

DOUGLASS

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NIXON & REAGAN

EAT GRAPES

For the sake of this animal we call the movement, will the real enemy please stand up? He'd better rear up pretty soon so everybody knows who he is. Otherwise the American left, that glowering graveyard of toothless terrors, will continue shooting at people who should be its friends.

What brings this to mind is a demonstration on the night of March 22, in New York to protest the yellow journalism of the NEW YORK TIMES and its failure to cover movement news. The demonstrators, however, could not tell the difference between a Times truck driver and a Times vice president.

The protesters started hollering action-packed slogans such as "The TIMES is the apologist of imperialism!" and "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Linh, the NLF is gonna win!" "They're blamin' the Times for being anti-imperialist a companion."

The point is that a slogan means nothing unless there is a body of experience and explanation behind it. When the movement opens its mouth, it should understand who it is yelling at and why.

Although not the dominant theme of the demonstration, its most unfortunate component was the protesters baiting of the loading dock workers. There's no possible way of overemphasizing the danger and stupidity of this approach. People who work for a living are not the enemy. The people they work for are. This is the heart of radical politics.

When some demonstrators bait men who work for the target, these workers only identify with the boss that much more. Most of the workers are middle-aged. This means they have been working at the Times for a relatively long time. They have a lot tied up there--pensions, severance pay, credit union debts. These are some of the ways management keeps them in line. Now, all you have to do is add some free-wheeling insults from a crowd of demonstrators to this control structure and you've done the Times labor relations department a big favor.

The movement seems to have suddenly discovered the proletariat. This is the year of the Theoretical Worker. It seems as if we can support "them" when "they" are on strike, but not when they are on the job. If we don't get the theory and practice together, we are going to lose. Only the workers can make a revolution because only they can shut down the system. Without them, a newsstand couldn't be closed down, let alone a newspaper.

ACCEPT US OR KILL US*****

M.D.S. Peace Rally

It was shortly after one when the peace rally began. The rain had stopped. The sun looked like it might burst through but it was cold. We heard a couple of folk songs, sung through a bullhorn, (the sound equipment could not be obtained by the rental shop, they had backed down from renting the MDS the equipment).

The first speakers were four members of the Black Student Union of Springfield. They outlined their program as:

1. organizing black students
2. obtaining a black voice in the government
3. getting a true insight into history
4. obtaining more power in education.

Wayne Robinson, from BSU said, "...it, the war is crazy. He announced that "the war is crazy. He announced that "the school is a tool for war". When you're in high school you're nothing but a vegetable." He added, "the school supplies recruits for the Armed service" and that Blacks were taken advantage of in this system.

Bill Brown, chairman of the BSU, stated they wanted "peace" and did not really want to fight, but clearly stated that oppression of blacks must end and there could never be peace until it did. He bluntly pointed out that a means of obtaining peace (end to oppression) is through a revolution. He stated "Peace can only be obtained through freedom."

The Minister of Education spoke next. "Through our paper, he pointed out, we are educating black students." He pointed out that on the Vietnam war, "the power structure is carrying out a genocide, what country will we be in next? Congo? Cuba? " "The government is trying to bullshit the Blacks. When the war is over they'll come after us". He read about the German genocide of the Jews and then said "blacks defend yourselves or be straightened like 40 million Jews."

Steve Halloway, a suspended student from Columbia. He took an active part in the Columbia seige, spoke next. On Vietnam : "U.S. casualties are over 33,000", adding "We drop 129 thousand tons of bombs, 45,000 tons are dropped from B 52 alone monthly." "The liberals say "the South Vietnamese don't know what was happening" ~~and~~ all they're concerned with is their small possessions!!" Steve compared this idea with what many believed of the blacks, that they were "homeloving", "didn't know what was happening" and only cared about their small Cont.

possessions." "You don't drop bombs on people whose hearts you are trying to win." He ended on Viet Nam by saying "the American people know something has gone wrong."

On the movement he said, "Springfield (and area) must start thier own movement.....We are determined to move, not just talk...the struggle will not be simple."

Dave Dellinger, editor of the LIBERATOR and leader of the National Mobilization Committee (NMC) to end the War in Viet Nam, spoke next. He is one of the eight indicted for the Chicago riots. On Viet Nam, he said, "The U.S. has lost the war, what they are trying to do is bomb and shell Viet Nam in order to exhort a "Korean" settlement in Paris." He added, "They are trying to make us believe that the end of the war is near." He gave us an insight into the living habits of the Viet Cong, "They live far underground and get air through straws ." Concerning the Paris Peace talks, he said, "There are only two things we have to negotiate: 1. how long will it take to get out, and 2. how much will the government pay Viet Nam in indemnity.

He urged us to keep the heat on the war issue. "This is the government's Achilles heel," he said, "Deaths on both sides are tremendous."

He concluded on the war by giving an insight into the history of Viet Nam. "Ho Chi Minh fought with the U.S. in WWII to bring about an end to colonialism, but the U.S. government did not help to end French colonialism and later became involved (with the great assistance of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles). Dellinger said, "The war is not the product of one individual,(ex-President Johnson), the war went through five administrations, from Truman to Nixon; the war is the product of the system."

Concerning the 21 Black Panthers arrested in New York for conspiring to blow up Department stores, he said, "It's a clear frame-up," Dellinger was with Bobby Seale, Black Panther Minister of Organizing, when they heard of the 21. Dellinger quoted Scale as saying, "That's the last place we'd blow up, our people are there."

Concerning his indictment for the Chicago riots, he said, "The Government has done us a favor; in trying to break the movement, they have lumped us together. Our defense will be called the 'conspiracy' and we want everyone to join us." He went on to say, "The government indicted 8 policemen to even everything off, the policemen are being used to cover up for the real criminals: Daley and the Democratic machine."

NEXT ISSUE: Roxanne Dunbar, Marge Swann, MDS leader, and the open microphone

San Francisco Presidio: Part II

On October 14, 27 prisoners staged a sit-in at the San Francisco Presidio protesting the killing of prisoner Richard Bunch, 19. "He was shot in the back while running from a guard on a suicidal impulse." Bunch was quoted as saying to the guard, "What would you do if I ran?" The reply was "I would shoot you." Bunch remarked, "OK, just aim at my head." A shot was fired and Bunch lay dead. Witnesses confirmed that no warning shot was fired and no shout of "Halt" was made.

The 27 prisoners sat in a circle and made demands for better food, the disarmament of over-armed guards, and a full investigation into the death of Bunch. "It was beautiful," a military photographer said. They sang "America the Beautiful," and "We Shall Overcome." They were then presented with mutiny charges. Three of the 27 have fled to Canada. The rest have received sentences ranging from 14 to 16 years of hard labor.

The average age of these "mutineers" is 19½, and most of these men are in the Presidio on simple AWOL charges.

"CHE" GUEVARA

On Monday, October 9, 1967, Ernesto "Che" Guevara was murdered. A bullet was shot straight into his heart. Che was the most wanted man of the CIA. He was Castro's right hand man during the Cuban Revolution. When Castro was victorious, Che was given a post in the Castro Cabinet. In mid 1965, news of Che's whereabouts and activities ceased being published. Rumors started spreading. What happened to Che? Did Castro have him killed? Was he in Viet Nam? Was he in South America trying to start a new revolution against the imperialist yanques? Then in 1967, his whereabouts were discovered, he was in Bolivia. He had visited North Viet Nam in 1965 and had entered Bolivia under an alias. He was trying to start a revolution. His plans for a peasants' revolution, however, failed, and he was captured by American trained Bolivian soldiers. In the little village of La Higuera, Che was held captive and there murdered. Che died a martyred revolutionary hero.

Che: Wherever death may surprise us, let it be welcome, provided that this our battle cry, may have reached some receptive ear and another hand may be extended to wield our weapons.

BALTIMORE: Decency Rally turns into riot--

THANK GOD FOR MICHAEL LE VESQUE

REVOLUTION FOR THE HELL OF IT

According to Webster, "hell" is defined as "any place or state of misery, cruelty, etc.

Truely revolution for the hell of it is no revolution at all but to put the world's philosophy in view, a revolution is but an old society pregnant with a new one.

Students of Holyoke High, to get where it is at, the dress code has a purpose, the aim is equality. I will not preach but set an example

"My friend, I hate your shirt."

"Oh please do. I do not feel discriminated against. I'm an American and I want to wear it."

"Mr. Moriarity , I don't like your bow tie, but if it and you are clean, I will defend your right to wear it."

We are all aware that California is supposed to break away from the contirental U.S. sometime this month due to a great earthquakes.

The president is not to concerned from what the papers relate to us. Most people are concerned that Disneyland will float away. We suggest that the President do something. If California is destroyed Mr. agnew will have to take over as president as Mr, Nixon is from California. Who ever heard of a president of the U.S. comming from a state that no longer exists.

At Nuremburg German officers who "were only following orders" were brought to trial as criminals of war. Our goverment condemed each of them for not having put his conscience before his Fuehrer. Now, in America, young men are going to prison for what they believe. Is conscience a crime ? Is it unpatriotic to feel killing is wrong ?

We're in Vietnam so the people can choose their own goverment and if we should go home it's just possible they'd do it. -Boston Globe

the campus discipline system designed for adolescents, is now appropriate for high schools and needs to be superseded by a new system befitting adults. - N.Y. Times April 18, 1969

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RACISM

FROM THE PEOPLE WHO BROUGHT YOU VIETNAM:

THE ANTI BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM

The Pentagon now has about 500 lobbyists in Congress working to get the ABM Bill passed. The Senate is now evenly divided in the debate.

The ORACLE has taken a stand against the proposed ABM System because:

1. it will be obsolete before it is finished
2. It will propagate the arms race
3. made entirely to protect our missiles rather than our people
4. cost will add immensely to our already high defence budget
5. will be only a first strike defense and will be of no use against second and third strike

American cities have burned for four successive years--not from foreign attack, but from internal despair. The President wants to spend at least six billion dollars for more useless military hardware, but hasn't found a deterrent against the Molotov cocktail.

According to the independent daily Statesman of New Delhi, what an ABM system adds is merely a new dimension to the missile race, one that will upset the present precarious balance of nuclear terror, and thus direct the entire race to more horrifying goals.

From Copenhagen's liberal POLITIKEN: Mr. Nixon's ABM announcement is a further blow to the nuclear nonproliferation treaty...One fails to see a new Nixon, only the old weak and insecure politician,

According to Stockholm's EXPRESSEN: The U.S. plan arouses evil forebodings that the world political climate has deteriorated further. How can the Russians interpret this new step towards arms escalation except as a challenge which must be met?

Londons leftist intellectual weekly NEW STATEMENT observed that Nixon's primary political mission is to give military "hardware" as the bobby prize to Pentagon generals and war manufactures now faced with a sense of real and spiritual loss in Vietnam.

May is the time for restless energy to erupt. It is a time of revolution and we are dedicating ^{it} to the American Indian.

We are not individuals. We can not afford to be individuals. People on top of society can afford that, but people on the bottom can't. I am inseparable from my brothers. What counts is the movement not me.

-Uwezo

SPEED CAN KILL

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UP against

the wall
the word
IS LOVE



STOP
the
OPPRESSOR

STRIKE! STRIKE! STRIKE!

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of
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Ché IS ALIVE

CLEAVER IN '72

SUPPORT OUR BOYS IN
VIETNAM - BRING
them Home

the Conspiracy

18 X 72

HO HO HO Chi Minh - NLF is going to win
HELL NO WE WON'T GO

END the

ABM is an EDSEL

on STRIKE, SHUT IT DOWN

WAR

SPIRO WHO?

KILL for PEACE
SUPPORT MDS

YIPPIES

Don't buy
Bonds
WE LIKE MR. M

To the staff of the Oracle

How dare you people print this paper? How dare you, you sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen year olds?

How dare you ask us to support the grape strike, when we your elders don't even know what you are talking about. more than that we don't want to know.

How dare you, at your tender ages, print articles on the anatomy of the military personality, when we your elders want proudly to send you off to wars so that we can wear our gold stars and know we've done the right thing.

And your disgusting individuality, your long hair, your casual dress, when we've spent our lives so that you can look better than the Jones' boy or girl and could feel good about ourselves.

In short, how dare you think, how dare you question so much? You frighten us. We were so happy watching TV, drinking our beer, making passes at our friends spouses.

Why must you confront us with your lousy love and concern? I am disgusted!

Mrs. Edward Beattie

Nixon Eats Grapes

In 1968 the Defense Department bought \$12 million in California grapes, 15 times as much as in 1965, before the strike began. The Johnson administration supposedly supported the grape strike. Nixon, on the other hand, eats grapes!

(Our thanks to Mrs. Isable Arnold for speaking at H.H.S. If you want to contribute in active action, contact us in school or by a letter.)

Richard Martin is a cop. A young one. He is 22 and has been on the Ney York force for a year.

The job's dirty and repulsive. There is the 13-yearold kid who hits his mother with a hatchet to get money for a fix. There is the adult vegetable who forces heroine into his ~~his~~ system by jamming an eyedropper into open cuts. There is the women who wants to sell herself to get shot money but finds most of her customers are frightened away by the dope sores.

" Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent." Issac Asimov

doubt may trigger the search for purpose

-PACE

UNITE

In the past year I have read, and heard about a lot of student revolutions. All throughout the world, young people and students are rebelling against what they have known is wrong. Most of them have the same feelings and most about the same goals. They are fighting for a society which is better than theirs at the present time.

With these thoughts, in mind, I ask you to take a long hard look at our Holyoke High School. Its incompetent teachers and unfair and outdated rules. Most of all, I want you to look at its plastic student body, doing only what is accepted by their peers, following the screwed up rules, and not doing anything about the present conditions or their futures.

Where will most of you be in ten years? If you're Black, you'll probably still be fighting for your long-deserved freedom, and if your White, you'll most likely be working at some job you hate, but stay with it for the money. But, is the money what you really need? It helps, but what helps more, and what you really need is to be able to communicate with your fellow man, whether he be Black, Red, Yellow or White. 1

In order to live in a relative state of peace, we must be able to communicate with, and understand our brothers. But with the education we are getting, now, I don't think most of us really understand the problems of our Black Brothers, or the prejudice between races and religion.

Unfortunately, we probably never will understand these things because we aren't getting a proper education.

For example, a racist can not teach us to understand the Black man as he really is, just as a conservative can not help us to understand the views of a radical.

What is needed are new teachers, a new system of education, and a whole new system. It will take a long time, but we must organize now and fight for the total freedom and equality of our descendants.

Kevin Sullivan

Life is not just existence but an incredibly exciting opportunity to do something uniquely worthwhile.

"DON'T ROCK THE BOAT ----- LET'S ALL DROWN TOGETHER" PACE

SUPERSHOW: Part 3

After Sam and Dave's 48 minute set, (see CRACLE #6) the MC, Cousin Duffy from WMLX, apologized t the sound system crew for his criticisms (ORACLE #5). He explained t the audience that somethin went wron, an these people were called in the middle a the night before t get the system set up. Understandably, they weren't expected t do miracles. By this time, anyway, they were pretty much together.

Then some bad news: it was now about 2 p.m. an they'd just been told that we all had t split for 3:45. The audience met this information with disapproval cuz there were still three more groups t play--The James Cotton Blues Band, The Grassroots, and Country Joe and the Fish.

The reason for throwin us out so early was on account a the finals a the ECAC Hockey Tournament which was scheduled for 6:45 that night. Cousin Duffy told us that they'd be negotiatin while James Cotton played.

The Band came out first--minus Cotton. It consisted a 3 black guys on bass, drums, an lead guitar with a white guy playin a miked sax. They did two instrumentals before Cotton himself walked out blowin his harp (harmonica) into a handheld mike.

James Cotton isn't young. He's a black man who's lived the blues an knows how t play er. In his version of James Brown's "Please, Please, Please," you could feel him beggin his girl not t go.

The rockin blues song "Good Time Charlie" gave the sax a eameh chance t show what it could do. It did an was well received by the audience. The blues classic, "Hoochie Coochie Man" was met by applause at its very beginnin. Cotton's growlin, leerin vocal almost brought the house down.

"Feelin Good" was a fantastic 10 minute song Cotton did mainly by himself. It was mostly comprised a harp an vocal solos which brought roarin applause about every 2 minutes. At one point Cotton as kneelin on the stage an, t everyone's surprise, suddenly did a oversault across the stage an cave up blowin his harp. The music as drowned out by the thunderous applause.

After he left the stage, we brought him back with a standin ovation. He did a couple more numbers an left again, after 37 minutes of really good blues to another standin ovation.

DAVE POTVIN

EXT ISSUE: Part 4 tells what happens when there's 20 minutes left in the Grassroots an Country Joe still hafta play.

We as people are born with few natural instincts. Our whole life is based on what the institutions and our environment have taught us. The few that we are born with are self-preservation; the desire to know and companionship. Some think that the feeling to get ahead, the acquisition of land, competitive spirit, and the striving for power are with you from birth, however, are actually the products of society with which a person is destined to be burdened; burdened in the sense that a man may have to die depending on what his institutions and environment have loaded on to his mind. In our culture, we have formed a method of punishment for men which should be placed on society's institutions, for they are to blame of a person infringes upon another man's rights, or has committed some other criminal act. Due to the fact that a person is taught what he knows and does, he is not responsible for his actions. We should not say "look what that man has done", but rather, "look what we have done to that man". Executing a man for society is as stupid as killing the child of an unwed mother.

Another reason for the abolition of capital punishment is the recently discovered xyy chromosome which could be a biological cause for criminal behavior. Again, how can we blame a man for what is not his fault. The solution is not to kill these circumstantial victims but to control their environment, not tightly, but more or less watching them and helping them through times which may divert their attitudes to criminal actions.

At times we could all feel hatred and anger which, may exceed the boundaries of rationalization and completely take over our bodies and minds. At these times we are temporarily insane and have no control over our actions. Executing people for this is relative to murdering all the permanently insane who have little or no control over their actions.

We can not free people who have done something wrong but rather reform these people. To do this we are going to have to change radically our prisons and houses of corrections so that so that the confined will become rational human beings.

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RETURN IT. IF YOU REALLY WANT IT, YOU CAN HAVE IT WHEN
WE FINISH WITH IT.

THANK YOU

Together we can create a future brighter than napalm PEACE

