

POOR PEOPLE

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STUDENT HELP

Washington, D.C. April 29 (Liberation News Service)-The Poor People's Campaign of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is making a national appeal to students across the country to join thousands of America's poor in Washington, D.C., starting May 27.

Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy, successor to Martin Luther King as SCLC President, urged students to come to Washington for "alliant non violent action" as soon as studies and examinations permit. "We are encouraging students to come and stay as long as possible if it becomes necessary to intensify the Campaign beyond May 30," Abernathy said.

"Students in America, both black and white, have provided great physical, moral and intellectual support for human rights movements in the East," Abernathy continued. "It was students who were the shock troops through the sit-ins, Freedom Rides, the Birmingham and Selma movements. We are confident that they will join their poor brothers and sisters of all races, faiths and nationalities in this Campaign."

Stoney Cooke, a veteran civil rights activist, is the coordinator for Student and Campus Activities for SCLC.

Demonstrations in Washington are expected to begin May 20 after the arrival of poor people from all parts of the nation. Black people and whites from the North and South, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans and American Indians are already involved in the Poor People's Campaign. By the time the large influx of students begins to arrive in Washington, May 27, the Campaign is expected to have escalated to the level of serious confrontation with the federal government.

Spokesmen for the Poor People's Campaign are demanding that the federal government meet their needs, one of which is an end to the war on Vietnam.

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CEDS STEP IN

500 co-eds at the University of Georgia recently had a two night sleep-in in the administration building in protest over women's regulations. Their main grievances were that women had to live in the dorms until they were 21 (yeah!), a 11:30 week-night curfew, and house mothers entering a woman's room without her permission. The administration obtained a temporary restraining order forbidding further demonstrations.



"Alice" From Alice in Wonderland, Alice a girl I once knew, Alice a cat, Alice a dwarfed Russian olive, Alice the mother of a friend, and the Alice that runs a restaurant, and various and sundry other alices that one finds, comes "Alice," a free newspaper.

What are the reasons for Alice? Within the university community in Blacksburg there exist the dynamics of change. More human beings are thinking and realizing that they are human beings. An effort has begun that is aimed at destroying those institutions which take away the integrity of human beings. The purpose of a university is not only to prepare people academically for their life, but also to allow and present the opportunity for a student to gain a more perceptive view of the world in which he lives and was born into. VPI cannot remain a hermetically sealed society. This school is in the same society as all of the United States. Unless the university can educate human beings that have a vital interest in the world, and are prepared to act to the many crises of our age, then as an institute of higher learning, VPI has failed. The conclusion must then be made that when the institutions of a society fail, then that society will also fail. VPI is undergoing the metamorphosis from small college to large university.

What is 'Alice'?

This period of change is painful, for many decisions must be made, such as scrapping traditions so that more effective methods can be employed. Every student, faculty member, administrator, townsman is a part of this change, and is affected by it.

This past school year has been illuminated by visual signals of change. Four students conducted a poll in January that caused a situation which eventually involved over 1900 students, numerous faculty, administrators, and interested townspeople. The death of a prominent American and the method used by some students to express their grief involved the university community again, as did the "Students Strike for Peace" demonstrations, and the open forum on racism and civil rights. The fact that this campus is beginning, and must fully face the issues of the "world out there" and see that they are the same issues on our campus has demonstrated that there is a definite need for a focal point of free exchange and presentation of ideas at VPI. Thus, the conception and birth of Alice.

The editorial policy of this paper is progressive. It will support views and policies that are felt to be for the promotion of education and the principles upon which this nation was founded. If injustice is to be found, that this paper will be an agent to expose that injustice. Being a free press, implies a promise that any view which is of concern to this university community will be printed as long as some degree of integrity is present. "Alice" is open to all for contributions, for only if all expressions can be aired can this paper succeed. It is hoped that "Alice" will be accepted, and can become a method of free discussion.



NOTE PLEASE

WASKOW OPEN FORUM
DRILLFIELD - 1:00
TUES. MAY 21

WASKOW

Arthur Waskow of the Institute for Policy Studies has asserted that for the first time in history a government has been toppled in the United States without the people's having recourse to either violent revolution or a national election. The immediate causes of Lyndon B. Johnson's March 31 withdrawal were the Tet offensive, the gold crisis, the McCarthy-Kennedy juggernaut, and the domestic turmoil.

Dr. Waskow will be on campus Tuesday, May 21.

FROM CONVICT TO KILLER OR: WAD THE HELL IS COPPING OUT?

If you're looking for reality, take a long look at the Draft: it's for real and not just for U.S. citizens male 18 to 26 years of age. For every draft eligible male (which is more like every male between 18 and 45 who has ever lived in, worked for, or heard of the U.S.A.) there exists at least one other human being who will lose more than sleep over the thought that enables our country to be where it is today (whatever in God's name that means). There is no question, then, about its existence, and those who feel, therefore, that there is no question about what to do about it might as well use this article for a paper mache doll. But, if there is the slightest hesitancy on your part to accept fully the call of your friends and neighbours, take heart; you can act and it doesn't mean self-immolation, nor does it mean a five year jail sentence.

The purpose of this article is not to list the "outs" in descending degrees of discomfort; that task is left to groups like RESIST, The American Friends (Quaker) Church, or the personal column in your favourite periodical (Note especially underground newspapers such as the Washington Free Press—also watch Resists magazine). Don't under-estimate the importance of contacting such sources of valuable information! Remember, Buddy, it may save your life!

It is my desire to help you purge yourself of the numerous hangups one gets when he starts thinking seriously (Ye Gods, how also?) about the draft. Number one rule for survival: don't be afraid to change your mind or your draft status. People have gone to 1-D or 1-A0 while serving active duty. Number two—Your sacrifice is relative, so no guilt feelings, please. Your friend who didn't take that step forward has lost five years of chance to spread the good word—do you want to lose that chance? Maybe so—you may feel the ease will reach people faster than an evangelical campaign in the countryside, but, you may not want to whip off five years of your life just like that. What the hell—sometimes you feel like giving a dime, sometimes 10 dollars—and so far I've never seen a Santa bash anyone over the head with his belt for dropping in a dime.

Number three—You're ignorant as hell about the Draft and don't forget it. This is not a game and it is a matter of official policy to keep you as ignorant as possible about the whole Selective Service operation. But don't get all paranoid and give up—ask questions, even of your draft board, or better yet of some other draft board, if possible. Ask, share your information—you'd be surprised at what other people don't know.

These are mere keyhole shots of the whole thing, of course, and nobody knows what the total scene really

looks like, but we all know it's for real and we all know it's big, but, it's not inevitable that you join or be jailed.

Best Believe It Section:

1. If you lose your citizenship you are still eligible for the draft.
2. Service in the Public Health Service or Coast and Geodetic Survey or Coast Guard will satisfy your military obligation.
3. You have a six year obligation, not two. Draftees serve two years active duty, two years active reserve and two years standby reserve.
4. It is possible to volunteer for the draft when you choose, instead of waiting, and still serve only two years active duty.
5. Officers have a damn high mortality rate in Vietnam—R.O.T.C. and O.C.S. candidates beware.
6. An appeal to change status will delay action ten days in continental U.S.—thirty days if you're outside (including Alaska).
7. Most Draft Board members have never even heard the chorus to "Alice's Restaurant," let alone the Massacre sung in full three part harmony.

Good Luck, In the name of Peace—
Ex-PFC, TRUE-FIR
Non Combatant Draftee
U.S. Army
Shalom Bob

black woman

A product of 400 years of personal suffering and pain. She is the person, who has for centuries seen her children taken from her, her husband worked to death, emulsulated and rent from all vestiges of self-respect and pride of personal achievement.

She has had to bear an intolerable burden, but she has survived. She has been able to hide her hatred and fear, as she plodded from kitchen preparing food for ungrateful people, scrubbing walls and floors for families who looked upon her as a "machine" which was constructed of flesh and blood.

This "machine", they felt had no feelings, no emotions, no understanding, no desires. She was only a tool to be used at will and discarded when her usefulness was passed, for a newer model.

Even though working under these tremendous handicaps, she lived and worked for her loved ones. She managed to survive and to implant in her young a sense of worth, a willingness to live, and a hope that someday he would be looked upon as a man and treated as one.

The BLACK WOMAN is an example of incorpable courage and strength. She is a guiding light for a wronged and robbed people.

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Richmond Project

(SSOC Mailing No. 6, Bruce Smith)

I want to talk with anyone interested in spending the summer in Richmond, assisting in local organizing of poor whites and middle-class white support for the poor peoples campaign, learning the fundamentals of power-structure research and how to use it.... by turning our collective attention on Richmond this summer...developing a working understanding of underground press operations by working on the "Sunflower" staff... as we develop a cooperative working and living situation which, I hope, will eliminate the need for begging for subsistence. And I am also interested in developing a few people interested in working full time for Va.--SSOC in the Fall...

The "University Vietnam Committee" was formed on this campus in November of 1967 by a group of students, professors, and townspeople who were concerned by the lack of understanding of the Vietnam war situation by the members of this University community. Over fifty people who showed up for this first meeting decided that the committee should act "not to indoctrinate, but to provide an opportunity for study within the University community". Ron Moyer was chosen as chairman, and the committee proceeded to bring in a series of speakers presenting a variety of outlooks on the war.

VIET-NAM COMMITTEE

by GLENN SUTER

The members of the committee, (the membership is comprised of those people who show up for a particular open meeting), decided to apply for University recognition in January. By emphasizing to the Student Activities Committee the fact that the Vietnam Committee itself held no particular view on the war, the group was able to receive recognition despite the objections of certain members of the S.A.C.. This recognition was followed by the decline of the Committee as the new chairman (Ron had to leave due to draft board problems) did not present enough of a program to keep up the interest...

The Committee is not yet dead. Dr. Maskow is coming from Washington to speak. He will give a formal address in the evening and will speak in some classes. (In addition, he will be out on the drillfield at some time during the day to meet and talk with the students.) The time and exact nature of these activities will depend upon the outcome of my talk with Dean Dean. I have been told by his office that I cannot get on the Student Activities Committee Agenda until next fall. Come what may, Arthur Maskow will be on campus and will speak on May 21. If you think that this University should serve as a place for the free exchange of ideas on the problems of the nation and the world, instead of being just an ivory tower, come out May 21.

Putting it Down!

(Reprinted from THE SUNFLOWER,
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When I was a child,
I spake as a child,
I understood as a child,
But when I became a man,
I put away childish things.

Realizing all literary forms are arbitrary, I see no reason to discard the practice of using a text - even one from a current unpopular source - if it applies to the situation. This particular text is from a letter by Saul of Tarsus (let's quit playing with assumed names) to the Corinthians. Mr. Saul, it seems to me, is asserting that he didn't become a man until he put away childish things. So much for the source.

What I wonder is when are people in Richmond are going to grow up? Not the Middle-Class-America-The-Beautiful-average Richmond citizen, politician, cop, etc., --could it be that's a trifle worn out?-- but the hippies, drop-outs, free people, revolutionaries, or whatever it is that makes up the so-called Underground. I see a few basic attitudes:

- I'm not a war-monger, I'm a flower child.
- I'm not a hippie, I'm a junkie.
- I'm not a junkie, I'm a revolutionary.

All are elaborately disguised, but still they are obvious enough to make anybody sick. They all can be boiled down to:

- I'm better than you.
- How childish can you get?

None of the many cliques of the Richmond "scene" are at all more tolerant than the picked-on middle-class. Flower people put down revolutionaries; junkies put down flower people; revolutionaries put down junkies, etc. And 90% of these people are into the same sort of clique-thing they were into in high school. Beards take the place of gant shirts; Country Joe replaces Wilson Pickett; there's dope instead of beer; and there are "straight people" instead of "higgers". Or the guy who shoots H-- he drank grain straight. Or the interesting person who raves over the War but who can condone shooting a man because his skin is white and his hair is
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Jo, I love you gypsy eyes flashing...

PERSONAL: Alice is Mary Jane's sister.

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Education?

(An introductory article in a series by Eric Appel on education)

"The threat which knowledge of alternatives poses is precisely the cause of people's fear of education and teachers. Academic freedom in particular is threatening because it is the freedom to explore alternatives."--Ronald Corwin, A Sociology of Education.

A partial definition of education is a continuing awareness of the alternatives open to every man. This awareness is the potential that Emerson saw in "the infinitude of private man," the promise that is just behind the doors of Heise's magic theatre. Unlimited potential is in every man, but potential unrecogized and unperused is not worth the proverbial tinker's damn. The process involved in education is essentially one of experience accumulation, both direct and vicarious, coupled with creative synthesis which is most often aided and stimulated by interaction with other people.

It should be clarified that education is not necessarily intrinsic or even concurrent with specific training. The level of training at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute runs the gamut from blandly mediocre, to be kind, to exceptional by national standards. The educational level is considerably more dubious. The primal explanation is not to be found in the University, for education calls for personal involvement. Noting that a few individuals are involved, on the whole this campus is an unruined intellectual duck pond. Anyone can see the thick edges of stagnation.

There is an alternative, visible in some of our "better" universities, to the quiet float on a four year sea of apathy terminating with a glorified certificate of attendance. That alternative is the development by both students and faculty, of a climate favorable to the exploration of alternatives, a climate of that ideal, a community of scholars and men searching. The vision is that education and training can be brought closer together and that each may enrich the other. It is time to catalyze the major source of education at this university, each other.

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short.
Not to exclude myself and the other 10% (for the sake of the defensive reader's ego) who are also doing what they did in high school -- putting down everybody else

I don't necessarily condone the principle that protest is invalid without alternative suggestions. But I have seen very little which attracts me any more to socialize in Monroe Park than to walking around the halls at TJ High. There is the feeling at the Park that people there seem to think they all have a common idea, but what it ever was has obviously been forgotten.

I think it's time to trade our still childish standards for something both societies claim to have but which both are intolerant of -- individuality. Like saying things that are original instead of trying to sound like friends; like buying records besides The Beatles, Stone, Hendrix, The Cream, etc. and maybe understanding that music or literature isn't good because it comes in psychedelic wrappers.

It's time to put away childish things -- and put down Mr. Saul. If he was telling the truth, he's ahead of all of us, and, in any case, he is saying something more interesting than NOW, what a rush!...That's reeally nice...DY-na-mite stuff!...Drank 30 beers...Good piece of ass...HEY, NIGGER!...

We Don't ADVERTISE OUR RECORD PRICES BOOKS, STRINGS, and THINGS

Last Thursday night, Bruce Smith from SSOC--Southern Student Organization Committee--was at Tech. To a very small group of interested students he brought news of the student demonstrations at UVA, Virginia Union University (Richmond W & M, and Virginia State.

The students who were present sign petitions in support of Elliott Hatchler, a student at Virginia Union who was jailed for being one of the leaders in a campaign to make the university more responsive to the students' needs, after amnesty had been promised.

He was interested in "developing a few people interested in working full-time for Virginia--SSOC in the fall."

"NOW is the time for us to turn inward, toward middle-class, white society...to deal with the issues of War, the Draft, Racism, and our own Middle-class Powerlessness, as they affect us and our 'predominantly white' brothers and sisters on our campuses and in our home towns. This is not the time to be hurrying our heads in the sand and "grooving on our own thing" while our neighbors fearfully are themselves against the Yellow and Black hordes about to invade our suburban sanctuaries. This is the time to get into our communities and find out what makes them tick and why our friends are afraid. And we 'predominantly white' middle-class college students are only people who have the innate potential for understanding and the necessary skills to wake our predominantly white brothers up to the realities of the world which really envelopes and processes them and stamps them out '1-A', SUCCESSFUL ?? ...and you don't really know what, where, why, and how it's happening, do you Mr. Jones? Maybe we better start trying to find out."

After leaving Tech, Bruce returned to UVA, where Black students with the support of whites are demonstrating against UVA's de facto segregationist policies (which are not as extensive as those here at Tech).

If anyone is interested in more information about SSOC, or in joining SSOC, please contact Bruce Smith, SSOC, P. O. Box 12145, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Home 648-4444.

come to WASHINGTON SEE LIVE PERFORMANCES by THE Ghetto

THIS SUMMER- SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1968, 8:00 PM. THE Ghetto will be performing at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Tickets are available for \$10.00. For more information, contact Alice at P.O. 993, Blacksburg, Va. 24060.

EDITORIAL

The V.P.I. Newman Library is sadly lacking in books dealing with the Negro race, and many of the few books are outdated and useless. It is the hope of this paper that a fund can be established in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King for the purpose of purchasing books concerning the Negro, to be given to the Newman Library. After a fund is established here, then possibly National support can be gained for this project. The best effort to carry forth Dr. King's goals should begin here in our own community. Persons interested in this fund please write for more information to: "Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Fund" P.O. Box 993, Blacksburg, Va. 24060.

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