**IN CUBA**

"**BLACK REVOLUTION IS REAL**"

STOKELY IN CUBA

By Julius Lester

Julius Lester was one of the SNCC representatives who visited Cuba along with Stokely Carmichael. In this article he talks about that visit.

Stokely Carmichael's visit to Cuba raised more columns from the press and Congress than you that Lynds Bird was going to marry Miss Tien-Tiong's son. To the right-wing it was all the "proof" they needed that SNCC, Black Power and the rebellions were Communist and that indeed, as U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REP­ORT "reported," Fidel himself was under the "control" of the Negro. And meanwhile, Detroit, Milwaukee, and eight other cities were being devastated and it was too much for white America to deal with. Niggers, niggers everywhere. Some whites started wishing for the good old days when all they thought they wanted was to marry their daughters.

Stokely's visit to Cuba was on the occasion of the first meeting of the Or­ganization of Latin American Solidarity (OLAS). Gathered in Havana were dele­gates from about 20 Latin American coun­tries, as well as invited guests from the socialist countries (except China, who declined to come, saying that OLAS was a component of armed struggle and stated its position unequivocally in the two opening resolutions. OLAS, in brief, came to debate the future of revolu­tionary movements in Latin America and what their approach should be - armed struggle or struggle through more legal­istic means. The Communist Party fol­lowed the Russian line and pushed peace­ful co-existence and a go-slow approach. The guerrillas were for armed struggle. Cuba, of course, was the strongest proponent of armed struggle and stated its position unequivocally in the two opening resolutions delivered by Armanda Hart and President Dorticos. It was apparent, as the conference opened however, that to pass a resolution for armed struggle was going to be almost as difficult as armed struggle itself.

STOKELY MEETS PRESS

On the opening day of the conference Stokely held a press conference. Hav­ing been swamped with requests for in­terviews, it was decided that he hold an open-ended press conference - no time limit, no questions left unanswered. All press were invited, except for United States press. This was considered payment for past services rendered.

The conference lasted two hours and forty-five minutes and when it was over, the press applauded. They had asked serious questions and had received lengthy, serious answers, and what they had heard had been beyond their expecta­tions. This was not so much so that for the first three days of OLAS news of the press conference overshadowed every­thing else.

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**THE CORAL SEA**

A Sailor Tells THE MOVEMENT:

LIFE IS HELL IN THE NAVY

By Mark Kleiman

I recently made contact with two men on the USS Coral Sea, a 68,000 ton air­craft carrier which had returned from Vietnam and was docked in Oakland, Both men were against the war, and neither of them wanted to go back for their second tour of Vietnam, but the Coral Sea pulled out July 26, and they went. This is part of an interview with one of the sailors.

Q. How many atomic weapons does the Coral Sea carry?
A. I can't tell you exactly how many, because I don't have clearance to get near them. But we have enough to blow half of Asia off the map.

Q. Do you ever hear anything about how many soldiers and Marines are killed?
A. I can't give you any exact figures, but I will tell you that the word that gets back to the States is that how many Americans get killed and as to how many Vietnamese get killed is a bunch of bullshit. I've talked to Marines while I was overseas and a lot more of them are getting killed than in getting out in the official figures. I can't say whether it is more or less than the number of Vietnamese.

Q. Would you say that holds true for our aircraft losses as well?
A. Yes, when I came back to the States I knew how many planes the CORAL SEA actually lost. I've never seen an announcement in a paper about the number of dead pilots, so they must not be telling them. And they have CIA people around these shore patrol.

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The passage you provided includes a mix of different documents and letters. It seems to be discussing various topics related to political and social movements, with a focus on the Arab-Israeli conflict, SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee), and the activities of various organizations and individuals. The text references a letter to LBJ (Lyndon B. Johnson) and mentions the Ku Klux Klan as well as other organizations and groups involved in political activism.

Here is a more structured representation of the content:

**SNCC AND THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT**

The movement would like to urge all those people outraged and indignant at the article in the SNCC Newsletter of June-July on "The Palestine Problem" to read it again, this time in good faith, quietly and without polemical shouting.

We have read it many times, it is not anti-Jewish. It does not characterize Jews as a group, it carefully distinguishes between Jews and Zionists:

"...several American and European Jews, who are not Zionists and cannot support the horrors committed by Zionists in the name of Jews, have spoken out and condemned the Zionist distortions of the Jewish religion...

In fact, the statements made by SNCC pole in contrast with the accusations hurled against the Zionists by anti-Zionist Jews. SNCC knows deeply and well that a people are not to be judged as a GROUP, but that the political actions of a STATE are to be judged, and if wrong, to be condemned. SNCC has never flinched from speaking its mind.

**SNCC IS PARTISAN**

The article in the Newsletter is partisan, no doubt about it. SNCC clearly supports the revolutionary aspirations of the Third World and Israel, as characterized by the actions of its statesmen and military men, is opposed to these aspirations.

We question the motives of those Americans who oppose American militarism and support Israeli militarism, who denounce Johnson and acclaim Dayan military advice to America's generals, who present the upside-down picture of American and Zionistiasa as the only "necessary." We do not disapprove of any political doctrines, we simply put the question: is that the doctrine needed for this time?

**IMMORALITY OF PEACE**

There are many people who say, "we wish for peace," who do not wish to negotiate with "the other side." There are many people who refuse to negotiate with "the other side." There are many people who are convinced that "the other side" is not negotiable.

Photo to which Mr. Golden refers would be an appropriate visual to accompany such a letter. The photo would not be "anti-Semitic." It does not characterize Jews as a group. It is a visual representation of the reality of the situation.

**LETTER TO LBJ**

Dear Mr. President, I am writing you this letter in regard to your address to the nation on July 7, when you said you were setting up a committee to investigate the riots in the United States.

Mr. President, you do not need a committee to investigate riots. You know the trouble as well as we do. The trouble is not primarily a law and order problem. The trouble is in the Negroes and the decent whites is to be found in the rich people's pockets.

Mr. President, you said that you wanted law and order, but it can be no law and order as long as Southern Eastland, Stennis, and the rest of the Mississippi delegation are not there. You had a chance to prove to all who were interested in the truth and justice on their side when the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party was set up there. Yet you and the U.S. Congress seemed to ignore the Congressional Election, The citizens of Mississippi and the LBJ campaign knew you did this. Because Eastland and the rest of the southern senators could be more political power, and I feel, and so do other citizens, that you put this before the voters of the citizens of the United States.

**ANOTHER REASON**

Mr. President, you are looking for a reason for the rioting, the rioting is a Negro kid from Alabama got killed, fighting for his country, and he couldn't be buried in his home town. I am sure that you remember this, because it wasn't nothing that the federal government could do about it. Because they didn't want to do nothing about it. Now you're talking about justice for all the citizens of the United States, but we know that it's no justice for Negroes unless there is a little more than that, thank you from us, and from our forefathers over a hundred years ago. Because we are still alive, because forefathers were over 200 years ago.
LETTER FROM JAIL

Gentlemen:

Presently I am in the San Francisco County Jail, waiting to be sentenced on possession of two (2) codeine pills, with two prior convictions, for which I could get five (5) to life. Can you imagine what it's like to stand before a judge with the prosecuting attorney on one side — and hoping the public defender is on your side — with two or three citizens in the spectators section — that is if it's a good day for tourists — none of which could possibly be from your hometown, because you were born and raised in "Watts"? I must say this creates a very foreign atmosphere; it makes you feel like a forgotten son, no mother or father, not even a brother or sister (if you know what I mean) present to encourage and witness the justice, if any, that is about to be bestowed upon you.

Days, weeks, months, you’ve waited while the court remains in a quandary, about what to do with you, while you’ve been watching Russian ballet dancers and hippies after hippie (that’s those flower children from those middle class families) get dismissals or receive probation or county jail sentences, for possession and selling everything from LSD to heroin.

Meanwhile in our court, the ones without jobs and nothing to do and people like yourselves, if you’re not playing golf that day or some­body’s "committee to help fill the empty court rooms." Actually my court day or court room you choose to visit would be appreciated, because I’ve got another that’s on trial every day.

I just thought I would let you know that there is justice in the court room, that is, if you can dance a beautiful "Swan Lake." I hope this letter will encourage you and your organization to support and help fill the empty court rooms for justice.

Sincerely yours

Dear Sirs:

After burning my draft card in uniform on April 15th, it became obvious that the only reasonable thing to do with my life was to go full-time into the peace movement. I also realized that I was not interested in simply protesting the war; I was out to stop it.

I have since been involved in setting up the first, real, live draft resistance movement in Chicago. We call ourselves the Chicago Area Draft Resisters (CAD­RE).

Our program is large and ambitious: we are building a broad-based movement, involving large numbers of people not simply to fight the draft, but to work for the positive alternatives we seek. The program emphasizes anti-draft and anti-war education among young men; it emphasizes non-violent direct action at military and selective service centers; it emphasizes organizing around a num­ber of draft counseling/draft resistance centers being set up. The latest is a message to young men, not to sit in our offices and wait for them to come to us.

I would like to appeal to your readers for support. We desperately need funds to support organizers and pay for office and printing supplies.

We now have twelve full-time organi­zers working without salary, and many more part-time workers. We are reaching out to the great, great many more full-time people if we can get the money.

We are working closely with SNCC to recruit and support Black organizers to work in the ghettos. There is a tremen­dous lack of knowledge of simply the legal alternatives to the draft among Black youth in the ghetto. We are going into the community to present our message to young men, not to sit in our offices and wait for them to come to us.

I wish you would tell somebody to come to court, and see for themselves. Like some of the people over in the Fillmore, Hunters Point and Mission dis­tricts, the users without jobs and nothing to do and people like yourselves, if you’re not playing golf that day or some­body’s "committee to help fill the empty court rooms." Actually my court day or court room you choose to visit would be appreciated, because I’ve got another that’s on trial every day.

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Yours in Peace,
Gary Rader

WHO NEEDS A REVOLUTION? WE DO!

RAISE PHONE RATE

"The Pacific Telephone Company con­tends its rate of return is now 5%. It is asking the State Public Utilities Commission for 7.9%. The difference amounts to $181 million annually that Pacific seeks to charge its customers.

"If approved, the new one-party resi­dents' rate for most residents of San Francisco would increase from $3.85 to $5.75 a month, business one-party service would be boosted to $8 a month. "Pacific Telephone official said that the increase is necessary 'to do the com­munications job that California needs, and at the same time remain attractive to the investor.'"

--- From the S.F. Chronicle

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Dear Editors:

Just a note to show my support of the kind of reporting in recent issues of THE MOVEMENT. The excellent cov­erage of organization and exploitation of Black people, Mexican Americans, Indians and poor whites not only shows the class character of exploitation, and therefore of radical change or revolu­tion, but also says a lot about the na­ture of the individuals and institutions which exploit us.

Most of the 25 copies of THE MOVEMENT I get each month find their way into the hands of both Black and White people in the Columbus Welfare Rights Organization. Many of us feel a little left out since there have been no riots in Columbus despite lots of rumors and a couple of abortive attempts. Never­theless, fear of riots has won for WRO a few concessions from the welfare de­partment and the county commission recently.

Whatever as well as Uncle Sam talk about places to burn and loot when the riot comes, and share a hatred of the sym­bols of oppression and degradation, the fact that Black and White often react in the same way to exploitation, of course, doesn't mean there is no racism or prejudi­ce — just that racism is considered "construction among the people" and ultimately even the racists are beginning to see that the real fight is against those who oppress us all.

Jim Buckley

PHONE FREE IN CUBA

"Cuban propaganda repeats Premier Fidel Castro's May 18 statement that 'the day will come when money, the vile in­termmediary between man and the products he creates, will be eliminated.'

"Yesterday Havana radio announced that henceforth local calls made from public telephones will be free in the whole city.

"Last week the government decreed that funeral and burial services would be fur­nished gratis by the state.

"Medical and dental services have been free for years under the Castro regime." --- From the S. F. Chronicle
The very essence of imperialist thinking is revealed in what the imperialists publish. Of course, we should state, to avoid any misunderstanding, so no honest person will mistakenly think I am referring to them—that we know that, in spite of the infamous conditions that prevail there, there are some honest writers and journalists in the United States. I am saying that we should question, and many of the other kind that I am afraid some- one may think we do not know how to distinguish between them. But here is a case which expresses the essence of imperialist thinking.

It is an article in the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS entitled, “Stokely, Stay There.” We would indeed be honored if he wished to remain here . . . But he himself doesn’t want to stay here, because he believes the struggle in his fundamental duty. But he must know that he is the true center of the enemy’s counter-revolution.

The article states: “Stokely Carmichael, the Negro firebrand, in his Havana, capital of Red Cuba, after having studied at the University of Havana, where we suggest that he remain in Havana, his spiritual home. “You don’t call me Guevara, we urge Stokely to remain in Red Cuba until this miserable island is rescued from communism, and then the latter will come here, because he believes that the struggle in the United States we think that the Department of Justice should throw the book at him.”

And in conclusion, after more of the same sort of thing, it states: “While we are busy in Vietnam, we can hardly crush Castro—although the Government could, and should, discourage Cuban refugees who plan Castro’s destruction.”

Stop discouraging! Stop discouraging Cuban exiles who plan Castro’s destruction. The fact that the State Department, the Secretary of State, and the press, were busy in Vietnam, we can hardly crush Castro—although the Government could, and should, discourage Cuban refugees who plan Castro’s destruction.

It has been disappointing to learn that the Department of Justice, and the press, were busy in Vietnam, and then they were going to Cuba. We are going to Cuba.

From speech by major Fidel Castro Ruz, Prime Minister of the Cuban Revolutionary Government at the closing of the First Congress of the Latin American Organization of Solidarity (OLAS) at the Chaplin Theater on August 10, 1967, “Year of Heroic Viet Nam.” (Translation of the transcript made by the Department of Stenographic Transcripts of the Revolutionary Government).

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GUERRILLA WARFARE

Guerrilla warfare should never be discussed as to whether it’s right or wrong. It is the only way to stop exploitation and oppression. To carry on a discussion of whether it’s right or wrong is to play the game of the imperialists. When you are waging a war there is no right there is no wrong. It is just what you feel is necessary to obtain your goal. And that is what we must understand, those of us who are in the oppressed world.

Guerrilla warfare is where we are moving to in the United States. We are going to develop a national liberation struggle and we’re gonna be best in urban guerrilla warfare, because there is one thing that the imperialists have no. Theirs don’t have the will to fight . . .

INTEGRAL STRUGGLE

What we have not recognized is that capitalism has become international and that we are fighting international struggle. The struggle is international, that is the way we can win, because if we do not have a national liberation struggle, we cannot win. But we have the will to fight . . .

RECOGNIZE THE ENEMY

The reality was much simpler. Urban guerrilla warfare was developing. The reality was much simpler. Urban guerrilla warfare was developing. Urban guerrilla warfare was developing. We simply putting it into a political frame.

And the reason is because when you sit down to talk to your master, or talking to his master or your base in the country, the only way to stop enslaving him. That is the only way. The imperialists do not have the same political ideology that enslaves us all. The only way we can beat it is to internationalize our struggle so we have an international power fighting an international power. That is the way we can win, because if we do not have a national liberation struggle, we cannot win. But we have the will to fight . . .

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REACTIONARY VIOLENCE

The only way very clearly that the only solution is black revolution and that we are not concerned with peaceful co-existence. Armed struggle is the only way, not only for us, but for all oppressed peoples around the world.

What people talk about peaceful co-existence are talking about maintaining the status quo, because the only way that the imperialists have the will to fight, is to in the United States. We are going to develop a national liberation struggle and we’re gonna be best in urban guerrilla warfare, because there is one thing that the imperialists have no. Theirs don’t have the will to fight . . .

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Ken Epstein was one of the first organizers for the Berkeley Anti-Draft Union. When he had a physical last April, he passed out leaflets inside the induction center. When asked to stop, he refused. When he was told to leave, he left. In June, his San Bernadino draft board declared him 1-A delinquent and he was ordered to report for induction on August 30. This presented a political problem for the union. Until this date, we had been able to say that none of our members had ever been drafted. Also, Ken was the only one of all the two dozen men who had testified inside to receive a 1-A delinquency, so this could possibly be a test to see how we would react. Ken is a personal friend of many of us in the Union, and we determined not to let him go without a fight.

Ken’s position has been that if he’s drafted, he’ll go into the Army and organize, but none of us have been too happy about the prospect of his going in. The union got the support from the San Francisco, Height-Ashbury, and Stanford Draft Resistance Unions, and set a demonstration for 6:15 a.m.

AT THE CENTER

There were about 40 of us there at 6:15. By 7, an Oz demonstration had broken up, and about 50 demonstrators, three Oakland police cars, a wagon, a plank-clad, federal car, and a good number of police were shown up. When the first bus-load of inductees was bused into the recruiting chamber without a problem, most of the cops left. As soon as this happened, Ken got up on top of a car and began to shout things. The first two cars brought up were full of inductees. After the recruiting chamber was cleared, he said, “We report for induction on August 30. He passed out leaflets inside the induction center. When things cleared up, we discovered that there was a hole the size of a softball in the wall, and a lot of cracks. It looked pretty good.

We resumed the picket line. There were no arrests, and Ken’s induction was delayed 30 to 60 days for security reasons. This may have been only a skirmish, but war had been declared, and we’re getting ready.

If you have questions about the draft, or would like to know the address of a draft counselor in your area, send requests to Jeff Segal, C/O THE MOVEMENT, 449 14th St., San Francisco, Ca. 94103

Jeff Segal, National Draft Resistance Coordinator for SDS, talks about the changes in the draft laws and about what’s happening in the draft resistance movement around the country.

Congress passed a new draft law which went into effect on July 1, 1967. While promising for months and months great "reforms" and "suites-revised" early draft laws were actually amended by the Congress. In what seems to be an attempt to soothe students’ demands against the disruptive impact of the draft among economic classes that the Congressmen themselves might cause the Seeger precedent, they have provided for MANDATORY II-S (draft) deferments for all undergraduates. Conditions for student deferments are now: 1) a written request from the student, 2) written approval from the university or school that he is in pursuing a full-time course of study, which is defined by the school as gis is usually fulfilled by schools filling SIS Form gr109, 3) the courses taken are worth credits toward a school degree (the student must now make a secretory progress, which is, according to the law, the completion of at least 30 credits needed for a four-year degree by the end of the first academic year, 50% by the end of the second year, etc., and 5) the student has not reached his 24th birthday. The academic year is defined by the law to be a 12-month period following the beginning of a particular course of study.

TIGHTER FOR GRADS

For graduate students things are a wee bit tighter. The law essentially grants a one-year deferment for graduate students. The specifics are: 1) one year for first year graduate students, 2) one year for second-year graduate students (if the student is a full-time student), 3) regardless of year in school, one additional year for a total of five years of deferment after receiving a Bachelors degree, whichever is greater.

The BOND is a new newspaper for men in the service. It publishes uncensored news of the war, letters from soldiers, reports on the cases of men who have refused to serve in Vietnam and other information of interest to men in the armed forces. It is published in Berkeley, California. The BOND is mailed first class direct to the man who receives it. The editors state that the running list is not open to unprofitable requests. They urge individuals to send them names and addresses of servicemen to be mailed first class to whom they can send THE BOND.

The BOND is an outgrowth of the first few letters that indicate that I shall have a great need for a source of unbiased news as well as a great need for the companionship of many other soldiers who oppose the war.

ARMY RESPONSE

The response from the army company reported the response: "Somewhere thought it would be funny to give the command commander one. He expected, the Birks watch the 1248. CAL ga held them all over. (Remember, this is first class mail, Ed.) He did so reluctantly. Next, was taken of all who received them. Some may have been opened. I was just mad and upset it looked like . . . we were going to have a struggle to convince them to stick in people’s craw. THEY know they had a right to accept or reject the mail as long as it was not illegal... . . . So the brass really hurt themselves by trying to crush dissent. People have reacted and have had a lot of lake rides."

The BOND is currently mailed free to any servicemans whose name is received. Subscription for non-servicemen are $3 for six months. The BOND requires 1) Articles, especially first - hand information on Vietnam! 2) Names and addresses of servicemen: 3) Funds. Send to THE BOND, 2765 Emerson St., Berkeley, Calif 94703.
For many years we black people have been trying to find a way to stop the white man from cheating us and beating us and making us pay him high rents to live in his run down houses, while he would just sit in his air conditioned rooms and ignore us when we would come begging him to lower his prices, fix up our apartments, clean up our streets, and demand that his police stop beating and shooting our innocent black people. Who would ever have dreamed that a handful of rocks might be one of the most valuable things we have, at present, in our black communities?

For instance: A handful of rocks put Dixie Hills on the map. No one had ever heard of Dixie Hills or Summerhill or Watts, before a handful of rocks. No one ever cared about the problems in these black communities until, one day, a handful of rocks opened everyone’s eyes.

A handful of rocks brought news reporters and television cameras. For the first time, people were able to complain about problems in Dixie Hills to the City of Atlanta and to people across the country.

A handful of rocks brought Negro preachers from all over the city and elected Negro leaders came to the community for the first time since people helped put them in office years ago.

We would probably never have know what they really were another "leader": which side is HE on?

A handful of rocks even brought Mayor Ivan Allen to Dixie Hills for the first time in a long time, Garbage collection before a handful of rocks and after a handful of rocks.

A handful of rocks and the city sends street sweepers to Dixie Hills for the first time in a long time, Garbage collection.

A handful of rocks and all of a sudden someone promises a lot of shiny garbage cans to the community. (We haven’t seen them yet).

A handful of rocks on Monday night and on Tuesday morning the city sends gravel and a bulldozer to build a playground.
This story is about the Dixie Hills community in Atlanta. However, the problems in Dixie Hills are not much different from the problems faced in Watts, Newark, Tampa, Cincinnati and many, many other ghettos across the country, where up to now, black people have been forced to live and suffer quietly.

Because of a handful of rocks, a lot more people in Dixie Hills are beginning to wonder: Why is EOA in a Black Community run by a HUNKY? And why is it staffed by people who do not really care about the community, because they do not live here? We have people who live in Dixie Hills who are capable of doing the work that they are supposed to do.

Because of a handful of rocks, people in Dixie Hills will no longer stand for outsiders cheating and insulting the community. Why should they continue to charge us high prices for rotten food. We could run this store ourselves. Prices would be lowered. Our people would manage it, and more black people would be hired to work in it. It would be owned cooperatively by the community. The profits would go into a community fund and be re-invested in other business ventures. Controlling our own businesses in our own communities is a first step toward achieving BLACK POWER for all our people.

A handful of rocks on Tuesday night and on Wednesday morning someone offers to send the community some playground equipment.

A handful of rocks, and presto! the city promises to build a special road to Anderson Park.

A handful of rocks and busses arrive to take Dixie Hills children to Six Flags over Georgia and other places.

A handful of rocks and the community is suddenly offered 300 tickets to the baseball game.

A handful of rocks on a Monday and on Friday the city of Atlanta receives $4,500,000 (four and a half million dollars) from the federal government for job training programs.

The city also received $600,000 for “emergency” recreation, after a handful of rocks.

Just one week after a handful of rocks, the city began to lay concrete sidewalks so we can finally get out of the mud and dust.

The hunky who owns the Dixie Hills Apartments broke down and gave jobs to some of the young men in the community to clean up the grounds, after a handful of rocks.

A handful of rocks is just a beginning. (As one man said, “If a handful of rocks can do all that, how much could we get done with a ton of bricks?”)

With a handful of rocks (or by any other means necessary) and a community full of people ORGANIZED and determined to deal with hunkies and hunky Toms, us black people can move to get what we’ve been trying so hard to get for so long: freedom, justice and black power, through control of our own communities.
The following is a press release from the Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU) and the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC - SA), dated August 19, 1967. It is followed by an editorial in Spotlight on South Africa, a publication of the African National Congress.

**FREEDOM FIGHTERS BATTLE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA**

By A.L. Lincoln

**CHICAGO** -- As ghetto rioting spread across the country this summer and unrest built up in the Chicago slums, the movement to arm the community against force and violence of its own, Mayor Daley declared action to meet the disturbance with full force and to have the National Guard troops deployed within the city. Mayor Daley also declared his policy of action against the police force, the prosecutors and the judges to deal harshly with "troublemakers" in the city.

In the early summer the police appeared to concentrate their harassment on individuals identified as "leaders". These individuals were followed, picked up and jailed with minor charges. In particular, Obad Lopes of the Latin American Defense Organization (LADO) and Jonita Ditta of the Pan African Student League (PALS) were victims of this harassment and ended up spending long periods in jail.

Organizers from the West Side Organization, LADO and SDS were stopped on absurdly trumped-up charges -- a Negro officer told them it was because they were black and white together in the car. On the same night several incidents on the South Side, inciting the mass arrest phase of the disturbances, the police arrested largely to break up groups or prevent them from forming -- not by any law they had done or were going to do. But we'll go on. The kids on the South Side were told to go home. Not only one meal a day, if need be.

At the urging of the city's prosecutor, most of those arrested were held on blanket charges of Mob Action, Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing Police Officer and Resisting Arrest, in spite of the total lack of evidence to support these charges. When the arrested persons appeared before the judge, he refused to hold a hearing to see if there was probable cause for the arresting officer and ordered them held for trial two weeks away, setting bonds as high as $50,000. This pattern has been repeated several times during the summer. On August 1, a crowd gathered following a shooting accident in the alley behind Big Jim's Liquor Store at 67th and Cottage Grove on the South Side. By 7 p.m. the crowd was dispersed by local groups including gang workers, but the police attacked. The next day 54 persons were arrested in 11 raids, many hours later and blacks arrested from the incident. Two boys working at a gas station across the street and reporting the shooting, the police arrested without their leave. The police boat was almost out of gas. It was attempted to interfere with the officers. After a man was way over his home and get them out of court. Several YMCA and COC workers were arrested even after they explained that they were simply carrying out our duties and persuading people to go home.

Before the fifty-four was charged with the same fourteen offenses, including Mob Action and Resisting Arrest. When the cases finally came up for trial weeks later, it was clear that the police had no evidence against those arrested. Some of the defendants, including 3 women, were better dressed and more respectable-looking, were told by the prosecutor that they would plead guilty to Disorderly Conduct the other charges would be dropped. The charging forty-five were their cases until a grand jury refused to indict for lack of evidence.

For the past three weeks our militiants have inflicted a heavy defeat on the enemy that even the naked eye can see. We have taken over the newspapers and radio broadcasting stations which have been self-consciously opposed. Government officers have been dropped over the forests in the Wankie District area depicting two false sardines. The entire state of the leaflets speaks of the despair and trepidation of the White soldiers to face our men who strike hard and with devastating accuracy born of experience.

The school headquarters at St. Anselm's displays hand-lettered placards reading, "Black Power," a map of Africa, and photos of S. A. M. Chibibiri, M.P. Brown, the late Malcolm X. Some 50 Negro and white students aged six to sixteen classes three mornings a week; other school activities are crafts and workshops, theater, drama, and music. No white children attend. Rev. Woodruff attributes this to the fact that no white family will allow a Negro child, or a white mother and a Negro mother, the young persons to the white person as he'd like to resemble. We're trying to change this attitude not only from the point of view of the imprisoned defendants, but also from the point of view of the imprisoned defendants, but also from the point of view of the imprisoned defendants.
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ABU PLANS CULTURE CENTER

OAKLAND, CAIIF.—The Alliance for Black Unity (ABU) has begun fund raising for the Cultural Center and bookstore which they hope to open soon in Oakland. They have set the goal of $14,845 which will allow them to rent, stock and operate the Cultural Center for the first year. ABU is a black peoples' membership organization. It stands for Black Power, knowledge of black history and pride in blackness. It opposes the war in Vietnam. Not a separatist organization, it believes in strengthening bonds between all exploited and oppressed peoples, and seeks to build a movement to work for progress for all Americans.

The Middle of August saw the gathering of most of the major anti-draft activities at a conference called by the Boston and Madison groups. The conference was designed to bring together activists for the purpose of exchanging information and developing techniques and strategies in constant pending the draft resistance movement. The conference was floundered without a purpose and direction. There has apparently been no strategic thinking down the local level about anti-draft programming. Although most of the draft activists are generally aware of problems, there seems to be no clear development in which people could fit counselling, information, education or action into a revolutionary framework. This has been one of the basic problems of all of the present anti-draft organizations. Programatically, this has meant that even in areas where draft work has begun it has run afoul of its own internal contradictions and action occurs without a clear strategy. Even though the conference collapsed, a few positive results emerged. It forced most of the participants to begin to grapple with the problem of relating day-to-day activity with a long-term perspective. The hating discussion of strategy that did occur has planted the seeds for the production of a broad, radical, multi-issued framework within which the draft becomes the initial catalyst for creating a revolutionary perspective.

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THE WHITE QUESTION

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A. Oh yes, quite a lot. Actually most.

ABOUT THE WAR.
Q. How do you feel about the war, now, having been over there?
A. Well, I'm just tired of it. I'm tired of my fucking life for Johnson's battalion. When you're over there, it seems like you're just playing superman game... I don't see why they keep it there, they could just get the hell out. They've wasted all this time, money, and lives for nothing. I don't want to go back.

Q. What made you change your feelings about the war?
A. Well, having been over there, and having had to put up with all the Navy puts out...

Q. Is there much opposition to the war among the crew members?
A. Oh, yes, of course. The rest of the crew isn't too morally concerned, they just want out because they're making enough money for some battalion. All they want to do is to get their liberty and go back to work.

Q. How are lifers treated?
A. They take care of that real well. You should look up whether or not the papers ever had anything about this agreement between the man on the Coral Sea and the Navy.

SAFETY
Q. How are safety precautions taken on board?
A. They're too lax. The paper work is done. You'll see some dumb shit going on automatically when the lights go out. But for some reason none of them have been fixed in the last eight or ten years, and only one out of six or seven works. If you're not in the right place, it's all over.

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LIVING CONDITIONS
Q. How are the current living conditions?
A. We're stacked four high in rows of bunks. Living that close together, there's a lot of diseases. You'll see some dumb shit going on. They're trying to go on automatically when the lights go out. They give you a 'fog horn,' where you can say whether they're going to go on automatically when the lights go out. But for some reason none of them have been fixed in the last eight or ten years, and only one out of six or seven works. If you're not in the right place, it's all over.

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OAKLAND -- Plans for a four-day siege of the Oakland Induction Center, October 16 - 20, were announced today by spokesmen for National STOP THE DRAFT Week Committee. Compulsory conscription was labeled "a criminal conspiracy against American youth that must be stopped."

"We have picketed, protested, unfurled and argued against the draft and the racist war in Vietnam," said Terence Cannon, member of the STOP THE DRAFT Steering Committee. "There is only one way to keep young men from being shanghaied into the armed forces and that is to stop the draft from operating. We declare that we are opposed to the government's policy and will do everything we can to bring it to a halt.

"In every city and stockade in America are hundreds of GIs jailed for refusing to serve in Vietnam. There is tremendous dissent within the armed forces. Individuals are powerless inside a totalitarian army. We plan to create a base of power that will keep the government from forcing more young men in against their will."

Steering Committee member Morgan Specter stated, "This week marks a declaration of war by us, the draft age men, on the Army: on the brass, on the generals and all the other old men in the government and the Pentagon who are happy to shed the blood of young Americans in military oppression against foreign countries and the urban centers of America.

"Our participation in this week means we are no longer willing to accept the feeling that we are impotent over our own lives either until we have been shot up in Vietnam or are too old for the Army to want us."

Reverend Don Ganoung, speaking in support of the week's activities said: "A Christian now faced with the draft has two alternatives. Be drafted and be a potential executioner for Murder Incorporated, USA, or be imprisoned. Man cannot, nor a nation cannot, maintain sanity when these are the only consequences of a decision. Stop the war, stop the draft."

Ganoung, an Episcopal priest, is the Oakland staff worker for the Right Reverend C. K. Myers, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

Another supporter of the action, Professor Franz Schurmann, Asian Studies expert at the University of California, said: "The United States is destroying a small people for reasons that have nothing to do with national defense. It threatens to expand that war to satisfy the Pentagon's hunger for world domination.

"Since no other country is willing to provide the cannon fodder for the Pentagon's appetite, it must be the young men of America. Since the draft has become the instrument to provide cannon fodder for an immoral and unjust war, the draft itself is immoral and unjust. The draft and ultimately all of America's instruments of aggression must be done away with. Otherwise America will go the way of Nazi Germany."

The committee also announced that they will begin an extensive campaign in high schools and colleges in the Bay Area, using a mobile theater group and speakers to bring their anti-draft message to young people. "It is the young people who are under the gun, and it is the young people who will stop the draft," a spokesman said.


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