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Defense Committee says, "come to Harrisburg"

In the heartland of Middle America seven people are on trial. The government says they are on trial for plotting to bomb and kidnap. In legal terms they are being tried for conspiracy "to commit offenses against the United States." In moral and political terms, of course, they are being tried for their opposition to United States policies of killing and destruction in Indochina. They are not the only ones on trial; they are not the only ones feeling the heavy hand of the Justice Department.

This trial is but the most public and most spectacular of many cases of political repression taking place around the country. The peace movement is confronting this repressive trial with positiveness and militance; the trial is seen as a gift, around which we are organizing and mobilizing our forces. Our intent is to TURN THE TRIAL AROUND, to make it an indictment of the disastrous policies and actions which the U.S. government carries out in the name of the people of this country to the detriment of not only the American people but of people throughout the world.

The Pilgrimage of Peace and Freedom of the Harrisburg Defense Committee is one way that goal is to be realized. Intended both to stimulate local community organizing and to focus on the issues of education, organizing, and action during the first 30 days of Lent, February 16 through March 17.

The second will be people traveling to Harrisburg from all sections of the country during the week before Palm Sunday (March 26), organizing and educating as they go in communities along the way. The third will be a program of activities a major demonstration of opposition to the continued Air War and domestic repression on April 1.

People will be coming to Harrisburg from all parts of the country during the week of March 26 - April 2. They will be coming to join in solidarity with the growing community of resistance to war and oppression and to participate in a week of actions, demonstrations and other events. They are coming to TURN THE TRIAL AROUND.

The week will begin on March 26 with a processional march of those arriving in Pilgrimage caravans as well as others, into the center of town to a park near the courthouse where there will be a rally. The content and style of these events will be both political and religious. That evening there will be a communal meal and evening program detailing and explaining the events and purposes of the week with Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary) singing.

For the next four days, March 27-31, there will be a wide variety of workshops, speakers, panels, entertainers and actions centered around the theme "Resist and Build." People from the Honeywell Project in Minneapolis, from War Tax Resistance, from free schools and health centers, from Welfare Rights Organization and the National Lawyers Guild, and many others, will be conducting workshops to provide people with the contacts, skills, and knowledge needed to begin or get in touch with local organizations and projects when they return to their local communities. During one of the evening sessions there will be a working panel on "The Rise and Fall of Students for a Democratic Society: Lessons for the Movement Today," with people who were active in that organization from its inception at Port Huron to its eventual demise with the development of Weatherman. Towards the end of that week

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Photo by Fox

The Mansion is down

Pictured above is the site where the Markle Mansion once stood on campus. It has been razed in recent weeks as part of the University's overall expansion program for Highacres.

Business Club hears Arthur Whitaker

A recent meeting of the Business and Economics Club was held during the 4th period common hour Thursday, Feb. 3, in room C-101 of the new Class Room Building. At this regularly scheduled club meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Arthur Whitaker, Account Executive for the stock brokerage firm of Janney Battles & E. W. Clark, Inc. He is a recognized authority in the field of stock market activities.

Mr. Whitaker presented a brief discussion on 'Career Opportunities in the Stock Market' as well as the importance of the stock market in our business economy today. Two interesting films on stock market activities were featured by Mr. Whitaker entitled "What Makes Us Tick" and "The New York Stock Exchange Transactions".

Future plans for the Business and Economics Club will include an extended discussion by Mr. Whitaker about the 'Wall Street Stock Exchange and Stock Market Activities' at the next club meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24, in C-101 of the new Class Room Building, beginning at 12:20 p.m.

Freshmen are reminded to see their advisors this week

Broadcasting Club plans for carrier current station

by John Mertz of the Collegian Staff
Members of the newly formed Broadcasting Club are currently in the process of establishing a carrier current station on campus. This system is particularly practical because it will make use of the already existing electrical power network of the campus and is comparatively easy to install.

The station will be used to provide the students with entertainment, music and most importantly, a strong link with University news and activities. It will be used in close cooperation with the speech department and other clubs and organizations.

The carrier current system will also be used to earn money, through advertisements, for a 10 watt FM station that would cover a ten to twenty mile radius. This also would be completely operated by the students, under University supervision. Ultimately the club hopes to establish an educational radio and television linkage with the surrounding PSU campuses and University Park. The club hopes to have the

carrier current station on the air by next term providing they can receive SGA funds along with the money they are raising themselves.

The club would like to invite all students to join and female participation is especially encouraged.

The officers of the club are:

Barry Kindt - station manager, Tom Hurwitz - music director, Bob Schimming - business manager, Dave Stettler - news director, Paul Fetch - sports director, Tom Heppes - pres. campus and community relations.

The faculty advisor is George Caliva.

Union Board is revised

During a recent meeting of the Hazleton Student Government Association, revisions were made on the Student Union Board. Following is a revised list of committees and members.

Hospitality: Chairman, Judy Trisko, Barb Sheerin, and Brenda Hill. (A 1-week notice must be given before any event requiring hospitality.)

Publicity: Visual-Shelly Levin, Audio-Kath Laughlin. (Announcements must be submitted to the S.G.A. office prior to 4th period.)

Social Activities: Ron Steber.

Arts and Culture: Diane Manning. The above services are available to all clubs, students, and faculty. For any further information contact Larry Falatko, Student Union Board President.

Sixteen to participate

Belles Lettres Festival is scheduled for March 8

The Fourteenth Annual Dramatic Reading Festival for Highacres students will be held Wednesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Building, according to Professor Andrew Kafka, advisor of the Belles Lettres Society. The society, along with the Hazleton Student Government Association are sponsors of the event.

Following are students who will participate in the festival: Linda Brighthaupt, Ann Hines, Joseph Corrales, Wayne Funk, David Donovan, Jeanne Sacco, Bill Gentilesco, Tricia Fisher, and Thomas Maguire.

Also, Anita Thomas, Lorraine Drake, Jane Taylor, David Nenstiel, Lorraine Lauterwasser, Rita Lubicky, and Gary Wisgo.

This is a contest for interpretative reading of poetry, prose, and drama. The participants are not required to memorize the selection; it is read as though it were a script. Four major prizes will be awarded. Each performer will be presented with a certificate of recognition and participation.

The following judges will be interested in interpretation, communication of mood, and understanding of the presentation:

Miss Helen Dossenbach, West Hazleton High School faculty member; Mrs. Evelyn Shulman, Freeland High School faculty member; Miss Gladys Schwartz, former speech teacher at Hazleton High School; Dr. Michael Santulli and Lawrence W. Suhr, both of the Hazleton Campus faculty; Miss Letitia Valleri, member of the Great Books Society; and Gene Collins, member of the Fine Arts Council of the Greater Hazleton Area.

Professor Kafka has released the following criteria by which participants will be judged:

- I. How well adapted is the performer to the selection?
- II. How well adapted is the selection to the occasion and to the audience?
- III. Delivery
 - A. Mood: Did the reader communicate the mood of the selection to the audience?
 - B. Bodily Expression: How effectively was bodily expression used to contribute to the interpretation?
 - C. Voice: quality, volume, pitch, rate, tempo - expressiveness, articulation, enunciation, and pronunciation.
 - D. Personality of performer: vitality and enthusiasm.

Professor Kafka will present the address of welcome and Mel Mundie, president of Belles Lettres, will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Officers of the Belles Lettres Society are Mundie, Alan Riz, vice-president; Linda Brighthaupt, secretary-treasurer; and John Roslevich, public relations.

Falatko announces platform

Following is the platform of Larry Falatko, newly-elected vice president of the Hazleton Student Government Association.

- Goals after election:
1. To represent all students equally
 2. To support fair distribution of S.G.A. funds
 3. To support meaningful student activities
 4. To change the general atmosphere of Highacres from a high school level to a college level.

Court denies Father Phil's request to his opening statement

(Earth News) The second day of the trial of the Harrisburg Seven was completed last Tuesday with the prosecution attempting to establish the fact that draft board raids took place in the Philadelphia area.

The Reverend Philip Berrigan and six others are charged with a number of offenses including a plan to kidnap Presidential aide Henry Kissinger, conspiracy to blow up underground heating tunnels in Washington, D.C., and with conspiring to make raids on and destroy draft records.

The defense attorneys' argument to the prosecution's presentation of the Philadelphia-area draft board raids was that the indictments are "very late and superficial." In fact, the defense bases a great deal of their case on the contention that all the indictments are both superficial and late.

The turning point in the case is expected to come when the prosecution calls Boyd Douglas, an FBI informer who was in prison at one time with Reverend Philip Berrigan. Douglas apparently will claim knowledge to all of the alleged conspiracy charges and link the defendants to them.

During opening statements Monday the defense attorneys said that Douglas is a man who has "built his life on lies."

Berrigan had requested permission from Judge R. Herman Dixon before the case got underway to make his own opening statements but Judge

Dixon turned him down. Berrigan had submitted a written copy of his planned statements to Dixon.

When Berrigan was denied permission to make his own statements he filed a motion which attempted to fire his defense attorneys and allow for him to represent himself, but the judge also turned that down. The motion for a mistrial by Berrigan could be the basis for an appeal if there is one at the close of the trial.

Spokesmen for the attorneys and the Harrisburg Seven explained to Earth News that Berrigan's request for the dismissal of the defense attorneys was not an indication of dissatisfaction with the attorneys. "It was completely amiable on both sides," a spokesman said. He explained it as merely something that Berrigan felt he had to do and something that only he could do.

Their trial is expected to take at least two months.

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On Feb. 2 Ted Downey, Senator from Sangamon State Univ., Springfield, Ill., and Bruce Feingerts, SBP from Tulane Univ., New Orleans, testified before Chairman Ellender's (D-Louisiana) Appropriations Committee hearings on National Priorities. They told the committee that along with student concern over the high levels of defense spending, students were vitally interested in the level of student assistance (scholarships, work-study, NDEA and Insured loans), which must be raised substantially this year (by a total of \$914 million) if enrollments are going to expand in the face of skyrocketing tuition and other costs.

The testimony also stressed that institutions of higher learning - both public and private - need financial assistance in the form of grants in proportion to the number of students receiving financial aid, if they are to meet the growing burden resulting from financing a tremendous number of colleges and community colleges since WW 2. The testimony emphasized what has become a reality realized only within the last few years. Opportunities for education and expanded enrollments can only be met if the federal government and others encourage colleges to adopt the 3-year bachelors degree (savings can total 15 per cent of operating costs, or \$3-5 billion per year which can go to increase enrollment). The 4th year can be spent off-campus in work, service, or travel experience.

Two years ago local student groups around the country asked graduating seniors to forego caps and gowns at June commencement exercises, and instead donate

the rental money (about \$70,000 from over 30 schools) to 12 peace candidates for Congress.

Three peace candidates were elected (Jim Abourezk of South Dakota, Ron Dellums of California, Parris Mitchell of Maryland), and others were narrowly defeated.

The Peace Commencement Fund for 1972 is beginning to surface at Georgetown Univ. in Washington, D.C. and other campuses, as students look for effective ways to turn the country away from the war and back toward the many domestic priorities. In 1972 students will also be asking commencement speakers to donate their monetary "honorariums" to the fund, along with students' cap and gown money.

Activity is beginning on individual campuses around the country, and more organized national activity is expected to begin in March.

The Student Mobilization Committee's Anti-War Conference will be held in N.Y. City Feb. 25-27 to discuss the mood and direction of student anti-war activities for 1972.

The Conference will begin with a Teach-in on Friday, Feb. 25, featuring Noam Chomsky, longtime anti-war critic from M.I.T., defendants from the Harrisburg case, persons from Project Airwar, and many others. The Conference will continue Sat. and Sun. with workshops and plenary sessions.

Since the early 1960's student demonstrations and teach-ins have played a major role in forging a majority of American opinion favoring U.S. withdrawal from Indochina. SMC has helped organize the massive non-violent April 24, 1971 Anti-War Rallies in San Francisco and Washington,

D.C. attended by more than 1 million persons.

The National Student Lobby, under its mandate from students that the U.S. withdraw its troops immediately from Indochina, and that the military budget be cut in favor of domestic priorities, will hold a workshop on the need for student lobbying in Washington on foreign policy. In the next issue of the Legislative Report, we will present a review of foreign policy issues coming up for debate in Congress this session, including Sen. Gravel's Amendment to stop the bombing in Indochina as part of the U.S. withdrawal, Sen. Stennis' War Powers Act to require a Congressional Declaration of War before U.S. military force could be committed to action for more than 30 days, and Sen. Fulbright's resolution to require all Executive Agreements with other countries (such as those recently made with Portugal and Bahrain) to be brought before the Senate like foreign treaties.

The SMC Conference is open to all young people, and further information can be obtained from Fred Lovgren or Debbie Bustin, 150 Fifth Avenue, Room 911, N.Y.C., N.Y. 10011, (212) 741-1960.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (See Jan. 1 Legislative Report for background) announced it has up to \$100,000 available for youth initiated and conducted humanities projects (up to \$10,000 per grant). Proposals for grants must be submitted before the March 17 deadline.

Humanities includes, but is not limited to, language, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archeology, and the history, criticism and practice of the

arts. Proposals can be wide-ranging. For example, a group surveying remaining elements of a folk tradition, a black studies program, and the investigating of a particular historical event with a particular youth orientation, such as the student peace movement.

The grants are open to "young people" (under 30) whose proposals will be evaluated by a panel of other young people. Both school-related and non-school related projects will be considered. "Social action" projects are not in the realm of humanities.

The NSL encourages local projects (whether on-going or only in the thinking stage) which fit the broad humanities categories. If you have a project in mind, begin to draft a short proposal immediately, and at the same time write us (contact Peter Coye), or else write the N.E.H. at 806 15th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. for further information before the March 17th deadline.

The National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse has unanimously decided to recommend that all criminal penalties for the private use of marijuana be eliminated. The recommendations of the conservatively-oriented 13-member commission, which includes 9 members appointed by Pres. Nixon, could generate a dramatic shift in the public attitudes toward the legal status of the drug.

The Report, which will be presented to Congress and Mr. Nixon on March 22, has been completed and is scheduled to go to the Government printers.

The Report does not recommend full legalization, but keeping penalties for the sale, growing, transferring, or smoking it in public.