

AIN'T GONNA STUDY WAR NO MORE inside story page 2

SNCC Newsletter

SNCC Newsletter

May, 1967

Vol. 1, No 1 Atlanta, Georgia

END THE WAR !!

Speech by Stokely Carmichael at New York Anti-War rally.

Brothers and Sisters, I am here today not just as the Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, not just as an advocate of black power, but as a black man—a human being who joins you in voicing opposition to the war on the Vietnamese people.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee took a stand against that war in 1965 because it is a brutal and racist war. We took our stand because we oppose the drafting of young Afro-Americans to defend a so-called democracy which they do not find at home. We took that stand because this war forms part and parcel of an American foreign policy which has repeatedly sought to impose the status quo, by force, on colored peoples struggling for liberation from tyranny and poverty. Only the white powers of the West will deny that this is a racist war. When the colored peoples of the world look at that war, they see just one thing. For them, the U.S. military in Vietnam represents international white supremacy.

We black people have struggled against white supremacy here at home. We therefore understand the struggle of the Vietnamese against white supremacy abroad. We black people have struggled against U.S. aggression in the ghettos of the North and South. We therefore understand the struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression abroad.

This is why there can be no question of whether a civil rights organization should involve itself with foreign issues. It must do so, if it claims to have any relevance to black people and their day-to-day needs in the

United States of America. It must do so, if it lays any claim to that humanism which declares: no man is an island. We therefore fully support Dr. Martin Luther King's stand and that of CORE. We call attention to the fact that Dr. King was once awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It seems that at least in Sweden, the connection between ending war and ending racism is clear.

Yet there are those who would remind us that it is tactically unwise to speak out against the war. It will alienate support. It will damage our fund-raising. We have a question for those advocates of expediency: in the words of the Bible, "What would it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

We would remind these advocates of expediency of the Nuremberg trials, which affirmed that a man has a responsibility to speak out against murder and genocide no matter what the opinion and standing rule of his country might be. This nation sent hundreds of Germans to jail after World War II. Where is the voice of conscience today?

Those who attack us for opposing the bombing of mothers, the napalming of children, the wiping out of whole villages, are in fact supporting the war—whether they admit or not. No neutralism is possible in the face of such acts. Would those same critics have advocated silence when Medgar Evers was murdered in Mississippi? Would those same critics have urged expediency when the four young girls were bombed in a Birmingham church?

To these critics, we would quote the words of Frederick Douglass:

"Those who profess to favor freedom and yet de-

precate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its waters.

We must be involved, we must fight racism in all its manifestations. We must also look truthfully at this land of the free and home of the brave, and remember that there is another side to that

Continued on page 4



VIETNAM SUMMER

A call has gone out for 10,000 persons to participate in a Vietnam Summer with the object being the ending of the Vietnamese War. In a statement—the committee

said the following: "The objectives are two fold. First and minimally, to prevent bipartisan maneuvers for keeping the Vietnam War 'out of politics,' to prevent the peace bloc from being won over by dove-like murmurers from unreliable politicians, as happened in 1954 and 1966. Second, and maximally, to bring an end to the war and in the process begin to create an independent political force, initially organized around the demand that the United States withdraw from Vietnam; but subsequently developing around multi-issue concerns.

To achieve such objectives, it is absolutely essential to begin now. It is already late, but with a well-publicized and well-organized effort during the month of May, thousands of persons could be convinced to devote their summers, either part-time or full-time, to organizing activities. Should we miss the chance to establish a consolidated effort now, and lose the energies which might be unleashed this summer, we will once more enter an election year impotent and disorganized, almost certainly faced with a choice between Tweedledum and Tweedledee.

The organizational model suggested for the Vietnam Summer is that of a largely autonomous and discrete program, not tied to (no in conflict with) the activities of existing organizations, but endorsed, supported, and where possible, aided by these groups - SDS, SNCC,

Continued on page 4



CAMPUS NEWS

The students at Howard University, one of the country's oldest Negro college have indeed served notice on the white power structure of this country. A series of events at Howard led to this address by U.S. Congressman before the House of Rep. It is transcribed as printed in the Congressional record:

"Treatment of Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey at Howard University"

(Mr. Rivers D-SC asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks)

Mr. Rivers: Mr. Speaker, the country has a right to be indignant concerning the treatment Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey received at Howard University yesterday.

Here is a university that is almost completely underwritten by the Federal Government and paid for by taxpayers of all races. But the students did not have the courtesy to let Gen. Hershey explain his views on the draft and college deferments.

I disagree with some of General Hershey's recent conclusions, but I will defend his right to express those views anywhere in America without interference by idiotic and irresponsible and subsidized students.

If this continues, not only at Howard University but at other colleges throughout the United States where other officials have received similar treatment—notably the Secretary of Defense—college deferments may become a thing of the past. This is fair warning to every college student in America. Yesterday's incident could well cause many of us to have second thoughts on this vital subject.

Mr. Waggoner. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. Rivers: I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. Waggoner: I completely agree with the remarks of the distinguished gentleman from South Carolina. I, too read with disgust the news reporting of the incident at Howard University on yesterday. I want to associate myself with the gentleman's remarks.

Mr. Rivers: I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Goss. Mr. Speaker will the gentleman yield?

Mr. Rivers: I am delighted to yield to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. Goss: The legislative committee which deals with Howard University and also the Appropriations Committee which deals with it, ought to take due note of what transpired on yesterday.

Mr. Rivers: Every member of Congress ought to know the reason for the lavish and generous treatment we have accorded to Howard University over the years. Each member who wishes to know can look at the appropriations.

I believe they should be more responsible, situated as they are in the shadow of the Capitol. Of course, it is an entirely integrated school, and it is almost completely subsidized.

This should not happen in the Nation's Capitol. Certainly man like General Hershey, who is loving, resourceful, dedicated, and a patriotic

riotic American, should not be refused permission to speak in the Nation's Capitol.

My God what are we coming to?

Indeed—what are they coming to. It is our feeling that the "distinguished gentlemen from South Carolina, Iowa and Louisiana, eloquently voiced the racist attitudes of the country. Gen. Hershey is referred to as "loving resourceful and a patriotic American." How many black people did he send to their deaths—today, yesterday, or the day before? How many Vietnamese babies, lie dying because he is part of the regime that fights a racist war in Vietnam? The "distinguished gentlemen from South Carolina" defends his right to express his views, and we defend black Howard students right to silence him when he appeared on their campus. We defend their right because of their eloquence in stating "that America is the black man's battle ground." We defend their right to lash out at oppression in any form and at any time that they meet it, and feel confident in our belief that they will continue to do just that. Perhaps in the future Johnson will keep his gestapo aides off of black campuses, and learn that black students have no time for their ignorance, or their lies.

TO HELL WITH MENDEL RIVERS AND HIS THREATS.

On March 21, 1967 a group of 35 students shouted down, Selective Service chief, Lt. General Lewis B. Hershey when he appeared at Howard University, Washington, D.C. to speak on "the draft and college students. They were joined by most of the 300 students in the audience.

They shouted "America is the black man's battle-ground" and Gen Hershey was let from the auditorium as the students started toward the platform, with the support of the audience. The meeting was continued with a spokesman from Project Awareness, who spoke on the problems facing the black man in America.

On April 22, Heavyweight boxing champ Muhammad Ali spoke to approximately 800 students at Howard University. The champ told the audience "All you need to do is know yourself to set yourself free." "We don't know who we are." "We call ourselves Negroes, but have you ever heard of a place called Negroland"? Muhammad Ali went on to say that black people "Were living in the last days of hell in this country."

The students could be heard loudly cheering and telling the champ to "Tell it like it is". And indeed he did tell it like it is. He told students how "black dirt is the best dirt. How the blacker the berry the sweeter the juice" and cited the white man's attempt to oppress black people by teaching them that white is right.

On April 25, 1967 the Faculty Forum of Howard University held a rally in support of academic freedom at the campus center.

Three breaches of academic freedom were cited at the rally: Denying of students and faculty the use of campus institutions; unjustly firing

Ain't Gonna Study War No More

On April 15, 1967—the United States saw the biggest demonstration against the Vietnam war in its history. In New York City the streets were choked with from 300-500 thousand demonstrators from all over the East coast. San Francisco saw a turnout of 65,000.

In New York City, children, elderly people, students, housewives and businessmen turned out at United Nations Plaza to hear distinguished speakers call for the end of the atrocious war in Vietnam.

Rev. Martin Luther King told the audience:

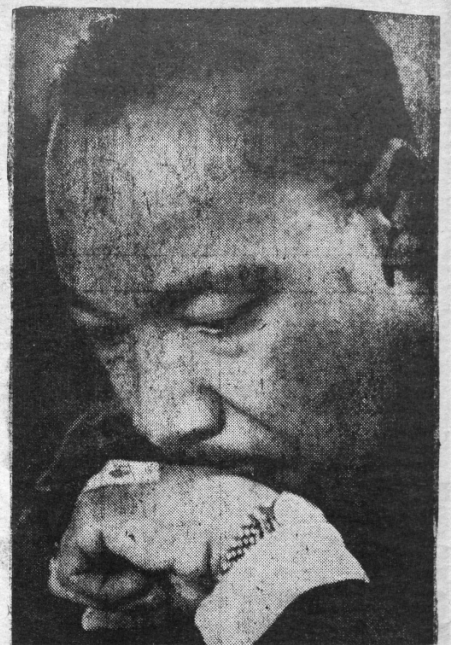
"We are engaged in a war that seeks to turn the clock of history back and perpetuate white colonialism. The greatest irony and tragedy of it all is that our nation which initiated so much of the revolutionary spirit of this modern world, is now cast in the mold of being an arch anti-revolutionary.

One of the greatest casualties of the war in Vietnam is the Great Society. The pursuit of this widened war has narrowed the promised dimensions of the welfare programs, making the poor-white and Negro bear the heaviest burden both at the front and at home.

It is estimated that we spend \$322,000 for each enemy we kill while we spend in the so-called war on poverty in America only about \$53 for each person classified as 'poor'. We have escalated the war in Vietnam and de-escalated the skirmish against poverty. I warn that it is inevitable that the men of power who never wanted a struggle for civil rights and the elimination of poverty will use the burden of the war to scuttle constructive social programs."

Pedro Juan Rua of the Movement for Puerto Rican independence spoke, tracing American aggression:

"It is utterly revolting to recognize it, but at this very moment that we gather here so leisurely, the Vietnamese



people are knowing terror and death, suffering a mass slaughter. At this very moment U.S. bullets and machine gun fire are bringing down dozens of women, children, young men and old men, napalm is scorching beyond recognition the features of the dying bodies and "lazy-dog" bombs injecting mortal pellets which tear apart their victims.

Vietnam, my brothers, is the stage of the most barbaric war of aggression ever waged by one big powerful country against a small one; but it only epitomizes, only in its most cruel contemporary form, a policy which has long been characteristic of the rulers of this country. It was first the black people, brought here in slavery to suffer brutal economic and racial oppression. Then the Indians, the original own-

ers of this country, and with whom we feel honored to march today, decimated and driven into oppressive "reservations" controlled from the outside. Then the Mexicans raped of their land and liberty.

At the turn of the century, the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, Cuba—who was able to wrest itself from the U.S. oppressor—were captured. Also at that time my country, Puerto Rico fell into the hands of the US invader and still remains subject despite heroic attempts to free itself.

Today the US attempts to legally ratify that subjection by staging a "plebiscite" farce while holding the military, political and economic and ideological weapons to control it.

Then came Nicaragua, Korea, Guatemala, The Congo, Vietnam and Santo Domingo.

One of the most gratifying scenes of the demonstration was the Harlem delegation. Composed of about 1,000 persons they could be heard during the march and at UN Plaza chanting "Hell No We Won't Go" and "What's the Solution, Black Revolution." Their show of militancy can well be attributed to black people all over the country.

demand that Miss Gregory be recognized. The actions of the administration are simply a perpetuation of many years of Yes Sirism and black puppets. The majority of the students at Howard have defined their concept of beauty and it can be seen by the increasing number of students male and female who are presently wearing Afro's on black college campuses. They have become the masters of themselves and their terms and concepts—they have picked their queen and she shall reign

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee fully supports the black militants in their efforts and stands ready to further support them and lend any aid that they deem necessary.

Lynda Blumenthal, a philosophy instructor and radical campus figure, and a "kangaroo court" trial of three students involved in the incident with Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey. The students were urged to organize and demand academic freedom and a promotion for Forum president Nathan Hare.

Sociology instructor Ivan Eames accused the University administration of refusing to let a student-faculty group use Cramton Auditorium for a talk on Vietnam by black power advocate Floyd McKissick on April 12. Eames said the group had obtained permission to use the Auditorium from the administration before the East break. He returned to find that the approval had been rescinded because it was "an unscheduled program" and facilities were overburdened during the Centennial Year, he said.

Eames said he found it "hard to believe that Mr. McKissick being an advocate of black power was not a factor" in denying use of the hall.

Robin Gregory who was voted Howard University's Homecoming Queen last fall

has yet to be crowned. The administration of the institution refused to crown her reportedly because she wears an Afro. On April 26th Miss Gregory was supposed to be tried in the "Kangaroo court" of the disciplinary committee for her actions on April 21 when Lt. Gen. Hershey of the Selective Service Board (of should we say Hershey—the Selective Service Board) was forced to cancel his speaking engagement at the college because of demonstrations by students. About 50 Howard students broke through the doors leading to the scene of the hearing because they believed that the hearing should not be held at all. The hearing was cancelled for the second time.

We in SNCC question the administration of Howard's attempt to censor Miss Gregory because of her identification with black people and their needs. We question her censor because she does not attempt to identify with the white concept of beauty in this country and has proven by the vote of the majority of Howard students that white is not right. We question and we deplore the administration's actions, and further



BIRMINGHAM DEMONSTRATION

There is a revolution in the art departments of Black colleges. The drawing above was done by Herman Bailey of Spellman College, Atlanta, Georgia. Portraying a demonstration in Birmingham, the picture expresses the new mood of the Negro College student.

New SNCC Office In DC

A new SNCC office has been opened in D.C. at 1234 U. Street, N.W. The programs of D.C. SNCC as reported by the D.C. Director Lester McKinnie are as follows:

Program 1. "An anti-draft Program which entails meetings every Saturday at 2 o'clock with young people off the block, high school students and toward students has been established. A worker is dealing specifically with high school students attempting to get them not to register or volunteer in the armed services. We have distributed a four page pamphlet relating the Vietnam war to D.C. and the United States, such as the bombing of churches in the States, the amount of money spent on war compared to domestic budget and the killing of Black people in that war.

Program 2. The Omnibus Crime Bill for D.C. This is supposed to be coming up in the House again soon, and we are trying to rally the people around the issue, getting petitions signed, getting buttons stating "Beware of Cops", holding rallies at the various churches in the community, distributing leaflets with complaint applications for people to sign if they have witnessed any police brutality or if it happened to them.

(Thus interlocking the police brutality situation with the crime bill). Since we began the police brutality campaign several people have been coming in and calling the office making complaints about brutality.

Program 3. Julius Hobson has called a school boycott for May 1, which SNCC supports. We also endorsed the Spring Mobilization against the War in Vietnam.

At approximately 12:40 a.m. Thursday, March 30, Marion Barry and Lester McKinnie of Washington SNCC, were picked up and beaten by policemen stationed in the 13th precinct. Mr. Barry was allegedly to have jaywalked. The cops refused to give him a ticket for this and instead preferred to give him a trip to the precinct station.

Lester McKinnie, the current director of SNCC, approached the scene and inquired as to what was going on. The policemen at this point began to give nasty remarks, and Mr. McKinnie says that one asked him, "Why not come on and go to jail too." 25-30 cops arrived at that point and taunted him.

Wesley Bryant, a veteran of the U. S. Army recently released from the service, approached the scene and was

immediately arrested and charged for disorderly conduct. At the 13th precinct station, Mr. Bryant was told to stand against the wall. While Wesley Bryant was standing against the wall, a policeman struck Mr. McKinnie, whereupon Mr. Bryant looked toward McKinnie as he was falling and was struck himself. Mr. Bryant has a brain condition which has been diagnosed as "Posttraumatic Neurosis," and he was to report to the hospital for treatment that next day. At the time of the beating he had only been in the states for five weeks.

It should be noted by our readers the type of treatment given to black soldiers who have risked their lives to protect a "so-called" democracy of Vietnamese people.

The SNCC Newsletter will be published once a month in its new format. To insure its continued publication, subscribers are requested to pay \$2 per year. We thank you for your donation.

I'M THE GREATEST

The World Heavyweight Champ Muhammed Ali refused induction into the Armed Services of the United States, Friday, April 28, 1967. The Muslim minister refused to go against his religious beliefs and take the oath of induction.

It is ludicrous to think that a black man whose brothers and sisters are being beaten on the streets of his hometown in Louisville, Kentucky demonstrating for open occupancy could think of fighting for the so-called democracy of a coloured people in far away Southeast Asia. It is ridiculous to think that a man whose brothers and sisters are subject to cop-violence everyday of their lives, all over the country would think of policing another country.

It is more ridiculous because Muhammed Ali knows "where this country is at."

The hunkies that call themselves the World Boxing Association and other Athletic Boards have "stripped Muhammed Ali of his crown" but we feel that every black person in this country and around the world know who the world champ is. If the hunkies who have supposedly taken away his crown want it back-let them go into the ring and attempt to take it back so

that black people can watch Muhammed Ali beat Hell out of them.

It is further hoped that black people will take notice of the action by the WPA and other groups and will very soon move to build their own boxing commission whereby the millions of dollars made on boxing and other athletic sports in this country can come back into the hands of black people and no longer be used to line the pockets of a few exploiting whites.

Puerto Rican Brother

Jose Varona of the Federación Universitaria Pro Independencia in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico was killed in an American bombing raid while visiting Hanoi.

The following is a telegram sent by Stokely Carmichael in behalf of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee:

"Deeply sorrowed to hear of the death of Jose Varona one of our brothers in the struggle. Please convey our condolences to family and all Independistas. With fraternal greetings from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.



BOOK Review:

CIA DESTROYED GUYANA'S FREEDOM

The history of Guyana's struggle for independence presents a study of the deceit and trickery awaiting a colonized people who seek to negotiate away their oppression from their colonial oppressors. Guyana's dubious "movement" from a British colony to an American neo-colony is intricately described through the activities of Dr. Cheddi Jagan, leader of Guyana's first effective independence force, the People's Progressive Party (PPP). Attracted by the hollow words of freedom echoed during his studies in the United States; overwhelmed by the persuasive counsel of the non-violent philosophers of his native India; and deceived by the liberal camouflage of the British Labor Movement, Jagan, working through the PPP sowed the seeds of discontent to the exploited sugar plantation workers of Guyana and harvested their united cry for independence.

With the efficiency of a precision machine well-oiled by the bauxite interests of the United States and the sugar interests of Britain, the Guyana colonial government systematically set out to crush the independence surge by raking Guyana's independence leaders through the crippling system of "Independence by Stages."

Although permitting Dr. Jagan the artificial authority of government position, the colonial government destroyed all attempts by the PPP to move toward command of the economy of the country. Power slaps were numerous to any substantive quest for economical power. Preliminary penalties involved suspension of the colonial constitutional government. This was coupled with the systematic denial of assistance given to Jagan by the famed liberal institutions of the world, including the British Labor Movement, the AFL-CIO, the Kennedy Administration, AID, and the World Bank.

As the colonized of Guyana became more adamant in their demand for independence, so did the colonialist machinery increase its efficiency in quelling those cries. Applying the maximum of divide and conquer, and effective plot was hatched to subvert the PPP by creating a racial schism between its leaders, Jagan (Indian) and Burnham (black). By catering to the exaggerated egoism of Burnham, the colonialists were able to split the once

solid cry of the PPP into a political power hassle. This effective act was topped by CIA funded and instigated strikes and demonstrations against the pro-independence government of Jagan in 1963. The move ended in violence and the effective squeeze of Jagan's government from the confidence of Guyana's people. Colonialist victory was secured when its "Caribbean Tom" Forbes Burnham, was placed at the head of the neo-colonialist government, established in 1966 with the replacement of colonialism British style with neo-colonialism, American style.

Dr. Jagan reports, with painstaking documentation, the series of successive measures taken from the colonial powers to insure his government's defeat. Blessed with an international perspective of world events, he is able to tie in the political moves of the US and Great Britain with the successive developments to squash the cries of his and other colonial countries for their independence. (PP, 471 \$10.00)

V VIETNAM SUMMER

SLC, Clergy Concerned, NCNP, Inter-University Committee, Spring Mobilization Committee, National Council of Churches, SANE, etc. The Vietnam Summer project will have its own staff, do its own publicizing, recruiting and fund raising, but will seek the active involvement of all the major peace groups, in ways to be worked out with each group separately. At a minimum, we would hope that the Call for a Vietnam Summer (to be issued in late April) WOULD BE ENDORSED BY THEM. Some organizations might assign staff members to work on the Vietnam Summer; others could supply us with lists of supporters and contributors; still others with existing community bases could form the nuclei to which Summer workers would be assigned."

END THE WAR

land--a side better known to the rest of the world than to most Americans. There is another America, and it is an ugly one. It is an America whose basic policy at home and abroad can only be called genocide.

When we look at the America which brought slaves here once in ships named Jesus, we charge genocide. When we look at the America which seized land from Mexico and practically destroyed the American Indians--we charge genocide. When we look at all the acts of racist exploitation which this nation has committed, whether in the name of manifest destiny or anti-Communism, we charge genocide.

We must look at the America which deplores apartheid in South Africa while our banks and private business keep the South African economy alive and thus maintain the most brutal legalized system of white oppression to be found in the world today. It is not merely the whites in South Africa who suppress the huge black majority. It is also white Westerners of several other nations, including this one. The United States rescued the South African economy six years ago. Today, almost 200 American companies are there with an investment of half a billion dollars. An American company helped South Africa to build its first atomic reactor. American companies are helping white South Africa arm to destroy a black revolution.

There is an almost endless list of these other Americans, but they all add up to the same thing: this nation was built on genocide and it wages genocide in many forms--military, political, economic and cultural--against the colored peoples of our earth. This nation has been not only anti-revolutionary but anti-poor, anti-wretched of the earth.

Most Americans do not wish to look at these truths. They prefer to claim that we are a moral people, fighting a holy war against Communism. We claim that we want peace in Vietnam. Last December, the American Ambassador to the United Nations, Arthur Goldberg, wrote to Secretary General U Thant: "We turn to you...with the hope and the request that you will take whatever steps you consider necessary to bring about the necessary discussions which would lead to a cease-fire." And U Thant offered his proposals. The United States ignored them.

Meanwhile, up on the 38th floor of this building--the United Nations--sits the Honorable Dr. Ralph Bunche, who once marched against police brutality in Selma, Alabama and today condemns those of us who would speak out against the war.

This nation's hypocrisy has no limits. Newspapermen speak of LBJ's credibility gap; I call it lying. President Lyndon Baines Johnson talks of peace while napalming Vietnamese children, and I can think of just one thing: he's talking trash out of season, without a reason. Let's not call it anything but that.

It is up to you--to the people here today--to make your fellow citizens see this other

side of America. In your great numbers lies a small hope. But this mass protest must not end here. We must move from words to deeds. We must go back to our communities and organize against the war. Black people must begin to organize the ghettos for control by the people and against exploitation. Exploitation and racism do not exist only in this nation's foreign policy, but right here in the streets of New York.

It is crystal clear to me that white people, in their turn, must begin to deal with the fundamental problems of this country: racism and exploitation. You must go into the white community, where racism originates. You must go into the white community, where the Vietnam war originated. You must work there, organize there, strike against the American system at its base. You must begin to organize in the poor white community as SDS has done in Chicago. We urge you to help make the Vietnam Summer now being planned in Boston into a nationwide effort.

You must raise the question: why is there a Department of War and not a Department of Peace? You must go into the churches and tell the churchmen that you heard they followed the one who wanted to bring good news to the poor. Tell them that you heard they taught love and nonviolence. Tell them that you heard they worshipped the one who said: the world belongs to all peoples. Tell them that you wait for their answer, and that answer must be action.

We must all speak out more strongly against the draft. Our position on the draft is very simple: hell no, we ain't going.

The draft exemplifies as much as racism the totalitarianism which prevails in this nation in the disguise of consensus democracy. The President has conducted war in Vietnam without the consent of Congress or of the American people--without the consent of anybody except maybe Luci, Linda, and Ladybird. In fact, the war itself is for the Birds--with the omission perhaps of George and Pat. The President sends young men to die without the consent of anyone. There is nothing new about this. For years, we have seen how peacetime conscription has allowed the President to extend this nation's power without the consent of its citizens. For years we have seen the Pox Americana in operation. The United States invaded one country after another to suppress social revolution. The United States has invaded one country after another to start reactionary revolts where social progress threatened to materialize. The draft takes the enslaved black youth of this society and uses them to support enslavement abroad. The draft says that a black man must spend two years of his life learning how to kill people of his own color and people of his own kind: poor and powerless.

The draft is white people sending black people to make war on yellow people in order to defend the land they stole from red people. The draft

must end: not tomorrow, not next week, but today.

We must also ask the question now heard in certain circles: is it true, Mr. President, that there is a planned invasion of North Vietnam? I ask this question in all seriousness. We recall that millions of Americans once watched a President speak on television and assure us that there was no planned invasion of Cuba. So is it true, Lyndon, that there is a planned land invasion of North Vietnam? Lyndon--we're listening.

Practical suggestions for ending the war abound. We will not offer new proposals. The problem we face is not one of finding a formula. But if we can admit that this country is indeed a rapist of the colored peoples on this earth--a rapist, today, of Vietnamese freedom--then let me just ask this: if you were being raped, would you call for negotiation or withdrawal?

Brothers and sisters, the future and the issues are yours. We urge that the Spring Mobilization be fully supported so that it may lead to a summer mobilization and fall mobilization and on to a great amassing of people who shall speak out against this war.

It may seem that such opposition has little effect on policy. But there is good reason to believe that the war would have been escalated even more had it not been for the opposition already manifested. We must sustain our declaration of war on the Vietnam war, on racism, on genocide. To everyone whom the Vietnam war affects, to all the poor and powerless, and particularly to black youth, let me read these words of a black poet, Margaret Walker:

"For my people standing staring trying to fashion a better way for confusion from hypocrisy and misunderstanding, trying to fashion a world that will hold all the people all the faces all the Adams and Eves and their countless generations:

Let a new earth rise. Let another world be born. Let a second generation full of courage issue forth, let a people loving freedom come to growth, let a beauty full of healing and a strength of final clenching be the pulsing in our spirits and our blood. Let the marital songs be written, let the dirge disappear. Let a race of men now rise and take control!"

THE HUNKIE

Stringy haired
red neck
barbarian
thief
blue eyed
good for discriminating
cowardly governor
hiding behind a mask
son-of-a-bitch
that can kiss my
big fat black ass

By Delois Crawford
of Tongue College