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Albion's Voice

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DON'T STOP - PEOPLE'S PARK - unite now
We are witnessing in Savannah a mass psychosis, contaged from a spreading national nervous. It’s called “psycho-chauvinism.” The sickness may have come from far away as Europe. The exact history of the disease is unsure: it could’ve dated as far back as three hundred years ago; or very likely, it could’ve come over in the past twenty years from the Third Reich.

Two Albinon’s Voice street sellers were threatened by an off-duty pig who cursed and threatened them brandishing a pistol. Later he fabricated charges of tampering on an American flag and cursing an officer. However, his false charge of flag desecration cannot stand up because FBI agents had just been on the scene to investigate a seller’s flag facsimile shirt. As for his other charge—well, what do you say to someone who wares a gun in your face? Still the pig freely patrolled for the city police for over a week after a warrant was sworn out for his arrest... And he had shouted at the sellers that he would get them. As this editorial is being written, it is still unsure whether any punitive action has been taken against him: police will release no information about him. Yet summary investigatory action has been taken on his warrant against Richard Sommers, one of the Albinon’s Voice street sellers.

At Savannah Beach thugs pigs grabbed a 15 year old’s copies of Albinon’s Voice and ordered him not to sell at the beach. any more. This was done in spite of Judge Shea’s court orders for Beach police not to harass Albinon’s Voice sellers because such prohibitive actions would be in direct violation of Constitutional rights of freedom of press. Pigs who insist on law and order yet violate the very laws they are supposedly employed to defend are either complete fools or malicious tools. It is indeed ironic that they cloak themselves in the flag and shout belligerently that they are “peace officers!” This editor will not describe as pigs police who do actually defend the rights of the people. However, it is becoming more and more difficult to find officers who will not bend to orders of their superiors who command gestapo tactics be used against the people. A good example is the police commissioner in Savannah, Dr. gemeen; he forces court orders and taunts his authority on young people with a lot of help from his henchmen. Some sources at the Beach even went to the trouble of financially pressuring Southern Motors out of appearing for the Steppenwolf Concert in Albinon’s Voice. That’s how upright they are “down there.”

For some strange change Savannah police have alleged orders not to hassle long-hairs. This report came from reliable sources; so if there is truth in it, it may ex-jectors, though, hip people shouldn’t take this reprimade plain why that off-duty pig tried to assaulting our street sellers. He must’ve felt humdrum. Aude from any contemplation of drug traffic because that would mean investigating the Mafia. Vice is nice at the right price, so heroin continues to flow and profits from blacks and junkies continue to grow.

A word of advice to all those who dig their giant watch your ass because wholesale arrests are about to pass. ‘Hey now what’s that sound join round... paraolaa...’ Don’t let the mumps catch you ‘cause he’d like to put you away, especially if you’re in any way political. White Panther leader John Sinclair is in for ten years for laying two joints on a narc who’d been pestering for over a year for ‘a turn on’ in order to turn Sinclair in. Know your friends: they’re the people you really get high with, even without drugs.

Stay together because we’re for stormy weather: hip people were assaulted downtown the other night by rednecks and beaten badly. Also, John Richards an ex-Crisis Center worker, was gouged in the hand when trying to shield his neck from a screwdriver welded by a redneck. John claims the attack was not provoked by racial antagonisms (John’s black) so much as by his association with hip people and drugs, which the rednecks identified him with. In spite of John’s natural friendliness, the rednecks demanded his watch and then was viciously attacked. He hurled himself from the car which was going 60 m.p.h. That’s desperation, man!

And that’s what hip people and blacks can often expect when they travel alone. Blacks have had to put up with it for a long time; white niggers are just learning the rules of the road. In Macon the pig mayor there ordered the police to shoot to kill looters and rioters. So police (and Southern police forces are well known to be infested with KKK members) became judge, jury, and executioner in one inflammatory order. The climate in Macon is about at breaking point and city officials are only serving to emboll and exacerbate conditions of hate.

When and where this psychotic chauvinist insanity began has become an irrelevant question. We must deal with the cancer now. If we really hope to heal and cure, we obviously cannot resort to bandages because beneath the skin grows a malignant tumor. Spiritual consciousness must be developed that transcends the past and goes beyond to a world where as Blake says, “Joy laughs not! Sorrows weep not!” and “Truth can never be told so as to be understood, and not be believed.” Such a level of consciousness is not at all easily attained, rather, it comes from an honest sense of suffering and struggle. Sincere commitment and struggle for a real brotherhood are the only paths to making this country truly democratic, truly a land of free people, and not some psychotic chauvinist flag-waving insane asylum.

— Bill Strong

And feed them on your dreams...
Dear Mr. Strong,

I am sorry of the delay in replying to your notes requesting use of Daffin Park on the 20th and 21st of June.

It was necessary to check with the Recreation Commission who are the primary users of this Park. They advise they have scheduled various activities that will take up the entire time you mention.

Very truly yours,
W.G. Morrell, Chairman

The People’s Festival Steering Committee can do nothing legitimately until a park permit is approved: bands can’t be scheduled (and we had three heavy groups promising to come from Atlanta this time), speakers can’t be given dates to prepare speeches for; publicity can’t be run up to prepare a festival that takes at least two weeks notice from City Hall. But all bureaucracy does is stall. It looks like officialdom wants to keep this group from being the ‘kind of people’ that means, of course, that not much is going to be granted for young people — unless young people really liberate themselves and start making demands, start demanding to be recognized.

In case nothing much was said of the Constitution in your high or grammar school, then some review would be good at this point: the Bill of Rights guarantees the right of peaceful public assembly; freedom of speech and of press; a-mong certain other inalienable rights which are being much too often brushed aside and ignored by government officials. Now’s the time for the people to assert their rights — let’s make the parks for the people this summer?

If you want to hear good music and feel good while in Savannah instead of having to drive all the way to Atlanta or elsewhere, then you should come out to Daffin, the corner near the Krystal, and start planning the next festival with your brothers and sisters. Don’t just sit around and wait for us at Albion’s Voice to make your moves for you. Let’s get it together and we won’t feel so handbathed by the hot weather.

— Branden Waring
Two longhorns are out for a cool stroll when all of a sudden, "Hey, muthafuckin' boy, you muthafuckin' girl!" You look like refugees from a gnu-tastic low-ball, yok, grace us with your format. Come over here and we'll pound some of that hair off yuh ears for yuh. Yuh, yuh, yuh, yuh.

Something like this is probably familiar to most people around here by now. Either you've been on the receiving end of one of these homunculus blasts or you've at least heard them taking place, perhaps while taking a walk in our fair streets of Savannah. Anyway, whether you're aware of it or not, stuff like this is going on a lot these days and is more likely to increase instead of decrease in the future. The point is not whether it's good or bad that such hostility exists between heads and other in the community. The point is that it just does, and where do we go from here? • FLASH!

It's two months after the above quote was so eloquently uttered...Due to some strange quirk of fate the same two freaks haven't been seen in public since they slipped down the street, the very same one, where Jeesues Kereerfirt, yep, you guessed it, the same two rednecks appear. Only this time they don't feel like wasting time in the duel of "wits" "cause they've just come from a well-spent cocktail hour at Ernie's. A Goo-Goo getting wasted, besides, they ain't never liked these two fuckin' faggots anyway. So they start right out poundin' and then, this just rubs the freaks the wrong way - a lot. After the ordeal the freaks pick each other up off the pavement, and dig it, all the while they're rapping hard about guns and shit and you know they mean it. I mean to say that these rednecks get gun-happy at home that just gluten and glue all over.

And this is no fable. It's happening like this all over the place. In Chicago last winter Panther Fred Hampton was offered by the pigs while he was in bed with his wife for cheese. It's happening in San Francisco and New York and Atlanta and Miami. Two months ago in Boston pigs severely beat a blind man and his wife (among others) for being present when a people's block party was raided. Even Mayor Kevin Whitewash felt obliged to issue a statement to the effect that the pigs were nervous and over reacted slightly. Big deal, all that means is that the cops can turn around and do the same thing again, and because they've always got some smooth-talking bigger shot to back them up, right on up to the chief pig in the land, Tricky Dick. He's got a lot to go and he just know they form what's known as a smooth-talking, big-shotin' fascist bureaucracy whose sole aim in life is to exploit and oppress and otherwise screw the common people, not just here in America but all over the world.

In Savannah we've got rough weather ahead. The weather won't be easy. We've got our own local power structure to contend with, smaller, but no less corrupt, no less ruthless, and no less asinine as any big brother in Washington D.C. Jagger said, "It ain't easy livin' on your own." He's right. It wasn't easy last month at Kent State and Augusta, and it isn't going to be easy now.

- Steve Conner
Law Enforcement: An Interview

The man being interviewed was not the enemy although his previous working experience reads like the build-up of fascist power in this country.

Chatham County Police Dept. '66
Savannah Police Dept. '68
State Trooper '69

Police: The only duty of these officers are dedicated men, dedicated to serving the people. This is their life.

In this profession you've got a minority which was demonstrated in this incident with Rev. Tiller. A prudent man trained in law enforcement and using common sense, which is what makes a good officer, would have stood away from it (Tiller Incident) completely. Because undoubtedly, Mr. Tiller made the arrest the least didn't know what he was doing. E. a. if (he) had committed an infraction, a good officer would have substantial fact and probably cause.

Albion: What would you attribute to the fear the people have toward law enforcement?

Police: This minority which will continue the harrassment of the people. The applicants are not screened properly. The applicants are taken to a psychiatric and are given a series of tests which could be taken from Reader's Digest. The psychiatrist gets his 30 bucks and is satisfied, and the test could be passed by anyone who graduated from grade school.

Albion: Do you have anything to say about the police harrassment of 'longhairs'?

Police: We'll use hate as a substitute for polish and another man brush polish?! It's all according to one's own taste.

Albion: Do you see any reason for shutting down our sex sector? Police: I don't see any reason to shut it down, and it would take more than some politician's word. I do disagree whole heartedly with your viewpoint on Vietnam. I served 18 months over there.

Albion: Nationally, do you have an opinion about the Chicago 8, the Conspiracy Trial?

Police: I can't say. I don't have all the facts.

Albion: How did this issue (3) effect you?

Police: Looking at your picture (p. 131) I can't conceive of any officer I know personally, doing something like this and knowing that his picture is being taken. Chief Love is one of the finest men who ever walked the face of this earth. He's fair and believes in his own convictions. He's not a 'yesman.' Chief Love will fire any man right on the spot for this (see photo).

Albion: When does a policeman have the right to shoot?

Police: Only when his life, another's life, or a felony is being immediately committed.

Albion: One last question: How does Georgia stand on demonstrations?

Police: I'll relate to a story that happened when I graduated from the police academy in Atlanta. Governor Maddox spoke to the class saying that anyone seen even spitting during a demonstration he (Governor Maddox) wanted to fire him or he would fire you. Albion: Thank you and we will keep your name out of this article. You can stop by and read it before it goes to press and send a copy as part of it.

Police: I'd like to end with just one thing. The only law that men needs is common sense.

Albion: Peace, Brother.
In 1951, Alan Freed, an Ohio disc jockey, coined the expression 'rock n' roll.' By 1954 it was the hit of all the young people and the older generation thought it was disgusting. But in America anything that's popular gets taken over by the business tycoons and gets turned into a commodity. And that's the way it's been every since.

In the early 60's Bob Dylan came along. Then the Beatles: a hit. Bob Dylan.

Rock music is something we can claim as our own. Something which we created. Yet Rock music isn't a question of a few people who have the music. It's like bell-bottoms and longhair and dope. Everybody's doing it. Last year it was Soul music over at Savannah High, now it's Led Zeppelin. The boot's wife is wearing tight high stockings. The vice-president of the local bank smokes hash. The trappings of a life style are all around us. Only when we start trying to shape our own lives and participate in the decision making process affecting us does change come. The dope is used in Vietnam to keep the troops docile so they won't put a hole in the second lieutenant.

So what does this have to do with rock? I personally believe that music has changed a lot of people's heads. And that it can change a lot more.

So called rednecks dig Creedence Clearwater. They like Santana. People listen to Johnny Cash. Grand Funk gets heads together. Dig it.

Let's face it! truth! most (all) bands are into the rock scene for the money, sex, dope, and prestige. Hendrix has made over $75,000 for an hour's worth of musical entertainment! many times. At last week's Commercial Carnival in Atlanta Stadium, Albert King was there and didn't play. He would probably have had to play for free. His time was taken up by the white bands. Albert King in a great guitarist influencing Page, Clapton, Townshend and the rest of the 'super' guitarists. Bonnie, Delaney and Friends showed up at the Atlanta Sports Arena for a gig. Only 300 freaks were present, B&F wouldn't play. Look at the Grateful Dead. They've played thousands of free rock concerts all over the States and are thousands of dollars in the debt. But they're heads and hearts are with the people they play for. At Woodstock perhaps the most important single event occurred -- ironically, in the form of violence, and not violence against America but rather violence against brothers. The Who's set included most of Tommy and during a break between songs, Pete Townshend, who was humming on an acid and a fucked-up head, leapt up to the microphone and piously announced, 'I think this is a pile of shit.' In the rock album Woodstock Nation Abbie Hoffman claims to have said. Free John Sinclair?'" However, people have it on tape and hundreds of thousands of people freaked out on this swiping condemnation of The Who, Woodstock, the cultural revolution, etc. Considering the level of consciousness of those hundreds of thousands of people; that the young people were at the exploding sunset, Tommy, that Sly and the Family Stone had done earlier, Hoffman's seizure of the mike and his "pile of shit" denunciation were incredible acts of violence.

The second act of violence was physical. Peter Townshend, dean of Rock guitarists, himself humming on a dose of acid he had unwillingly tipped from a cup of coffee, quite aware of the contradictions at Woodstock, struck Abbie with his guitar hard and heavy, like the music. And, ironically, a lot of folks dug it. Especially the peace freaks who wanted to see Hoffman as an "outside agitator," a scruffy, insolent, egotripping thorn in the side of Woodstock, the 'nation' he would later name and define for America in the Chicago Conspiracy trial. But nobody knew what to make of the violent confrontation between these brothers, both of them for some time figures for emulation by the masses. One of the authors of Revolution for the Hell of it, the other, the Comrades of My Generation, both distributed by American capitalistic industries, both more than subversive. Most people don't talk about the incident at all; the golden legend of Woodstock was so much more beautiful without it.

But Hoffman himself was so freaked out that he had to write an entire book articulating to himself and us what took place. Woodstock Nation is about a butcher at White Lake that as Hoffman says "cullumated with a battle on stage with the Who. On one of those rare acid trips where everything caves in, I learned enough shit from it, though, that maybe it wasn't such a butcher after all. All I can say is, man, I took a heavy trip." Hoffman says the confrontation with Woodstock "symbolizes my amniotility attitude toward that particular rock band and the whole rock world in general. Clearly, I love their music and sense of it in the energy to liberate millions of minds. On the other hand, I feel compelled to challenge their role in the community, to try and crack their plastic dreams." Regardless of what "political" may think or say, Rock & Roll is more important to young people now than ever before, although the kind of importance it has it changing radically. At the present time, Rockers are realizing -- listeners, musicians, and middle men alike that Rock & Roll must move beyond its kapitalistic consumer found on it or we will see summers of barbwire rock festivals, "Woodstock reservations," and youths divided into Freaks and Conservatives (one will be busted, jailed, and murdered; the other will go into loyal Americans with long hair). It may very well be that understanding the violent confrontation between Abbie Hoffman and Pete Townsend at Woodstock can help us understand more of what we are, what divides us, and what we have to do before we can join in changing the world we live in. If, however, this confrontation among the people is not resolved, and we do not stand united as a Western revolutionary movement, then we will not be able to struggle to win a place in the new world. And that's what it's all about.

-- Greg Scott, with help from Miller Frances, Jr.

Hysterical Sav"H
Z is something that could easily happen right here in Sav's instead of where it was shot in Greece. American conservatives like to squabble over the usage of the term 'fascism.' Z zaps any such obtuse argument over semantics.

At first Z comes on too propped up like Antonioni's Zabriskie Point. However, there is good reason for character manipulation. Permit after permit is denied the peace movement's meeting place, until finally the gathering is granted a hole in the wall union hall, a lot like the Sav's Peace Festival was isolated by city officials.

As the opposing forces of peace and violence come to clash, dread violence strikes down the liberal peace movement's leader. Investigation ensues which is at first cynically against the peace movement's charges of government complicity in the assassination and beatings of the peace deputies, however, gradually the truth divulged, fact by fact, until the plot to kill is revealed not as a leftist Communist conspiracy to discredit the government but as a right wing thing. Shades of the Kennedy assassination that had similar instances of remarkably coincidental deaths of key witnesses and government coverups. There always has to be a scapegoat; so the alien forces of Communism has to be blamed.

To avoid the truth government officials repeatedly blamed the peace movement for agitation; long-haired hippies for degeneration; and the Communist for corruption.

One major point brought out was that the fascists were killing people not simply physically but also psychologically. Through bribery and mob manipulation police and military officials perpetrate crude physical as well as psychological violence and killing. The magistrate who investigates the assassinations insists on finding out the truth; yet despite his hinging the plot to the police and military, he finds himself trapped in a web of greedy spiders. And students merely accept the government's lies is keeping with a typical liberal bourgeois movement.

Flashbacks and triple techniques were smoothly interwoven into the film's flow. Dubbing was poor; it should've been subtitled. however, despite one weakness in acting and dubbing, Z idealizes it when it returns. If you miss it by the time at the Lucas, try to catch it when it returns.

Bill Strong
CARNIVOROUS CARNIVAL*

Atlanta's Cosmic Commercial Carnivorous Carnival was a real rip-off for the few thousand who were rapped for six and seven dollars. The Carnival took place at the Atlanta Stadium: the bands were set way off in left field and the people were dots on the horizon. There was no feeling of togetherness. Period. Security guardianship folks, paroled the infield to make sure nobody invaded the green grass because of stadium regulations that NO ONE could get on the infield. O.K., so that's the rule—but why did Sadistic Sadie (Security) parade all those round assorted chicks all over the field? Why wasn't the stage moved in closer to the seats? The sound was terrible. The stadium's acoustics were no good. Why even have music in a stadium that sets up all round bad vibes?

Oh yes, about those security guards: they had tee-shirts according to rank, some had tee-shirts with Sadistic Sadie on the front and some had tiedye tee-shirts (they were the upper echelon mutants). The S.M. trip looked like a wet military dream. I even heard some of them boast that they'd defend the field with their lives. And I saw one dude with a blade (before I split).

Then there were the tickets: the staff was promised six press tickets, yet when we got there, we were told that our names weren't on the list (a big thanx to Pure Cane Aftermath). We had no press passes for their rip-off and not realizing it was going to be such a total fuck-up of a rock concert. In return we were told that out of the 'kindness of their hearts' they could give us two press passes. We all got in by passing them under the fence, but only two of us were allowed on the field—but why should anyone have special privileges? Why shouldn't the people go on in the arena and the infield if the off-limits was off-limits.

then came the rain***********

The whole idea of staging a rock concert in a stadium like Atlanta's was pretty fucked up. The promoters tried to admit that much a WEEK AGO. Even after it was obvious that there would be no more ticket sales, the gates weren't opened to the people. It was a closed circuit.
As air to a bird or sea to a fish, so is

Provided — Contempt to the Contemptible

The crow wished everything

Was black, the soul that everything was white
"PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INSEPARABLE..."

White man gave Indian fire water and stole the land. Indian gave white man the need of wisdom. So one day he said, and told his children: the land belongs to no one. For it is so immense that it dispossesses men. It dispossesses them, it dispossesses them. It dispossesses them.

"And the only safe place to live is on an Indian reservation..."

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"Invisibility breaks us to pieces... Simply suffering, that is what will be needed - not pantries or blows or thrusts. The real struggle which perhaps lies ahead consist only in suffering belief... Task is not only to stand up the victim beneath the wheel, but also to strike in that wheel." (Quoted from Dietrich Bonhoeffer.)

June 15, 1876: The Victory of the Sioux Liberation Front over the Imperialist U.S. Army led by Gen. George Custer.

Gen. Custer died for your sins.
The white majority created the black community as a geographical fact in the American society. Black leadership has made the black community a vital force in the American society. And we in the black community are particularly indebted to those leaders who strive to arouse in us an awareness that there is as much pride in being black - in this country or anywhere - as there is in being white. And perhaps more. Certainly, the black community must and can take immense pride from the strength and persistence of its growing fight against the inequities of black life in America. We must not with pride that our fighting mood has changed. First, we tried "friendly persuasion." Now we are increasingly strongly militant in the face of the unrelenting and professed inability of the majority government to act on the large scale required to solve problems in society.

This escalation of militancy in the face of inaction has brought new power to the black community - new strength and new potential for unity. So the time has come - again to note that unity is power, but power does not bring unity unless leadership handles it properly. New organizations are growing, and a social movement is swelling, fed and fed by our increasing power. A new alignment of community responsibilities is emerging: additions to the ranks of our spokesmen are occurring; followers are sorting our leaders with greater frequency than before; new philosophies and concepts are being exhausted. In the process we face the danger that power will begin to split us and we will be weakened by struggles for power within our own community. It is because of this danger that now, more than ever, we must know what we will do with our militant energies. We must examine our goals, and define them as necessary - for unity has as much to do with goals as it does with physical and emotional likeness. We must analyze political shifts and realities in order to set accurately our priorities and strategies for action. We must do this as a community, and for unity's sake we must establish a platform of plans and purpose broad and flexible enough for all to catch hold. And to do these things we must understand what the word "we" means when we use it.

The black community is increasingly a militant community seeking to express its growing black power. But it is a very pluralistic and heterogeneous complex of human beings. Militancy may be one common denominator in our community; yet intelligence, independence, and difference are others just as important. There is no single black leader, force, or organization that broadcasts the one and only definite meaning of "black power," or the one and only plan for militant expansion - yet there is amongst the 22,000,000 independent black men and women of the U.S. Just so, the black community is not identical to nor fully represented by any given movement, community organization, leader, or group. The black community is all these and more. The black community is greater than all of its individualistic members, and it is proud of the accomplishments each person and group has contributed to the growth of our black power and solidarity.

The black community always has and always will strive to present a solid front to the opposition which we see growing ever stronger in the white community. However, while we express our loyalty to the other side, our leaders must never make the mistake of believing that we are all of one mind. We must be ourselves, yes - but what we are protecting is our right to set our own course. We strive to prevent white opposition from splitting us into warring camps so that we can have cooperating camps among ourselves. We are alike only in the desire to determine our own destinies and the fate of our own community. Our leaders should not believe that we must all be of one mind, must all support one position, must all accept one philosophy, must of people that make up our militancy by one set of rules. It is the white man, not the black man, who says that "we" are all the same.

Union, and the Strength it brings, demands free and open discussion, intelligent debate, precise criticism, and the voluntary cooperation of individuals and organizations and their resources. Unity for the black community lies in a broad social movement - a movement with a place for all types and brands of black groups and individuals. Divinity and weakness come quickly from any effort to con- serve our variety into a single mold to dictate viewpoints and plans to our heterogeneous community. More than ever before, and increasingly in the future, unity is what we must have. The black community has long been the border of the fight for freedom and a just share in the American society. This fight must go on: the war against economic and political slavery must be won. Victory demands the strongest possible unity with our leadership. We cannot afford leadership action which threatens that unity. We have been diverted and troubled by some recent trends which are developing in parts of the black community's social movement - trends toward authoritarianism; toward the suppression of dissent; toward the threat of violence and retaliation against critics; toward the use of insult and humiliation to enforce community conformity of viewpoint; and toward the fore- closure of free speech amid free expression within our own ranks. It is wrong and absurd to claim a position of leadership within the black community while simultaneously exercising power who think differently. It is wrong for militant radicals to attack and attempt to exclude dissenters and conservatives from our movement with urgings to "kill them," or with the use of humiliation. It is equally wrong for dissenters and conservatives to attempt to attack and exclude the militant radicals by denouncing them as criminals and agitators, or by militating the government as an ally in binding them. No one leader or group - conquerive or radical - has a patent on "thinking black" or thinking right. The mail goes out on a community shifts and surges, but seldom if ever moves swiftly or surely in one direction. It is the radical thinkers, and the militant leaders, who discover the new directions in which a people should move, and then pull or push the people in those directions. But the people do not move blindly or in lock-step. The mail is afoot as fast, or as fast, as the exact directions desired by its radical outsiders. The black community has rejected "gradualism" and "all delibera- te speed", and has moved ahead of the leaders who counsel such moderation. The black community wants to and will move further and faster. But it cannot follow leaders who do not look back or those who see the community where the community is not. And it will not follow leaders who threaten and bully, nor leaders who attack those who do not readily follow, nor leaders who wear their community face as a mask for simple hatred or personal ambition.

The black community desperately needs all its leadership working in harmony. Those who would represent us, who would speak for us, must get with us to see if we will follow. We must work with radical, militant philosophers and ideas - so long as those ideas and phil- osophies are built on total community orientation and an understanding of the variety in our community. Each leader, each group which seeks to advance the black community must take a position in our social movement which respects all other parts of that movement even while trying to change them. It is the responsibility of our leadership to keep us marching forward toward the same goals. But it is also the responsibility of our leadership to lead us on to the separate campuses our individuals and groups may choose. Leaders we do otherwise are ignorant of the process of community determination to the community and its efforts for social change. Leaders who do otherwise divide us and weaken us.

We reject as ignorant and wasteful those conservatives who would have us avoid "rocking the boat," which would have us wait on our knees until the maj- ority "accepts us," until the government finds the solu- tions to our problems and invites us in; which would have us reject "black power" and "black pride" because these concepts seem to offend the majority. But we look on these lines of thought which we reject as "legitimate" in the sense that both sorts, old conserv- atives and new reaction, are propounded by black people within the black social movement. We will react to our rejection of these ideas, and discuss our own con- ceptions freely with all comers. And we will find ways to live with those whom we cannot persuade to our point of view, and expect that they will do the same with regard to us.

We feel that these and other - negatively divergent lines of thought will fail in importance as community solidarity grows. We feel that "black power" is in movement strength bringing strength to the black community. We would not like to see this strength used to "whip those who dissent," nor split our community into a multitude of "right-thinking" but powerless splinters. We see to unity among all leadership elements in the black community, and in particular, to see a working coalition between organization in their variety, and the black power movement in its vari- ety.

Let all black leaders heed this call: let us cut out the dis- nloy, the irrelevant, the weakening elements in black thought, black action, black leadership. Let US, all of us, the black community do the separating in free debate and open dis- cussion, in our own councils. What we true unite in democratic fashion to select ways in which we will channel our milita- ry and our energies, and let us go forward as one -made of many -toward our goals.

Otis S. Johnson
J.B. Stoner is running for governor of our state. Do you know what this means? To refresh your memory, let Mr. Stoner tell you exactly what’s on his mind. If you agree with Mr. Stoner’s politics, his quotes will come as no surprise; the rest of us who are shocked could think of no better place than Albion’s voice.

J.B. Stoner’s Gubernatorial Rant:

I am running on a program of love—love for the white race. I do not want any Jewish votes. I do not want any Socialist votes. I do not want any Communist votes. I am a white Christian and proud of it. I am a white Christian and proud of it. I am a white Christian and proud of it. I am white, a Protestant Christian, have short hair, and believe my white, Protestant Christian, short haired race to be Superior.

Home-Cook

Rrrrrrip-off: Southern Style, Deep Fried

Add two hip people (male/female) blend together lightly with a brimming cup full of rednecks—preseasoned all afternoon with beer and pretzels—(the thick necked, pot-bellied, tattooed variety are best for quite serving)

fold gently and let simmer on hot sidewalk for less than 6000 seconds...Voil’!
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Sixteen G.I.'s of ACO 3rd B 22nd INF of the 25th Division refused to leave rear to go to Cambodia. Later all sixteen agreed to go forward to command base in Vietnam on the understanding they would cross the frontier.

In creating the Indo-China War, Nixon has ignored Congress and even members of his cabinet. He announced his decision to invade Cambodia to the assembled people days after it has begun. The United States is bound by international law to notify the United Nation's Security Council of any movement of troops into foreign states. Nixon notified the U.N. long after the invasion was underway.

Yes, Tricky Dickey really blew it this time, and now the government is weakly asking for pro-war support as the nation is ripping apart at the seams.

Dusty Goode

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The War In Indochina

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Lately, lots of people have been talking about how U.S. troops are overflowing Vietnam into Laos. While there certainly are enough troops in Vietnam to make that possible, Laos has been downing in U.S. troops for the last 15 years. Although we've never admitted it, U.S. troops have been there ever since Laotian independence was declared by the Geneva Accords of 1954. And we've been bombing in Laos too, all the while saying that the bombs are only being dropped on the mythical "Ho Chi Minh trail." (But then, until just recently, we were saying there were no troops in Laos, and besides, how can you bomb a supply trail that doesn't exist?)

In comparison, Washington's "secret war" in Laos right now is larger than when President Johnson escalated the "special war" into a "limited war" in Vietnam. Where we had 20,000 advisers in Vietnam just before the combat troops moved in, there are 5,000 advisers in Laos. The difference is that Laos is only one sixth the size of Vietnam, and proportionality that means 50% more advisers. What Washington wants is to use Laos as a buffer, isolating Vietnam from the rest of Southeast Asia. It also wants to make Laos into a base so that it can dominate Indochina and the southern provinces of mainland China by air. The Pathet Lao, (the Laotian Revolution fighters), won't let them, neither will we.

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Books on Resistance

Brom, N.Y. (LNS) - A dozen different books on resistance, including works by Dr. Daniel Berrigan, now underground, are available from the Resistance Book Distributors, a new group which can obtain any commercially-published book. People will give the proceeds to legal defense of anti-war resisters. For a book price list, write Definite Committee, 661 E. 219th St., Bronx, N.Y. 10467.

Bond Redemption for Peace

Clinton, N.Y. (LNS) - If thousands of people cash in their US Savings Bonds on the same day, the US treasury will be in trouble. That's the idea of a new anti-war protest. If US aggression in Indochina has not ended by July 4, then July 6 is the day to turn in your bonds. For details about these plans, contact the National Bond Redemption Committee, Hamilton College, Box 507, Clinton, N.Y. 13323.

U.S. troops out of Vietnam, Laos, Korea, Cambodina, Thailand, Afghanistan, Algeria, American Samoa, Angola, Antigua, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, British Honduras, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Canal Zone, Canary Islands, Canton and Enderbury Islands, Central African Republic, Ceylon, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo-Brassaville, Congo-Kinshasha, Costa Rica, Cuba (Guantanamo), Cyprus, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Guan, Guatemala, Guine, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kust Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Johnston Islands, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Malagasy Republic, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Republic of Rwanda, Ryukyu Islands, Samoa, Republic, Sri Lanka, Singapore, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Spain, Swaziland, Swaterland, Sweden, Switzerland, St. Helena Colony, Surinam, Taiwan, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Virgin Islands, Wake Island, Yugoslavia, Zambia, this country's Black and Latin communities, whatever college towns are making trouble now, and the New York City public schools!
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allowed to “run, skip, or jump” inside or outside on snowglobe days. In keeping with our present practice of labelling cigarette packages, all cars should have written on their dashboards and above their exhaust pipes: “Caution: air-pollution produced by this vehicle is damaging to your health and may result in premature death from lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, emphysema, or other causes.”

Each mode of transportation uses a smaller or larger part of the earth’s limited surface.

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Buses: Half-filled buses, on the same lane and under the same conditions as an auto can carry 60,000 people per hour – 17 times as many as the car.

Bicycle: A highway lane can comfortably hold two bicycle lanes, allowing 10,000 people per hour at 15 m.p.h., 10 feet spacing.

In Berkeley, each citizen has 28.1 square feet of parks. Each automobile has 96 square feet of roads. It has been estimated that 1% is used by the automobile.

Ubiquitous use of the automobile has made possible the extensive suburban sprawl so typical of today’s landscape escape. The private suberb and the private automobile are locked in an embrace which perpetrates a life style destructive to most of humanity.

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Dr. Gatch's (LNS) Dr. Donald Gatch made a name for himself in 1967 as South Carolina's "Hunger Doctor." He focussed national attention on the conditions of hunger and malnutrition among the poor people of Beaufort County. Now, three years later, Beaufort County is taking re-venge on him.

Dr. Gatch was indicted by a Beaufort County grand jury on Nov. 24, 1969, for four violations of state drug laws. The case was continued from a special January session of court when Dr. Gatch was unable to retain suitable counsel.

The trial has now been delayed for a second time at the request of the state. Solicitor Randolph Murdaugh, Jr., told the judge of General Sessions Court in Beaufort, S.C., on March 5, that the prosecution was unable to present all of its witnesses. A delay was granted until the June term of court.

Gatch has not been popular among local whites, since he testified before the Citizen's Board of inquiry into Hunger and Malnutri-
tion in the U.S. in 1967. He told the panel, after being accused of attempting to build a hospital frequently encountered in his practice among the poor blacks of Beaufort County, several deficiency diseases that were supposed to have been completely eradicated in this country forty years ago. He went on to describe the presence of other pernicious diseases that were thought to exist only in underdeveloped nations of the Third World.

Dr. Gatch revealed the results of a study he had conducted into the health of one part of the country which showed that 70% suffered from intestinal parasites; for those under 5 years of age, the figure was over 80%. "At last count," he told investigators, "about five years ago, I think there had been eight deaths that I consider attributable to parasites." Gatch at that time was the only white doctor in the county who maintained racially integrated waiting rooms in his office.

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have been enough to damn Dr. Gatch in the eyes of local whites. But to his anti-hunger crusade and the Freedom Physical he added on a more sin: an unorthodox approach to the therapeutic use of drugs like marijuana and LSD. He told a reporter from Esquire magazine in 1968: "We're doing ourselves a great disservice in this country in our attitude toward some of the psychedelic drugs, LSD, marijuana. I'm not talking about kicks,now I mean ethical medi-
cine." He went on to describe one drug he could buy for Beaufort County residents. It's a pain killer, and it's ingested through the skin. With a gallon of that stuff, that old woman back then (a patient suffering from arthritis) could swab herself everyday. She'd be a lot more comfortable and a lot happier. But it would be against the law for her to have it. The medicine she can have costs $15 a month, and she can't afford it. That's crazy."

Gatch touched on this same topic from time to time in speeches, and then one day last summer a state drug inspector arrived in Bluffton to check jis records. Gatch says he was told at that time that if he would go to court there would be no prosecution. By November, however, Gatch still looked like a fairly permanent fixture, and the Beaufort County grand jury indicted on charges of failing to keep police records, dispensing drugs without a prescription, and using drugs himself. "I view this indictment as being politically motivated. I know that the black folk of South Carolina has been trying to discredit me for the last two years," he told one reporter. "This is another attempt along the line. This is not the first time they have tried to put Gatch in prison. If convicted he faces 6 years in prison and a $5,000 fine. Attorneys have advised that fighting this case in court will be a lengthy and costly process. Dr. Gatch is indignant and funds are badly needed. Contributions may be sent to the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, 25 East 26th Street, New York, New York, 10010. Checks should be made payable and earmarked for the Gatch Defense Fund.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL

On May 25 national representatives from the American Federation of Teachers met with at least twenty percent of the public and school teachers of Chatham County - the minimum number required to establish a union. David Selden, National President of AFT, presented the charter recognizing the Savannah Federation of Teachers as a local branch of the national teachers union.

Officers of SFT were nominated and elected from the floor at a meeting of the teachers the same night. David Arnold School, received the office of Vice President, Savannah High School instructor, Joan Mor-
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