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In fact, the statements made by SNCC pale in contrast to the accusations hurled against the Zionists by anti-Zionist Jews. SNCC knows deeply and well that a people are not to be judged AS A GROUP, but that the political actions of a STATE are to be judged, and if wrong, to be condemned. SNCC has never flinched from speaking its mind.

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

Dear Sirs:

After burning my draft card in uniform on April 15th, it became obvious that the only reasonable thing to do with my life was to go full-time into the peace movement. I also realized that I was not interested in simply protesting the war; I was out to stop it.

I have since been involved in setting up the first, real, full draft resistance movement in Chicago. We call ourselves the Chicago Area Draft Resisters (CADRE).

Our program is large and ambitious: we are building a broad-based movement, involving large numbers of people not simply to fight the draft, but to work for the positive alternatives we seek. The program emphasizes anti-draft and anti-war education among young men; it emphasizes non-violent direct action at military and draft offices and Service centers; it emphasizes organizing around a number of draft counseling-draft resistance centers being set up. The latest is a committee set out into the community to present our message to young men, not to sit in our offices and wait for them to come to us.

I would like to appeal to your readers for support. We desperately need funds to support organizers and pay for office and printing supplies.

We now have twelve full-time organizers working without salary, and many part-time workers. We are hiring a full-time organizer in every county in Illinois. We now have twelve full-time organizers.

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WHO NEEDS A REVOLUTION? WE DO!

RAISE PHONE RATE

"The Pacific Telephone Company concedes its rate of return is now 5%. It is asking the State Public Utilities Commission for 7.9%. The difference amounts to $181 million annually that Pacific seeks to charge its customers.

"If approved, the new one-party rate for most residents of San Francisco would increase from $3.85 to $5.75 a month. Business one-party service would be booted to $8 a month.

"Pacific Telephone official said that the increase is necessary "to do the communications job that California needs, and at the same time remain attractive to the customer.""

--- From the S.F. Chronicle

PHONE FREE IN CUBA

"The Cuban government is providing an increasing number of free services to the public.

"Cuban propaganda repeats Premier Fidel Castro's May 18 statement that the day will come when money, the vile intermediary between man and the products he creates. will be eliminated.'

"Last week the government decreed that funeral and burial services would be furnished gratis by the state.

"Medical and dental services have been free for years under the Castro regime."

--- From the S.F. Chronicle same day

Dear Editors:

Just a note to show my support of the kind of reporting in recent issues of THE MOVEMENT. The excellent coverage of organization and exploitation of Black people, Mexican Americans, Indians and poor whites not only shows the class character of exploitation, and therefore of radical change or revolution, but also says a lot about the nature of the individuals and institutions which exploit us.

Most of the 25 copies of THE MOVEMENT I get each month find their way into the hands of both Black and White people in the Columbus Welfare Rights Organization. Many of us feel a little left out since there have been no riots in Columbus despite lots of rumors and a couple of abortive attempts. Nevertheless, fear of riots has won for WRO a few concessions from the welfare department and the county commissioners recently.

Whiter as well as Black talk about places to burn and loot when the riot comes, and share a hatred of the symbols of oppression and degradation. The fact that Black and White often resent in the same way to exploitation, of course, doesn't mean there is no racism or prejudice — just that racism is considered a "contradiction among the people" and ultimately even the racists are beginning to see that the real fight is against those who oppress us all.

Sincerely yours

Jim Buckley
CASTRO STOKELY & BLACK REVOLUTION

The very essence of imperialism is revealed in the fact that the imperialists publish, of course, she would state, to avoid any misunderstanding, so no honest person will mistakenly think I am referring to him—that we know that, in spite of the infamous conditions that prevail there, there are some honest writers and journalists in the United States. I am aware of this fact. I am aware of many of the other kind that I aim somehow to make us think that we do not know how to distinguish between them. But here is a case which expresses the essence of imperialism. It is an article in the \NEW YORK DAILY NEWS\, and is called, "Stokely, Stay There." We would indeed be honored if he wished to remain here... But he himself doesn't want to stay here, because he believes the struggle in his fundamental duty. But he must know that it is not easy. So I went to Havana, to the country.

The article states: "Stokely Carmichael, the Negro firebrand, is in Havana, capital of Red Cuba, after having returned to his spiritual home. The last time we urge Stokely to remain in Red Cuba, this miserable island is rescued from communism, and the demonstration of revolution within the U.S. is a matter of international fight. As Carmichael returns to the United States we think that the Department of Justice should throw the book at him."

And in conclusion, after more of the same sort of thing, it states: "While we are busy in Vietnam, we can hardly crush Castro—although the Government could, and should, stop discounting Cuban refugees who plan Castro's destruction. Stop discounting! Stop discounting Cuban exiles who plan Castro's destruction. The talks of military aid which our government offers to Cuba stick a reminder in Uncle Sam's hat to譬如 Castro under all the force necessary to destroy his communist regime just as soon as we win the war in Vietnam."

If the danger posed to this country is not a U.S. victory in Vietnam, we could all die of old age.

Observe how they express themselves, with what unbelievable exasperation, with what contempt, they speak of "a Negro firebrand," of "the insensitive island," of "trampling underfoot." Because it must be said that the imperialists are so maddened by racism, but most of all they are annoyed by the vista here of a Negro leader—a of a leader of the most exploited and most oppressed sector of the United States. In the last few days, innumerable articles about Stokely's trip have been published in the U.S., some very insidious, others very outspoken. They have elaborated a whole series of theories. Some say "Stokely is fooling Castro. Stokely is fooling Stokely. Stokely wants to make him believe that he represents the Negro movement—the majority of the Negro movement—and Castro is using him." Statements of that sort.

From speech by major Fidel Castro Ruz, Prime Minister of the Cuban Revolutionary Government at the closing of the First Conference of the Latin American Organization of Solidarity (OLAS) at the Chaplin Theater on August 10, 1967, "Year of Heroic Viet Nam." (Translation of the transcript made by the Department of Stenographic Transcripts of the Revolutionary Government).

The following morning it was announced that Stokely had been voted the status of "Adequacy of one of the many names accorded to no other individual. Later that day he addressed the students, receiving a standing ovation at the close of his speech. (This speech is being published by SNNC, Watch the Move for news of its availability.)

No one had anticipated the overwhelming response of students to Stokely's appearance at OLAS. Least of all, Stokely. It was thought that he would simply be another revolutionary among the hundreds there. Instead, he was the focus of attention, because of his embodiment—the spirit of Detroit—and what he had to say. "We are ready to destroy from the inside and outside the United States, the Organization of Latin American Solidarity (OLAS)."

"We hope you are ready to destroy from the outside. We hope no one who ever heard someone from the United States speak thus and none who ever heard such words will and can prove that his words weren't merely words were the articles in each day's paper on the interventions. Prior to Stokely's appearance at OLAS, the possibility of guerrilla warfare and revolution within the U.S. was a matter of intellectual conjecture for Latin-American revolutionaries. Stokely brought reality to our knowledge and his words the revolutionary potential of blacks became real. The U.S. press reported that Stokely had issued a call for urban guerrilla warfare. The reality was that urban warfare was developing. He was simply putting it into a political framework.

RECOGNIZE THE ENEMY

It has been disappointing to learn that some black militants still have not recognized the enemy's word and are acting Stokely by having "joined the Communist camp." But it is equally disheartening to see that some would not get caught up in the enemy's "trick bag" of Communism vs. Democracy. If there is no clear leader on the part of the enemy it is likely that many of the so-called "blacks" who call themselves Stokely may be closer to the real thing. The real Stokely has been 3000 miles away in Latin America. It has been crystal clear to me that the U.S. is hurting because he's lost his country, his spiritual home. Whatever the circumstances, this country will always be his home.

SNCC's "RACISM"

And they have gone still further. Some theoreticians have "discovered" that this country is not racist, and Stokely is a racist... How strange! How absurd! Their reason is to create the impression that the Negro movement in the United States is a racist movement. It is logical that the exploiter, who for centuries practiced racism against the Negro population, now label as racists all those who struggle against rac-

GUERRILLA WARFARE

Guerilla warfare should never be discussed as to whether it's right or wrong. It is in the only way to stop exploitation and oppression. To carry on a discussion of whether it's right or wrong to play the game of the imperialists. When you are waging a war there is no right there is no wrong. It is just what you feel is necessary to obtain your goal. And that is what we most understand, those of us who are in the oppressed world.

Guerilla warfare is where we are moving to in the United States. We are going to develop a struggle where we can begin to destroy and we're gonna be best in urban guerrilla warfare, because there is one thing that the imperialists have. They're not gonna have the will to fight...
Ken Epstein was one of the first organizers for the Berkeley Anti-Draft Union. When he had a physical last April, he was passed out (inside to receive a 1-A draft number) in a situation where he could have been returned to the draft center. He passed out leaflets inside the induction center, about the draft law and the draft laws and about what's happening in the draft resistance movement around the country.

Congress passed a new draft law which went into effect on July 1, 1967. While promising for months and months great "reforms" and "democratizing" very few students' districts for all undergraduates. Conditions for student deferments are now:
1) a written request from the student, 2) written school files from the university or school that he is pursuing a full-time course of study, which is defined by the law to be a 12-month period, 3) the courses taken are worth credits toward a degree, which is defined by the law to be a 12-month period, 4) the student is menstruating, and 5) the student has not reached his 24th birthday. The academic year is defined by the law to be a 12-month period following the beginning of a particular course of study.

C.O. CHANGE
In the section on C.O.'s the par defining "religious training and belief" as "an individual's belief in a relation to a Supreme Being to further those arising from any human relation than to further only his personal interests" was not done in an attempt to nullify the Seeger decision but it looks like it will have no effect on the case as it will just eliminate the part of the law that made the Seeger decision necessary.

WHAT'S HAPPENING
Enough of that legal bull-shit, and on to a run down of present-draft situation.

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Ken Epstein talks to demonstrators at Induction Center. Standing behind him is Morgan Specter.
For many years us black people have been trying to find a way to stop the white man from cheating us and beating us and making us pay him high rents to live in his run down houses, while he would just sit in his air conditioned rooms and ignore us when we would come begging him to lower his prices, fix up our apartments, clean up our streets, and demand that his police stop beating and shooting our innocent black people. Who would ever have dreamed that a handful of rocks might be one of the most valuable things we have, at present, in our black communities?

For instance: A handful of rocks put Dixie Hills on the map. No one had ever heard of Dixie Hills or Summerhill or Watts, before a handful of rocks. No one ever cared about the problems in these black communities until, one day, a handful of rocks opened everyone’s eyes.

A handful of rocks brought news reporters and television cameras. For the first time, people were able to complain about problems in Dixie Hills to the City of Atlanta and to people across the country.

A handful of rocks brought Negro preachers from all over the city and elected Negro leaders came to the community for the first time since people helped put them in office years ago.

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As a matter of fact most of us never would have even known that the smiling white-haired hunky of a mayor cared about another white man’s store than about an innocent black man’s life, if it wasn’t for a handful of rocks.

A handful of rocks and the city sends street sweepers to Dixie Hills for the first time in a long time, Garbage collection.

A handful of rocks and all of a sudden someone promised a lot of shiny garbage cans to the community. (We haven’t seen them yet).

A handful of rocks on Monday night and on Tuesday morning the city sends gravel and a bulldozer to build a playground.
This story is about the Dixie Hills community in Atlanta. However, the problems in Dixie Hills are not much different from the problems faced in Watts, Newark, Tampa, Cincinnati and many, many other ghettos across the country, where up to now, black people have been forced to live and suffer quietly.

Because of a handful of rocks, a lot more people in Dixie Hills are beginning to wonder: Why is EOA in a Black Community run by a HUNKY? And why is it staffed by people who do not really care about the community, because they do not live here? We have people who live in Dixie Hills who are capable of doing the work that they are supposed to do.

Because of a handful of rocks, people in Dixie Hills will no longer stand for outsiders cheating and insulting the community. Why should they continue to charge us high prices for rotten food? We could run this store ourselves. Prices would be lowered. Our people would manage it, and more black people would be hired to work in it. It would be owned cooperatively by the community. The profits would go into a community fund and be re-invested in other business ventures. Controlling our own businesses in our own communities is a first step toward achieving BLACK POWER for all our people.

A handful of rocks on Tuesday night and on Wednesday morning someone offers to send the community some playground equipment.

A handful of rocks, and presto! the city promises to build a special road to Anderson Park.

A handful of rocks and busses arrive to take Dixie Hills children to Six Flags over Georgia and other places.

A handful of rocks and the community is suddenly offered 300 tickets to the baseball game.

A handful of rocks on a Monday and on Friday the city of Atlanta receives $4,500,000 (four and a half million dollars) from the federal government for job training programs.

The city also received $600,000 for “emergency” recreation, after a handful of rocks.

Just one week after a handful of rocks, the city began to lay concrete sidewalks so we can finally get out of the mud and dust.

The hunkies who own the Dixie Hills Apartments broke down and gave jobs to some of the young men in the community to clean up the grounds, after a handful of rocks.

A handful of rocks is just a beginning. (As one man said, “If a handful of rocks can do all that, how much could we get done with a ton of bricks?”)

With a handful of rocks (or by any other means necessary) and a community full of people ORGANIZED and determined to deal with hunkies and hunky Toms, us black people can move to get what we’ve been trying so hard to get for so long: freedom, justice and black power, through control of our own communities.
Clergymen, cops, and Congress trying to place the blame for ghetto insurrection on any shoulders but their own are being used to teach black children "hated of the white man". The school received $7,700 from the poverty program, he said. Next day the Rev. J. F. Chadwick, director of Nashville's Metropolitan Action Commission, testified before the Committee that, while MAC and GEO Atlanta office had approved the project, no government funds had yet been disbursed to it, pending further investigation.

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people from campus to community work. There are now anti-draft programs in almost every major northern city and a number of cities in the south such as, Portland, Seattle, the San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Diego, Denver, Austin, Des Moines, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Chicago, Madison, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington, Philadelphia, New York City, Buffalo, New Haven and Boston. People have been working in a wide variety of communities including white middle and working class, black, Puerto Rican, and native American, and the activities have varied from anti-draft activism refocusing their protest activities. The summer began with most of the draft unions having set up induction centers, and some have also been involved in demonstrations around induction centers, and some have also been involved in organizing.

Exclusive of local variations activities have generally followed a similar pattern. A union is set up with, at its core, students, most of whom had been active in campus anti-draft work. The union, at base, is designed to (a) activate people to resist the draft, particularly, by starting with their own relationship to the draft and (b) set as a self-protective agent for their members. They begin their activity by organizing demonstrations around the induction center for the area and simultaneously setting up one or more service centers. These provide a geographic base for educational/organizing work and provide a matrix for plugging in draft counselors who supply advice on ways of beating the draft. Then comes the development of a whole series of projects designed to get the word out leafleting at induction centers, draft boards, on street corners, TV and radio interviews, speaking at community centers.

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meetings, mailings and door-to-door discussions with guys on the I-A list, etc. These activities, in most cases, are connected with much provocative acts as draft card burnings, induction refusals and disruptions, and organizing people not to register. The acts of confrontation have occurred both as local actions and are being used as a part of such national programs as the End the Draft Week or the October 16 draft card turning-in. Out of this work there has developed numbers of different and imaginative ways of involving large numbers of people in meaningful anti-draft activity. We will discuss these programs in a future column.

CADER

One of the most active and effective of draft union has been CADRE (Chicago Area Draft Resistance). It has been the most successful way of organizing

PROSPERITY

When Governor Paul Johnson of Michigan heard of the testimony telling of starving people in Mississippi he had this to say: "No one in this state is starving to death, Every Negro that I know can buy a loaf of bread, All of them know that. I've seen lately are so fat they shine," ---from the CDGM newspaper

ABU PLANS CULTURE CENTER

OAKLAND, CALIF. -- The Alliance for Black Unity (ABU) has begun fund raising for the Cultural Center and bookstore which they hope to open soon in Oakland. They have set the goal of $14,485 which will allow them to rent, stock and operate the Cultural Center for its first year. ABU is a black peoples' membership organization. It seeks to engage in Black Power, knowledge of black history and pride in blackness. It opposes the war in Vietnam. Not a separate organization, it believes in strengthening bonds between all exploited and oppressed peoples, and seeks to work for progress for all of America.

It is hoped that the Black Cultural Center and bookstore will help people gain knowledge of black history and black heritages and strengthen cultural identity and black art forms. It is seen as a place where positive expression of the righteous anger of young black people can occur. It will also provide an outlet for black-white communication. Besides stocking black literature and history, the bookstore will carry information on the Vietnamese war, anti-draft activities, and the liberation struggles of oppressed peoples throughout this country and the world. A newsletter to be the ABU drive is urged to send a contribution to ABU Cultural Center, PO Box 182, Berkeley, Calif. (Goodwill donations)

There are only two paths open to the white worker: with the boss, or with the Negro worker; abandonment of all claim to share in the plundering of our destiny, or the realization of the intrinsically privileges for which we have previously paved our revolutionary soil.

“Two of the problems” are available from SNCC, 360 Nelson St, SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30313 Copies are 20¢ each, and was later discussed. The newsletter containing “Two of the problems” are available from SNCC, 360 Nelson St, SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30313 Copies are 20¢ each.
HOUStON -- Five black students from Texas Southern University were arrested and a Vietnam veteran was arrested at the campus of TSU Friends of SNCC, have been charged with murder in Houston, Texas, May 16. Two were arrested in Watts, why has it been so reported? Much will be determined by the courts according to the law of society, the law of history. And that is that the revolutionary movement will advance from this Negro sector, because it is the most exploitied and repressed sector. That is why TSU Friends of SNCC, have been arrested. The drawing is one of those who has seen real society that applies the most cruel and suppressive methods of revolutionaries. They didn't go around armed resistance. They didn't go around repeating the same mistakes over and over again. They wish to use non-lethal means of control taking. Of course, the greatest lesson, a great example of militant internationalism is being practiced. We believe that the attitude of this sector is the most spontaneous. And our people have that in action, in action, in action. No single person can declare that he is enough to crush any uprising.
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and if somebody gets too loud when they're playing, then the crew comes and gets them back to the ship and secures their liberty.

Q. How did people on the CORAL SEA feel about the truce, the last one that year?
A. Oh, it was great! New Year’s Eve we started and the end of New Year’s day we were going up to San Diego, no more bombing the French. They loaded planes and took off all day.

ABOUT THE WAR...

Q. How do you feel about the war, now, having been over it?
A. Well, I’m tired of this goddamn fucking life for Johnson’s bullshit. When you’re over there, it seems like you’re just playing a video game. I don’t see why they keep it there at all. It’s just getting the hell out. They’ve wasted all this time, money, and lives for nothing. I don’t want to go back.

Q. What made you change your feelings about the war?
A. Having been over there, and having had to put up with all the rats in the Navy put out.

Q. Is there much opposition to the war among the crew members?
A. Oh, sure. I think almost everybody on the ship isn’t too morally concerned, they just want out because they’re ready to get the hell out for some bullshit. All they want to do is get home and if you talk to them to get home, you can’t talk to them.

Q. What are you going to do when you get back from the CORAL SEA?
A. Bring the guys home would do it. Then I can go on the outside. They’ll put you where they want, Uke they put you on medical restriction which isn’t too easy either. They’ve wasted all this time, and they have kind of the crew isn’t too morally concerned, they just want to get home, and if some guys get too loud when the ship wouldn’t go anywhere. I even think the pilots would do it too. Not all of them are going to want to go back for their country.

Q. How do some of the older men, particularly the chiefs and officers feel about the war?
A. The chiefs, who is the perfect term used for them in the Navy, they go in for so long that they are afraid to go on the deck. They go up with anything just to have a little security.

HOW TO ORGANIZE?

Q. What do you think would be the best thing to organize around?
A. Bringing the guys home would do it. A lot of them, they’ve been over there all this time, and they’re just sick of the rest of lost contact with what’s been happening over here, like with the war maneuvers going on. Mostly they really just want to come home. Like me, I could probably kick the Navy for the rest of my life if I really stayed over here and if I was able to get off to school before I was twenty. And I’m not the rest of the world has to offer, instead of getting stuck in Vietnam doing their duty for them. Three—quarters of the guys don’t want to go back to Vietnam. That’s why so many guys go over the hill. Nobody could organize them so we could really do something.

Q. You enlisted in the Navy, What sort of things were you promised? Were you told it was a vacation?
A. I think I have the perfect story for that. Probably everybody I’ve talked to or asked about got fooled in the same way. You go to these recruiters—they pay them around very nearly—and they tell you how great the Navy schools are. Well, they do have good schools, but you can’t tell you’re going to only get four months because the recruiters don’t tell you that it’s harder than hell to get into them. And once you’re in the Navy somewhere, you can’t do anything about it. If you could get yourself a five-year, you could probably get a release to go to school, but they just file it away and forget about you. That’s all. They don’t give you a college degree, and couldn’t afford college. Before I went in, I talked to this recruiter who told me I could get the hell out of bed and go to school. I had talked to some guys in the Navy who had told me how bad it was, but I figured it couldn’t hurt. So I joined up. After seven or eight months were dead and I got blown off the flight deck. I think it’s a broken leg or something like that. I don’t know. It’s the same thing. I don’t know if you have ever been on an aircraft carrier with solid steel around when the lights have gone out, there’s no light to the outside. It’s dark you can’t see anything. They have little hangers that are used for the light—go on automatically when the lights go out. But for some reason none of them have been fixed in the last eight or ten years, and only one out of six or seven works. If you’re not in the right place, it’s all over.

Last year there was quite a problem with men hurting themselves. They’d drop bombs or heavy gear on them. The men wanted safety shoes but the Navy didn’t get them. They didn’t want to spend the money for. So after several hundred people lost toes, they finally gave in. Everyone still doesn’t have them yet.

Q. How are conditions on ship?
A. Well, we’re stacked four high in rows of bunks. Living that close together, there’s been a rise in the rate of skin diseases going around. They’re go it so you won’t dare go down there, because you think they’ll put you on medical restriction which isn’t too easy either. They’ve wasted all this time, and they have kind of the crew isn’t too morally concerned, they just want to get home, and if some guys get too loud when the ship wouldn’t go anywhere. I even think the pilots would do it too. Not all of them are going to want to go back for their country.

SAFETY

Q. How are safety precautions taken on board? What safety precautions are taken for the men?
A. They take care of that real well. You should look up whether or not the papers ever had anything about this accident that happened last week on the CORAL SEA two or three weeks ago. I heard, this was some petty officer’s mistake. He was flying a light plane who didn’t even know what he was doing. He landed back there, was back there some going back and into a propeller. He lost both his arms and half his back. He lived for about two weeks. Last cruise one guy lost a leg when a plane ran over it. Two guys once got burned. There was a center fire on the flight deck and the ship, to the people who are UA (UnauthorizEd Absence) and have turned them in. The men wanted safety shoes and the Navy didn’t get them. They didn’t want to spend the money for. So after several hundred people lost toes, they finally gave in. Everyone still doesn’t have them yet.

Q. What are the actual living conditions?
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TURNG ON

Q. At Lemoore Naval Air Base in California there have been a lot of guys turning on, has this happened on the CORAL SEA?
A. Let’s put it this way: If everybody on the CORAL SEA was the same as those guys who have been out of date since World War II. We had 115 fires during the last cruise. A fire in the most hazardous thing that can happen on a ship because they carry so much fuel and so many bombs. Then there’s the fog form we use for electrical fires. When it sits around, the ingredients reacts so hot, so it has to be replaced every six years. We have some on the ship from 1942 and 1946. We went around lost cruise and marked every one of them. The new ones have been replaced. The markings as still there, and they’re still sitting in the same place. This was about six months ago. We’re hoping that the one of the guys on the ship the Navy will decide to make it safer for us.

DESERTION

Q. What do you think, now having to deal with the Navy, think you’d do it?
A. I’ve thought about going over the hill, and I’ve thought about 16,000 different things. But the only thing they’d do would be to put me in the brig on a ship, and there is no way of telling what it would be like. When you’re in the brig, you don’t know what’s going to happen or anything. They could put you down there and forget about you, and nobody will ever know that they did it. They can beat you up and keep you awake for six or seven days at a time, just screaming in your ear. By that time what kind of a guy are you, anyway? You’d start to get this jocky fanciful, you can’t think. I was in the brig once, and I could never take it again. So that wouldn’t be a real alternative for me. They’ve got everybody in the Navy afraid of what they’d do if nobody really would try anything. If somebody could start it, like if they really would organize it, it would be all over with. The Navy wouldn’t know what happened. ‘There’d be no—no trouble running that stupid, fucking ships.

Last cruise there were four or five attempts by different groups to get in a fire on the brig. One guy I knew personally, the guy really stood behind me. He was one that put him in the brig on a trumped-up charge. He appealed, and got nothing. Finally he decided that he’d just keep him down there and kept fucking him over. Finally he tried it one more time, and they finally failed, and they were marching him from here to the next one. Another time, he tried to jump overboard.

Q. How long has the CORAL SEA been in port?
A. Since February 23. We went down to San Diego for two or three weeks, and then we were in port for ten days at a time a couple times.

Q. How many guys have gone over the hill during that time?
A. They make out a list of the guys who are UA (UnauthorizEd Absence) and the guys who are deserters. That list is single-spaced, and two pages long. There are at least 100 guys on that list. There are (4000 men on the ship).

Q. These are guys who haven’t been caught?
A. Most of them haven’t been caught.

Q. About how many guys have been brought back or have turned themselves in?
A. Not very many. In the Navy the rule is that you have to be here within 24 hours. If you’re UA until you go over the thirty-day limit. Then you’re a deserter. Once that happens you can hang your ass no matter what. Usually guys go out for 29 days and then say, “Well, you can have me back for a white.” They get 30 days to the brig, lose their bar, go through hell, then go out and do it again.

Q. What are you going to do when you get back on ship? What organizing do you think you can do?
A. I’m going to try to talk to guys, but I’m afraid they’ll get all this on the racist thing. I just’d like to get the Navy in there and work to the point where some of the shit they’re putting out. I’m just glad to fuck over Uncle Sam. That’s it on my life, and now it’s my turn.

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OAKLAND -- Plans for a four-day siege of the Oakland Induction Center, October 16 - 21, were announced today by spokesmen for the STOP THE DRAFT Week Committee. Compulsory conscription was labeled "a criminal conspiracy against American youth that must be stopped."

"We have picketed, protested, unfurled and argued against the draft and the racist war in Vietnam," said Terence Cannon, member of the STOP THE DRAFT Steering Committee. "There is only one way to keep young men from being shanghaied into the armed forces and that is to stop the draft from operating. We declare that we are opposed to the government's policy and will do everything we can to bring it to a halt."

"In every brig and stockade in America are hundreds of GIs jailed for refusing to serve in Vietnam. There is tremendous dissent within the armed forces. Individuals are powerless inside a totalitarian army. We plan to create a base of power that will keep the government from forcing more young men in against their will."

Steering Committee member Morgan Spector stated, "This week marks a declaration of war by us, the draft age men, on the Army: on the brass, on the generals and all the other old men in the government and the Pentagon who are happy to shed the blood of young Americans in military oppression against foreign countries and the urban centers of America.

"Our participation in this week means we are no longer willing to accept the feeling that we are impotent over our own lives either until we have been shot up in Vietnam or are too old for the Army to want us."

Reverend Don Ganoung, speaking in support of the week's activities said, "A Christian now faced with the draft has two alternatives. Be drafted and be a potential executioner for Murder Incorporated, USA, or be imprisoned. Man cannot, nor a nation cannot, maintain sanity when these are the only consequences of a decision. Stop the war. Stop the draft." Ganoung, an episcopal priest, is the Oakland staff worker for the Right Reverend C. K. Myers, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

Another supporter of the action, Professor Franz Schurmann, Asian Studies expert at the University of California, said, "The United States is destroying a small people for reasons that have nothing to do with national defense. It threatens to expand that war to satisfy the Pentagon's hunger for world domination.

"Since no other country is willing to provide the cannon fodder for the Pentagon's appetite, it must be the young men of America. Since the draft has become the instrument to provide cannon fodder for an immoral and unjust war, the draft itself is immoral and unjust. The draft and ultimately all of America's instruments of aggression must be done away with. Otherwise America will go the way of Nazi Germany."

The committee also announced that they will begin an extensive campaign in high schools and colleges in the Bay Area, using a mobile theater group and speakers to bring their anti-draft message to young people.

"It is the young people who are under the gun, and it is the young people who will stop the draft," a spokesman said.

Official endorsers of the STOP THE DRAFT Week to date are:


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