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We Seem

by jonny neumann

Not everything is absurd. The political situation in the country is obviously very complicated and confusing, but there are distinctions we can realize and we can make sense out of certain issues which demand attention and action. We cannot, for example, allow the entire My Lai-Calley-Nixon horror to go unchallenged. We cannot forget the original news reports from Vietnam—as so many people seem to have forgotten or ignored—that the man whom Richard Nixon freed from the stockade last week not only killed an entire town of innocent people, but he smiled and laughed and joked in the classic American redneck way as he murdered “the gooks.” We cannot forget that thousands of other American soldiers are still locked in US Army stockades because they have refused to kill in Vietnam.

But first of all, we must ourselves wake up and grow out of the stale, timid and dangerous political haze in which we seem to have lost ourselves. The Calley trial should have hit hard enough to make us realize again that there is a real world which must be questioned and changed. The trial should have shown us that we have a responsibility to other people and to ourselves to think and act. We have the responsibility to see what is really happening in this country and to break down the commonly accepted but perverted views of politics, of morality and even of ourselves. We must cut through the clichés and the standard rhetoric to face the sickening situation we have put ourselves in. We must begin again to believe in freedom and to want freedom. We seem to have forgotten what freedom is. To be free is to think and act, not simply to be allowed to think and act. If we do not have freedom it is because we do not take, not because it is not there. Freedom does not exist; it is people being vibrant and moving, making choices, distinctions, decisions and doing something about them. It means taking responsibility for what one does, the way Lt. Calley did not. It means not accepting stupid orders, not only military commands but any unnatural orders which do not make sense.

Over the past few years, we have brought ourselves to believe that all actions by the Government are the same—they are oppressive; that all politicians are the same—they are power-hungry but powerless; and that all political actions we take are the same—they are good but ineffective. We are destroying any possible distinctions to describe and understand the basic condition of the country. Some people have declared that America is a fascist state, which puts us in an absolute condition over

which we can have no control and which cannot become any worse. As things become worse, that blind view of fascism becomes more dangerous.

Others have seen the nation as one big circus, a sloppy parade, a bad joke. To them, only the ludicrous has value and the War and massacres and poverty all become wrapped into one large box of absurdities which can only be laughed at if we are to keep our sensibilities. And as the atrocities become more horrifying, our sensibilities grow more dead.

Still others, the majority in fact, have closed their eyes to it all, ignoring the good, the bad, and the disgusting. We have learned to appreciate only the fascinating, the new twists, the outrageous—while remaining cold and complacent to the real basic issues. Our heroes have been people of no substance and of no serious convictions: George Wallace and William Calley, or Charles Manson and Abbie Hoffman. We have come to a point of almost being smug in our recognition and respect for people not because of what they say or feel or do, but because of the apparent courage or ingenuity they use to express themselves. For example, once it was apparent that Calley was becoming a hero, the former Green Beret Robert Marasco finally conceded to television audiences that he had personally killed a South Vietnamese double agent two years ago (a crime for which he was never tried because the Defense department dropped the charges).

We have developed a remarkable ability to overlook what is basic, solid, real. We assign simple classifications and images to everything—to our own political status: for example, right and left wing, old and young, black and white. Not that such distinctions do not exist, but we manage to cling to those superficial definitions, believing them about other people and ourselves as if there were nothing else. I, for example, am a young student radical on the left, which limits not only the way a stranger will view me (and obviously must set up the reader to make assumptions about even what I am saying now), but as long as I am aware of my position, it limits the way I see myself.

We have attached the same easy catch-words to ideas and feelings, such as morality and conscience. Some see morality as honor or national responsibility, having little to do with human compassion. Which is why, in the eyes of many people who believe they are honest, Lt. Calley did not commit an immoral act. In fact, such a view of morality can also explain why there is no inconsistency—although there appears a great irony—in the fact that

adamant hawks before the Calley trial are now turning against the War. Those people always believed that the War was morally sound because it was in the better interest of American honor. Now, after the world-wide admission of the My Lai massacre, it would be better for the honor of America to leave Vietnam to save its morality.

Others see morality only in terms of compassion, having little to do with responsibility to other people. Which may help to explain why so many well-meaning people who believe that Calley did commit an immoral act, have done so little themselves to fight the War. There have always been those who condemned the daily murdering in Vietnam as immoral. But many have been overcome by guilt and have not been able to see their own inaction against the War as immoral. At this point, the word morality seems to become a very muddled definition of something horrible that is being done far away out of our control. Like the “honor” definition of morality, it too seems to drift off of the ground when it comes to facing morality in oneself.

But the Calley massacre trial has, for a brief moment anyway, stripped us naked of those superficial classifications and images. The event was one of those rare, powerful shocks which caught us by the guts and gave us a glimpse of our real selves. Many liberals and conservatives and even radicals reacted similarly to the guilty verdict—and for a few seconds there was a question as to who was on whose side. Some of the false divisions fell, and one group felt that Calley was unfairly made into a “scape-goat,” while another alliance of liberals, conservatives, etc., believed that the verdict was justified. Where then do you draw the distinctions between the conservative and the liberal?

But it doesn't matter. Labels and types will not be crucial to stopping the killing, and that of course, is now the paramount concern of all people: those who want morality with honor or compassion. The boundaries must be crossed, new approaches made, and talks begun—between the contending forces in America. The Calley trial presents that opportunity, allowing all sides to shed the guilt and even to welcome back the draft resisters, motivated by moral anger to leave their homeland to find freedom. Once more, it's a time to question ourselves and to re-examine our stale notions of freedom. But it's also a chance for new alliances that will box Nixon and his helpers into the White House and keep them there until the people open the cage.

Mastering the Draft

John Striker and Andrew Shapiro



To the Editor

Stoneham Replies

Dear Mr. Grad,

In your Vol. 49, No. 5 Thursday, March 11 issue of *Observation Post* in the article by Steve Simon it is stated that "documents" tie me to so-called "war research." Before any confusion begins, at least in my case, my own personal research is in number theory and has absolutely nothing to do with this type of research. I was asked to only look at the mathematics in a Ph. D thesis of a student working under Prof. Menkes. I was never told the nature of the project or that it was in any way "war connected." I abhor working on weapons of destruction and 20 years ago I quit a summer job for this reason.

Please see that these facts are clear to your reading audience.

Thank You, I am

Prof. R. G. Stoneham

typists note: All scientific research pure or applied eventually finds itself eventually into military applications, sometimes in the most unexpected ways. The real question is are you for the system or against it?

1 Buck Over the Line

OPEN LETTER

To whom it may concern,

We are students at C.C.N.Y. and we've been robbed. Openly and blatantly in front of the entire school population. And to you, my Dear "representative" School Senate—Fuck You! In case you're wondering, we're referring to the Student Activity Fee of \$1.00, which was extorted under false pretenses, under the guise of sponsoring a BIG-NAME concert. In our humble opinion, a referendum should have been conducted to determine the

preferences of the student body.

Don't submit to this flagrant violation of human rights. Rebel! Boycott the concert and demand your dollar back!

Indignantly yours,
Steven Munchnick
Alan Rossenwasser
Gary Shapiro

Message from DAK

To the Editor:

After Charles Nemeroff's gruelling twenty month persecution as one of the CCNY 6 mentioned in your article of February 4; we feel obliged to point out to the student community at large, the lengths Mr. Nemeroff has gone to fight Amerika. Brother Nemeroff, prominent strike committee member, and head of security in last year's strike, has been described by the late Alfred Conrad as "a radical's radical." While all you fat-ass liberals sitting on your fucking butts have been doing shit about the repression, racism, and murder of our brothers and sisters, Charlie Nemeroff, disgusted with your bullshit rhetoric, has left New York for the greater battle now being fought in our sister community, Boston. Beware garbage revolutionaries if you are not there at his side when he returns. You too can be crushed by the well-oiled machine of criminal insanity.

The D.A.K. FOR THE People

do you mind
my mind
minding my own
mind's business,
mined from deep within
a mine of ideas?

Or do you feel
the feelings
felt by feelers
in a new found land of antipathy?
—alan frankel

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Q: In one of your columns you gave the rules for transferring a physical (or induction). Is there any real disparity among the various physical examination stations, that is, in terms of their overall rejection rates for examinees?

A: Yes, the most recent figures available disclose wide disparities not only between adjacent states but also between Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Stations (AFEES) within a single state.

Take Connecticut and Massachusetts for example. The Army recently reported an annual rejection rate of 34.9% in Connecticut; while neighboring Massachusetts rejected 48.3% in the same year. Excluding some incidental causes for rejection, these overall percentages can be broken down between medical failure and mental failure. In Connecticut 3.3% flunked the mental tests, compared with 3.8% in Massachusetts (both of these groups were medically qualified). These percentages are significant in relation to Connecticut's 25.2% rejection rate solely on medical grounds, compared with a corresponding 40.6% rate for Massachusetts.

Thus, while Connecticut had a mental rejection rate more than double that of Massachusetts, Connecticut had a medical rejection rate nearly half that of Massachusetts. The Army observed of such inverse relationships: "Strange as it may seem, low disqualification rates for mental reasons—suggesting relatively better socioeconomic status—coincide with relatively high disqualification rates for medical reasons, and vice versa. Several factors suggest themselves as an explanation. The primary factor for these differences might be 'awareness' (or 'sophistication')—about the existence of potentially disqualifying defects. . . ."

As with most generalizations, the inverse relationship just described does not hold true in all cases. Take the two AFEES in the state of Washington. With virtually identical rejection rate on mental grounds, the two AFEES had wide variations in the percentage of men rejected on medical grounds—24.9% medically rejected in Seattle as compared with 39.6% in Spokane.

The state of New York has one of the highest overall rejection rates in the country: 46.2%. Within the state, however, the overall rate ranges from 33.2% (Buffalo), to 36.5% (Syracuse), to 38% (Ft. Hamilton), to 39.4% (Albany), to 52.2% (N.Y.C.).

No such disparities exist among the three AFEES in California. Oakland had an overall rejection rate of 41.9%, while Fresno and L.A. tipped in at 42.3% and 41.6% respectively.

Dr. HipPocrates

Eugene Schoenfeld, M.D.

Dear Dr. Schoenfeld:

We have heard from various sources that it is possible to receive advance payment (in the neighborhood of \$600) for the sale of our bodies to medical schools. They would use our cadavers for research and instructional purposes.

Do you have the information necessary to lead us to doing this? I would like to donate my body for this purpose anyway, but we could use the money to help put me through college. My wife and I have three children.

I am majoring in Forest Resources Management and need the money to transfer to another university to complete my degree. Also, I need a new camera.

J.A.

Answer: According to the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco, cadavers are gratefully accepted but no payment is ever made. Nor does any other medical school anywhere pay for bodies. You've just been hearing very common but very false rumors.

Dear Dr. Schoenfeld:

About the chick that wants to know if she should wear a bra or not—no bra, if she follows certain rules. This means exercising the muscles that normally hold up the breasts. These you can find described in any beauty book that gives exercises for breast development.

Now if she starts wearing a bra all the time, sure enough every time she takes it off her boobs will sag to her waist. That's because the bra is doing the work of these muscles and the muscles stay underdeveloped. I'm very heavy breasted and haven't worn a bra in 10 years. I'm in my forties and short-waisted and my boobs are still well above my waist.

Also if these muscles are well developed when you are pregnant, nursing will not hurt their shape. My grandmother never wore a bra—she thought them sinful! I agree. About the only disadvantage of going without a bra and being heavy breasted is in

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In the Southwest, however, wide disparities abound in overall rejection rates: Denver (34.7%), Phoenix (50.1%), Ft. Douglas, Utah (34.8%), Oklahoma City (22.7%), New Orleans (48.4%), Albuquerque (33.2%), Houston and Amarillo (45.2%), but El Paso (36.9%).

Q: I think I may have blown the lottery. My number is 161, which I figured would be safe with my board in 1970, so I gave up my deferment on purpose, and became I-A in the winter of '70. Then, I found out my board already passed 161 way earlier in '70. So I started appealing, which I'm still doing, and wound up in the Extended Priority group in 1971. What can happen to me?

A: The outcome depends upon whether your board has to order for induction prior to April 1 someone in Extended Priority with a lottery number higher than yours. If so, then you would have been drafted but for the delay created by your appeal. Therefore, you will be drafted as soon as the delay ends (assuming you wind up I-A). Should the delay result in a renewed deferment, you may be drafted as soon as that deferment ends (unless you have made it past age 26).

Suppose, however, your board did not have to reach 161 within the Extended Priority group. Then, regardless of how your appeal turns out, you will be eligible for lower priority in the lottery pool, affording you virtual immunity from the draft.

Q: Recently, I made it into the 'second priority' lottery group. (My number is 209.) Should I stay I-A now? What if I get deferred again? What difference will that make?

A: Barring any all-out national mobilization, you will be safe in class I-A. The draft board will simply never go through its new first priority group and have to dig into a lower priority group like yours.

If you sit still in class I-A, then on each succeeding December 31, you will automatically sink into lower and lower groups: e.g., third priority, fourth priority, etc. Each such group affords you the luxury of further protection, since a new higher group must first be exhausted before your group can ever be reached.

If, however, you gain a deferment and keep it for a few years, you will return to second priority—rather than third or fourth—when the deferment expires. In other words, you keep sinking in priority only if you remain I-A on the last day of each year.

Please send your questions and comments to "Mastering the Draft," Suite 1202, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Eugene Schoenfeld, M.D.

running. Since I stay pretty much away from peace demonstrations, this hasn't been too much of a disadvantage.

Bras do the same to your breasts as girdles do to your stomach and rear end. Neither is desirable.
Beverly

Dear Dr. Schoenfeld:

I am a 15 year old girl with an apparent problem. Three years ago I began having my period which continued fairly regularly for almost two years. For the last year I haven't had it at all.

I have never had sexual intercourse so I could not be pregnant.

Lisa

Answer: Menstrual irregularities are common during adolescence and often girls will go for months without a period. But a year is a long time so I would advise you to consult a gynecologist soon.

By the way, several pregnancies in virgins have been verified in recent times. They occurred when semen was ejaculated near the vaginal opening.

Readers often ask where they can find a book with useful information about drugs. An excellent way to start is by reading Dr. Joel Fort's *THE PLEASURE SEEKERS*, a Black Cat (Grove Press) paperback, \$9.5. Individuals in the drug education field usually have definite viewpoints and Joel's book certainly conveys his strong feelings about the "drug problem." *BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS* said of *THE PLEASURE SEEKERS*, "Dr. Fort, who is among the nation's most prominent authorities not only on drugs but on the entire youth subculture, is one of the very few 'experts' kids listen to. Dr. Fort's book, probably the best currently available on the subject, is an enlightening and provocative introduction to the drug scene for adults who really want to understand it."

Humm. Wonder what kind of gardens now interest that magazine?

Faculty Council Approves School of Ethnic Studies

The College has committed itself to developing a new School of Ethnic Studies in three years.

The commitment is a clear result of a faculty decision two weeks ago to create four departments of ethnic studies in the fall for the College's largest student groups.

The new programs, of Afro-American, Jewish, Puerto Rican and Asian Studies had been sought by student activists and pushed by President Robert Marshak.

For Marshak, who assumed his post last fall, the vote of the liberal arts and sciences Faculty Council amounted to a vote of confidence in his administration. The vote also carried reminders of the tensions which erupted on the campus two years ago.

"I hope as a result of the creation of these departments," he said, "there will be a general relaxation on the campus and that



Osborne Scott

these departments will enable students to achieve an ethnic or group identity, about which they feel so strongly."

The new programs will be run on a three-year trial basis, and if they prove successful, he said the departments of Afro-American, Asian and Puerto Rican Studies would be placed in a new School of Ethnic Studies.

The Jewish Studies department would remain within the liberal arts school by mutual consent, Dr. Marshak said, because the others had a "certain commonality not shared by whites."

"I hope that there will be very close cooperation between departments so that students will become aware of their common humanity," he added. Majors in the new departments will be required to pass an "intercultural survey course" dealing with the history of New York's major ethnic groups.

Student-faculty committees will be appointed to plan curriculum and nominate chairmen of the departments.

The chairmen will serve on a separate committee, headed by an associate dean, to appoint the equivalent of three full-time professors for each department. The dean will be responsible for guiding the new programs and their eventual transition into a full-fledged school of ethnic studies.

A School of Black and Puerto Rican Studies had been one of the key demands of students who seized South Campus two years ago. As a compromise, the Urban and Ethnic Studies (UES) department was created. A target of student protest, it has now been replaced by the four new programs.

At the faculty meeting, UES chairman Osborne Scott

denounced the proposed replacements as a "political expedient." He predicted that they would "run into the same problems as I did, competing for funds that are not there."

After a few other faculty members indicated they had academic reservations to the departments, Professor Stanley Warren (Chmn., Speech) noted, "I'm a little tired of these intellectual discussions about ethnic studies. The faculty accepted the idea two year ago. The only problem now is the structure."

While the change requires the approval of the Board of Higher Education, which rejected the Black and Puerto Rican Studies School two year ago, Marshak said he expected no problems in getting it.

To prevent the creation of innumerable new departments, the faculty group adopted a rule permitting new departments only for groups which consist of more than five percent of the student body.

A fall census of the college's full-time matriculated students showed that 68.5 per cent are white, 15.9 per cent black, 5.8 Oriental, 5.7 Puerto Rican, 1.2 American Indian, and 2.3 Other.

Court to Try Schulman's Case

by Steve Simon

Jay Schulman opens a major battle against the City University next Tuesday in State Supreme Court.

Schulman, an assistant sociology professor dismissed by the College last year, is suing for reinstatement and back pay in State Supreme Court. If he wins, it will be a landmark decision affecting colleges across the country.

Schulman is charging that the College acted out of political motives, denying him free speech and assembly. While saying that Schulman was a dangerous influence, the administrators maintained that the decision was based on the question of his "suitability" as a faculty member.

A friend of radical students on the campus, Schulman was largely disliked by his fellow faculty members and the administration. His department's recommendation that he be reappointed was rejected by the College's review committee, headed by then Acting President Joseph Copeland.

The committee of deans then reversed itself, and approved Schulman's rehiring. However, Copeland promptly overruled the



Jay Schulman, when he was here, speaking at a rally.

committee's decision.

Last July, the New York Civil Liberties Union cited the Schulman case in a statement charging the City University with conducting "a purge of faculty members whom it regards as political activists." Schulman also got support from the Faculty Senate and 80 professors who staged a one-day strike last spring.

Memories of old animosities will undoubtedly be dragged out in court, as Schulman's attorneys will call Copeland and the deans as witnesses. Represented by the prestigious Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison law firm, Schulman speculates that the university lawyers may produce student informers to testify against him.

Judge Finds Devor Guilty

James Devor, a student arrested February 2 after a confrontation between radicals and Wackenhut guards, was found guilty of "harrasment" and released conditionally in Criminal Court Monday.

Although the College had dropped charges of "interfering with governmental administration," the Manhattan district attorney's office refused to follow the recommendations of a special investigation committee at the College for the dropping of all charges.

The committee headed by the faculty Ombudsman, Professor Julius Elias (Philosophy), reported that "Devor... did not force his way into a building nor did he jump Sgt. Long as charged."

Despite the conditional release,



Devor is appealing the case on grounds that he was not permitted to present evidence and testimony from the College hearings. He accused the College of not making a "maximum effort"

to have the charges dropped. In court, Devor's lawyer tried to question Sgt. Alvin Long, the major prosecution witness, about alleged contradictions in his court statements. The assistant D.A. objected to the questioning and was sustained by the judge.

In a related development, Councilman-at-large Eldon Clingan, a Liberal, may enter the case. According to an aide to the councilman, if students come forth with valid testimony regarding incidents of misbehavior by the guards, he will apply pressure on the Board of Higher Education to discontinue its contract with the Wackenhut Corporation.

Students having information or willing to testify about such misbehavior, should come to the OP office, Room 336 Finley.

—ben ptashnik

Anthro Students Continue Protests

Anthropology majors at the College are planning a series of actions in response to last month's dismissal of three faculty members. The students are protesting the "unwillingness of the department to recognize the needs of students."

The conflict arose from the department's refusal to reappoint Dr. Warren Kinsey and Diana Brown to the faculty for next term. Last fall, Dr. Philip Silverman and Dr. Jerry Jacobson were denied tenure in the department.

Bruce Mannheim, a spokesman for the student group said, "Not only is the department run badly, it's run unprofessionally. There are no channels for us to express grievances. Even the faculty have no knowledge of what's going on."

The students met with Dr. Theodore Brown, Academic Assistant to President Marshak, on April 1. They expressed extreme frustration with the department and claimed that there was factionalization among the faculty members. One student said, "There's thorough intimidation of faculty and students. It came to the point where one faculty member, who was asked to support the students, claimed he could not do so because he had a wife and children to feed, and that taking a position would jeopardize his job."

Miss Brown said, "I feel that the refusal to have me reappointed has direct political cause. Basically it's a direct conflict between myself and the head of the department."

The students declined to reveal the nature of their political action, but expressed the hope that their efforts would be successful. One student commented, "We've gotten no response from the administration and we're getting frustrated."

—benny wiskoff

Tricks Is For Kids



zeev kranzdorf

Vietnam War Crimes Are Common Events

(Editor's note: Two LNS staffers, Anne and Karen, recently returned from a two-week visit to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.)

HANOI—Our interview with Col. Ha Van Lao, head of the North Vietnamese Commission for the investigation of U.S. War Crimes in Vietnam, was painful and exhausting. Just the day before, at the embassy of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, we had talked with a woman whose right leg had been chopped off during a torture session with ARVN and American soldiers, and with a woman who had sobbed while she held her deformed baby girl on her lap and described being hit three times with toxic chemicals while she was pregnant.

Ha Van Lao, a slight man with handsome, ascetic face and lightly graying hair, spent hours with us, gravely listing thousands upon thousands of other atrocities. In his office and later at the War Crimes Museum we saw and heard staggering evidences—living victims, photographs, movies, statistics, an arsenal of spent weaponry, much of it illicit—pointing to the inescapable conclusion that the U.S. has committed many war crimes in Vietnam.

One million tons of bombs were dropped on North Vietnam between 1965 and 1968, Ha Van Lao told us. "These bombs that were dropped on our country of course caused a huge amount of damage," he said.

"But I think that these bombs also aimed at striking at the human beings. Because when they were bombing a factory for example, generally they bombed during the changing of shifts, so they could kill the greatest number of people. When they bombed a school they did it during class time. When they bombed a church they did it during Mass."

If large numbers of people

It was a relief to return to statistics when the patients were taken back to the hospital. Ha Van Lao drew our attention to one of the many documents we were given. It is entitled: "U.S.—Puppet War Crimes in South Vietnam Since Nixon's Inauguration." Some facts from it:

"...In the raid launched on Feb. 19, 1970, the U.S. Marine 7th Regiment killed a man of 65 and two children in Son Lanh village. They cut the throats of two teenagers and a young man in Son Khan village, murdered 11 children and five women at Song Thang village, and struck eight old people and children with bayonets in Son Thach village. All villages are in Quang Nam province."

"...In Ben Tre province, in 1969 alone, U.S. and ARVN troops conducted nearly 4,000 pacification sweeps. They killed more than 2,200 people, most of them women, children, and old people. They wounded 1,880 more. They destroyed 2,665 dwellings."

"My Lai massacres are an almost everyday occurrence in South Vietnam according to the document. Names that may someday hit the headlines back in the United States are: Ba Lang An, Dau Tieng, U Minh, Loc Phuoc, Loc Hoa, Thang Binh, Que Son, Duy Xuyen, Phuoc Son, Vinh Son, Khan S"

"The quantity of ammunition used in the south has increased during the Nixon administration. "U.S. planes dropped 3,017,000 tons of bombs in both North and South Vietnam between 1965 and 1968. This was an average of 754 tons a year. In 1969 alone, South Vietnam received 1,571,090 tons."

"...Since Nixon's inauguration, toxic chemical sprayings have been intensified and concentrated on the Mekong Delta and the coastal regions of Trung Bo, areas of high productivity and population density. In 1968, the peak year under Johnson, the U.S. exposed 969,300 hectares to toxic agents, affecting 302,890 people. In 1969, the first year under Nixon, the stricken area covered no less than 1,086,950 hectares. The total of civilians poisoned reached 342,888."

were not killed during the first bombing attack, the planes would return and try another tactic:

"After they released bombs to destroy the dams or dykes or roads, they turned again and dropped napalm bombs and steel pellet bombs to kill the people who came to rescue survivors and repair the damage. When they bombed a village first the pilots released blasting bombs. The population would be hiding in their shelters while these bombs dropped. The planes then dropped napalm bombs, which made the people suffocate so they had to get out of their shelters. Then steel pellet bombs rained down on the people who had left their shelters and had no other refuge."

Since the "bombing halt" in 1968, North Vietnam has been bombed and strafed 1,092 times. Three hundred and twenty-two B-52 attacks. One hundred and forty

thousand bombs. One thousand and seven hundred containers of steel pellets.

We were told so many numbers—numbers of pellet bombs dropped, cities destroyed, pagodas bombed, hamlets razed, children killed. Numbers do not bleed, but Nguyen Thi The does. She was hit by napalm at 9 a.m. on September 9, 1968 while attending class in Van Phyl hamlet, Quang Binh province, and her horrible twisted leg has not stopped bleeding since. She is nine years old.

Dr. Luy, a surgeon who specializes in burns, brought her and two other victims into the War Crimes office for us to see. The veins in his temples bulged angrily as he prodded at the silent girl's wounds, describing for us this painful lesion, that potentially cancerous scar tissue. "We doctors want you to denounce these crimes," he said.



We met Phan Thi Thiem, who cannot bear to have anyone touch her right hand. On March 28, 1970 she was teaching school in Muong Sen village in Nghe An province, when she was hit with four steel pellets. They all still remain in her body—two in her arm, one in her left buttock, one in her neck. Too dangerous to try to remove them, Dr. Luy says. Thiem is 22.

Then Dr. Luy brought into the office a man so hideously disfigured that it seemed to me that to look at him would be an invasion of his privacy. Nguyen Duy Ly is 25. He used to be a peasant. He was tilling in the fields near Quang Hoa village, Quang Binh province at 8 in the morning on Feb. 24, 1969, when two F-4s released phosphorous bombs. His hands—what remains of them—are paralyzed. His liver has been affected. After many operations, Dr. Luy has given up

hope of ever restoring his face.

After touring the War Crimes Museum we had dinner with Ha Van Lao. It had been a depressing day. "Why do you have a War Crimes Commission?" I finally asked him. "You know that there will never be a trial like Nuremberg in the United States. Aren't you cynical about international law by this time?"

He thought a moment and replied slowly: "The U.S. is being tried, not materially, but politically and spiritually by the tribunal of humanity. The people of your country cannot be fooled for long; eventually the truth will be laid bare."

"I am not cynical—if the international laws are fair, all the peoples of the world will defend them. In the long run, even the aggressor will have to face the justice of the law."

Abortions...

Estrogen is useless.

Castor oil is useless.

Nothing that is swallowed can cause abortion without also causing death or severe disability to the mother.

SOLIDS INSERTED INTO UTERUS

Do not put these solids into your uterus. They may burst your womb and bladder or cause infection or hemorrhaging that might kill you.

Knitting needles

Coat hangers

Slipper Elm Bark

Chopsticks

Ballpoint pen

FLUIDS INSERTED INTO UTERUS

Do not put the following fluids into your uterus. They can severely burn uterine tissues, cause hemorrhaging, shock or death.

Soap suds

Potassium Permanganate

Lysol

AIR PUMPED INTO UTERUS

The uterus will collapse from the air bubbles created in the blood stream. Death comes suddenly and violently.

INJECTIONS INTO UTERINE WALL

Ergot and Pitocin are poisons. Any injection is fatal.

Sodium Pentothal—any overdose is fatal.

OTHER MEANS

Vacuum cleaner which is connected to uterus—not to be confused with vacuum aspiration—is fatal almost immediately. It will extract the uterus from the pelvic cavity.

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PROTECTIVE REACTION

N.Y. Abortion Referral Agencies Multiply

liberation news service

Profit is the main force which has made legal abortions available in New York State, especially for out of state women. Before abortions became legal on July 1, 1970, doctors found the procedure "boring medically" and "against their commitment to life". But since that date many doctors and hospitals have made as much money as they can from abortions, while claiming they are doing it to help the women.

A whole new quick-profit business has grown up in New York and in other states—ABORTION REFERRAL AGENCIES.

These agencies advertise the availability of abortions in newspapers and magazines around the country, but they rarely tell women how to get abortions. When a woman calls an agency she is told about different abortion procedures which depend on the length of her pregnancy and the amount of money she has. Often a woman has to send the full amount of money for her abortion to the agency before an appointment at a clinic or hospital is made for her. She is usually not told how much of a percentage of this money is an agency fee. Sometimes she is told to send a "deposit" or "reservation fee" to the agency and pay the rest at the clinic. Agencies often withhold the names of hospitals and clinics from women so they are unable to make their own appointments at cheaper rates. When women call hospitals directly they are often referred to the agencies which then charge fees for setting up an appointment at the same hospitals.

The amount being spent on agency advertising is enormous. One agency now offers a Broadway show in a package deal with the abortion. This cost must ultimately come out of the women's pockets.

For out of state women the Women's Medical Group—a clinic organized in conjunction with the Clergy Consultation Service—has provided about 13,000 abortions to date, initially at a cost of \$200 and now at \$150. This amounts to at least 10% of the abortions performed in N.Y. State. Women's Liberation groups in New York State have provided help for many poor women from out of state and have used a variety of tactics to persuade at least some doctors to lower their costs to \$100. Also, Women's Liberation groups from out-of-state have worked out direct relationships with specific clinics in New York so that an agency fee is avoided and some women are served free.

But more must be done to undercut the commercial agencies:

1) Demand that any newspaper or magazine that prints



an abortion agency advertisement also print *alongside the ad in every issue* the phone numbers of

(a) the local Planned Parenthood if they do abortion referrals or the NYC Planned Parenthood number (212-777-4504—best for late pregnancies)

(b) the local Clergy Consultation Service number or their New York number (212-744-5640—better for early pregnancies)

(c) the local Women's Liberation Number or New York number (212-691-2063, 212-691-3396)

2) Try to get these numbers as widely circulated as possible.

3) Pressure Planned Parenthood locally to provide an adequate referral service.

For more information, contact the Women's Health and Abortion Project, c/o Women's Center, 36 West 22 Street, New York, N.Y. 10010.

There are only four safe abortion methods. 1) D. and C. (dilation and curettage), the gentle scraping of the uterine lining, is used in aborting women who are less than 3 months pregnant. 2) Vacuum aspiration, also used in

early pregnancies, involves the insertion of a vacuum tube into the cervix and the withdrawal of fetal and placental tissue by suctioning. 3) Hysterotomy is a miniature caesarean section—the fetus is removed from the uterus by incision. The woman is anesthetized during the operation and is usually hospitalized for a week. 4) Salting out is the newest method and is most often used in aborting women between 14 and 22 weeks pregnant. Saline solution is injected into the uterus, replacing the amniotic fluid which protects the fetus. The displacement of the amniotic fluid induces labor and a woman will usually miscarry within 25 hours.

Never use the following methods. They are extremely painful and can lead to permanent disability, infection or death.

ORAL MEANS

Ergot compounds. Overdoses can cause fatal kidney damage.

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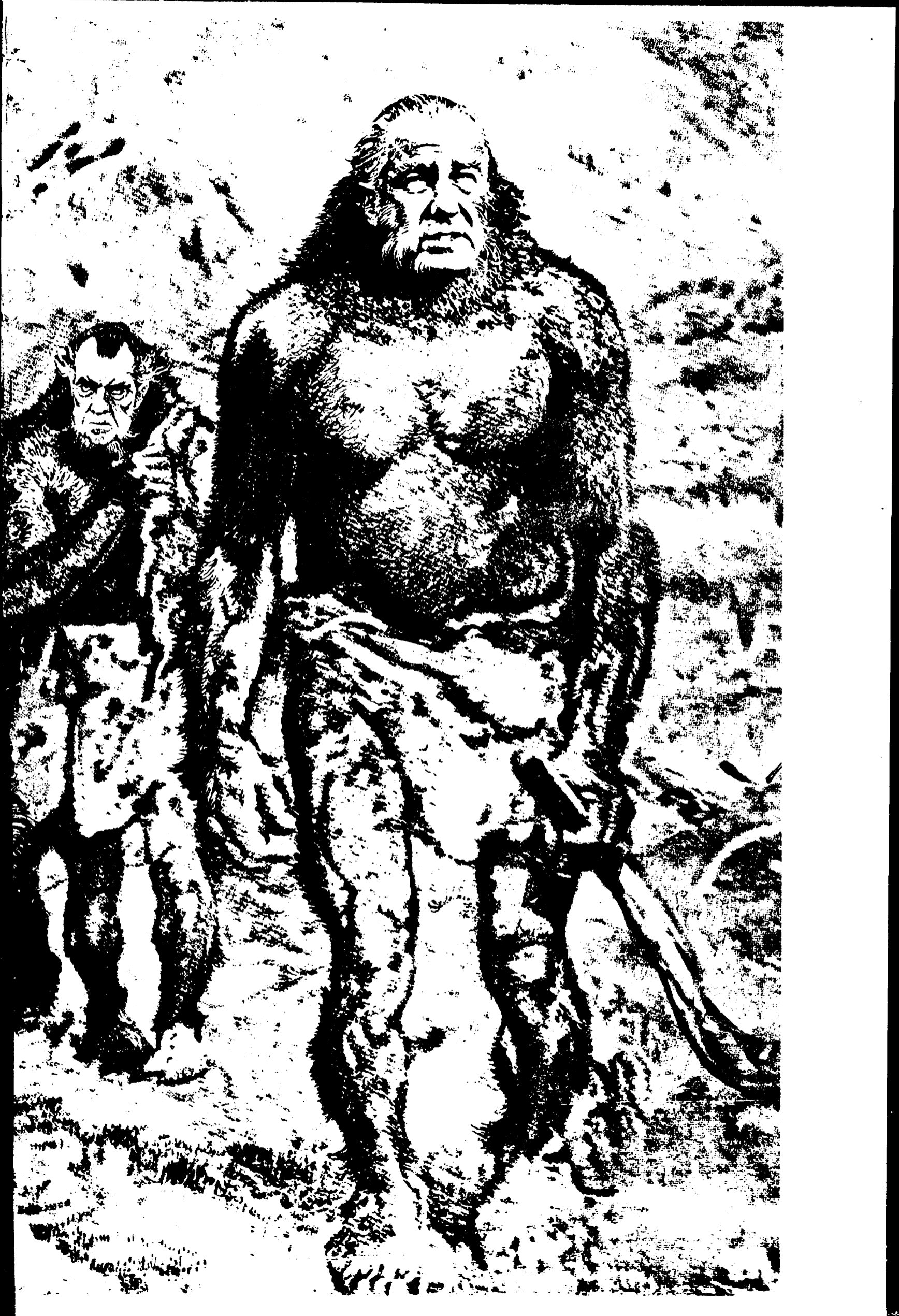
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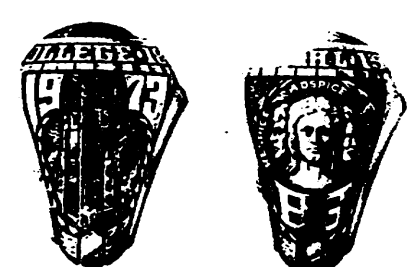
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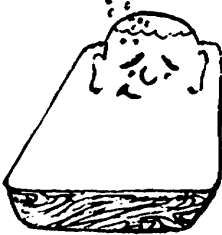
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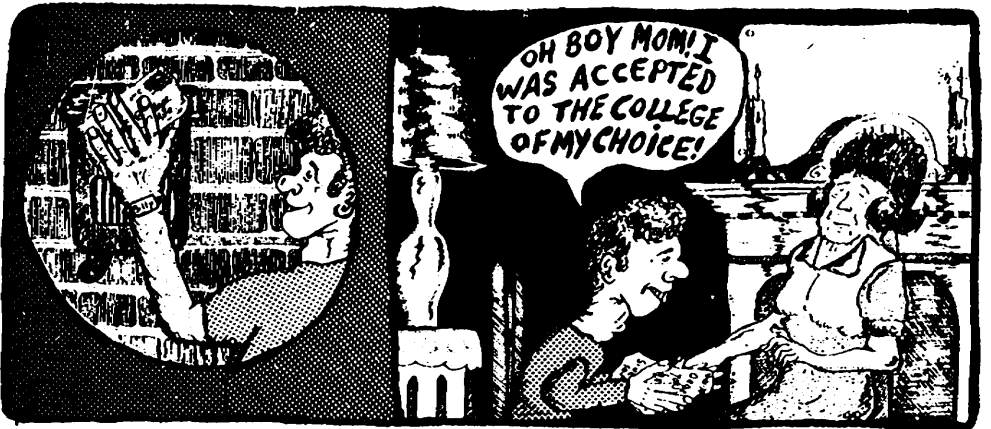
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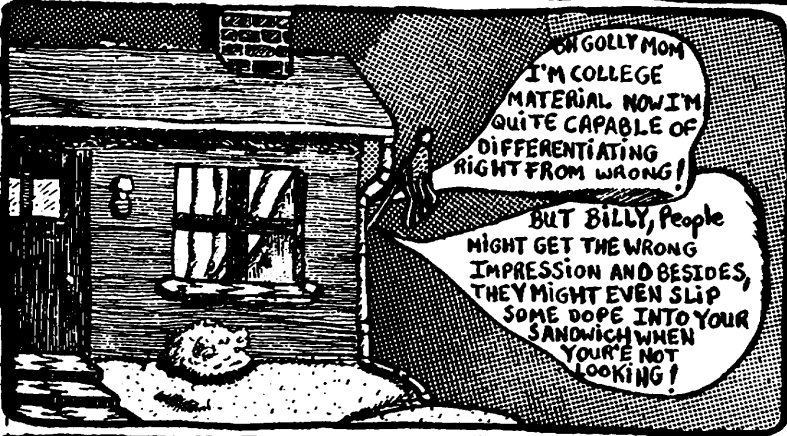
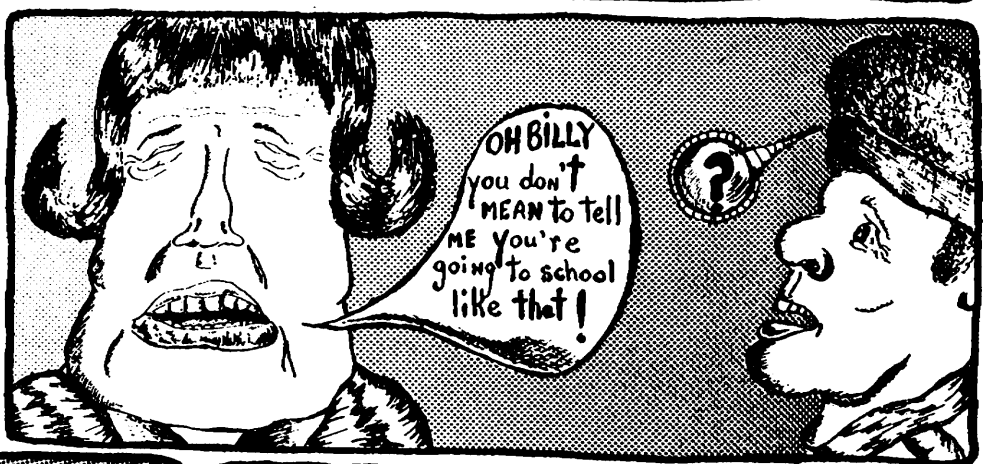


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