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THE GAPS ARE CLOSING

Last night women from San Francisco were invited to attend the Ladies Auxiliary of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, Local 1-561. What transpired was a meeting of forces as various as the S.F. Mime Troop, the Ladies Auxiliary Representatives of 1352--I.L.W.U. Local 10, Bay Area United Wives, Community Conference, and the wives of Richmond oil workers.

The Mime Troop did everything just right as usual. They started off by singing an old song of Woodie Guthrie, "The Ladies Auxiliary" ("Oh, the Ladies' Auxiliary/Is the BEST Auxiliary...."), and the ladies loved it. Their next skit was "As the Pot Turns" with Julia Childes and her Guest Star Cook. The recipe was for stewed students' brains. This required marinating the brains for four years--in what kind of oil? Standard Oil!

Last night in Richmond the Generation Gap disappeared; and not only the gap in age but also the old gap between workers and professors.

Jake Jacobs announced the National and International Boycott of Standard Oil and gave a beautiful defense of the unity with TWLF and Student movements on campus. He said that the oil workers would call on the countries of the "Third World" to join the oil workers in their fight against the Standard Oil global octopus. "We are trying to bring about a massive alliance against a common enemy, Standard Oil, which is in the business of manipulating and dominating the affairs of people and governments all over the world."

The Richmond Ladies Auxiliary went all the way on this action. They were given a poster from Local 1928, AFT, for their hall, a reminder of the link up between the Oil Workers, Teachers and Students. Probably, we've made a little history with the Richmond and S.F. State Strike. One thing for sure, it's one big step on the right road. --Mrs. Sylvia Weinstein, Community Conference in Support of the S.F. State Strike.

A Note About the Author: Sylvia, who types, cooks, cleans, and makes policy decisions in her twelve-hour day at 825 Hayes, has been active in Union struggles all her life. Her initiation was at the age of thirteen when she walked the Clothing Workers strike line in New York with her old grandmother and together they turned away the New York police force.

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On Wednesday night, February 26, Local 1352 Headquarters was broken into. Office machines were stolen. The place was left a shambles. Two nights previously all typewriters were stolen from 827 Hayes. Unfortunately for poorly informed goons. Local 1928 H.Q. is at 825 Hayes. There is a touching belief on the part of certain reactinnairies that ideas can be destroyed by smashing things. It is characteristic of certain of our opponents that they should use crime to oppose dissent.

"HERE I STAND!

I can't do anything else. God help me! Amen."--Martin Luther, 4/18/1521.

With all the murky and confusing interchanges between professors and trustees and various city and state politicians, some people have fallen into the delusion of thinking that Local 1928 might return to work without satisfaction of Student Demands. Don't you believe it! One clear action cuts through it all. The point of the blade has always been Number One: that the student demands must be met. A straw vote taken at the time of writing this, among those present in 1928 Headquarters, was unanimous on the above point.

READERS READ OUT

Readers, you are a disgrace to mindless spontaneous rebellion. This newsletter has survived four issues without being taken over by Reader Power groups. How dare you call yourselves rebels! How can you look Ronald Reagan in the eye! Show your mettle! Flood us with worthless contributions. Hate letters, filthy anecdotes, ransom notes, missile secrets, etc. Help the news staff provide you with drivel week after week. Bury semi-literate Joe Jackson under tones of illegible missives. (Typing Editor's Rebellion: Save us from Joe Jackson's lousy writing as illustrated in the article above where 200 people try to stand on the point of a knife--Ouch!)

MR. BERTOLT BRECHT REPLIES TO THE CRITICS OF OUR "TACTICS"

Three-penny Opera, Macheath:

You gentlemen, who teach us how one can be upstanding
And can avoid all sins and evil deeds,
First you got to give some grub to us,
Then you can talk; with that it all begins.
You who love your paunches and our virtue
Just learn this truth once and for all:
No matter how you turn or twist it,
First comes the grub, then come the morals.
First there's got to be a chance, also for poor people,
To cut their share of the great big loaf of bread.

HAYAKAWAIANA

This Week: Satori, or The Worm Turns.

At the Trustees meeting, Wednesday, February 26, replying to Reagan's complaint that strikers have made it appear that the Trustees "capitulated" to the Union: "I implore you to worry less about appearances and more about the reality."

DOLLARDIANA

The agreement with AFT may be "null and void," and "I'm not saying we don't accept all the proposals, but I'm not saying that we do."--Frank Dollard, Executive V.P., SFSC.

Translation: Dollard has not yet accepted the reality of union power.

Moral: No Union settlement is worth a damn unless it is backed by union power.

CREATIVE LETTERWRITING

One of our creative Third World union brothers used a punch-out cardboard stencil sheet to make a poster. To use such a stencil one must first punch out the letters in several pieces. How to avoid wasting the useful letter fragments? Inspiration! He put them in an envelope and sent them to President Hayakawa. President Hayakawa's staff is presumably still attempting to assemble them into a coherent bomb threat.

ESSO is a four letter word.

WHEN WILL THE MINDLESS CHANTING STOP?

It's 1918 in the AFT trenches. Will the faint flickering light of hope turn into the rosy glow of peace? The shell-shocked veterans lie in the mud mourning units lost and comrades vanished into the blue bog of normalcy. The silence is eerie. No demented chants of Lawnorder! Lawnorder! No dock dock dock dock of automatic weapons. Sensitive listening devices can detect only the soft murmur of meaningful negotiations. Alert observers spot the timid movements of the marching and countermarching battalions of the Pettifog Regiment--a sure harbinger of the return of normality. Hark! It's the barbaric yawp of Reagan von Götterdämmerung, Prince of Orangeland and Fieldmarshal of all the Huns. "War!" he shouts. Wonder of wonders! He is struck dumb by a heretofore completely obedient samurai. Grizzled AFT infantry look at each other with a wild surmise. Can it be? The stentorian voice of Leftenant Cooley quashes the hesitant beginning of a shout of triumph, "Don't cheer, men, the poor devils are dying! Instead let us mourn the passing of their invincible ignorance, for truly it was one of the wonders of creation." But boyish, dreamy-eyed Private Woodrow Wilson (No kin) in the finest AFT tradition insists upon expressing his own opinion. "Huzza!" he shouts, "we have won the war to end war! Never again will the Blue Meanies threaten Pepperland! No more mindless chanting! Back to civilian life, back to writing my thesis on Sassanian sling swivels." So saying he bolts for the groves of Academe never to be seen again.

Is Private Wilson right? Does Orange County still exist? Is Ronald Reagan still Governor? Does racism still exist? Has President Haya-kawa come out in favor of the 15 Demands? Has anyone given AFT the power to really clean house? Is Nathan Hare going to become the next president of the college? Do you believe in Santa Claus?

First, and most importantly, we are participants in a campus wide revolt brought about by institutionalized oppression (in varying degrees) of the vast majority of the campus population. It is not possible to meet the demands of one group, i.e., the AFT faculty, and to ignore the demands of another, i.e., the BSU and TWLF. Our campus will have peace only when there is justice for all. The strike is over only when the student strike leaders say it is over.

Whatever the exact form of the final settlement the AFT has won an historic victory. However, we in the AFT are both realists and non-stars of ambition. Local 1352 has so far gained only the rudiments of what a labor union needs to effectively champion the interests of employees against a determined management. Local 1928 has as yet not even won that much. Our role in this strike has been supportive to 1352 and to the students rather than assertive of our own distinct bread and butter interests. Local 1928 has just begun to acquire an identity and stable organization. We are just now in the process of working out our long term interests and goals.

Thus far we have been a gang of altruistic idealists. If we are going to remain true to the ideals that put us on the picket line we must transfer them into a program of ongoing activity. We must never forget that the gains won thus far are not due simply to the purity of our intentions or the persuasiveness of our rhetoric. We succeed or fail precisely to the degree that we can exert meaningful power. Our moral commitment and our intellectual understanding are certainly at the heart of any success we may claim. However, our ideas have been given power only because we have created an effective organization. If we wish to build upon our accomplishments we must strengthen and expand our organization. If we return to our former apathy and non-participation at the conclusion of the strike, we will leave the field to the administration which will never fail to exercise all prerogatives available to it. To disband at the conclusion of the strike is simply to have struck in vain. AFT Local 1928 is at the glorious beginning of a protracted struggle. At the moment we are in the vanguard. To stay in the vanguard, we must keep moving forward (mindlessly chanting all the while, of course.) -- Joe Jackson.

IDEALISM IN ACTION

Paraphrase of statement by notorious department chairman: "I agree with what you say, but I shall oppose to the death your right to say it."

--Contributed by Fred Thoele.

OSEL AND THE BIRTH OF DRUG-CRAZED ANARCHY

Thalidomide, the tranquillizer and "cancer cure" which resulted in the birth of more than 6500 malformed children was discredited as a quick-sale catastrophe. But it is now back on the market being sold to the citizens of California as an educational device for curing racist cancer and for tranquillizing trade unionism in the schools. Reagan, Hayakawa, etc., refer to the resultant malformed children as drug-crazed anarchists, which indeed they are. But Ronnie and his gang are the pushers. Proponents of subtler pills have criticised Ronnie's dirty dope. But then he has never been an advocate of the soft sell. And perhaps he is right.

Library management, formerly friendly junkies, are now pushing Ronnie's pill exclusively. At one time they agreed to recognize our union (with the help of a strike and a lawyer). But now they claim OSEL never existed in their eyes. Once they said there would be no reprisals against strikers. Now strikers are told their return will be unwelcome. Formerly, employees were allowed their own political convictions. Now those who have successfully coerced into not striking may exhibit no signs of sympathy with the strike. The library is now fully staffed with scabs who have been promised continued employment after the Strike. A striker may not set foot in the Student Lounge or in any of the library offices.

Thus, the old story unfolds--Management pushes bad dope and the union gains a few dozen more drug-crazed anarchists. --OSEL Editor.

YOUR FRIEND THE POLICEMEN., Continued.

Could there possibly be a connection between the zealous activity of the police against strikers on the S.F. State campus and the studied inactivity of the police at the S.F. Board of Education meeting Tuesday? Dissenters in favor of change are punished. Dissenters in favor of the status quo--i.e., the present segregated S.F. school system--are allowed to engage in assault and battery with impunity. Two off-duty policemen may have participated in the Tuesday assault. Inactivity may be the wrong word. There is an impressive and growing body of evidence that the police are not neutral. In fact a double standard of conduct seems to apply.

HERE COME DE DRUDGE!

Entering from left front, chains clanking: Dennis Thoele, Art Pacheco, Leland Mellott, Martha McGee, Joe Jackson, Ed Gray, Jim Eilers, Tim Coats, and Joshua Bunce. Puzzle: Find the outside agitator in this group. Question: Just what makes you think there is only one outside agitator?

LANGUAGE...IN ACTION

The word FUG (Norman Mailer's famous spelling), long believed to be Anglo-Saxon, may actually be derived from the Russian, an Iowa legislator revealed recently. He maintains that four letter words used by radical students are inspired by the "international Communist movement."

The little known AFT Linguistic Institute proposes the abolition of the most odious of the four-letter words. We advocate that the letter "F" be stricken from the alphabet and replaced by "PH". We always stand for the sensible and prompt solution of problems raised by radical students.

HELP US MAKE A KILLING

Our Treasurer, light-fingered Art Pacheco, complains that his stock market manipulations are hampered by the fact that Local 1928's bank account is almost empty. Help him make a killing on Consolidated Chicken Flickings. * Pay your dues and the \$5.00 special assessment if you have not already done so. \$2.40 March dues are payable by March 5th. Send check to AFT Local 1928, 360 Talbot Avenue, #10, Pacifica, California 94044.

IS THIS A SWITCHBLADE THAT I SEE BEFORE ME?

What guilt burdens the mind of Ronald Reagan? Remember murderous and guilt-ridden Macbeth? "Is this a dagger which I see before me, the handle toward my hand? Come, let me clutch thee. I have thee not, and yet I see thee still...."

On December 8 and again during the week of February 17-21, Ronald Reagan said that "a group of students had entered the Dean of Admissions' office with switchblade knives. And the dean, at knifepoint, agreed to their demand, and allowed them to choose the students who would be registered...."

February 17. S.F.S.C. Public Information Officer, Harvey Yorke, says the tale is "absolutely, categorically, positively untrue." Asst. Dean of Admissions, Chandler Meloy, says: "Dean Stone denies he was intimidated and denies having seen any knives." February 19. Dr. Robert Smith: "That can't be the case, that I made such a report. I didn't know of any incident such as this, so I couldn't report on it." Dean Stone: "I don't know what the hell he's talking about. No such thing has ever happened." Nevertheless Chancellor Dumke said the mythical occurrence would be investigated, and Ed Gray, Reagan's Press Secretary, said: "The record is clear. The governor has stated several times that it happened." Dr. Hayakawa whom no one had accused of anything nevertheless had crimes of his own on his conscience: "You've got the wrong man! I wasn't president at the time the incident is supposed to have taken place."

By February 20 Dumke and Gray remained the only two officials in the state who were willing to believe in Reagan's strange hallucination. Finally, even Dumke began to waver and admitted that he had received the information "second-hand."

So what did happen? Whose knife was it? And who was killed?

When Shakespearé's Macbeth was invited to sit down during a banquet he saw that his chair was occupied with the ghost of the man he had just murdered, by means of hired assassins. It was his crime but he projected his guilt onto the innocent guests at his banquet: "Which one of you has done this?" All the guests--and all the trustees--are dumbfounded: What is he talking about?

Macbeth: "Art thou but a dagger of the mind, a false creation, proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain?" Following Shakespeare's rule of the twisted mind, that the evil project their guilt on the innocent, one begins to see that the "group of students with switchblades" should be translated to read: the assassins I armed with Mace and clubs. For the dean forced at knifepoint to admit minority students, read: college presidents with official guns at their backs, forced to sabotage the admission of minority students and to "assassinate" controversial professors, forcing the local administration to its knees before Sacramento's autocratic rule.

Macbeth: "Such an instrument I was to use. It is the bloody business which informs thus to mine eyes." As for the switchblades it becomes clear that these are Reagan's own "bayonets" in his own bloody hands with which the mad man intends to "educate" students in his class of "Law and Order."

Lady Macbeth: "Oh, proper stuff! This is the very painting of your fear. This is the air-drawn dagger which...led you to Duncan."

The knife Reagan saw was in his own hand. What died was academic freedom. And who were his accomplices? And who shall put it right again. --Jim Eilers, Analyst.

At the EXECUTIVE MEETING OF A.F.T. 1928, WEDNESDAY, 1969, it was decided that the Executive Committee shall co-ordinate members' desire for how they shall be defended and our lawyer, Victor Van Bourg's advice on how they shall be defended. The Executive Committee has recommended that members of the union shall follow his advice. But should an individual member disagree with that advice he is asked to explain his disagreement to the Executive Committee who will then coordinate this with the lawyer.

Meeting!

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PLAN OF TACTICAL ENVELOPMENT

AFT Local 1928 main force units, in a brilliant maneuver, will suddenly converge on luckless Pioneer Books, 2338 Market (between Castro & Noe) at 7 P.M., Thursday, March 6. Victor Van Bourg, our legal mastermind, will attend. We will discuss the injunction and possible remedies for reprisals against union members.

NEWSLETTER CENSORSHIP!

Being a tentative list of 3,4, etc., -letter words to be used with EXTREME DISCRETION in the Local 1928 Newsletter:

- 1. Hate
- 2. Kill
- 3. Punk
- 4. Dupe
- 5. Pig
- 6. Anti-Intellectual
- 7. Aimless
- 8. Permissive
- 9. Opportunistic
- 10. Communist-inspired

Readers! Send in your own list of odious words. Help us define profanity.

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

When the Union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun.
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one?
But the Union makes us strong.

CHORUS:

Solidarity forever,
Solidarity forever,
Solidarity forever,
For the Union makes us strong.

They have taken untold millions, that they never toiled to earn,
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel could turn;
We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn--
That the Union makes us strong. (CHORUS)

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold;
Greater than the might of armies magnified a thousand fold,
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old,
For the Union makes us strong. (CHORUS)

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--e.e. cummings

FREE OF OUR ELDERS' DREAMING*

Anger, tears and resentment fill
 the hot, smoky room where the teachers
 deliberate: shall we end the Strike?
 In the distance the firecrackers
 of the Chinese New Year: a snorting
 sound. I see a great blue dragon
 twisting through the empty streets,
 tearing aside the veils of rain.
 It approaches this room, hot
 with betrayal, thick with regret,
 "Whatever may influence our decision--"
 Boom! a firecracker lands outside,
 and tension breaks into laughter.

Like a room full of frantic mice
 our Magic Markers dance and squeak
 as Local 1928 rectifies its picket
 signs, and races back to the line.
 The teachers return to abandoned
 classrooms, linger in a deserted
 office, and repeat their rosary
 of intangibles. Their students walk
 the line, free of their elders' dreaming.
 Roger Alvarado says that enough bites
 from enough little fleas
 can make the dog get up and move.
 If now we too return
 it's but to loose our frightful
 mice on the haunted rooms
 where ghosts are lecturing ghosts.

*Joshua Bunce, unable to make the Benefit Poetry Reading, sent along to the AFT Weekly this poem written especially for the Strike. (Translated from the Chinese by Jim Eilers.)

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 BACK TO NORMAL, Cont'd.

On Wednesday, Mar. 5, an AFT professor was escorted from his office by police on orders from his dean. This is nothing to get excited about-- just a wildcat management lockout. Such seemingly excessive and repressive behavior may seem strange to those who have not participated in our fight. We in the AFT know that this incident is just an extreme manifestation of the normal administrative process. Our one sure defense against such institutionalized irrational behavior is Union Power.

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 The following is the text of a 1928 Leaflet written by Lou Gold and Joe Jackson and distributed on campus today:

WHERE'S AFT?

AFT is still on the firing line. We know the battle is not over. Accordingly, our tasks remain unfinished.

AFT Local 1928 was founded to fight for the Fifteen Demands. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS FIGHT, BY ALL APPROPRIATE MEANS AND THE LIMITS OF OUR STRENGTH. We will not betray the principles that gave us birth.

AFT Local 1928 will remain an active and militant AFL-CIO Labor Union. We will continue to build and maintain a reservoir of union strength to apply continuous pressure toward the achievement of an ever greater measure of self-determination, in line with the victories already won.

REAGAN, Hayakawa and others of their ilk desire nothing more than to destroy the AFT. We will not play into our opponents' hands. We do not intend to become separated from the college. Our fight is here.

TACTICS stem from commitment, not vice-versa. We will change tactics without qualms, but we will not abandon our goals. We are therefore demanding our jobs back to prevent being replaced by strike-breakers. We're digging in for the long haul. WE ARE BUILDING AN ORGANIZATION THAT WILL OUTLAST HAYAKAWA AND REAGAN.

LOCAL 1928 HAS RISING EXPECTATIONS

The public is baffled as always by the events at S.F. State. Many of those on campus are also baffled. Is the strike over? What have we won? Where do we go from here? What is my role in all this? When will things return to normal? A thick grey cloud of confusion and doubt hangs over the S.F. State campus. In accordance with our policy of casting light into darkness, we will do our best to answer these questions.

First of all, the struggle for self-determination is not over. As evidence of this fact George Murray is in jail, Nathan Hare is "not rehired" for next year, large numbers of students have all manner of charges--some of them major felonies--hanging over them. The police are on campus in battalion strength as usual, S.I. Hayakawa is still polluting the media, and Governor Reagan continues to read from the same tired script. The general public is, of course, as misinformed and frightened as ever. The obliging and responsive state legislature is busily nurturing a whole phalanx of repressive bills. In the face of this our victories can only be called limited and tentative.

A limited victory is still a victory. It can and will serve as the foundation of further victories. Even under the harshest interpretation, AFT's accomplishments are impressive. We forced the trustees to negotiate with us. We forced them to grant important concessions even in the face of cries of "illegal" from Reagan. We forced them to take us back even when they really did not want to. If all this is something less than revolutionary, it is nevertheless more than most people dreamed possible not so long ago. Many of those who remained on the inside rather than taking risks for what they believed in must be feeling very chagrined. Reactionaries are frankly distressed. The AFT has established the reality of union power in the halls of academe. That is no small feat. It is in fact unprecedented. Two militant and activist AFT locals have become firmly established in the course of the strike. Our opponents must face the fact that we will be around thwarting them at every turn, as a good union should, long after Reagan and Hayakawa are gone.

Meanwhile the struggle goes on. It is a unified campus-wide struggle for complementary goals. AFT, BSU, TWLF, and an increasing number of aware students, staff and faculty members want more control over their own destinies. We all want self-determination. More and more we are realizing that we are all toiling together on the same academic plantation. Less and less do we believe in the infallible wisdom of Mister Charlie. The strike has united us as never before and has given us a faint inkling of our true potential power.

To mobilize this potential power we must face and overcome serious tactical and organizational problems. The first of these is that there is a limit to human endurance. There is a limit to what simple dedication can do. We must accept the fact that striking is not always and forever an effective tactic. No union can or should strike forever. The usual pattern is organize, strike, organize further and build upon the victory and prepare for future struggles. There is no decisive relationship between the length of a strike and its effectiveness. Quite the contrary, the more effective the strikers' organization, the less need there is for a prolonged strike. Accordingly the AFT Local 1928 is taking this opportunity to intensify its organizational and educational activities.

It is the duty of every concerned and progressive person on the S.F. State campus to continue to act on his beliefs, not to retreat into the woodwork until summoned forth by another Tac Squad confrontation. The FSM and the Columbia uprising--while they lasted--scared hell out of the authorities. However they were not sustained and renewed by viable and ongoing organizations. Thus their ultimate effects were less than they should have been.

It is interesting to note that one vigorous and effective organization to emerge from the FSM is feisty local 1570, the Berkeley T.A. Local.

S.F. State will never return to normal, if by normal one means a throw-back to apathy and acquiescence. The struggle for self-determination

will continue, sometimes quietly, sometimes dramatically--but always with vitality and resolution. We must never forget that we are being impelled forward by social forces whose dynamism is independent of what happens on any one campus and which cannot be halted by Ronald Reagan or any other human being.

A campus strike can be compared to a wave which breaks and recedes to be followed by another wave. The trend of campus uprisings which are sweeping America and the world can be compared to a rising tide. Eventually certain people will have to learn how to swim.

--Joe Jackson, Editor Editor.

AFT LOCAL 1928 moves its HEADQUARTERS today to: 2036 Balboa (between 21st and 22nd Avenues.), San Francisco 94121.

OSEL Continues to Plot

OSEL members help test the AFT amnesty procedure. Reapply for the jobs that are rightfully yours. If you are refused, let 1928 know!

DOWN WITH THE BARRIERS

Motion Passed by Local 1352: Be it moved that the membership of Local 1352 direct its executive committee to meet with the executive committee of Local 1928 to determine ways in which the two locals might work together to end institutional racism, to remove artificial barriers between students and teachers, and toward self-determination for all teachers, all students, and all workers at San Francisco State College. The executive committee of each local will report to the next meeting of its membership with specific recommendations.

NEWSLETTER CONSPIRACY GOES UNDERGROUND
(WHERE IT BELONGED IN THE FIRST PLACE)

- Tim Coats, Underground Editor ; Martha McGee, Underground Editor
- Jim Eilers, Underground Editor ; T.T. Mao, Underground Editor
- Joe Jackson, Underground Editor ; Leland Mellot, Underground Editor

Plus other Staff Members who are simply underground.

SOUNDS OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE

The strikers, returned to their jobs, try to remember what it was like merely to work and feel vaguely aware of the world outside. The silence and strange, empty stares (hate? guilt? resentment?) of people who used to chat with you before the Strike now completes your sense of being a totally alien breed. Nothing is familiar because nothing remains the same. Four months of Strike alters everyone involved. You hear a new, yet vaguely familiar sound: the wooden ring of baseball bats idly tapped against cement walks or marble halls. Does the regular staff relax into the imagination that those are school boys in the halls and outside the buildings. They joke here in the locker room with the All-American boys, who are all smiles and slouches and innocence before they become all business-like and rush out to the crowd roars and the game--where it's O.K. to play dirty if there's no lousy umpire around.

The strikers, returned to their desks, still heavy with thoughts about the future of the nation, listen to their office-mates plan the evening meal. The strikers hug their hungry stomachs, like Jews among oblivious Germans, as their friends, turned strangers, chat about trivialities in rhythm with the song of idle nightsticks; the strikers wait to see the arms go rigid, the clubs rise and fall on the heads of their new friends who are dispersed this moment around the campus. Work (reality) is now unreal. Can it be anything but a nightmare to hear staccato boots in the hall, passing the locked doors all day long? to hear, hour after hour, the monotone of military orders scraping out of walkie-talkies: tiny mechanical voices like the spawn of Hayakawa's loudspeaker droning numbers and laws.

In what used to be broom closets policemen huddle around a radio and a coffee urn. New brooms for cleaning up messy people, sweeping them down the walks and across the lawns, so that regular workers, steady workers, can go on counting paper clips and filing numbers. After weeks of wit and meaning and spirit, who can accustom themselves to this stockyard of contented packers and mindless butchers, grinding out students-in-the-can.

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