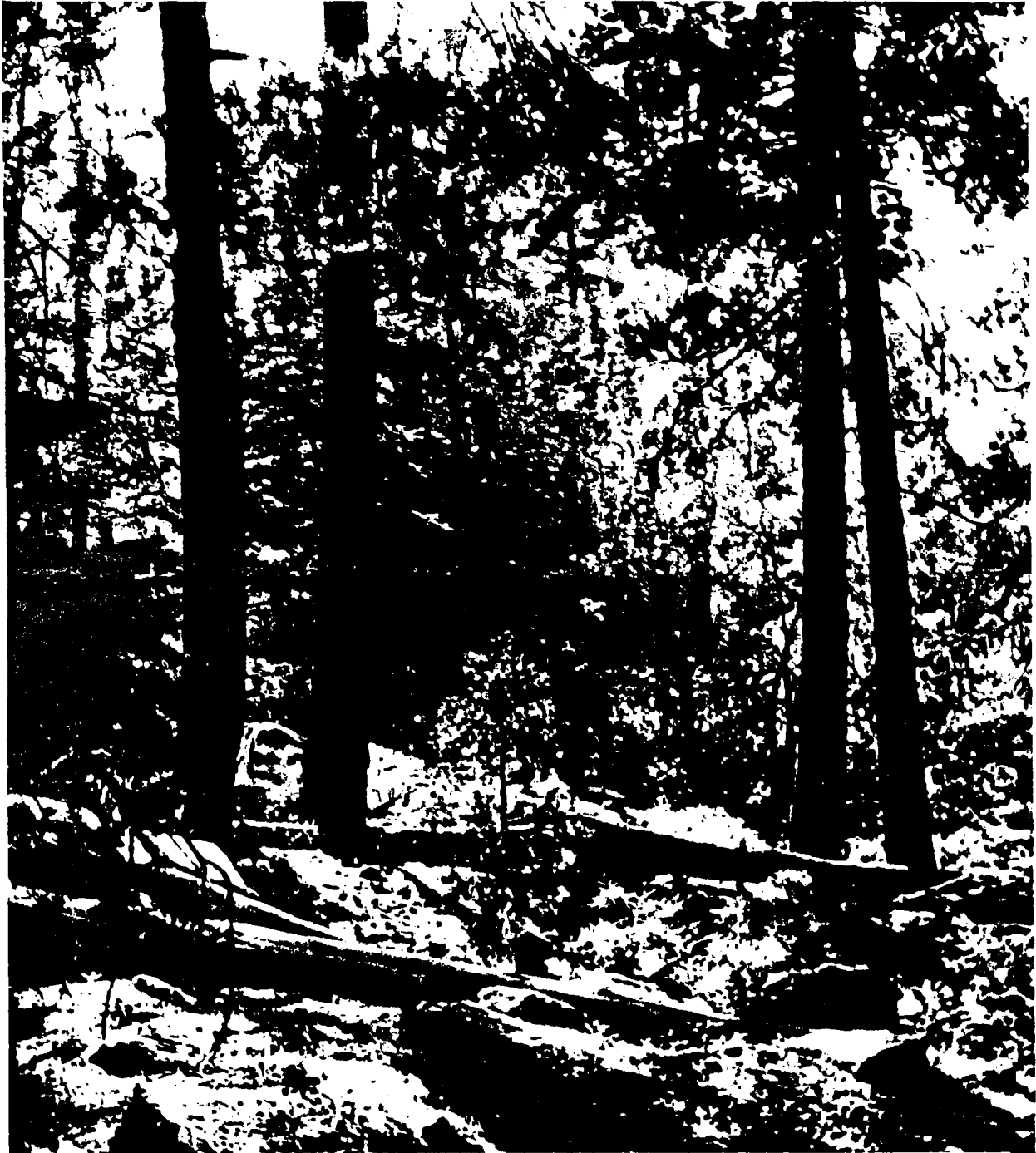


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People Soup, that's a funny name. It brings to mind things like Communion, as in *Stranger in a Strange Land*. It brings to mind a common element, the sea is often referred to as a rich soup in which all the teeming life of earth was born. Or a common problem, "a fine soup we're all in".

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And so... without much further ado...

Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking...

# PEOPLE SOUP

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I can still remember back  
in the 50's when I used to  
be really into  
drinking and  
scoring with  
chicks and stuff...



Then the president was  
assassinated and I began to  
realize that there was  
something really wrong  
with this  
country...



When the Negroes  
began to stand  
up for  
their  
rights, I  
went along  
to help...



Then I began to really  
connect with some of  
the far out  
things that  
people are  
doing! Like,  
Wow!



Then I heard about Kent  
State and saw what  
happened in  
Chicago, and I  
finally got hip to  
the fact that  
there's an un-  
declared war  
going on...



After I got busted by the  
pigs I decided to be a  
lot cooler about things.  
I got much more delect-  
able and I got into  
donating half  
of the money I  
made on dope  
to helping my  
black brothers  
and sisters...



Our school principal  
caught us dropping acid,  
but when he  
tried to throw  
us out, we took  
him to court  
for violating  
our rights...



Now everything's pretty  
cool. I've really gotten  
into getting  
drunk and stoned  
and making it  
with chicks...



My parents  
say it's a  
step in the  
right direction.



## Reaction to All-Church Mailing

There have been few responses to the  
mailing that LRY did last month to all the  
Unitarian-Universalist churches and fellow-  
ships in the U.S. and Canada. The mailing  
was delivered to the post office in October  
and should be in the hands of the local  
LRY'ers by now. None the less, the contin-  
ental LRY staff has received few responses  
from LRY'ers about the packet and they are  
concerned that the mailing did not reach  
most of the LRY'ers for whom it was intended.

## SA PROGRAM REACHES INTO GRASSROOTS

The Social Actions Enabling Committee  
(SAEC) is LRY's latest social actions program  
designed to bring the planning and implemen-  
tation of social actions news distribution  
and programming down to the grass roots level.

In the past, LRY has tried with varying  
degrees of success to create a committee or  
network composed of the social actions  
directors of every LRY federation. Says  
LRY Social Actions Director Adam Auster,  
"This program is not just aimed at one  
or two fed execs, but at all concerned and  
interested LRY'ers." In this way, says  
Adam, "LRY'ers everywhere will be able to  
have a direct effect on what all of LRY  
does with social actions".

The SAEC program is intended to become  
an extension of local and federal SA  
programs, and also to supplement old  
programs and places that have devised no  
programs of their own.

Continental LRY is concerned that LRY'ers  
do not fully understand what "social actions"  
means. "In the 60's," says Adam, "The phrase  
'social actions' became identified exclusively  
with peace marches and demonstrations. Now  
that mass demonstrations have been abandoned  
in favor of other means of social witnessing,  
LRY'ers have become bored with the whole  
concept of social actions."

At this point in LRY's evolution, says  
Adam, it is "more important than  
ever" that LRY'ers come to an understanding  
of what the core of social actions really is.  
"Briefly stated, social actions are those  
acts which are made in the hopes of changing  
the world into a better place. They are any  
attempts to manifest our ideals in the real  
world. In this sense, social actions are  
an integral part not just of LRY, but of  
human existence itself."

The SAEC project was put forth in LRY's  
last mailing (see article in this issue)  
along with other LRY information. Included

The four continental directors say that  
in the past many churches have failed to pass  
on the LRY programs and packets to the young  
people who can use them. "Occasionally the  
adults in the church are so interested in  
the LRY programs that they keep the packets  
for themselves," say the executive committee  
members "More often, the mailings are simply  
ignored or else the churches don't know  
what to do with them and they are thrown  
away. There are even a few cases in which  
church adults have gone so far as to intent-  
tionally withhold mail addressed to LRY'ers  
because it expressed ideas that conflicted  
with those adults."

The LRY staff says that churches who  
don't give LRY'ers their mail "are arbitrar-  
ily depriving the church youth of the chance  
to get involved in a very positive growing  
experience," and that churches without LRY  
groups may still find the programs inter-  
esting and useful to the youth group in the  
church.

This mailing contained a brief letter of  
introduction from the committee, a copy of  
LRY's latest program packet, the preliminary  
information on the first issue of People  
Soup, and a questionnaire from the LRY  
Social Actions Enabling Committee  
project (see this issue). The continental  
Directors called this mailing "important" and  
added the following message to LRY'ers  
everywhere:

"PICK UP YOUR MAIL!!!"

In the mailing was a short packet of news  
and ideas and a detailed questionnaire for  
the Social Actions Enabling Committee.  
"This questionnaire is the first step,"  
says LRY "We've done our best to put a  
copy in the hands of LRY'ers everywhere."  
Copies of the questionnaire may be  
obtained by asking at any LRY conference  
or by writing to SAEC, LRY, 25 Beacon  
St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

## PERSONALS

During last summer I lost my blue jean  
jacket. I have another jacket that looks a  
lot like mine but it isn't, so presumably I  
have the person's jacket who has mine. Mine  
is a very old Levi-Strauss jacket made of  
very thick denim and has (or used to have)  
sea shells in one of the front pockets. The  
one that I have is also a Levi-Strauss, has  
copper buttons, and is fairly old. Write to  
Liz Ferry 263 Berlin St. Burlington, Vt. 05602  
Matt: All is forgiven. Please write. Joe

# Milkweed Children

There is a sign on the door which reads: "Welcome Back to being with us all along- The Milkweed Children of Zowp." Dave Keenan, Timmer Feldhausen, Dave Knight, Bill Cameron and Michelle Couseneau are the inhabitants of Zowp.

Bill Cameron calls it a country. It is fifty acres in area and has a population of five, "which is appropriate enough, since if you average out the world's population against it's (the world's) total land area, you find that there are ten acres of land for every human being alive."

The boundaries of Zowp are the boundaries of Unicamp, a Unitarian-Universalist summer camp in Ontario, Canada. It is about a mile from the nearest town, Honeywood, a farming community with two general stores and a population of approximately 80. The camp consists of geographically diverse acreage in Mulmer Hills, with several streams, a pond with an island, a swamp, a pine forest, a number of caves, and a hill which provides an excellent view of Central Ontario. On the land there are 13 buildings: a dining hall, and kitchen, 6 cottages, and 6 dorms. The dorms contain only beds and toilets, while the cottages also contain kitchen facilities.

The last week in August was LRY week at Unicamp. During the week some of the people who now call themselves The Milkweed Children were talking about the camp and about what they had in common with each other when, Timmer says, "suddenly we found ourselves immersed in the possibilities of living at the camp during the 'off season'...We went to the camp director, John Hearn, and said,

'We've been thinking about living here for the year. What do you think?'

He said, 'I think it's a good idea.'

At lunch he came in beaming and said, 'This is the best thing that ever happened to Unicamp.'

Along with this remark he brought his total support and bundles of ideas and suggestions, he was the happiest he had been all summer.

...We immediately started developing our goals and intentions for 'the board' (of Trustees of the camp)".



Photo by Helen Andjes

NESTLED IN THE WILDERNESS (above): the Milkweed Children are expecting upwards of 10 feet of snow this winter.

Near the end of Unicamp LRY week Dave and Dave went to Shelburne, 12 miles from the camp, and enrolled in Centre Dufferin District High School. All five went home to gather their belongings. The following week they set up housekeeping in the nurse's cottage.

Dave and Dave began attending school, while Timmer and Bill started haying for an 82-year-old diabetic farmer, Emmitt Hunt.

A week later, Timmer, Bill and Michelle started harvesting potatoes. At the end of the season in mid-October, they had cleared \$1,100. They expect to spend approximately \$2,000 on food and utilities this year.

The five LRY'ers are living at Unicamp as a pilot project, exploring the possibilities of LRY use of the camp during the off season on a continuing basis. As Bill and Dave Keenan are members of the Eastern Canadian Federation Executive Committee, and Dave Knight is on the Continental Conference Planning Committee, the Milkweed Children hope to establish Zowp as a permanent clearing house center. The camp will become a base for future LRY research and programming. Newsletter, describing the progress of the five, and the E.C.F. newsletter.

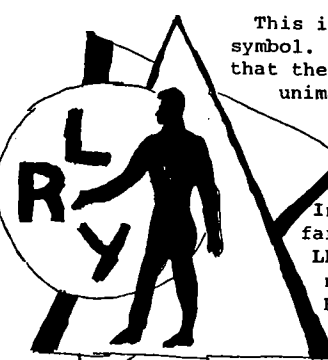
The Board is allowing them to live there rent free. In return they act as caretakers, give the camp publicity, and make the physical improvements needed for survival in the winter.

Their cottage has two 8 by 10 foot rooms, a living room/ kitchen, a porch that they enclosed and a bathroom with no bath. They have insulated the cabin and bought a \$20 oil heater. There is no running water because the pipes freeze up in the wintertime. There is, however, a stream running 40 feet from the cottage.

The Milkweed Children are currently looking for information and comments concerning starting free schools and worthy economic ventures. If you have questions, comments or are in any way motivated to communicate with them, they can be reached at:

LRY Family  
c/o Unicamp  
Honeywood, Ontario LON-IHO (zip code.)

"...at first I thought it would be very roughing it and all that, but it's not."-(Dave Knight)



This is the old LRY symbol. It is our feeling that the symbol is dull, unimaginative, not particularly beautiful and more than a little sexist. In short, it is a far cry from what LRY looks like nowadays. So... How about a new symbol? If you are creative and wish to do a little something for LRY, send finalized sketches or tentative ideas with a short explanation of the inner meaning of the symbol if it is not self-evident. If you can't draw, we'll draw it for you. Thanks.

LRY Symbol, 25 Beacon St. Boston, Mass. 02108

## THE OIL SHORTAGE

by Terry Franklin - Boston

Many of us LRY'ers and SRL'ers are bogged down in school or a job, and sometimes we wonder if what we're doing is relevant. Well, cheer up! Winter is almost here; and if everything goes well, we may have a chance to devote our energies to the basic needs of survival, which is certainly relevant.

We are faced with the possibility of a severe oil shortage. The severity depends on how cold the winter is. Even if the shortage isn't too bad this year, it will certainly get worse in the next several years. The purpose of this article is to give you a little advice about what to do when the oil runs out. (It's written primarily for the apartment dweller in the city.)

The most important problem is keeping warm. If you have a fireplace and a large supply of wood, coal, or news-

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by Layni Martin - TOAKtm Fed

Lake Murray- LRY Nation. Rustic wood cabins in the humid air, with screened windows. Keep them open, but no matter how much breeze it always blows around the cabins instead of through them. In the restless, still heat of an Ardmore afternoon, a favorite person lies on the collapsible cot across from you pickin' a listless summer guitar. Not satisfied, he puts the much-cherished friend back in the case which cost almost as much as the instrument. Sprawled arms-and legs across the pitted mattresses, drifting into a lazy dream, you hold hands over the gritty wood floor. As a trail of ants crosses the stomach of his pale yellow t-shirt, you begin to digest the whirl of names painted, chalked and carved on the rain-warped logs and dented army lockers. Wonder: does Ralph McCarroll '56-'57 remember the night he spent here? And whatever happened to "John Marsha"? Pondering their memories, you remember your own past- a first conference. Much later you rouse yourself from a stream of conferences consciousness, and from your lumpy bed. Kissing his limp fingers goodnight, you pull a blanket over the sleepin body of your person, and wander down to the docks. Meeting up with a party of people, you go to sit on the grey, splintered dock from which you dropped a white-enamel coffee cup this morning. Purposely- remember the intense joy of it? For a while you attempt demented late-might conversation, then the sounds of the whitecaps drift around you, gurgling into your ears to silence your tongue. Falling stars streak the sky with lacy tails, and you try to formulate a wish to make on them, but you're too tired, and if you lean back too far, you might fall into Lake Murray- Armadillo Nation.

## WATERGATE PROSECUTOR JAWOSKI LINKED TO CIA MONEY

WASHINGTON (LNS)--Leon Jaworski had not even been sworn in as Nixon's new "independent" Watergate prosecutor before a skeleton appeared from the closet. Nixon proposed Jaworski as the replacement for Archibald Cox, the former independent prosecutor who was fired on October 20.

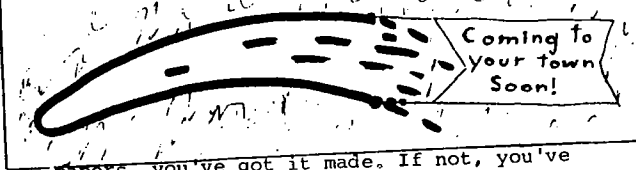
According to a recent report in the Houston Chronicle, Jaworski, along with his former law partner, John Freeman, approved the use of the M.D. Anderson Foundation (of which Freeman is the president and Jaworski on the board of directors) as a conduit for CIA funds in the late 1960's.

The arrangement worked like this: the CIA, through some dummy foundations it set up, gave money to the M.D. Anderson Foundation which then channelled the money to the American Fund for Free Jurists, an international lawyers group. The Anderson Foundation "laundered" in this way more than \$600,000. Freeman acknowledged that he, Jaworski and two other directors of the Foundation had approved the CIA request to use it as a conduit.

Among the things the independent prosecutor is supposed to be investigating is the laundering of money, donated to the Committee to Re-Elect the President, which was used to pay off the Watergate Burglars. The special prosecutor is also supposed to investigate CIA involvement in the break-in and other aspects of CREEP and Nixon administration illegal surveillance and dirty tricks.

Jaworski admitted to the Chronicle that he "possibly helped channel Central Intelligence Agency funds"

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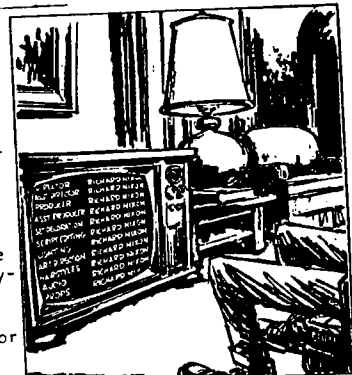


papers, you've got it made. If not, you've got a problem! If you don't have a fireplace with proper ventilation, never burn anything to get heat-- this will produce too much carbon monoxide. (It's OK to burn candles for light because they're small.) Don't

to the lawyers group. He said that the group was a "worthy and patriotic" cause and that the matter didn't affect his position as special prosecutor.

But on November 5, the day Jaworski was sworn in as special prosecutor, his office issued a statement saying only that "to his knowledge, he has never acted directly or indirectly as a conduit for Central Intelligence Agency funds for any purpose." A spokesman for Jaworski said that he didn't intend to resign from the board of directors of the Anderson Foundation.

Though more dirt about Jaworski has yet to come out, one thing's clear--he's spent '68 years on the side of the establishment," as one journalist put it. Jaworski has served on the board of the Bank of the Southwest and is the most senior partner of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski--one of the "Big Three" Houston corporate law firms, known for its out of court settlements. He is also a member of the Kerner Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.



# THE JOE TACO SYNDROME

by Adam Auster

The Army has it's G.I. Joe. The public has John Doe. And LRY has it's two figures... Joe Taco and Suzy Creamcheese.

The genealogy of Joe and Suzy is sort of fuzzy. Suzy Creamcheese was and is originally the creation of Frank Zappa on his album *Freakout*. When Greg Swieggart became President of LRY, he published regular "letters from Suzy Creamcheese", describing the trials and tribulations of an imaginary local LRYer.

Joe Taco first came to light - no one knows where from - in 1970, when LRY first acquired an apartment for the continental executive committee in Cambridge, MA. Because the people on the exec com change every year, the apartment was rented in Joe's name. To this day, the LRY telephone number may be obtained by calling up Cambridge information and asking for the number of "Joseph Taco".

It is important for us to make a distinction, however, between Joe Taco and "Johnny Scout" or any other organizational archetypes. Unlike the Army, school or the Scouts, LRY is not striving to train it's members towards a single definite end. As Larry Ladd, a former president of LRY, put it in 1968, "Since these organizations have as their purpose the molding of us to fit their own image (for example, G.I. Joe, Johnny Scout), their leaders pass down 'the right way' and their structures exist so that we can 'rehearse' the roles and organizational methods that they hope to train us to believe in". The Scouts, in other words, exist to indoctrinate us into someone else's trip.

Society as a whole works much the same way only worse; instead of there being just one role to follow, we are confronted with thousands, some of which contradict each other but all of which are supposed to be valid. A suburban housewife, for example, must be a perfect mother/teacher, a cook,

a brilliant conversationalist (but not more so than the husband), a hostess, a sex symbol... the list is endless. Yet there is one person who not only succeeds in being all of these things but enjoys it too! - the G.I. Joe of the housewife world who can be found in the pages of any housewife magazine, on the television, in the movies and in books.

The problem is not so far removed from our own lives, either. Our "youth culture" has it's ideal boy and girl whose image can be found not only in movies and books but in our own midst. We sometimes become so concerned with pursuing the G.I. Joe of our society that he becomes more and more tangible to us as we approach the total imitation of him. Of course we never succeed in becoming Joe or Jane Hip but our friends do and we are sure that we can achieve the state of perfect typicalness if we only try a little harder. Even if we don't get there, we can still fool other people - and even ourselves - into believing that we have...

LRY, however, is neither the Army, the Scouts nor the public schools. The very thing which divides the New Community from the old is precisely this difference in self determination. LRY for the individual is nobody's trip but your own, and although LRY should be an experience of change and growth, no one, least of all poor innocuous Joe Taco, is pointing to the "right" way to be.

When we go to conferences or local group meetings and we find ourselves splitting hairs over the question, "what is an LRYer", it might be a good idea to cast our thoughts over to Suzy and Joe. LRYers, after all, come in all shapes and sizes, valuing diversity as much as common unity. The only exceptions to this are the two "average" LRYers - Joe Taco and Suzy Creamcheese - who only hold this dubious honor by virtue of the fact that they, unlike the rest of us, do not really exist.

## THE COMET

by George Lippman - San Francisco

Do you believe in signs, omens?

I am a Bokonist. i.e. Cat's Cradle by Kurt Vonnegut - I modify it - "there is one right answer to anything, but if you don't find it, it will find you."

In that "inspired 'alpha' state" called waking up, I was lucky enough to find it, and how obvious it is. We must steal the theme from H.G. Wells' novel "IN THE DAYS OF THE COMET".

Ah, yes, I should perhaps back up and explain before I call it obvious. A new comet, Kouhoutek, I think, has been discovered over in Russia. It will be brighter than Halley's - brighter than the moon - visible in the day. It will be brightest in early January, visible all December. It will get noticeably brighter starting December 28th.

The implications go as far as you wish to follow them, and for me, that's far. Some people have claimed that since Earth witnesses a supernova-exploding star - once every 500 years, that's what the Star of Bethlehem could have been. Others say it was a comet. I don't know, I wasn't there, but this Christmas we will truly have such a Star once again.

Consider the meaning of the original Star - that is the meaning of Christmas and New Year's Day - and the Roman Saturnalia - all these and others mark, more or less, December 21st, that is the rebirth of hope - and the sun - whereas the second, yund Easter, is the rebirth of life and earth.

Impa catch all this symbolism? Symbols are very tight to me - they take the place of rhetoric.

This comet is in some way a sign, a portent

of good things coming our way.

Alright, our friend, Dr. Timothy Leary, has moved from your neighborhood (Harvard) to mine (Folsom Prison). He has written a book called "STARSEED" in which he claims "I will be released when the comet comes". He also talks about the scientific, spiritual, social and personal implications of it. If you can get a hold of the book, you should read it.

Aside from my love for Dr. Tim, I have one reason to listen to what he says. In the past few weeks, earthquake fever seems to have increased around here - as you know everyone expects this city to be demolished momentarily. In the last three days there has been two quakes in the area, one in Baja, California, and one in Santiago, Chile that was serious, I think. What a place to hit!! Could it be that the quakes will destroy the citadels of evil - like Folsom Prison, and the Chilean General's headquarters? (Oh come on George, don't go overboard!!)

My dislike for astrology is mitigated by just two things, the knowledge that cosmic bodies exert pressure on each other, [and the fact that] it won't take much of a push to make the San Andreas fault go. Also, there are more kinds of waves that scientists admit, and their properties and powers are uncharted. I refer you to the movie, Wilhelm Reich - *Mysterries of the Organism* or any of Reich's books, also the science-fiction novel *The 27th Day* for a discussion of the selective powers of waves.

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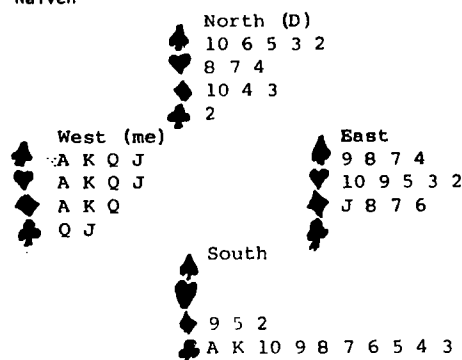
by Peter "No Trump" Nalven

It was the 1973 Taco open in Boston when the hand to end all hands appeared in my hand. My partner, Suzy Creamcheese, and I had been having the worst of luck against the famous team from Cambridge, Aces Up Our Sleeves. There was alot at stake, pride and ego, and I was not about to lose! The only hand that we had won in the first 10 times the deck was dealt was when the Aces tried to use the Siberian Transport on us. For all of you who do not know this convention, it is when you change hands with your partner under the table. Fortunately, we were wise to their tricks and we countered with the Siberian Transport Hijacked. This is when you stick in your hand (which is usually pretty crumby) and intercept one of the better hands under the table. We proceeded to make game with a three no trump bid.

It was just before the 11th hand was dealt when I stepped out of the room to tap a kidney (I felt like I was going to burst). I came back much relieved and picked up my hand to see a sight I had never seen before in my many years of playing bridge. (See the diagram for the hand.)

I sat there startled for a few seconds, then burst out "Wow! This hand is too mucking fuch! You should see it!" This was followed by the usual groans that happen when one person is holding all the points. I was so ecstatic that I used the Zambeezi Gambit which is usually not acceptable in the circles I play in. This is when you flash your cards to the other players so they can see all of those royal people.

I was sitting at the West seat and North had dealt. The bidding went like this: North- pass, East- pass, South- 3 no trump



(I figured this to be a preempt bluff) and I bid with confidence- 6 no trump. My bid was followed by three passes and alot of giggles.

My partner laid down her one point hand but I said assuredly "Don't worry, I have it all under control." She answered with a questionable face and a shrug of her shoulders.

The play of the hand was fairly interesting. North lead with the 2 of clubs and South took my jack with her ace. I began to worry as a big grin came over her face. She played her king of clubs and I lost my queen. So what if I was down one. Then she laid the ten of clubs down and I knew I had been had. The clubs just kept coming and the giggles turned into roaring laughter. They were laughing so hard they could barely play their cards.

It ended with me taking three tricks, down 91. They admitted that they had fixed the cards, and I admitted that I was a sucker.

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depend on electric heaters for your apartment. Use them if you can, but remember that everyone else in the city will be doing so too and the power plants won't be able to keep up with the demand. In addition, many electric power plants themselves depend on oil (especially those in the Northeast). The best way to keep warm is to find all the LRY'ers and SRL'ers in the city and pull them together in one apartment (think of the possibilities of really living the New Community!) and keep the place warm with your body heat. The human body is a radiator which continuously gives off about 100 watts of heat (340 BTUs per hour). In most cases, alot of people in a small apartment should be able to keep the air temperature above freezing and maybe even in the 40's. Huddled together under a pile of blankets, everyone should stay pretty warm. If you still aren't warm enough, start a bonfire in a street or alley and heat up objects that have a high specific heat (e.g., rocks, bricks, buckets of water), then bring them insid for added warmth. Remember also to keep your apartment well insulated.

Another major problem is fire. Things might get too hot. I haven't seen Nixon's plan for oil rationing yet, but you can be sure that it's the poor who will have to do without. (If things get rough for the suburban middle class I'm sure the Office for Emergency Preparedness will

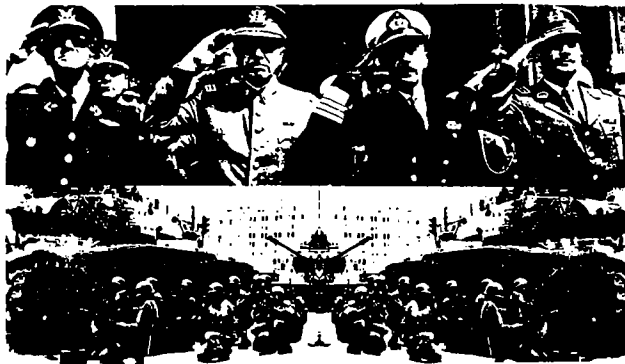
come up with some oil.) The poor are all packed together in the cities, usually in inferior buildings, and with everyone thinking up their own ways to keep warm, the danger of fire is greatly increased. If firemen can't get through because of heavy snow, half the city could go up in flames. So, be sure to have an alternate place to go in case your house burns down. If you don't you can always ask a National Guardsman (they'll be everywhere) and he will probably find a public building somewhere to put you and the other refugees.

Big cities are terribly unstable entities, dependent on the outside world to keep their life-support systems running. A stoppage of energy supply could conceivably bring down all the other systems: transportation, waste disposal, employment, snow removal, food distribution, etc. Be ready to take care of all your necessities if the regular systems aren't working. Have at least a week's supply of food on hand at all times. Stockpile grains, potatoes, canned goods, vitamins, etc. You also betterget a few books and jigsaw puzzles- it's going to be a long winter.

Finally, when spring comes, everyone should have learned their lesson. But will they? No. You can be sure that politicians will be calling for more offshore drilling, more nuclear reactors, and more pressure on the Arabs. Remember also that the Alaskan pipeline will be laid next May when the Arctic thaws out, unless people work to stop it. So be ready to oppose the plans of the energy czars-- the best way to deal with the energy crisis is through conservation.



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## - Coming Attractions -

LRV Continental Calendar- upcoming events of interest to all LRV'ers. Note: Before we can print them up, you've got to tell us about them.

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More about the socio-spiritual part. This is tied up in the same way as the energy crisis. This winter, there will not only be a shortage of gasoline and heating oil, but here in the West, legislatures are giving governors the power to order outside lighting to be turned off. The governor of Oregon has already banned night-time ad lighting. Neon!! It's possible that with the darkened cities and lessened air pollution from cars, we will have the best circumstances for viewing the heavens in 50 years!! Almost if someone had arranged it this way.

I think it would do us good to read the book "IN THE DAY OF THE COMET". I just read the epilogue

and preface.

For some reason the idea of the comet really turns me on. It's the first new thing under the sun that aside from man-made things- which are generally trash- to come along in at least our life time I feel attracted to it like in some way it belongs to our generation, is a symbol of it or for it. Like the Three Wise Men, we can use it to find our Savior; but since it is equally over us all, we must look within ourselves to find the strength, the humanity, the vision to save ourselves.

"The time for sharing our visions... has arrived... always with the awareness that revolution is an act of love." (Holly Horn.)

## ~Last Minute Notes~

MARC- A regional organization is coming together on the mid-Atlantic area. The organization- the Mid Atlantic Regional Conglomeration, or MARC, is not to be confused with the old Mid Atlantic Regional Conference which dissolved several years ago due to lack of interest on the part of its members. The new MARC is serving the same area as the old- including the Metropolitan Area Federation (MAF), Jersey Area Federation (JAF), Delaware Valley Federation (DVF), Greater Washington Area Federation (GWAF) and the area of Long Island Area Federation (LAF) which is at present inactive. Membership is open to LRV'ers in the MARC area. By the time this reaches you, MARC will have had its first (birthday) conference. The second conference is a bi-regional conference with none other than NERO- the New England Regional Organization which includes 10 New England feds and the Canadian Maritimes. This conference will be for one week in late December, and is open to anyone who is interested.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this whole re-organization is MARC's experimentation with a new form of government. It is one of the few attempts that have ever been made to deal creatively with the problems presented by Roberts Rules of Order and the traditional "LRV structure". As John Rosette, Communications Director for MARC, put it, "This means basically that the people make their own decisions, instead of electing people to do it for them." Other MARC'ers were not available for comment.

The new government is run entirely by a Meeting and by various committees that are open to any member, subject to approval by the Meeting.

Membership in MARC is open to LRV'ers in the MARC area. If you're interested, write to People Soup and we'll try to connect you with the right people.

The grape and lettuce boycott still continues, but one thing does not: Baskin & Robbins does not, as previously reported, buy its ingredients from A & P, and so is as edible as ever, both politically and nutritionally. The fall Social Actions Half-A-Packet reported that Baskin & Robbins should be boycotted along with table grapes and non-union lettuce. This report came separately from the other information in the article: from, in fact, none other than Baskin & Robbins itself. Nonetheless, a spokesman for the United Farm Workers said today that the UFW "is not advocating a boycott against Baskin & Robbins", and added that United Brands, Inc., the corporation that owns Baskin & Robbins, also owns the only lettuce company that has signed a contract with the UFW union. The other facts in the packet are from different sources and are still very reliable. FIELDTRIPPING- Matthew Easton, Director of Extension and Leadership Development for continental LRV, is traveling around the Southern and Western part of the U.S. in an effort to reach LRV'ers. He is moving from Texas to Southern California, then up north to Oregon and then back to Boston. Matt is traveling entirely by thumb, so if you are near where he is going and would like to have him at your conference or local group meeting, or if you would just like to put up a poor weatherbeaten hitchhiker for the night, write him and tell him. Until the end of November mail should be sent c/o Jim Monroe, 200 Bolinas Ave., #75 Fairfax, Ca. 94930. After that it's anybody's guess.

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