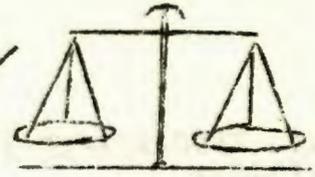


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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS: REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS

Everyone in the Peace Movement has been seriously moved by the Oct. 21 demonstration. It has had an impact even on those who only watched as observers. The following is an attempt to present what is emerging from all the discussions, meetings, etc.

1. Oct. 21 was a success. From the point of view of numbers - over 100,000 participants - and from the point of view of quality - civil disobedience has come to stay.

2. Oct. 21 has marked a turning point in the anti-Vietnam War Movement. Resistance on the campuses preceded the demonstration, and has in turn been stimulated by it. In addition to Draft Resistance & Campus Resistance, Movements are developing for Tax Refusal and Boycotts of businesses connected with the War Machine.

3. In spite of much Newspaper talk about violence, it was minimal. An examination of all reports shows that the action at the Pentagon was hit between unarmed young people and armed troops and police. Under these conditions, the peace people could not be the source of serious violence. It is reported that one window in the Pentagon was broken.

4. Both the National Mobilization and the Washington Mobilization must reevaluate themselves on program and organization. At a Steering Committee meeting of the Washington Mobilization Committee this process has begun locally. In view of the fact that 90% of the turn out at the demonstration were young people - it was decided that the Steering Committee must be reconstituted to give them better representation.

5. The Washington Mobilization is seriously concerned with doing a more effective job in mobilizing this area to all the variety of activities that will be coming before us in the near future. To accomplish this we have hired a very competent full time person, Lynn Blumenthal, to work

as an organizer for the Committee. We will need your continued financial support to make it possible to keep her on. In paying Income Taxes we are supporting the War Machine. Each of us should consider a similar tax on our Incomes to support the Peace Movement.

Abe Bloom, Treasurer

MOBILIZATION NEEDS FUNDS, VOLUNTEERS

The Washington Mobilization is dedicating itself afresh to vigorous anti-war action. The office staff now includes a full time organizer as well as a secretary. The Washington Mobilizer shall hopefully reach ever expanding numbers. Extensive work must be done to mobilize citizens for future protest activities in the Washington area.

All of this takes much work and money. Financing future projects, running the local office, helping the National Committee erase its Oct. 21 debts demand a sizable outlay of funds. Unless You contribute money our efforts shall be frustrated. Unless You volunteer some time in the office, our results will be sadly limited.

Please mail your checks to Washington Mobilization, Box 3001, Wash., D.C., 20010, and volunteer your time by calling 291-5041.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Washington Mobilizer shall seek to inform, and activate people in the greater Washington area. Our editorial base is a firm commitment to End the War in Vietnam. All community groups, campus organizations, church groups, etc., are urged to use the Washington Mobilizer for communicating news of their anti-war activities. Information should be phoned or mailed to the Washington Mobilization office: 4402 Georgia Ave., N.W., tel. 291-5041.

Area News

C.I.A. ENCOUNTERED AT MARYLAND UNIVERSITY

Students with a variety of political foci joined together last week to demonstrate in protest of CIA recruitment on the Maryland University campus. As the Mobilizer goes to print the CIA representative has been forced off of the main campus and the students are continuing their protest by picketing the administration building.

Also, at the university, a group of graduate students are conducting a series of teach-ins against the Vietnam war.

DISSENTING DEMOCRATS PETITION

For the purpose of disassociating themselves from the Johnson administration's policies in Vietnam, Dissenting Democrats have begun circulation of a petition among registered democrats. Attorney Lew Schwartz informed the Washington Mobilizer that the theme of the petition is to demand the cessation of bombing and initiation of negotiations. Many people are disenchanted with the pretense of a peace policy made by Johnson in his 1964 presidential campaign, indicated Mr. Schwartz. Thus, there is the necessity to challenge the administration with funds, energy, and ballots. Further information regarding the petition may be obtained from: Mrs. Robert (Joan) Myers at 762-7474 or 948-3940.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ORGANIZE

Over 25 students at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School have organized a Student Peace Union. They will be planning activities soon and intend to publish their own newspaper.

DESKS FOR SALE

Located at the Mobilization office are fifteen sturdy children's school desks and seats. They would make helpful additions to a child's room. Make your reservation for one by calling 291-5041. Donations accepted.

JOIN THE PICKET LINE

The Student Mobilization Movement at George Washington University has been staging a picket line at the Selective Service Office (17th & F Sts., N.W.) almost daily since Oct. 21. They urge Washington residents to join them there between 4-5 p.m. For further information call Mark Jacobson, 296-9284.

PROJECT TO ABOLISH CADET CORPS IN D.C. SCHOOLS

Mrs. Anne Brann and a number of other interested individuals have been working energetically toward the repeal of the law prescribing military training in the D.C. public schools. Opposition to the program is two-pronged: students, many of whom can scarcely read, deprived of huge chunks of educational time in favor of military training; militaristic values are being foisted upon the young.

They have enlisted the aid of the Urban League to canvass attitudes toward the program among their youth groups, and WILPF to gather data on the administering of the program in the various high schools.

Armed with this information, their first step will be to take their case to the school board.

RECRUITERS BEWARE AREA CAMPUSES!

The anti-war movement on the area's campuses is promising hot welcomes to recruiters from such governmental agencies as the CIA as well as private companies engaged in the war effort.

The Washington Mobilizer will endeavor to provide the inside story of these dramatic events.

*Area News, cont'd.***COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Washington Peace Center Free Theater

1323 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.

Showing times: 7:45 and 9:30 p.m.

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 11: "Unique War," and

"Journal of a War"

Nov. 11, 18, 24, 25: "Alternatives to War"

Discussion and coffee

Felix Greene's slides of N. Vietnam

(1) Nov. 12; 1:00 p.m., First Congregational Church

10th & G Sts., N.W.

Speaker: Prof. L. Loeb

(2) Nov. 19; 6:30 p.m., Univ. Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Rd., Hyattsville

Speaker: A. L. Fritschler

(Slide showings may be arranged with S. Bailey, 654-1099, after 6 p.m.)

Tran Van Dinh Speaks: "Third Way to Peace in Vietnam"

Nov. 12, 1:20 p.m., Questions - Discussion

2 - 3 p.m., Calvary Methodist Church

1459 Columbia Rd., N.W.

Dagmar Wilson Speaks:

Nov. 26, 1:00 p.m.

First Congregation Church

10th & G Sts., N.W.

WSP FUND-RAISER

Women Strike for Peace shall hold a fund-raising dinner party at 7:00 p.m. on November 11. For further information call WSP Office (293-2020).

Cards addressed to the Telephone Company explaining your refusal to pay the federal excise tax are available at 50¢ for 12 through the Committee for Nonviolent Action, et. al., 5 Beekman St., New York, N.Y. 10038.

One signed card should accompany each monthly payment of your phone bill, deducting the federal excise tax which is used by the government to help pay for the war in Vietnam.

CAPITOL HILL MOBILIZES

CHOICE (Capitol Hill Organized Individuals for a Civilian Environment)

In October, 38 individuals signed a "Support the Draft Resisters" ad which was placed in a neighborhood newspaper. The ad not only advertised the Oct. 16 draft card turn-in, but it also helped identify those people in this area who are ready to support such action.

In November four individuals are organizing a "Telephone Tax Refusal" campaign. Each of the four plans to find 25 others who will refuse to pay the tax and who will help distribute leaflets on "Telephone Tax Refusal" in the neighborhood. On Saturday, Nov. 18, they will meet at Eastern Market at 10 a.m. A story and photo of the Nov. 18 activity will be sent to two neighborhood papers. If you live in the Capitol Hill area and want to help with this campaign call CHOICE: LI 6-9836.

CHCCP (Capitol Hill Concerned Citizens for Peace)

In October a pre-Mobilization Teach-In was held at St. Marks Church. The speakers included M. S. Aronson, Noam Chomsky, John McDermott, Sanford Gottlieb, and Arthur Waskow.

In November door to door canvassing of opinion on the war will continue. All canvassers meet at the office, 1015 N. Carolina Ave., SE, at 10a.m. every Saturday. Newcomers are given instruction. The group is working on precinct organization in order to elect peace delegates to the two party convention. To help, call 546-3557.

CARDS, CARDS, CARDS

Enclosed in this issue of the Washington Mobilizer are several postage-due post cards which you should distribute to others who wish to be placed on our mailing list. In this way we hope to expand our influence in the Washington area. If you would like more cards, give the office a call. (291-5041.

We Confronted the Warmakers...

HOUSING: A SUCCESS, AMID CONFUSION

October 21 happened! That day exhilarated those who participated and extended our commitment to the peace effort.

We wish to express our gratitude to those who contributed generously and to those who offered housing, welcomed guests, and to those who are still awaiting the 5-20 persons they were told would arrive. The major breakdown occurred when cross-country buses that were expected to arrive 3-4 a.m. Saturday did not arrive until mid-rally. From then on communication was chaos, as anyone knows who tried to reach a friend in the after-rally hours. Housing became an emergency operation, taking care of exhausted travelers who arrived the next 12 hours in twos and threes.

We hope you will forgive the inconvenience and disappointment and open your doors in the future to another group who may seek your hospitality. Perhaps you can derive satisfaction knowing of the wide representation of young people that included not only the major metropolitan areas, but groups from Sewanee, Tenn.; Columbia, S.C.; San Francisco, Calif.; Waterville, Me.; and New Brunswick, Canada.

BLACK PEOPLE'S RALLY HELD AT BANNEKER

As an alternative to engaging in civil disobedience at the Pentagon, black representatives from major urban centers and colleges attended a Rally held at Banneker Field, following the Mobilization Rally at the Lincoln Memorial. The theme was black unity and love as speakers such as John Wilson of SNCC discussed the need for communication between organized black people on the local and regional level.

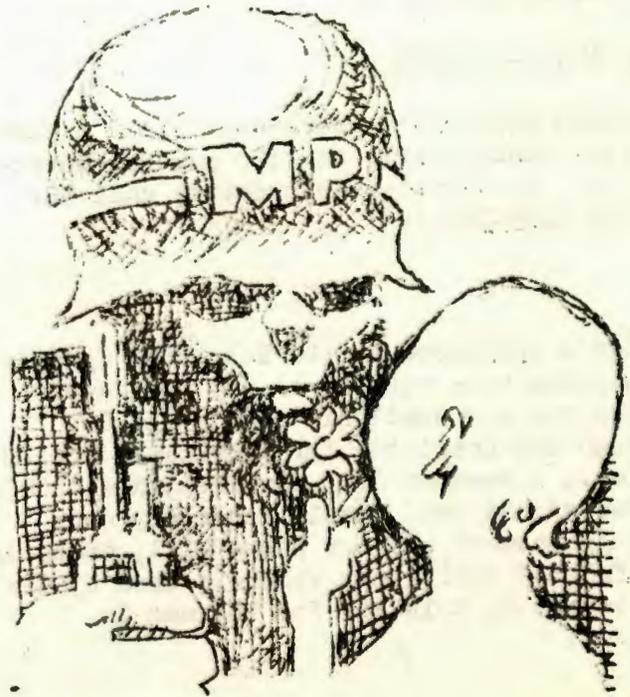
"We got to develop a program ourselves to stop black people from going to war," stated Wilson as he addressed the more than 800 people gathered.

Although a bus load of national guardsmen and car loads of police appeared at one point, they left shortly without incident.

WASHINGTON MOBILIZED

The Washington Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam put forth a mammoth effort for the October 21 demonstratic effort and met with gratifying results. Committees and individuals working on housing, fund-raising, monitors, leaf-letting, picket signs, radio and TV pr grams, mailings. . . . performed the very important tasks with great perser verance. Surely we have shown our com mittment to end the war as well as our ability to mobilize the Washington are It has been estimated that our work turned out at least 25,000.

But we are just beginning! Many pe ple new to the anti-war movement are a waiting our further contact. Groups a organizations in communities and on ca puses are making plans for continuing protest. They need our encouragement and participation. Let us put Washing ton on the map as a leader in this s: ggle against the war. Come to the gen eral meeting at St. Stephens Church, 1 & Newton Sts., N.W., on Thursday, Nov. 8:00 p.m., prepared to contribute idea and energy. Lynda L. Blumenthal, Dir



THE SEIGE OF THE PENTAGON

Following is an editorial printed in *The Hilltop*, student newspaper of Howard University. It is reproduced here because of its thought-provoking content.

To talk about revolution in this country is to talk about dealing with the military-industrial complex which seems to be outstripping the power of elected officials if indeed it does not control those officials. It became evident at the Pentagon demonstration last Saturday that a demonstration of 200,000 people against the war would not change the American policy or even stimulate a serious reconsideration. It also became clear that the brute force of the military would be used against dissenters and that those dissenters would become victims of a hysterical nationalism that is replacing reason among a large number of Americans, both black and white.

The non-violent confrontation with the warmakers revealed that love and peace are admirable ideals, but a non-violent minority will most likely lose to a violent majority. Not only were the soldiers a symbol of violence, but the American public which advocates that "these peaceniks be gassed" is an even more frightening example.

While nervous sit-ins on the Pentagon steps were assuring each other that "they are not going to use tear gas" and that "the GI's are not our enemies" nearly 2,000 men in the 82nd airborne were filing out of the Pentagon, getting ready for the mass arrests and military violence that few newspapers reported.

The troops lined up 15 deep. There were troops on the steps circling the building and on the roads. Some were equipped with tear gas, (Hilltop reporters were given a dose in the afternoon) and others had grenade launchers and flame throwers. There was a machine gun on the roof from which the commanding officers surveyed the "seige." At midnight the demonstration permit ran out, the government officials said, and the Pentagon steps had to be cleared. To clear the steps, the front line of the troops began to kick the sit-ins until they could no longer link arms. Federal marshal reached in front of the troops and grabbed the demonstrators, dragging their limp bodies to busses and trucks and hauling them off to jail.

One girl was beaten on the head with a rifle butt, others with night sticks. The counter violence came from people in the rear of the crowd who threw flares and bottles into the lines of soldiers. The sit-ins who believed in non-violence or who were just plain scared screamed at them to stop throwing at the soldiers. "We don't want any trouble," they said. They didn't seem to understand that they already had trouble. "You could never get even with them," another shouted. During every onslaught by the troops the demonstrators would sing "America the Beautiful," the "Star Spangled Banner," or "We Shall Overcome" until the group being arrested was dragged off. Then they would each chant "Join us, Join us" to the troops.

"Men of the military we are human beings and your fellow countrymen. We've come here in a spirit of peace," some one shouted over a bull horn. The troops began to wade into the crowd making a wedge in the center and eventually wiping out one whole side.

The question was whether the hearts of the GI's had been touched? Were they simply tools of the system? Hostile soldiers stationed near the Pentagon shouted obscenities and taunts at people walking toward or away from the Pentagon Sunday morning.

One girl sitting in the front line said that "Brutality is something the government should and must explain to us. Just like they have to tell us why they are in the war."

Someone should have reminded her that the government has explained: they are containing communism, and they are containing it with the same force used to contain the demonstrators, and rebelling black people.

In each issue we shall provide a forum for opinion. Articles for publication may be submitted to the editor c/o of the Mobilization.

THE RESISTANCE -- DECEMBER 4

-by Richard Moeller

The Resistance is a movement made up of young men who refuse to submit to the Selective Service System and the draft, and the people who stand with them. Join us December 4. The Resistance was born October 16 when more than 1100 men returned or burned their draft cards and announced their refusal to cooperate further with the war machine, and more than 1000 statements of solidarity with the draft resisters were turned in. On October 20, a group called Conscientious Resistance was born when over 600 men and women--professors, authors, clergy--told the Department of Justice that they stood with the men of The Resistance. On October 16, The Resistance was established locally. 11 men turned in their draft cards at the National Headquarters of the Selective Slavery System in Washington, D.C. They were accompanied by from 50 to 100 supporters, of whom about 20 turned in statements of solidarity.

We of The Resistance believe that non-cooperation with the Selective Slavery System and the draft is the most effective challenge young men can make to the continuation of the war. On December 4, The Resistance will act again. If you are of draft age, what are you going to do? If you find that non-cooperation is in conformity with your conscience and if you believe that it can be politically significant, join us and the thousands of young men who will take this position on December 4. Maybe you are one of the men who burned their cards on October 21 at the Pentagon. I saw a lot of you that night. Now that the exhilaration of that moment is over, will you commit yourself publicly? Violation of the Military Selective Slavery Act is punishable by up to 5 years in prison. If you are not of draft age, or if you are a woman, think about a declaration of solidarity with the draft resisters. Counselling, aiding, or abetting others to violate the draft law is punishable by up to 5 years in prison. You may not go to jail, but you will put America on the spot. That's what The Resistance is about. Whether you are a worker or student, professor, minister, or housewife, there is something you can do. We think this is important. Join us.

In New England, they will not wait for December 4. On October 16, 350 draft cards were returned or burned in the Arlington Street Church in Boston. William Coffin, Yale University Chaplain, spoke of the Church as a sanctuary for draft resisters. On November 16, The Resistance will move again in Boston. Then on December 4, The Resistance across the nation and here in Washington, D.C. will act. Details of our action on December 4 remain to be settled. If you are interested, want to help, or if you will turn in your draft card or a statement of solidarity on December 4, write: The Resistance, P.O. Box 3001, Washington, D.C., or call 291-5041.

VETERANS SPEARHEAD ATTACK ON WAR-by Carlos C. Van Leer, Jr., Wash. Corr.,
"Veterans Stars and Stripes for Peace"

As thousands -- and probably millions -- of Americans cheered, Yale's fighting chaplain, William Coffin, led an unprecedented national draft resistance week, climaxing in Washington, D.C., October 20. Most people knew that Coffin risked going to jail, but few knew that the "Action Chaplain from Yale" (Washington Post, Oct. 29) is a former World War II Captain and paratrooper. And as perhaps 200 vets marched proudly in the mammoth Oct. 21 war protest, wearing overseas caps marked "Vets for Peace in Vietnam," no one knew how many more veterans opposed to the Vietnam war were marching without the identifying caps. Many feel that no group is so strongly opposed to the war as those veterans who have fought through bloody battlefields and oppose Vietnam as a completely mistaken--"screwball"--war. We distributed about 20,000 copies of our new tabloid, "Veterans Stars and Stripes for Peace," (we run 150,000 copies a month.) And we let people know that human beings should not be torn apart in war--unless there's clear and urgent reason to do it.

A detachment of veterans took off for the Pentagon at 1 a.m. Sunday morning, October 22, dug into their pockets for food for the demonstrators confronting the Pentagon, and stayed until 4 a.m. Only WBBM, Chicago, carried the story that these vets were led to the Pentagon that night by a man who won the Silver Star for "gallantry in action under enemy fire" on Iwo Jima during World War II. He was former Marine Captain Charles H. Fischer, of Chicago, who led a detail of 6 to smash the Japanese central headquarters on Iwo Jima. Asked by WBBM whether he'd fight again on Iwo Jima, Fischer declared that he would, but that the highest form of patriotism a man can show now--in his judgment-- is to oppose the disastrous Vietnam war as vigorously as possible! . . .