a warning to the Executive branch not to involve the U.S. in more Vietnams.

Under the Constitution a system of checks and balances was set up to prevent any one branch of the government, from gaining more control than another. This system sets to find a balance between tyranny and chaos. Post W.W.II years have seen the shift of foreign policy almost entirely to the president with Congress merely doling out money whenever and wherever the Executive wishes. The job of Congress was to do without questioning.

No decision, by the Supreme Court, has judges the war we are now involved in as unconstitutional. Instead the people are showing it through widespread dissension. Riots on campus, marches on the Pentagon and the Capital, the dissolution of ROTC on many colleges have brought to Congress the dire situation. Approval of the resolution is the reaction of politicians who want no more international commitment decided on by one person or one branch of the government.

Bill Goglin

Article 1 Section 8

Congress shall Power To Declare War

-U.S. Constitution

(Congress Has Never Declared War Against North Vietnam)

of South Hadley High School,

Education in S.H.H.S. is far from what it should be. Like other schools it trains the students for the business world instead of a social world and one's self-knowledge.

Last Thursday I was dragged, by the ear, down to the office for looking out the window during my study period. When I got down to the office I was met by a member of the administration. I received 20 demerits and a lecture about how it was the first week and I was starting off on the wrong foot and all that shit. But this was just the circumstances that started a discussion concerning education today. He said, "Education today is primarily to get kids ready for the business world", and he added, "making a good financial life."

Feeling the way I do that school should first teach a student responsibilities and how to sensitize with others, not to be trained how to be a good worker for Dow Chemical Corp., I felt sick.

John Beattie

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(a letter from Allen Ginsberg to the Secretary of the Treasury)

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

This is a response to your department's notice of 11 July, '69, concerning tax assessments against me (SS10222430) for \$1,488.68 plus interest asserted as \$21.25 for 1968.

I am not able to pay this money into our Treasury to be expended in the continuing illegal and immoral effort to kill or subdue more Vietnamese people. I have retained attorneys with regard to your claim against me and am instructing them to present the appropriate documents and authorities to your office as necessary to manifest my anxiety and inability to pay for this painful war.

I'm obliged to inform you that I spent all the modest amount of money I earned last year keeping myself alive and helping others maintain their lives.

You should also know that I am physically, mentally, and morally unable to earn money to pay for the Vietnam war. The basic Traditional ethics of my profession as poet prohibits me from assigning money earned, incidental to the publication of literary compositions pronouncing the inhumanity, ungodliness and contra patriotic nature of this war, for funding the very same war.

My strongest religious feelings of divine nature and person, so I wish to acknowledge the divine in yourself by clearly explaining to you that I conscientiously object to, and am incapable of, medically incapable of, paying money into the Treasury for war use in Viet Nam. Equally clear is the awareness that so much as I may finance violence to others, equal measure of such violence shall be returned inevitably to my own person. I am absolutely afraid of this retribution!

As my religious apprehensions and convictions and psychological conditions prevent my paying income tax through to the Treasury for Viet Nam War, an equally commanding practical awareness of socially and economically deprived millions of persons in America prevent me from supporting an inequitable and unfair tax system which places the cost of a horrific war so heavily upon poor, ecologically disorientated, and hungry people, and transfers so much money as profit to investors in questionable military-industrial enterprises, and in cares in consequence to this constitutionally inappropriate war.

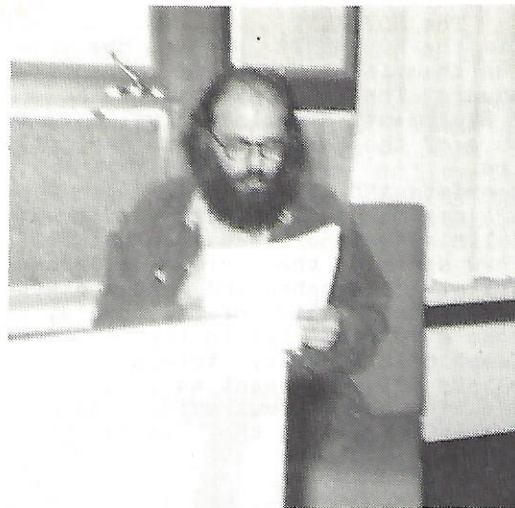
I'm willing to pay your tax assessment by donating what money I will have to any tax exempt program acceptable to your Department which will benefit money-poor Americans, or protect natural resources wasted as consequence of war hastes.

I humbly request an appointment to meet with you with my attorneys to discuss the policy decision which you must soon make as to how the numbers of persons who feel as I do are going to be treated by your Department. We plan to offer reasonable alternatives to paying taxes supporting the Viet Nam War. I can't live in peace with myself and pay taxes into a fund which goes directly into Vietnam War. This prospect has made me physically ill. Thus, if our tax system is so inequitable that it cannot find a reasonable alternative such as payment of these taxes into a fund which is not used in this war, I will be relieved to go to jail rather than pay money to the war, or take other steps.

Allen Ginsberg

Next Issue: Excerpts of an interview with Allen at UMass this summer.

Y'all want change
Y'all don't like what's happening
Tired of hearing the same old rethoric?
JOIN US!



Ginsberg
reads
letter at
U.Mass.
Press
Conference

Call Us Americans

This Establishment (U.S of A) is probably the most lenient in the world today. Parents who have tried to force the "American Dream" down our throats. Have been rejected. Thus the new Sex Revolution, Hippies etc. etc. etc. But we see the faults of this society and we want to change them. We see the men who have nothing but lust for power in positions of administration. These men in their greed have lost contact with the people they were to represent. We feel we can contribute in making this society the greatest for every member in it.

We hope to destroy the society who for purposes of abducing and forcing morals and crank traditions upon the people, have smoldered the true American Spirit of Revolution.

We are never taught about the radicals which are part of our past. Young Americans are forced to turn elsewhere for ideas and leadership. The reason being that the story of the American Radical the "Un-American" is omitted or greatly distorted in the pages of our history books.

How many of us were taught that Helen Keller was a Socialist who was anti-American capitalism and a member of the Revolutionary Industrial Workers of the World, the "wobblies".

Did Dwight Eisenhower know that Honus Wagner, baseball great and his boyhood hero, was a Socialist?

Do any of us know that MAY-DAY, which our leaders try to have us picture as a European Communist holiday, was first celebrated as a day of workers protest in Chicago during the violent labor disputes of the 1880's.

What about Uncle Sam? Now he stands as a figure of imperialism or the tyrant who runs the draft and "wants You". He was originally the symbol of the first American Revolutionists.

Like the flag Uncle Sam was taken from radicals by politicians and are being used as blindfolds to camouflage more corruption.

The rulers of our Schools and country have tried to convince us that radicalism and the right to revolt are foreign concepts - strangers to our shores. But in reality they are part of the United States.

This distortion must end. Young American radicals, idealists, militants and revolutionaries are neither going to LOVE IT or LEAVE IT. We're going to save it. Save it from people who conceive such slogans. Save it from stale hypocritical minds in power, from schools to the government. We will challenge you, and will defend ourselves

C. Vega

The paper will be out every other wk. Get your articles in. Give them to a seller or mail it.

The MOVEMENT

Who? Why? What is the MOVEMENT? Who are the targets? Who are the theorists? Who are the guerrillas? The troubadours? The martyrs? What are some of the tactics? Equipment? Symbols? We will try to give you a picture of the Movement, with a little help from Esquire.

Theorists AND Stylists

Herbert Marcuse; A critic of capitalism (and Russian "Stalinism") rather than a formulator of the new society, the 70yr. old German born Marxist philosopher and gentle classroom questioner at Univ. of California, has become a culture hero in the past year. His concept of "repressive tolerance" — that society allows dissent as long as it is ineffective, thus frustrating change — is a base for expanding the limits of active defiance.

Tom Hayden; New Leftist prototype, his journey from liberal reformer to revolutionary marks the Movement's path. He worked in the So., wrote the 1962 Port Huron Statement setting up Students for a Democratic Society, lived and organized in the Newark ghetto, traveled to North Vietnam. A chief architect of confrontation politics: "exposing the System" by forcing it to react to challenges with strong police action.

Dave Dellinger; The build, face and clothes of a Justice Dept. lawyer he has been arrested at least ten times since 1940, when he refused to register for the Selective Service, although exempt as a seminarian. Did three years. As chairman of National Mobilization Committee, the Yale educated editor of LIBERATION headed demonstrations by diverse groups at the Pentagon and Chicago.

David J. Miller; On October 15, 1965 the twenty-two year-old Catholic Worker pacifist climbed onto a platform outside the Whitehall St. induction center in New York, borrowed a lighter and burned his draft card. Three days later, SIX F.B.I. men nabbed him changing a flat tire in Hookset, N.H., on the way to a meeting, and he became the first person charged under a new anti-draft-card burning law. He was convicted and jailed. Even so, the gesture caught on.

Abbie Hoffman; Media manipulators, clowns, founding and fathers of Youth International Party
Jerry Rubin — YIPPIES. Threw money at stock Exchange. Abbie has been arrested 31 times, was a Mississippi SNCC worker and one of its last whites; Jerry is a Berkeley-H.U.A.C. veteran. Both men are over thirty. "We are the people our parents warned us against."

Artur Waskow; Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, the New Left think-tank that also includes Marcus Raskin of draft resistance-counseling fame. He was a delegate to the Democratic Convention but spent much of his time in Grant Park. Turned in his 4-F draft card, which was reclassified 1-A. In 1963 tried to integrate Gwynn Oak amusement park and was arrested by authority of Baltimore County Executive Spiro T. Agnew.

Eldridge Cleaver; The civil-rights struggle has been the beginning of the transformation of many whites into radicals, and the Movement has derived much of its style from the black rebellion. Current idols are the leather-jacket gun-carrying Black Panthers and one of their leaders Eldridge

Cleaver, ex-convict (possession of narcotics, 2 1/2 years; assault with intent to murder, nine years) and best selling author (SOUL on ICE).

Up Against The Wall M.F.; A anarchist-terrorist group operating on N.Y.'s Lower East Side. UAW/MF is the street-fighting wing of SDS. It has lent its name as the rallying cry of the Columbia revolt and now of the Movement in general. Looking like a motorcycle gang with ideology, the heavily bearded M.F.'s consider it their duty not only to make revolution but to disrupt society with shouts, curses, and anything else that comes to hand.

WOODSTOCK

A few years ago we heard about a strange happening in Sunnyland California. It was called the Monterey Pop Festival and just about every group we had heard of was there; the acid-rockers, hard-rockers, blues screamers, folk singers poem-dreamers. In the last few years since Monterey, the acids gotten stronger, the blues harder, the folk simpler, and the dreams more beautiful. Echoes are floating like freedom in the minds of the Earth's young. And we, along with everybody else in this movement, have said that our life style is better than anybody else's. We have said that freedom is better than order, communes are better than capitalistic businesses, and peace is far better than war.

In mid-August, in Bethel N.Y., on some cat's (Max Yasgur) farm, we proved it. We gathered our bands, our grass and ourselves, and created a city of peace and a feeling of communism and of love.

It rained on our farm, and the 400,000 people who had gathered there (there were supposedly only gonna be 50,000 a day) got muddy. But we still dug it well, fed each other, kept each other as dry as possible and as high as possible.

The music was utterly fantastic! The groups and people played so well that you couldn't help staying high. A commune known as the Hog Farm helped everybody with free organic food, and there was free medicine, free lakes, and the concerts were free too, although many people had paid ahead of time. But even those who got burnt for concert tickets didn't care because the freedom of the concerts added to their high.

The music went on for three days, each day, twelve hours a day. Anybody you can think of played. Among the most memorable were Canned Heat, Cree Dance, Clearwater Revival, Jefferson Airplane, The Who, Richie Havens, (who received about four standing ovation), and Mountain, a new group started by the guy who produced the Cream.

Some bad acid went around, but that and traffic jams were the only hassles.

The days were spent sitting in the sunlight getting high, swimming and talking to good people, and listening to and seeing the greatest groups and people in the music scene.

It might not have so intimate as Monterey, but then it wasn't able to be. It was the third largest city in New York State, and it was made up of freaks, and it worked and came off beautifully. If your parents ever tried it they would've killed, burnt, and fought each other. It just goes to show who's on the right side of this life.

We'll all be rapping about it five years from now, it was that high. Even the straight papers are calling it the most amazing get together in the history of the world because we got together and made music, peace, and love — not war.

Grow your mind as well as your hair.

PEACE,

Jimmy Niss

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FORM MAKING BODY. BE AT THE YWCA, 315 MAPLE ST.
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