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More congressmen are becoming concerned over the American brand of corruption and war-profiteering, especially now that the Vietnamese style is beginning to be shockingly well documented. Said Senator William Proxmire: "The greed of war profiteers has been identified during and after countless wars of the past as one of the fueling elements if not the cause of those wars... There has usually been a solid core of truth in the charges."

Representative Henry Gonzales, a Texan and close friend of Lyndon Johnson, is distressed that "despite the unanimous conclusion of authoritative studies that costs and profits are soaring on defense procurement, no one has called for a special committee to investigate..." Gonzales recently led an only partially successful fight for Renegotiation Board, the government's only independent war profits watchdog.

Times could not be better for war profiteers. Procurement is at record highs because of Vietnam. Defense Department uses its Truth-in-Negotiations club tenderly—and rarely. Fifty six percent of Defense contracts in 1967 were firm-fixed price in which the Pentagon gave up any right to know what costs or profits were involved. Admiral Hyman Rickover recently disclosed to a congressional committee that the Navy was forced to accept a contract with a large company which demanded a 250 percent profit jump over a previous contract for essentially the same item.

What is seldom realized is that frequently excessive war profits find their way into private bank accounts. The Renegotiation Board, although it does not oversee individual contracts (only the total annual business of individual companies which fall within their legal scope) has disallowed large sums paid corporation officers. In one case the Board disallowed the total compensation of \$94,000 to the president and treasurer of a contractor when it was discovered that their officers were inactive. One company president had his salary by \$102,000. Another had his cut from \$104,000 to \$75,000. One company had the compensation of its officers reduced from \$320,000 to \$234,000 when their dishonest greed was discovered.

## an open letter to the inhabitants of a village burned

*by Vincent Stewart*

By soldiers, you say?  
What would soldiers be wanting  
on a fine summer  
day like this to be burning  
your little village?

They have much too much  
to do, what with this making  
the world safe for this  
or that to concern themselves  
with your dirty huts.

You may kick as hard  
as you like against the rocks  
that are smudged by smoke  
from the ruins of your homes, but  
it's an illusion.

I am told so by men  
of standing in the land, men  
who accomplish things  
while you stand around mouthing  
about some village.

What do you want from us?

Blood?

Vincent Stewart

## WAR ON POVERTY?

OR

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL  
(SHUT YOUR EYES!)

THE PRESIDENT'S



We find ourselves defending a government in Vietnam which is either unknown, uncared for, or despised by many of the people it rules. Senator J. Tydings

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## McCarthy and Civil Rights

Senator McCarthy has given strong support to Civil Rights throughout his public career. He supported the 1964 Civil Rights Act and voted for cloture on debate of the controversial 1966 Civil Rights Act which included an open housing provision. The Senator has consistently opposed the poll tax and voted for passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

There is a new civil rights in our nation which must be defined and advanced. It is not a civil rights limited in the sense of the right to vote and protection in the courts, but those basic rights which we now hold belong to every American. The right to quality education belongs and must be made available to every American. In particular it must be available to those least talented and most denied, for it is their right to develop to their fullest potential. Medical care and a chance for good health is a right belonging to all. McCarthy feels that public health service must be expanded and health insurance programs broadened. Then there is the right to a decent house in a community. At the cost of \$10 billion, we could replace one million of our nation's four billion dilapidated housing units. To this, the Senator says, "We must have an annual housing goal for new construction and rehabilitation. This goal should be met each year, regardless whether the nation is at war..." And finally, there is the right to work. This does not just mean job equality, but job opportunity. Senator McCarthy feels that "an adequate program of public works should be advanced." He also feels that labor and industry should liberalize and expand the apprentice programs they now sponsor.

Jim Spinkle

## EDITORIAL

### The Honor System

It should have become painfully obvious to all concerned that Tech's Honor System is in trouble. Do you remember your freshman year and the attitudes of the resident advisors? One was told that unless he spied on his fellow students and told of every occasion when a roommate took a drink in private or pulled a prank on the 'dorm daddy' than he was guilty of an invidious crime against the Honor System.

This perversion of the system has existed far too long with the complacent acceptance of the student body. I would not turn in a student for drinking or playing a harmless prank on a friend. And there are cases where coercion has been used against students who have refused to comply with demands to give information. The Honor System applies to a limited number of circumstances:

"Violations of the Honor Code are as follows:"

1) Lying ... when such statements are made in any Honor Code function or pertain to academic duties.

2) Cheating.....

3) Stealing .....

4) Failing to turn in a violation."

Nowhere in the Honor system does it require students to inform in cases involving ordinary university regulations. Nor does it refer to compliance with those regulations as even a part of the system. Why then do we allow this attitude that the university can at will extend the meaning of the system beyond the functional capacity that was agreed upon by the student? What is this absurd authority the administrative figures impose on us?

Irreparable damage may not have been done to the system, but it is severely crippled and unless a change is brought about it may not last for very long. We have several classes that have faced the moral dilemma of breaking what they were told was the Honor System or complying with demands made on them by university officials. Let the Honor System remain but only in its limited and useful capacity, not as a tool to be used against the students at will.

And the next time you see a sign on the bulletin board reading,

"Removal or alteration of this item of this bulletin board is a violation of the Honor System and should be reported immediately to the Resident Advisor." return the scraps to your 'dorm daddy' with a note,

"Wise up Kid! You better do your homework better next time and besides, who did and left you warden?"

And if the administration tries to coerce you, make it known to everyone. After all, this paper is not controlled by them or haven't you noticed that fact yet? This year there will be people that will stand on your side.

Thomas J. Saunders



# STUDENT POWER

# Africans on Americans

## WHY?

Businessman, 65; grandson of repatriated Brazilian freedom; veteran of WW II and concentration camps; married to French-woman;

Student power is what's happening. Today there is a worldwide student movement designed to enable students to determine their future. The movement is international, transcending national and ideological frontier. Students, united by their youth, idealism and disenchantment with an older, less aware generation are moving into the forefront of racial and political involvement. Having been pushed around for decades, students now are pushing back.

Central to the concept of Student Power is the contention that authority resides in the governed rather than the government. This was the idea behind Lincoln as he spoke of a government "for the people, by the people and of the people." This doctrine is no less valid in 1968 than in 1863. Ultimate authority rests upon those involved in an institution, those who participate in or suffer directly from the life of the community, academic or otherwise. Administration's role and duty being the fruitful execution of the participant's will. What has happened in this country that those who advocate the return of power to its rightful heirs are branded a lunatic fringe alien to the mainstream of American life? Has America become insensitive to this subtle yet fatal trend toward the complete alienation of power from its people? If so, failure lies not with the dissenters but with mainstream America. Has our nation had the ideals upon which it was founded perverted by its quest for material gain? An interesting example of this dichotomy between ideals and actuality can be seen in the statement of President Wilson H. Elking before the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, "I have come to the conclusion that money is by far the most important element in the development of the institute." I would venture that this remarkable statement totally ignores the student's demands for quality of education in preference to financial affluence. If, as is the case, an entrenched establishment refuses to allow the people the exercise of the due right, the only recourse left is the recapture of guaranteed rights. Hence the concept of Student Power.

The spectrum of Student Power ranges from a protest over sub-standard food and housing, disagreement with an inefficient and provincial administration to dissent over a brutal, illegal and immoral war. Protest may take many forms. The more well entrenched and tyrannical the administration, the more significant the underlying issues, the more dynamic the activity. Students when confronted by unyielding, repressive establishments have never ceased in the search for academic freedom and self-determination. Administration repression and intransigence calls for increased, determined student action. Once the campaign for students rights has commenced it must not

Despite your assurances that I could travel at ease in the States with my wife along, neither she nor I are about to go there. After hearing about the latest riots I am not about to go. I don't get along with the Americans here; what makes you think I would in the States? If the whites didn't kill me, your blacks would; the attitude of the whites over the years has generated such hatred that you will never be able to curb it now. If I were to go I would speak my mind. You know that I never tolerate any nonsense from a white... ever! And I don't make any concessions to a black just because he is black. The blacks must assert themselves; they must demand that the whites respect them; they must also assert their own self-respect in hard work. There are degrees of racism, too; none of it that you see down south is good; oh, the Rhodesian brand is clearly preferable to what you see in South Africa; but the American kind is the worst because you are supposed to know better and you go around the world talking about liberty and all that. You require us to accept your propaganda as the truth if we want to get along with you. You know that no one believes the American line. No, I am not going to make any trip to visit you in America; neither side would want to hear what I would have to tell them. If you want to see us again you'll have to come back here.

Bitter's note: This is part of a series of statements collected by D.O. Chambers from individual Africans on what they think of Americans.

STUDENT POWER - WHY? (cont)  
constantly kept in mind that what the student seeks is not unwarranted share of the administration's power, but a return to the student of what is rightfully his. It is the right and duty of an informed student to actively protest against the usurpation of rightful power by an impersonal and unresponsive administration. Fellow students, do not allow yourself to be taken in by the establishment's cop out that there is a time and a place for everything. Now is most certainly the time, and let us make this our place.

The time has come for organization on action! Have our just grievances gone too long unanswered? Has our hope of responsible justice vanished into slow and meaningless changes? If so, it is time we do something about it. Unite, organize and work together for our common benefit.

Peace and Freedom.

Robert Swaidner

... we will love, shall force our brothers to see themselves as they are, to cease fleeing from reality and begin to change it. James Baldwin

# REBUKE TO THE ROANOKE TIMES

*Letter to the Editor*

I have read the Roanoke Times for some time now. I am horrified by the distortion and misinformation it hands out and by the way the readers soak it up (judging from "The OPINION...or better the prejudice...PAGE").

Yes, America is heading for the rocks, and why? It is because of these nut organizations like the KKK, The John Birch Society, The Wall-asses, The Nazi Party, HHH and any group that can not say, "I might disagree but I love you just the same." The person that thinks he is a better American than those dirty Communist Radicals that the Times keeps telling us about, is in the true sense of the American principles, totally un-American. Does this apply to you? I suggest that you read our constitution and the Bill of Rights, and try to consider your opponents' points.

Did you ever say, Think, let be said, the hate words "Hippie" or "Nigger"? Then you're guilty. How many Hippies have you fed and clothed in the past week? Have you been too busy, or maybe you're afraid of them? But of course we know all about them, don't we? We know that they are the closest resemblance to the early "pure" Christians that have come since the time of Christ. We know that they stand for what they believe and live accordingly. We know that they are happy people and don't hold it against us that we hate them. WE know because the Roanoke Times said so. Or did they?

Do you know who tore up Columbia? It might interest you to know that I have it that the students were very civil about the whole thing and that the police made the mess. Where were the uncut speeches that were made by the student leaders and should have been put in the news, to let the people know what-was-what rather than those opinionated reports full of hate words (i.e. long hair, mob, student power, militant, sluge, etc...)? With reporting like that, it is no wonder that the backwoods Virginian hates a student who may happen to like boards or long hair.

Not once did I notice an article explaining the purpose of the Poor Peoples Campaign? Can you name the points that they want? Can you really? How many pages of your paper were devoted to personal interviews and uncut speeches of the people who were there?

The students who are risking their lives and futures to save their country from the vices of hate and prejudice are nothing more than the kid who, just a few years ago, brought home a puppy or tore his pants trying to place a fallen bird back into a nest. We scolded him then and now. Students don't protest or riot over nothing, even though we assume that they do. The very thought that the communist are boahing everything that the newsmen do not agree with is ridiculous. Why would they invest money to improve America? The

World (judging by the foreign films, magazines, and people I have talked with) see the gross mistakes our country makes; even though we, the people, are blind to them. They see our protesters and demonstrators, and they have faith in our system. They

Dear Editor:

Is our administration so bad? From our observation point outside the Establishment, where we suppose for some reason that the visibility is better, we criticize. We ask, as the blacks have asked "how can we learn from those that have demonstrated ignorance?" But is this a realistic attitude? I would offer as a case in point an incident which occurred the last day of Spring quarter. Young Gary Nagin was issued an interesting paper by the Christiansburg police. It seems he was charged with every marijuana count in the book. Why does this lead me to believe the people in Burruss know their job? Well Gary had been "caught" earlier in the year by Dean Mangus, who is a surprisingly likeable guy. Gary was merely given a warning and told that he was doing a no-no. So Tech kept its good name and the money from the alumni still pours in. We got bigger and better buildings, more teachers and we can push more people through to get their diploma. But the situation began to worsen and Gary began to influence others on this campus. Obviously it would be immoral to allow this to go on in Tech's intellectual atmosphere but they couldn't bust the whole school. So the Christiansburg police go quietly to Gary's room on the night before the last exam and Gary takes the fall for everyone. Another young boy was on the warrant but he had already been removed from school. This is the warning to all your students. That is plain efficient administration. No student demonstrations were staged to mar the name of the "Hokies" and not a word was said in the papers. My hat is off to them for a job well done.

Emory Peters

## *Rebuke to the Roanoke Times*

find it hard to believe that the people in some parts of America could feel the way they do about these noble Americans. But the people cannot be blamed completely for the way they feel about demonstrations and such. With the kind of one-sided articles and opinionated reporting that slants views, anyone who doesn't know better might think the same. Examples of these articles can be seen every day. The headlines ( which determine how the reader will take the article ) express the status quo. These articles express the attitudes that has kept Virginia behind for so long.

It is time the Roanoke Times and other papers that purport to present facts should reserve opinions and presuppositions for their editorial page.

John Painter

The United States is neither omnipotent nor omniscient...that we cannot impose our will upon the other 94% of mankind—that we cannot right every wrong or reverse every adversity—and that therefore there cannot be an American solution to every world problem. John F. Kennedy

What our country needs is a freeing of our moral energy, a freeing of our resolution, a freeing of our strength. Senator Eugene McCarthy

# VIGIL

for Spock, Coffin,  
Goodman, Ferrer

BOSTON, MASS. (LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE)

RESIST of Boston is planning a massive vigil, procession and "celebration" on July 10, the date of the sentencing of Dr. Benjamin Spock, Mitchell Goodman, and the Rev. William Sloan Coffin. RESIST anticipates the support in Boston and across the country of other anti-war and resistance groups. They suggest that the July 10 sentencing be used as the impetus for increased anti-war activities— from enlisting McCarthy canvassers for resistance work to urging churches and synagogues to provide sanctuary for resisters.

Over 25,000 signatures have been collected for a Support Statement for the four convicted men which will be presented during the July 10 vigil. The Statement asks that, "If they are sentenced, we too must be sentenced... We will continue to offer support as we have been doing to those who refuse to be passive accomplices in war crimes." Local anti-war groups across the country have also received copies of this statement in order to gather more supporters.

THERE WILL BE A VIGIL FROM 1-5 P.M. IN FRONT OF THE WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL. LET US MAKE THIS VIGIL A TESTAMENT TO THE FAITH THESE MEN HAVE IN HUMANITY AND THE CONSCIENCES OF THEIR FELLOW AMERICANS.

## McCarthy at Salem

Students are needed to go to the Democratic Convention at Salem, Virginia, on July 27 to campaign for Sen. McCarthy. This will be a very important push to convince Virginia's delegates that McCarthy would be a better candidate than Humphrey due to the obvious support of the people for the principles which the Senator stands for in this national election. At least fifteen students are needed for campaign purposes and if possible, at least two folk rock groups should be organized. The participants will have to do some study of McCarthy's policies and statements before the 27th. Here is the chance to support your principles. Meet at the Wesley Foundation Wednesday, July 11, at 7:30 if you are really concerned with changing policies on the national scene.

Alice's deadline is 1:00 Thursday. Care to say anything?

## THE REVOLUTIONARY CHARACTER

In this period of political and social unrest, when the concept of a revolutionary is brandished about like salt and pepper, it becomes difficult to digest every use of the word revolutionary as a positive and progressive process. Indeed, a person finds it even more difficult to analyze the concept of revolutionary as it is used today since it is used so broadly in nearly every political or social conflict that arises.

Eric Fromm has written an interesting essay entitled "The Revolutionary Character" in which he attempts to narrow down the word revolutionary from its all encompassing state to a more specific, a more useful and a more understandable concept of human character. By doing this Fromm creates the possibility of giving the "revolutionary" a positive connotation and produces some yard stick by which the presence of a "revolutionary character" can be evaluated.

Fromm goes to some length to exclude the rebel from his definition of the "revolutionary character". He pictures the rebel as a nondemocratic entity whose psychological motivation is not to free the governed from authoritarianism, but simply to rebel against the existing authority. The end product of this rebellion is not "freedom" and "independence" of all people but the transference of power from the existing persons in power to that of himself. As Fromm put it, "And very often, at the very moment when he reaches his aim, he will make friends with the very authorities he was fighting so bitterly before."

Along with the concept of "rebel", Fromm excludes the "fanatic" from his concept of the "revolutionary character". The "fanatic" uses a cause— political, religious, or any other— to enable his alienated, neurotic self to relate to the world. In the end, regardless of his role, his motivation is not toward a democratic society but rather toward the defense of his own psychological neurosis. He may espouse democratic slogans but his vision may be very short.

"The most fundamental characteristic of the 'revolutionary character' is that he is independent— that he is free."

"Full freedom and independence exist only when the individual thinks, feels, and decides for himself..."

"... The 'revolutionary character' is a person capable of disobedience."

"... Every act of disobedience, unless it is empty rebelliousness, is obedience to another principle."

"The 'revolutionary character' is one who is identified with humanity and therefore transcends the narrow limits of his society, and who is able, because of this, to criticize his or any other society from the standpoint of reason and humanity. He is not caught in the parochial worship of that culture which he happened to be born in, which is nothing but an accident of time and geography."

Sam Patterson

# LEST WE FORGET...

Liberation News Service

Baltimore(LNS)—(Editor's note: For spilling blood on the Baltimore draft records, Rev. Phillip Berrigan and Tom Lewis were sentenced to six years in prison, at their trial there last week. These are the statements they made at the sentencing.) (Philip Berrigan:)

"What is the domestic side of empire? What some call the Second American Revolution—our Poor marching on Washington as national wealth reaches unprecedented heights; our ghettos boiling with unresolved frustration and rage; our youth in revolt against academic life and military conscriptions; while a quiet and unreported rebellion brews among our servicemen. As one informed person told me, 'Every American brig and stockade in the world is bulging with G.I.'s refusing to fight in Viet Nam."

"To what central cause can one attribute such enormous dissent and resistance? The power structure calls it a breakdown of law and justice. Which is to say—their conclusion is essentially the same as those resisting abroad. Both feel that the American power structure is by and large lawless, and that it must be made lawful.

"Why lawless? Unjust or violent would do as well for description. But whatever word is useful to describe our nation's plight, we ask today in this court—what is lawful about a foreign policy which allows economic control of whole continents, which tells Third World, as it tells our Black people, 'You'll make it some time, but only under our system, at the pace we decide, by dols, by handout, by seamy charity, by delayed justice. Don't try it any other way. What is lawful about peace under a nuclear blanket, the possible penetration of which impels our leaders to warn us of 100 million American casualties? What is lawful about Viet Nam, more and more Americans dead and wounded, plus our implacable intent to ruin irreparably a people and their country? What is lawful about building warmaking into our economy, to the extent, indeed, that our military establishment now has such political power, that we no longer know if it can be controlled? What is lawful about war profiteering, which Admiral Rickover claims exceeds four billion a year? What is lawful about the rich becoming richer, and the poor poorer, in this country or abroad? By what right do the powerful gather about the public trough, only to consume others, and to destroy themselves by indulgence?

"These are not times for building justice—these are times for confronting injustice. This we feel, is the number one item of national business—to confront the entrenched, massive and complex injustice of our country. And to confront it justly, non-violently, and with maximum exposure of oneself and one's future."

people and life  
Rita Hungate

Beer weakens;  
Whiskey cures;  
People smoke;  
What endures?

Gas burns;  
Razors cut;  
People don't care;  
They take their turns.

Drugs kill;  
L.S.D. deforms;  
But people ...  
... Will they ever reform!

"LEST WE FORGET ...  
"America can at this point, treat us as it wills. If it can find justice for us and for the growing millions of citizens who refuse complicity in its crimes, then it will display a stamina of reform in full accordance with its national creed. If it cannot find justice for us, then its cup of violence will fill up and up, finally to brim over. And at that mysterious point, we defendants will have been proven right in choosing revolution over reform."  
(Tom Lewis)

"I would say to those who will listen because we have become deaf. Democracy no longer belongs to the people.

"What kind of insanity is this; more than two thirds of the world is starving. In Viet Nam more than a million women and children have been killed or burnt with napalm. More than twenty-three thousand American soldiers dead. Millions of Vietnamese dead. More than four-million in relocation camps. We supply more weapons to the rest of the world than all the other foreign countries. We, the United States of America is by far the greatest salesman of violence in the world today.

"We have become deafened by the roar of our own theocracy. Our TV's, radios, Hi Fi's, second cars, home payments, have dehumanized us. Our idolatry for property has made machines of us. We are wooden men with wooden hearts.

"We are deaf to the screams of those who are at this very moment being bombed and napalmed.

"Our minds have been baked in the sun with vacations, our feelings have been numbed by cocktail parties, museum openings and the current rhetoric and small talk at luncheons.

"I stand here in moral outrage, as a witness against what is being done by my government to the poor. The poor not only in America, but in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Guatemala, Bolivia, Africa, to the poor in more than 80 foreign countries.

"To rationalize this witness and to compromise it with either social or legal rhetoric, such as, there are other ways to protest or make a point, is to once again deafen your ears, to numb your minds, to drown your consciences.

"If I am guilty of loving men as brothers...

"If I am guilty of believing that democracy is a system by which all people have a meaningful voice...then I welcome