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—Langston Hughes

*So here we stand,  
on the edge of Hell,  
in Harlem, and wonder  
what we will do, in  
the face of all that  
we remember.*

## Site Dispute Remains Critical

President Marshak Gets Commitments And Pledges To No Avail

By DESIRA BENJAMIN and LOUIS R. RIVERA

A meeting between City College President Robert E. Marshak and the Fight Back organization last Tuesday evening, as well as talks with the New York State Dormitory Authority and a Board of Higher Education resolution has left the construction site dispute still unresolved. Though members of Fight Back have recognized what they termed, "the sincere efforts" of Marshak's attempts, their basic demand for seventy jobs on the CCNY construction site has still not been met.

At the meeting, Marshak read the BHE resolution which pledged "all-out support of opening job opportunities to neighbors of our colleges," and the promise to urge "the State Dormitory Authority to guarantee fair employment of skilled minority workers."

The President also informed the group, which met at 2035 Fifth Avenue, that private efforts were under way to insure more jobs for the non-union workers. These efforts include arranging a meeting with high officials from contracting associations and unions, and securing pledges from contractors to hire more Black and Puerto Rican workers.

Marshak also claimed that after speaking with several members of the Alumni Association, more jobs would be available throughout the city. Marshak stated in addition to what was termed his "package deal," that public and private attempts had been made during the week to reach Governor Rockefeller.

These attempts proved unsuccessful.

### Official Lawlessness

Before Marshak spoke, Allan Fagan, representing Adam Walinsky's office, asserted that "official lawlessness" was the cause for the lack of jobs for Black and Puerto Rican workers. He explained that there were laws against job discrimination to guide such agencies as the State Dorm Authority, but that officials like Rockefeller and Attorney General Lefkowitz were not enforcing them. He attributed the reason for labor-union backing of the governor to Rockefeller's making sure that "labor unions would be taken care of." He went on to explain that

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Scene of Last Week's Demonstration

## Student Fees Wasted

By GREG HOLDER

The Student Senate, after intensive investigation covering a period of two weeks, has been shown to be faulty in their handling of student funds. It was learned, through various sources, that because of a breakdown in the authority of the student leaders, the incompetence of the Senate Executive Committee, and the lack of reliable senators able to exercise control over their leaders, there has been, what was called, "gross mismanagement in the allocation of funds to student groups."

Neil Rand, the Educational Affairs Vice-President last year, was cited by reliable sources in the administration as being the primary cause of the alleged, "pissing away of money." Rand is said to have been responsible for wasting money on "his own pet projects."

### Examples of Waste

One example cited was that of the allocation of money for the fee campaign of last spring. In all, \$2,128.00 was spent on the attempt to combat a proposed increase in student fees. Of this amount, \$1,300.00 was used to send letters to the student body at the college, asking them to boycott classes for two days to protest the proposed increase. Approximately 12,000 letters were sealed and stamped, but 1,000 remained in the Senate office.

There was also an unauthorized allocation of \$295.00 to have buttons made which supported

the protest. The money for the buttons was originally supposed to serve as allocation for an engineering club as yet unidentified. These buttons were to be sold at 50 cents each. However, they were scheduled to be sold on those days when students were supposed to stay home. The buttons were finally given away, but no one knows to whom.

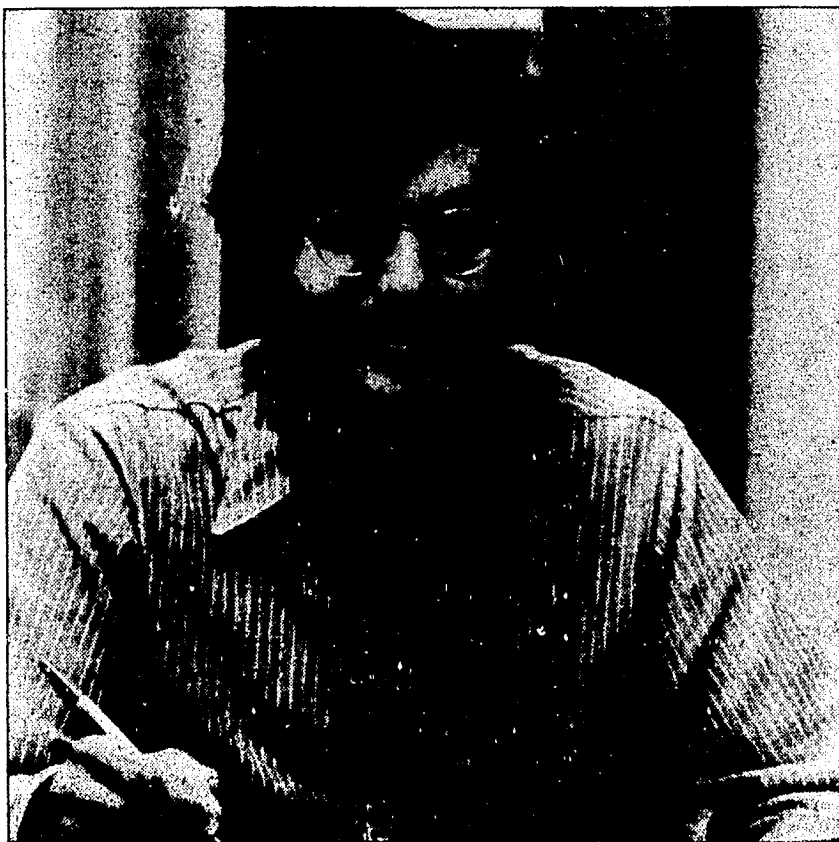
Finally, \$360.00 was reported "lost" in hiring nine buses to transport the expected demonstrating students from the school to the offices of the BHE

on 80th Street. Twenty students went. In effect, 5% of the budget was "wasted on an event in which twenty students participated."

### Course Evaluation

Another incident reported to this paper was that of the facts surrounding the spending of money for sending "specially engraved invitations to members of the student body, student publications, faculty and administration, inviting them to a meeting to discuss the desirability of a "Course and Teacher

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Neil Rand

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## NDPA Moves Alabama

By J. W. MONDESIRE

The fall election in Alabama will introduce a new but firmly organized and independent political party into the electoral arena. The National Democratic Party of Alabama (N.D.P.A.), the first Black statewide political party in America, is waging a political campaign of over one hundred seventy candidates. These candidates span the entire spectrum from governor to court surrogate.

The NDPA slate is headed by Dr. John L. Cashin, gubernatorial candidate and Issaih Hayes, candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The NDPA was officially inaugurated in 1968 when it challenged the established machine at the Chicago convention. It has been continually expanding its ranks from that initiation until it was able to realistically challenge the overriding political organization that supports George Wallace.

Dr. Cashin is presently a practicing dentist with a very respected practice covering a large number of citizens throughout the state. But he has continually sacrificed his practice in order to coordinate his political and civil rights activities.

In addition to the large number of candidates under the NDPA banner is the far-reaching nature of their platform. Several of the provisions include:

- Restructuring the tax system to remove the heavy burden from the workers and poor and insure that the wealthy pay their share of taxes.
- Guaranteeing the rights of collective bargaining for all workers.
- Abolishing the Wallace-Carter Act and all other special privileges which the state grants to big business.

NDPA candidates state that their platform is attempting to create an alternative political structure for the state of Alabama with the expressed goal of wresting control of the state from "the hands of cynical, exploitive men like this would-be 'George the First' and returning it to the men and women of every political, racial and economic background who believe in Alabama and make her great."

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# From the Streets

## Message from the Black Liberators Party

The Black Liberators Party is a young, growing and determined Black political party which evolved out of the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community (B.P.R.S.C.) of C.C.N.Y. Realizing that the struggle for liberation required a much heavier commitment, those of us who branched out from B.P.R.S.C. undertook the task of serving the people on a fulltime basis. Our motto is "TO SERVE, TO LEARN, TO TEACH," i.e., we **serve** the People in order to **learn** more about our oppression so that we can **teach** the People how to eliminate that oppression. Our base is the Harlem community. And it is as a community-based organization that we present our "messages" to the students of The City College.

We believe that the revolutionary struggle for the liberation of Black people has encountered, in general, a great deal of confusion by people unclear as to what will bring about total liberation. We believe liberation does not revolve around the student, or worker, or street struggle. On the contrary, the student, worker and street struggles are only tactics in the revolution, mere components of the overall struggle for liberation. However, the befuddled Brother or Sister on campus clearly indicates his state of confusion by defining his role incorrectly.

Instead of defining his role as complementing the worker and street struggle tactics for overall liberation, he places his student role as the dictating force in attaining full freedom for his people. In other words, "the student movement will make the revolution come about." A total disregard of objective conditions in the Black community is displayed here.

We believe revolution comes about because a state of misery, oppression, and desperation exists which cannot and which will not be tolerated by the masses of Black People any longer. Let us move from this point to form a clearer view of the nature of the struggle.

It is a well known fact that if we attempt to overthrow this mad beast — this racist oppressive system — we will meet with severe repression. This is indisputable and we expect and prepare for it. But how many of us can recognize two of his most potent weapons, wea-

pons much more deadly than out and out repression — the weapons of co-optation and polarization? Through co-optation he absorbs and distorts our struggle, thus turning revolutionary advances for our People into tools for his own ends. Through polarization, the deadliest of those weapons, he separates and turns into enemies, moderates (i.e., revolutionary Black Nationalists), and other forces within the Black struggle; forces which concentrate their energies on each other rather than on their common enemy — this racist capitalist system. We must thus constantly be on guard to combat these devices.

Perhaps a bit of history at this point will serve to further clarify the nature

of the struggle and how we must approach it in the future. The Black and Puerto Rican Student Community which evolved in the Fall of 1968 sprang from two autonomous chartered student organizations, PRISA and the Onyx Society. The "Five Demands" placed before the administration was thus a reflection of Black and Puerto Rican needs and aspirations in the schools as directed by the struggle. The demands were played with by the college administration and, as a result, confrontation ensued.

Two weeks of occupying and controlling the South Campus resulted in some minor concessions but became more or less a stalemate. The most noteworthy

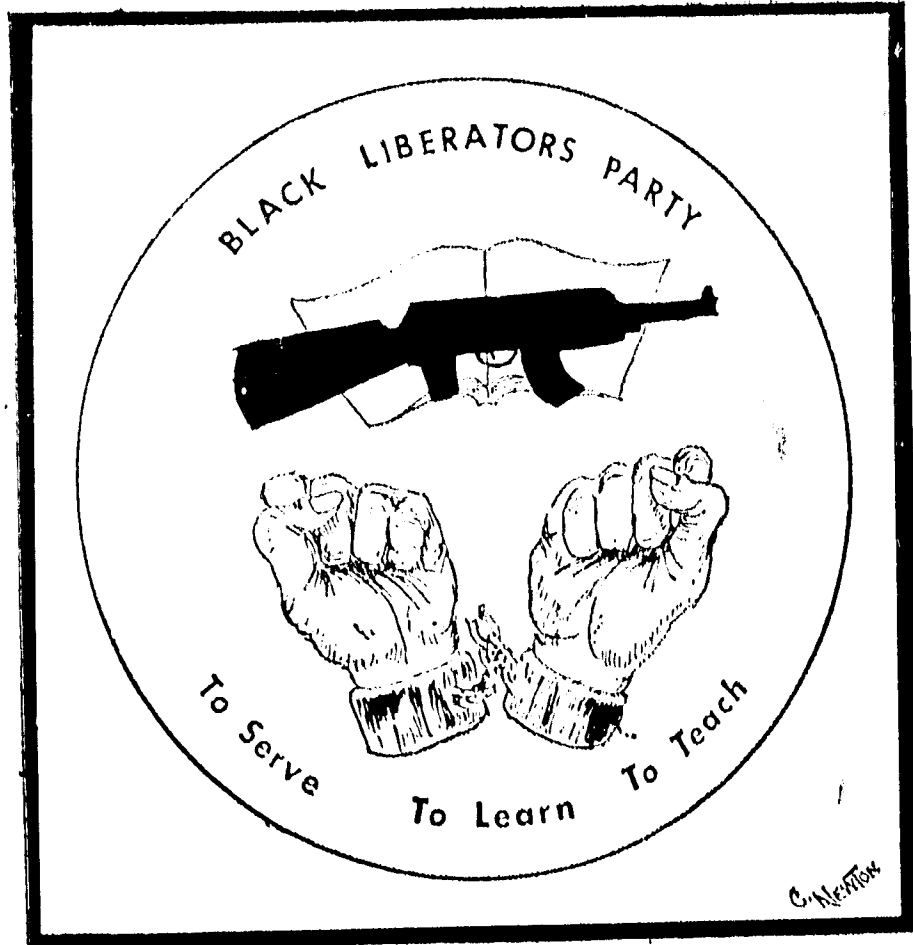
demand (demand No. 4: that the racial composition of all entering classes of the college reflect the racial composition of the N.Y. City public high schools), was diluted to let a trickle of more Blacks in under "open admissions." Therefore, brothers and sisters — especially you new Blacks — that is how you came to be a student here at the City College; not by the Board of Higher Education's contention that "open admissions was planned anyway, for 1975, "but because Blacks and Puerto Ricans struggled and shonuf moved that time back to 1970.

The watered down form of free education — "open admissions" — came about, again, because of intense conflict to the point of shutting down the college. The kick in the ass at this point is that what was once a divisive statement to the effect that "why should we fight to get more Brothers and Sisters in school to be miseducated?" is coming true. We're not only speaking of classroom miseducation but also of the "learning experiences" new Blacks are pursuing in the snackbars and card rooms; you know, passing out cards instead of leaflets. The old North Campus South Campus nigger syndrome is still in evidence.

In conclusion, certain key questions should be in the minds of any and all for-real Brothers and Sisters on the campus. One is, "Who displays opportunistic methods of struggle when they fart out verbal diarrhea concerning doing something meaningful for Black folks as a student and yet provides no concrete action towards confrontation with the oppressors of Blacks?" The second is, "Which organizations of Black and Puerto Ricans are giving the student role greater consideration than that of a fighter for liberation on all fronts?" The third and final question is, "Where are these student organizations directing their struggle — in the immediate Harlem area or are lofty non-confrontation ideals being evoked by only supporting struggles across the country or across the sea?" We, of the Black Liberators Party, hope to try to answer these questions in future issues of "Tech News."

"The Duty of All Revolutionaries is to Make the Revolution"

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



## Poetry Corner

### Questions

By GORDON OLIVER

*Who can cope with his own existence  
let alone another life?*

*I am a fetus in the womb  
fed intrevenously  
by needles of white death  
and bottles of red poison*

*I am as full of crap as the soul food  
that comes out of my ass*

*I love to play games — horses, numbers,  
craps, poker, bidding with the  
bread on my family's table*

*Do I have the right to label  
this as an ebonic plague?*

## Betty Rawls Memorial

By DOROTHY E. ROBINSON

If ever a human being radiated love and inspiration it was Betty Rawls. She had an abundance of all the beautiful qualities we search for in people but rarely find.

There were those of us who refused to believe that she was dead. The loss of someone so young and vital was beyond comprehension or acceptance.

But on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Annunciation Catholic Church on Convent Avenue at 133rd Street, a memorial mass was held for Betty Rawls and finally we had to accept the painful reality, that she is, in fact, beyond our reach now.

Approximately 200 people attended the Mass. The majority of them were SEEK students, faculty and administrators, with other CCNY faculty and personal friends in attendance.

The Mass, which was coordinated by Barbara Christian, Dean Young,

Fran Ghetellis and Tony and Odilia Gonzales, consisted of the things that Betty liked.

Included were readings from R. D. Laings, *The Politics of Experience*, Langston Hughes' *Dream Revelations* and recordings by Nina Simone of "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free," and "Consummation." The Black National Anthem was also sung.

The 45 minute Mass reflected both the kind of person Betty was and the way we felt about her. Noticeably few people wore black.

Betty Rawls' contribution to her students, the SEEK program and to City College is immeasurable. Her absence creates a most painful void which will never dissipate completely.

When we think of her, we will remember her love, dedication, concern, unselfishness and her smile. Oh, how she could smile. . .

# Stevens Opposes Rangel

By S. T. McDONALD

Jose Stevens is opposing Charles Rangel for the Congressional seat in the 18th A.D. of Central Harlem. Mr. Stevens is running on the Communist Party ticket because he feels that "the crisis of the Harlem community cannot be solved within the confines of the Democratic and Republican Parties. These two parties are in the hands of the capitalistic and monopolistic ruling class. Harlem needs a peoples' candidate and who will give bold leadership to their struggles."



Jose Stevens, Candidate

With regards to drugs Mr. Stevens feels that three steps must be taken. First, "organizations must be set up that will declare the pushers enemies, and will act accordingly." Secondly, "there is a need for additional rehabilitation centers that will help the addict." Finally, he believes that "the market for dope will shrink once the problem of unemployment is faced." It is his belief that 150,000 jobs will open up if action is taken to rebuild the decaying houses, hospitals and schools of the Harlem community.

Stevens doesn't think that his political affiliation will be a deterrent in his campaign. Moreover, he intends to run a campaign that will combat anti-communist sentiment. He thinks that "the people will see that the communists are those who speak the truth and organize to help and advance the peoples struggles." His headquarters are at 223 W. 135th St. and he welcomes any volunteers, not only for his own campaign, but also for the fight against unemployment and drug addiction.

## BHE Moves On The Site; President Sets Up Program

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Rockefeller caters to the voting population, and since Blacks and Puerto Ricans don't vote in subsequent enough numbers their grievances are not heard, but instead vote-blocs are adhered to in policy decisions.

### BHE Resolution

The Board of Higher Education, which is that body responsible for making all final decisions affecting the City University, issued a resolution last week, directed toward absolving what it called, "the immediate focus of concern . . . on the City College campus." In effect, the document stated that the hiring of Black and Puerto Rican workers was viewed as challenging in that an "unparalleled opportunity" had presented itself for the hiring of non-white workers.

It went on to concede to "the morally and socially just and reasonable . . ." demands made by the Fight Back organization and asserted that the State Dormitory Authority would be asked to hire more Blacks and Puerto Ricans on all construction sites within the City University, including work done on community colleges.

The Board resolved to form a committee which would develop guidelines "consistent with law," to combat job discrimination. But the committee would be asked to consider certain factors in its deliberations. The first factor being asked for consideration is the "current ex-

tent of minority group participation," and the proportion of Blacks and Puerto Ricans in construction lines. The second, is to establish the availability of employment for Third World workers in the city. Other factors to be considered would be the need for training programs, the "impact" a Third World labor force would have on other existing labor force(s), and the availability of funds for training.

### Adult Ed Program

In an attempt to set up an adult education program to prepare more Black and Puerto Rican city residents for jobs in construction, Marshak assigned Hermes Rosa, a student at City, to follow through in getting a list of names of those unemployed construction workers who'd be interested in the training course at CCNY.

The program, though no one is clear on how City College could facilitate such a venture, is designed to offset the claim by contractors and union leaders that Black and Puerto Rican workers are not qualified. Dr. John Basterville, Dean of the School of General Studies, was appointed coordinator of the program. There are presently ten members of the Fight Back organization signed up for the program. They are, Charles M. Brown, Julio Sabino, Fred James, Jose Rosario, William Allen, Genaro Cruz, Edward Williams, Albert Watts, Jesus Morales, and Hector Rivera.

## Black Research: Basis For Development

By MAXINE ALEXANDER

Stanley Sumlin, Associate Director of the Black Economic Research Center in Harlem, is convinced that there is a solution to the housing crisis which has plagued the area for so long. On a recent tour of several European cities, among them Paris and London, Mr. Sumlin was able to gather detailed information on successful utilization of "industrialized building systems."

The use of modern synthetic materials and some prefabricated building sections assures that expenses for this type of housing would be comparatively minimal and at the same time provide a high quality of construction.

While Mr. Sumlin was quite enthusiastic about the possibilities this type of approach holds for improving the living conditions of the nation's overcrowded cities, he had little hope of seeing this type of program initiated, citing the "bad political situation in Harlem" as the primary drawback. "Harlem is run by outside interests, and they're

not about to let anything come in here that they can't control." To support this view, Mr. Sumlin suggested that the records of property ownership in the area be checked to determine exactly who does own the dilapidated housing in the area.

The problem of poor housing conditions is not the only concern of the Center. A critical analysis of the Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporations, a program initiated by Nixon in his now famous "Black Capitalism" plan, which was allegedly established to further Black economic development, is already in progress. Preliminary reports, which were revealed in a seminar in July, indicate that the impact of this program on the overall Black economy has been negligible, and that a high percentage of failures still plague the small businessman.

However, Mr. Sumlin advises that the MESBIC's should be utilized, though keeping in mind that they are far from being the panacea for the economic ills of the Black community. The

chief failure of the program's initial outlay of capital is provided by large corporations which are unwilling or at least unlikely, to sponsor businesses which might be competitive with their own.

### Origin of BERC

The Black Economic Research Center, located at 112 W. 120 St., was established in October of 1969 with a grant from the Inter-Religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), contracts with Cornell University and the Center for Community Economic Development. Mr. Sumlin attributes the initial \$60,000 contributions of IFCO to the demands of James Forman for retribution from the churches for their role in the economic exploitation of Black people in America.

Due to pressures from segments of the white community, however, Mr. Sumlin feels that these funds will not continue to be available for meaningful programs in the Black community but instead be funneled into white areas as the ratio of effectiveness rises. This attitude is based on several attempts by the Center to initiate meaningful economic programs which meet with failure.

Recognizing that funding from certain sources implies an obligation which is often at cross-purposes with the groups which acquire the funds, an attempt was made to establish a foundation with a Black Board of Directors which would maintain a positive responsibility to the community. This proposal was rejected by the Board of Direc-

tors of those organizations which were to provide the original funds.

Other attempts to counteract this tendency to withhold funds from Black groups which threaten to present meaningful political and economic change have met with equally fruitless results. Approaching Black corporations has been proposed as a solution but the lack of response in those quarters Mr. Sumlin attributes to three areas of concern. The first is the lack of commitment on the part of these corporations. The second is a general "I've got mine, you've got yours to get," attitude among Black businessmen. The third is attributed to the advice of white Wall Street brokers.

The bulk of the work done at the Center is of an academic nature. It involves the cataloging and compiling of existing economic data as well as original work by the Center in order "to provide a better understanding of the economic dynamics of Black America." The Center also hopes to be instrumental in presenting "strategies or models which might be effective in improving the economic conditions of Black America."

There is an emphasis on communication among groups and individuals interested in the field of economic improvement and research and the Center welcomes students who wish to make use of their facilities and resources. In the area of communication, the Center publishes The Review of Black Political Economy, under the editorship of Robert S. Browne, Di-

rector of the Center and member of the Economics Department of Fairleigh Dickinson and Rutgers Universities. "The Review" was conceived principally as a vehicle through which Black economists, both practitioners and academicians, would carry on dialogue with one another which is seen as crucial to the survival and development of the Black community. It is hoped that this kind of dialogue would be of particular interest to students of Black economics.

In spite of the many frustrations inherent in any effort to change the cycle of economic and political ineffectiveness of the Black community, Mr. Sumlin seems well equipped to handle the task. Aside from his traditional education which began at Lincoln University, he has acted as an economic consultant to top ministers in the Kenyan government and recognizes clearly the universality of Black economic distress.

He has also researched a study to improve the ghetto areas of Newark and White Plains which could be used in any similarly oppressed area. The study attempts to define the problems logically through the use of statistics and develop approaches which should have a long range and permanent effect on the communities in question.

Mr. Sumlin envisions a Center of this type extending its primary academic function to include advisory programs for aspiring businessmen as well as guidelines for economic development for entire communities.

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## Sharing Responsibility

At TECH NEWS everyone shares in the responsibility of putting out our paper. We take this seriously. If any one person, say lay-out editor, messes up an issue, the staff as a whole, share in the guilt, shame, and embarrassment of what that person did. The same holds true for copy editing, news coverage, and administration of staff. In short, we feel what we do. Likewise, we take this thought to its most logical conclusion. If the editor cannot perform as he is expected, the staff takes up the task of correcting his mistakes or ineptness, even to the point of replacing that editor. If this were not the case, our paper wouldn't be worth printing. And it is.

By the same token, we see the Student Senate as a whole, not functioning, not performing its purpose, not fulfilling or sharing in the responsibility of its prescribed role.

A Senator comes to a meeting. He sits, listens, votes on an issue, and goes home. This is not enough. A student casts his ballot and lets it go at that. This is not enough. It can't be. There's got to be more. Like staying on top of situations, proposals, programs, direction.

The waste of money, the inability to function as student leaders; in one word, the bullshit that went on last term is not only the fault of Jim Landy, Allan Ross, Barry Helprin, Ed Lieberman and Neil Rand, but the fault of every Senator who let these poor excuses carry the ball anyway they saw fit, and the fault of everyone of us who voted or didn't vote and then let these fools have their way. Election time is near. Check out who you vote for this time.

## For OP and the Guards

O. P. reported an incident involving a student from Music and Art and a Wackenhut guard. The student failed to produce an ID card when the guard approached him while he was sitting on the lawn in front of Finley. Consequently, the guard chased him through the student center. During the chase the student allegedly knocked over an eight year old child. This incident has caused some disturbance among several C.C.N.Y. students.

We feel that some clarifications must be made on the story. First, several minutes elapsed between the time the student left the lawn and when he was chased by the guard. He entered Finley and was inside for several minutes before the guard decided to chase him. In fact, he was leaving by the back door of Finley and heading in the direction of Music and Art when the guard first began to pursue him.

Secondly, no one has produced the mysterious child which he was supposed to have knocked down while being chased up the front steps of Finley. Finally, it should be pointed out that the youth was given an order to halt by the pursuing guard while he was running through the back courtyard of Finley. He complied with that order and stood his ground without offering any resistance. It was at that point that the guard picked him up and threw him down on the pavement. He hit the cement with the back of his head and neck.

We feel that the action of the Wackenhut guard was a senseless and unnecessary display of brutality above and beyond the measures needed to detain a suspect. We wish to remind Mr. Dandridge that his men are the hired employees of the College and are not affiliated with any recognized law enforcement agency in this country. We would also like to remind the Wackenhut guards that similar, and repeated acts of brutality by the New York City Police Department are among the major reasons why many people refer to them as "pigs."

## Announcements

### Amateur Radio

The Amateur Radio Society will hold a meeting on Thurs., Oct. 8, at 12:30, Room S113. All welcome.

### Grad: Want Work?

Placement Office Program, room 330 Finley, urges all graduating Seniors and Advanced Degree Candidates to please come to their office for assistance through counseling, on-campus interviews, resume prep, and exam information, etc. All are urged to come as jobs are rapidly becoming scarce — you can use all the help you can get. Schedule is posted outside of room 330.

### Coming Elections

Movement for a New Congress will meet to plan campaign activities in the November elections Thurs., Oct. 8 at noon in 105 Wagner. For Info call 866-8616.

## Classified

Lazy Levine: We've been meaning to talk to you about those foul, cheap cigars you love to smoke.

Attention: Dangerous criminal on the loose. Believed to be in this area, goes by the name of Festus of Fishkill. If you see him contact Judge Fogarty, Fishkill, N.Y.

The way Bernie Sohmer goes around smiling all the time you would think he was trying out for a toothpaste commercial.

Aquanetta Harper! Won't you PLEASE come home, Louis.

Louis Rivera: You are blowing our image . . . and you got the nerve to have wrinkles in the back.

Tom McDonald: Do you really think that Ripple goes with the job?

Attention: Classifieds are only 25 cents a line. All classifieds should be submitted every Thursday.

Dear Helen Silver: I dig your poems but why the hell do I always have to type them? Tom McDonald

By day she is a quiet, serious student, but at night she is a hard talking, two fisted drinker (a shot of V.O. in one, a beer chaser in the other). She is secretly known as Miss V.O. 1970. Can you guess which one of your members I'm talking about, House Plan?

Dateline San Diego: Rumor has it that the fat man in the Dashiki is learning to surf in his spare time.

Lucille would have gotten her man long ago except that the only suit John owns is made out of blue denim.

Mr. Wagner  
Watch the skies, keep looking  
Keep watching the skies —  
Quarlo

Hi, Mary my love — your idol.

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Fender: Pro-Reverb Amp, pre-cbs, Exc. Cond. \$160. Gibson: ES 330 TDC with Bigsby Tremelo, exc. Cond. \$190. Gretsch: Drums — Complete Set — Orig. \$500 — \$325, exc. cond. Call: Tom (212) 823-2809.

## Get Out From Under

By TOM McDONALD

It is a gray, windy morning as I walk thru the rain on Riverside Drive, and find myself barely listening to the conversation of my walking partner. Although I am watching a solitary boat head up the Hudson towards the bridge, I realize the reason that I am not listening is because I've heard it all before.

The conversation is about the future, and about doubt. In the last two weeks I have lost track of the number of people who have expressed their doubts over the wisdom of their returning to school, and the future of society and their role in it. And I keep saying to myself, "If that's the way you feel, split! Get out from under. Take off!"

There is a line in Hamlet that reads, "Thou canst knowest what thou doesn't feel." Besides being true, it is very sound advice for a lot of people. How can you know outrage without having felt it?

To all the people who do not know because they have never felt; to all the confused, vacillating people who want change but are hung up in their directions, this is the most important advice anyone could have given you. Spend some time feeling, head out on the road and see America.

Go to Delano and pick the fruit for a day. Bend over for ten hours or more until the small of your back feels like it is caught in an iron like vise. Let the sun burn your neck, and when the blackness of the night sets in and the moon is high, and the heat of the day is still in your body, go to the broken down shack that's supposed to be your home.

Stop in Arizona or Colorado and watch an Indian starve to death. Then realize that he is only one of ten thousand that will meet the same fate in some part of the world. Realize that it happens so often in India that people just step over the bodies so nonchalantly that it reminds you of people stepping over the drunks who snooze on the sidewalks of Manhattan in the summertime.

Go to West Virginia or Southern Pennsylvania. Visit the mining country. See black lung. See tired old men who have spent their lives in a dark hole getting consumption. Watch them in the morning, lunch box in their hands, taking one long look at the sky and the land before going down into the mines. Remember that they take that look every working day knowing full well that it may be the last time they will ever see the surface. And still they go down into that hole.

Go to the Ramapo region of upstate New York and see the people called Jackson Whites. People who are the product of a long ago relationship, people with black skin and blond hair and aqualine noses. Aliens to both black and white worlds. Visit the ramshackle, broken down lean-tos with rags and cardboard filling the holes in the walls. Remember that these are the only homes they have ever known and the rags on their backs must last until someone else puts their old clothes in the garbage.

See these and countless other scenes just like them feel them and then realize that you have just seen AMERICA, in capital letters. And the strange sensation in your throat and the cupped hands pounding against the sides of your head and ringing in your ears will be your emotions telling your head what to do and where to go.

Then consider the fact that all we really are is the third planet revolving around a body called the sun, in a solar system called the Milky Way, and that concepts like Canada, Germany and Italy are just weapons people use to keep us apart. Then come home to the people that you know and be prepared to deal with the situations at hand. Reflect and consume all that you have seen and heard and at that point you will truly know why the things that are wrong are wrong; because you have felt and seen their consequences. Then realize that this school and class marks are a joke unless you are doing more for other people. Realize that your Ozzie and Harriet, house in Scarsdale, Coupe de Ville, family station wagon, kids in private schools, vacations in Bermuda goal is obscene. Go tell all the Prof. leaving for Holland, "to be among the trees and contemplating America," that they better bring an awfully big telescope because they won't see very far, and all they will be hearing is the echos of their own minds. Let your senses guide your thoughts for just one time. Take the grand tour and see it all, and understand that as long as one of your brothers is in chains, you can never be free. Fare thee well.

# NDPA Strength Grows In Alabama

## Wallace Team Wary

### The Blood And Guts of Alabama

Alabama is the pit of the viper. It is the viper that squirms along its lecherous path from the governor's mansion down to the muddied boots of the laboring dirt farmer. It is a viper that was conceived by the union of Hate and Ignorance, and nurtured under the bitter guidance of Greed. Now the viper is everywhere — striking at every Black heart and mind in sight — going about its business with frightening seriousness, leaving only the chilling stench of death in its trail.

But there is an organization of individuals who have begun to defang the viper. They call themselves the National Democratic Party of Alabama. They are offering a second chance for life to Alabama, to our children and to us.

The NDPA is operating an electoral slate of 176 candidates, 10 of whom are non-Black. Their platform advocates far-reaching reforms for the present and suggests a more humane society to come. The NDPA is not an elitist clique of individuals nor are they a power-hungry army of would be dictators. The NDPA is a vehicle of working-class people created by working-class people to achieve their rightful power to control their destinies.

The NDPA was organized in January of 1968 by some no-jivin' real-life folks, the majority of whom were Black, who were disgusted with the racist make-up and discrimination within the Alabama Democratic or "rooster" party.

It is called the "rooster" party because the emblem of the party is a rooster. Up until 1966 (when Sen. John Sparkman was faced with the necessity of getting Black support), the party emblem had around it the words: "White Supremacy for the Right." Now it still has the rooster but says, "Democrats for the Right."

But the rooster only changed the shade of its feathers at that time. It didn't expel the venom locked in its jaws. For when George Wallace ran for the presidency in 1968 he used an independent party in 49 states. However, in Alabama it was the "rooster" that carried George Wallace's marbles.

The NDPA launched its initial assault against the racist "rooster" in Chicago at the 1968 Democratic National Convention. Led by its chairman, Dr. John L. Cashin, it challenged the seating of the "traditional" Alabama delegates and pushed for recognition as the branch of the National Democratic Party in Alabama. But the convention was under the totalitarian control of Mayor Daley and Lyndon Johnson, therefore, the "traditional" Alabama democrats were seated.

But the NDPA was not squelched by this tactic. The November election of 1968 saw a number of NDPA candidates on the ballot. In all, 17 of 58 NDPA candidates won their elections. This short-range operation was a training period in which the intricacies of mobilizing political power were tested and examined. The NDPA was constructing a power base much in the same manner as do guerilla forces against a more advanced adversary. The essential idea is to train — to wait — to attack advantageously — to regroup for the next encounter.

The days of the "rooster" are swiftly diminishing. As previously reported the NDPA is sponsoring 176 candidates. Dr. Cashin's gubernatorial bid does not necessarily have to be successful in order for the NDPA to score a victory. There are 15 counties in the state with 50% or more Black voting age majority. These are situated in Alabama's "Black-Belt" — named for the deep rich soil of the region where cotton was once king. Counties like Greene, Hale, Sumter, Marengo, Perry, Lowndes, Macom — are the counties in which NDPA candidates can win. They are setting for the most dramatic participation of grassroots people in politics, in the United States.



For the rural Blacks — desperately poor, the election of a Black sheriff, Probate Judge, County Commission, and Board of Education, affects their lives more decisively than the election of the President. For rural Alabama is still essentially a feudal state — with the rich white landowners, sheriffs and judges taking the place of the Lords of the manor.

In the urban areas, the growth of the Republican Party has created a true three way party situation. In the cities of Mobile, Montgomery and Birmingham, NDPA has good chances of winning seats in the State House of Representatives. Black strength in these areas is right at 35%, these are also the areas where NDPA's white voters are, and a plurality of the votes will decide the winners in November.

To insure this sizable Black victory in the fall the National Black Student Movement has formed a political alliance with the NDPA. The National Black Student Movement is an incipient organization of 80-100 students, who are aligning themselves together presently to form a political organization with a self-sustaining economic foundation.

The National Black Student Movement is now mobilizing UPSOUTH & WESTSOUTH folks to go into Alabama prior to the election to work throughout the entire state. Not a single county, town or farm is to be overlooked or bypassed. Every free-clear thinking citizen of Alabama will be informed as to the nature and purpose of the NDPA. As it was with SNCC in Lowndes County in 1966, so it will be with the National Black Student Movement in 1970, only on a on-going panoramic basis. The entire state will be on the move to push the "rooster" into the Gulf of Mexico.

But the "rooster" is not a fearful fowl that can be easily scared away. He has been led to believe that he is the most powerful creature on the planet. His Hate, his Racism and his burning Venum erects him with staunch arrogance that he claims is courage. The "rooster" party has lashed out irrationally at the NDPA, seeking to discover some weak spot

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# NDPA Platform: A Real Alternative

The following is a condensation of the NDPA platform which was adopted at the party's first annual convention in Birmingham, Alabama; July 20th, 1968.

1. Restructure the state's tax system to remove the heavy tax burden from the shoulders of the workers and the poor and insure that the wealthy pay their share.

2. Abolish the Wallace-Cater act and all other special privileges which the state presently grants to big business.

3. Begin using state money to aid the workers and poor people of Alabama instead of helping the rich grow richer.

4. Establish small industries in rural areas. These must be industries which will serve the needs of the local people and not industries which exploit the workers and natural resources of the area to make profits which the local people have no share in.

5. Establish stricter controls over industry to prevent the pollution of our water and air.

6. Guarantee all citizens equal protection

under the law, including equal opportunity for employment, education and housing. An end to all discrimination based on race and economic position.

7. Guarantee every citizen the right to peacefully protest the actions (or inaction) of any person, group or political unit, including the state itself.

8. Demand that the U.S. Government eliminate existing racial discrimination within its own programs in Alabama, particularly the department of agriculture and U.S. Employment Service.

9. End the Draft.

10. Abolish capital punishment.

11. Establish programs to provide free legal services for the poor.

12. Revise the present bail bond laws to provide for the release of minor offenders and some felons on their recognisance.

13. Abolish the position of Justice of the Peace and restructure the whole lower court system to insure all defendants a fair trial.

14. Effect a racial balance in all juries reflecting population of the court's Jurisdiction.

15. Reorganize the prison system to provide humane treatment of inmates in order to rehabilitate them to become useful members of society.

16. Guarantee students their full rights as citizens and all members of the academic community the opportunity to participate fully in all levels of social and political life.

17. Guarantee every Alabamian the right to a free education.

18. Provide for the truthful teaching of history in our schools. Specifically providing for a truthful history of Black People and other minority groups to be taught.

19. Establish co-operatives of small farmers to collectively buy feed, seed, and farm equipment, and to sell their produce.

20. Design farm programs to favor the small farmer over the giant landowners.

21. Guarantee rights of collective bargaining for farm workers.

22. Restructure welfare programs to consolidate state, federal and local programs into a single comprehensive program which provides medical care, adult education and job training, food subsidies and decent employment.

23. Remove welfare programs from the control of bureaucrats and put them into the hands of people they are designed to help.

24. Guarantee rights of collective bargaining to all workers.

25. Enlarge the minimum wage to cover all wage earners and guarantee them a decent standard of living.

26. Demand that the U.S. Government end its attempt to stop history by trying to militarily maintain the status quo throughout the world. The resources of this wealthy nation should be used to end poverty and oppression in this country and around the world, not to prop up dictatorships and protect the profits of big business.

27. Demand an immediate withdrawal of all American troops from Vietnam and a call to begin international conferences to dismantle all weapons of mass destruction.

28. Abolish the State Sovereignty Commission and in its place establish a State Commission on Human Relations.

29. Liquidate the state liquor monopoly and return it to free enterprise.

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upon which it can seize and exploit. Already the "rooster" party is guilty of the following incomplete list of horrendous crimes:

**INDICTMENT #1. Mobile, Alabama** — A white sheriff's officer fired shots at a NDPA state legislature candidate but his aim was faulty. The brother fired back with a double barrel shotgun, spreading the former white officer over the fertile soil of the county. This brother is presently being held on charges of murder.

**INDICTMENT #2. Jefferson County, Alabama** — In the city of Bessemer a Black NDPA candidate was offered a bribe of \$5,000 to quit his bid for the legislature and denounce the NDPA.

**INDICTMENT #3.** Twenty four NDPA candidates are being contested on manufactured grounds of eligibility to hold office.

**INDICTMENT #4. Birmingham, Ala. & Montgomery, Ala.** — Offshoot white groups have fabricated political parties displaying emblems so similar to the NDPA eagle as to confuse voters long denied political participation.

The "traditional" Democratic Party is fighting back on every vile level imaginable. By creating turmoil and confusion they hope to sabotage the election for they are fully aware of the consequences that a NDPA victory will entail. These political bosses and their cohorts clearly realize that such a victory will put them at the mercy of the hard working people of Alabama, the very same hard working people whose political power they usurped and misused and whose lives they maimed.

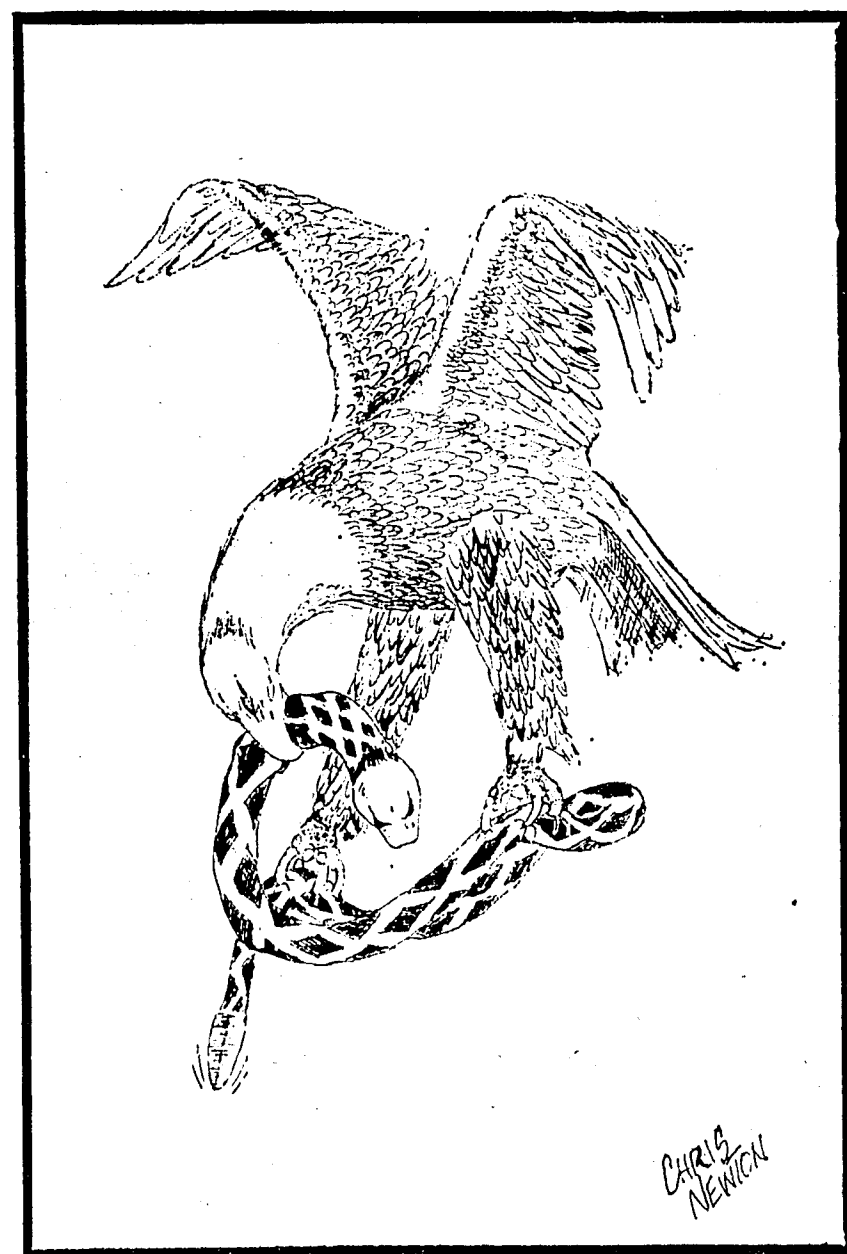
The "rooster" has every reason to fear the NDPA. Already a national consciousness is being focused on Alabama. Black students throughout the nation are publicizing the NDPA campaign and collecting the needed funds. Dr. Cashin has made several strategic trips outside of the state to dramatize the campaign and to organize campaign operations throughout cities with significant black populations.

No longer will Alabama persist in its infamous style of back room politics. The doors to these dungeons will be ripped off their hinges and once the smoke has cleared the viper will no longer have a single crevice in which to hide.

The NDPA and The National Black Student Movement are calling for a national effort aimed at Alabama. To defang this viper and transform Alabama into a humane area will be an exhausting effort. It requires an extraordinary labor force guided by dauntless commitment.

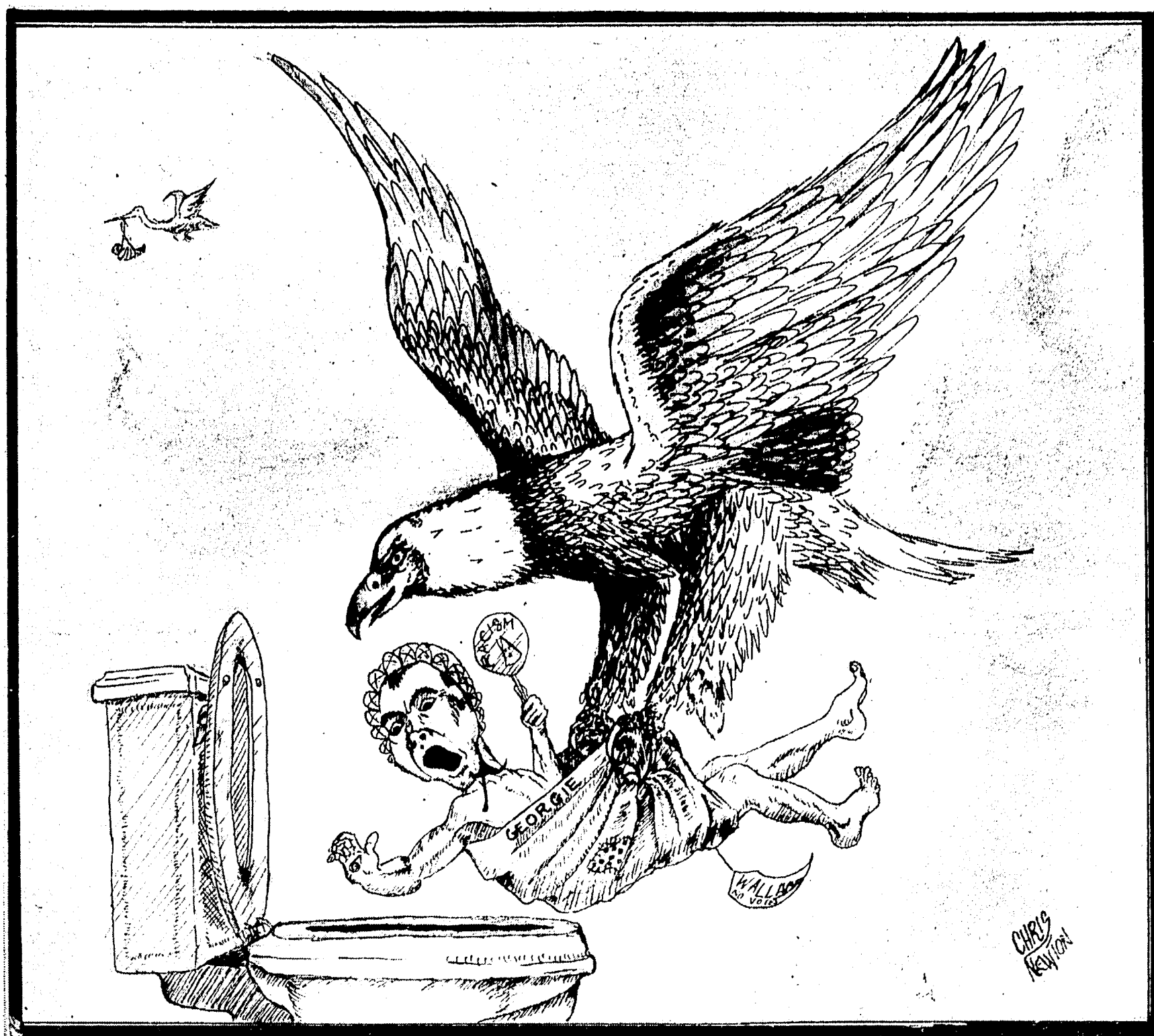
A NDPA victory in November will not only be a victory for Alabama folks, the entire Black population in this country will be pushed forward by this success. The depth of this push will naturally depend on the sum total of each individual effort. In terms of simple arithmetic  $100 + 100$  Brothers equals a greater total than  $2 + 2$ .

Eventually we all shall leave the struggle, some will die, some will be wounded into incapacity, some will retire and others will quit and there are those who will desert. But to have been a coward in the face of a revolution is still more noble than to have watched your brothers and sisters fight and die on the six o'clock news.



The NDPA Eagle: "KEEP ALABAMA CLEAN!"





## Words From The Disinherited

It is the beginning of a new decade and the empire still stands. The movement has reached a critical stage. It is time to move out of "realities" created by words, into a world which may not exist anywhere except in those words, into a world created by concrete needs.

Our struggle is a protracted one, it is historically mediated, tempered by the understanding or lack of understanding that we have about the problem of organizing "an autonomous movement in a hostile culture," and the categorical necessity of sustaining relationships of integrity and love among ourselves. The movement must become multi-leveled and broad based, it must become collective.

Can we agree collectively that the failure of most struggles is the failure to take everyday issues and make them comprehensible to our people as elements of a system which must be surpassed? Can we collectively agree that it is not the fault of grievances, which are expressions of human needs, that the empire still stands, but of the failure of radical ideology to deal with them?

Can we collectively agree that there is a strategic defeat in effect every time that a great mobilization of people fails to raise the level of consciousness and the level of struggle; everytime it ends without having broken, if only momentarily the states' position of power?

Can we collectively agree that for a society to desire and structure itself to deny a segment of humanity the right to engage in that which is the necessary minimum for development is inhuman, slavery, and must therefore be resisted, and destroyed?

Can we collectively agree that in a society where fear and error are defined as pre-requisites of oppression, that a struggle that breaks through this fear and terror is necessary and needed?

Can we collectively agree that in states where to pick up a pencil to write an "X" or pull a lever leads to the castration and/or death of Black people that the casting of ballot and the struggle to make real the idea that is imbued in that ballot is a fundamental element in the process of decolonialization?

Can we collectively agree that the constitutional provisions of the right to dissent and the right to vote work to our advantage as long as we know that the revolution will be made without any provisions at all?

The movement must create bases, not supporters, for the distinction is critical. A base is an area of movement that can be used for the securing of supplies needed for initiating struggles. It helps to minimize the loss of lives in our engagements; it is our self-sufficiency; it is the collective responsibility for all and decisions arrived at in confidence by all. Support is what spectators give at football games. We need bases of human beings, collectively engaged in common struggle based on integrity and love for ourselves. For it is only when this becomes real that we can become new Men, Women, and Children; and destroy the empire.

Too long have the disinherited merely disputed the terms of the covenant, bound by acceptance of the tiny clauses which simply have created a condition where we are satisfied with moderate slavery, safety dominating ourselves, and in possession of the universe of our own slavery through exploitation!

Too long we have gathered the dust, hoping to build a refuge, only to have it blown in our faces by the winds of the empire expanding itself.

We contend that one can be raped and still be a woman, mutilated and still be a man: if one accepts no ethnic or submission. Submission is the abdication of the whole; and we would be whole men, women and children.

Our struggle must never be simply about organizations. Organizations are born, some grow, most die. We must be strong enough to realize when organizations become ends in themselves and simply seek to continue, to perpetuate themselves simply because they exist. Our struggle must never be about organizations but of people, and when organizations destroy our understanding of that, then they should be dissolved.

Yes, our struggle must be collective, it must be about life; it is for all the above reasons that we give ourselves to the struggle being waged in Alabama by the N.D.P.A. as a beginning step for ourselves. It is not asked it is demanded by the needs of a humanity that we are a part of; we can do no less. No one can fight against the empire alone. One needs the life-giving strength which can only come from being involved with others of like mind, which can only come from talking to others who are working in a like manner. We are not alone. Let us not be afraid; the time has come for a new beginning.

# NDPA Is Defanging The Viper



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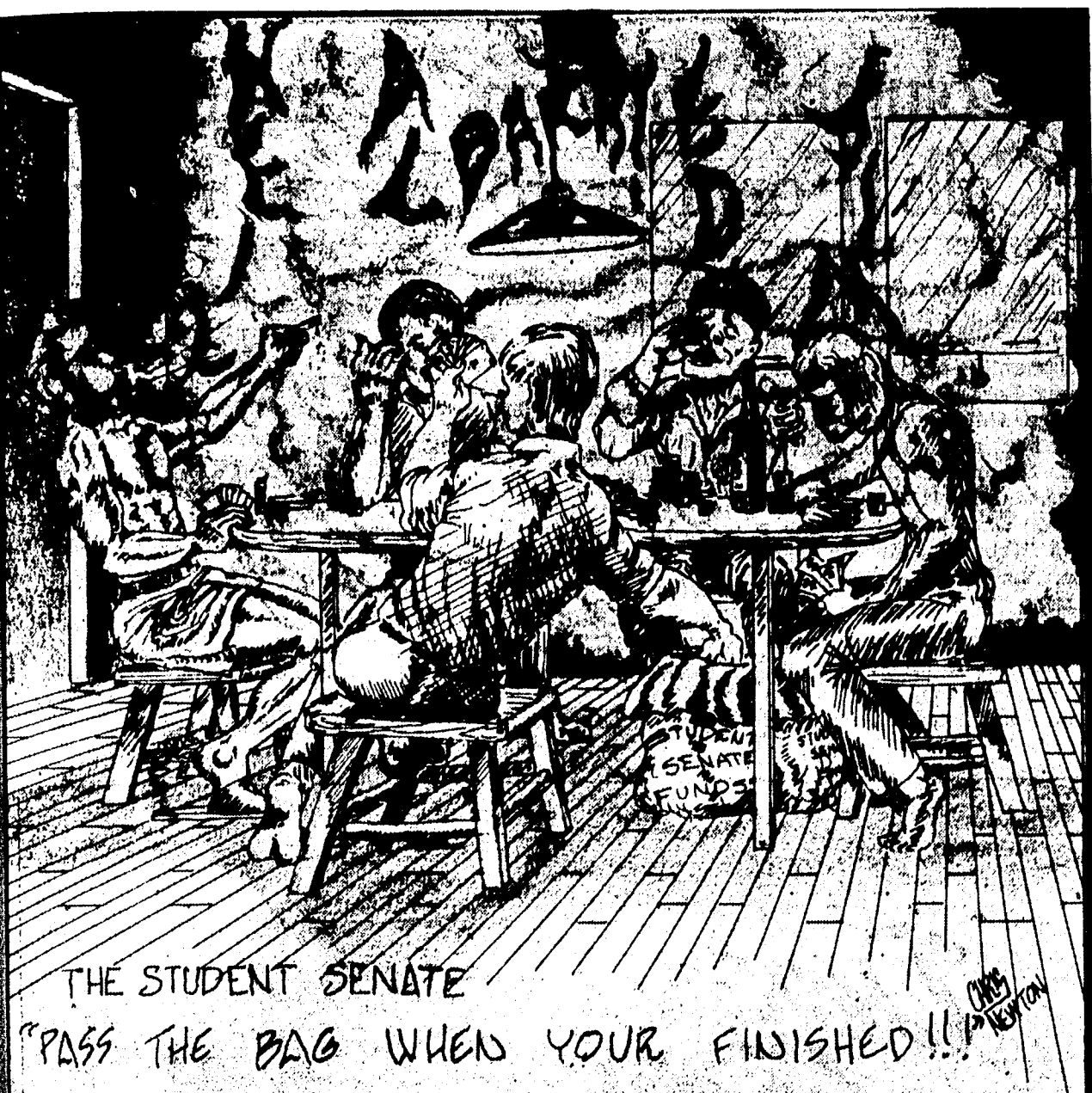
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## Pistols, Punks, People...

By JOUDON M. FORD

This nation is the greatest tragedy in the history of the world. It was born in a bloody revolution, built on the bent and broken backs of Blacks, fertilized with the blood of red men (and women and children), industrially launched through the torture of European immigrants, and reinforced by the most viciously racist, ruthless, pro-exploitation, anti-humanistic, hypocritical ideology ever developed. The tools? Guns and Money.

Guns and money - in themselves aren't evil. The crime is the use to which they have been put. America's world notoriety stems from Dollar and Gunboat Diplomacy. Wouldn't you despise the pimp who turned your momma into a prostitute? This is what America (Government, industry, institutions and culture), has done to the mother countries of peoples around the world.

Pimpin' Sam has the South Vietnamese government turning tricks, and is trying to "do in" the north because she won't put out. America refuses to take a just stand in the Middle East. Israel and non-Palestinian Arabs think they're jiving somebody with that garbage that's going on over there. In the meantime, 600,000 Palestinians in refugee camps have no homes. 1.9 million are forced to live elsewhere in the Arab world because they can't go home. (Figures, *New York Post*, Sept. 23, 1970, p. 55). America and its bedfellow, the USSR, are running a game on the world. Economic sanctions do a lot to persuade a stubborn country. But the fedayeen are Marxist; the US can't try to help them get their just share of lands, be-

cause she won't have conjugal rights.

America and her people are so insane, so supercilious, so self-indulgent that they can't even see the needs at home. Violence is condoned by the White House and small minded little citizens can't dig behind the mock denunciations handed to the press. Students scream and close down schools in reaction to violence; never realizing their own failures in problem-solving. Crackers murder niggers and fools attack cops while students, history's vanguard for righting wrong, are off somewhere smoking some reefer or finger-popping at a concert. Even the ones on this campus, in the center of Harlem, in the middle of the Big Apple, lay on their punk asses and cry the blues about ecology, Israel, niggers, Nans, ricans, repression, and dope. Every punk out there says, "We gotta do something," but nobody does.

Students are as blind as the right and left wing fanatics of the rhetoric and Pistol Power cult. The difference is that students have Punk Power. What the hell are they? No, what the hell are you doing in college, punk? Dig this. I'm going to make it simple.

Problems require solutions. Solutions require work. Work requires diligence, preparation, and sacrifice. And in the world league you gotta have heart, too.

Think. Race, war, poverty, crime, health and ignorance are some of our paramount problems. Analyze them. Niggers don't give a flying fuck whether or not you love them. So stop with this "I-love-you-you-love-me-cause-we-human" bullshit. People of color want some land,

bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, and peace. Concentrate on redistribution of goods and services.

You want out of Vietnam? Organize to have marathon talks with recruiters and don't enlist. Buy US Savings Bonds and cash them in the next day. This marching around the campus and hollering and staging moratoriums ain't gonna do nothing but wear out your shoes. Tie up the bureaucracy.

You want to move on poverty? Stop buying cars from Detroit. Stop buying meat for six months, and stay away from the record store for a year. Find out how fast poor people start eating decently.

Dope? No police action? Sacrifice, smoking pot, picket the 26th Precinct, organize 500 students to do down every day and ask for pistol permit applications. Walk 3,000 strong, single file down the yellow line on 5th Avenue, and switch streets every day. See what City Hall does.

Hospitals, trial by peers, voice in education? You can get anything you want, if you organize and work for it. If you can't sacrifice, shut up and don't complain when the powderkeg explodes and you get robbed, raped, or killed. If you have no courage you're lost anyway. Nixon and his assorted henchmen can't protect you. There are always more people than oinkers. The only check is guns, and to suppress the democratic right of the people to play an active role in the democracy would entail a mass slaughter. Niggers and ricans are tired of getting shot. Do you need a demonstration by your friendly neighborhood government Murder, Inc.?

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## Black, No Sugar

By MAXINE ALEXANDER

What's happening with the Black students on this campus? Isn't it about time something went down besides rapping, partying and looking pretty. I mean, are we going to get it together . . . or What? Look, does anybody remember the now famous Five (unmet) Demands? Is the Black Student Union just a title? Do we really love ourselves?

I sit in my Urban and Ethnic Studies class and listen to ten year old rhetoric and everybody's personal experiences with racism in America, and I wonder if I'm in a group-therapy session or a classroom. It's not so difficult to discuss the problems. The difficulty is dealing with them and I don't see too many people trying. You can't build a nation with words. And the crowning irony is that this willingness of Black students to criticize with such vehemence never extends beyond the Urban and Ethnic Studies Department, where we happen to be in the majority and have lots of moral support.

What about these science classes where everybody learns that no scientific knowledge existed until Aristotle was an old and wise man? Not a single challenge. Are we being psyched out again? Is the Urban and Ethnic Studies Department supposed to be a palliative? Give the niggers a chance to get their shit off.

I think some of us'd better read more Fanon. Instead of just carrying around smooth copies of *Wretched of the Earth*, read *A Dying Colonialism*. It's a lot easier to get through and the point is just as clear. After you read it ask yourself, "What am I doing here at City College?"

If you have a hard time answering then it ought to dawn on you that something's wrong. Look, really I'm not putting us down. There's beauty all around us, all among us. Folks are realizing a Brother and Sisterhood that wasn't there before. But what we haven't gotten together is how to treat our brothers and sisters. Brothers still treating Sisters like prey; Sisters still treating each other like competition. We can't swagger around in our new found superficial Blackness for another ten years. That's over with! It's time to work.

Yeah, I said W\*O\*R\*K and I know it's a drag but only when you're working for somebody else. When you're working for yourself, it's like breathing: natural and easy and absolutely necessary for survival.

All I'm saying is that there's more to Finley Student Center than cards and billiards and funky music in the snack bar and reefer in the halls. Black Organizations have a whole suite of rooms in 332 and the only people who ever use it are a few members of the Black Science Students Organization and Gerald and Charles and Tom and Kenny; al of whom represent the sole working membership of their respective groups. No matter how hard they work they can't organize a damn thing if they're the only ones who ever show.

Everybody comes around looking for some ready made shit so they can criticize it and give themselves an excuse for laying dead. It's not about that! This is a school! Pardon me, a **University**. People leave! Nobody's getting paid for time they spend working for some group. People have 18 credits, jobs, problems, families. Take the weight off! Please! If you've got ideas, do something. Get together with two other people; or one, if need be. Study together, set up a book exchange, you know how much books cost! Share them with somebody. That's what Brotherhood is about.

If I sound mad, it's because I am. I see people working themselves into bad health, (and worse grades) to get something together for some group that's non-existent except for a membership list. But everybody still keeps saying that we've got to get it together. Talking time is past and anyway, what can you say that Malcolm didn't? And, what difference does it make? Nobody's gonna listen until you do something.

Another thing. Put those Black Studies courses to use in some of your other classes. The next time one of your Science teachers tells you that Hippocrates was the father of Medicine, turn in a five page paper on the accomplishments of Imhotep; who, incidently, lived years before Hippocrates. Madness about the Greeks has got to stop.

Now that the horrors of registration are over, there'll be time for other things besides adjustments. The purpose of this column will be to keep you posted on activities of the Black Student Union and the efforts of other Third World Groups to make sense out of the "Urban University Experience." If you've got something going, let us know. If you want to get something going, we'll try to help. Schedules for Black Student Union meetings are posted outside 332F.

# The Threat Of Nixon's Masses

By JOHN BOHN

Richard Nixon is a genius. No common man could attempt to make the moves he has made, nor could any common man have succeeded in convincing so large a segment of this nation into believing that those moves were correct. Richard Nixon, Arch-deceiver, has molded and shaped millions of atrophied minds with a Vic Tanny course in bullshit and what has resulted? The strongest political force possible — the working class of America are now his pawns.

Check this out. He has convinced many people that radical men and women are, in fact, mad; that we are killers and that we threaten their very existence. But for all the people who have been murdered in the past ten years, who, in fact, has been responsible for their deaths? Are Mississippi Klansmen and New York cops leftist radicals?

And how about the pigs down at Jackson State — just a bunch of commie sympathizers shooting up that women's dorm. Run down the whole list of lynchings and burnings and maybe you can get a picture of what I'm saying. It wasn't us who set off the bomb under that church in Birmingham and we didn't shoot up the Kent campus.

Now who threatens whose existence? Somehow I get the feeling that we're just fighting back. What fool lays down his arms when the enemy is baying at the door? Are you to be left completely defenseless at the will of the government?

But the Nixon masses can't accept this concept. They are told that they are on a christian crusade to eliminate the Godless hordes that would destroy the American way. Of course it's only a small group of extremists that seek to destroy the government. Of course the majority of college students are behind the administration. Hasn't Nixon proved it? Look at those dedicated Americans who cheered him on at Kansas State and Annapolis. Look at that, will you! And didn't the construction men give him a hard-hat as a symbol of that wonderful Americanism?

But has Mr. Nixon gone to Berkeley or Columbia? Has he toured Harlem and spoken to those unemployed who seek work but are shunned by the Racist construction industry? Has he spoken at the meetings of the socialist unions in Appalachia? No, and he never will.

The so-called majority is convinced that the president can do no wrong. Richard Nixon, genius, is an opponent, not only to be reckoned with, but to be dealt with, and as soon as possible. As long as we remain holed up on our campuses we will be in no position to fight back. The campus community is a hermetically sealed unit that cannot stand on it's own against repression and lies. Only when we move off the campus can we deal with the problem as it must be dealt with.

There must be a movement to organize our communities at home and to shed light upon the lies and half-truths that the president would have our people believe. Blacks and Puerto Ricans are now in the midst of working for their people, and as typified by their successes, they are perhaps revolutionizing themselves in a way that could stand as an example to the whites in this country. So too, white students must strive to move back to the neighborhoods from which they have fled and attempt to carry a revolutionary outlook with them.

After all, doesn't it hold true that the middle class white has never heard the truth? Isn't it true that they are now at that stage of brainwashing where a submission to authority is easier than questioning it? And as the repression comes to a head won't they too be caught in the trap? Richard Nixon is banking on the hope that we will become more and more polarized from the whites who provide him with his strongest political support.

He plies our brothers and sisters with Heroin and then sets the blame on our shoulders by busting for possession of grass. The dope thing is all another plot by commies to corrupt our youth — everybody forgets about the Mafia (pardon me, I forgot . . . there is no Mafia . . . right on, John Mitchell).

We must move back and take a stand against the many inadequacies in this society. We must begin to organize our younger brothers and sisters into action groups to combat racism, dope, miseducation, poverty, and on and on. The list is endless.

But most important, we must begin to question.

# Columbia Student Conference Calls For Puerto Rican Move

By BOB COLLAZO

Climaxing two days of workshops and activities, covering a wide range of social and political issues, the participants of the Young Lord and Puerto Rican Student Union student conference, held at Columbia University, September 22 and 23, marched from 116th St. & Amsterdam through East Harlem to Plaza Borinquena, in the south Bronx, for a Grito de Lares celebration.

The group, numbering 600, gathered for the final day's activities on the Morningside campus and heard Chicano and

Dominican speakers and final resolutions in Wollman auditorium.

Because of the size of the turnout, security precautions were kept at a maximum. Everyone entering Wollman auditorium in Ferris Booth Hall, including media people were frisked thoroughly and relieved of anything that might conceivably be used as a weapon.

In an unscheduled press conference, conference organizers Iris Morales of Y.L.P. and Hilda Ortiz of P.R.S.U., declared that the purpose of the conference was to "deal with American Colonialism" on the island and

to "realize the emergence of the Puerto Rican people from oppression to freedom."

The conference, a collaboration between the Y.P.L. and P.R.S.U. resolved to demonstrate at the United Nations on October 30th. In addition, the other major result of the conference was a resolution to coordinate a national effort to establish Puerto Rican liberation committees focusing on High Schools, Colleges and local public levels. The central committee will be composed of Y.P.L., P.R.S.U. and M.P.I. (Movement Pro Independence) factions both here and in Puerto Rico.

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# Student Senate Executives Bicker and Battle

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valuation Booklet." The meeting was never held and the amount spent on the invitations still undisclosed. These incidents took place last term.

More recently, a full page ad was placed in the *Campus* prior to fall registration, announcing proposed fee increase for campus concerts. The ad was unauthorized and cost close to \$200.00. Moreover the ad was inaccurate. It advertised a series of free concerts, however, the money raised would only be enough to subsidize a series of concerts, which, by the way, would not be free.

## This Term's Budget

Last June a Senate meeting was held in room 200, Shepherd Hall. At this meeting Barry Helprin submitted the budget requests of the Fall term. Each request is considered individually, and then the entire package is voted on. As the meeting progressed it became apparent that the entire package would be approved. Since the people present at the meeting just barely met the requirement for a quorum, the chairman of the meeting, Neil Rand, called for the roll to be taken. Some of the people present failed to answer. They were marked absent. Thus there wasn't enough people present

to constitute a quorum and Rand declared the meeting over. Helprin protested. Rand demanded that Helprin turn over the budget. Helprin refused and

no budget to submit this fall. Over the summer, Rand, Ross, and Ed Leiberman drew up a budget. Jim Landy, Senate President, was vacationing.



Jim Landy, President, Student Senate

left the room, followed by Rand and Allan Ross who beat Helprin up and took the budget from him.

Consequently, the Senate had

There were six copies made of their budget which were held by Neil Rand, who refused to show them to anyone including Landy, and Dean of Students Bernie Sohmer. In return for the budget Rand demanded the Student Senate be given control of Finley Center, and that rooms 119 and 120 Finley be

turned over to the Senate for their exclusive use.

In a letter to Sohmer, dated Sept. 22nd, President Jim Landy and Campus Affairs V.P. Ed Leiberman informed Sohmer that "Rand's refusal to submit the budget of the Student Senate for the 1970 term is a unilateral action, with neither the sanction or consent of the Senate's Executive Committee." In an interview Landy expressed the opinion that he felt that Rand's holdout and demands were "good and reasonable." Finally, one copy was submitted by Rand on Sept. 25th, after Sohmer presented Rand with an ultimatum stating that he and an administrative committee of his own choosing would draw up a budget if Rand wouldn't submit his.

It should be noted that the bylaws of the University state that if 30% of the student body voted in the Senate election the winners are given complete control over the operation and funding of student activities. It should also be noted that Neil Rand is running for President of the Senate. Rand would also like to extend the elections until 30% of the students voted. Ed Leiberman once said in jest, "the way to get 30% of the students to vote is to add to the senate elections a referendum calling for a \$20.00 increase in student fees." This would bring everyone out to vote in order to defeat the proposal. Rand would

like to try this. If he could and if he wins, he would have complete control of Senate funds. An organization can die from a lack of funds. Rand could cause many of these deaths. Last year because of his poorly run fee campaign 22 organizations almost died.

## Lack of Money Hinders Some Activities

Many organizations have been hampered by the delay in this year's budget. The Tutorial Program, for community grade school children, and the City College Bloodbank campaign have been seriously hindered in their operations because they failed to receive their allocations for this term. Another group hit is the SEEK Student Government. Walter Castle, finance committee chairman of S.S.G., related in an interview the damage to their programs. Among these are its fall dance, and more importantly, studies needed for the development of a program, which Castle hopes will develop into a food stamp program for the surrounding community.

The Student Senate under Jim Landy, set as its minimum goals, "Just merely drawing up a budget." The maximum would have been anything else. It did accomplish the bare minimum. What it also accomplished was a dreadful waste of student funds, and further discreditation of the Senate as a viable organ.

## Pistols And Punks

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Democracy needs constant effort by the people in order to work. No one else will do it for you.

The central concept you must grasp is that you must not have an issue, but a direction. If you don't know what you are doing, study! Get the basic tools which are here at the university. Learn to analyze, plan, and operate. You owe the people,

and I mean the right wing too. In this country we are all being exploited, indoctrinated and oppressed. As Rev. Jesse Jackson said, "Preacher, professor, pimp, punk, PhD," we're all enslaved. You must lead the struggle, for you are the vanguard by history's mandate, whether you like it or not. You have two choices: Freedom and justice for all, or life and peace for no one.

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## Red Light District

## The Wild Child

— a review —

By CAPTAIN NERF

Family fare these days, as presented by Disney, Radio City extravaganzas, and Saturday morning kiddie matinees, seems to be aimed primarily at the small fries. Unfortunately, a dutiful parent must tolerate 90-odd minutes of juvenile slapstick and crass chicanery created specifically for a child's mentality and grasping level.

Once in a while, there comes a film for all to be enchanted by. The last "G" rated family film within recent memory was a little comedy entitled, "The Brain." But now, from France, comes Francois Truffaut's fragile offering, "The Wild Child." Director Truffaut, who is an accomplished master at weaving delicate narratives, (i.e., "The 400 Blows," and "Stolen Kisses") succeeds in moodily relating a tale which will undoubtedly absorb the kiddies as well as their elders.

The year is 1748. The story tells of the capture of an eleven year old boy, discovered running naked through the forest on all fours (shades of Mowgli and "Jungle Book"). The savage boy-beast is sent to a school for deaf-mutes, receiving mistreatment and attention purely as a curiosity piece. An idealistic young doctor accepts the challenge of teaching this creature-of-the-woods the ways of civilized man. Thus we have the crux of the film. The boy slowly becomes a receptive student, although causing much aggravation and consternation for the stalwart doctor.

I'm hip to the fact that it all sounds corny and maudlin. But

sounding is one thing, digging on it is another bag entirely. I certainly receive a tremendous bang out of hearing from any narrow minded dude with mistaken, prefabricated preconceptions, who dares to see this beautiful little gem of a film. The dude, no doubt will leave uttering such moronic cliches as, "Jesus, Agnes, I told you it would be heavy."

I'm not ashamed to blatanely admit that one or two of its more poignant moments filled my eyes with tears. But don't get me wrong, this is not a sloppily sentimental corny onion peeling tear jerker. It is merely a simplistic pitch to human understanding and compassion. That in itself is worth crying for.

One final note. I hope to see more of "Wild Child's" wild child, Jean-Pierre Cargo in future film efforts. As the young savage, he is hauntingly impressive. Incidentally, Truffaut himself plays (though rather woodenly) the dedicated doctor.

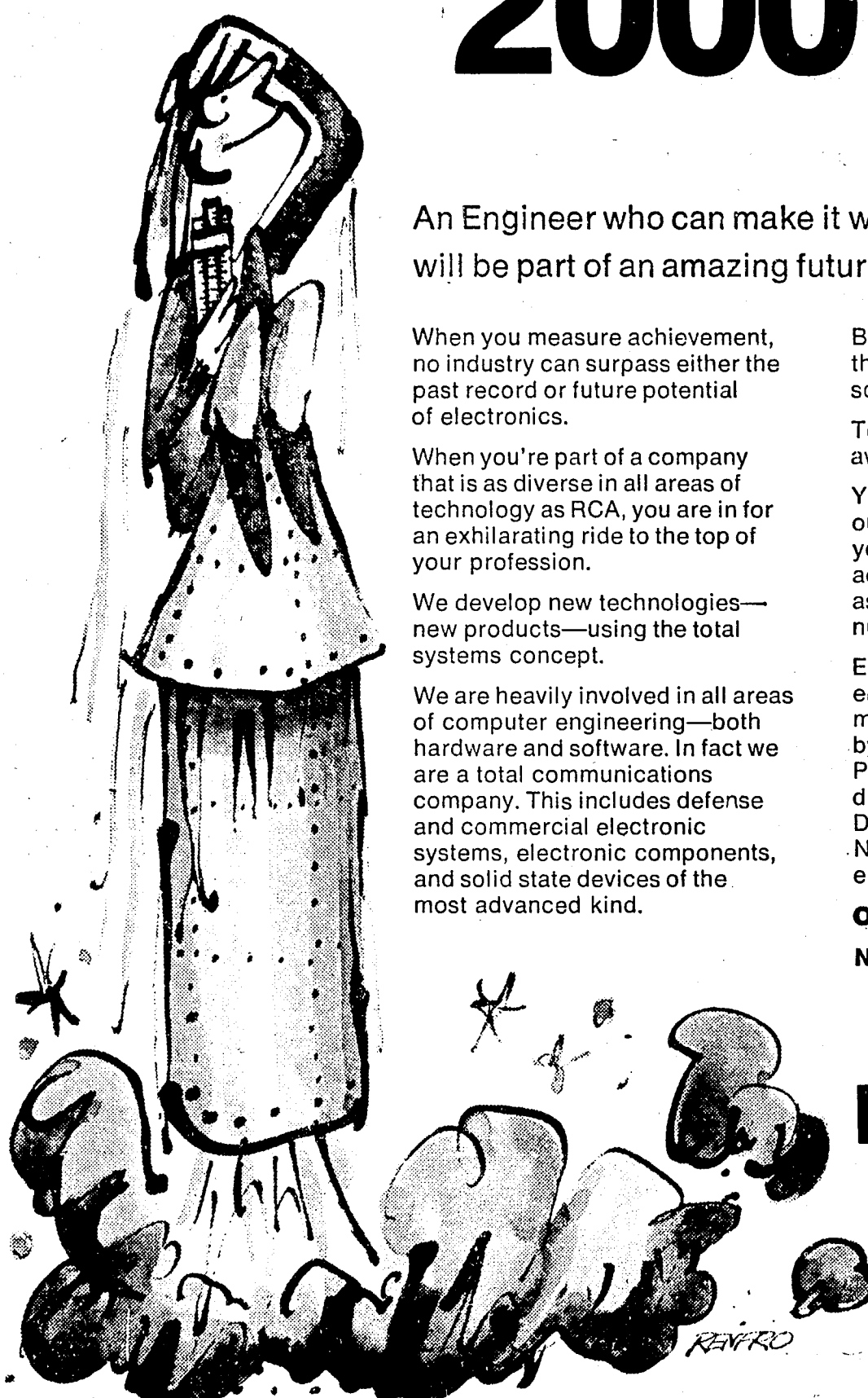
I can't really summarize my enthusiastic kudoos into a specific reason for digging it so much. I can only say that it succeeds so charmingly because it has been crafted and conceived so unpretentiously. This alone is worthy of resounding applause by those who realize the incredible amount of phoney celluloid being wasted by those seeking to exploit kids and their parents.

Viva Truffaut and his magic camera.

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