

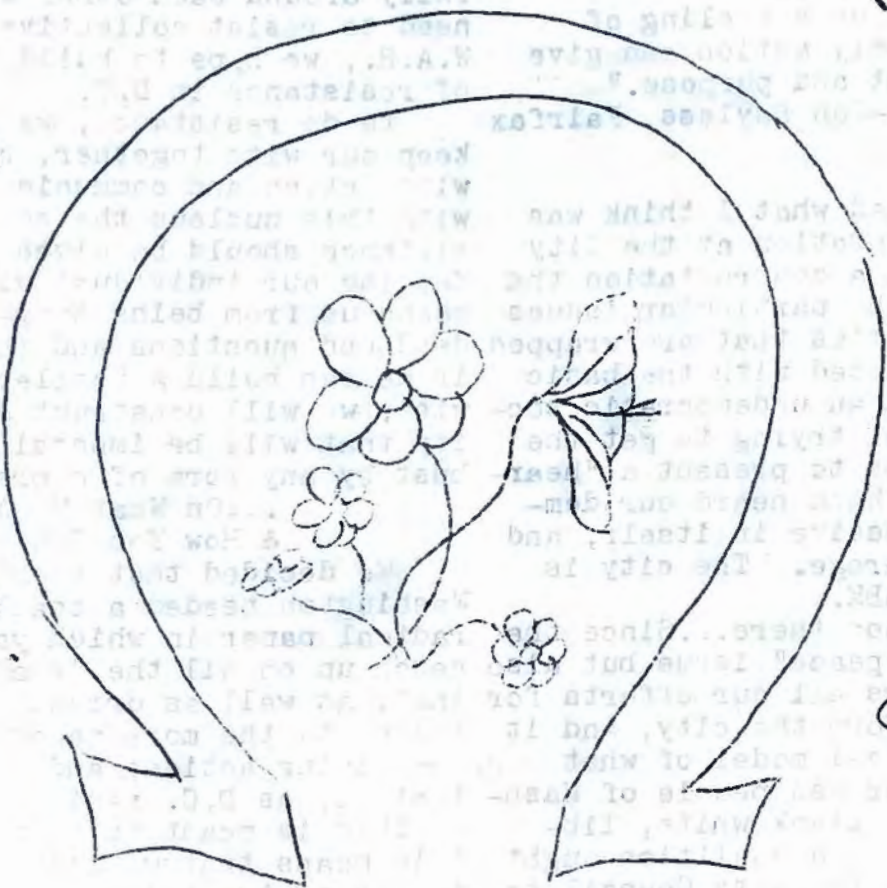
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LETTERS TO W.A.R.

OUR WORST ISSUE - Bill Peters

Dear W.A.R.

Today we're number four.

Today more and more people are constantly resisting the draft. Draft resistance has become the fourth largest federal crime in the country and is up 100% in the last year. At this moment there are hundreds in jail, thousands in Canada, 2400 draft cases in the courts, and thousands of desertions from the armed forces. Draft resistance implies the refusal of induction, the turn-in of a draft card, willingly rejecting deferments, and although it is not a Selective Service crime; the destruction of draft files.

"Words can give us a feeling of being useful; but only action can give us a sense of weight and purpose."

-Jon Bayless, Fairfax

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, we had what I think was an excellent confrontation at the City Council on the ABM—a confrontation that made it clear how the particular issues of peace and priorities that are wrapped up in ABM are connected with the basic issues of living in an undemocratic society. After weeks of trying to get the City Council offices to present a "hearing" on their own, Hahn heard our demands. That was impressive in itself, and got excellent coverage. The city is now more awake on ABM.

But it can't stop there... Since the ABM is not only a "peace" issue but also physically endangers all our efforts for our money to transform the city, and it is a perfect political model of what happens to the powerless people of Washington, a very wide black-white, liberal-radical, young-old coalition ought to be able to force the City Council to address the issue.

See you in June.

Art has left for Israel) Art Waskow

...On What We Are About
& How You Can Do It Too.

We are the Washington Area Resistance (our nickname is W.A.R.). W.A.R. implies resistance within the D.C. area, which in turn implies quite a lot. So much work in fact is cut out for us, that there might be a tendency to get frustrated and/or do nothing about it. Instead, we have shifted our state of mind a bit and decided to RESIST... and anyone can do it.

We will resist oppression against us wherever we find it. We will resist individually and will rally around each other when we need to resist collectively. With W.A.R., we hope to build a cell of resistance in D.C.

To do resistance, we need to keep our wits together, coupled with action and communication; with this nucleus the cell of resistance should be given life. Keeping our individual wits alive keeps us from being hung-up on dead-end questions and rhetoric; if we can build a "collective wit", we will construct an affinity that will be impossible to bust by any form of oppression.

...On What We Are About
& How You Can Help Out

We decided that everybody in Washington needed a challenging radical paper in which you could catch up on all the "good happenings", as well as orientating ourselves to the more negative and dehumanizing actions and conditions that we, as D.C. residents face.

This is meant to be your paper; this means that we look forward to any of the following contributions you can give us:

- 1) INFORMATION—Are you resisting? (cont. on page 3)

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STATE OF W.A.R.

State Of W.A.R. is a biweekly newsletter issued free to the friends of Washington Area Resistance. We rely on contributions (as you can afford it) to keep alive. This first issue was put out by:

Bill Brubaker, Bob Falk, Pam Graham, Charlie Kimball, Mike Levocke, Clark Moses, Bill Peters, Emmaus House, and St. Francis House.

ing? Are you doing something to fight city hall? . . . Board of Education? Is your community banding together to drive the gyp-merchant's off your streets? We need to know these things if this is to become YOUR paper. Keep in touch--(265-2181)

2.) STAFF- Our staff is very weak and still not together. If you have a lot of time that you want to give towards good thing getting better, we need you. People with experience in art, layout, resistance, journalism, or just the plain interested and highly committed are needed. There is no salary as of yet, but we might be able to work out subsistence if you need it.

3.) OFFICE- We need an unused quiet corner somewhere for about two months.

4.) CORRESPONDANTS- Do you want to do a regular rap for the paper? If you have an area of specialality you want to write about, or if you are a student, we want to hear what you are doing with your schools.

5.) OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR USE-- (Loan or gift)---Right now, we are seeking out the paper at below subsistence level. If you can let us use, or can give us drawing supplies paper, typewriters, a mimeograph etc., etc., etc., its what we need to keep our thing going.

6.) FRIENDS- Let us know what you think about the paper. Do you dig the idea if not the paper itself? Let others know that we exist.

7.) RESISTORS-----DO IT !!! Come to W.A.R. meetings at St. Francis House (1620 'S' st. NW) on Sundays at 3 p.m.

" The reason we will be activating this town is not so much out of mere frustration for the 'system' but out of the love and faith in mankind to better himself "

HELP US MAKE THIS OUR WORST ISSUE

W.A.R.

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Are as good as

Love

&

Peace"

ABM and WASHINGTON

*by Bill Peters

Washington Area Citizens Against the ABM, a broad-based coalition of 37 area groups, has been raising hell with the city, in the face of an ABM system being deployed in the Washington area.

The Nixon administration, already confronted with the fact that it won't pull wool over the eyes of certain Senators tried to present the "thin-missile system" as a compromise proposal. Convinced with the notion that all Americans want nothing more than to be "brought together again", it would be a real mindblow for Mr. Nixon, if he caught heavy resistance from the 'common folks' in the first two places he tried to place the systems. These two areas, North Dakota and Washington D.C. have one thing in common- a suspected gullibility--no one expects to hear from North Dakota since we haven't heard from them before, and everybody knows that we'd want to save the Pentagon and the Capital Dome from nuclear attack. Besides, like North Dakota, D.C. residents are reputed to be apathetic and powerless in face of the guff we take from the Federal Government.

About five weeks ago, D.C. resident, Bob Lamb, went to North Dakota to organize opposition to the ABM. Lamb lobbied and pressured the governor to write Nixon a nasty letter. Next, we started hearing from heretofore unheard of campuses throughout the state, and cells of resistance sprang up in every N.D. town of over 5,000 people. Bob tells us that there isn't much hope in elevating resistance in North Dakota beyond the issue of local ABM installations, but great work anyway Bob !

The situation here in the District is a bit more exasperating. We know that the people are opposed to the missile sites, but it's our own local government who doesn't seem too concerned about it all. It would be naive to suggest that the City Council isn't aware that the \$200,000,000 allotted for area

ABMs couldn't be used to finance several transit systems, for a meaningful public housing program, or to finance a decently budgeted school system. Even Gilbert Hahn realizes that the questions raised by Prof. Rockberg at the May 13th Council meeting (Will the ABMs make D.C. an early target? Are we prepared for the consequences of an accidental detonation of a rocket? etc.) have to be answered. But then again, Mr. Hahn also realizes that the man who gave him his job, was also the same one who brought us the uncensored version of ABM. Also hanging over the Council's heads are the upcoming appointments (Presidential) to judgeships for three Council members.

-- We brought the issue to the City Council on May 6th—Gilbert Hahn in confronting the persistent and relevant questioning by WACAA spokesman, Art Waskow, showed that he owed more allegiance to the White House than to the people of the District. Waskow on the following night brought the issue in front of the School Board of all places. In arguing that the Board couldn't start to talk about improving conditions in the D.C. school system until costly projects like ABM are scrapped, Waskow pleaded with the Board, as the District's only elected body, to provide a forum for public hearings on the topic. The Board said no, but board member Julius Hobson, stated interest in possibly providing such a forum on his own.

Formal and informal WACAA meetings were held throughout the week, and we sprung back up again in public during a Council meeting on May 13th. Democratic Central Committee Chairman, Bruce Terris, physicist Prof. Rockberg of the U. of Md., John Carter of the Black United Front, and WACAA organizer John Gallman, again presented their pleas for a public hearing on the issue. The Council hedged, procrastinated, and stayed uncommitted despite the direct questions fired by WACAA supporters at individual Council members.

If nothing else, WACAA members did publicly shame the City Council. The TV cameras were rolling, and the Council's silence was incriminating. It was apparent that the Council placed a higher priority on its petty procedures than on the desperate concern of the citizens of Washington, who they pretend to represent. The Council copped out again, but indications are that WACAA doesn't intend to follow suit.

There is some speculation among the radical elements of WACAA, that ABM isn't the overlying issue, that it is only a symptom of a militaristic and militaristic policy by our government. When viewed purely in this light, WACAA can be projected as a liberal cop-out, its efforts never getting down to the nitty-gritty until it broadens its base of concern to our other militaristic ventures. I personally maintain, that while there is a real danger of our patting ourselves on the back, over such a narrow issue, that the whole problem of ABM is one of the most important and viable issues to fall in our laps in a long time. Recent developments point out the following to me:

1.) Since the City Council has rejected us, and since the School Board can't help us, that we as municipal citizens are left powerless not only on the national but the local issues as well. This highlights the inability of an appointed government to represent us.

2.) Resistance from the two communities of North Dakota and Washington, could be enough to swing the already seriously split Senate into rejecting forever the whole ABM program.

3.) When the citizens of DC decide for themselves that it is in their best interests to resist attempts to deploy the missile system, they are in fact, due to the Council's inactivity practicing the valuable exercise of home rule.

4.) The question of any ABM deployment at all, has become a national (even an international) concern. The results of an effective area resistance to the ABM, is likely to have wider than local significance.

5.) The complexities of our military-industrial complex, are sometimes made more relevant, when brought into focus as a local issue having a lot to do with whether or not we have enough money to do the things that really are important in the city. Although other factors are involved, one thing is clear: the proposed system would channel .7 billion dollars on a perfectly useless project, when we have worthwhile local projects that are in serious need of funds.

This argument I have presented should not be taken as an apology for any inactivity by WACAA, but as a call for more of the same type actions, as we have had in the past week, if WACAA is to become

A.F.S.C. VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE

May 5-6---American Friends Service Committee, about 1400 strong from 20 states, staged the largest demonstration in front of the White House since Nixon took office. The message was clear - "Stop the killing in Vietnam". The message is hardly new to us, but it is hardly wotn out. Each day it gathers more meaning.

Four representatives from AFSC talked to Nixon's aides; AFSC was told that the administration was doing all it could to end the war, and were asked to come back in two months to see if things weren't different. The Friends weren't satisfied with the explanations and said they would accept the invitation in two months.

The noon demonstration broke up at 3 pm, but many stayed to witness the 21 hour vigil that followed and the reading of the Vietnam death toll of 35,000 U.S. citizens. Beginning with James Alston of Alabama and concluding with Elliott Velez-Rodriguez of the Virgin Islands, it took the Friends 18 hours to read the list. Not read were the nameless and the countless -- the Vietcong and Vietnamese civilians killed during our presence in Vietnam.

The vigil ended on noon of May 6 with a silent prayer and a vow to keep coming back until the killing stops.

NEW YORK FRIEND ARRESTED

(May 5) - John R. Flannagan was arrested on the charge of "demonstrating within 500 feet of a building occupied by an official of a foreign government". Flannagan, 34, strayed too close to Blair House, where Australian P.M. John Gorton was staying during the AFSC demonstration. Charged with bringing Gorton and Australia into public disrepute, Flannagan was caught red-handed carrying inflammatory signs reading "Walk in the light, stand fast in liberty" and "A Quaker appeal-Stop killing", "Support Friends healing in N. and S. Vietnam".

General Sessions Judge Milton

General Sessions Judge Milton Kronheim found Flannagan innocent, but added that the arrest was proper because it was a court matter to interpret the signs - which says a lot for the court's respect for the cops' mentality.

FRIENDS MEETING IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE

(6 May)--The topic under discussion was whether to stay or "pull out" in the face of possible arrests if visiting John Gorton came within 500 feet of the AFSC vigilers. I wish Mr. Nixon would have come out to see how Quakers really resolve differences.

Forty Friends and friends held a silent sit-down meeting on the sidewalk in front of the White House, concluding with a sensible dialogue on the pros and cons of the issue. The problem was resolved with the agreement that "everybody do his own thing and act responsibly". Warm handshakes followed.

The Australian Prime Minister side-stepped the vigilers and was greeted on the White House lawn by a fanfare of bugles, an honor guard, and a formal lunch at which he haggled with your Friend and mine - Mr. Nixon--Vietnam-- "What can Australia do to keep up the war effort?"

* * * * * SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

(7 May)--Tonight the School Board revealed a study underway looking into the proposal of draft counseling services on the DC high schools, and suspended arbitrary suspensions until specific regulations were adopted.

DRAFT COUNSELING

Two Eastern High students testified on behalf of the need for a draft counseling service in the public schools. Eastern student Theodore Miles stated that students were being drafted right out of high schools without first being advised of their rights.

SSS Regulation 1622.25 states that high school students are entitled to deferment in Class I-S until their 20th birthday. In replying, Julius Hobson said "some elements of our society think it is unpatriotic to advise people of their constitutionally guaranteed rights. Hobson then revealed a study being conducted by a George Rhodes who is still to turn his findings over to the board.

SUSPENSIONS AND CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

In a lively round of testifying and maneuvering, DC Action Committee Chairman Charles Cassell pushed past the bewildered Nelson Roots a unanimous decision to drop school suspensions without giving students a proper hearing.

Cassell said corporal punishment, made unlawful by the Skellywright decision, was causing a serious split between the teachers and the parents, which could spill over into the streets. Cassell demanded that the Board issue a public statement that corporal punishment is against regulations, and 2) the Board announce a policy concerning suspensions, specifically that a due process of suspension procedures be made public and provisions be made by the school Board for suspended students.

In backing Cassell, Dr. Overby said that under the present system, students sometimes are kept out of school for seven months at a time. Mr. Willie Johnson, with a son in H.D. Cooke Elementary, said in a rousing speech, "I don't have to be a teacher to know my son isn't getting quality education...If the schools are to be the 'cradle of democracy', then we had better do some rocking!" Frequently heard in the testimonies were attacks leveled at Superintendent Mannin (who was not present) for his apathy towards the situation.

EXTENDED SESSION

Influenced by Cassell's plea for

leeway in the five minutes allotted to the citizen's testimonies, the Board stayed until 11:30 pm at the Lincoln Jr. High auditorium.

Herbert Smith of the Ad Hoc Dunbar Committee Council asked for an additional \$68,000 to be allotted for a focal point in community information and issued a hard-line statement warning capitalistic interests to stay out of the Dunbar project. The grant would be made to Dunbar High School.

About 60 enthusiastic Martha M. Washington students were disappointed to hear that the matter of an annex for their high school would have to await the unanticipated approval of a revised budget by the House Appropriations Committee. Like many of the 500 people present, the Washington students felt that their legitimate demands had to wait on the decisions by disinterested bureaucrats on the City Council and on Capitol Hill, far removed from the desperate situation on the home front.

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MAIN EVENTS

Between now and the time we go to print again, there are three especially important things happenning. Try to be there:

1) May 20th- The new advisory board for 3d police Pat. ~~Effectively~~ ^{publicly} Present advisory board tells police the citizen's main concern are drugs at Dupont Circle and busting the FREE PRESS. Lets have a Board concerned about community control and police brutality. BE THERE ! ! !

2.) G.I.-Civilian Coalition Workshop. First of its kind in Washington. May 25, GWU; 8p.m. Good program. Call Peggy 543-0295

3.) DC-Nine Rally. The Nine returns to D.C. on the 29th. GTU's Gaston Hall from 7to 11p.m. Newsreels of the Catonsville action will be shown. Remember the 'NINE' and boycott DOW. Call Ann Speltz at 265-7084.

CITIZENS PRESS FREEWAY ISSUE

(May 6)- In a public hearing, the City Council heard testimony from backers and Friends of the plucky Emergency Committee for the Transportation Crisis. It soon became apparent that there was more to the testimony than the expected ETEC support for the Council's stand against the proposed North Central Freeway and Three Sisters Bridge.

The ETEC, spearheaded by their chairman R.H. Booker and Sammy Abbott of Save Tacoma Park Committee, in presenting damning evidence to the Council, revealed an unauthorized secret negotiation between Deputy Mayor Thomas Fletcher, Highway Dept. head Thomas Airlis, and Lt. Col. Sam Sterolin of the Army Corps of Engineers. Sam Abbott told of a heretofore unrevealed willingness of Mr. Fletcher to negotiate the issue, although the Council strongly denounced the proposed plans last December 12th. Mr. Booker leveled his attack directly at Fletcher, a San Diego native, and asked the Council to consider his demand that Fletcher be removed from his post.

ETEC, a diverse coalition of community groups, seem to be tenacious as ever in their demand, "not an inch of freeway in D.C."

A RAP, WITH SAMMY ABBOTT

(May 16) I rapped with Sammy Abbott yesterday and got zapped with the following facts which I think bears the attention of all concerned Washington residents:

*A proposed Tydings-Broyhill bill now on the hill would give Congress the authority to appropriate (without City Council opinion), any D.C. real estate for parking purposes--the only areas exempt from this far-reaching bill will be already established parking lots.

*Members of the executive branch of the D.C. Gov't. are planning to split ETEC down black/white lines, by appealing to the interests of a white group, aimed at a "compromise settlement".

*Compromising the freeway issue is like a woman being "halfway pregnant".

*Washington already has more proportional freeway mileage than any other major city. In 1964 we led major cities with 42 miles of freeway per 10 square miles of land, and 79 miles per one million people.

*D.C. highway construction costs (for major projects only), up until now are \$508,263,000 and the proposed projects would have amounted to \$480,000,000 more by 1971.

*Proposed freeways would have cut thru the black area of the city, leaving the white

areas virtually untouched. No meaningful "relocation" has been made for those families previously displaced by freeways.

*Overwhelming use of the freeways would be by white suburban commuters thru the nearly 80% black D.C.

*Concrete rapid transit proposals are continually put off despite the fact that:

-Washington has more downtown auto rush hour traffic than New York City (91% use public transit)

-Washington has three times as many rush hour cars downtown than Chicago (83% use public transit)

-D.C. metropolitan area population will double by 1985 and treble by the year 2000.

*The whole transportation issue is in reality a RACE issue bequeathed upon us by the D.C. subcommittee, led by suburban Senators

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WHAT WE DIDN'T COVER

Due to a lack of staff and some inefficiency which we hope to overcome, we weren't able to follow-up on the following actions:

* Occupation of Howard administration buildings by boycotting students, and the occupation of the Howard campus by unfriendly forces.

*The DC school teacher walkout due to dehumanizing suspension procedures in the DC public schools.

*The recent "busting" of people trying to sell the FREE PRESS after dark. Indications are that the paper itself is being purged, but we don't have the details as to how many people have been arrested or exactly why.

*The backlash developing as a result of SDS occupation of the SSI. GW is now prosecuting 15 of its students.

We'd like to follow up on our next issue due to come out on May 31st. If you have first-hand information or want to do interpretative reports, please call us.

EMMAUS HOUSE

Emmaus is a center for community action in the Catholic U., Brookland area of Northeast Washington. Best known in the past as the headquarters for Operation Outrage; the house activity is rapidly becoming centered around the work of the Washington chapter of Catholic Peace Fellowship as Outrage prepares to shift its offices to Seattle in June. The new coordinators of CPF, John Swinglish and Steffanie Burrowes, have moved quickly into action on the Washington scene, since the beginning of their work with the organization coincided with the DC9 action. John Swinglish is a member of the DC9 Defense Committee along with Kathy Wurtz, another member of the Emmaus Community. In addition the house has been busy putting out literature and helping organize the national boycott of Dow products.

A couple of weeks after the 9's action, three CPF members had their own Good Friday action on the steps of the National Shrine. As people were leaving the Good Friday services, the "Shrine-3" lit a nine-foot crucifix soaked in homemade napalm, and read statements about what they called "the lack of moral leadership in the Church". In an interesting sequel to the action; that the human Christ is persecuted daily by organizations supported by the Church and the University community.

On May 13th, CPF provided Catholic U. with its first taste of guerrilla theatre. The act on was occasioned by the visit of a US Army recruiter on the campus, and consisted of the ritual killing of a Viet Cong girl while the Church, represented by two priests in funeral garb, liberally dispensed holy water, incense, and encouraging words to the soldier who was beating the girl to death. The recruiter was confronted and invited to join in the killing of a "dirty commie", but he declined as did the 100 or so students who gathered to watch the action. Presumably, they prefer the killing be done by their henchmen in Vietnam, far removed

from their view.

Emmaus and CPF are committed to a continued escalation of anti-war activity until their message becomes clear to the political leadership in Washington and the insanity of war is finally realized. If you are interested in helping out, or if you just want to rap, Emmaus House is located at 3619 12th St. NE, or call 832-7975 or 832-7743 and ask for Steffanie or John.

PEACE---

the Emmaus House

(Ed. Note)-

The Emmaus House holds regional Catholic Peace Fellowship meetings, on every Saturday at 2 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

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A NOTE FROM CHARLIE KIMBALL

Many thanks to All Souls Church for allowing the D.C. Mobe to meet there and for furnishing temporary office space.

The LRY/Srl Youth Caucus of the D.C area Unitarian Universalist Churches will hold a teach-in on the draft, right of dissent conscience and sanctuary on Saturday, June 7th at All Soul-16th & Harvard NW Washington. For more information and/or transportation call:

Charlie Kimball DE2-52666
Bill Moors (Cedar Lane) WE2-3803
Barbry Solomon (River Rd) 654-8300

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AND HERE'S TO YOU, DICK NIXON
(May 15)--

We heard your speech last night, Mr. Nixon, and we think it was as phony as your campaign pledge to ~~reassure~~ the American public, the way you intended to end the war. This is to let you know that we've given up on patience, we have given up on trust for presentational rhetoric, but put trust only in ACTION. WE WILL MAKE YOU MISERABLE, mr. nixon.

POEM . . . by leslie bayless

I reach out my hand
to say: I am with you,
now and always.
Your smiles I will never forget,
nor will I neglect your quiet way of knowing me.
You can expect letters every Friday,
and poetry the end of every month.
Every Sunday, for you, I will pray.
I reach out with blood and flesh to you,
and say: every Sunday I will be nearer to you,
until we go away again.
Until I go to prison again.

I reach out my hand to say:

for you, we will free the burning children
as we free our burning souls.
and the bloody rivers will flow blue
as the sky.
as the terrible heaven in your eyes
I dream of.

I dream that:

I reach out with my hand to say I love you

Leslie Bayless, of Fairfax Va., has recently undergone trial in Alexandria, for refusal of induction into the Army. Believing that cooperation with the Selective Service in any form is contributing as much to the war effort as the infantry on the frontline, Les has rejected conscientious objection and while awaiting final outcome of the case, is organizing the Washington Area Resistance.

CHAT

(by David Everhardt)

I am after serenity, am after a certain goal, yet must be content with only the distance it conditions between what is here now and its arrival - that is with out it; I don't mean To be long winded But it has the air Of a Chinese scroll In the "blue-green Style" the plaque says- Each leaf sure, the Cane houses absolutely spare, half in the Trees by the space With no paint which is water. Or another work I've just seen, by a French Person: travelers, Aqueduct, waterfall with each leaf Painted in too (the Edge gathered up to A white ridge to Show the reflection. And we Americans Particularly like This attention to Detail); this and the Chinese work are Full of big things Diminished: mountain In balancing heaps, Ships like a gauze Blowing in where You can't really See them except up Close (this is another part we like); I must tell you the French work exhibited ~~sky that that~~ Not "understood" and God knows what to Say about such Blue.

Anyway, all of this suggested the Anarchists to me- Dealing with people As if they deserved It, the best, available (cont on page)

(DAVID EBERHARDT, 28, IS ONE OF THE "BALTIMORE 4", who poured blood on draft files in 1967. He is presently appealing his 3 year sentence. Eberhardt has worked with CORE, the AFSC, and the Baltimore Interfaith Peace Mission; he is a draft counselor and free lunch writer, published most recently in the Underground press and Motive magazine.)

VIETNAM SCOREBOARD

As of February 1, 1969, the Washington area communities compiled the following war dead:

College Pk.	4
Fairfax	4
McClean	4
Takoma Pk	4
Wheaton	4
Laurel	3
Mt. Ranier	3
Suitland	3
2 each to: Belts-	
ville, Berwyn Heights,	

Ceverly, Derwood,
Gaithersburg, Hearndon,
Kenningston, Langley
Park, and Riverdale.
1 each to: Brentwood
~~Bladenburg, Cherry C-~~
Chase, Capital Hgts.,
District Hgts., Green-
belt, Oxon Hill, and
Upper Marlboro.

- Bill Petere

CALENDER

SATURDAY, MAY 17

1 pm: DEMONSTRATION AND GUERRILLA THEATER in support of GI rights. National Archives Building Pa. Ave and 8th St, NW 638-4126

2 pm: CATHOLIC PEACE FELLOWSHIP meeting at Emmaus House, 3619 12th St. NE 832-7975 Every Saturday.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

3 pm: WASHINGTON AREA RESISTANCE meeting - 1620 S St. NW 265-2181 Every Sunday.

MONDAY, MAY 19

8 pm: WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION meeting - All Souls Church, 15th and Harvard Sts. NW. Every Monday.

8 pm: ACLU discussion of Welfare Rights - GW Law Library.

TUESDAY, MAY 20

5 am: DRAFT BOARD #54 leafleting (Bethesda) call Bob Lessinger, 654-7554

ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORM OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY workshop on foreign policy; time and place not yet set. call Sandy Gottlieb WR6- 8651

8:30 pm: PARENTS OF FLOWER CHILDREN St. Thomas Church, 18th and P. Dialogue between the generations. Every Tuesday.

8 pm: NEW DEMOCRATIC COALITION OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY meeting Adelphi Mill (Riggs Rd. near Univ. Blvd) Adelphi, Md. 474-4545.

2pm: ANNUAL SAFEWAY STOCKHOLDERS CONVENTION demonstration by grape boycotters inside and outside Sheraton Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore. bus leaves at noon - 945 G St. NW 628-4317

8 pm: POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF 3RD PRECINCT meeting and annual election; 3rd Precinct, 23rd and L, NW. Come if you care about police-community relations.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE steering cte. meeting 4515 Drummond Ave, Chevy Chase; 593-6948, 474-6256.

8 pm: ACLU annual meeting, 7750 16th St, NW "Marijuana - A Civil Liberty or Public Menace?"

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:30pm: INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES Community dessert 1520 New Hampshire Ave. good food and good people.

8 pm: ACLU Church-State Ctte. meeting 1819 H St. NW, room 320, public invited.

8:30 pm: WOMENS LIBERATION discussion 1520 New Hampshire Ave. NW. men invited. Every Thursday.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

9 am: READING OF NAMES OF VIETNAM WAR DEAD orientation and planning session Phila. Quaker Action Group, 2111 Florida Ave. NW, AD 4-2111. Reading at noon.

8:30pm: THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, talk by theologian Charles Davis; McDonough Gym, Georgetown U. \$2;50, \$1.00 for students.

8 pm: "BALTIMORE" AND "WASHINGTON SUMMER PROJECT MEETINGS" SDS House 1829 Corcoran. All day: WSP FLEA MARKET Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda Needed: toys, books, tools, etc. call Ruth Lichtensteins JU 5-3618.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

READING OF WAR DEAD in public places around Washington; volunteers welcome, see May 23.

7:30 pm: WSP FUND-RAISING PARTY \$2.50 bring a dish. 3901 Ingomar St. NW

All day: WSP FLEA MARKET.

MONDAY, MAY 26

READING OF WAR DEAD IN CONGRESS to Thurs.

SUNDAY, MAY 25

3 pm: SUPPORT OUR LOCAL W.A.B. 1620 S.St.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

EMERGENCY CTE ON TRANSPORTATION CRISIS Brookland Methodist Church, 14th and Lawrence, NE, LA9-0003 Every Tuesday.

8 pm: FEDERAL EMPLOYEES FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY meeting, St. Stephens Church, 16th and Newton Sts. NW.

UNITED FARM WORKERS presents "Grapes of Wrath" and "Harvest of Shame" Sen. Mondale (D-Minn) to speak. Moderate charge. 945 G ST. NW, 536-7272

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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Since we are being delayed three days enroute to "press", we thought we'd catch up on the latest happening:

* We got a note from the War Resisters League in New York, that their offices were broken into and sacked. Among the missing is the very valuable national mailing list. Ask anybody who has had contact with the WRL, to drop them a line, they can start rebuilding their mailing list. The New address is 19 Lafayette New York, NY.

* Remember the Lafayette Square '86? The legal battle isn't over yet, but test cases from the '86 people busted at the demonstration in front of the White House on election day, so far indicates that the demonstrators had a right to protest on the square after all. The case will probably go up to the Supreme Court (Uncle Thurgood's cabin ??), where it is hoped that the city ordinance limiting the capacity of Lafayette Square to 500 people, as unconstitutional by virtue of the first amendment guaranteeing the right to peaceful assembly. It can be questioned whether or not the first amendment can be applied here--the 300 park and tactical police on hand were anything but "peaceful". PROJECT: When and if they open the Square back up again, and you see 500 old ladies sitting lunch and feeding pigeons on the benches, send an emergency alarm to the TAC Squad.

* The Milwaukee 14 trial is still going on. After a weeks nit-picking by the prosecution, it looks like the "14" will get to present their defense at the state trial this week. The state had been playing games with the trial date for a couple months, up until the trial, evidently, to try to foil mobilization of "14" supporters. Washington has a stake in the trials with our own John Higgenbotham, from the Church of Scientology here, part of the "14", who effectively destroyed the city's draft-boycott last September 24th with homemade napalm.

* The Free Press has gotten up-tight with the Mother's of Invention concert at the Baltimore Civic Center, when they told the crowd, that if you were stupid enough to be caught with dope, you deserved to be busted. We won't make drugs a part of our editorial policy, except to add that perhaps Frank Zappa of the Mothers was right: if you're going to get busted, we feel that you might as well make it worth it.

The Free Press did have a legitimate gripe though, when they put down the policy of charging 4 bucks a "head" to see and hear "free" music. Part of the establishment tradition we are trying to overturn, is the standard that the good artist is the one who patronizes the socially elite and the wealthy classes. We stand in danger of adopting the same plastic standards if we pay insane amounts of money to look up at "hip" artists who aren't humble enough to put the new art where it belongs--out in the streets. Dig the free GROK concerts at the Kay Spiritual Life Center at American University every Sunday afternoon. Alexandria Folklore Center coordinates many great events. Be-ins are scheduled at 'P-Street Beach' all summer, and the Summer in the Parks program is coming back to life. Dig the happenings at Dupont Circle, especially on Saturday nights when the Afro-drummers really jam.

* We just got word that a Malcolm X Day will be held at Malcolm X Park (formerly Meridian Hill) on Monday the 18th from noon to eight. The public schools have declared that school kids are free to go to the rally if they so desire. WOW!!!

* In the light of a most unfortunate letter printed in the Sunday Post, by the DCDemocratic Central Committee Chairman, State of WAR editor, Bill Peters feels forced to take a second, more pessimistic look at the worth of the Washington Area Citizens Against the ABM. Though toned down, the letter apologizes for the "Unfortunant" behavior of a "few" at the City Council meeting last Tuesday:

SECOND LOOK AT WACAA

A coalition is a hard thing to work and deal with. One must accept the fact that by virtue of definition, the purpose of a coalition is confined to the least common denominator or the interests (and only those interests) that all the groups have in common. The result is oftentimes, a narrow goal and watered down tactics, but then again one must be willing to accept the fact. This was certainly the case with the Washington Area Citizens Against the ABM.; the gut support for WACAA realizes that ABM is only a shadow of a militaristic/racist system lurking over our heads and imposing itself on people throughout the world not to mention groups of people here in the United States. We knew that some WACAA interest groups couldn't (or didn't) want to see the issue in this light; but it was further suspected that some people were in the game "only for the money"; only we didn't want to look at things that way. After all, you have to keep the faith if you are to pull even the short-range projects off. SO WHAT'S WITH BRUCE TERRIS ? ?

This editorial is not intended to be an attack on the commitment of the Democratic Central Committee chairman; but in the light that Bruce Terris has managed to build a powerful piece of political machinery before DC has gained home-rule, we feel that Terris has an obligation to explain to us exactly how he stands; how far and how deeply he intends to go to uproot the militarism that has (uninvited) made itself at home in Washington DC. We feel Terris is obligated to answer these questions, plainly, without politically slurring the issue, if he expects any support at all from the vanguard advocates of home-rule

(The following was submitted to the editors of State of W.A.R. and is heartily endorsed by them.)

Washington area citizens claim that they are up in arms over the ABM. An ambiguous coalition of groups has formed under the name of WACAA and claims it is attempting to obtain public hearings on the ABM. The groups have been involved in two actions at the District Office Building and it seems somewhat elated over the possibility of actually forcing some type of ABM hearing---official or otherwise.

Claiming that each group, singly and individually, will be able to resist military encroachment is evasive at best. At worst, it is an excuse for no effective long-range action. Hopefully this is not the case in Washington. But, it must be added, no one seems to be especially excited about chemical/biological warfare or the possible introduction of a professional army. And this is a real threat that the ABM outcry is heard only because it hits home---literally.

What is needed more than anything else is a unified effort against militarism (this has not emerged) that is capable of acting upon a single issue (which WACAA is claiming to be doing). For, as ABM has shown, militarism cuts across and affects all groups in the country. And untill the military stranglehold is relaxed, no group will accomplish whatever it defines as its ultimate purpose. In a word, WACAA must recognize that its work has only begun. Small victories easily turn into defeat if they are not a part of a larger effort.

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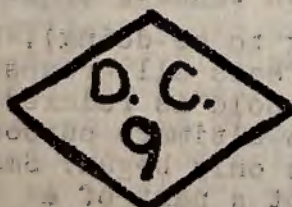
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