

Detroit Joins Nation In Anti-War Protests

When Nixon initiated the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong response was immediate throughout the country. Detroit's people responded in several uniquely determined ways.

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Abolish STRESS Campaign Moves Ahead

by Brian Flanigan

"Where's that stack of petitions for the 13th precinct?"

"I've got a call from a high school they need somebody from the Speaker's Bureau."

"We need 5,000 more Fact Sheets printed by this afternoon. . .who can do it?"

The ABOLISH STRESS! petition campaign, begun a month ago, has rapidly gained momentum and is moving toward its goal of 100,000 signatures demanding the immediate abolition of the Detroit Police Department's STRESS unit.

STRESS (Stop The Robberies Enjoy Safe Streets) is an elite, plain clothes unit that, in the last 14 months, has been responsible for killing 15 Detroit citizens.

In response to the continued escalation of STRESS activities, the Labor Defense Coalition (LDC), the Michigan Guardians, and numerous other concerned and community groups sponsored a mass rally on Mar. 26 at the U. of D. Memorial Building. At the rally, over 4,000 people heard Kenneth Cockrel, a member of and spokesman for LDC, say, "We feel this campaign has three immediate goals. First, there is obviously the Petition Drive. We have set a goal of 100,000 signatures because we feel that a well-organized formation will indeed indicate that there is broad-based support for the abolition of STRESS.

"Secondly, we are dealing with the state apparatus in the legal arena by filing a suit against Mayor Gribbs, John Nichols, William Cahalan, and the city of Detroit, Inc. seeking an injunction against the continued operation of the STRESS unit.

100,000 Signatures

"Our third goal is to set up an educational process throughout the community that further exposes and mobilizes people around the inconsistencies, inequities and contradictions that exist in this society as it's presently structured."

Since the rally, the suit has been filed, in Circuit Court (see article p. 5), and the campaign has set up a Speaker's Bureau, begun the process of printing a newspaper, and intensified the Petition Drive.

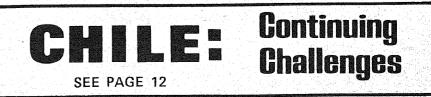


"We don't think 100,000 signatures is unrealistic at all," says Khadejah Halpern, an LDC staff member. "Before we had any real organized effort," she continued, "we had over 10,000 signatures.

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Kenneth V. Cockrel (at podium far left) of the Labor Defense Coalition addresses over 4,000 Detroiters who attended a March 26 rally that opened the ABOLISH STRESS! Petition campaign.





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Viet Nam and STRESS One Plus One Equals One

If you look, you can see big bright florescent numbers painted on the roof of Detroit police cars. Their purpose is to enable the police, including STRESS units under new "reforms," to call in air strikes from the DPD helicopter air force

Look elsewhere.

If you look in the newspapers and on T.V., you can see pictures of ARVN soldiers in Viet Nam hanging from the skids of U.S. helicopters trying to evacuate U.S. "advisors" from battles which ARVN has lost in the current offensive.

This issue of Changeover is dominated by stories about STRESS and Viet Nam. They are really the same story in different places with different names.

One plus one equals one.

When trouble rears its head the American safety valve does not vary whether in Quang Tri or Detroit--if it moves, shoot it. Force and technology are what made our country what it is today We're number one in Detroit -- in homi-

cides per capita. Yea number oneism Nixon is contending for number one of the whole century. His only challenger

is Hitler. Are the French really so much worse off now than they were when they occupied Viet Nam--and Algeria. They're not number one in Southeast Asia anymore.

Thieu and Gribbs

President Thieu is a puppet of U.S. corporate interests. So is Roman S. Gribbs, And Nixon, Honeywell makes guava bombs. And profits. Ford makes cars and stadiums and downtown developments (maybe) and jeeps. And profits. Melvin Laird is a secretary of defense. So is John Nichols. And William Lucas. The ordinary foot soldiers left in Viet Nam courageously reel at the killing they are ordered to do. So do the Guardians.

Street crime, drug related crime, burglary, rape and homicide are grave problems in the city of Detroit. Citizens live in fear. The poor and the desperate prey on each other for the shrinking resources of the city. The same is all true in Saigon. But not Hanoi.

The crime rate, says Nichols, is down. Do you believe it? Name one place you'll

Who Said This?

"" was never on strike. I've never ordered a strike. iever walked a picket line. I believe that the free enterprise system is the best one for workers."

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year ago when the statistics were different. Name one place in Viet Nam that you'd go to, now that Vietnamization has worked.

Maybe Calley got a kick out of My Lai-and some white people got a vicarious thrill along with him. Raymond Peterson has participated in the killing of eight black people as a STRESS officer. And some white people probably think that "keeping the colored in their place with STRESS" is the only worthwhile city service they get for their growing tax burden.

STRESS with all its death, cruelty and technology is no more a solution to the basic problems facing Detroit than Vietnamization is for the Vietnamese. STRESS does not reverse the trend of jobs fleeing the city to the South--or the South Pacific. It does not lower taxes. It does not improve the schools. It does not improve the housing.

Why not have a .357 "shoot to kill first, ask questions later" STRESS squad that would go after Chrysler Corporation managers and owners for polluting the Huber foundry area beyond liveability, and the real estate brokers who cheated all the taxpayers through phony FHA loans; and A&P (or WEO--that's for sure, we owe--or whatever they call themselves now) for their high prices; and GM for

go now that you would'nt have gone a violating the price guidelines and robbing the city of 1,200 jobs by closing Fisher Body plant no. 23; and Henry Ford for tripling his wages to nearly \$900,000 while ours are frozen at \$9,000.

Police officers could dress up as ordinary taxpayers and workers and then when they got swindled by businessmen, capitalists and politicians, their cohorts could start shooting. Why not? Because that might start dealing with some basic problems

Instead, we have a STRESS which shoots down poor people in the city streets of Detroit. Like Viet Nam, it is a "cure" which is at best worse than the disease. It creates more fear and crime, including police murders, than it eliminates. "We had to destroy that country in order to save it."

Vietnamization does not bring selfdetermination to the Vietnamese. Only the Seven Point Proposal of the PRG could do that. Vietnamization is the one man "election" of President Thieu. And bombing.

STRESS and Vietnamization. One plus one equals one.

Party who have endorsed Democratic

We reject the notion that encouraging

anyone, whatever their age, to vote for a

candidate from the party of Senator

Eastland, George Wallace, Roman S.

Gribbs and Hubert Humphrey is bene-

ficial to either short-term or long-term

organizing. We remember SDS's slogan.

Party candidate George McGovern.

Who Governs George?

The history of the United States records two great expansions of the right to vote. Black men following the Civil War received the vote, and the electorate was doubled through the extension of the franchise to women in 1919. Racism and sexism still persist. Although both expansions came as the result of intense social and political turmoil neither produced radical change in the arrangement of U.S. society.

Neither will the so called "yout vote." Changeover does not agree with the youth cultists such as Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman and the Rainbow People's

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to which some aging youth leaders have apparently reverted: "part of the way with LBI" The way went on. We are familiar with the "disillusionment" theory. Can Rennie Davis or Jerry Rubin say they have organized those who were "disillusioned," after having seen their liberal hero Gene McCarthy trounced by the party "regulars" at Chicago in 1968? If so, where is the organization of these radicalized, dis-

illusioned youth voters? We are aware of NO instance in the history of the United States when alignment with the ruling class Democratic or Republican parties could be justified. No matter how tactical or desperate, there is no benefit worth the compromise in principles and long-range organizing to justify having made the endorsement

We recognize that with the exception of Shirley Chisolm only George McGovern represents the left wing of the Democratic Party -- if he isn't then there is even less reason to support him. But John Lindsay was the extreme left of the Republican Party, Would you like to live in New York? Are people so much better off with Lindsay as mayor? Or isn't it really way beyond the Republican or Democratic elected officials -- all of whom are basically responsive to I.T.&T., G.M. and the A.M.A. anyway?

Our real power is not in the national electoral arena but rather in our ability to relate, 365 days per year (election year or not), to the day-to-day needs of people in a sustained organized manner.

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Petition Drive On

We now have an organized, co-ordinated activity that is based on the DPD's precinct structure.

At an Apr. 20 Work Force meeting, over 250 precinct workers heard an update on the Petition Drive, the suit, and the educational projects that are being worked on. After these reports, the workers moved into their respective precinct groups and began to develop a more complete petition strategy for their own precinct.

From this meeting came general work areas such as schools, shopping centers, work places, etc. that are being canvassed by the precinct workers.

"We need more petitions sent to the 10th. They're doing A&P tomorrow." "There's a call from the East side. They want a speaker to come out." "After we print more maps we need to do some envelopes."

The culmination of the first stage of the campaign is scheduled to be a mass rally on Friday, May 19, when all members of the community will come together to synthesize their two months of work and move the organizing campaign to its next stage.

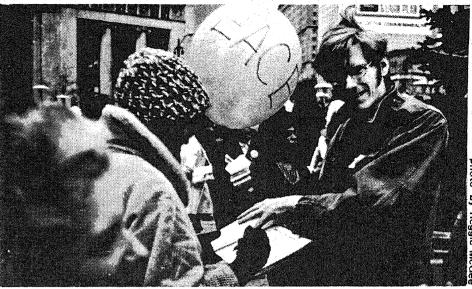
"We are happy with the way the Petition Drive is moving," said Sheila Murphy, one of the campaign co-ordinators. "But we see this as more than just a movement to abolish STRESS. We think that it is necessary for us to organize in our communities to gain the power that has been taken from us by Gribbs, Nichols, and the people they work for."

People Together

"The ABOLISH STRESS! campaign," she added, "proves that Detroit folks can develop an organization, at this point based on police precincts, that will take the power that is rightfully ours."

This attitude - "the people doing their own work together" - seems to be the common point shared by all the staff and that it must be abolished. But the other workers involved. From the LDC office, which is acting as the headquarters, to the precinct meetings, the people's spirit much larger picture. It includes schools, seems to get noticeably stronger every factories, the unemployed, and all the day.

The work involved is hard: printing, based on how much money somebody doing mailings, canvassing for signatures, else can make from our work.



A Labor Defense Coalition precinct worker gets signatures in support of the campaign to ABOLISH STRESS!

speaking, and many other seemingly insignificant things, but the intensity continues. The people realize that STRESS is nothing more than a highly trained killer squad (a murder a month) and common thought that is expressed is the fact that STRESS is only one part of a other results of a social system that is

"We still need 5,000 Fact Sheets by later this afternoon. . .who can do it?" We will do it. . .

For further information about the Petition Drive or any other aspect of the campaign, contact the Labor Defense Coalition, 510 1/2 Monroe, 964-1120.

Protests Escalate with Bombing

President Nixon bombed Hanoi and Haiphong. Shock, anger, and determination moved the People's Peace Treaty and its Emergency Action Network to launch an offensive.

On Monday, April 17 at 10 a.m., approximately 60 people, a delegation of representatives from every spectrum of the tri-county area, visited Senator Griffin's office in the Federal Building. By "sitting in," people were determined to make it known that increasing numbers of Americans can no longer accept the fact that Nixon believes he can go to "whatever

extreme necessary." including a mad bombing rampage, and expect no public opposition. The delegation demanded that Griffin publicly cen-

sure Nixon on the floor of the Senate for the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong; and that he speak out against the continued bombing of the North and southern zones, and further escalating the war. Griffin's staff



With a U.S. Marshal "holding" tight, a uniformed officer moves in to arrest this unidentified youth. daily on the Vietnamese.

reached him by phone in Washington. Several representatives spoke to him to seek an accounting for his refusal to honor a pledge that he had made earlier to a citizen's delegation on September 13. He stated then that while he would not at that time support an antiwar bill neither would he support any escalation of the war by the Nixon administration.

Until the Senator indicated some willingness to answer these questions and demands, a group of people nmitted themselves to staying in his office to express outrage felt by millions across this country against this brutal war, Griffin flatly refused and asked what was being done to protest the invasion of the DMZ by north Viet Nam--another attempt at the very least to foster the myth that Viet Nam is two countries.

It was made clear that the sit-in would continue. Griffin prevented the press from coming into his office to cover the events. He also attempted to confiscate some film taken earlier that day by Channel 7. It was only through the assistance of Congressman John Convers' office that contact with the outside was made. At 6 p.m. Griffin gave orders to the building supertindent to enlist the aid of Federal Marshals and the Detroit Police Department to arrest everyone there. The police picked those up and physically threw three people out of the office; those that remained were arrested

People Close Griifin Down

On Tuesday morning Griffin's office was closed to the public but the sit-in continued in the hallway. The numbers of people showing their opposition to the government's war policies grew.

Pressure and tension built up as the sit-in continued Wednesday and Thursday, Federal Marshals and plainclothes agents played their usual role as enforcers of the "law" when they brutally attacked a young man for allegedly assaulting someone earlier in the day. The local and federal police said it should be a "lesson" and warned others not to come back. The response from Griffin's office was no food or water, and "his" ashtrays were not for this public's use.

Friday morning found the hallway and the entire tenth floor of the Federal Building closed off, Federal Marshals escorted groups of angry people into elevators away from Griffin's office.

The delegation that had been sitting-in since Monday marched to Kennedy Square to join thousands already assembled to show the U.S. government that the antiwar opposition has not been silenced. The Nixon administration's trickery and lies that the Indo-China war is de-escalating was proved false once again by the reports of increasing tonnage of bombs being dropped

The determination of this anti-Griffin, anti-war and anti-imperialist gathering of taxpayers and voters was and will not be thwarted by the diversionary tactics of pacification in Viet Nam or in Detroit. Historically, intimidation, violence and organized force has been used by the American government and the ruling class it represents, to suppress the legitimate protests of people who, theoretically, at least, have the right to petition their government and its representatives for redress of grievances.

Since those grievances are not subject to compromise the struggle to win (as the Vietnamese uncompromising ly struggle) necessitates the formation of political organizations to show, by example, that unified and determined people have the ability to create an alternative form of government that would make wars like Indo-China inconceivable. A first step is to support the People's Peace Treaty activities in the Detroit area by providing your time, labor and donations to increase the scope of its activities during this critical period of the Vietnamese spring offensive.

Guerrillas Win Again

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The Tupamaros, Uruguay's urban guerrilla movement, got their way once more in another escape, this time from the Punta Carreras penitentiary in Montevideo.

Freeing fifteen of their comrades and ten other prisoners, they bored a 200 foot tunnel linking the prison hospital to the city's sewer system where they left booby traps with explosives to slow down their pursuers.

Madrid Strikers

MADRID (LNS)--More than 5,000 building workers went on strike in Madrid on April 24, in response to the appeal issued by Spain's workers' commissions" to take action in connection with the celebration of May Day-long a holiday for working people around the world.

The construction workers left building sites and went out into the streets to protest the fascist regime and treatment on the job

Leaflets calling for a general strike and demanding higher wages and release of all political prisoners have been circulated throughout Madrid for the past few days.

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'Move! Move! Move!" as they advanced down Lafayette Avenue, Detroit police tried Shouting to disperse over 200 anti-war demonstrators on April 21. Minutes after this photo was taken the police broke ranks and began chasing and clubbing individuals.

"All that we have risked and all that we have gained over the years now hangs in the balance," Richard M. Nixon, Apr. 26, 1972.

Describing the scene of the helicopters, Sgt. Carter said, "I was beating them off with a rifle. I lost the rifle finally because I was holding one end, a Vietnamese was holding the other one and it was either him or me so I let my end loose." (News report New York Times, Apr. 30 1972).

Two members of the popular forces, a kind of home guard, frankly admitted their fright as they clambered onto a small bus for Hue. "We are scared of the shelling," one said, "Let the regular troops do the fighting." The present all-out and probably decisive offensive

in Indo- China is made possible by three realities. First, the Vietnamese have held massive resources in reserve for the entire 12 years since the U.S. invasion. In particular, the army of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam (DRV), probably the world's best fighting army, have now been committed to the war for the first time. This came as a surprise, of course, to most U.S. citizens because we have been told all this time that north Viet Nam had invaded the south. That invasion was given as the reason for the three year bombing campaign carried out by LBJ from 1965 through 1968 which the Vietnamese refer to as the War of Destruction. We have been given to believe that the Vietnamese did long ago what they have just done for the first time.



This little sister's sign tells it all - what's healthy for GM, Ford, and Honeywell is NEVER good for the people

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VIET NAM: **Crucial Time**

by Frank Joyce

Of course, to assert that the Vietnamese could ever "invade" Viet Nam is an absurdity.

Their involvement follows the sus Paris Peace talks on Mar. 26 by Richard Nixon. This was preceded by the unilateral disclosure of secret talks by Nixon in January 1972; the resumption of massive bombing of the DRV which began last Christmas (the U.S. carried out more air raids against the north in the three months of 1972 than in all of 1971); the invasion of Laos, the invasion of Cambodia and the commando invasion on north Viet Nam in the so called Son Tay. prison raid.

TET Successes

The 1968 TET offensive is the second reason for the current offensive. We have also been told that TET was a disaster for the Vietnamese, that their casualties were so great that their fighting capacity was virtually destroyed. In fact, the skillful orchestration of military, political and diplomatic struggle in January 1968 achieved two phenomenal objectives without which the current offensive would not possible.

Most importantly, TET drove nearly 600,000 U.S. troops, who had been doing the bulk of the fighting up to that time, out of the country. It reduced the U.S. ground role to virtually zero - so that Nixon is compelled to continue troop withdrawals even during the present offensive because to do otherwise would be political suicide. Most of those who remain, courageously resist fighting anyway. Whether Nixon and others like to think of it as "Vietnamization" or not, the fact remains that the Vietnamese have successfully repelled the most massive invasions of a nation its size at any time--a colossal military achievement.

The second achievement of TET was to reduce, although by no means eliminate, the bombing of the north (admittedly at the expense of greatly intensifying bombing of the south, Laos and after May, 1970, Cambodia). It is quite possible that the bombing halt saved Hanoi and Haiphong from destruction. When LBJ suspended bombing in 1968, there was nothing left standing to bomb except Hanoi and Haiphong. (This writer, having been to the DRV in 1970, saw what was left). In the interim period although the bombing has continued the air defenses of the north have been improved significantly.

The present offensive, however, would still not have been possible without a disastrous tactical error on Nixon's part -- the February 1971 invasion of Laos. Laos was a test; could ARVN troops with full U.S. air

TWO FRONTS -**ONE WAR**

side, the big business profiteers on the other.

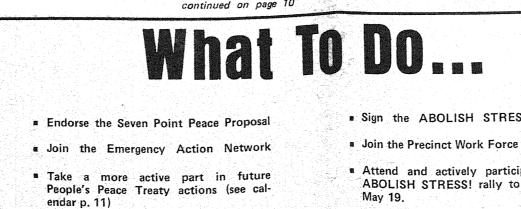
support defeat the liberation forces? NO. ARVN came out of Laos hanging from the helicopter skids, just as they are doing now at An Loc and Quang Tri and Kontum. In Laos the liberation armed forces perfected the techniques of fighting against ARVN and the U.S. Air Force. They discovered that particularly when the fighting is tough, ARVN doesn't know how to properly call in air strikes and is frequently afraid of having their own position bombed. They found out how much bad weather hampers the air support for ARVN and how frightened they are without it (as well as with it). And equally valuable, the techniques and codes by which air strikes are called in combat were successfully monitered by liberation electronic surveillance. Frequently, they had ample time -- five minutes or more -to avoid the bombs when they fell. The Pentagon has never learned that the Vietnamese submit every experience, military, political or diplomatic to the most rigorous analysis and self-criticism so that something is alned and improved

It is this latter quality that symbolizes the third element of the present offensive. The combination of skill, 25 years of experience, determination made of 100 years of colonialism and hundreds of defeated invasions before this one is really the decisive factor in turning this situation into Nixon's Dienbienphu. A puppet army fighting for a puppet government lacks fighting spirit - knowing it is fighting for someone else no matter how well equipped, supported, trained or even technically competent.

"Government of, . .concorde,"

Knowing that ARVN cannot win, the liberation forces have two objectives toward which they struggle. First, as Madame Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of south Viet Nam says, is to establish "a government of national concorde," that is reconciliation in the south through the undermining of the Thieu government. Second, thereby, is to force Nixon to accept the reality and reasonableness of the Seven Point Peace Proposal offered by the PRG on July 1, 1971. The alternative is for Nixon to face defeat in November over the combined failure of his Viet Nam and economic policies.

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· For further information call, or come by, the People's Peace Treaty office, 13100 Woodward, Highland Park, 869-6775.

The campaign to abolish STRESS speaks to two very important realities. On the one hand we have the facts of ever worsening conditions for black and poor people throughout this country, and certainly in the City of Detroit.

The unemployment figures, particularly for black youth, demonstrate that the economic system under which we live has no capacity for the inclusion of black and poor people as productive participants in the process of answering the basic questions of life, namely how to provide decent shelter, adequate nutritive food, health care based upon need not money. and an educational system that does not extinguish the desire to be free men and women working to build a humane and just society for everyone.

The failure of the American capitalist system, which puts profits for the owners of the large corporations head of the needs of the majority of the people, has duced some profoundly disturbing consequer The efforts of the people, whose needs go unme to organize themselves to determine the conditions of their own lives, are met with an overwhelming military response that in every instance amounts to overkill by the profit-seeking racists.

When workers whose interests are being sold out by unions that are functioning as partners of corporate management try to organize themselves to control their working conditions, they are immediately confronted with the power of the state machinery, particularly the police and courts, which power is never on the side of the people. The courts grant injunctions to protect the companies, order workers back to work to break strikes, and interpret the law in such a way as to make it difficult if not impossible for workers to wrest control of their labor from the parasitic profit seekers.

If unemployed people, such as A.D.C. mothers, organize to force the ruling class racists, through their agents who administer the programs of social welfare which programs themselves are used to control and regulate the lives of aid recipients, to grant adequate allowances and provide necessary services, they are arrested by police and charged with such "crimes" as trespassing and the like.

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When students in the schools and colleges, and indeed

Sign the ABOLISH STRESS! Petition

Attend and actively participate in the ABOLISH STRESS! rally to be held on

For further information call, or visit, the Labor Defense Coalition office, 510 1/2 Monroe, Detroit, 964-1120.



King of the Killer Squad: while waiting for a courtroom appearance, STRESS officer Raymond Peterson (left) sits with Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA) attorney Norman Lippit (center). Peterson admitted in court that he has been involved in 10 STRESS shootings - 8 that were fatal.

STRESS: Abolish It!

by Kenneth V. Cockre

junior high and elementary schools, become so nauseated by the irrelevance of the "educational" experience to which they are subjected that they act decisively to change it, the police are called to quell the "disturbance.

If black and poor parents organize to exert con-trol over the administrators of the school systems, they are given pacification programs such as "decentralization" which are quickly "abandoned by the central authorities whenever a question of real power by the people in the communities presents itself. These central authorities know that if they tire of the debate at board meetings or if the parents become an "unruly mob" they have merely to call the police to prevent damage to "their person or property." The damage to the thousands of children who are surrendered to them every morning is of no real concern to them.

When persons who are lodged in "correctional" institutions assert the demand to have their humanity recognized they are brutally assaulted and massacred by the military and para-military police apparatus, for example, Attica and San Quentin, not to mention the wholesale deprivation of the human rights of pre-trial detainees who cannot ransom their freedom from county jails and are thus imprisoned for the crime of poverty.

When members of the various communities attempt to form political organizations to change the nature of this society, they are ruthlessly murdered, infiltrated, harrassed and destroyed by the combined resources of the Federal, State and local police agencies, who employ the intelligence units of the Army, Navy, C.I.A. and other agencies in keeping under surveillance anyone and everyone who knows that this society as presently structured cannot, and should not endure.

STRESS Does NOT. . .

STRESS is another step taken by the ruling class racists to obscure the fact of this country's total bankruptcy in dealing with the fact that the needs of people are going unmet, that this is in no way accidental, and that in fact the real criminals are looting us all with impunity every day, year in and year out, and will continue to do so until we stop it.

STRESS is a very clever artifice used to divide people in this community into "pro" and "anti" crime sectors, with the anti-STRESS forces being lumped into a category that supposedly favors the mugging of the elderly, women and children, and calls for the law of the jungle to prevail on our streets.

The originators of STRESS and their henchmen, Mayor Gribbs and John Nichols, feel free to produce

statistics that are designed to convince you that it is "safe" to shop downtown, (if you have any money), and that therefore all is well in the City, despite the fact that the factors produce the real deterioration in the quality of life in this City have been caused by the very same profit seekers who ask you to come down and spend what you have left after trying to feed, clothe and shelter yourself and your family.

STRESS does not stop the flow of heroin into our communities, moreover since opium does not grow domestically, and is not refined into heroin domestically, the responsibility for its presence in our communities has to be placed at the feet of those who own the systems of transportation, control the borders of this country, and obviously want our communities lulled into a state of euphoria, induced by drugs, that reduces the level of serious struggle that would, and will, seal their doom.

STRESS does not re-order the priorities of an economy in which Chrysler Corporation announces that its first quarter earnings are triple that of last year, while people by the thousands are denied participation in, and control of, meaningful work.

STRESS does not provide homes to people who have been ruthlessly uprooted by urban renewal and freeway construction programs that benefit the business interest in our City and the suburbanites who sit in

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LAW TALK

a legal handbook



PART 6: ARRAIGNMENT ON THE COMPLAINT AND WARBANT

(Your first court appearance on a felony in Michigan, unless the charge originates by grand jury indictment, or unless you have been previously taken to Court by a writ of habeas corpus (see last month's Installment) is the Arraignment on the Complaint & Warrant. In this Installment, we shall inform you as to the purposes of the Arraignment and how you can serve your best interests at that time.

THE PURPOSES OF AN ARRAIGNMENT are as follows: (1) to inform an accused of the specific charge; (2) to enter a plea of not guilty; (3) to ascertain whether or not the accused will be hiring an attorney or will require a court-appointed attorney; (4) to set a date for the next court proceeding, the preliminary examination; and (5) to set a bond.

The Court Clerk calls the case and the accused is then directed by court police personnel to go before the Judge. The Court Clerk, speaking hurriedly, says: "File number 72-00001, Richard Milhous Nixon, you are charged with the crime of genocide, how do you plead, guilty or not guilty?"

Thereafter, even if Richard pleads guilty, the Court will not accept a plea at that time and will enter a plea of "not guilty" on the Court file. For the present, we will not belabor the stupidity of even asking the question of guilty or innocence at this preliminary stage

The Court then asks if the Defendant will be hiring his or her own attorney and if the answer is that one cannot afford an attorney, an "Affidavit of Indigency" is quickly passed to the accused, who is asked to sign it immediately and the stage is set for the determination of a court date for preliminary examination. The examination date will always be scheduled within 12 days and usually will be within about one week.

Thereafter, the Judge sets bond. A surety bond of, for example, \$5,000 and two "sureties" will require one to pay a non-refundable bond premium to a licensed bondsman who will charge you \$500 or \$550 (10 or 11 per cent) and who will further require collateral or security in an amount of \$5,000. This means that people who do not own or have \$5,000 in equity in a home or other property may not be able to get out on bond.

On a "\$5,000 and two sureties" bond a person is also entitled to post \$5,000 in cash, all of which is refundable so long as the bond is not forfeited by failing to appear at later court dates

A "\$5,000 personal bond" enables one to go free without any costs imposed, after only signing a form that states that the accused will be liable in an amount of \$5,000 should he or she fail to appear at later court dates.

By law in Michigan the Judge is required to set a bond in all cases except murder cases "where proof of guilt is great." In practice, there are at all times about 90 people charged with murder in the Wayne County Jail without bond. As usual, it depends upon who you are and who the Judge is.

For example, if your name is Ronald August and you are a cop charged with murdering innocent youths at the Algiers Motel in 1967, you never see the inside of the Wayne County Jail as you go free on a \$5,000 surety bond.

If your name is Arville Garland and you appear before Judge Joseph A. Gillis charged with murdering three white hippies and one black youth, you go free on a \$32,000 personal bond -- that is for free.

But if you are an average, powerless citizen even where you have no prior record the odds are good that you will spend months in the Wayne County Jail without any bond.

When you appear at Arraignment it is good for a family member -- mother, father or wife, for example -- to appear and come up to stand with you when the case is called. When the Judge gets to setting bond you or your family member should ask to be heard.

The key factor for the setting of bond, which is supposed to be based exclusively upon whether or not the person "presumed to be innocent" is likely to appear at future court hearings, is one's "ties to the community." This means: (1) the length of time which you have resided in Detroit or this area or State; (2) family members in this area; (3) employment--and length of employment--in this area; (4) if you are attending school here; (5) if you own property here. Also one further question that the court will consider is whether or not you have a prior record.

You should not lie about your record as the Judge is provided with your Michigan record, if any, which the police have acquired by teletype during your detention.

On all matters that are favorable, you should address the Court, specifically asking for a personal bond. For example: "Your Honor, I have lived all my life in Michigan. I am employed here and I live with my wife and children whom I have to support. I have been in trouble once before, but that was several years ago. I have very little money and assure the Court that I will appear on all future court dates. I would ask Your Honor, please, for a personal bond."

Last year about 33 per cent of all persons charged with felonies were released on personal bonds. Now, even a higher number are being so released. This is due to the fact that the Wayne County Jail lawsuit has forced a reduction in the jail population from 1200 to about 700.

Decay of **Old Order**

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causes" and not enough on the needs of the membership

The Canadian Region of the Union was also restive. and many of its delegates were openly advocating that they should withdraw completely from the UAW. Solidarity House was alarmed enough by this threat to turn itself inside out to please the Canadians. Stephen Lewis of the New Democratic Party (NDP) addressed the Convention and denounced the domination of the Canadian economy by American capitalists. Lewis, who received a standing ovation, stated the NDP, which the Canadian UAW endorsed, captured 27 per cent of the vote in the last general elections running on a program of "radical social change working outside the establishment for fundamental institutional change." Immediately after this speech Woodcock stated that Canadian members are "the best section of the UAW" and are "more politically advanced" than American workers.

One Worker, One Vote

Many locals and delegates believed the referendum vote for International officers (one worker, one vote) is the best way to increase democracy in the UAW. The referendum vote was the primary demand of the UNC and was the subject of 15 different resolutions submitted by 13 different locals, none of which were reported out to the Convention by the Resolutions Committee. Instead, a Solidarity House resolution calling for the abolition of the Electoral College, as the means for electing the President of the U.S., was presented and

pushed through. The hypocrisy of this maneuver by the International Union completely illustrates the decay and lack of vitality of the UAW leadership.

But if Solidarity House is consumed with decay, there are plenty of signs of struggle and growth among the UAW rank and file in the shops (Eldon Gear and Axle and Lordstown) and at the Convention. A UNC convention newsletter, published daily and severely critical of the Administration, was very favorably received by delegates. There were unsuccessful attempts to keep

UNC jackets out of the convention hall, and Mazey denounced the Caucus from the podium on Monday. Even Woodcock's own caucus opposed him on an important point. These are all signs of a growing willingness and ability to struggle, especially among young workers, and as the old order decays, a new force grows and gains strength. There can be no doubt: rank and file struggle of the kind begun at Atlantic City will bring about the "fundamental institutional change" called for by Stephen Lewis.

Nixon's Viet Nam Policy continued from name 7

Although far-fetched on its face, the possibility of Nixon's accepting the essence of the Seven Point Plan is a disguised form; face-saving cannot be excluded. There never has been a less principled, that is to say completely opportunistic, president than Richard Nixon. expediency can force the self-proclaimed greatest anti-communist "since the creation" to bring musk oxen to Peking, it might also force an end to the invasion of Indo-China. A Richard Nixon who brought all the POW's and remaining troops home in October would be did cult to defeat in November.

It is admittedly more likely, however, that the manical "manifest destiny" Nixon will prevail and that the bombs will keep falling. In either case the next three to six months are crucial for the Vietnamese and for antiwar movement in the U.S. Never has a strong, sustained independent anti-war movement been more important What is at stake is not only the destiny of Indo-China but of the United States as well. If those who give Nixon his orders aren't stopped here and now, it will be that much harder later.

May 19 is Ho Chi Minh's birthday. The will of Ho Chi Minh reminded the Vietnamese people that, "Nothing is more precious than freedom and independence."



APRIL 1972

MAY 1972

Wednesday May 3

Trial of Kenneth Hicks, charged with assault with intent to rob being armed. The defense lawyer is M. Gerald Schwartzbach in the Recorder's courtroom of Judge Geraldine Bledsoe Ford. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All who can should try to attend when possible. For further details call 962-7210.

Thursday May 4

Concerned Parents for Peace Anti-War Vigil and leafletting, Kennedy Square 12 noon until 1 p.m.

At 5 p.m. the AFL-CIO, People's Peace Treaty and the Detroit Coalition to End the War are forming a picket line around the Federal Building in Detroit.

At 6 p.m. picket line at Republican fund raiser, 190 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe by People's Peace Treaty. Present, at the fund raiser will be Ms. Mitchell. Ms. Rogers, Ms. Milliken and Ms. Griffin.

Tuesday May 9

As a result of the Anti-war demonstration at the General Motors Building on April 6, 1972, the trial of the GM 5 will begin in Recorder's Court on this date. Show solidarity - be there. For further information call 869-6775.

Control, Conflict and Change is presenting a discussion of the book, THE ENEMY (What Every American Should Know About Imperialism). The author is Felix Greene. Place: Central Methodist Church, Woodward at Adams, Detroit. Time: 7:30 p.m.

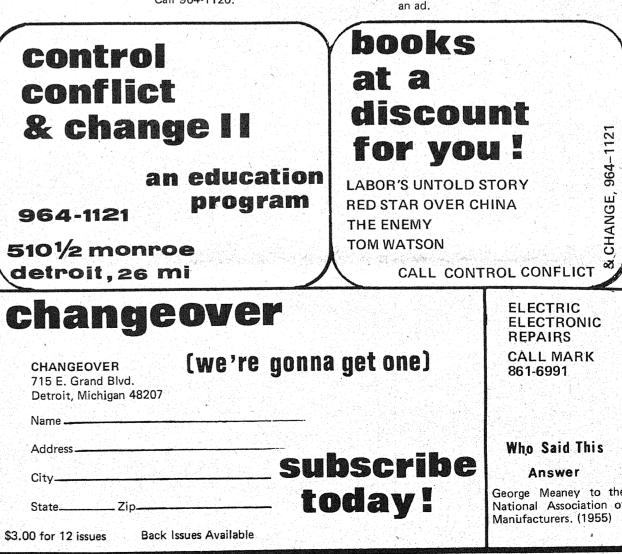
Wednesday May 17

Concerned Parents for Peace meeting at the Oak Park Community Center at 00 Oak Park Blvd. (west of Co B p.m. Film, speaker, and discussion. Free.

Public invited.

Friday May 19

STRESS RALLY! Details being finalized. Call 964-1120.



Friday May 19 Saturday May 20

Spring offensive continues. For details call the People's Peace Treaty Office, 869-6775.

Saturday May 27

The Welfare Employees Union is presenting a dance, "Spring Fever Cabaret" at Stage 1, 8229 Linwood, Detroit, with live entertainment by the Supervisors Unlimited. Donations: \$3.00 in advance, \$3.50 at the door. Beer and wine will be served, BYOB. For tickets call Union office 963-4859, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Thursday June 1

The Detroit Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild has organized a National Labor Conference at Wayne State University Law School, Detroit. The June 1 session speaks to The Labor Movement, Past, Present, Future with the following panel: Harold Gibbons, Ronald Glotta, Kenneth Cockrel; moderator, Ernest Goodman. Morning session 9:30 - 12:00, afternoon session, 2:00 - 4:30. For further information call Detroit Chapter NLG at 925-2613.

Friday June 2

Second day of two days, National Labor Conference at Wayne State University Law School, Detroit. The June 2 session speaks to Internal Union Democracy with following panel: Marijana Relich, Clyde Summers, John Fillion and John Taylor; moderator, Michael Adelman. Morning and afternoon hours same as for June 1 above. For further information call Detroit Chapter NLG, 925-2613.

INFORMATION

To find a Child Care Center in your area, Call Wayne County Dept. of Social Services at 222-1045.

Electric and electronic repair. Good and cheap! 861-6991 ask for Mark.

CHANGEOVER classifieds cost \$1.00 minimum for eight words or less. Each

additional word costs ten cents. A word

includes phone numbers, street numbers

and one and two letter words. Ads

must be prepaid. Call 925-2041 to place

STRESS Is Opposed

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their boxes and talk about the deterioration and crime in the inner-city.

STRESS does not make it unnecessary for women in the inner-city to go to Wayne County General Hospital for obstetric and gynecological medical treatment, nor does STRESS provide transportation for them or others who don't have cars to ride the freeways or even the city streets on week-ends and holidays.

STRESS kills people, people who do not have to be killed. The history of police practices in Detroit, such instances as the Algiers Motel, Cobo Hall I and II, Veteran's Memorial, New Bethel, Myrtle Street and the Panthers, Charles Calloway, etc., is such that no one in his right mind can pretend to have any "legitimate" law enforcement function served by unleashing plainclothes decoys in this community to shoot down not only 15 and 16 year old children but even other law enforcement people, and then refer to it as a "tragic mistake" (The Rochester Massacre) or to say, "Well, the thugs name the game" (Nichols at Common Council October 4, 1971).

Murder Not Permissable

The forces that have worked against STRESS in this community understand that the solution to the problems referred to above are not forthcoming from anyone but the people of this community, organizing an independent political movement that uses all means, including the electoral mechanism, to rid this community of public officials whose central function is to divert our attention from the fact that they don't serve the people but instead are merely guarding the reservation, so that the people can be used as workers, consumers, and targets, whenever it is in the interests of the ruling class to do so.

Murder by the State as a public relations tactic will not be permitted in this City, and the machinations of Gribbs, Nichols, and Cahalan do not divert us from the task of building a system of power for powerless people that will consign them and their bosses to the ash can of history

Chilean Workers

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ists will look for new sources of profit--expecially by added exploitation of the U.S. worker. They know that the U.S. capitalists will hope to turn this fact against them, and that their Revolution was being misrepresented in the U.S. press. They constantly asked: "What do the American people think of us? Do they believe the lies in their press?" And the message that was urgently pressed by the workers upon us to take home was that the struggle by the workers of the U.S. would help them and they, in turn, wanted to help the struggle of the workers of the U.S.

The success of Chile's "peaceful revolution" is a difficult question at this time. The Chileans face enormous problems in reconstructing an economy to serve the people instead of capitalists and imperialism. They also face enormous difficulties in reconstructing a society that breaks down caste barriers, frees women, deals with the racism against the Indian population, and builds a collective consciousness. Nonetheless, it is clear that the revolution has made early and significant gains and it will now be almost impossible to stop or reverse the process. Regardless of the exact nature of the continuing struggle, it is apparent that one more nation has begun the process of defining liberation.



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Oct. 16, 1970

"Viaux was gearing up to launch a move last week. Rumors that he would trigger a coup on October 9 or October 10 (prior to the congressional run-off in which Allende was expected to win) were rampant....It is a fact that word was passed to Viaux from Washington to hold back last week As part of the persuasion to delay, Viaux was given oral assurances he would receive material assistance and support from the U.S. and others for a later move."

"Allende obviously must be aware of this sort of plotting...In one impromptu speech early this week he noted that Chile was now swarming with C.I.A, agents."