



Harrisburg Defense lists programs for "The Counter-Trial"

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 10—The pattern of large-scale government repression when confronted by voices of dissent will be the theme for the third and fourth weeks of "Crossroads: The Harrisburg Counter-Trial," beginning today, Monday.

The program is sponsored by supporters of the Harrisburg 7, currently on trial on charges of conspiracy to destroy government property and kidnap a presidential advisor. Earlier weeks have dealt with religious opposition to war and with the resistance movement.

The four scheduled main events of the Feb. 14- Feb. 25 period will review political trials and investigations of the McCarthy era of the 50's, the harassment suffered by civil rights workers in the 60's and the conspiracy trials experienced by peace activists in the present and recent past.

Among participants will be Tom Hayden, a founder of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), Martin Sobel, who was convicted in the Rosenberg case and served 15 years in prison; Arthur Kinoy, new-left lawyer, currently arguing a wiretapping case before the Supreme Court for the White Panthers; and Leonard Boudin, noted civil liberties lawyer, at present defense lawyer for the Harrisburg 7.

Lillian Shirley, local co-ordinator for the Crossroads program and a member of the Harrisburg Defense Committee, organized this week's program and released the following schedule:

Monday, Feb. 14: 8p.m., Harrisburg Area Community College, "Crimes of Repression in the 1950's"; panel discussion with:

Walter Schneier, author and renowned scholar of political trials; wrote Invitation to Inquest, an analysis of the

Rosenbergs case and a series of articles on the Chicago 8 for Liberation Magazine in 1968; lives in Pleasantville, N.J.;

Walter Bernstein, author, blackballed in the 1950's by the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) recently wrote the screenplay for "Molly Maguires" at present screenwriting for the film on Tom and Marjorie Melville, two of the Catonsville Nine defendants; lives in New York City;

Murray Levin, historian and professor of political science at Boston University; author of Political Hysteria.

Thursday, Feb. 17: 8p.m., Aubsburg Lutheran Church, 5th and Muench; "Black Repression"; panel discussion with:

Ken Cockrell, militant black lawyer from Detroit; president of Black Workers Congress; and board member of Civil Liberties Defense Fund;

Arthue Eve, assemblyman from New York State, member of the citizens-observer committee called into Attica prison during the uprising last September; recently introduced a bill into the state assembly to impeach Gov. Nelson Rockefeller; lives in Buffalo.

Friday, Feb. 25: 8p.m., Friends Meeting House, 6th and Herr; panel discussion summarizing the two weeks on "Repression" with:

Tom Hayden, one of the founders of Students for a Democratic Society; defendant in the Chicago 8 conspiracy trial; currently organizing in Los Angeles;

Arthur Kinoy, noted new-left lawyer, currently arguing wiretapping case before the Supreme Court for White Panthers; defended Martin Luther King, Chicago 8, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party; formerly associated with General Council of United Electrical Workers; professor of law at Rutgers University; associated with Center for Constitutional Rights in NYC;

Robert Rosen, professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania; scholar in political trials, especially Rosenbergs/Sobel.



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A hot time in the dorm

Life can be so much fun for only fifteen dollars an ounce!!

Falatko, DeMara, Stanzione capture SGA seats in election

In an election held February 1 in the Student Union Building, the new vice president and two representatives of the Hazleton Student Government Association were elected.

Chosen to fill the vice presidential seat left vacant by the resignation of Alan Ritz was Larry Falatko, who defeated Ron Steber, the only other contender for that spot.

Capturing the representative positions were

Dennis DeMara and Bob Stanzione, winning out over Tom Belekianich, Bob Henry and Ed Yancek.

Following are the complete election results as released by Steve Wilson, chairman of the SGA election committee:

For vice president: Falatko - 160; Steber - 63; abstentions - 3; total - 226.

For representatives: DeMara - 98; Stanzione - 88; Henry - 87; Yancek - 80;

Belekianich - 66.

Out of a total enrollment of 950, the 226 votes tabulated represent roughly 25% of the student population.

Members of Wilson's election committee are Charles Andrews, Lynn Farmer, Bill Gentlesco, Gary Labanoski, Barb Sheerin, John Tighe, and Judy Trisko.

Winter Weekend begins this week, activities are listed

The second annual Winter Weekend of the Hazleton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University has been scheduled for this week, according to representatives of the Student Government Association, sponsor of the event.

Activities started today with the building of snow sculptures. Students have until Thursday to finish their creations. Rules stipulate that the sculptures must be done on campus with no size or style limitations. Judging will be held Friday. First prize is \$7.00, second prize is \$5.00, and third prize is \$3.00.

Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. Gene Farmer, folksinger and comedy writer for the Smothers Brothers and Laugh-In, will appear in the lecture room of the new classroom building. (See separate story).

Wednesday night will see the final game of the season for the Hazleton Penn State basketball squad against the Wilkes-Barre Campus. It will be an away game and anyone interested in directions should

contact Coach George Bobby.

Three activities are slated for Thursday. The Winter Weekend Queen will be elected by S.G.A. Nominations were made by the presidents of all campus clubs and groups.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday a snowball fight will take place in the lower parking lot. (See rules and regulations in adjoining story).

A coffeehouse will be held following the snowball fight in the Student Union Building. Food will be served and dancing and singing will be the order of the night. There is no admission.

A dance and the crowning of the queen will be held

Friday from 9:00p.m. until midnight. Featured group will be TNT. Admission for this last dance of the term is \$1.00.

Saturday will see a road rally to Split Rock Lodge for a day of skiing, tobogganing, and snowmobiling. Cost will be about \$10.00. First prize for the road rally is \$15.00, second is \$10.00, and third is \$5.00.

Sunday will close out the weekend with a skate-snowmobile party at Stradnick's farm. Directions can be obtained from Ron Steber or on the SUB bulletin boards. There is no cost for this party and students are asked to bring their own snowmobiles.

Winter Weekend Snowball Battle

OBJECTIVE: To hit all members of the opposing team with one snowball.

TEAMS:(1) No more than fifteen members to each team. (2) A minimum of five girls to each team. (3) Each team will have a male captain and a female co-captain.

RULES:(1) Battles will be the best out of three battle series. (2) Important- no hitting above the chin. (3) Once you are hit by a snowball you are disqualified (each team member). (4) Decisions of the referees are final and objections mean team disqualification. (5) Games will be played in the freshman parking lot.

Referees are Charlie Andrews and Steve Wilson. The winning team will receive a dinner at Burger Chef or Carroll's.

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Gene Farmer sings here Tuesday for 'Weekend'

Gene Farmer, who can very aptly be called a contemporary troubadour-court jester at large, will appear here tomorrow at 8:00 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Student Union Board in an entertaining program called "A Laughing Look at Life" which is part talk, part song, part nonsense and all parts hilariously funny.

Gene Farmer's career has ranged from high school drop-out at age 17 to college professor at age 37 to comedy writer for two of the most popular variety shows on television - the Smothers Brothers and Laugh In, for

which there have been three Emmy nominations for best music, comedy and variety writing category.

Gene spent his formative years in a state orphanage at Normal, Illinois and ran away at the mature age of 15 on a quarter bet that he couldn't do it. With one change of underwear and a Bowie knife he hitchhiked toward St. Louis to find work on a river boat only to be apprehended by the authorities and placed on a soy bean farm to work out room and board. At 17 he joined the Marine Corps, attained the rank of Sergeant and became a Korean War veteran. Upon his discharge four years later, he entered the University of California at Davis, majored in Political Science, picked up a Phi Beta Kappa key along with his A.B. and a fellowship for graduate work at Stanford University.

Our campus holds membership in the National Student Lobby, an organization which lobbies the Congress of the United States with respect to student interests and priorities.

Jan. 24 Pres. Nixon requested Defense Appropriations of \$83.4 billion for the year beginning July 1, 1972 (Fiscal 73), up \$6.3 billion from this year. Pentagon spokesmen said that while funding for the Vietnam War goes, funding will increase sharply for development of a new missile-firing submarine (ULMS-underwater long range missile system), developing the B-1 Bomber, additions to ABM system, Navy's fleet expansion, and military pay raises.

Thus, there will be no "peace dividend," meaning money diverted from the Vietnam War to domestic programs. In Fiscal 68 (1967-68) when the War was in full swing, extra costs of S.E. Asia took \$19.3 billion and "pacetime forces" took \$57.1 billion. In Fiscal 72 this split was \$6.5 billion for S.E. Asia and \$70.6 for other military programs. The War will take and even smaller slice of the \$83.4 request for Fiscal 73.

Mike Mansfield (D-Mont), Senate Majority Leader, said (1) The President clearly will not get \$83 billion from Congress, although (2) there is support for the new submarine (ULMS) money because "it appears to many of us in Congress that the best weapon we have is the missile-carrying submarine Support for the B-1 Bomber and an extension of the ABM will not have as much support during attempts to cut the military budget.

The House Armed Services Committee on Jan. 27 reported out \$254 million in supplemental DOD Appropriations for the current fiscal year; \$114 million for 4

Boeing 747's for a flying command post, and the rest for work on ULMS, B-1 Bomber and other projects earmarked for meeting "the potential near-term Soviet threats posed by their upgraded ICBM force."

Thus DOD supplementals (often used for military pay raises and Vietnam War expenses) are becoming a routine way of initiating new strategic weapons programs without full consideration by Congress. \$254 million is a considerable commitment to new weapons systems, although it may appear small in comparison with \$83 billion.

In sum, another expensive and dangerous round of Arms Race escalation is on the U.S. and Russia, and the SALT talks in Vienna are fading into the background.

Pres. Nixon asked for \$701.8 million for Educational Opportunity Grants (E.O.G.) and Work-Study combined, up \$30 million from the current year. Although the President has backed the "concept" of an expanded E.O.G. Program, he has not yet backed this up with requests for substantial new appropriations (only \$30 million above the current year, while estimates indicate up to \$600 million more is needed). Also, the President has asked for \$100 million for "strengthening developing institutions" (meaning Black colleges and others), he has made no request for general institutional aid to colleges, a goal long-pushed in Congress and by colleges.

Other requests: NDEA loan program remain at the current \$293 million (about 650,000 loans per year); Insured loan program subsidies to go up from \$197 to \$215 million (meaning private bank student loans will go up from \$1.16 to \$1.35 billion, or about 200,000 more loans per year); and G.I. Bill education benefits increase from \$2.0 to \$2.2 billion per year.

NORML has run into the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, a Washington, D.C.-based group pushing nation-wide for the end of criminal penalties for the possession or use of marijuana.

NORML's Director, Kieth Stroup, reports the recent findings of the prestigious San Francisco Crime Commission and 2 committees of the American Bar Association have urged the end of the criminalization of marijuana. They have found that the "evils of marijuana are not proved," and the "distribution of marijuana (should) be regulated along the lines presently employed for alcohol." Stroup also indicates that students should be aware that that recommendations of the Nixon-appointed National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse are expected to be released in late March.

Two books recommended by NORML as the best on the whole question of marijuana and society are in paperback: John Kaplan, Marijuana: The New Prohibition, and Dr. Lester Grinspoon, Marijuana Reconsidered.

NORML is currently establishing a network of campus representatives, to be responsible for initiating and coordinating local activities, and to keep NORML aware of state and local developments. NORML will furnish material for distribution, radio announcements, newspaper ads, model legislation, etc.

Students interested in being campus reps (or for more information) should write or call: NORML, 1237 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.D. 20037, 202/223-3170. Regular membership is 5 dollars for students and military (includes the newsletter, The Leaflet, and other material), but if you are really broke, say so, and they will send you information free.

Jan. 25, Pres. Nixon went

on national TV to summarize his proposal for an Indochina Ceasefire (basically offering a 6 month U.S. troop withdrawal date in exchange for a communist ceasefire and withdrawal of troops from South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, and a return of U.S. P.O.W.'s). Mr. Nixon refused to give ground on U.S. military and economic support for the South Vietnamese regime (Vietnamization).

Commentators felt the Nixon terms were made public at this time because (1) both sides have given up all hope of a non-military solution, (2) new communist offensives are expected in Laos and Cambodia, and (3) there has been heavy pressure politically for Nixon to "set a date" for U.S. troop withdrawal.

The North Vietnamese and NLF position has been that P.O.W.'s would be released on U.S. troop withdrawal, including stopping bombing raids and ending support of Saigon government.

Response from critics has been: Sen. Fulbright: The President simply told the American people what has been tried and not accepted; Sen. McGovern: There is a great difference between "setting a date" for withdrawal, and offering to set a date if a general ceasefire can be agreed on. If we "set a date" for complete withdrawal and stop the bombing, our P.O.W.'s will be freed; Sen. Muskie: McGovern's plan should get a "positive response," even if we do not pull out all economic support from Saigon.

In all, as was the case with Pres. Johnson, whose public standing was shattered by the Tet offensive just 4 years ago this week, Mr. Nixon's political fortunes on the War Issue at home are more likely to depend on the military situation on the ground in Indochina than by words on television in the United States.



Legalization of grass is "inevitable very soon" according to ex-narc

(EARTH NEWS) John Finlator, the recently retired director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, announced this week that he is in favor of the immediate decriminalization of marijuana.

Finlator, who is 60 years old, retired as the second in command at the Bureau of Narcotics on January 1st of this year after 36 years of government service. Because of his long-term hard-nosed stand against drugs, he was often referred to as "supernarc" by many of his colleagues.

But Finlator announced his dramatic about-face in Washington, D.C. this week—explaining that "until marijuana is removed as a criminal offense, we will not adequately be able to deal with the heroin problem." Finlator said that he was in favor of the immediate removal of all criminal penalties against pot, and that he predicted the complete legalization of grass "is inevitable very soon."

Finlator cited recent statistics released by the Presidential Commission of

Marijuana and Drug abuse which revealed that at least 24 million Americans have smoked marijuana. He added that all medical evidence he had reviewed during his years with the Bureau of Narcotics indicated to him that the penalties against grass were causing much more harm to society than the use of the drug itself was causing.

Finlator added that he believed that people had the right to use relatively minor drugs such as marijuana "for recreational purposes." The

former deputy director stressed that he was not encouraging increases drug use—explaining that an end to criminal penalties would benefit society as a whole.

Finlator made his surprise announcement when he also reported that he had joined the Board of Directors of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. NORML is a Washington, D.C. based lobby group which is attempting to bring marijuana under similar controls to those governing alcohol.

Mansion being razed

Workmen of the Hess Excavating Co., Drums, are in the process of demolishing the former Donald Markle home at Conyngham Pass. The property on which the home is situated is owned by the Pennsylvania State University and is adjacent to the Hazleton Campus of Penn State at Highacres.

The residence is being razed, Penn State officials said, because it was not included in the expansion plans for the Hazleton Campus and converting it for university use would have been too costly. The contract for the demolition was awarded at the University Park Campus of the university.

Frank Kostos, campus director, said the excavation is being carried out to conform to the contour of the land and plans call for the preservation of the stone wall and the garden area around the home.

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