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All LRY federations that wish to be represented on the LRY Board of Trustees are reminded that their deadline of affiliation with LRY is June first.

The reason for having this deadline is to keep tabs on those federations and regional organizations that are active, the affiliation requirements are specified in the LRY Bylaws.

Federations are required to send in 1) proof that they meet the minimum definition of an active fed, three locals, 2) a statement to the effect that the fed is in general sympathy with the purposes of LRY, 3) a list of officers. If the last item is delayed because fed elections are scheduled after June first, the LRY Bylaws provide for an extension of the deadline.

Other information that LRY is seeking from the federations this year includes a complete fed mailing list, a copy of the federation bylaws or constitution, and a report on the fed treasury.

To date only one federation has affiliated with LRY this year, so don't assume that yours has. Make it your responsibility to see that your federation is included as part of LRY this year coming.

If you do not live near a federation, write to LRY to find out how to start one or affiliate directly with LRY.

An up to date list of those federations which have affiliated by press time will be printed in the next People Soup.

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FLASH-(Nonsense News Network)- JOHN DOE HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED!! The American symbol of the average man was last seen signing a check in a Douglas, Mass. Bank. His average wife Jane Doe, received a ransom note written on pink toilet paper at about 5:30 this afternoon, three hours after her husband apparently disappeared. In the note, the kidnappers, claiming to be members of a subversive organization called the North-western Rhode Island Garden Club, demanded the resignation of President Nixon and 5 tons of high quality beef. When asked for a comment about the demands, the President replied, "To Hell with the everyday American!!" Stay tuned for more information. ---Wendell Finner Newark, DE.

OUTSIDERS REVIEW

NORTH STAR CONFERENCE

The following is a report on the North Star Federation Winter Conference. It is composed of excerpts from two separate reports by Barbara Stone and Cynthia Taylor, members of Missouri Valley Federation.

The conference started on Friday night with people arriving... I was amused to find the beginnings of the conference in a tight circle playing bloody knuckles (a card game). Something is wrong, I thought. They ought to be welcoming newcomers and running around like a bunch of happy chickens with their heads off. But one of the first things I had to tell myself, was not to compare this conference to last week's. It was a {different} bunch of people.

There was an exec meeting to decide what would go on for the weekend. After that the board came downstairs and mingled with the peons. There was an orientation. Long and drawn out. Dwelling mostly on the rules and how they would be enforced... I felt like I was being accused and proven guilty, before I had time to break the law. It gave me a rebellious feeling, like I felt when mommy tells me "mustn't" because she says so and if I don't agree, well then get the hell out.

Workshops followed. I really enjoyed {them}. We did a really neat exercise to get to know one another. It had a lot to do with describing a mystery person in terms of a plant, animal, building, taste and various other what-not. Then you guess who the mystery person is, after evaluating continued on page 3 col.2.

OUR BODIES OURSELVES BANNED FROM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

GILROY, Calif. (LNS) -- The use of the women's health guide, Our Bodies Ourselves, in a high school class in Gilroy, Calif. caused the school trustees to suspend approval of the course.

"It is one of the dirtiest, dirtiest books I've ever read," said one of the trustees.

Our Bodies Ourselves was on the reading list for a course called "Survival For Today." The teacher scheduled to teach the course had taught Home Economics for a long time but the trustees ordered that "Survival for Today be suspended and replaced with "Advanced Foods".

According to the trustees, the book is "contrary to pre-dominant moral values of the taxpayers in the community.... it is a political document and propaganda for socialist leftism."

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U.S. LAGS ON GREAT LAKES CLEANUP

WASHINGTON (CPS/LNS)-- Nearly two years after president Nixon signed a joint agreement with Canada to clean up the Great Lakes, no federal program is yet in operation.

Although Congress has appropriated funds for 115 projects (21% of the U.S. commitment) Nixon has impounded much of the money. In fiscal year 1974, out of \$6 billion allotted for water purification, the Environmental Protection Agency is using only \$3 billion.

Canada meanwhile has provided funds for nearly 75% of its \$250 million commitment, is operating 16 new municipal sewage treatment plants and has extended or improved 18 others.

Of the four mutually owned lakes, Lake Erie is the dirtiest, absorbing the wastes of 12 million Americans, mostly from Detroit, Cleveland, Erie and Buffalo.

The city of Niagara Falls pours 85 million gallons of raw sewage every day into the Niagara River just below the Falls, which flows into Lake Ontario, 10 miles downstream. Niagara Falls, Ontario on the other side of the Niagara River, treats and disinfects its sewage and uses it to produce hydro-electric power before releasing it into the river.

Fed. Ups and Downs

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Well, it's spring, and it seems as though LRY as a whole is responding to the change in seasons in much the same way as LRYers do. Two federations that were thought of as dead for many years have poked their way on out, and from the things we've been hearing, several small federations are thinking of consolidating their energies into one new beginning for a new federation. Spring is also the time when LRY brings everything up to date by asking all of the federations that want to be represented at the continental Board of Trustees meeting(s) to file their annual affiliation with the continental office. If you've got some information for this column in the next issue of People Soup, send it in by May 17, or thereabouts.

Lay Shore Federation-- no news

CMF (Central Massachusetts Federation)-- is having a conference on the theme of Communications and Sensitivity, in Harvard MA, May 17-19. CMF elections and consideration of a new constitution will be happening at this conference.

CMF (Central Midwest Federation)-- is holding their annual spring conference in Evanston, Ill., the weekend of May 10-12. The conference planners are actively seeking out-of-fed'ers to come, they say that this conference is going to be enormous. For more information contact Craig Sieben, 811 Graffield, Evanston, Ill., 60201. CMF is also selling LRY T-shirts as a fundraising project (see advertisement in this issue)

CVF (Connecticut Valley Federation)-- will be having a conference this May on the theme of "Power and Politics". It may be happening the 24-26 of May, there are supposed to be elections and there may be an amendment to the CVF constitution under consideration. For more indefinite information contact David Wolfe, Apt 10-d, Greenwich, CT 06830. (203) 531-8004

DVF (Delaware Valley Federation)-- Cherry Hill conference in Cherry Hill New Jersey, 3-5 of May.

Annual Spring Conference-- complete with business meeting and DVF elections-- at Camp Cann-ed-i-on, near York-PA; the weekend of May 17-19. DVF is also organizing a campaign to legalize hitchhiking in Pennsylvania and the United States. For information on the hitchhiking lobby contact Ken Dermota, 801 N. Clinton, York PA 17404. For information on DVF Spring, write Barb Sprengle, Box 65 R.D. #6, York PA 17404.

Down East Federation-- no news

Essex Federation-- which hasn't had an LRY for years, has gotten together with NERO to plan a conference in Eastern Massachusetts, May 17-19. For more information: Tom Gorman, Magnolia St., N. Andover, MA 01845.

ECF (Eastern Canadian Federation)-- has compiled a complete and up to date ECF directory. Sure wish they'd send us a copy. Also a new issue of UNICORN, ECF's literary magazine (not to be confused with their free newspaper, the Pthyngne) is also available. For information write Bill Cameron, c/o Unicamp, Honeywood Ontario LON-1H0 (but not until the postal strike is over).

GWAF (Greater Washington Area Federation)-- is looking for concerned LRYers to help keep their fed going for another year. They say they'll be having a special elections conference soon. Bruce Walton, 9816 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Springs MD 20910.

GODARFUL-- spring rally in Mentor OH was April 26-28.

HBF (Hosea Ballou Federation)-- conference with the theme "Skies" in Northfield Vermont. The Conference will vote on a few constitutional amendments aimed at increasing popular involvement in LRY decision-making, copies of the amendments have already been sent to all HBFers. Elections will also be held. The date is May 17-18, and I am told that any interested LRYers from New Hampshire should also attend this conference. Contact: Mark Landon, RFD #2, Jericho, VT 05465.

JAF (Jersey Area Federation)-- is having a conference some place in Northern New Jersey, May 17-19. JAF is trying out a new type of LRY structure starting this conference, or so they tell me. Contact: Paul Bailey, 60 Chestnut St., Milltown, NJ 08850.

LAF-- lives! The Long Island Area Federation, which has been inactive for the last four years, is holding a conference at the Three Village Fellowship in E. Setauket, NY. the weekend of May 3-5. All interested Long Island LRYers should contact Leslie Swike, Box 140 RFD #1, Wilderness Rd, St. James, NY 11780.

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LSD (Lower Southern District)-- had a conference and elections. The new president is Richard Marnhout, 1106 Chicerink Park Rd, Nashville, Tenn 37215. The secretary is Linda Trythall, 3902 Tumble Rd., Nashville Tenn 37215. The Secretary has the last name Turlington and if you write to one of the other people you might find out who... why not write a letter anyway and say hey to these people, LSD has not been very involved in LRY continentally in a long time!

MAF (Metropolitan Area Federation)-- A conference is rumored, but no news. Contact new president Kathy Kennedy, 170 Ave. C, New York, New York, 10009.

MOHAWK Federation-- is showing signs of life for the first time in a year, when they had their last conference. If you'd like to say anything to a struggling federation, write Andy Rabow, 8 Brevity Ct, Binghamton, NY.

MVF (Missouri Valley Federation) Gary Decker suggested the fed name be changed to Cornbelt.--conference May 3-5 in Lincoln, NB. the theme, "Creativity". MVF is also compiling a resource library for use by locals and conference planners all over LRY. It should be ready by this fall.

Narragansett Federation-- is putting out a free newsletter, the Narry News. NaF is also planning a conference in Providence RI, May 17-19, on the theme of "Liberation". For info about the newsletter contact Carol Powers, 38 Upland Rd., Attleboro MA, 02703. For conference info, contact Eric Daum, 47 Strauthmore Rd, Cranston, RI.

NERO (New England Regional Organization)-- has elected new officers at it's spring conference in Washington, MA. They will take office starting June first, at which several changes de-centralizing the NERO structure will be considered

NSF (North Star Federation)-- no news.

NHF (New Hampshire Federation)-- no news... but did I hear talk of NHF-HDF consolidation?... ..??

NFF (Niagara Frontier Federation)-- no news

NSF (Norfolk-Suffolk Federation)--is planning a confence in the Boston Area May 10-12. NSF is looking for an executive committee and thinking about some farout changes in its design*.

OVF (Ohio Valley Federation)-- spring conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 3-5. Elections

MARC (Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference)-- is rumored to be having a conference in the near future but no one seems to know anything. Contact any one of the following if you'd like to help pull one off: Gabe Noblet, 7 Ashlawn St., Malvern PA 19355, Paul Bailey, 60 Chestnut St., Milltown, NJ, 08850, Larry Freiberg, 22 Merion Pl. Lawrenceville, NJ, Alex Henderson, 4804 S 23rd Rd., Arlington VA 22206, Mindy Wilson, 603 Brandt Ave, New Cumberland, PA, 17070, or Suzy Anderson 516 Cherry Hill Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540... Maybe these people ought to get in touch with each other too

PSWLRV (Pacific South-West LRY)--No News

PHOENIX Federation--the only fed that looks like it is anywhere close to affiliation- Thanks Rob, but you forgot to say who would be at continental boards...

RME (Rocky Mountain Federation)--newsletter, the Kitchen Table- a very good publication- elections/leadership training conference May 3-5. For the newsletter, contact Shirley Pingale, 1725 Oneida St, Denver CO, 80220.

Sahili Federation no news

Sam (Southern Appalachian Mountains)-- The new SAM president is Stuart Turner, 1005 Currituck, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Sam NEWT -no news

SMF (South Middlesex Federation)--conference at the first parish church of Lexington, May 3-5, Elections and Radical Revision of the federation *.

SEAFOAM (Sun Earth Air/Freedom Of All Minds)-- rally in Austin TX, April 26-28

SEAFOAM and (I think) **TOAK** federations are no longer a program of South West Unitarian-Universalist Conference (the adult UU district- **SWUUC**) but are now organizations in their own right. **SEAFOAM** is reportedly working to achieve affiliate status with **SWUUC**.

Starr King Federation--new social actions contact: Celeste Hall, 130 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

SUNCO Federation--Elections in Orlando FL May 17-19. Considering changing its executive committee structure from pres/sec/treas to a committee of equal directors. Contact Emmy Dennis, 331 Florida Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312.

HOT AND LUKEWARM RUMORS-- * **SMF&NSF** are thinking of merging -to become the Federation for an American Revolution and Obtaining Universal Togetherness.

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the description... Next we did some things that I think were taken from the "Values Clarification" book. They were much too structured. The group wasn't allowed to take it's own course; if we began to do things that weren't in the book, we were scolded. About 1:00 everyone was nodding out.

Saturday morning found the execs... serving cold, hot cereal for breakfast. More good workshops. Everyone stood in the middle of the floor. The leader asked questions for the group to respond to. "If you are more like a student, go to that side of the room. If you are more like a teacher, go to the other side of the room." It was good to see how people thought about different things. The only question that everyone was in agreement on was "which do you like better: patent leather or suede leather?"

After a bland lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (but good conversation)... People from the American Association of the Blind (correct?) came to share themselves. It was great. They were very interesting and interested. I learned a lot.

Now comes the sad part, at this point things started to go down hill. People started to play cards and other things that have little relevance to a conference... We pulled ourselves through a gloomy Saturday afternoon... I was sad. I was bored. I didn't know what to do with myself. Later, I found out no else knew (what to do) either.

Supper was a bowl full of vegetarian soup. (People) gobbled down the meal while others were still waiting in line. This did not add community to the conference. Many starving conferees threw away their money on frozen pies because the meals did not satisfy their hunger.

More nothing followed. Much later... an attempt was made at trying to get things rolling. A sensitivity session was started... It made me feel good just to know that there was something going on besides playing cards.

Around midnight, Cyndi and I got to do a worship service. We wanted to bring community and a peaceful feeling to the conference.

Sunday morning I was amazed at how well people helped with cleanup. I helped too and missed breakfast. On the completion of cleanup, a wonderful event occurred: the group sat and evaluated the conference. I hope discussion of this sort will soon be started at the end of MVF conferences.

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SPRINGTREE is an intentional community of 11 adults and seven children, organized in 1971, on a 100-acre farm about 20 miles from Charlottesville, Virginia.

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The college is a free school; no grades, no schedules except those you work out with fellow students and teachers. The college is governed by an open meeting, students at Springtree are student-members, participating in community government, work and living. Tuition, room and board for a semester is \$600 + one day of work in the kitchen per week. Fall semester is September 2 - December 13. Springtree is affiliated with Campus-Free College, 466 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215. For further information write: Evelyn, Springtree Community College, Route 2, Box 50-A-1, Scottsville, Virginia 24590.

CLRY (Continental LRY- The Boston continental office of Liberal Religious Youth) An advisors handbook, a camps and conferences directory, as well as excerpts from this and a past issue of *People Soup*, are being sent to all known LRY local groups and to all Unitarian-Universalist churches in the U.S. and Canada.

The Mailing will also include information about the LRY clearinghouse project, Continental Conference, Annual Affiliations.

In the past, many LRY groups have not recieved other packet mailings because LRY did not have their mailing addresses and was forced to mail an extra copy to the nearest Unitarian- Universalist church and hope that it would get passed along. In many cases this did not work, so if your local group is not already on our mailing list, keep a sharp eye out on the nearest UU church and send us the name of a contact person for future mailings.

LETTERS

Dear People far and wide -

It never ceases to amaze me when two people with different experiences in the same area connect, especially if it's strange, obscure or esoteric. I'm sure you all have experienced this intensely enlightening discovery, simply because most friendships are based here.

We can learn alot by sharing our ideas, experiments, together, as we are a vast collage of energies and interests. And possibly do this through PEOPLE SOUP in forms of a column or question - a reader writes in an answer). Maybe someone wants to keep crows out of their garden and doesn't know how or how to find out. The paper would be a way of finding out - as well as exposing this information to others. (The answer, hang up aluminum pie plates around your garden.) Or perhaps someone who's into music could show us a special tuning of their - an artist could tell us about a really obscure artist they would like to share. It could go into things like politics - what we can do to help the union workers, what is being done in prison reform, urban renewal - maybe some info about recycling and nuclear plants as threats.

You see, there is so much we need to know but don't know where to look, so much to do but don't know how to approach it, as much as we need some exposure to those things other people enjoy or are working towards - even for our own enrichment. Keeping pieces of knowledge to ourselves is a waste of energy in that it can't become a part of a shared consciousness. We are the resources, not the product or the source.

Any thoughts on this would be vastly appreciated.

Love,

Sheila Collins

Dear People Soup,

In the March issue the article "The Night They Raided Uni's" was funny, but Laura Gottshall left out one important thing; the moral of the story which is: In small towns and even in big cities always have your fellowship president or adult type church contact notify the local police that you will be using the building so that the police will not do you any favors (and they really are) by looking for prowlers and vandals. Also lock all doors if possible and turn out lights when you go to bed. Above all don't do anything illegal. Big Brother is watching.

Karen Baker (North Star)

April 10, 1974

Dear Timmer,

It's illegal and unethical to copy sheet music. You can be charged under copyright laws, and that has been known to happen to all kinds of people. This letter is being sent to People Soup for publication to protect anyone it might occur. To publish any sort of collections of sheet music, one must pay royalties to the concerns who control the copyrights - this can easily run into hundreds of dollars or more. As a union member and LRYer I must beg that no-one copy by any means, mechanically or electrically any piece of protected music for any reason. I know this is heavy-handed, but the unions were formed to protect the interests of performers and composers rights and income, and it is not a good thing to do.

Yours in friendship and music
Stephen R. Wilcox

(Regarding article in last issue entitled "Attention all Guitar and Music Enthusiasts")

Dear People Soup

I liked the article in #4 called Fed. Ups and Downs. perhaps it shall be a monthly thing, I hope so. BUT! with all the feds being abbreviated, I didn't know what ones they were or where they were from. Who would guess that HBF means Hosea Ballou and from Vermont? If people are to learn about LRY happenings all over the country, at least let us know where these happenings are happening. Please keep on producing Soup. It is a gourmet's delight for us knowledge hungry LRYers. Thanks to you folks, my warts have cleared, I can play guitar and my I.Q. has increased 50%.

thanks loads,
Drew Derby.

Dear? Editors:

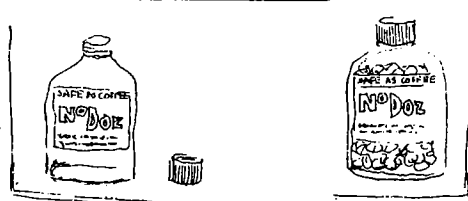
So you want something to write about, huh? Well, you've got it! HBF is sick of being listed as "no news is good news". BULLSHIT. The Hosea Ballou Federation is news. At the beginning of March, HBF held their winter LDC. We discussed business, decided a radical constitution change is needed, elected a second director, balanced the books, held workshops, and had a good time, too.

HBF is a fed that most LRYers could learn a lot from. Contrary to popular belief, HBF is strong and growing. Most of the LRYers in HBF are new to the game, and can still get into trust excersises, sensitivity workshops, and games of Wink. Liz Ferry, our fearless leader, is great.

Ever feel like you were losing faith in LRY? Ever wonder where the real LRY goals were hiding? Has the thought that you've outgrown LRY been wandering around in you're mind lately? Then come to HBF May conference (May 17 - 19) and gain some faith in LRY!

Love,
Ben Alexander
HBF Director
375 South Union Street
Burlington, VT 05401

P.S. Think HBF, think Vermont!



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I would like a ride from a middle southern state to Continental Conference. Can share driving & expenses. My mail will be forwarded to me from this address. Bev Treumann c/o Carlos Castany, Marquina 711, Col. Anahuac, San Nicolas de los Garza, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Allow plenty of time for delivery & include your phone number.

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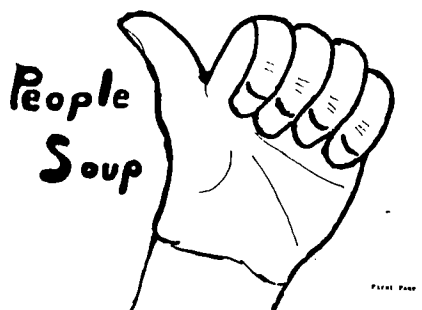
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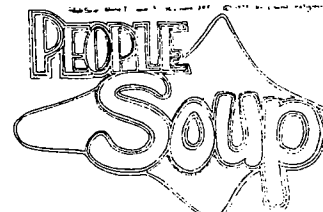
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This paper is designed to introduce or reintroduce LRYers to People Soup and to encourage your support of a continental publication. What kind of people subscribe to People Soup? That is still unknown. However, on pages 4 and 5 you will discover what kind of people publish People Soup. All kinds of people contribute to People Soup. We are asking you to contribute --- write an article, an autobiography, draw a picture...

LRYers Through HISTORY

(Editor's Note: Many of our readers have expressed an interest in reading about LRY's historical roots. After a good deal of research, archaeological examination, and a seance or two, we were surprised to find that LRY goes back a good deal farther than we had originally thought. The following three research papers are a sample of some of the historical data that has been compiled.)

The Trojan Horse

(Or how to pick a bad conference site in 10 easy lessons)

By Jennifer Lyons

There it was our conference site. We all laughed hilariously. It was a joke, a put on. Wasn't it?

No. It was, (and here I felt faint) the Trojan Horse.

"You've got to be kidding" I said.

"No."

"But this is utterly impossible! Just because it's free! There has to be a catch--"

"Well, um" Oren, our conference chairman looked queasy. "There are a few, uh things that I forgot to mention." He paled a bit and went on. "You see, this horse was built by this guy and he doesn't know what to do with it and he's given it to us for a weekend. Say's he's got a plan... Well anyway it's ours." We glared at him furiously. Now he looked positively sick. After it finally hit us that we were spending a weekend in a horse, we relaxed and tried to make the best of it.

Well it was a large conference, and if you've ever slept in a horse's mouth you will know exactly how comfortable I felt.

The theme of the conference was achievement, but I really felt that because of the site the conference wasn't serious and very disoriented. (When you start wondering if you are in a head or a tail, you question your sanity.) The bathrooms (there were only two) were in the ears. That was quite a problem.

Saturday night we went beserk. (Continued on page 18)

Advisor ON LRY

I am an "advisor". My regular job is with The American Friends Service Committee as a Field Secretary of their Miami office. I am 48 years old and have been living aboard my boat for about 10 yrs. I have made five trips to Cuba on my boat with friends during the last few years. We use only World Citizen passports which we had made up and the boat flies only one flag, a Rainbow Flag which is all flags since it has all the colors.

My real interest is in World peace through world law. I am particularly interested in getting these concepts into the school system for discussion - into the consciousness of young people.

I think LRY has great importance. So many young people are being alienated by our educational system to say nothing of our society as a whole. There must be a refuge for active inquiring minds. I believe it is very important that all of us have re-enforcement. It is so difficult to "go it alone" - so lonely. I see LRY as a community of mutual concern - a sort of "Life Lab" or "life center" - a kind of generator in a society which is to my view is running down. Many of these young people are learning to develop sensitivity and insight - learning to invest their humanity.

At times various LRY groups have been accused of being introverted - lacking social consciousness. This maybe so in general, but I think we all must develop a sense of our own center before we can reach out in any meaningful way. I don't really feel we can develop OUTREACH until we have worked on INSIGHT - on INREACH.

Every good wish in your work -

Scott Herrick
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Dear LRYer:

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You are holding in your (collective) hands the second issue of **PEOPLE SOUP** to be distributed to local groups and churches. You may recall seeing our first issue back in late November or early December. We sent it out to solicit subscriptions from individual LRYers and people interested in LRYers all over the continent.

It was our feeling that one thing LRY lacks is a consciousness of itself as a continental organization. Many local groups are unaware of the fact that they could be aided in programming and organizing by Continental LRY in Boston-- some LRYers are even unaware of the existence of federations and the enhancement of local programming that might be experienced with the chance to meet other LRYers from other areas, or to read the written thoughts of other LRYers in a newspaper that draws contributions from all over the continent.

Carl Seaburg, of the Department of Extension in the Unitarian Universalist Association, estimates that there are 5,000 LRYers. We figured that we would be able to reach maybe a fifth of them in a few months and have a readership of close to 1,000 people. By the end of March there were about 300 subscribers- one-fifteenth of our potential 5,000 subscribers.

We, the Executive Committee of LRY, Inc. and publishers of this newspaper, began to feel that we were devoting too much time and energy to the paper in light of the number of people we were (and are) reaching. We also were not receiving a great deal of news of LRY local and federational activity.

With our March issue we initiated a drive to gain 1,000 subscribers. At the end of April there were about 360. By the time you get this there may be as many as fivehundred subscribers. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!** Our original deadline for the end of this drive was June first- however because of the slowness of third class mail- and our dependence on you who are receiving the May all-church mailing for many of our new subscriptions, we're moving the deadline up a week to June Seventh.

Please subscribe to People Soup- if you like it, if you are interested in it continuing and improving in quality, if you see the value in a continental consciousness in LRY...

If there are not 1,000 people interested in the continuance of the LRY newspaper in its present form, then it will have to be drastically changed so as to reach more people and to be less of an energy drain and money drain. -\$2.50 does not really cover the cost of this paper. The continuing health and growth of the LRY experience is dependent on the free flow of information, ideas, feedback...

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Hi!

I'm new to LRY, and I've got a few comments. I recently went to a mini-conference(NFF) at Niagara Falls N.Y. and felt there could have been improvements. It was very unstructured: mainly kids sat and talked with their friends. I felt LOST and left out of things cause I didn't know anyone and the kids weren't very outgoing towards me. I'm a kind of shy person and I think the program could have been designed more with, oh I don't know, get acquainted type stuff. As the conference went on, I met more people and relaxed some- I guess the whole thing was a good experience. LRYers I love you... the atmosphere of LRY looks like the ultimate. Everyone seems to be in love with the world and I'm getting that way. You'll be hearing more from me.

Love, Laurie Horton

Dear Soup

Idea!! - to cut printing costs:

- 1) Buy or make a typewriter about the size of a refrigerator.
 - 2) buy a whole lot of carbon paper.
- Make the carriage big enough to hold about 1000 sheets at once. Two people can turn the carriage(one at each end) - they should be people who can work together as coordination is required. Another person - someone who is strong- hits the keys with a hammer. And voilà.

A seemingly irrelevant observation: standing outside in the open during a thunderstorm is somewhat like be-

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ing inside a giant pinball machine. You're the bonus score. The connection is that I was doing just that before the above idea struck me. I suspect that I was struck by lightning which left me with partial amnesia and a generally scrambled head.

You may find my communique becoming increasingly erratic and eccentric.

love,
uh...uh...just a sec...um..oh!
Bill Cameron yeah....
right ...that's it...???

PERSONALS

Rupert: you're beautiful. from the little ladies of Alfred.

I'm weepin' like a willow and I'm moanin' like a dove
Well, I'm a-weepin' like a willow and moanin' like a dove

There's some folks up Boston way that I really love.
bunny rabbit.

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Meg F.- I yearn for you- David R. Chgo.

Dear David- sorry its late Matthew

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SAIGON PRISONER:

a case study

LNS-(Editor's note: The Nixon Administration had intended to spend almost \$20 million to bolster South Vietnam's police and prison system alone in fiscal year 1974. The Hatfield Amendment, attached to the recently passed Foreign Aid Appropriations bill, should prevent Nixon from spending a little over \$9 million of that.

But the Hatfield ban does not apply to the Pentagon's declared contribution of \$10.6 million and it is likely that the Defense Department will do its best to send the remaining funds through other disguised -- or undisguised -- appropriations.

There are thousands upon thousands of victims of Thieu's prisons; prisons which simply could not exist without the United States' massive backing. The following story describes the plight of just one -- a young woman paralyzed from the waist down from torture because she would not confess to the "crimes" the police charged her with. The information comes via Jayne Werner, who recently visited Saigon to do research on a doctoral dissertation for Cornell University. All names have been changed to protect those involved.)

This is the story of Le Thi Hoa, a 24 year old Vietnamese woman who has been imprisoned in South Vietnam since her arrest on October 21, 1973. On that day, Hoa was approached by a former acquaintance in a Saigon market place. The Acquaintance pointed to Hoa, saying "This is the one." Immediately several policemen arrested Hoa and took her to an interrogation center -- a nice word for a torture chamber.

Over the next few hours a group varying from five to ten men tried to extract some confession of guilt out of Hoa. She was accused of being part of a "Communist communications network" (Political activities are not a crime according to the Paris Peace Accords. In fact, Article 11 specifically guarantees "freedom of political activities.") When Hoa said she was guilty of nothing, they fastened down her hands and attached wires to her fingers. At the other end of the wires was a handcranked generator. The Americans used to call this torture device "The Bell Telephone Hour."



But Hoa maintained she was guilty of nothing.

Then beatings, so severe Hoa fell to the floor. She was pulled up by her hair and beaten again, crashing to the floor. Then soapy water was forced down her nose and into her stomach until she was bloated. They beat and kicked her stomach until the soapy bile was forced back up through her nose and mouth.

No confession acquired, they resumed their beatings. Down and up by the hair. Or sometimes left down, two men holding her legs apart and another man kicking. But this time Hoa was unable to confess to anything even if she had wanted to -- they had beaten her unconscious.

When she awoke there was a live eel in her pants. In addition, Hoa discovered that she had no control over her legs; she was paralyzed from the waist down.

In the middle of January she was taken by stretcher to a hospital in Saigon. There an American nurse named Judy noticed the paralyzed woman handcuffed to a stretcher and guarded by police agents. The nurse wanted to treat Hoa but the police would not unhandcuff her. Judy noticed "Made In USA" imprinted on the handcuffs.

The nurse asked Hoa how she came to be paralyzed and then heard her story. At that point Judy asked a friend, Steve, who spoke fluent Vietnamese to come to talk to Hoa to see if there was anything they could do for her. But shortly thereafter Hoa was transferred out of the hospital. Steve speculated that Hoa had been taken back to the interrogation center which was located in a province south of Saigon.



He traveled there with the young woman's mother who had only discovered her daughter's whereabouts when Hoa arrived at the hospital and was able to get word out to her. The mother, a Saigon street vendor, had been worried sick. She had made inquiries at various hospitals and police stations, but had never been able to find out where her daughter was.

Once at the interrogation center Steve met with a Mr. Ma, who was in charge of political suspects in that province. "Some people told us she was involved," replied Ma to Steve's questions about Hoa. "It's true that so far we have not received a confession from Miss Hoa. But then we do not have access to all the modern equipment like you have in the United States...like lie detectors and so forth. And of course, you know we would not beat or torture suspects so sometimes it is difficult to secure a confession of guilt."

When asked if Hoa had had a trial yet, Ma said that she had. Her sentence: two years, subject to renewal. Asked exactly what that meant, Ma replied, "Well it's really an open-ended sentence." When Ma left the room for a moment Steve asked Ma's associate if, in a situation such as Hoa's, regular court trial was not considered necessary. "Yes that's right," he said. "She had a secret trial."

Then with some eagerness, the man said, "Perhaps you are aware that sometimes cases like this can be settled informally with a bit of outside help. If you have liaison with the right people, these things are easy to settle." As he said the word liaison, he flicked his finger and thumb as if counting paper money.

Ma then re-entered the room and said that Steve and Hoa's mother would be allowed to visit the young woman. Hoa was obviously surprised and pleased that her mother had found her. Before they left, Ma gave Steve his address and told him to come visit.

When Steve went to see him, Ma too suggested that he could arrange to intervene in the case "but you would have to tend to the money." When asked how much, Ma replied, 30,000 Piastres (about \$600) would be minimum."

Steve then relayed this information on to Hoa's mother.

For a Saigon street vendor who probably makes about \$30 a month, 30,000 piastres is not a small sum. "But if it means my daughter will be freed," said the woman, "somehow I will find 30,000 piastres. I love my daughter. I want her legs to be strong again."

But when Steve returned to relay this message to Ma, the deal had changed. Ma explained that the committee in the Ministry of Interior which reviews these sentences is composed of five men and that each one required the \$600. Steve then realized that further negotiations would be fruitless.

Soon after this, Hoa was transferred out of the interrogation center and her mother was unable to find out where they had taken her. As of mid-February, there was still no sign of Hoa and her mother had become frantic. She felt that if she couldn't even find out where Hoa was and at least give her some food or some encouragement that it was hopeless, and her daughter was going to die.



"The only result of the Paris Peace Agreement that we can see is the return of American military prisoners and the withdrawal of most American military forces from South Vietnam. For the Vietnamese there is no prospect of a democratic settlement. And American support is the keystone of it all."

-- A recent American visitor

Julius Caesar is known throughout history as a great conqueror and emperor of the Roman Empire. How did he earn this fame? Well, think back into time, think of a modern civilization much like our own but without Lawrence Welk and MAD MAGAZINE. Imagine a group of Roman Hippies playing gleefully in a great fountain and shocking onlookers by their toga-less appearance. And there stands young Julie Caesar in his flashy toga, laurel headband, and shined sandals. Yes, he belongs to LRY, the Loyalous Romanous Youthous group. It is in this group of our early ancestors, that Julie earned his reputation.

In those early days of LRY the youth believed in their gods, but in an intellectual way. Jupiter, the father, did not hurl thunderbolts from the sky, he merely created this illusion to frighten the Roman people, by switching his porch light on and off.

Julie, as a lad, was a bright boy and used many of his LRY experiences later on in life. He became an expert at playing "Capture the Flag", which later payed off in Egypt. He develop his skills on the lute and later transformed it into a guitar due to an incident at a coffeehouse, where a hungry LRYer mistook his lute for a big doughnut. Julie learned how to express himself to other people. When he didn't get his way he would merely misinform the local authorities about devious happenings at a conference. The authorities would raid the conference, rape and pillage and plunder, and people would suddenly lose interest in another such conference. Thus, Caesar became known as "Julie, the Stoolie".

It was after a few of these such incidents, that Julie was requested to leave LRY forever. He was heartbroken. No more RISK games, no more orgies, no more food lines, no more WINK sessions!!

But Julius went on to become a great man. Of course, he outlived LRY seeing that turnabout was only fair play. Yessiree, Julie really had a fine time throwing the LRYers to the lions. In fact, he personally threw out the first LRYer at the beginning of every meal. That is until J.C. came along, but that is another story.

By Ben Alexander

It was a cold gray day in the winter of 1783. The thick woods almost totally hid the campsite. The fire was just being lit and the first soldiers were waking up and coming out of their tents. Although I say soldiers, you never would have known it from looking at them. Dressed in old blue jeans, Acapulco Gold T-shirts and holey C.P.O. jackets, wearing floppy felt hats with an occasional LRY button, they looked more like romper room rejects than a US militia. A soldier was standing by the largest tent, apparently involved in some kind of quarrel.

"Come on, George," he was saying, "Ya gotta get up. All the others are getting up, and they'll expect you to tell them today's schedule and read the lost and found list!"

Lying in the tent, curled up in a sleeping bag were two people. One of them looked up, dreary eyed, and replied, "Oh come off it. Sue and I didn't get to bed till 5:00 this morning. Besides, those goddamn peanut butter sandwiches gave me the worst indigestion in years. Go tell Alan to get everything done!"

"But Alan is at the bottom of about five layers of sleeping people, and frankly I'm afraid that if even we got them all off him, we still couldn't move him. He got in the way while we were setting the tents up last night and his hair got caught in one of the stakes."

"Oh I don't wanna leave here anyway. We've been following the directions on the publicity for 3 weeks now and we still haven't found the damn conference."

"Yeah, Well ..."

(Further Note: Due to lack of space, we were unable to present excerpts from Leonardo Da Vinci's fieldtripping report on a conference in San Marino Federation, where Da Vinci reportedly invented the parachute. If any LRYers would like to conduct similar research into LRY's past, please send any articles to People Soup for publication.

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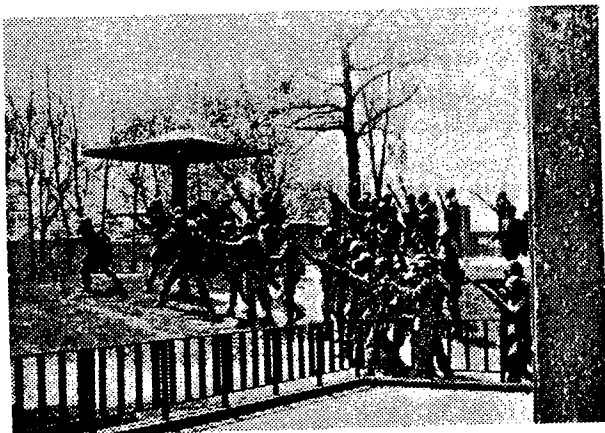
what we'll be doing on Saturday evening, June 29, 8:30 p.m. Facilitated by Dwight Walsh, Sara Benson, and everyone in attendance, all are invited to OUR OWN HAPPENING Worship Celebration--- a very special event at General Assembly at the Americana

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THE TRUTH ABOUT KENT STATE

This May 4th will mark the fourth year since the day that the Ohio National Guardsmen turned and fired into a crowd of students at Kent State University.

During the past four years, in spite of much media coverage and three separate investigations (by a Presidential Commission, a Grand Jury and the Justice Department) the events leading up to the shooting have been surrounded by confusion and vague misconceptions. No one has ever been convicted of anything and all of the facts about what happened have never been brought to light. The public still has no understanding of what actually happened at Kent State.



The Truth About Kent State is a book that deals with the stacks of evidence, conflicting testimonies and photographs in a clear and concise way. It begins with a narration of the events that preceded the shooting and spends a good deal of time documenting (with maps and photographs) what actually happened. Much of the book consists of original documents- letters, photographs, eyewitness accounts, -so readers can see the facts themselves and draw their own conclusions. The book devotes a chapter to the public and private reaction to the May fourth tragedy, from the immediate reactions (such as Richard Nixon's statement, "when dissent turns to violence, it invites tragedy") to a report on reports, about how the three investigations into Kent State that followed the shooting were conducted and what they found. The appendices and bibliography contain information and sources so that anyone might do further research on their own.

The Truth About Kent State is an excellent book, thorough, unafraid in it's condemnation of the justice and law enforcement systems in this country, and completely documented.

Now that the Justice Department is reopening its investigation into the Kent State shooting, this book is more relevant than ever to LRY's involvement in today's society.



Photos from the book, The Truth About Kent State

AMBASSADOR TO SAIGON URGES SENATOR NOT
BE GIVEN 'HONEST ANSWER' ABOUT U.S. INVOLVEMENT THERE

LIBERATION News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- As a Congressional battle over funding over funding to the Thieu regime in South Vietnam shapes up, it is becoming clear that the Nixon Administration is willing to use any and all tactics to insure continued U.S. support for the Saigon government. The most recent instance for this all out support for Thieu was a cable from U.S. Ambassador Graham Martin in Saigon to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger urging him not to give accurate information to Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) concerning U.S. commitments to the Saigon regime.

Martin's cable was in response to a letter sent by Kennedy to Kissinger asking for a U.S. "policy statement" on Vietnam. Martin urged Kissinger to give "a very short routine reply" stressing that he thought "an honest and detailed answer... would be the height of folly." Kissinger, however, replied to the Kennedy letter by saying that "derived... from our long and deep involvement in Vietnam" the U.S. has "certain obligations" to maintain military and economic aid to the Thieu regime. The Paris Peace Accords expressly prohibit such support.

The Paris Accord also recognized the "Vietnamese peoples' right to self determination," which would seem to preclude such massive support for Thieu by the U.S.

Martin's cable to Kissinger is not that unusual for the ambassador. In fact the State Department is more embarrassed by the fact that someone within the Department leaked the cable than they are by the contents of the cable.

The battle shaping up between Kennedy and the White House is over an Administration attempt to raise the ceiling on military aid to the Saigon government. Kennedy is the co-sponsor of an amendment that would freeze the amount of funds flowing to Thieu at \$1.131 billion for the 1975 fiscal year. The administration is pushing for a boost to \$1.6 billion.

Many long time anti-war activists note, however, that all such aid to the Thieu regime is illegal under the Paris Accords, which the U.S. signed in January, 1973. The Paris Accords specify that both the Thieu regime and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (PRG) are to be considered provisional governments until new elections can be held that involve all the political forces in South Vietnam. After several hours of staff consultations the State Department issued a statement condemning the "unauthorized disclosure" of a cable marked "confidential."

And a spokesman within the Department said that it was "somewhat in a dither" over how Kennedy got the cable. One State Department official speculated "Someone is obviously out to knife Graham Martin."

Surely in his nine months as Ambassador in Saigon, Martin has made few friends. Since his arrival in mid-July, 1973, he has talked with only the highest level Vietnamese in the Thieu government and an equally small group of Americans employed by the Embassy. According to a New York Times report on Martin last January, some of the middle-level people on his staff have never seen him. One Embassy aide jokingly calls Martin "god". "I know he exists," said the aide, "but I haven't seen him."

The 61-year old career diplomat has been Ambassador to Italy and Thailand and has placed colleagues from his past assignments in all the key positions in the embassy. Reportedly, Martin has consistently refused to meet with people representing the PRG and flatly supports Thieu's claim that there are no political prisoners in South Vietnam.

Recent American visitors returning from Saigon, however, report that virtually everyone they spoke to- pro-PRG, neutralists, and talkative employees of the Thieu regime place the number of political prisoners in South Vietnam at over 200,000.

In an earlier cable to Kissinger, Martin attacked the New York Times for articles detailing U.S. aid to the Thieu regime. Suggesting the cable be made public, he asserted that Hanoi and the PRG were using "the American peace movement" to influence "susceptible Congressional staffers" to reduce aid to South Vietnam.

Kennedy labeled as the "worst kind of innuendo"

IRF Conference 1974 - Nunspeet Holland

IRF (International Religious Fellowship) is holding a conference from July 27, through to Aug. 4, 1974, in Nunspeet, Holland. The theme of the conference is, "The Art of Living Together". It will start out the first 48 hrs. will be in groups with the emphasis on discussion of our living experiences. The next part will be exchanging the opinions and ideas with the whole conference. The conference fee will be about \$65-70 American according to the exchange and fluctuation of the dollar. Part of the fee is \$5.00 (app) charge for the East-West fund, an international IRF-tax; and third party insurance. This insurance does not include medical or travel insurance. A deposit of about \$10. is needed to be sent to conference manager and is not refunded after June 30, 1974. Register before May 31st, 1974 to guarantee a place.

A second week activities are being planned as an option for people wanting to go to the IRF conference with 3-4 choices of how you would like to spend your time. These are: Aug 4-10 about \$50. Spend a week in Amsterdam seeing the Amsterdam Zoo, a Canal and Harbor cruise, a canal cruise at night, a tour of Heineken's brewery, a tour of Amsterdam including a cheese market and the old city. This includes hotel accommodations and breakfast.

A member group at one time of IRF has two sailing ventures

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Rival XI - app \$90. US. August 4-Aug. 13. This includes food and insurance but not travel. You will sleep in a motorboat at night and practise sailing during the day. Klipper II - app. \$80. US. Aug 4-10. This includes food and insurance but not travel. This will be on a big sailing boat of the clipper-type. You'll sail at the IJsselmeer and visit many fishermen's harbors. You can lay on deck, assist the captain in sailing or help prepare dinner. If the weather is nice the Waddenzee and the Dutch islands will be visited. Self-catering week - app. \$50. US. - Aug. 4-10 If you would like to have a relaxing yet exciting week after the conference keep this in mind. This could include cooking a favorite meal for the whole group or bicycling, walking, swimming etc. More details will be on your confirmation form.

Registration for the second week should be in by April 30th 1974 to guarantee a place and a choice.

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Include on registration forms the following: name, address, age, sex, nationality, profession (if one), affiliation (LRY), languages spoken - english, french, dutch, languages understood - english, french, dutch. The date and your signature are necessary. Also if you are willing to act as a translator. Do separate registration forms for the first and second weeks and include on the form for the second week, 1st and 2nd choices. First choice can not be guaranteed.

GM IN NAZIS WAR EFFORT

(LNS)

(Editor's note: Most of us were raised believing that during the Second World War, the whole of American industry was converted into a weapon to crush fascism. Detroit was the 'Arsenal of Democracy' with images of tanks and planes rolling off assembly lines that had been producing autos just a short time before.

What we weren't told was that the same companies which were providing the armed might of the U.S. were simultaneously supplying war material for the Nazis regime.

While some of these revelations rocked the country in the midst of World War II, much of it buried under the "top secret" label. However, in 1972, the general declassification and release of World War II military documents was authorized. Some of this startling new information was brought before the U.S. Senate Monopoly and Anti-Trust Subcommittee by Bradford Snell, a research economist for the subcommittee.

The following are excerpts from Snell's statement (along with added information from Detroit's alternative newspaper The Fifth Estate). Snell's entire statement is available without cost from U.S. Senator Philip A. Hart (Senate Office Building Washington D.C.) in a pamphlet entitled, "American Ground Transport."

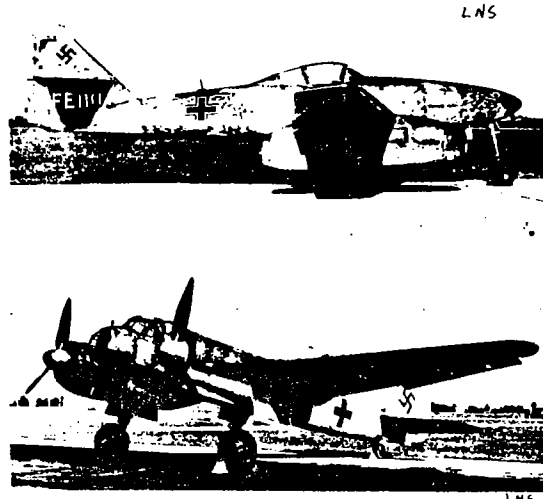
Prior to and during World War II, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler... dominated motor vehicle production in both the United States and Germany. Due to its mass production capabilities, automobile manufacturing is one of the most crucial industries with respect to national defense. As a result, these corporations retained the economic and political power to affect the shape of governmental relations both within and between Germany and the U.S. in a manner which maximized corporate global profits.

In short, they were private governments unaccountable to the citizens of any country, yet possessing tremendous influence over the course of war and peace in the world. As a result they were able to maximize profits by supplying both sides with the material needed to conduct the war.

During the 1920's and 1930's the Big Three automakers (GM, Ford and Chrysler - ed.) undertook an extensive program of multinational expansion. In 1929, GM acquired Germany's largest automobile company, Adam Opel, A.G. By the mid-1930's, these three American companies owned automotive subsidiaries throughout Europe and the Far East; many of their largest facilities were located in the politically sensitive nations of Germany, Poland, Rumania, Austria, Hungary, Latvia and Japan.

As the Axis Powers overtly prepared for war, GM Ford and to a lesser extent Chrysler, found themselves involved in serious conflicts of interest and national loyalties. Due to their concentrated economic power over motor vehicle production in both Allied and Axis territories, the Big Three inevitably became major factors in the preparations and progress of the war.

GM's participation in Germany's preparation for war began as early as 1935. That year its Opel subsidiary co-



operated with the Reich in locating a new heavy truck facility at Brandenburg, which military officials advised would be less vulnerable to enemy attack. During the succeeding years, GM supplied the Wehrmacht with Opel "Blitz" trucks from the Brandenburg complex.

For these and other contributions to wartime preparations, GM's chief executive for overseas operations in 1938 was awarded the Order of the German Eagle (first class) by Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

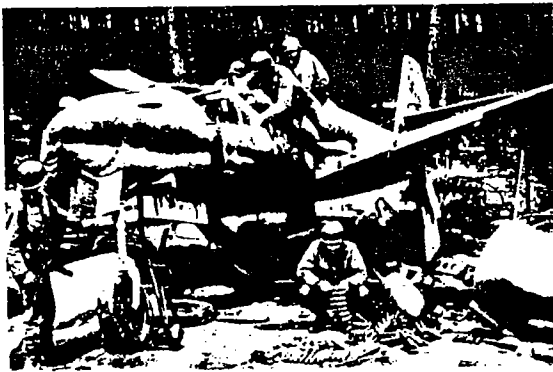
The outbreak of war in September, 1939, resulted inevitably in the full conversion of GM and Ford of their plants in Axis countries to the production of military aircraft and trucks. During the last quarter of 1939, for instance, GM converted its 432-acre Opel complex in Russelsheim to war-plane production.

From 1939 through 1945, the GM-owned Russelsheim facility alone assembled 50 percent of all the propulsion systems produced for the JU-88 medium range bomber. According to an authoritative work on the subject, the JU-88 by 1940 "had become the Luftwaffe's most important bomber, and remained so for the rest of the war."

The Russelsheim facility also assembled 10 percent of the engines for the ME-262, the world's first operational jet fighter. (Between October, 1944 and May of 1945, when Germany surrendered, GM manufactured 954 ME-262 jets for the Luftwaffe - ed.)

The jet plane has been described as perhaps "the most important military aircraft to come out of Germany." With a top speed of 540 miles per hour, it was more than 100 miles per hour faster than the American P-51 Mustang, the fastest piston-driven allied fighter. Not until after World War II were the Allies able to develop pure jet aircraft.

On the ground, GM and Ford subsidiaries built nearly 90 percent of the armored "mule" 3-ton half-tracks and more than 70 percent of the Reich's medium and heavy-duty tanks. These vehicles, according to American intelligence reports, served as "the backbone of the German Army transportation system."



In addition, the factories of Ethyl G.m.b.H., a joint venture of I.G. Farben (a huge German chemical combine which worked hand in hand with the Nazi government-ed.), GM and Exxon subsidiaries, provided the mechanized German armies with synthetic tetraethyl fuel.

During 1935-36, at the urgent request of Nazi officials who realized that Germany's scarce petroleum reserves would not satisfy war demands, GM and Exxon joined with German chemical interests in the erection of the Ethyl tetraethyl plants.

According to captured German records (found in an I.G. Farben "to be destroyed" folder-ed.), these facilities contributed substantially to the German war effort: "The fact that since the beginning of the the war we could produce lead-tetraethyl is entirely due to the circumstances that shortly before, the Americans had presented us with the production plants complete with experimental knowledge.

"Without lead-tetraethyl," the wartime document added, "the present method of warfare would be unthinkable."

It was, of course, in the best interests of GM and Ford to cooperate in the German war effort. Although GM, for example, was in complete management control of its Russelsheim warplane factory for nearly a full year after Germany's declaration of war against the United States on December 11, 1941, its refusal to build airplanes at a time of negligible demand for automobiles would have brought about the economic collapse of its Opel plant. Moreover, it might have resulted in confiscation of the facility by the German government.

In fact, on November 25, 1942, the Reich did appoint an administrator for the Russelsheim plant who, although not permitted to interfere with the authority of the GM-appointed board of directors, was instructed to oversee operations. Nevertheless, communications as well as materiel reportedly continued to flow for the duration of the war between GM and Ford plants in Allied countries and those located in Axis territories.

After the cessation of hostilities, GM and Ford demanded reparations from the U.S. government for wartime damages sustained by their Axis facilities as a result of Allied bombing. By 1967, GM had collected more than \$33 million in reparations and Federal tax benefits for damages to its warplane and motor vehicle properties in formerly Axis-controlled territories, including Germany, Austria, Poland, Latvia, and China.

Likewise, Ford received just short of \$1 million, primarily as a result of damages sustained by its military truck complex at Cologne.

Since World War II, the rebuilt Rysselsheim and Cologne plants have enabled GM and Ford to capture more than two-thirds of the German motor vehicle market. (GM and Ford subsidiaries alone account for the largest share of German production--38.4 percent, and GM-Opel has captured the largest share of sales--exceeding those of Volkswagen-ed.)

It may, of course, be argued that participating in both sides of an international conflict, like the common corporate practice of investing in both political parties before an election is an appropriate corporate activity. Had the Nazis won, General Motors and Ford would have appeared impeccably Nazi; as Hitler lost, these companies were able to emerge impeccably American.

(end of excerpt from Senate testimony)

(Snell later points out that although the German government could have confiscated the GM holdings there was actually no reason to do so, since GM was cooperating fully in the German war effort. And GM's stockholders continued as usual to derive profit from its German facilities. Meanwhile, in the U.S., where 1/3 of all war orders went to just 10 firms GM's share alone amounted to \$14 billion-ed)

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100 VIETNAM VETS PROTEST NIXON'S "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY:" "THE DAY IS A FARCE!"

WASHINGTON (LNS)-- While president Nixon was addressing active duty GIs and military brass at the National War College at Ft. McNair, more than 1000 veterans from New England and New York gathered in Washington March 29, the day Nixon had crowned "Honor Vietnam Veterans Day."

"The day is a farce," said one veteran from the Washington area. "It's a little political ploy to take the heat off. They're catching some heat anyway."

Buses streamed into Washington on the cold, wet day. Veterans from Massachusetts brought apples with them which they gave out to people in Washington to remind them of the World War I veterans who, along with other unemployed, were forced to sell apples to survive during the Depression. (In 1932, twenty-five thousand veterans and their families occupied Washington, demanding their "Bonus" pay which they were scheduled to get in 1945 but urgently needed in 1932. The Bonus Army, as they were called, was driven out of Washington by U.S. Army troops, commanded by General Douglas MacArthur. At least two veterans and one baby were killed.)

While Nixon was telling his audience at Ft. McNair that the GI's who served in Vietnam could be proud that "the American effort... was in good conscience, honorably undertaken and honorably ended," the veterans in Washington, booing even the mention of Nixon's name, were at a Senate hearing on veterans' affairs.

Odeil W. Vaughn, the director of benefits of the Veterans Administration (VA) testified at the hearings. During the previous day's testimony, Vaughn said that the administration is "unalterably opposed" to any increase in the GI education benefits that veterans are now getting.

Vietnam-era veterans, in school, receive \$220 a month to cover everything--tuition, books and living expenses. In contrast, World War II veterans had their full tuition paid for plus an extra \$75 a month. As columnist Jack Anderson points out:

"In hard purchasing power, according to the VA's own private calculations, a single Vietnam veteran buys \$203 less with his government check than his father after World War II. Married vets are even worse off."

So when Vaughn testified March 29 that "the records show that a greater percentage of Vietnam era vets are taking advantage of benefits than after World War II," veterans, who filled the committee room, yelled, "No, no!" Despite increased pressures for further education today, only 21% of eligible Vietnam-era vets are enrolled in college programs as opposed to around 50% of eligible World War II vets after that war.

A number of veterans were allowed to testify themselves. Michael Dempsey called the VA a "monolithic agency not responsive to Vietnam veterans."

Warren Nagle, another veteran, read a Vietnam Veteran's Bill of Rights which had recently been drawn up by a group of New-York vets. It included the right to medical care, on-the-job training, education, the single discharge and the right to work, among other things.

Responding to the Administration's position that any education benefit increase over 8% (or about \$18 dollars a month) would be inflationary, Nagle pointed out that "Vietnam veterans didn't ask if it was inflationary when they went to fight the war." Nixon has promised that he will veto any increase over the 8% figure.

The veterans, many of them holding signs like, "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" --echoing slogans from the 30's-- had no patience with the Senators who sponsored the hearings, apparently to capitalize on mounting public criticism of the Administration's policies on veterans affairs.

When Senator Vance Hartke told the assembled veterans that the committee would push for a 23% increase in GI bill benefits (which would raise them to \$270 a month), vets shouted that they would still be left receiving considerably less than World War II vets.

Hartke's attempt to close the hearings with the promise of more hearings in April brought jeers from the vets.

"April? We don't want any more hearings, dammit!" shouted one vet.

But What Does An LRY Advisor DO?? I asked..

By Betty Adams

I entered the world of LRY more than willingly. Having met and known several members of LRY, I was pleased to have the opportunity to know more. The conference I went to last year was great. People were relaxed and comfortable, open to trying new things in workshops, open to risking. It was a relief from many of the "up-tight" groups I'd been in.

Every now and then I said, politely, "But what does an LRY advisor DO?" People smiled, shrugged, walked away, scratched their heads, said "Don't worry about it" and changed the subject. It must be obvious, I thought, or.... maybe an LRY advisor doesn't do anything.

One person did give me advice on advising. He said, "What you do is listen." That made me feel a little better. I can certainly listen, I thought.

So, this year I've been advisor to a local group and to the Continental Executive Committee. The following are some of my perceptions on what being an LRY advisor is about.....

Being an advisor is to perform an act of balancing - balancing your own desire to do something visible and acknowledged against the understanding that others need to lead, create, do, more than you. One imbalance for the advisor is to simply "be there" as the representative adult and do nothing. A very real sense I've gained in being "over thirty" is the value of time. There's too little of it to spend any in being a "token" with no investment of my own.

NERO SPRINGTHINK

I just got back from NERO Springthink in Washington, Mass. at Camp Karu. The theme was Fantasy and it was brought out very well. Being miles from civilization, we were forced to form a close-knit community when we heard the shocking news of the Russian missile in Pittsfield. The disaster caused a disease to spread around the conference and unfortunately many of the conferees were running around with the symptoms.

The conference was graced with fine warm weather in the Berkshires, a fine place for discovering our fantasies of life, sex, mental health and others of our own. Personally, I never realized how much I fantasize every day of my life, especially about LRY.

What made this conference great was the communal spirit and respect. During the last night, (2a.m.) there was this overwhelming feeling when we were all standing around, in a mob, freezing to death, with arms around each other, singing.

NERO elections were held at this conference and I was really impressed at the quality and quantity of the candidates. The choices were excellent and the meeting though extremely long was run perfectly. I got a good feeling in that the people attending the meeting were concerned and respectful.

Wendy O'Donnell and Patty Murdock did a fantastic job in coordinating the conference and I'd like to thank them, but I expected no less.

Wayne Forrester

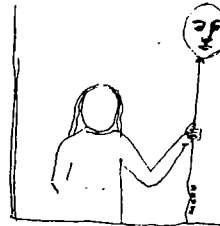


Bunny Kuhns- Local Group and Federation Experience....
Ohio Valley Federation...

I am mostly out of LRY now but I still have thoughts on it sometimes, which come out of experiences and dreams. I was at a fed board meeting recently and people were in a very boring place when they arrived. I thought we could do a catching up thing to find out what each other had been doing since some of us hadn't been together for several months (missed a conference). It was pretty unbelievable. People are real disgusted with the way they are living; they are waiting for something better to come along, like the end of high school (which might be two years away for some of them). Very few people seemed to be doing anything they considered worthwhile in the least except partying. And for the weekend, they didn't expect

But "doing" can be a very quiet thing. Doing can be listening, like Larry said. Doing can be actively accepting. Doing can be stretching to be open, thinking, reconsidering my own values in relation to the listening I do, and giving honest reactions and feedback. Another imbalance for the advisor is to "do" too much. As an autonomous youth group LRY is self-directed, by youth, not adults. It's members run it according to their needs which only they know and only they can fulfill. An advisor can listen, reflect, suggest and advise, - the group fulfills itself. It's tempting to take over sometimes. And it may fill a gap (as well as providing an ego-trip for the advisor); but there's a trade-off is the learning sacrificed by the group. Power is in doing it yourself - mistakes, gaps, lulls, "nothing's-happenings" and all. As Lazarus Long says: "Son, one of the few things I've learned (in being 4000 years old) is that humans hardly ever learn from the experience of others. They learn, when they do, on their own, the hard way." (from Time Enough to Love, Robert Heinlein.)

So imbalance can go either way: being only a body of a certain appropriate age or taking over. And the balancing thing works from both sides. Group members are often willing to hand power and decision-making and programming right over to you, and equally as often can ignore the fact that you're a full human being. LRY- Advisor is a relationship, after all. We're in it together, we all need to do and to allow, to be and to recognize being. It's a balance both partners have to work at.



Martin's most recent cable, which linked Kennedy with a group "whose objective," the cable said, "is to aid Hanoi... through a drastic reduction of economic and military aid" to the Thieu government.

In addition, groups such as the Indochina Peace Campaign which are lobbying for an end to all aid to Thieu note that the Kennedy Amendment is not a cut in aid to Thieu but merely a measure to keep aid at the present level.

In any case, both Kissinger and Martin have made it perfectly clear that the Nixon Administration is standing firmly behind the Thieu regime no matter what the Paris Accords say.

to accomplish much, even within themselves. Nobody hardly seemed to think they would have a good time with the other people. The whole scene freaked me out a lot. The least we could do would be to have a nice time hanging around together. Eventually we did. But it took an hour or two of killer to loosen us up some.

During the weekend I thought a lot about what good things happen in this federation. When different people were reporting on local groups, it was almost all the same. Nobody saw much satisfaction coming out of their local experience. So around here, locals don't do a hell of a lot except acquainting folks with each other. But the people at the meeting were good people, fine individuals. This fed seems to do a lot when it comes to individual growth. Wait, I don't mean that, what I mean is that the type of growing that happens in this federation is more individual than anything else. I find all sorts of neat people who are thinking about stuff but don't have much together on the local scene, who don't do much relating at home. I guess acting on what a person is thinking about is harder than just keeping it in most of the time. Well, I am not going to conclude on anything, just end it there. Except to say that I am glad that this individual thing happens. I always wished for a local scene that would help my head more than it did, but that wasn't found. The individual growth is important too and I'm glad it's around.