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The raid on the Uptight Crisis Center on Thurs-
day, February 12, raised several serious questions. Most obvious is the timing of the raid. Alderman Gaudry, City Manager Paul Ford, Chief of Vice Squad Everett Price, and WTOC newsonman Douglas Watters along with police “raided” (to use Gaudry’s own terminolo-
gy) the center only hours before the County Commissi-
oners were to allocate funds for the Crisis Center. 

Gaudry has openly opposed financing the Cen-
ter. As a matter of fact, contrary to the Savannah Morning News editorial (Sun., Feb. 15) saying the Center was “supported by city and state funds,” the Center has not received any money from the city. Se-
ven thousand dollars were allocated by the county, and that has been the only source of public funding from October 15, 1969, to December 31, 1969. The Center has been run since December 31 on salaries of the former director and secretary who terminated ser-
ices earlier than anticipated in the budget. It might also be asked why only seven thousand was spent for rehabilitation and not the additional thousand for hiring a special investigator for arrest and punishment. 

Coverage of the raid still raises more questions: newsmen Douglas Watters who filmed the raid has publicly voiced opposition to Uptight’s rehabilitative work. Why wasn’t a cameraman from WSAV also at the raid? 

The cry has been for law and order among cer-
tain city officials; they demand reaction and not re-
spond to Savannah’s drug problem. Reaction is an im-
portant distinction to be made between reaction and re-
pose: when someone reacts to a situation, he is aware only of the surface symptoms. Reaction involves fear; he acts out of fear and ignorance. But when someone responds to some-
ting (i.e., Savannah’s drug problem), he acts out of awareness that there are two separate issues, the surface symp-
toms and the city government has been reacting to the drug problem. 

Police Lt. Roger Lynn’s remark in August of 1969 reveals reactionary ignorance. He stated that Savannah had no big drug problem and that those on the Grand Jury and at the Uptight Crisis Center were overreacting. He added: “All hemorrhoids and varicose veins are the same.” Both the Grand Jury and the Center were trying to drama-
itize what they knew then to be a serious problem. Not long after, the deaths of two prominent upper-
class white teenagers (deaths of blacks from drugs ne-
ver makes much news) brought Savannah’s drug prob-
lem into perspective. Yet in August the Police Depart-
ment had ignored recommendations made by the Grand Jury and the Crisis Center that rehabilitation be extensively enacted. 

Since then the Police Department and the Crisis Center have been at odds. The Police have pressured for access to records of users so that punitive measures could be taken. What drug user would be foolish enough to come to the Crisis Center if he knew or even suspected that the Center would turn his name over to police? Those that come to the Center must have ut-
most confidence in the Center staff that their names will not be made available to police records. Once that confidence is betrayed and broken, then the Cen-
ter can expect to increasingly lose patients and defeat the very purpose of the program from the patients’ fear of self-incrimination. This reporter has heard rumors that lists of names have been turned over by the Crisis Center staff. If any foundation, the Crisis Center is well warned against such self-destructive tactics. 

The city has held a “rally” against the county for its support of the Uptight Crisis Center and rehabilita-
tion instead of punishment for drug abuse. The city’s: law and order, reaction to the drug problem; the county’s: stand: rehabilitation, response to prob-
lems of drug abuse and addiction. 

Further questions raised by the raid on the Cri-
sis Center involved the boy who sold drugs to agents on Jan. 21 and who was suspected of holding drugs, on the sidewalk instead of inside the Center. Why was he not in the Center? Why wasn’t he left? The rush to catch outsiders in the Center makes the raid an obvious attempt to discredit the Center. If this is the case, then the raiders had the Center under “daily surveillance” not reported irregularities before then? Again, the timing is crucial to consider: a raid just before county funding is very effective in dis-
crediting the program. Unless, of course, you take a moment to consider the cold calculation and delibera-
tion involved in the raid. 

Another blatant example of deliberate attack on the Center occurred when Gaudry shouted that the drugs (one marijuana case and two tabs of acid) found in a girl’s pocketbook by Center staff worker Dan Grant and turned over to Detective Price be put “in the record.” “Put that in the record!” Gaudry shout-
ed without any consideration that the staff had discov-
ered the drugs and volunteered them to authorities. Would Alderman Gaudry suggest that the staff turn everyone who enters the Center? Also, the nudity charged was against an outsider who ran off and took off clothes that he’d been wearing for four days and who had wrapped himself in a blanket. He was in a room a-
once trying to sleep on a couch. Another trump up. 

Repeatedly, the city has tried to discredit the county and the Center for their rehabilitative approach to drug abuse and addiction. Once you see through the smoke-screen it’s easy to realize designs of certain of-
icials, specifically opportunism by Gaudry who has championed an attack on the Crisis Center for months. Critics are high that Republican Gaudry will oppose a possible Democratic candidate now on the County Commission who favors rehabilitation for drug abuse. Motives behind Gaudry’s crusade to rehabilitate. You wouldn’t sus-
pect of political connivance and gimmickry. How can Gaudry who has college-age children himself be in-
sensitive to drug problems, insensitive to the point of asking that law and order be the only answers to the ever-widening parent-child communication gap? It should be added that Gaudry does not deserve “cre-
dit” for the raid on Uptight. Detective Price can take credit and not Gaudry or the Police Department who both should be ashamed of their long record of neg-
lect of meaningful response to Savannah’s drug prob-
lem.

People have come to the Crisis Center and ac-
tually complain about the presence of “freaky” long hairs in the Center. Simplistically they say: “No won-
der there’s trouble at the Center with all those long hairs hanging around.” Well, there are the very people the Crisis Center is trying to rehabilitate. You wouldn’t expect Alcoholics Anonymous’ patients to come to AA swell and neatly dressed, now would it? It’s a kind of therapy. The police raid perpetuates Savannah’s older generation’s reaction to youth and drugs. 

Yes, there is much in Savannah to question on records: the unusually high rate of nervous disease despite punirtal protests for censorship; the high murder rate; per capita one of the highest in the na-
tion; the high rate of alcoholism, and add to that list drug addiction. Then you can begin to realize the des-
perate loneliness and alienation that plagues Savannah. something that no jail cells or prison walls will ever op-
only answer or overcome. 

 bill strong
SAVANNAH RIVER

It has long been accepted as inevitable that the Savannah River from highway 17 to the Atlantic Ocean is unsafe for recreational purposes. An additional, but no less obvious effect of the pollution of the River is the contamination of the so-called recreational streams and salt marshes of the coastal area.

It was reported in The Atlanta Constitution in November, 1969, that the city of Savannah dumps 14 million gallons of untreated human waste into the Savannah River each day. The entire City area north of 54th Street has no sewage treatment facilities. Thus, according to the 1965 Chatham County Environmental Health report, the waste from over 100,000 people is dumped directly into the Savannah River. Savannah Beach, which has an inadequate primary sewage treatment system, faces a special problem in that it dumps the effluent directly onto the beach at the north end of the island. U.S. Corps of Engineers studies show that tidal action spreads the pollution along both the beach front area and the salt marshes via Lazaretto Creek and south channel. Garden City and Port Wentworth dump their sewage directly, untreated, into the Savannah River.

However, the seven largest industries along the Savannah River, according to Georgia Water Quality Control Board figures, contribute organic waste to the River which is equivalent in oxygen consumption to the untreated human waste of a city of 900,000. Their figures show that Union Camp Corp, has a population equivalent in Industrial waste of 600,000 people. American Cyanamid daily dumps six million gallons of untreated industrial waste and one million pounds of raw sulfuric acid into the river.

There is a scale model of the Savannah River which the Corps of Engineers uses to study the effects of tidal action on the dispersing of pollutants in the River. This model shows that, contrary to the popular belief that this pollution is quickly scattered into the Atlantic, the industrial and human waste dumped into the River actually sloshes back and forth in the River for several weeks before finally being dispersed by the tidal action. This model, located in Vicksburg, Mississippi, not only shows that the pollution stays in the Savannah River for long periods of time, but also that it is not diluted into the River. The effects of this contamination are noticeable from Wassaw Sound to Hilton Head on the Atlantic Coast; and in the Intracoastal Waterway, New Brighton, Cooper, and Wilmington Rivers receive much of the Savannah River effluent.

The obvious effects on the ecology of the marshlands range from polluted oyster beds and fish tasting of oil and kerosene to the general decimation of all but a few species of fish in the immediate area of the Savannah River. The more subtle effects on the Coastal area are as follows: (1) It prevents the wholesale distribution of weeds, and the lack of weeds make a more healthful spot for all allergy sufferers. (2) The roots of trees and shrubs keep sand from sifting and blowing away. This cuts down on all erosion. (3) Woods act as windbreakers during storms and hurricanes that cut down on the amount of wind damage. (4) The beautiful rare birds will remain in the area. When the woods are destroyed, birds are destroyed or chased away. (5) When marshes are filled in, the reproduction areas of many of our shellfish and fish are destroyed, as well as the feeding areas of our waterfowl. Marshes filled with trash and garbage are only able to support the serious pollution conditions but also attract rats. (6) The little stream inlets where water is retained, thus aiding in the production of the mosquito. (7) The seriousness of conservation is in scope, of course, larger than what can be conveyed in this article. However, this writer hopes that readers will realize the importance of conservation and will, through care, do their share to conserve land and wildlife.

Sally Pearce

There are many crimes committed against Nature by the hands of progress without consideration of the long range destruction of the land itself. Bulldozing of trees, filling of marshes, and giving away sand from our shores all contribute to erosion and loss of wildlife. Therefore, conservation should be considered in all developmental planning, especially in areas with streams, marshes, and ocean where the natural world is moist and fertile with trees, shrubs, and flowers that give protection from serious erosion and elimination of wildlife.

Woods, with their natural trees and shrubs, as well as marshes, should be left in their natural state whenever possible. Some of the benefits from such planning are as follows: (1) It prevents the wholesale distribution of weeds, and the lack of weeds make a more healthful spot for all allergy suffers. (2) The roots of trees and shrubs keep sand from sifting and blowing away. This cuts down on all erosion. (3) Woods act as windbreakers during storms and hurricanes that cut down on the amount of wind damage. (4) The beautiful rare birds will remain in the area. When the woods are destroyed, birds are destroyed or chased away. (5) When marshes are filled in, the reproduction areas of many of our shellfish and fish are destroyed, as well as the feeding areas of our water fowl. Marshes filled with trash and garbage are only able to support the serious pollution conditions but also attract rats. (6) The little stream inlets where water is retained, thus aiding in the production of the mosquito. (7) The seriousness of conservation is in scope, of course, larger than what can be conveyed in this article. However, this writer hopes that readers will realize the importance of conservation and will, through care, do their share to conserve land and wildlife.

—Terence Sayde
On an average weekend in New York City five heroin fatalities are reported; in one weekend last June there were twenty-four deaths from this drug. Last year New York City had twenty New York fatal heroin deaths. Another pollution problem. What is even more disturbing is that while heroin addiction has long been a problem in New York, the number of addicts has recently increased markedly, particularly among teenagers. According to Dr. Michael Baden, Assistant Medical Examiner for New York City, there are at least 25,000 teen-age heroin addicts in the city, of whom 3,000 are under 16 years of age. Last month a twelve-year-old boy was found dead of a heroin overdose on the bathroom floor of a Harlem tenement. Beside the boy’s corpse lay two glassine envelopes which had contained heroin, a syringe, a needle, and a bottle cap. On his arms were healing puncture marks indicating that he had been both “skin-popping” and “maillining.” His friends said that he had been using heroin for about two years. Heroin is extracted from morphine, of which 80 percent of the world’s supply is grown in Turkey. Most of the heroin used in this country is prepared in France around Marseilles and then shipped through illicit channels to the United States. While heroin has the potential to be used like other narcotics for pain relief, its virulently addictive qualities have precluded its medical use for this purpose. Until relatively recently heroin addiction was largely restricted to coastal cities and particularly to ghetto areas. In the last two years, however, its use has spread to every major city in the country and it is no longer primarily a problem of minority groups, but rather one of racial and economic segments of the population. A recent survey of a high school in a high income community near Washington, DC found that 15 percent of the student body were strung out on heroin. Despite supposed attempts by law enforcement agencies to crack down on heroin distribution, the overall availability of heroin in the country seems to be increasing inordinately. The marked increase in supply is reflected by the facts that kilos which used to sell in New York City for $25,000 are now available for $7,000 to $8,000. Part of the reason for the increased flow of heroin is that narcotics agents have been preoccupied in recent years with harassing marijuana users and the control of drug dealers has suffered. Also because of the immense amounts of money involved, it is easier for major heroin dealers to make accommodations with the law.

In recent weeks large quantities of heroin have come into Atlanta, much of it high grade stuff containing 33 percent heroin pure. Any validity to the claim that marijuana use leads to heroin addiction, it is because heroin dealers can exploit existing distribution channels to supply the myriad of gallule people who are prepared to try any novel drug experience offered to them. Sold as smack, scratch, or “H,” heroin is being used increasingly at a young age. In New York, too, you also seem either oblivious to the dangers of the drug or deny to themselves that they are susceptible to addiction. While a philosophical argument can be made that people have a right to use any drug they want, many of those who have been strung out on heroin were totally ignorant of the magnitude of risk involved when they decided to try the drug. Part of the reason for this is that the drug-using community has been constantly lied to about the supposed dangers of marijuana and other non-narcotic drugs, so that now they reasonably refuse to believe the dire warnings about heroin.

In any event, heroin is immensely dangerous. It kills a major percentage of regular users, and it is notorious to the lives of the remainder. Because of the physical effects on the body, use of heroin is virtually synonymous with addiction, and those who claim they can use the drug irregularly without getting strung out are deluding themselves. There are many acidheads and pot smokers who extol the virtues of their pleasures, but testimonials for heroin from people who have been strung out are non-existent—unless they are trying to push it. Anyone who views heroin as being in the same category as other drugs is making a serious mistake.

Most of the deaths from heroin occur for one of these reasons. Contamination is the greatest problem, as a wide variety of substances including strychnine are used to cut heroin. These contaminants frequently prove lethal as the user has no way of knowing what he is really smoking. Dealers who stretch their inventory by cutting it get their clients hooked on relatively low doses of the drug. If the addict then goes to another dealer and obtains uncut heroin, he may inadvertently fatally overdose himself. A third problem is related to the fact that tolerance to heroin occurs very rapidly so that a person requires steadily increasing doses. In this way, a few contaminated doses can lead to a person withdrawing from heroin, his tolerance drops rapidly also. Many individuals unaware of this will start back at their previous high dose level and kill themselves.

While errors in dosage cause the majority of deaths, physical addiction is the most frequent problem with heroin. Addiction occurs extremely rapidly and is not something the alcoholics, who affect only certain users, who become physiologically dependent. Because of the chemical effects of the drug in the body at a cellular level, a physical dependence develops for all users which results in severe withdrawal symptoms when use of the drug ceases. These symptoms include waves of hot and cold flashes, twitching of muscles, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea in the early stages of withdrawal. Excruciating pains in the back, abdomen, and legs develop subsequently which at times becomes unbearable for the individual, and which reaches its peak about 48 hours after withdrawal of the drug. The symptoms slowly decline but will persist for ten to fourteen days.

For several weeks afterwards the person may suffer from insomnia, nervousness, weakness, and muscle aches. In certain instances convulsions may also occur during withdrawal. Heroin produces not only only an inarticulate craving in the body, but fear of the extreme suffering of withdrawal drives the addict to almost any length to obtain a “fix.” In many instances people who have not previously engaged in criminal activity find themselves driven to such acts to feed their habits. It is estimated half of the crimes against property in New York City are committed by junkies driven by the need to satisfy their addiction. Even after unsuccessful withdrawal heroin addicts seem to have an irresistible urge to return to their habit, and cure rates have been consistently low.

It might be argued that the addict’s problem could be solved by ensuring a steady supply of drugs. Chronic use of heroin, however, tends to lead to physical debilitation, and all other interests are neglected as the individual’s life becomes more and more intensely focused on maintaining his habit. In addition, the rapid development of tolerance requires that the dose be constantly raised and precludes the possibility of a person’s maintaining himself on a steady dose of heroin.

At present there are no available statistics on the number of heroin addicts in Savannah. There is only limited treatment in Memorial Hospital’s Clarke Pavilion with a few private physicians treating addicts with Methadone. Few addicts, however, receive adequate long term care. Indeed...

The prospects are not good for the situation to improve. Anyone contemplating the use of heroin should consider the risks carefully before taking the first step. My personal advice is to stay away from it completely.

Aquarius, and reprinted from The Bird

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W: 125,000 addicts in this country and the average habits, costing about $50.00 per day, that means the public is going to be robbed of 50 times 100,000 or $5,000,000 every day. Since this means the government is forcing the enslaved addicts to rob us (because of inadequate rehabilitation laws) of almost two billion dollars a year. This situation funnels that sum into the "mob" to be used in financing further criminal ventures.

—dushin soltyn

USE YOUR HEAD

There is a nation wide movement to make our laws more rational and lenient. Some consider this movement subversive, especially legalization of drugs. For mental exercise, let’s assume that somehow this movement succeeds. What’s going to be drawn? Is the difference between marijuana and hashish comparable to the difference between beer and wine, or beer and hard liquor? What about hallucinogens? Since there are organic hallucinogens such as mescaline which we make ourselves—would you legalize them? And about addictive drugs such as heroin, methedrine, cocaine? Would you vote for cut out or uncurt drugs of this type?

Are you familiar with how legal status of drugs is working out what our laws are much more lenient? Do you know anything about drugs? What do drugs do, who do they effect?
When you get a good image you hang onto it. I mean, if the girl next door thinks you’re tall and mystic, you don’t go around insisting that she’s wrong. Good images are hard to come by these days. Sometimes you come by an image naturally without doing anything to really deserve it. If you’re overwrought for example, people think that you’re happy because all fat people are supposed to be jolly. If you’re blind as a bat, people think you’ve written so many movies you wear thick glass. But if it’s something you can’t help and it’s a fairly decent image, then the best thing to do is capitalize on it. I’m black and it’s common knowledge that all black guys are sexy. I mean, that’s all we think about and do all the time, and we’re all overendowed. Everybody knows that, right? You flip on the television and there’s no other Belafonte (who would ever think you could be sexy with a name like Harry?) wriggling away with his shirts open all the way down the front and the white audience thinking, “Wow, are they sexy?” Well, let me tell you, it’s not easy being a sex symbol. Just check Marilyn Monroe.

If you’re black and your voice gets a tone lower than your sister’s, you’ve a sex symbol. I’ve been a sex symbol since I was fifteen. I remember once I had a job delivering liquor for a package store after school. The box would come over to me and say, “Look, Leonard, this is a milk delivery, go straight over and come straight back without anyone seeing.”

He had to be kidding. I thought girls were a waste of time! I’ve always thought girls were overrated. But then there’s the SMILE, the wordy half way between a smile and a leer, and you have to practice about a half hour a day to get it really smooth. That’s the only thing that makes you look like an imbecile.

He didn’t have any friends. Ibreathed this “eminence” more than that, he wouldn’t be in business that would require movie theaters showing pre-rated movies to pay an annual $10,000 business tax-license. In due course the ordinance was subsequently be denied permission to view the films without a license.

I breathed a sigh of relief at this bit of reassurance knowing that four of my favorite movies of this year (Medium Cool, Easy Rider, Alice’s Restaurant, and Putney Swope) each had the dubious honor of being rate either an “X” or an “R” rating. Should a theater owner have been intimidated by the ordinance and not protested it, movie-goers in Savannah would have seen fewer Putney Swope’s and more The Girl Who Had the Most Vast Majority of Forbids and the art films of cinema verite receiving either “X” or “R” ratings due to their in-depth portrayal of the forces involved in shaping and destroying the risk orientation of theaters showing these films to the point where they could no longer profitably do so would have resulted in nothing more than blatant censorship. If the sole reason for the increase in license fees for the type movies would have a fit. She ain’t hip to the image.

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Once again the American people are being urged to pour billions of desperately needed tax money into building of an antiballistic missile (ABM) system. This project is currently being pursued under the name of "defensive space," at an estimated cost of $7,000,000,000. Recently it was called the "Sentinel." During the late nineteen-fifties the military-industrial complex was forced to locate an ABM on the Eisenhower administration under the name of "Nike-Zeus." The president was wise enough to avoid it on the grounds of its ineffectiveness as a defense against missiles. It is as true today as it was last decade that the deployment of an ABM system would deprive the people of this country no increase in security.

To the contrary, there is good reason to believe that the overall security of the country would be jeopardized in the long run by such an escalation of face on face attack.

One very pertinent fact of the ABM is the lack of dependability to actually stop its intended program task of destroying incoming missiles. In the opinion of competent scientists outside the Pentagon, such measures as decoy missiles and relatively unscientific fogging mechanisms would be insufficient to stop the innovator's ability of our ABM system to effectively shield against hostile missiles. Further, it is the opinion of some scientists that the airborne nuclear detonations which would result from any successful hit by the incoming missiles would function as our second strike missiles which are scheduled to be fired at the other country immediately upon absolute confirmation of a missile attack.

President Nixon has said that defense of population against incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's) is impossible. The proposed ABM deployment is to protect the nation's second strike missiles, so as to preserve our capacity to oblige any country which strikes the first blow.

Even if it could be assumed that the ABM were effective, it is necessary to ask the question: is it needed? The need for ABM defense against the peasant society of China is laughable. That country has not yet been able to finish even one ICBM. They are not expected to obtain any appreciable nuclear delivery capacity for years to come.

Compare the nuclear destructive capacity of the United States with that of the U.S.S.R. In order to determine whether the country needs an ABM shield. The following statistics are official Defense Department estimates:

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It is necessary to go beyond the mere comparison of numbers to evaluate these arsenals. There are vast differences in the weapons, with the U.S. generally superior. For instance, all but 54 of the U.S. ICBM's are solid fuel. All but 200 of the Russians' missiles are liquid fuel. The performance of the solid fuel missile in terms of speed, activation, dependability (probability of short), and accuracy far exceeds that of liquid fuel across the board. Most of the Russians' missiles are yet in "soft" emplacements.

The U.S. bomber fleet is composed mostly of B-52's, each with a payload capacity of four megatons of nuclear explosives. Most of these planes are on constant alert, being in flight at any given time. They are on instant call to embark on a rapid course to Russia (or any other country) and unload their devastation in a few hours.

Under the circumstances of nuclear attack on the U.S. by Russia, this country could still easily destroy a large percentage of Russia's population and the bulk of her industry. If, following an attack, the U.S. were left with the capability to deliver even 100 megatons of nuclear power, it could instantly wipe out 37 million Russians and 59 percent of the country's industrial capacity.

It is this massive retaliatory power which determines Russia's reaction to the U.S. action of assuming that she wanted to. At the same time, it is Russia's retaliatory power which ultimately deters the U.S. from attacking.

The so-called "balance of terror" which is given credit for the absence of direct conflict between the two countries during the past decade and a half. In the event of any upset of this balance, in which one of the nations achieved a "first strike capability," the situation would be very unstable. Nuclear war would then be an almost inevitable possibility.

The U.S. ICBM's carry warheads of one megaton each. Only ten percent of our endowment of these missiles have the capability to destroy the Warsaw Pact. There are two ICBM's that have warheads mountable above. The submarine missiles also carry one megaton each. If, after a first strike by Russia, we could deliver 600 megatons this would be sufficient to instantly destroy 74,000,000 people and three quarters of her industrial capacity.

Assume, for instance, that Russia chose to risk an attack on the U.S. In order to avoid instant retaliation via our ICBM's, she would have to use all her ICBM's in the attempt to destroy ours, in accordance with the one-to-one requirement of our "Hard" emplacements. Even if the Russian liquid fuel ICBM's were completely dependable and accurate, and they certainly would not be, this country would still have the capacity to deliver 666 megatons from the submarines and four times 680 megatons from bombers. Thus, one can easily see how far Russia is from possessing a first strike capability. With retaliatory capacity such as this country has, billions spent on ABM would be utterly wasted even if the system did work.

Looking into the near future, the Defense Department estimates that under the worst conditions imaginable, in 1972 the U.S. would be able to deliver, without ABM, 1,600 megatons of second strike power.

Given the tremendous superiority of America's nuclear weapons, what are the Russians to infer from such an increase as represented by the ABM in this country's armaments program? They will be almost forced to the conclusion that the U.S. military is setting up a deliberate and earnest course to achieve a first strike capability. The gaining of first strike capability on the part of one of a pair of hostile countries would infuse their relations with instability. This instability would manifest itself, on the part of the inferior country, by irrational actions taken under the pressures of desperation. The military of the stronger country would be lured by delusions of omnipotence down a path of increasing belligerence. Indeed, since the "balance of terror" is a psychological phenomenon, the mere opinion that one of the countries is striving for first strike capability pushes the other to increase its preparations. The countries become secured in a reciprocal stimulus and response syndrome of terrifying arm augmentation. This upward spiral of arms race would be an inevitable and fatal American civilization of our era as the Weapons Culture.

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DRAFT SHAFT

The maintenance of an army is not a particularly new problem to the American society. The draft and the complex system of regulations concerning selective service presents the nineteen year old, as well as a number of other interested individuals, with an immense sea of confusion. The stated policies of the selective service board requires the board to provide adequate information to the community in which it serves. This is sometimes impossible because many selective service board workers are inadequately trained, prejudiced, or the boards are so vastly understaffed. This deprives them of the time needed to take a concern in each draftee. Under these conditions, it is of the utmost importance that a draft counseling center concerned with the individual's rights and the community's needs be established.

As far back as the Revolutionary War certain exemptions existed. Bounties, as they were called, consisted of one thousand dollars, a suit of clothes, and one hundred acres of land. In 1863, a draftee could hire a substitute or pay a wage of three hundred dollars in order to avoid his military obligation. When this law came into effect, it sent thousands of people into an uproar. New York City became a center of rioting. Five days had passed, ninety-eight people killed, one thousand men injured, and eleven battalions called to calm the mobs before the city had gone back to normal business. A large number of exemptions or deferments to married and critical occupations was offered in the spring of 1941. By the passing of one vote in Congress it was changed to 19. World War II came and every available man of 18 through 60 was sent to war. Those that were exempted because their religion prevented them served in the armed forces immediately came under a new classification requiring them to serve in a civilian capacity. Over the course of time new exemptions were added and new requirements were made until 1948 when a group of concerned people, who realized the reasons were becoming more than the layman could understand, organized to form the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.

Anyone studying the 1967 regulations nineteen different classifications and the administration of those classifications would immediately understand the need for the community to support a center, one which would not be under the control of government and which would devote itself entirely to the concern of an individual's rights, both before induction and while in service. A draft counseling center should, in fact, be a response of the community to the needs of the men who face conscription and need sympathetic counseling and advice.

—gary baird, draft counselor
WITH GOD ON OUR SIDE...

O Lord our Father our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle—be Thou near them! With them—in quest—we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved freestates to smite the foe. O Lord our God, help us to rear our soldiers to bloody deeds with our shields; help us to cover their smiling fields with the vast forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unfondling widows with unwailing grief; help us to turn them out rootless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land; help us to fill their empty bowls with the white snow with the blood of their wounded foe! We ask it, in the spirit of love, of Him Who is the Source of Love and Who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Amen.

—from THE WAR PRAYER, by mark twain

MOBE PLANS FOR APRIL

CLEVELAND (LNS)—At a conference attended by more than 3,000 antiwar activists, The Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) laid out plans for city-wide antiwar demonstrations for April 15, and for stepped-up campus and high school protest activities.

The meeting passed a resolution that set the week of April 13–18 as the focus of a spring antiwar offensive. Large antiwar demonstrations for April 15 have already been called by the Moratorium and the New Mobilization Committee.

The SMC resolution declared:

"...This week should be highlighted on April 15 by massive student actions and strikes in the colleges and high schools across the country; early on that day the campuses should be turned into engines of antiwar activity which would feed into massive city-wide demonstrations later in the day, to be coordinated by the local city-wide antiwar coalition. These massive unified demonstrations should occur in as many cities as can mount them effectively."

The conference also passed a high school resolution calling for a campaign that would culminate in actions on April 15 around the SMC-sponsored High School Bill of Rights and the war, as well as a Third World proposal supporting the National Black Referendum and calling for defense campaigns against the U.S. government's repression of Third World groups, especially the Black Panthers.

For further information about SMC activities, nationally and in local communities, write or call Student Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, Suite 907, 1029 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005, phone 202-737-0072.

SARTRE: "ON GENOCIDE"

Following are portions of an address, "On Genocide," delivered by French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre at the International War Crimes Tribunal in 1967.

The United States, unlike France, has no economic interests in Vietnam. American fans have made some investments, but not so much that they couldn't be sacrificed, if necessary without troubling the American nation as a whole or really hurting the monopolies. Moreover, since the U.S. government is not waging the war for reasons of a directly economic nature, there is nothing to stop it from ending the war by the ultimate tactic—in other words, by genocide. This is not to say that there is proof that the U.S. does in fact envision genocide, but simply that nothing prevents the U.S. from envisaging it.

In fact, according to the Americans themselves, the conflict has two objectives... The first objective is a military one: to encircle Communist China... In short, the first objective is dictated by the necessity of establishing a Pacific line of defense, something which is necessary only in the context of the general policies of imperialism.

The second objective is an economic one... The Americans want to show others that guerilla war does not pay: they want to show all the oppressed and exploited nations that might be tempted to shake off the American yoke by launching a people's war, at first against their own pseudo-governments, the compradors and the army, then against the U.S. "Special Forces," and finally against the GIs. In short, they want to show Latin America first of all, and more generally, all of the Third World... Not as candid as Hitler

The declarations of American statements are not as candid as Hitler's were in his day. But candor is not essential to us here. It is enough that the facts speak:... The Americans are ingeniously formulating, without appearing to do so, a demand which the Vietnamese cannot satisfy. They do offer an alternative: Declare you are beaten or we will bomb you back to the stone age. But the fact remains that the second term of this alternative is genocide.

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Believe and achieve
We, the students of Savannah State College feel and know in most cases that we are being mis-educated, misled, and mistreated by some of the faculty and administrative members. In the past we have had our voices heard, but our rights have not been considered at all. We, the STUDENT BODY, feel that the growth and prosperity of this institution depends on all these demands.

We demand the immediate firing of the dean of faculty. We demand that the present system of calculating scholastic grades be abolished. We demand that all classes be cut free or unlimited cuts. We demand that all instructors show all tests taken by students. We demand that the present system of calculating scholastic averages be abolished. We demand that the present system of registration be changed to a more workable and feasible one. We demand that the mandatory assembly be abolished for all concerned. President Jordan's relationship with the student body will be tested and will be constantly observed. We who know little about him will see if he is willing to fight to the bitter end for the entire welfare of the college. This is a test for the students to see if they are really sincere in their demands. It is a test for the accused to see if they are really hindering the progress and cheating the students of the college. It is a test for the systems practiced at the college. It will test their ability to meet the changing needs of students.

If the students' demands are looked on as a new trend of the seventies, trouble may lie ahead for SSC. There is a feeling revolution is roving this country and now it has finally landed at SSC. If the students' demands are overlooked, the idea of SSC becoming a democratic college will be abolished; however, systems and rulers that have reigned long cannot be destroyed in a week or even a month.

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Imperfect human beings finding faults with each other is what the issue really concerns. The students' faults will be pointed out immediately, because they are young and have just started to explore the world outside of their private homes. While on the other side there are men, women, and practices who have passed their youthful stage and are set in their ways. They will not yield and they are not conditioned for fast changes, trouble may lie ahead for SSC. There is a feeling revolution is roving this country and now it has finally landed at SSC. If the students' demands are overlooked, the idea of SSC becoming a democratic college will be abolished; however, systems and rulers that have reigned long cannot be destroyed in a week or even a month.

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What is the outcome of this incident will be no one knows. A list of demands may be issued from the accused to the students. It could become a verbal war, one side issuing demands to the other while that other side retaliates with another list of demands. The only thing that would be accomplished is more work for the clean-up men employed at SSC.

Some students in Hubert Technical should start constructing a "peace-talk" table to seat all of those concerned with the issue. And Dr. McDew will be needed at the table to be fair and give justice to both sides.

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The students of SSC have issued thirty-four demands to the administration of the college for needed changes. The demands state the students are being mis-educated, misled, and mistreated by some members of the faculty, administration, and practices of the college.

How did it begin and when did it begin? The origin of the injustices have dumbfounded the writer just as they have the reader. Did these evils begin when the college first opened its doors to Black students? Is it just a passing fad? Or is it a part of the "turbulent sixties" brought over into the seventies.

These demands present a test of ability and endurance for all concerned. President Jordan's relationship with the student body will be tested and will be constantly observed. We who know little about him will see if he is willing to fight to the bitter end for the entire welfare of the college. This is a test for the students to see if they are really sincere in their demands. It is a test for the accused to see if they are really hindering the progress and cheating the students of the college. It is a test for the systems practiced at the college. It will test their ability to meet the changing needs of students.
Education on Community Terms

Dr. Richard Ray, Director of the Learning Institute of North Carolina, asked N.E.W. Savannah workshop participants on the evening of February 17, LINC was set up by the state of North Carolina to deal with research in educational and employment training situations.

The subject of Dr. Ray’s discussion was education and environment. He dealt primarily with the concept of the community school. He enumerated that children are directly in control of the school and its facilities, and education is related to the whole of the child’s environment.

“Children learn on the basis of experience he has had. The curriculum must have as its basis the life, feelings and vocabulary from what he has learned,” said Dr. Ray.

In our schools now this environmentally-based learning cannot take place because of the rigid system of professionalism within which members of any profession, he said, rely on the particular set of experiences and skills which they have. Eventually, these specific skills and their proficiency for a sub criteria by which the profession protects itself from outside interference, and whose differing experiences and concerns might imply a need for change. Thus the system of professionals become an elaborate means of perpetuating itself, but it is not designed to do its purported task of bringing services to people.

The result of this professionalized system are taken out on the child. “The teacher who has been programmed to be a manipulator of materials and organizational strategies is caught in the net. The child is told ‘no, I’ll tell you about it but you have to talk to the present division of manpower makes the job of the teacher impossible,” he said.

Dr. Ray said that ideally a professional should be able to say he can not help the child as a scientist who can not help, but must be judged on their field work, and the problems they experienced while on the playground.

The political and economic argument has a twofold purpose: 1) to give a hard-hitting historical framework with reference to the issue seminars (i.e., racism, education, socialism, etc.) to give an understanding of the powers and controls which are used to control us when we are not confronting political social change.

The issue seminar is designed to explore and expose the realities of issues and problems which we choose to investigate during any one training period. After bringing in as specific as possible on the local level, we begin with the help of “experts,” consultants, etc. to generalize and see how Savannah is related to the state and national situations.

The philosophical overview is an attempt to relate pertinent theories to the problems that we are analyzing. Field study, one of the major components of the seminar, gives each participant the training opportunity to confront agencies which, by definition, are supposed about representing the community, the indigenous and even the middle-class. By the time the trainees begin their field study, they have been given a possible methodology for asking questions and demonstrations that they are prepared to get the answers to the questions they get to ask.

The planning-strategy seminar is the last component of the training in which we begin to pull the pieces together. During this seminar we attempt to deal specifically with what our goals are, and in view of those goals, to get down to the social change work that is most likely lead to the realization of those goals.

The success of this program or any program whose purpose is to create social change; it can not be judged only in direct proportion to the amount of change that actually occurs. We are only in our first training program, which on a large part has been experimental by us and the trainees. Although we cannot predict the outcome, we are optimistic because we find people who are interested to be involved and even the middle-class. It is our belief that wherever there is an oppressed person who is conscious of his oppression and can visualize the means to end that oppression, there is the possibility for change.

— nancy petterson

Women Redefine

This column will be written about re-education of women for their present role.

Women need many things done for them that are not now being done. One progam need is for free day care centers. This is needed despite the fact that children are horrible. For poor mothers, it is impossible. It becomes necessary for poor mothers to keep their older children home to keep baby from killing them. For others more financially advantaged, there is only the very expensive center or else private sitters which are generally unreliable. The successful single mothers who care too much to farm out their responsibilities are stuck seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, and with children to look after all such mothers there is also the fear of sickness of the mother or else one child, and who is to look after one family during hospitalization.

In Israel women are not chained to their children. The children are cared for collectively and it has been proven that for children from other civilizations placed in the arrangements made for Israeli children, a very great improvement in education capacity is noted. Febru-

ary 7, 1970, The Atlanta Constitution stated that The Department of Hebrew Education in cooperation with the William J. Danforth Foundation is making funds available for some experimental day care centers in the South. Different types will be tried at this writing more details are not available but more will be forthcoming.

Women of Savannah, you need to demand good day care service for your children. Give your city the power to do this. Education and should not cost you anything more than you are now paying in taxes. More to follow on how we women in Savannah can re-educate ourselves to new roles.

— susan miller

Theatre with Heart

There is a new concept in dramatic arts being developed in Savannah in the new Lincoln Street Theatre. Lincoln Street theatre in its embryonic phase, however, the basis of the new organization is unique and unchallenged by regulations that so often restrict the creativity of volunteer volunteer volunteers in the theatre company. NO governing boards of review to speak will control what and how a play is to be produced. Only the artists themselves, under the leadership of an artist-director will make those decisions. Such an atmosphere of artistic freedom insures a training ground for the talented in our community and a superb opportunity for artistic growth.

Lincoln Street’s next production, “OH DAD, POOR DAD, MAMA’S HUNG YOU IN THE CLOSET AND I’M FEEING SO BAD” was written by Abraham Miller, and it is a black comedy, meaning it belongs to the Theatre of the Absurd. Many people consider “Theatre of the Absurd” new, it is not. You have the absurdity of Antigone’s or Creon’s, or Dr. Stockmann’s dedication to the duty, to the cause, or consider the central situation of “Ahmed and Isaac” to recognize the universality in drama of the “absurd.”

In a conventional drama or comedy the audience is usually able to identify with one or more of the characters and thus see life from his point of view; however, in the absurd the characters cannot be identified with. Thus, the audience is presented with an abstract view. The author deliberately separates the audience from the actors by use of dialogue and staging. Theatre of the Absurd is the author’s personal world and lacks objectively valid characters. It does not represent the opposing temperaments or social passions locked in conflict, and is therefore not dramatic in the accepted sense of the word. It is neither the metaphorical, or for some moral or social lesson. The theatre of the absurd forces the audience to be involved in the play only on an intellectual basis, the audience to depend on its own con- clusions to what the playwright’s intentions are.

— russly nussel, director

Lincoln Street Theatre

The Seagull and the Minnow (as told to Richard Daley by the sole survivor)

T. Stoppard

S. Woo, the one

S. L. Smith, generator

S. (Ages 90 years) was (flying Ace in his Slopoff Car- Racing) preparing to swap doowhich was helpless minnow mar- noune in the eye of the diesel oil. He

E. Mag., forsorth, it’s wicked gull with evil in his eyes and binker C on his wing. He has plus only a aim to be

devour this poor soul.

S. (Andie) Here’s the Slopoff going into a steep attack left

M. Zounds, he comets, but little did he know this is what is known as hard water. (Thoughtfully) Methinks that is

Thots thru the FOG

either due to its high brown paper content or in reference to the difficulty of referring to it as water in the traditional sense of the word (as in drinking and swimming) S. Here’s the Wt Ace. An (undersea) ground zero, mach 3 low-level attack. Slop, slope, slope, slope.

M. Poor devil, little dude he realize that any contact with that surface and he will never cease scratching if he commit upon the fair shores of the kingdom of August, (Rush- by) Alas, only a few reminder that my monthly front end dirtwash and water job is soon due. Small salute that

slice bakes
SOP for DEATH, DECEASEMENT and/or DYING

It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that troops are dying without proper authority and/or the consent of their superior officers. This practice is definitely unauthorized and must be discontinued immediately.

1. The man-power shortage is still acute in this theater, and any man who dies without first obtaining the proper permission commits a serious offense and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action under the existing provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

2. Under NO, repeat NO, circumstances will a man be permitted to die on his own time. The following movements for death, deceasement and/or dying shall be considered as Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

a. On receipt of the command "DIE," victims will die in cadence.

   i. The victim will stagger a full 30 inch pace, followed by a 29½ inch pace, at the same time half closing the eyelids. The eyes will assume a fixed, glassy stare.

   ii. The victim will sink slowly (in a military manner), to his knees, counting cadence (to himself), falling on his face, arms outstretched and thumbs at a 45-degree angle to the ears with the fingers extended and joined.

   iii. The toes will be drawn sharply together.

   iv. The last breaths will be drawn as follows:

      (a) Inhalation (2) liters (army weight) of Oxygen (O₂)

      (b) Exhalation (1) liter, followed by a sharp gag.

b. The death rattle will not be used except for ceremonial dying (à la Hollywood), formal parades, or the authorization of an officer of the rank of Major General or above.

c. Before dying, a map (form 12321) (presently unobtainable) of the best route to Heaven will be drawn from the closest topographical unit, clearly marked with the victim's name, rank and serial number, and expected date of death.

d. The route of travel will be strictly adhered to and detours for the purpose of beverage or smoke refreshments will be punished by lengthy confinement in the subterranean areas of this command. Rations will be drawn from the Quartermaster, to include angel food cake (not an item of standard issue) and/or devil's food cake (presently in short supply), depending on destination of victim.

e. No victim will make the trip twice. Any officers or enlisted men on the subterranean route will draw hazardous duty pay and side arms. Officers $165.00 and Enlisted $3.30. Side arms will consist of (1) fork, pitch, with one M1A1 flame thrower attached.

f. Above items will be requisitioned on form 1313, in six (6) copies. (NOTE: Form 1313 is now obsolete and will no longer be honored. It has been replaced by form 3131, which hasn't yet been received from receiving center.)

4. On arrival at destination, victim will report to Pearly Gate Transient Area for Angelification or Satanicification and subsequent re-assignment. Depending upon classification, the following equipment will be drawn: UPPER STRATA PERSONNEL: Wings, pair, folding type, white. Harp, vix (6) strings. Cloud, fleecy or cumulous; Halo, golden, ring-type.

SUBTERRANEAN PERSONNEL: Horns, forehead mounted; Fork, pitch, M1A1, white and flamethrower; Tail, pointed, sharp, gray, cloven.

Equipment will be spit-shined, clouds will be checked for condensation. Halos will be worn one (1) inch above the right eyebrow, pitch forks will be fireproofed and carried at port arms until arrival at lower level.

5. All personnel will be governed by military law while awaiting re-assignment. Personnel scheduled for upper strata personnel will report to Chief of Staff to be drawn from the Quartermaster, to include angel food cake (not an item of standard issue) and/or devil's food cake (presently in short supply), depending on destination of victim.

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For the COMMANDER:

Lt. S. F. Gabriel, Col, USA
ASST Angus staff, Upper strata

"The purpose of the U.S. fighting man is to close with and kill the enemy.  From U.S. Army Training Manual.

Sav'Ah and the REVOLUTION in EDUCATION

Reflection upon the teaching methods of the United States Public Education System brings to mind such terms as testing, grading, rote learning, competition, and reward and punishment. Explosions, metamorphosis, dialectical materials, inner rhythm are another set of terms associated with a "new" teaching method called the Montessori Method. With her work at teaching "idiot children" to liberty of them the development of individuality, Maria Montessori, an Italian ghetto district. Her method was thrown to the nether regions. Smartness in dress and the preservation of military courtesy and discipline are essential and will be strictly enforced.

"Poems of the People.

Auguries of INNOCENCE

The following publications (Poems of the People, box 521, Quincy, Ill. 62301. The first issue is planned for April.

1,970 years ago

There was a man

Blessed with long flowing hair

Wrapped in the purity of a white robe

And wearing sandals

They called him a Christian

He was thrown to the lions.

1,970 years later

There is a man

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Wrapped in the purity of a white robe

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They call him sadly-

He is thrown to the Christians.

-dinah solom

How can one hope to Comprehend All
If Life is but a Second?

Those who have searched for knowledge
Discover that attaining much knowledge Requires many seconds.

-KnOwLedge

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-Bobbi Cuir

To the "PRACTICAL"

Scorn not, ye "practical" ones, the poets, philosophers, artists; "dreamers" as ye call them. For it is not that Dreams are like unto Reality, but that Reality is like unto Dreams.

-bobbi cursor

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Location: The Festival is not in Orlando, but very close by here.
The Festival site consists of 1200 beautiful acres of high & dry land with complete freedom. We can handle 100,000 easily and if necessary 200,000 to 250,000.

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Our Festival is founded on our right to peaceful assembly. This is one of our basic rights and we will not be denied our given rights.

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