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MEXICO STRIKES!

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Mexico City

More than 15 dead, mostly students, scores of wounded and hundreds in jail—these are the results of the most recent clashes here between students and government repressive forces.

The latest phase of the struggle began when the army invaded the National University Sept. 25 with 10,000 men and 90 tanks to oust some 300 students who had held the campus for 50 days.

The soldiers carried rifles with unsheathed bayonets. Everyone on campus at the time of the attack—a group of parents attending a parents' meeting, professors, janitors and other employees—was arrested, except for a few agile students.

Only partial lists of the approximately 1,500 arrests appeared in the newspapers here. In the days immediately following the invasion, groups of more than three students in the streets were broken up by police and some deaths resulted. When CONT. ON PAGE 5, COLUMN 1

GOV. HAHN?

OFFICIAL RUMOR

Unofficial word has reached this paper from a member of the faculty—"administration", who has been at Tech for a number of years, that Dr. V. Marshall Hahn Jr. will soon announce his candidacy for Governor.

On or about November 27, Dr. Hahn should announce that he will be taking a one year leave of absence to become President of Lane Furniture Company (the same Lane as the Hall and stadium). He will then be free of his post as Tech resident and will be able to become an active candidate, thereby fulfilling his promise last winter not to be an active candidate while he was president of V.P.I.

VIETNAM COMES HOME

by Frank Joyce, National Director of People Against Racism

Detroit, September 12, (LMS) The police state atmosphere legitimized at the Democratic Convention continues to grow. The arrest of four people in Philadelphia last Monday, September 9, dramatizes the fact that the "authorities" will no longer tolerate any form of dissent.

The four arrested were among those seeking to make a peaceful protest at the opening of Hubert Humphrey's presidential campaign in Philadelphia. Three of the four were members of the Philadelphia Resistance. The fourth, Ronald Whitehorn, is a member of People for Human Rights (PHR), the Philadelphia affiliate of National People Against Racism (PAR). PAR, originally a Detroit organization, is now a national anti-racist organization operating in white communities.

The severe charges brought against the four, none of which even sought to commit civil disobedience, are: Disorderly Conduct; Resisting Arrest; Aggravated Assault and Battery on a Police Officer; and Interfering with a Public Gathering. The three Resistance members were also charged with Conspiracy.

The arrests were the result of a demonstration organized by PHR, the Resistance, and Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam around the theme: "A vote for Humphrey, Nixon or Wallace is a vote for death, racism and repression."

Whitehorn, who was subsequently suspended from his job with the city welfare department, was arrested by eight policemen as he sought to move toward a TV camera in order to publicly burn his voter registration card as a symbol of his disgust with the electoral process. About twenty cards were burned by members of the crowd.

The Resistance members attempted to display anti-war placards as Humphrey's motorcade passed. They were beaten to the ground and held there by police until Humphrey had passed. They were then arrested.

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Encircled by a *Hope*

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Are you female, age 17-25?

Do you like to: Walk the wet streets on a rainy day in the fall? Sit for an hour and watch the sunset? Climb Brush Mountain on a cold, clear winter day? Walk the fields and watch the mist on the hills in a soft summer evening? Do you think weeds are beautiful? Do you love water-flowing, falling, or shimmering and reflecting the leaves? I do—and if you do, I wish I could meet you. Please write to Al, c/o "alice", Box 459, Blacksburg.

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ABRAXAS IS
AVAILABLE AT BOOKS
STRINGS & THINGS

Smell the look in my red wrinkles
Sniffs like the taste of glue,
Look deep into the Pumbent Pyre
Of an odor found in my hand.
Near the sight of glory underneath
Or over the brilliance of garbage.
Encircled by a haze of hate I died
Then awoke to find I was in the same
place.

Then again I died, but stayed dead.
Penetrating the painful past.
Fretful future beckoned silently,
Why go to die again? Maybe I'll live!
Peering through the veil of uncertainty
I shall stay to see the plot through.
A coward to live—afraid to breathe—
A coward to die—too weak to stop.
That damnable boy called hope
Holds me up to sweat through the lies,
That damnable uncertainty causes
My giggles and tears to linger together.
The disability to believe—a wish for
Ignorance—knowing nothing to be any-
thing.

Engulfed by my own Being.

Murry Yeats.

Daniel Webster, member U.S.
House of Representatives, Jan. 14, 1814

(MS)... "Where is it written in the Constitution, in what article or selection is it contained, that you may take children from their parents and parents from their children, and compel them to fight the battle of any war in which the folly and wickedness of the government may engage itself?

"Under what concealment has this power lain hidden, which now for the first time comes forth, with a tremendous and baleful aspect, to trample down and destroy the dearest right of personal liberty? Who will show me any Constitutional injunction which makes it the duty of the American people to surrender everything valuable in life, and even life itself, whenever the purposes of an ambitious and mischievous government may require it?

"I almost disdain to go to quotations and references to prove that such an abominable doctrine has no foundation in the Constitution of this country. It is enough to know that that instrument was intended as the basis of a free government, and that power contended for is incompatible with any notion of personal liberty.

"A free government with an uncontrolled power of military conscription is the most ridiculous and abominable contradiction and nonsense that ever entered into the head of men."

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Army Chief General Barragan was asked to explain the killings, he told reporters: "One of my men was insulted by a student. My men are in no position, at this point, to take that kind of treatment."

The bloodiest clash took place on the night of Sept. 23 at the National Polytechnic Institute in the north west part of this city. During the 12-hour battle students fought police with guns, including automatic weapons, according to some reports. Flaming buses and cars were used as barricades by the students and more than 15 people were killed. Most of them were students, although some policemen were also killed; dozens of police and students were injured, and scores of students were arrested.

The government's justifications for the repression of students and the elimination of university autonomy and constitutional rights is veiled by rhetoric about the defense of "law and order" and "Mexico" but they boil down to the determination to let nothing stand in the way of the Olympic Games, to be held here from Oct. 12-27.

But the people, and not only the vanguard students now, have a different interpretation of the word "Mexico," and the government could not have done any thing more dramatic than the recent invasion of the university to raise and clearly define the people's revolutionary consciousness. This consciousness has been latent, when not actively suppressed since the end of the 1910 revolution—but it is always there, to the great distress of the bureaucracy and the new middle classes.

On Sept. 15, when President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz gave the traditional "grito" (Padre Hidalgo's cry of "Viva Mexico" which initiated the struggle for independence in 1810 and is repeated every year on this night), he was met with boos and catcalls. Instead, all over this city—in the square of Coyoacan and on the campuses of the university and Polytechnic Institute—the people gave their own "grito." For the first time in many years, large segments of the population refused to let an incompetent president represent them.

At this point the students are making six basic demands that would be a step—but only a step, according to one student leader—toward ending the immediate conflict. The demands are:

- The freeing of all political prisoners in the entire nation;
- The abolition of Articles 145 and 145A of the Penal Code which provide for the jailing of anyone accused of the nebulous crime of "social dissolution;"
- The dismissal of the police chief and his deputy in this city;
- An investigation of police and army brutality;
- Indemnities for the victims; and —Elimination of the "granaderos" (special riot police). Meanwhile, the fight goes on.

It all seems like so
 much a Hollywood (California) big
 studio lot with paper
 buildings and no insides and not
 enough of us
 know
 What would T(he) Marshall (the future
 fantasmic feuhrer of purest
 Friginia) say I
 mean what would happen
 should I kick out the
 2X4 holding up the tower on
 Burrass Castle well what
 would the tax(not to mention the
 alumni) payers say
 I mean?

Ed McGrath



¡ALTO AL
 VANDALISMO
 DEL GOBIERNO!

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YOUTH INTERNATIONAL PARTY

invites you
to a
PARTY

on Tues., Nov. 5

ERECTION DAY

"The First Tuesday in November of every fourth year has traditionally been set aside as a day for self-expression," reads the national YIPPIE proclamation. "In the past, the most popular game on this day has been the FULL-THE-LEVER game.

But the people are getting bored with that and are looking for other things to do. Contrary to rumors published as facts in the Established Press, the YIPPIES have no plans to disrupt the national election which will be held on ERECTION DAY. In fact they encourage voting—

"Vote anyway you please! But vote!"

"Vote with your hands,
vote with your feet,
vote with your nose,
vote with your mouth,
vote with your glands,
vote with your tail—

VOTE AS YOU PLEASE— BUT VOTE!!!!"

WALLACE & NIXON
from "alice"

to you, to help you see!!!

(LMS) "After his defeat as Governor by tough-talking segregationist John Paterson in 1958, Mr. Wallace told a roomful of politicians in a Jefferson Davis Hotel in Montgomery, Alabama, "They outniggered me that time, but, fellas, I'm never going to be outniggered again."

In order to avoid charges of discrimination and to provide a forum for another of our illustrious candidates, "alice" is happy to reprint a series of statements by the honorable Richard M. Nixon.

"Tactical atomic explosives are now conventional and will be used against the targets of any aggressive force."

Chicago, Ill., March 17, 1955

"America could make no greater mistake than to muzzle our military leaders." Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 1961

"There's too much talk of compromise and not enough talk of victory."

San Francisco, Nov. 13, 1961

AN OPEN LETTER TO FRESHMAN CADETS:

Dear Friends,

Let us be the first to congratulate you on your new-found happiness and to acknowledge our deep appreciation of you.

It is not often that one is permitted to share an experience such as yours. It is your duty to preserve the Establishment, a truly difficult task in such trying times as ours.

Perhaps many of you are thinking of dropping out rather than accepting this tremendous responsibility. Think it over first, though; think about it well. Sure, this first year is rough, but remember that it is only one year out of four. The rewards to be reaped in the coming year will mean more status and power to control new freshmen. Your third year will be even better, and your fourth will be the best of your Tech career.

Your fifth year, however, will be truly the greatest of all, for then you will be permitted to trade your toy guns for real ones and put into practice what you have learned here: the fine art of killing.

Words cannot describe our admiration for this art. It takes a special kind of person to practice it. We realize, with all humility and sincerity, that we could never even hope to achieve such status as you will possess. For it is our fate to remain innocent of the word hate. We will be condemned to life in which we will have to look a foreigner in the face without being able to realize that we might have killed his brother. Alas, what joys we will miss.

So keep up the tradition, boys, and when you get to raise your rifle, level the barrel, and squeeze the trigger, please do your best, for we, the innocent, must have someone to admire.

And when someone raises his rifle, levels the barrel, and squeezes the trigger, with you at the receiving end, remember in those last few moments that you will have been a noteworthy chessman in one of the many games governments play.

KILL FOR PEACE

Kurt Snelling

"alice" meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at the Apartment. We ask all interested people to drop in to rap with us for a while. Bring articles or poetry or a typewriter or just yourself. We can improve our quality only proportionally to the help we receive.

MASS MEDIA

The great influx of mass media into our system through advanced electronic means has become one of the most powerful means of the "manufacturing" of public opinion by professionals. Social propaganda and brainwashing are very prevalent in "public opinion" today.

The U.S. is simply hung-up on the wrong thing. There are millions of people being constantly subjected to the biased mass media—the biased sense of values, of what is right and wrong. Our whole concept is biased, our whole idea of race, politics, morals, etc. Social prudence and puritanical morals restrain the stereotypes of society from true individuality and self-expression. It's a perfect example of "conditioned mind." We've become a nation of devoted sons of mass media.

Revolution in social order is necessary for the development of a country. A culture whose members are reduced to blind acceptance is stagnant. Take for example the number of times we "normals" have felt like doing something as trivial as leaving the house in the morning without shaving or combing our hair to simply go to the store, or something as important as voicing our opinion concerning some major national policy, such as the war in Vietnam, with which we do not agree. So many things we would like to do but don't dare because of one thing, FEAR. A big four-letter word. Fear of what other people might think of us. How much fun is it smiling at the man at work every day when what you would really like to do is see if your size 12W shoe will fit up his size 11W ass? How much fun is it sitting around at a party smiling, being polite, wishing you had the nerve to say what you really think? One must remember that the major producer of man's lack of communication with man is a ceaseless attempt to live up to the standards of his neighbors.

You have to remember that the mass media in America serves primarily to sell a dogmatic way of life to Americans. If there weren't products to sell, and profits to be made from their sale, there would be no television or radio.

Society today needs two things desperately. One is immediate social reform, and the other is to keep alive in men's minds the possibility of total freedom, a utopian ideal that has been losing ground with the increase of modern bureaucracies.

I beseech you now to maintain an open mind by crawling out from under society's prejudiced mass media into a world of individuality and self-expression, before it's too late.

Mike Fernbaugh

VIET CENSORSHIP

SAIGON, Vietnam, (INS)— Another daily newspaper in Saigon has been censored by the government, this time for carrying a picture of Ho Chi Minh and a North Vietnamese negotiator, Thuan Tui on the front page. The government claimed that "readers might get the wrong idea." Three months ago, the Saigon government closed down three other papers for printing an AP story on the corruption in Saigon.

SSOC' ED IT TO
'EM
TECH / WAKE FOREST

This Homecoming game was marked by the raising of two SSOC flags (a Confederate flag with clasped hands—black and white). When the band struck up Dixie the flags were raised and a remarkable hush fell over the crowd. People stared in amazement and curiosity.

People have forgotten that Dixie stands for the oppression that has kept the black citizen from realizing his rights. It stands for a war that was fought to preserve the institution of slavery and the constant and consistent subjugation of the black population of the South for the past one hundred years since emancipation. SSOC has reversed the meaning of these symbols. They stand for a united South—black and white working as brothers—in a united America dedicated to the eradication of poverty, fear and hunger.

A full realization of the insult these symbols present to the black students and faculty of a university led the University of Miami to ban both Dixie and the Confederate flag at all football games this fall. As the President of the university stated it was a flagrant insult to the black students and their feelings, though they are a minority (128 out of some 15,000 students), should be respected by both the school and the student body.

LAW & ORDER 1968

Fundamental to the continued existence of any political system is order. The classical example of such political philosophy is that of Thomas Hobbes. Order is normality, safety and peace; order is provided for by governments. It is this controlling and normalizing force which has been the trademark of all functioning political systems. In a world of enormous confusion, it is perhaps this value—order—which is the highest attainable value for man. It therefore constitutes not only the essence of the political system but also its justification.

It is with a pessimistic view of mankind that our founding fathers designed a political system. A slow moving, dysfunctional system it is, but its real purpose is to provide order. It is with a pessimistic view of mankind that I look at America today. In five years, America has done much and gone far, although certainly not far enough. But it may be time now, as it has been in the past, to sit back and contemplate all that we have done and all that is before us. Ideally, this would be the time to push on in the light of a new and vigorous momentum. But realistically I believe that pressures of this continuous intensity may do much to reverse the trend and negate all the hard-fought progress that has been made. It is with this feeling that I face an uncomfortable situation, but for God's sake, Americans must realize the responsibilities of constitutional government.

Bory Peters

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be advised that the person fitting the following description is a narcotics agent working in the Tech area;

- 5'11" in height - small build
- White
- Male
- Blond Hair
- Blue eyes & Glasses
- 19 years of age (hard to believe)
- Rides an English racing bike

The above person claims enrollment at Blacksburg High School and employment for I.B.M.

This information has been verified by an attempted bust in which the parties involved were clean!!!

THE DARKNESS OF A CLOSED EYE.

In the sensitive sight of silver,
We notice the slight glimmer below
A tower of immovable unknowns.
Bursting with a bent bulge of bliss,
Iciling to the swell if your hip.
Sitting in a chair made of illusions
I lean back relying only on my head
And wonder of your beautiful lies.
Sounding like a final fantasy,
Full of the oringing, corrupt cries
full-blown night dreams end.
Instantly I look up from my chair
Looking through my ears for your voice.
The silence you give is ugly and crying.
Golden glimmers fade into black black
The incense of my sweat builds
And fills the windows with wilting weeds
The darkness of a closed eye
Gives you solace I can never know.

Harry Yeatts Jr.

VIET NAM COMES HOME

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Others in the crowd although not arrested, were also harassed and pushed around by police and other "security agents." The site that police authorized for demonstrations was two blocks behind the speaker's platform where the Humphrey rally took place.

As in Chicago, the cover offered for all repressive measures was "security." Humphrey, visibly agitated by the signs leaflets and heckling, which the police were unable to prevent, stopped denouncing Nixon midway through his speech and launched into a tirade against extremists.

The arrest of any member of a political organization can hardly come as a surprise. We are entering an era of repression which will make Joseph McCarthy look like a civil libertarian. Events at the political conventions in Chicago and Miami (where three black people were killed) should have made clear to everyone the extremes to which a system will go out of its own fear rather than respond to legitimate demands for change. The Bill of Rights has become a luxury this system can no longer afford—a system so corrupt it offers Wallace, Nixon and Humphrey as alternatives for its Commander-in-Chief.

The demonstrations in Chicago and those to come will confront the American people with unprecedented dilemmas. For the first time in recent history, white people have experienced and observed, first hand, a fraction of the violence and totalitarian repression practiced daily against people of color in the ghettos of the United States and the villages of Vietnam.