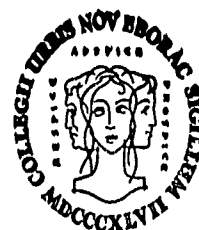


TECH NEWS



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December Moratorium: 'Home For Christmas'

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee has announced that one of its major efforts in December will be activity by students in their home towns during Christmas vacation. Activities suggested include canvassing neighborhoods, distributing leaflets to shoppers, organizing of high school students, sending delegations to elected officials, and holding vigils or processions on Christmas eve, one of the three Moratorium days this month.

Sam Brown, co-coordinator of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee said, "It would indeed be a tragedy to miss the opportunity to carry the anti-war movement from our university communities to our home towns. The work necessary to end the war in Vietnam cannot be restricted to the areas where we have already been active. We must 'Take the Moratorium



It is hoped that the Moratorium will spark greater interest.

Home for Christmas."

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee recently sent a spe-

cial memo to its more than 3,000 campus organizers urging them to devote their attention to this effort. Students were encouraged to contact other students from their home towns now on other campuses. In addition, they should contact existing peace groups or sympathetic persons in home towns to bring them into the planning with the hope that the Christmastime effort could have a lasting influence. Spokesmen for the Moratorium pointed out that many students will return to their towns again in January for between semester break and could expand upon the initial December activity then. Thus anti-war sentiment could be solidified or peace groups organized in many areas which have seen little anti-war activity to date.

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee sponsored the October 15 Moratorium, and the activities around the country on November 13 and 14. The Moratorium Days for December are the 12th, 13th and 24th. The entire focus for the month is on small scale, basically grass-roots activity which will be modest in scope. On the 12th and 13th, canvassing and leafletting will take place in many cities and towns across the nation. In addition, town meetings are being held in some localities to discuss the effect of defense and military spending upon local needs. Others are planning to visit the district office of their congressmen to discuss his position on the war and to make clear that support in the 1970 election will be assured only if the congressman opposes the war.

On the 24th, activities centering on the Christmas theme of "Peace on Earth" are planned. A group of prominent clergymen is being organized to relate the Moratorium to normal Christmas religious activities. Among the events which will take place are vigils, processions preceding church services, caroling which will emphasize "Peace on Earth," and special church services.

endorses the planned national meeting and sees it as potentially changing the history of tokenism with regards to Black student acceptance into medical school.

Dr. Knowles is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and General Director of Massachusetts General Hospital. He was nominated for the position of Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs within the Department of Health Education and Welfare, the post now being held by Dr. Roger Egeberg.

Knowles Speaks Today Grand Ballroom, 4 p.m.

The Black Science Students Organization of the City College of New York is sponsoring a lecture by Dr. John H. Knowles, at the City College of New York Finley Student Center Grand Ballroom on Thurs-

day, December 11, 1969 at 4:00 P.M. Dr. Knowles will speak on "Cost, Quality, and Equality in Medicine."



Working in their temporary office in S222, from left to right, Clarence Henry, Treasurer; Daniel Bradley and Alden Cockburn, Convention Committee, and Paul B. Simms, President.

The talk, co-sponsored by the Black American Medical and Dental Association of Students, will address a mixed audience of Black medical and undergraduate students and a number of physicians from the surrounding area of the College.

Dr. Knowles was invited to address the National Conference on Black Students in Medicine and the Sciences, but prior commitments prevent his ap-

Faculty Opposes Appointment

The Faculty Senate of The City College, at its meeting on Thursday, December 4, passed without dissent, the following resolution:

The colleges of the City of New York pioneered the introduction of the practice of electing departmental chairmen and it is ironic that at the very time when democratic procedures are finally taking root in the American University, The City University — with its present proposal to eliminate the practice of electing departmental chairmen — rejects the very principles its original colleges espoused and the very principles which contributed so much to their growth and their academic stature.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate of the City College of New York (the original College of the City University) opposes the principle that chairmen be appointed by the college president and herein declares that it will challenge any attempt to alter its present by-law right to elect departmental chairmen.

Be it further resolved that a Senate Committee be established to detail arguments for the preservation of the present democratic process and present these arguments to the BHE.

Birnbaum Resigns Vice Chancellorship

Chancellor Albert H. Bowker of the City University of New York today announced his acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Robert Birnbaum as vice chancellor for the executive office, effective January 4, 1970.

In making the announcement, Dr. Bowker noted "the outstanding contributions made to the university by Dr. Birnbaum during the five years he has been associated with its administration."

The Chancellor also announced that Dr. Birnbaum had agreed to continue his association with CUNY as director of the newly created Office for Research in Higher Education and as a special assistant to Dr. Bowker for special projects.

In addition to the research responsibilities of his new position, Dr. Birnbaum will work with the CUNY faculty to consider the development of a research institute or university-wide educational program for



Dr. Robert Birnbaum
Vice-Chancellor for the
Executive Office

the training of personnel in higher education. His office will also explore possible cooperative or consortium relationships with other institutions.

Ripon Report On Volunteer Army

An historic battle between President Nixon's advocacy of an all-volunteer military and the opposition of Sen. Edward Kennedy may be about to emerge, the progressive Republican Ripon Society said today. The President's Commission on the All Volunteer Force will report soon in favor of immediate steps toward an all professional army, Ripon predicted. Meanwhile, in a restatement of a long held position, Senator Kennedy has challenged the proposal.

Ripon charged that Kennedy is "too conservative" on the draft and urged the President to make the matter a subject of national discussion. "No issue other than the war itself is of such interest to young people," Ripon declared, "and on few other issues is Mr. Kennedy so vulnerable to logical rebuttal. For at least two years he has mouthed the same discredited arguments against the volunteer plan, all the while refusing to engage in debate on the subject. The President should take him on."

Ripon said that it agreed with Kennedy that the passage of the

lottery should not mean the end of draft reform, and in fact the Society also has long called for procedural changes in the Selective Service process. "But there Kennedy's reforms stop. He has no other positive suggestions on dealing with the serious moral and military challenge posed by a permanent system of conscription."

Ripon answered six specific questions with which Kennedy recently challenged the all volunteer proposal.

1. Kennedy asked, "Would it be an army of professional mercenaries?"
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Edward Soong

Who will survive "Tech News"????

Monica where are you???

Is there a conspiracy to oust left-
wingers?

When will Copeland stop acting
President ???

WHAT has JIM Landy done for the
school since taking office?

Berry Helpin is well and "alive"
in Brazil.

Mike Chayes where are you??????

Dorothy Blank, I dig your offspring

Subversives in the "New School"

Who is a Greatneck?

Notes From Under A Bronze Lion

By MING MAR

Sirs: Copulate every one of those Women's Liberation conspirators and we may yet keep our balls! It has come to my mind that these shriveled womb fanatics have not been getting enough publicity. What do they have to hide? Their publicity posters do not invite men. Of course that doesn't mean they don't like men. But then again the Onyx Society doesn't invite whites. Does that mean the blacks don't like whites? All I know is that a TECH NEWS reporter was thrown out of a Women's Liberation meeting.

Without even a scent of sexual equality, these flat bellied bull kickers have gone down the road molesting mom, apple pie, and the girl next door. Motherhood is slavery. Cooking is slavery. The girl next door is a whore.

So they claim they were indoctrinated since birth. They were given China face babies and wooden stoves and told that one day they would be replaced by real babies and real stoves. We were given tin soldiers to play with so that's why we're dodging the draft. They don't like the idea going around nine months carrying our seeds. If we had state operated people hatcheries maybe we wouldn't have to pay for child support.

America has really been bad to them hasn't SHE? Unequal opportunities? Mayhaps once upon a time. Not now. Plenty of opportunity at TECH NEWS. There are two girls on the paper, both have executive positions. That's 100 per cent of the girls holding executive positions versus 42 per cent of the men. Sex discrimination cut them out of a job? Why not try sitting in a mud hole on the front lines? They're right about being inequalities in the sexual establishment. Call me when reparations are made to all those guys who were thrown into alimony prison for being a little late on this month's payment of installment plan freedom.

So they say men look upon them only as an orgasm machine. I never knew they were vestal virgins. They are a minority only because others do not wish to join. Maybe the others have something these liberators lack.

The onset of technology has slowly gnawed away the basis of male supremacy: Strength. We still have an advantage in the number of our sex being employed. We can still count the men who have won Nobel prizes in science. We can still count the number of male heads of state. We can yet keep the comfort of supremacy.

The Women's Liberation movement may well be an insidious foundation of a future matriarchy. Remember that the majority of votes are women. There have been matriarchies before. These unnatural governments have long since died. What is known about the Women's liberation is nearly nothing. They have been violently critical of pornographic publishers. They have been violently critical of men. Acknowledging the ignorance, we can only discourage lower echelon members, suppress publicity of their functions, or maybe accuse members of lesbianism.

There are many prophets that see the world of the future to be one of an overly mechanized dehumanized society. They believe that the machine will ultimately take the place of man as the master and man will become the slave. We

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Notices

The CSA is presenting a lecture on the Appreciation to the Chinese and Japanese Theaters. The speaker will be Dr. Kon and *The Beautiful Ball* and *Kabuki* will be shown. Lecture will be held on Thursday, December 11th, 1969 at 12:30 PM in Finley 348.

The Mathematics Department will present a lecture on an elementary topic in Complex Variables on Thursday, December 18th, 1969 in room 135 Shepard beginning 12:30 P.M.

The Peace Corps will show a film "The Foreigners" in room 303 Cohen Library at 3 to 4 on Tuesday and 4 to 5 on Wednesday and 11 to 12 on Thursday. They will also have a half hour exam on Tuesday (438F) and Wednesday (121F) between 1 and 5. The Peace Corps will be on campus from December 10th to the 18th.

The Music Department will present a free concert on December 14th at 3 P.M. in the Great Hall. It is dedicated to peace and Robert Taylor, assistant to the President, who is retiring this Spring. The con-

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Politics And Tenure

In recent weeks, several faculty members in the departments of Sociology, Economics, Psychology, Art, and Romance Languages have been fired.

Among those who have been given the word are eight faculty members of the Sociology department, including Jay Shulman, spokesman for Faculty For Action, Michael Silverstein and Arnold Birenbaum, both of whom are known for their popularity with students.

We find it disturbing that all of those dismissed have been active politically on campus. Is it mere coincidence that the list includes members of the faculty who have been consistently outspoken with regard to the major college issues? Is it only by chance that those fired are the most daring, the most experimental — the most unconventional teachers in the college?

It seems obvious that a definite pattern has been set. However, we firmly disagree with the opportunistic elements on campus who are using the dismissals as a convenient flag — a rallying point for a host of pseudo-Left causes.

These pathetic attempts to utilize popular front tactics will only turn off the majority of the student body — the vast numbers of concerned students who oppose political firings but cannot see the connection between Joseph Copeland and United States foreign policy. The Left at City College should remember that not everyone has accepted their tired rhetoric — that the Establishment devils secretly control everything from Wall Street to Vietnam to the Sociology Department.

We urge students, therefore, to address themselves to the issue at hand in an open, and honest matter.

Support academic freedom! Support clear thinking!

IMPORTANT MEETING OF TECH NEWS STAFF NEXT

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New Left Stand Challenged

By MICHAEL HARRINGTON

Michael Harrington is the chairman of the Socialist Party, he'll be participating in a teach-in on the Middle East, Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Columbia University - Harkness Theater.

WASHINGTON — For the first time in years the anti-Israel attitude of the New Left is being challenged on campus. A Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East has already attracted a broad spectrum of student opinion — liberals, democratic socialists, religious groups — to a balanced, sane view of one of the world's most explosive crisis areas.

The nation first became aware of the New Left's hostility to Israel at the New Politics Conference in Chicago in 1967. At that meeting, where the black militants demanded and won 80 per cent of the votes, the delegates came out sharply on the side of the Arabs. Many people were shocked, including some of the original supporters of the New Politics gathering, since the democratic and socialist values of Israel had always attracted American support from the left.

There were two basic sources of this turn by the New Left, one of them related to the radicalization of young Negroes, the other a function of a fashionable, and superficial, theory.

When the Black movement became more bitter in 1966 and 1967 — essentially because the war in Vietnam had made it impossible for Lyndon B. Johnson to deliver on his bold promises — the youthful militants looked around the world for allies. To be a 12 per cent or 13 per cent minority of the American population meant that one could never realistically hope to triumph over the rest of the society. But if one could identify with the vast majority of mankind and see the struggle in America as part of a global conflict, then there was hope.

It was this simplification of the entire world into two blocs, the whites and the nonwhites, which made the Negroes sympathetic to the Arabs. This was an ironic choice since the Arabs had been prominent in the slave trade and since they have a close racial affinity to most Israelis. But these disturbing facts were simply forgotten.

This militant black attitude was part of a large mood on the New Left which touched white radicals too. Making a basic revision of Marx, Mao and Lin Biao saw the revolution as a struggle between the cities of the world and the countryside, between the advanced nations and the peasant masses of the developing countries. The American students who accepted this definition did not have to worry about being relatively weak in the United States. They were, after all, the representa-

tives of mankind itself.

But in fact there is, of course, no such unity of the nonwhite world. The massacre of the Indonesian Communist Party was carried out by nonwhites against nonwhites and so is the civil war in Biafra; the expulsion of Indians from various African countries was the work of blacks. There is, in short, no simple color code which solves all political problems. It is necessary to determine what kinds of policies white men and black men carry out before you can decide to support, or oppose, them.

And that is why the emergence of a democratic leftist movement for the rational discussion of the Middle East is so important to Israel, as these students freely admit, is not perfect. Yet it has maintained democratic institutions throughout a 21-year state of siege and it has worked wonders of economic development and social progress. A renewal of the war in the Middle East could threaten that accomplishment but it most certainly will not feed and clothe the Arab masses.

If one does indeed identify with those millions of Arabs who are afflicted by poverty and disease, their salvation depends on peace and the possibility of sharing Israel's skill and knowledge.

Israeli Club

Like the many other social and ethnic clubs of CCNY, the Israeli Club was created by a few interested students who wish to unite, by one means or another, all those students of CCNY who were either born in Israel, have spent a year or two there, or have any kind of interest in the country and its goals. Members will be able to meet and exchange their ideas in an atmosphere of warmth and friendship.

On its agenda for this and the upcoming semesters, the club has planned a Chanuka party Friday December 5th to be held in Finley student Center; lectures on Israeli universities and what they have to offer to Americans and American-Israeli students on a yearly basis; a debate concerning Middle East politics as well as many other events. Literature on these various topics will be supplied and members will be able to enjoy the latest in Israeli music. Members who are not fluent in Hebrew will be able to become proficient in the language through the creation of various Hebrew conversation study groups.

We welcome all those interested and invite you to leave a note in our mail box in the information office of Finley Center, so that you may be included on the club's mailing list. We wish as well to extend our best wishes for a happy and a healthy Chanukah.

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Notice . . .

New York State Civil Service "Walk-In" examination will be given December 17, Wednesday in Finley 438 at 9:15 a.m. and at 12:15. Exam takes about two and a half hours.

See Mr. L. Cooley for test sample and details at the Placement Office.

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cert will perform Antonio Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso for Strings in E Major and Gustav Mahler's Five Songs with Orchestra and Joseph Haydn's Mass in B Flat Major, "Helligmesse" (1798).

The Department of History will be holding a faculty convocation regarding the future plans of the Board of Higher Education. Mr. Henry I. Hillson, the Director of the College Round Program and the person who is probably the single most knowledgeable person in the city on the quality of the students that we may expect under open enrollment, will talk about some of the most recent problems regarding not only open enrollment but governance and academic freedom. The floor will be open for questions and discussion on these issues. The convocation will be held on Tuesday, December 16th at 3 P.M. in Faculty Room 200 Shepard Hall.

The CCNY Women's Liberation is meeting Thursday, December 11th from 12 to 2 in Mott 203.

Sex Education, College Style will be presented Monday, December 15th between 3 and 5 P.M. in the Finley Grand Ballroom. The speaker will be Dr. Mary Lane, the Clinical Director of the Margaret Sanger Clinic. The topic will be birth control.

"U.S.A. — Who Speaks for the Arabs?" will be the topic of discussion by Irwin Suall, Director of Domestic Fact-Finding Anti-Defamation League, on Thursday, December 11th, 424 F at 12:15. Sponsored by the Jewish Student Union, Young People's Socialist League and Young Democrats.

TO THE FACULTY AND STAFF:

We are asking for contributions from the Faculty and staff of the College to help defray the costs of the National Conference on Black Students in Medicine and Science.

Make all tax deductible contributions payable to Alumni Assn. — Black Medical Conference Fund — and bring them to Shepherd 222. Thank you.

PAUL B. SIMMS, Black Science Students Organization

Poems . . .

By DAVID EISIG

We explode against the sky
In polka-dots of passion;
Our lives,
Red and blue,
Shy like school kids
Murmur with each other;
The words before the rain.

As a child
His world was a cannon ball
Rolling down a gangplank,
Falling down a water well,
To crush the spider
That ruled inside of the world.

And soon he'll charge
Like a half mad bull
Against a dummy
In a red cape
And silver buckles
Which calls him to noble war
And courage,
And never see the sword,
Or the amused smile of the crowd.

Bronze Lion . . .

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see this in the science fiction classic "Metropolis." This is obviously an incorrect view.


This society may be mechanizing but not overly mechanizing. Everywhere there is opposition to mechanization. Nobody likes to find out that they are obsolete.

As for our dehumanization, the fact that numbers are substituted for our names do not make us any less human. There is no difference in being filed alphabetically or numerically. It is very hard to think of a sheet of paper as being a human.

What we do see happening is that even though there exists an ever increasing demand for more powerful cars, brighter color boob tubes, and sharper razor blades, the general populace is increasingly becoming belligerent towards the scientists and engineers. These technocrats are mistakenly blamed for the military-industrial complex, environmental pollution, and in general for letting technology get out of hand. This belligerence has brought about the prevention of construction of nuclear generators and the like. A sort of **Brave New World** complex.

What we have is a society partly automated and largely deteriorating. Partly automated because of the pressures by industry to cut costs. Deteriorating because of the sky rocketing price of maintenance forced by union pressures to keep employed. We also have a society increasingly able to bug, snoop, and peek by electronic means (1984?) The New York City Police Department has installed television cameras in key positions around the city to keep an eye on crowds.

A little thought will bring out what the correct way of protesting is. Certainly it is not by taking over a building. The reaction of observers are to overlook the issue and concentrate on the action. Again, it is not by confrontation. This results in resentment by the confronted party. It is not by civil disobedience either, that is too slow (note the slow progress of the civil rights movement). It is not by demonstrations, that takes too long also (how long has the Vietnam War been going on?). Then what is the correct way of protesting? One of my teachers said she was new in a certain course and invited suggestions. I didn't like her teaching methods and told her so in a letter enclosed in a term paper. I have learned one thing: never enclose a letter criticizing the teacher in a term paper. As for the correct way of protesting, there isn't one.



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In The Mail . . .

Black Racist?

To the Editor:

Paul Simms' "From a Black Chair" dated Dec. 4th is probably the worst piece of self-righteous, bigoted, racist shit it has ever been my displeasure to see in print. Under the guise of journalism, TECH NEWS has allowed Mr. Simms a soap box from which to espouse a Black Supremist, Militant, anti-White, anti-Semitic point of view which any reputable paper would never allow.

Certainly Jews were outraged when an anti-Semitic poem was read over the air and an anti-Semitic brochure circulated the city. (Both, incidentally, coming from Black quarters.) If Mr. Simms expects the Jews to be equally outraged over Black suppression, and angry with them when they are not, he is not only a racist, but a damn fool as well.

Where is the Black outcry against Nigeria—talk about systematically slaughtering Blacks; where is the Black outcry against Moslem slave and extermination practices. Perhaps Mr. Simms would like to forget that

Israel is the only nation to openly support and aid the Ibo's in their struggle for independence. To recognize this fact, however, would be inconsistent with Mr. Simm's views.

Will you, Mr. Simms, blame the Jews if they are not outraged for you?

You write: The Biafrans and Nigerians don't talk; they fight. The Vietnamese don't talk, they fight. From this you conclude that the Blacks in America should also fight. This conclusion misses a fundamental point. The Biafrans and Nigerians fight because to lay down their weapons would mean death for them. In America, however, the only ones who want to do any killing are people who think like you, Mr. Simms; a frame of mind that reeks of paranoia.

Will a newspaper not exercise control over its writers? Will a newspaper silently acquiesce to print select facts, half truths and outright lies? Such a newspaper should quickly lose its credibility, readership and public funds.

John Laughlin
Lehman College
New York City

Report From Copter 710

On Thursday, December 4, 1969, Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, presented a talk on the traffic situation in New York City. The guest speaker was George Meade who flies helicopter 710 for WOR Radio. He makes those two minute reports that tell of bottlenecks and provide possible alternatives. Mr. Meade pointed out that our city fathers have accomplished getting motorists faster to the boundaries of Manhattan Island but traffic still gets tied up entering the limited number of tunnels and bridges. He felt that congestion could be relieved by building more ways to go above or be-

low the rivers. He also suggested that the heavy traffic on the West Side Drive could be relieved if more lanes could be built on land reclaimed from the Hudson. Some of the more important problems he discussed were the breakdown of tractor-trailer trucks and the failure of tow trucks to take care of stalled cars in a reasonable amount of time. Another problem is that of people travelling in opposite lanes who slow down to look at accidents.

Mr. Meade flies his helicopter at altitudes way above commercial traffic. His biggest worry are guys showing their girlfriends New York City at 1,000 feet. He said that he prefers flying and admitted that he drives like a timid old man when he has to travel on our highways.

How Now, Dow?

MIDLAND, Mich. — (CPS) — Dow Chemical, sparkplug for countless demonstrations on university campuses in the last three years, has stopped making napalm.

Company spokesmen said the American government awarded the contract for the jellied gasoline several weeks ago to another company, American Electric of Los Angeles, when Dow was an unsuccessful bidder for the new contract.

Last year, Dow's board chairman, Carl Gerstacked pledged that the Company would continue to make napalm as long as the government needed it.

The contract was worth about \$10,000,000.

Notice . . .

Friday, December 12

12:30 P.M. — Solid State Physics Seminar, Dr. J. S. Ho, of Batehlie Memorial Institute, will speak on "Calorimetric Studies of Superconductivity Transitions in Ti-Mo Alloys." Room 802 in Hut in front of Shepard.

3 P.M. to 6 P.M. — Film. "Grapes of Wrath." Sponsored by FPA. Grand Ballroom, Finley. Repeated at 8 P.M.

7:30 P.M. to Midnight — Cafe Finley. "Sonny Terry." Sponsored by FPA. \$1.00 Admission. Includes coffee and donuts. Snack Bar, Finley Center.

Game Of Chess

By MICHAEL MARKOVITZ

How goes the game once criss crossed examined?

Eyed the pawns into proper place progress.

The days spent waiting for the move complete;

Shuffling reluctant pieces across the board.

They fall upon the glassy board eyed out,

Unsuspecting the game in which they play.

Be weaved among the pieces courageous pawn

Of unsteady fancy, uncertain whim.

Slid along your pawn worn flat bottom;

Round crown gleaming in heaven reaching.

Victory for another — for you the box

Whose eclipse is the end of a long game.

Without ever a rebel endeavor

Together, heaven, eternally pawns.

Volunteer Army Or Mercenaries

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cenaries as such armies are called in other countries?" Ripon termed the question, "a red herring."

"Britain and Canada are the main countries with professional militaries now," Ripon noted, "and we challenge Mr. Kennedy to provide evidence that the soldiers in those nations are described officially or unofficially as 'mercenaries.' We suggest the Senator is trying to prejudice the discussion before it starts."

2. Mr. Kennedy also asked rhetorically, "Would it be all black and all poor, as the army induced volunteers through higher pay, and as re-enlistment statistics suggest?"

Ripon answered, "Many experts on poverty, such as the United Auto Workers' Citizens Crusade Against Poverty and economist Dr. Walter Oi of the University of Rochester, feel that draft abolition actually would benefit the disadvantaged, since many of the young men with the potential to become leaders in slum areas would be able to do so instead of being drafted as most are today. The Citizens Crusade Against Poverty also rightly observes that the allegation of threatened racial imbalance in an all-volunteer force is based on the false assumption that money is what most attracts blacks to the services. Actually, the promise of steady and discrimination-free work is much more of an incentive. Raising pay in the military would help those blacks who do enlist and at the same time, as a study by Dr. Oi confirms, would increase competition for military jobs from other elements in the population for whom the disincentive of low pay has discouraged enlistments and re-enlistments in the past; namely, the middle class whites."

Kennedy asked, "Would it cost from \$4 to \$17 billion additional each year, as Defense Department studies indicate?" The answer, says Ripon, is no; what's more, it declared, "Kennedy's quotation of DOD statistics is misleading. The \$17 billion figure was pure speculation, as the DOD admitted. Further, the figures are four years old. Most other informed estimates, including a report that was suppressed by the Johnson Administration, suggest that the figure of \$4 billion is the most likely one. Most of this cost involves paying soldiers at a fair wage rather than at the artificially low current rates maintained by conscription."

4. Kennedy wanted to know whether the volunteer military "Would . . . act as a stimulus to undertake foreign military adventures, as its leadership cadre sought to give effect to its military training and experience?" This argument Ripon termed "ignorant of the present facts," which are that we already have a professional military at the leadership level. "Does Mr. Kennedy think that volunteer privates, more than drafted privates, would change policy formulation higher up?"

5. "Would we lose an important constraint on foreign policy decisions because civilians would not then have to run the risk of involvement in limited military efforts?" the Senator asks. "Here again," Ripon answered, "the Senator assumes present conditions, which, in fact, don't exist. Draftees or volunteers, either, don't affect pol-

icy decisions; older people, past active soldiering, do that. In practice, there is no evidence that a nation like Canada with a professional army is more adventuresome militarily than a nation like ours with a conscript army."

6. Another argument by Kennedy suggested that a volunteer military "Would . . . widen the gulf between the civilian and the military, as it lost the leaven of being a citizen's army." Ripon said, "Training, not personnel, is crucial to this question. Moreover, the problem, if it does exist, can be obviated by using short term enlistments to increase civilian turnover and by increasing the present trend towards use of civilian instructors and institutions for military training."

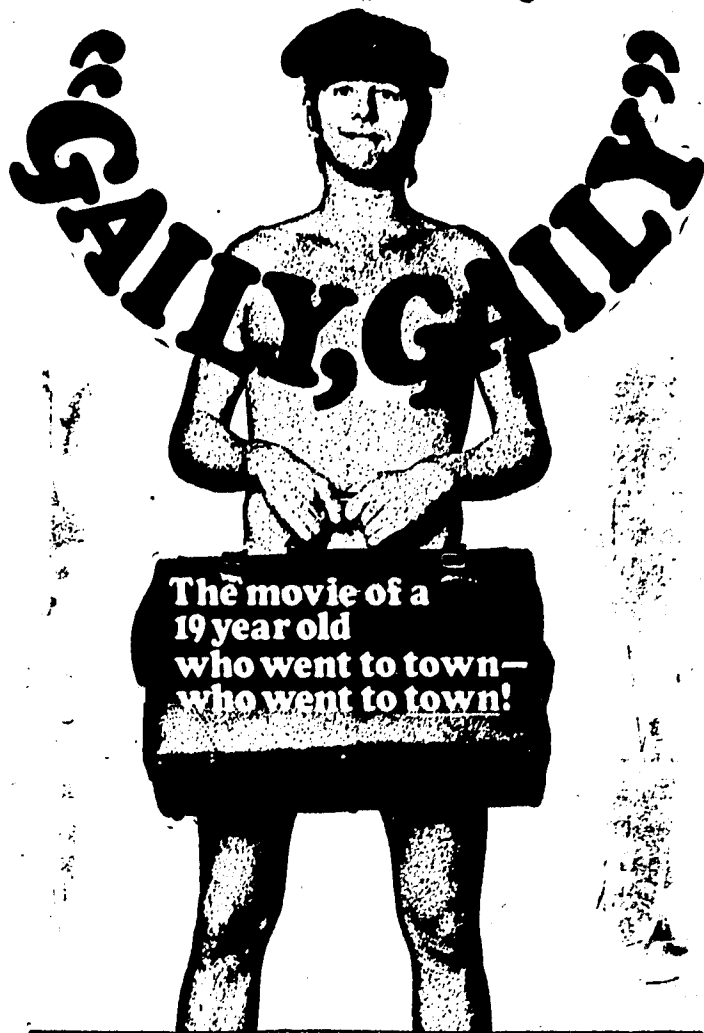
7. Finally, in what Ripon termed "the phoniest argument of all," Kennedy asked "How would such an army (of volunteers) react in Song My? How would it react after Song My?" Saidp Rion, "Song My was a manifestation of the present army's failure to inculcate humanitarian principles in its training. Most of the men who did the shooting, in fact, were draftees. The lieutenant in charge may have had career military ambitions, but he had not had academy or even ROTC training. A true career man,

properly trained, will know the difference between legal and illegal orders.

The Ripon Society has issued a series of position papers since 1966 advocating a volunteer military, selective conscientious objection and reforms of selective service system procedures. The most recent of these was in "Bring Us Together" a special report to the President on the 18-30 generation. President Nixon has asked representatives of the Ripon Society and Senator Howard Baker, Jr., the co-sponsor of the study, to discuss the recommendations with him in a meeting December 16.

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