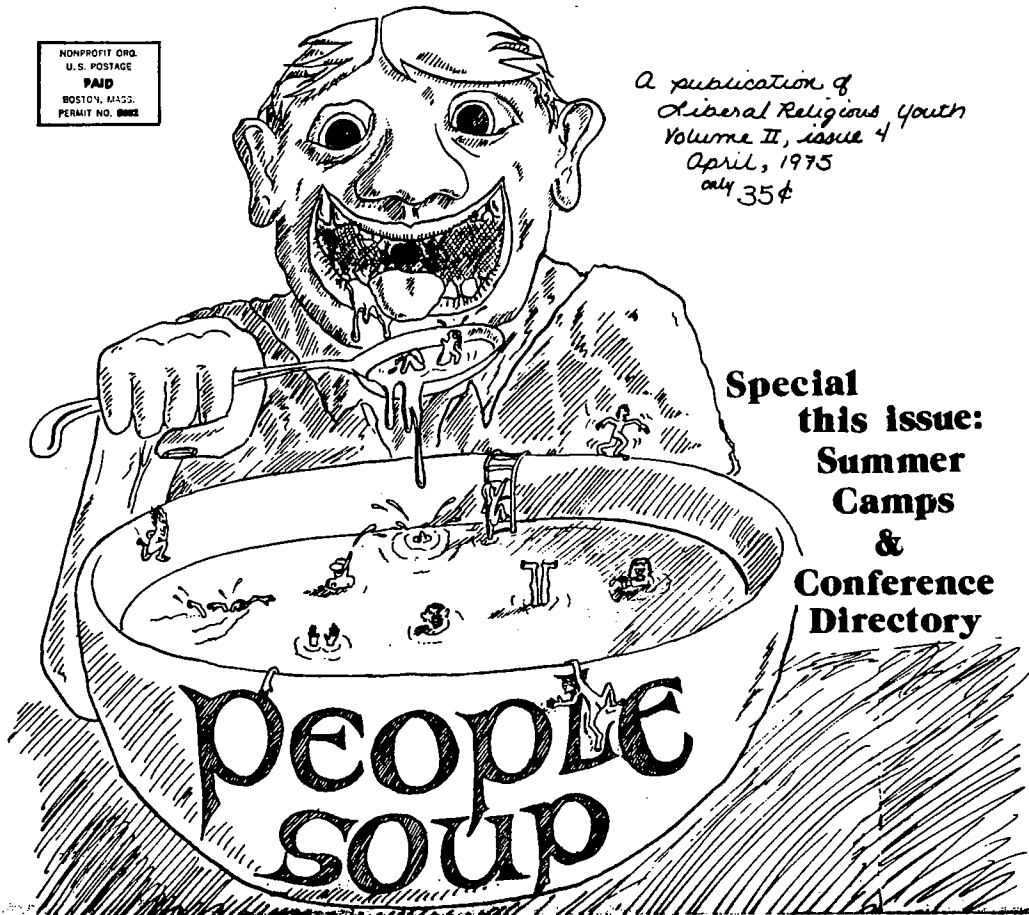


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J.C., Disguised as A Rat, mumbles about FAMILIES

or,
"WE HAVE TO GET
A BIGGER BED"

On a crowded-knee-to-mouth Boston subway the other day, I caught sight of a kid with a simple, threatening logo stitched onto the back of his denim jacket: "The Family". This set me to thinking, because the night before I had seen a rerun of "The Omega Man" (who couldn't, of course, be anyone else than Charlton Heston; see: "Planet of the Assholes") In case you've never seen this 1971 remake of an old and half-decent Vincent Price movie, but one with a forgettable name (it had something to do with Shadow of the...., or Blood of...., orDust, and was from quite a good book called *I Am Legend* by Richard Matheson) I will fill you in on the pertinent detail. The O. Man is one of yer sci-fi strange-plague-sweeps-the-world-and-almost-everybody-dies specials. The twist is that instead of just killing them, this strange plague turns almost-everybody into vampires, which, of course, leaves the world with too many vampires and not enough victims. Most of the vampires die too, it seems, (come to think of it, I'm not even sure that in this remake they're supposed to be vampires, exactly, but that's beside the point; they're still not the sort of people (?) you'd want to cultivate a warm and meaningful relationship with) but the ones that are left--more than the world needs--band together for fun and profit into a cult of homicidal maniacs called, to get back to the point of this distillation, The Family.

Now, I'm not saying that there's any connection between The two Families, except that in both cases, the very mention of the name is apparently meant to strike terror into your heart and mine. Well, hell's bells, what's so horrifying about families? Families are warm and cuddly and wholesome, right? Lookit the Partridges, Bradies and Waltons.

Wrong. Sure, look at the Partridges, Bradies and Waltons. What do you notice about them? They're family families, y'know? So tell me, if you can, when was the last time you heard a good word through the straight media for any sort of group calling itself a family that was not composed of people related through blood and/or marriage, and living in a typical "nuclear family" situation?

If that's too hard, try the other side of the coin. It's easy to find examples of non-nuclear-type families, in which the "family" aspect is played up, that are regarded with fear and loathing, to coin a phrase. Of the two that come most readily to mind, the first is the Charles Manson Family. Uh-huh: LSD-crazed hippies under the control of a bearded Machiavellian fiend, orgies, murders, nudity; uh-huh. The second is La Cosa Nostra, the patriarchal system of families that runs the Mafia (can I use that word in here?) . While the Cosa Nostra is a family linked by blood as well as custom (The Godfather, what else?), it certainly isn't a 3.9 member nuclear unit.

Another example, perhaps more revealing of the nature of this paranoia, can be found in the attitudes generated by religious colonies like the Hutterites and Mennonites. These people are regarded by many as strange and undesirable, because they refuse to conform to the values of North American society, and they're making a big economic success of it. Their traditionally collective, hard-working lifestyle lets them do more than merely eke out an existence. The Hutterites are living proof that collective farming is more efficient than the methods practiced by most North American farmers; they're making, so to speak, a killing in the market. That's pretty threatening.

Threatening. I think that word is the key to this whole phenomena. Any family with close ties, a lot of members and different interests than the mainstream of society's is a threat to that society. Any group of people that can say: "The hell with this--we don't want it, we will have nothing to do with it" is setting a mighty dangerous precedent, and an especially dangerous one if they succeed in what they do. And if people have the opportunity to choose who they want to have in their family, the number of threatening combinations possible takes a sudden jump. It's becoming increasingly obvious that the nuclear family, rather than a wonderful result of prosperity, is a tool of the forces of oppression for maintaining the status quo. Keep

the peasants busy providing in a needlessly duplicated way (how much energy, time and money could be saved if everybody on your block had a communal kitchen in which each person cooked supper once a month for the whole block?) for their ridiculously small families, and they won't even have time to think about what a strange deal they're living with.

An interesting sidelight, or more of the same: It seems that the word 'tribe' is always equated with 'primitive'...if that's not psychological conditioning, then my name isn't...

I think that in the fairly near future, one of the things that is going to change radically is society's general attitude towards groupings in which people live, because the present system is becoming steadily more impractical. Billy Graham et al insist that the family is not on the way out because people have always needed to live in close groups and probably always will. It's a mighty presumptuous and narrow-minded assertion to say, based on recent historical precedent only, that people are going to go on "fulfilling" that need in the same shitty way. It is said: "You can choose your friends but you can't choose your relatives." Horseshit! What is a "relative", anyway? Obviously, someone who is relative to you, relates to you, as it were, one way or another. When we talk about "brothers and sisters" isn't that just what we mean? I'm a hell of a lot more closely related to a whole slew of LRY brothers and sisters than I am to any of my cousins, and there are a few to whom I'm more closely related than I am to my immediate "family".

So where is this all leading to, anyway? Don't ask me, I only live here, same as you. But I know a few things that most of the North American world hasn't copped to, it seems: the family isn't dying, but neither is the commune movement dead. Ideas of community living have diversified to appeal to a wider range of people, and the extreme practical sensibility of the whole thing is going to start becoming a lot more apparent to a lot more people in these troubled times. (Maybe

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personals

Sometimes referred to as "Letic Alpha Plus"



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Liane K. from Ottawa - oops -
Waterloo, I guess. Where's the
letter you promised me? Better
send it soon or you'll be in
BIG trouble. Next issue I won't
be so nice. Love you anyway.
Lynn



Audrey-so sorry about not
coming to Ottawa for my vaca-
tion, but the week in Boston
worked out really well, and I've
got most of the problems I told
you about under control. As a
matter of fact, I'm feeling ex-
tremely happy.

Perhaps I'm not giving a com-
pletely accurate picture of the
situation here.
READ ON:

MS. KNIGHT ! ! !
YOUR SON IS ALIVE AND WELL BUT
BEING HELD CAPTIVE UNDER A PILE
OF DISORGANIZED PAPER. SEND ONE
PAPER PUNCH, A PAIR OF ELMERS
SAFETY SCISSORS, AND A PINK ERAS-
ER FOR HIS SAFE RECOVERY. WE
WILL CONTACT YOU AS TO TIME AND
PLACE.

bill-
I am hoping to slip this
one past you before printing.
Write me a letter when you
get back to Waterloo and
tell me if I succeeded.
Love you, Lynn

PAUL & PAUL--WHERE ARE YOU?!!!!
Please contact me. Love
Glaucus



To T-Jay the ex-LRYer from Ont-
ario. Take a minute and write
me a letter describing your
present headspace. I'd write
you first but if I did an old
and valued tradition would be
broken. Much love and pleas-
ant memories- David the K.

Mack-if Baton Rouge isn't the
city of beer, what is? Also
beginning to think that The
Holy Cecil is not around. What
do you think? Please reply or
write me a letter at this ad-
dress: Linda Reilly, 3715 Val-
leybrook, Wilmington, DE., 19808
-LMR



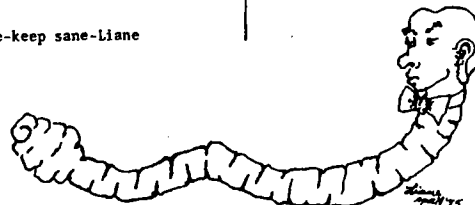
To Danny the Large Pent:
Would like to get to know
you better. Why don't you
give me a call, and we can
arrange a dinner date or
something.
- David the Taco Knight

To Ralph in Honeywood. How goes
the cheese scrounge? D.K.

I want everybody to understand
that the cover article isn't
really my big ego trip--my dis-
ciples put me up to it. BC
p.s. hi everybody

Sally from Montclair :
I haven't seen you for weeks
and weeks ! All you have to
do is walk the two blocks
from your house to my house
and there I'll be. how
about it? - Lynn

Anne-keep sane-Liane



To my friends down south where
ever you are? My address is
John Beebe-Center, Harvard, Ma.
01451. Phone:617)456-3688, but
it's temporarily disconnected.
Love, John.

I have found a blue & white
plaid jacket at triangle conf.
in Va. on Sun. Mar. 30. The
looser may contact me by writ-
ing to: Vic Solarte, 352Winne-
bago, Park Forest, Ill. 60466
Phone: (312) 747-3008. I will
be more than pleased to send
him or her the coat before next
winter. thanks, Vic

New Messiah(Steve): Where are
you? I want to write you but I
don't know your last name or ad-
dress.

Moury: Happy, happy Birthday.
I lost your address send it to
me

Reefea!: I love you!
Wayne A of Starr King: Did you
get my letter? If so, send me
a postcard or tell Rick.

Jim Boon: Hi! I miss you. Be
sure and come to Continental.
Anyone!: What are the dates for
IRF?

Rabbit: Don't worry. I'll get
that \$10 to ya.

Grasshopper: Wherever you are
I love and miss you to pieces.
Why didn't you go to triangle?
Hope to see you soon.

The last 8 personals were from:
Helen Kuester, 3111 Western Ave
Park Forest, Ill. 60466



Come on Bill, you can't really
blame it all on us.

Why not?--it's all your fault.
B.

Lost at Iowa City Inter-gen
Conference: tan colored, well-
worn belt with a brass buckle.
"Brian" is stamped on the tab
end. I left it near the church
sanctuary. Please send to: Ell
Ellen Bruce, 1315 Monroe, Evan-
ston, Ill., 60202. I will pay
you back for the postage.

doug from st.lou...yours was
the best b-day present i got...
see you at cmf spring!! loving
you madly-craig s.

victoria-sit on my face!!!
-guess who

tigger- see you tomorrow!
lovingly, craigen

wayne from maine...enjoyed the
commons, et al.

venus is now residing in port-
land-wireless teles only.

One of the best cures for
boredom while driving or hitch-
ing is to think of good words t
that the letters on various
car license plates stand for.
f'instance, what about a car
with the license plate 32SAF?
Support African Frogs, or Stuff
American Flags. (obviously,
ignore the numbers.) how about
9UXU? why, you xylophone you!
three of us were happily doing
this one day when when the
wonder of wonders appeared- a
car with a license plate LRY.
It was ayellow cadil-
lac!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

rides



Wanted: traveling companion, age
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inental, boards & possibly New
Orleans/Boston/San Francisco.
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Ill. 60466

Cathy Carney needs a ride or
travelling companion from
California to Boards and Contin-
ental, share expenses. Address:
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91306

Do you need a ride to contin-
ental conference? Advertise
for one here!



Nell & Friends-Ralph just vis-
ited me and says you're doing
well. One day, I will write to
you. I love you. --Anne

Carrie-I hope to be seeing you
again soon. We should sit down
and talk sometime soon. -Paul



Liane-keep sane- Anne

JOIN US!

**Youth Caucus
G.A. Orientation**

Youth Caucus orientation will include tours of the city, workshops on convention procedure, clarifying the issues, a brief history of G.A. and a brainstorming session to define the goals and structure of the Youth Caucus, at G.A. and in the future.

The cost of the orientation will be three dollars. You must pre-register in order to receive directions and other specifics. We strongly encourage delegates to attend the orientation, but all other interested people are more than welcome to attend.

To register send your name, age and address to Youth Caucus, 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108. The three dollars will be due at the door.

Something New!

Sometime before General Assembly the LRY office is sending out a mailing to all LRYers that they have addresses for. That is to say about 6,000 of us. At this point we hope the mailing will include:

- some pages giving ideas on how LRY can get involved in the world hunger problem.
- some pages on how LRY can get organized with The People's Bicentennial Commission.
- a directory of federation executive committees and a map showing the locations of the different federations.
- a clearinghouse form.
- material on the New Community.
- a People Soup.
- an article on General Assembly.
- some material on local group programming and leadership.
- and anything else that seems appropriate at the time.

However, we need your help to produce a truly excellent product.

Here's what you can do to help:

- 1) Write an article espousing your views and ideas on the New Community; or on local group programming and leadership.
- 2) Write an article about anything you think every LRYer and Unitarian youth should know about.
- 3) Coerce your federation executive committee into sending us a list of every LRYer in your fed if they have not already done so.
- 4) Write an article explaining LRY to non-LRYers.
- 5) Send us photographs and graphics of LRYers doing things.

By the way...this is the first time a mailing of this sort has been attempted. We're really excited about the possibility of developing more continental programs through this media and hope you'll get excited about it too.

A Slide Show

Every year at General Assembly LRY does a presentation explaining LRY to the delegates. This year though, we want to express LRY through media we haven't used before. One way will be through an ongoing slide show. We're desperately looking for slides showing LRYers doing things, indoors and out, at local group meetings, social actions projects, conferences, worship services, and church. REPEAT WE'RE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR SLIDES OF LRYERS. Though we'll gladly accept slides as a gift, we will pay for them. If you have further ideas about youth participation at General Assembly write to: Youth Caucus
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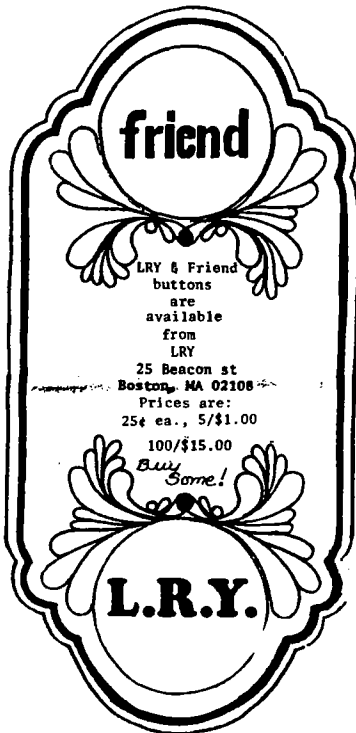
UU-UN Youth Seminar

Over 40 young UU's, mostly LRYers and SRL-FRFers, attended the 1975 UU-UN Youth Seminar in New York City in February. The theme was "Politics, Sharing the World's Resources".

There was a program of expert speakers on such topics as the world balance of power, education in China, the industrial boom in East Germany, and the UN's declaration of a new economic order based on international interdependence. Discussion and evaluation followed the talks.

There was a family-type feeling within the group after the first full seminar day. Good friends were made and, for the most part, everyone was happy and felt free to communicate with anyone in the group. To help with any sorts of problems during the seminar, a steering committee of four youths was designated to be available to talk, advise and organize free-time activities.

Fun and learning in a two-day seminar was a great idea, and it was planned well. The opportunity to discuss world affairs with really knowledgeable people proved a worthwhile and relevant experience.



An Organized LRY?

Well, we've gone and done it, haven't we?! All of us, all across the continent have created a great pile of regions, and I feel so good about it all!

We had a pretty good time creating ours, I know that. We're Betty Boop, and we comprise MVF/Friends, RMF, and SAM NeWT. Obviously we had fun...for those uninformed folks out there, Betty Boop is an old, old cartoon character-one of the best of the originals.

We dealt with a lot of different things-went over various fed problems, which are numerous, and worked out a good charter, one which I think will be workable, which is kind of amazing.

Right now I am working, as a Regional Commie*, for some good programming ideas for locals, which seems to be a fairly big problem with us. Actually, everything here stems from enormous distance complications...we're HUGE!! We are also trying to coordinate a project proposal plan similar to the one used by SRL.



Anyhow, we exist, and we're strong. It seems to me that we're going to help communication all across the continent, and our thanks go to Lara Stahl especially for her help. Our greetings go to all of you other regions out there in LRY land, and we wish you luck!

*a communications director

**The Begatting of the
Exec. Calm**

One day in the year 1969, in the land of New England there came to pass a dark shadow over that land and it was bad for its darkness did put out verily the light of the great shiny banana of NERC L.R.Y. (Ed. Note-N.E.R.C. stands for New England Regional Committee, an earlier name for North Eastern Regional Organization, N.E.R.O.) and amongst the people there was great turmoil for the banana had always shone brightly as a guiding light. And there was spathy and the police descended on the NERC LRYers, for these were troubled times.

The prophet Robinson saw what was happening and saw it was bad and he dropped a postcard off to the almighty Nutting and he Saw it was bad and they saw it was bad together.

And Nutting Pondered the situation and in the end he empowered seven of the most demigodlike LRYers to go down and set the land of N.E.R.C. to right. Among them there were those of much righteousness. With them went Bob of the red beard and he was righteous and Bob delob of the interesting brain and he was righteous and Richie of the broken guitar string was also there and he was also righteous. And the omnipotent Nutting saw that it was good and he called them the exec calm and he said unto them, "Yea, go ye unto the land of N.E.R.C. and set all to right, verily as Nero did unto Rome!"

And so they went down to the troubled land and took with them Nutting's advice and took it to heart.

And so it came to pass that the land of N.E.R.C. came to be known as N.E.R.O. and there was a religious purging of the land. And then it grew quiet and all the old LRYers came out from underground to see what had happened and they saw the exec calm resplendent in their glory and they were sore afraid. But Delob, the righteous said "Fear not! Let's sit down and talk about it!" and the morning and the evening was the first conference.

John Beebe-Center

HOW ABOUT IT!

The Continental Office of L.R.Y. is compiling a mailing list of L.R.Y.ERS, throughout the United States and Canada.

What we need from you is your NAME, address and BIRTHDATE.

How About it?
send to:
LRY
25 Beacon St.
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Dear Soup,
In your last issue I read a letter from a person/parent who is upset by LRY and UUA's handling of us. I realize that everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but still, the letter disturbed me very much.

As LRYers, JQM's letter is directed to all of us, so I feel compelled to respond.

First of all, I have never been satisfied with everything LRY has done and I don't expect that any other LRYer has been either. Nothing that any group does, will satisfy everybody; LRY is no different. Still, I am an LRYer, and proud of LRY and the fact that I am a part of it because LRY provides a place where I can be myself. I can express my feelings without fear of being condemned as a "God knows what" on the basis of trivialities such as hair, clothes or personal grooming. I am often criticised for my attitudes by other LRYers and I often criticize them as well. But that is life and I don't see a reason to change it.

As far as dope goes, LRY neither condemns or condones its use. LRY simply requests that it not be taken to conferences because it infringes on the rights of everyone when we all must take responsibility for any laws we might break.

And in regards to People Soup, the Soup is LRY's paper, a place where LRYers can and do express themselves and therefore it is only LRY's responsibility. To the best of my knowledge the UUA has expressed no official opinion of People Soup. I think that they feel it is not their place to censor our paper, and that even youths are entitled to First Amendment rights.

Whether the UUA locks up the purse or not remains to be seen, but if they do, I feel that it will be one of the blackest days in the UUA's history. LRY belongs to the LRYers and is serving a purpose, whether or not everybody likes what we are is not cause to abandon us. LRY is democratic; it can and does change.

Crisp matzoh and warm fuzzies on your sneakers.

Mitzvahs,
Richard S. Terrass STGSN
USS Davis (DD-937)
FPO NY, NY 09501

Dear LRYers,

In case any of you have noticed the absence of a certain individual named Seth L. Deitch; the time has come for the truth to be known. The aforementioned Seth Deitch was last seen in the company of a seductive she-cat, hopping a freight train. It appears that the poor fellow has made a startling metamorphosis. He believes that he's a cat, and none of our efforts have succeeded in convincing him otherwise.

The most irritating facet of his newly acquired identity is his constant yowling to be fed. Well, at least he gets his point across. Unfortunately, we can no longer feed him: he ran away. So, if any of you concerned LRYers happen to see a slightly mangy human being scampering about on all fours, do us a favor, take him in and feed him. Cat food is not all that expensive and a nice, warm house is more inviting than a straight jacket. Then write to us and tell us where he is.

Dolly and Olivia Holmes
c/o People Soup

Dear J.Q.M.,

Are you serious? If so, what in Christ's name are you talking about?

I guess you are, as you say, "qualified to speak your piece." So please do--I'm still waiting to find out what your garbled condemnation was a response to, and just what was so offensive about it.

If we don't hear from you again, I'll be forced to assume that you are, as I thought when I first read your letter, an S.R.Wilcox (Or one of that ilk)prank(no offense, Steve) One final note: as a native Canuck, I ask you: What in hell were "the Canadian Capers" Intensely puzzledly yours,

Bill Cameron
Waterloo, Ont.

Written in the Los Angeles Free Press:

"Carl Franzioni is not a member of the Mothers of Invention. Nor does he claim to be...but, for the most part we, as a group agree with him in his plea for a sane drug policy. We, as a group, do not recommend, verily, we repudiate any animal/mineral/vegetable synthetic substance, vehicle, and/or procedure which might tend to reduce the body, mind or spirit of an individual (any true individual) to a state of subawareness or insensitivity...that is to say: we are here to turn you loose, not to turn you on. Turn yourself on. The sort of high you really want is a spiritual high and you are bullshitting yourself if you trust any chemical and/or agricultural shortcut to do it for you. You can't be busted yet for awareness maintain your aristocratic coolness.

Sincerely,

Frank Zappa for the Mothers of Invention"

Dear People,

My fiancée and I are working on starting a publishing business. We'd be interested in seeing manuscripts (poetry, plays, short stories or anything of interest to the young at heart). We have only one stipulation to make - no pornography or politics. Unfortunately, at this point we can't use US manuscripts because it would cost too much to send copies of the book over the border to you. But, hopefully that will be changed in the near future. So, only your Canadian readers can use this offer. If an American poet would be willing to pay the postage though, I'm sure that we could give him/her some help in getting his/her stuff published. We're always open for discussion.

Electromagnetically yours,
Arlee

Arlee Barr, Gypsymbellanic Productions
444 Woodman Avenue
London, Ontario N5M 3Z9 CANADA

Dear People Soup,

How much does the FBI know about LRY? I've just finished an article in a local underground newspaper which featured an interview with an ex-FBI agent. It talked mainly about Hoovers lies to congress, but it included an account of the writer's personal FBI file, with photocopies of every petition he had signed, notes on each "radical" meeting that he had attended, and quotes of statements he had made at these meetings.

Now I know that I've been to a couple of anti-war meetings, demonstrations, and I've leafletted plenty of times. I've also been to LRY conferences where we picketed, and NERO just passed a resolution giving 10% of our conference profits to such radical organizations as the Indochina Peace Campaign, United Farm Workers, and the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws.

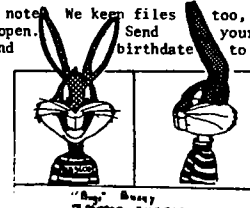
Another thing that the article stated was that there were FBI agents attending Antioch College during the writer's stay there. The FBI knows that LRY used to be a very radical organization, and we seem to be starting up again. So isn't it possible, even likely, that FBI agents are poring over this newspaper? or attending conferences? Maybe even local meetings? What do you know of your federation president? Is there a shy, short haired male that always lurks in the background taking notes at your conferences? And David Knight says he's Canadian, but couldn't that just be a convenient cover?

I suppose the next question is: "What are we to do? Must I distrust the person sleeping next to me? Should we not allow cleancut people in LRY?"

OF COURSE WE SHOULD! This solutions would be contrary to most LRY goals! LRY is based on trust, openness, and acceptance! Maybe this person has different political beliefs than yours and mine, but that's no reason to treat them like outcasts. It wouldn't have been too unlikely if Julie Nixon Eisenhower had been an Lryer. And just remember that the FBI is only working for honesty. The only difference between us is that they keep files. In hopes of continual, mutual organizational respect,

Grasshopper, Norfolk-Suffolk Fed

Editor's note: We keep files too, but ours are open. Send your name, address and birthdate to LRY now



SETH IN THE COMPANY OF HIS NEW-FOUND FRIENDS

The State Of The Union

" You Chavistas are finished; your union is done. Teamsters are here to stay." So spoke the California grape and lettuce growers in the spring of 1973 to the arriving migrant harvesters, who were just beginning their yearly trek north through the Fields of American Agribusiness. Those words were, for a time, echoed by every influential news media.

Two and a half years ago this seemed like a nightmare to the members and many supporters of the United Farm Workers. But it is a nightmare we are about to wake up from; the grape and lettuce growers and the Gallo company are far and away on the defensive now. The UFW has every chance of winning this year, if not in the next six months, the struggle they have been waging through three simultaneous major boycotts.

In 1970, when the UFW won the Grape contracts, the lettuce growers saw that their workers were next in line to be organized. They called in the Teamsters, the most powerful union in the world, who signed inferior contracts and claimed to represent the farmworkers. So the growers were protected, and the Teamsters got their reward: tighter control of food distribution from field to market. A boycott of head lettuce was called by the UFW.



In 1973, after contracts of six and three years respectively, Ernest and Julio Gallo and the grape growers wanted to be rid of the United Farm Workers; they too gave the Teamsters a call and ordered their workers to sign Teamster or hit the road. Cesar Chavez and his friends again asked for a grape boycott, and this time tacked Gallo wines onto it.

What the growers and Teamsters essentially dislike about the UFW is that it is a union-and-social movement democratically controlled and built by the workers (this can lead to "labor instability") including a large proportion of Chicanos, Arabians, Filipinos; & Blacks, who are feeling their power and are distasteful to have to deal with. Other gripes with the United Farm Workers arise from certain guarantees in their contracts: against dangerous pesticides, against child labor, for health and safety committees and grievance committees run by the workers themselves, and for a union hiring hall rather than a labor contracting system, which has historically snapped up large amounts of the workers' pay. None of these things do the Teamsters negotiate for; as a result, the UFW has won every impartially-supervised representation election ever held. The Farm Workers are indeed hated and feared; their vow is to organize agriculture nationwide; they are in the forefront of the union movement toward real workers' control of this top-down economy.

So, back to the here and now. As one union member put it recently, "The growers and Teamsters don't know what has hit them. They didn't know what this tiny, bankrupt, minority union could do". In December, the lettuce growers admitted to getting only \$1.50 for a \$2.30 box of lettuce, all of which they have to sell to come out only 80¢ in the hole. The grape growers have lost between 15 and 20 million dollars, far more than in the first grape boycott; they are plowing under tons of grapes they don't even try to sell, and hide in dumps the rest that return unsold from across the country. Gallo's sales are down 20% nationwide, with UFW-approved wines up as much as 250%.

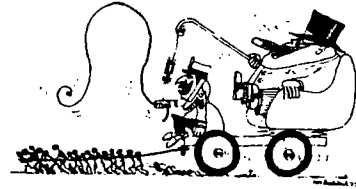
Have you seen the 13 million dollar Gallo ad campaign that talks of my friends "Ernest and Julio" on prime-time television? Or the hundred-thousand-dollar-a-month Teamster campaign that presents a heart-warming picture of that do-gooder union in major news magazines? Someone is desperate.

Things look good, but nothing has been won yet. Spread the word of the boycott, and lend a hand if there's a UFW office or committee nearby. The union is in lousy shape money-wise; when everyone has called it dead, it has waged more strikes than ever in (name some produce) apples, melons,



artichokes, strawberries, asparagus, mushrooms. The money has dried up in the current 4 month Arizona lemon strike, which should be won in a month-- the first without a boycott. So, if you can, send a check to United Farm Workers of America, Box 62, Keene, Calif. 93531, and keep boycotting 'til it's over.

David Train



FURTHERMORE:

A few fun facts taken from U.S. Gov't Sources Migrant Farm Worker Statistics: Average annual income for a family of four--\$2,700. 800,000 children work in the fields. Life expectancy--49 years. Maternal & infant mortality rate 120% higher than the national average. Infectious diseases 260% higher than the national average. Accident rates 300% higher than the national average.

But to me, after 4 years of working with the UFW, these statistics totally lack meaning. How can numbers express desperation? How can facts tell how it feels to be hungry & not know if you're going to be able to eat enough to take away the hunger? Or how it is to see your kids never having the chance others do in a country (supposedly) based on equality? How can you explain this to an upper middle class suburbanite? So I will tell you a story.

Last summer '75 (or so) farmworkers came through Chicago (after 2 people were killed, the union decided pickets in the fields were risky). We had a rally for them, to which I brought a doubting friend. We were standing with another friend, a farm worker, when they came in. Among them was a number of children & pregnant women & my doubting friend asked how they could feed their children. My farmworker friend answered, "They can't. That's what this fight is about."

Pam

Recreation

After attending a number of conferences for the past three years I've realized that recreation is 70% of the life force of a conference, whether it be self-employed or organized. Naturally, workshops and communal spirit are very important as well. If conferences were nothing but bull sessions I wouldn't attend them. Recreation adds that important blend of mirth, physical activity, and imagination to a conference. Playing Mink is a prime example. Where and how else could you have a good laugh and break a few bones at the same time? Other games such as Killer, Capture the Flag, and Bulldog also help to liven spirits and shorten life-spans.

While I was living in Niagara Falls, there were a few LRYers that belonged to the P.B.V., a fraternal organization (fraternity-sorority in one) P.B.V. stood for pure bred virgins. It wasn't a serious thing, it was a kind of recreational involvement. (I never did find out what "pickel" meant.)

I was also involved with the "Purple Hawks", a king of mock greaser gang. It got me really interested in rock-n-roll music and that has turned out to be a good learning experience.

Self-employed recreation is also very stimulating, even for spectators. I've watched many heart-racing games of "Jacks". I've even tried to play the game, but became a bit discouraged when I couldn't pass "two-seys".

Every conference has its share of "clowns". I myself prefer to think of them as mirth-makers or "munchkins". These people lift morale as well as adding their wisdom. The only problem concerning them is that no one can take them seriously when they are serious. They get laughed at, and that can really hurt them, even though they don't show it. (They won't show it!)

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Go to Unistar after G.A.



June 28 to July 1 \$50

"TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY"

is the theme of LRY week at Unistar this year. The program will be a progression, from defining your personal needs to finding methods of fulfilling them through supportive human interaction and cooperative effort for social change. Workshops include body awareness, alternative lifestyles, student rights, and survival in city-country-forest. We'll also prepare a banquet from the food available in the forest and lake. The wooded island setting of the camp provides the opportunity for hiking, canoeing, swimming, sailing, exploring and tree-sitting.

For more information, contact: Perrin Cunningham, Rt. 2 Box 207-2, Chaska, Mn. 55318
To register, mail a \$10 deposit to Karol Leppink, 3821 E. 3rd St., Duluth, Mn. 55804

THE BUY-CENTENNIAL

Student strikes; insurrections; social upheaval; signs of the times? Not quite. These words come from the 1760's. This was called the age of social insurrections and the insane, hectic period in pre-revolution America.

The fact is that conditions similar to the current wave of scandal in government and runaway inflation were the causes of the revolution of 1775. The "shots heard round the world" were just a symbol of the peoples' refusal to further accept the tyranny that is all too common today. But today, the autocracy is in the form of the huge corporations which dominate the economy, and consequently the politics, of the United States and the world. Of the world's hundred largest money powers, 36 are gigantic companies, like GM, ITT and Xerox. AT & T alone has assets in excess of 65 billion dollars.

Not only these corporate conglomerates, but also many smaller companies are capitalizing on the upcoming birthday of the revolution. T-shirts, bumper stickers, and other tacky, supposedly "official" souvenirs of this event are being printed by the millions. This will be the worst act of commercialism

since Christmas was blessed with Santa Claus.

There is something you can do. Support the Peoples' Bicentennial Commission. This organization of patriots (in the true sense of the word), is making an all-out effort to show the American people how the revolutionary spirit of the 1770's has been betrayed by monopolistic corporations which seek nothing but profit for the few who control them. Profit which is made at the expense of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for the workers who actually produce the wealth, and the consumers who have to take what they get for lack of any alternative. The PBC is working to remind the American public of their country's revolutionary origin and to revitalize the nation with the same lofty ideals: put the control back in the hands of the people. Real economic control, that is, not just a voice in the political system which is really run by those who hold the wealth of the nation.

The PBC is starting to raise some Hell of their own. The first really big protest, one of many to happen between 1973 and 1983, was a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party on Dec. 16, 1973, to which 25,000 came.

The second, which by all accounts will be a lot bigger, is going to be a rally encampment at the North Bridge in Concord, Mass., starting at midnight on April 19, the 200th anniversary of the "shots heard round the world". The New York Times has estimated that 100,000 people will show up, to "Send a Message to Wall Street." If you live in the New England area, why not come on down and add your voice? Because of the enormous crowd expected, the state police are going to cut off all access roads to Concord sometime around 5 a.m., so plan to arrive before 2 a.m. All night there will be "on-going musical and theatrical entertainment, old fashioned oratory, hot soup and bread kitchens, and a host of surprises."

If you can't make it to the Midnight Ride to Concord Bridge, get in touch with the PBC regional office nearest you--there are about fifty smaller offices throughout the country, so there's quite likely to be one in your city--and find out what's planned for your part of the nation. If you feel like initiating something yourself, perhaps you should write to the PBC and ask for book lists and resources that could be used in high school history courses.

The PBC has a unique basis to work from. Rather than urging revolution as a break from tradition, they're urging the renewal of the revolutionary tradition which has been trampled upon by a group of monsters which have usurped the power in this country and perverted the ideals upon which the United States of America was founded. The facts that

- a) they're working on the very principles that every American is supposed to believe in,
 - b) they seem to have their act pretty well together in terms of knowing what they're doing, and
 - c) this is a time of international crisis when the Western world is tired of the same old doubletalk from politicians and businessmen alike,
- all indicate that the Peoples' Bicentennial Commission may very well become a real force to be reckoned with within an extremely short time.

If the Patriots were alive today, they'd be raising all kinds of Hell!



A few of the local PBC offices are listed below; to find the address of the one nearest you, write:

Peoples Bicentennial Commission
1346 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

Western NY PBC
John O'Neill
208 Cleveland Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14222

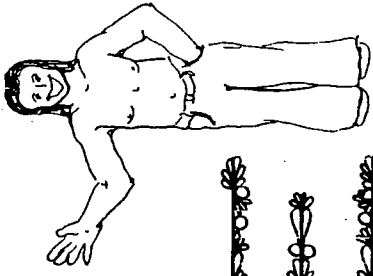
Long Island PBC
Box 271
Westbury, NY 11590

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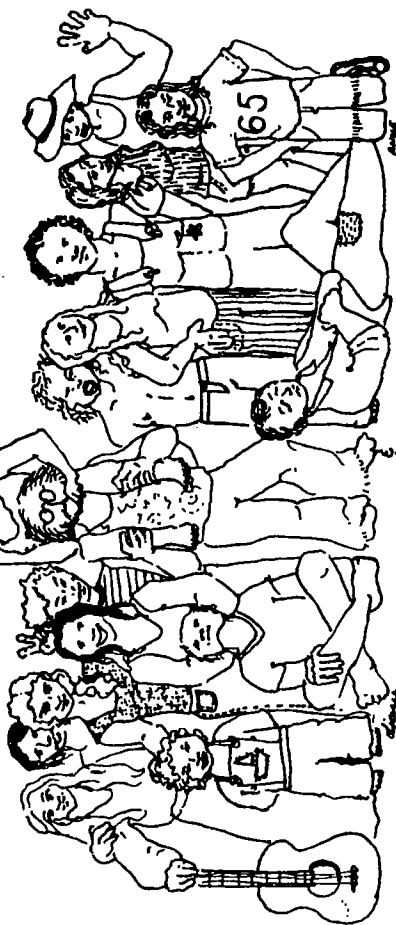
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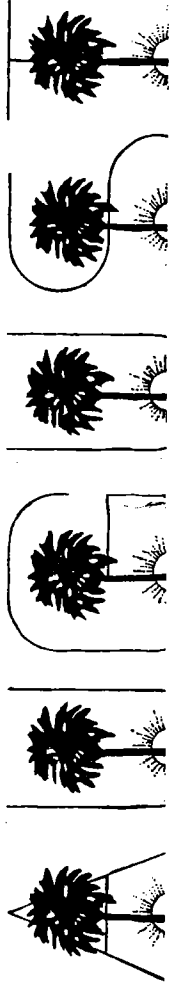
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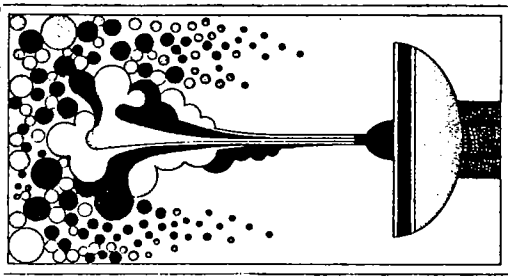
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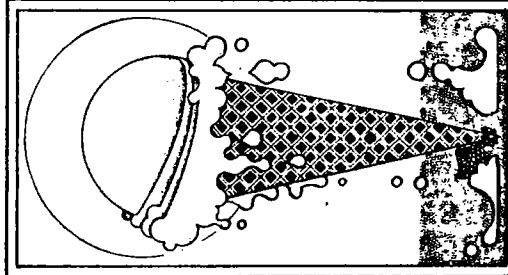
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Star King Federation Hendicraft Woodlands, CA	"A SEPARATE REALITY" \$50 He is an isolated Mendocino Woodlands we can create our own eating community. Join us in this experience: celebrate life in a free and natural environment. You MUST pre-register by June 1. Write Melissa Mortman, 1829 8th Ave., San Francisco, Ca. 94122.																									
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SEAFOAM - sometime in June June 1-7 Work Camp-Free-Rove, MA	Contact Shelly Johnson, Tokeneke Tr., Houston, TX 77042.																							
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PS-LRY Debenneville Pines, CA WORK CAMP	PS-LRY We'll have three days of work-manual labor, and the rest of the time will be devoted to regular workshops, parties and good times. A great CHEAP way to get up into the mountains, if you aren't afraid of chopping wood. Info & registrar: debenneville Pines, Angulus Tr, CA. 93305																							
22 NYC Brookline Farm Project, Inc. Rd #2, Ft. Con, NY 12827 \$60 per week	Found a nail, milk a cow. Ride all day, sing all night. Stitch a quilt, paint a barn. Watch a sunset. Learn a lifestyle. Interested? We have tried to model the life that everyone knows they want to lead but that no one ever gets around to actually leading.																							
23 Rove Camp Youth Caucus Prepares for General Assembly Mpls. MN	The workshops during Senior High weeks include skills, arts, politics, personal growth, hiking and outdoor games. The camp, run as a community, is in the beautiful Berkshires.																							
29	"TALKING CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY" \$50 The program will be a progression, from defining your personal needs to finding methods of fulfilling them through supportive human interaction. Local change. For more info write Ferrin Cunningham, Rt. 2, Box 207-2, Colton, MA 03316. To register, mail \$10 to Carol Leppink, 3821 E. 3rd St., Duluth, Mn. 55804.																							
30	"INTER-FED COMMUNICATIONS" \$25 If pre-registered, \$32 at the door. Registrar: Erin Freedman, 1203 Jefferson, Downers Grove, Ill. 60615 LAKE GENEVA SUMMER ASSEMBLY George Williams College Campus, Mt Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60637.																							





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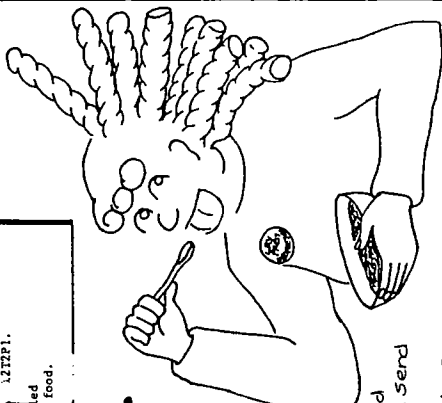


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PLEASE POST PROMINENTLY

Star Island, MN

Unistar is on the largest of several islands in Cass Lake in Minnesota, which is part of the Mississippi River feeder system. In the 1700's, the French fur traders of the North West and Hudson's Bay Companies called it simply Le Gran Isle; it was later called Copper's Island but today it is known as Star Island, the name given it by early Indians for its four points.

The Chippewas, driven west by white settlers, warred with the Sioux there until 1740 when the Sioux were defeated. Treaties were signed in 1751 that made much of Minnesota Chippewa land. Part of that land is now the Chippewa National Forest and Unistar is but a small part of the island, bordered all around by the forest.

Unistar is on the point where some of the Indians once lived. In the middle of the island is the forbidding Lake Windigo, a word meaning white man's spirit. Its waters will give your whole body a terrible itch if you venture in.

The Indians died of smallpox (probably courtesy of the U.S. gov't) in the early 1890's.

Years later a rich Texan bought the point and built a big beautiful lodge with a giant fireplace in the middle of it. As his family grew older and larger he built a servants' quarters and five cottages, one for each of his children and their families. The cottages are rustic and unfinished, but have bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom with feeted tub, a screened-in porch and a living area with a stone fireplace.

In the 40's the family no longer came and the buildings began to fall into disrepair.

In 1944, one of the Texan's sons fell ill with cancer. He was flown to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for the best care available in the country. In return for services the family gave their summer home to the doctor.

The doctor hardly used the place, if at all, and the buildings sat empty except for local youth and hunters who trespassed on the property to explore or seek shelter.

In the fall of 1959, the doctor was about to give the land to an Episcopalian group when the Rochester Unitarians heard about it and went to him with their plans and dreams for a summer camp.

In 1960, he gave them the land and they headed up there in groups to make the repairs themselves. It had been some fifteen years since the buildings had been used and they needed a lot of work. The work is still handled by volunteers and the camp staff, and the folks who attend Unistar year after year take pride in seeing the work they've done to make it truly their camp.

LRV week at Unicamp, whether planned well or poorly, has for years been the favorite conference of those who attend it, simply because Unistar is a nurturing and comforting place for people like LRVers to enjoy and know each other as well as a group can in one week.

The week begins well because the group begins it together. The boat ride to the island is slow and crowded, but all on board are smiling in eager expectation. Leaving behind parents and cars and city noise and city lights and daily news to arrive on a beautiful wooded island is religious and/or romantic for the LRVers who go to Unistar. The shy people are happy for the opportunity to talk, the tired who've travelled long distances are glad to be finally on the boat, the energetic are looking forward to swimming and those who went the year before smugly point out the other islands, the tallest tree and Unistar, which is so well hidden behind the trees that you won't see what they're pointing at until the boat has slowed down to get through the reeds.

The staff will run out to greet you when they hear the boat and soon you'll be exploring the waterfront, the cabins and the lodge with new & old friends. Within a few days you'll feel yourself to be a part of Unistar and its history. You'll be dazzled by the sunrise over the water and the mania of the birds before the sun breaks through. You'll enjoy feeding the chipmunks that will sit on your feet. You'll love sitting up all night by a fire with everyone in your cabin waiting for the dawn.

The past is alive at Unistar, not through commemorative plaques or dry, scholarly accounts, but in sturdy old walls and the whispers of the trees. The spirit of the Indians who lived and died on that point can still be felt and the tales about the rich Texans still circulate among the mainland townfolk.

And the energy that many UU's have put into Unistar helps to foster a sense of community among its people.

It all adds up to an atmosphere filled with the good and high and mysterious energies of people who have loved its woods and beaches for hundreds of years.

Come to Unistar and be enchanted!

-Beverly
Treumann

"What's a Star Island?"
I hear you cry (from Tuscaloosa).
So I'll tell you. It is without
a doubt the most beautiful island
that a vast number of people, in-
cluding myself, have ever seen.
More than that, it is, once a year,
the site of a rather extraordinary
conference. This year its theme is:
"The Star Island LRV Community Soap Opera

about the conference

That theme may introduce a note of confusion, so before I go any further, let me explain. I am bored with simplistic themes. "Sensitivity", bah, "Crafts", humbug! When I conceive of a theme, it has pizzazz! But as to what it means, read on. When a group of crazed adolescents (Liberal Religious Youth) descend, like birds of prey, on a beautiful but defenseless island (Star Island) in an attempt to form a community and solve their personal problems (most of which, by the way, strongly resemble the subplots from afternoon television), the whole thing becomes a giant, commercial-free Soap Opera. In a phrase, it becomes: "The Star Island LRV Community Soap Opera".

Now that you understand the theme, here's what we're gonna do:

1. Heavy emphasis will be placed on making people feel comfortable in the group of one-hundred-and-sixty-five that we fully expect.
2. Workshops will deal with topics such as: growing emotionally and mentally, family problems, awareness, the dynamics of close personal relationships, and other esoteric subjects.
3. Special community-building activities may include: goal-oriented work groups, and frequent community meetings for conference evaluation.
4. Other frivolous activities include: an auction of LRV memorabilia (contributed by conferees), a Talent Show (bring all your talent), a softball game against the island staff, and a variety show by the staff. There may just possibly be a band one night, and maybe a sunset cruise or fishing trip. (Boat trips may cost extra.)

about the island

The island itself is an ideal conference site. Ten miles from the mainland, everybody on the island will be directly involved with some facet of the conference. Facilities include a bookstore, a snack bar, a gift shop, meeting rooms of various sizes (one with a stage), and semi-private bedrooms with real beds complete with sheets and blankets. There is also a small store that will sell you a kite, aspirin, Vitalis, cigarettes, toothpaste, or notebooks, and will, given a day's notice, obtain almost anything legally purchasable in a small city.

The food is as good as the island is beautiful. It's hot, delicious and PUNCTUAL! The meals, in the past, have had meat every night, fresh homebaked bread or rolls at lunches and suppers, desserts, coffee or tea, milk or water, and more. Cooking and cleanup are done by the island staff.

Star Island's only contacts with the shore are the boat which makes two runs per day, an expensive radio, telephone, and on very clear days, a dark line on the horizon. The eastern side of the island is ringed entirely with granite cliffs, which are dotted in some places by seagull nests with eggs and, sometimes, baby seagulls. The rocks are good for sitting or walking, or talking with another person, or writing poetry, or sketching, or simply absorbing the sea, the sky and the sun. There are no trees at all anywhere on the island. There are wildflowers: wild irises, wild roses, and many more I can't identify.

Buildings include: two ancient hotel buildings, an infirmary, a recreation building, a marine laboratory, two motel-like dormitories, numerous small cottages, an art building, a barn, two gazebos, and a candle-lit stone chapel that is more than 170 years old. The buildings are clustered near the western side of the island, with the chapel at the island's highest point.

-Danny Pentlarge

VITAL INFORMATION: Dates-June 21-27
Site-Star Island, Isle of Shoals (boat leaves from Portsmouth, N.H.)
Cost-(Includes boat fare, registration, and room & board) \$82.00
Registrar-Patty Murdoch, 36 Revere St., Brockton MA 02401
Chairperson-Daniel Eaton Pentlarge

This is a North Eastern Regional Organization conference, and conferees are subject to all NERO rules.

Star Island, N.H.

April, 1975



MORSHU SERVICE

This is a worship service that was done first at the 1974 Eastern Canadian Federation Easter conference in Ottawa, Ont., and then at Continental Conference '74 in North Carolina.

Perhaps you can find more appropriate readings and music.

Lets Get Out of the Bullshit!

1. People Are Strange--The Doors
2. Heavy Rap #1

I went to a conference the other day, and since that conference was in another fed many miles from my own, I found that I knew no one. This did not bother me, though, because I felt a sense of community with LRYers everywhere and was sure that I would make friends easily. So I tried the various breaking-the-ice conversation openers,

(You know the stuff: What's your name? Where you from? I like your pants.) hoping that an interesting conversation, a meaningful dialogue or a friendship would develop. But to my dismay none did. Soon the entire conference had broken into small cliques or couples. Finally, in pure frustration, I ran into one of the smaller rooms and yelled that I needed someone to talk to. But here, too, I received no support and instead got stares indicating an extreme discomfort at my presence.

This forced me to ask the question: why am I an LRYer?

3. See Me--Feel Me--The Who (from Tommy)
4. On the Loose--pg 41-- by Terry Russell
5. heavy Rap #2

I talked to a non-LRY friend of mine the other day about LRY. I won't go into the details of the conversation, except to quote one line from her that struck me pretty hard: "LRY--they're all a bunch of actors conforming to the LRY norm."

And as I look back on my years as an LRYer I find that often I have to agree with her.

For over the years I have acquired a number of things which allow me to move freely and make friends with LRYers. Here are a few of them:

- 1) A pair of jeans with over 300 patches on them.
- 2) A repertoire of good hitchhiking, border-crossing and dope-smoking stories.

- 3) The ability to turn a back massage into a night in bed with the massagee.

This forced me to ask the question: Why am I an LRYer?

6. Look Into the Sun--Jethro Tull (from the album Stand Up)
7. Friendship (From The Prophet)
8. heavy Rap #3

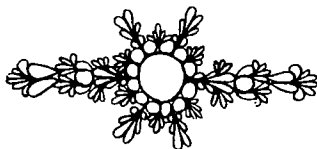
Why am I an LRYer?
Why am I an LRYer?
Why am I an LRYer?

No matter how I asked it it still sounded the same. So at the risk of sounding too sentimental, heavy or schmaltzy, I'll answer it.

I need to love.
I need to be loved.
I need to touch.
I need to be touched.
I need to play.
I need someone to play with.
I need to cry.
I need someone to cry with.

It is the potential for satisfying these needs that makes me an LRYer. Pay attention to your brothers and sisters. **Get out of the bullshit.**

9. Song for Mr C--Shawn Phillips (from the album Collaboration)
10. Postlude



Program? PROGRAM!

As is my habit after a day in the office, I settled down around our kitchen table yesterday with some company from the apartment upstairs and a nice cold glass of beer (Black Label, by the way, it's the cheapest around here). And, as so often happens, the conversation turned to beer and confronted such issues of high importance as: what's the best beer, what beers are in returnable bottles, should you put salt in your beer, and the advantages of Canadian beer over American beer, etc.

Now beer really has nothing to do with the program except to point out that people like to talk about things that are important to them (I like to talk about beer for instance) and often the things that are important to you are the things you do regularly. Like eating for instance. Which brings us to the topic of this Soup's program: FOOD (something I'm sure you'll agree is important). So...below are listed a bunch of things you and your local group can do which center around food.

● Have the LRYers in your group catch a ride to church with the closest Unitarian and during the service bake up a bunch of Granola, cookies or brownies in the church kitchen. Then sell the fresh, tasty food to the congregation. You might also sell some lemonade (they really like it if you put some ginger ale in it) to the kids because the churches usually forget to provide refreshments for the younger segment of their congregation. When you've got a bunch of money, hold a formal dinner at your local McDonalds complete with ties and candles on the table. It should prove to be a good time.

● Every two or three weeks have a big Sunday dinner at someone's house. You might want to center the meal around various cultures' menus or totally immerse yourselves in one culture's (Polynesian for example) until you become experts at that kind of cook cooking.

● Celebrate group members' birthdays and special holidays with a big dinner. If its a birthday don't forget the cake.

● Organize a cooking class! Encourage all to come; beginners and experienced, and teach each other. "Diet for a Small Planet" can help you learn recipes that are simple, nourishing, cheap and good to eat! The preparation of a community meal by eager participants can provide an opportunity to work and learn with other society members in a comfortable way that many society activities don't provide.

● Have the cooking class or LRY group plan a monthly vegetarian meal for the whole church. Have car pools arranged before hand. Put signs on the tables explaining what each food is and how it is healthy, also pointing out that meals without sugar and meat are less exploitive. Make the evening educational and fun.

The last two suggestions are from the UUSC "Spotlight on World Hunger" packet (see article). Which is absolutely the best thing your local can get hold of if you want to get into the political and moral aspects (and your local should, since we already agreed that food is important).



World Hunger

The problem of world hunger is one that is usually looked at in the simple terms of over-population equaling starvation. The solution is often looked at in similar simplicity; hungry people need food, so send it.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is distributing a packet of materials entitled "Spotlight-World Hunger" to inform Unitarian Universalists of the hunger crisis and their inadvertent participation in its causes.

L.R.Y. has written a pamphlet that accompanies the U.U.S.C.'s packet. It begins with an article on why we as L.R.Y.ers should become involved in social actions. The next article discusses how hunger relief is definitely a very political problem and not just one that Christian generosity and an understanding of population curves will solve.

Instead, these materials point out that U.S. foreign policy prevents the self-sufficiency of starving nations and that if we're to prevent mass starvation, we must effect change in this country.

From the L.R.Y. pamphlet:

"These agencies [international relief agencies] are doing what they can, but because what they do depends on the good will of the governments of the peoples they serve, they must maintain political neutrality. It is Americans who must take an interest in the political gains and consequences of U.S. foreign policy, because until Americans understand the political aspects of hunger relief, the successes of those agencies will not be safe. There is currently little knowledge, among U.S. citizens, of the specific circumstances under which our government delivers aid and conducts trade. For instance, Chile received aid from the United States until Allende, a threat to U.S. business there, became president, and within days after the military coup overthrew him, that U.S. aid was continued. As long as Americans allow it, U.S. business will continue to thrive off the world, perpetuating hunger for profit."

The pamphlet goes on to give several pages of suggestions on how to use the U.U.S.C.'s packet and resources in your U.U. society, your school and your community.

The packet consists of these four sections:

The first examines the world food crisis and how it developed, including natural factors such as drought; the increased price of oil and consequently of oil by-products such as fertilizer; and population growth in isolation and linked with economic development.

American over-consumption and the unjust allocation of the world's resources is explored in the second section. Section three contains a complete package of worship services for U.U. societies for two or more weeks, including participation exercises, songs and readings.

What individuals, societies and larger groups can do politically to change national policy on food relief and development assistance is outlined in the fourth section, which spans meatless meals to legislative lobbying.

Also contained therein, is an annotated print bibliography on such issues as population strategy, multi-national corporations, agribusiness, development issues and resource distribution; and a film bibliography on the hunger crisis.

To obtain the entire package, have your minister or fellowship president write to "Spotlight-World Hunger"

78 Beacon St.
Boston, Ma. 02108



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: last resort court

Prisoners of conscience. Ordinary people like you and me, who do not believe in the same political or religious ideas as the government of the country they live in, are arrested and swamped with allegations of treason, conspiracies and the like. They are thrown in jail without fair trial or any hope of one. They may be in there for a few days or weeks, or they could be forgotten for years.

But for however long they are in jail, many will be subjected to torture, mental and physical, and most of those will be forced to their fellow prisoners tortured as well.

Sheltered in our free and democratic society, we rarely, if ever, hear of torture or unfair prison treatment. But torture is as widespread now as it was in medieval time. Only it becomes more and more sophisticated every time there is a medical, pharmacological, psychological, or technological advancement. There is evidence indicating that torture is now routine in over thirty countries, and there is a growing involvement of doctors, pharmacologists, behavioral psychologists, and technicians. Presumably, this is an effort to develop effective methods of torture which leave no incriminating marks, since the practice of primitive methods based on physical force are illegal.

Although primitive torture methods are still common, physical tortures often involve electricity and modern technology. Psychological torture methods use drugs and sensory deprivation, and some drugs used cause severe and painful muscle contractions and can be fatal unless administered under strict medical supervision.

Sensory deprivation uses science in a less direct way than drugs. A technique used in Northern Ireland consists of stripping the

prisoner, forcing him to lean on his fingertips against the wall, putting a hood over his head and then subjecting him to deafening noise. This can be traced back to some perfectly innocent experiments done over twenty years ago by Dr. John Lilly. The technique used to try to study his own mind was to float in body temperature water in a sound-proof room, which removed almost all sensory stimuli. As other sensory deprivation experiments followed, there was evidence of cognitive deterioration, paranoid states, thought disorder, anxiety, hallucination, and schizophrenic-like states. These leave few or no physical signs, but too often, damage to the mind is irreversible.

Put what can be done about all this? Amnesty International is an organization that

works full time on a campaign to release prisoners of conscience and abolish torture. It is very difficult though, when information about goings-on behind bars are kept secret except when a prisoner is released and can tell his experiences.

Through a contact network, field workers, and occasional unsolicited information, the head office in London, England does discover incidences of torture, and imprisonment without trial. Local chapters of A.I. all over the world "adopt" three prisoners, one from a western country, a communist country, and an underdeveloped country. The members of the local group then write letters to the government involved urging humane treatment and/or release for the prisoner. Often this sort of pressure, combined with the pressure that occurs when individual cases are publicized, results in release, or at least, more humane treatment for the prisoner.

It is unfortunate that governments fail to comply with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Real people with real feelings are detained unjustly and severed from normal life, causing acute personal suffering.

To cite an example, Huynh Tan Mam is a 29-year-old student. He is a persistent opposer to the Thieu regime and has criticized American presence in Vietnam. These

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Deportation Threatens Vietnamese Students

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Vietnamese living or studying overseas are also subject to the long arm of the Saigon police state. Cao Thi My Loc, one of the seven students facing deportation here in the United States, testified that in 1969 a Saigon Court Martial sentenced students (who were not even present at their trial) to six years in prison for their peace activities in foreign countries.

Even the Senate Appropriations Committee supports the student's contention: "The existence of political prisoners is beyond reasonable dispute... (and) substantiated accounts of cases of mistreatment and torture of such prisoners has been authoritatively reported" (Report on FY 1974 Foreign Aid Bill).

The New York Times recently reported the case of Dang Thi Hien, a 25 year old woman who was arrested in Saigon for no apparent reason. During police interrogation she was stripped, beaten, shocked with electricity, kicked between the legs, had soapy water pumped into her stomach, and was left unconscious on the floor with a live eel in her underpants (August 18, 1974).

The Legal Basis for Asylum

These descriptions are precisely the legal requirement for granting political asylum. Article 243(h) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act states: "The Attorney General is authorized to withhold deportation of any alien...to any country in which in his opinion the alien would be subject to persecution on account of...political opinion." In the deportation hearings presently underway, the Immigration Judge and the District Commissioner of INS are exercising the power of the Attorney General and can grant asylum.

Also, Article 33 of the United Nations Convention of Refugees (ratified in 1968) states that "No contracting state shall expel or return a refugee where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of...political opinion."

Who Supports the Students?

Already hundreds of individuals have written letters, attended the hearings or picketed in support of the students. Members of Congress and Senators are also taking a stand. Among those who have spoken out are: Senators James Abourezk, Birch Bayh, Allan Cranston, Mark O. Hatfield, and John Tunney; and Representatives Glenn Anderson, Bella Abzug, George Brown Jr., John Conyers, Ronald Dellums, Don Edwards, Michael Harrington, Augustus F. Hawkins, Paul N. McCloskey, Jr., Fortney Stark, Tomas Rees, Jerome Waldie, and Charles Wilson.



Buddhist monks imprisoned in "Tiger Cage".

What You Can Do

Your Support is Needed. Please write the following people, putting major emphasis on INS District Director Joseph Sureck. The students feel that their deportations can be stopped at the local level of INS if enough pressure is evident. When writing your Congressional representatives also ask that they intervene with District Director Sureck.

Joseph Sureck
District Director of INS
300 N. Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, CA 90010

William Saxbe
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20536

Leonard F. Chapman, Jr.
Commissioner of INS
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington, D.C. 20536

Henry Kissinger
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20536

Be sure to include in your letter support for the students' demand for political asylum and information regarding the repression and terror of Thieu's police state. Please send a copy of all correspondence about the students to their lawyer. Frank Pestana
619 S. Bonnie Brae St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90057.

STOP THE DEPORTATIONS

Attn: Dept. of State; Immigration and Naturalization Service
Washington, D.C. 20536

We the undersigned are opposed to the deportation of Vietnamese living in the United States, who are exercising their right to speak freely on the issue of peace in Vietnam.

At present, if they were to be deported to South Vietnam, they would face almost certain imprisonment and possible torture and death under the Saigon regime. Therefore, we support their demand for temporary political asylum until the Paris Peace Agreements are fully implemented, guaranteeing their rights.

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Amnesty International

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two things have resulted in his being constantly in and out of jail during the past few years. He was first arrested in March 1970 for "being a member of a communist spy ring". Mam was accused of treason against the Saigon authorities because he opposed American policy in Indochina. He was released following widespread publicity in the foreign press and increasing student dissatisfaction over his arrest. A few months later, after the assassination of Le Khac Sinh Nhut, (a "moderate" student leader), Mam was re-arrested. Government-inspired posters on behalf of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) appeared in Saigon accusing Mam of the murder, though many independent observers feel this was an attempt at discrediting him and presenting him as an extremist. Again, world-wide protests at the flimsy evidence against him forced, through constant pressure, the Thieu regime to release Mam.

In January 1972, Mam was arrested with 61 students, intellectuals, and civil rights leaders. They were taken to National Police Headquarters in Saigon and apparently subjected to a brutal series of interrogations. One student released from the National Police Headquarters said he'd seen Mam being tortured by the police, with "blood flowing from his eyes and ears. Liquid had been injected into his veins, and he had been conscious only intermittently for seven days". The student further alleged that Mam's eyes were exposed for long periods to a powerful electric lamp. His eyesight deteriorated as a result of this, but he continued to write letters to friends, acquaintances and organizations throughout the world condemning the practices of the Thieu regime. Mam pointed out in his letters that large numbers of students were being detained without trial or conviction of political offences, and asked for their release under the terms of the January 1973 Peace Agreement.

In May 1973, Saigon announced that Mam was included on the list of prisoners to be exchanged with the PRG at Loc Ninh; he refused to be repatriated to the PRG. At Loc Ninh, in the presence of the International Commission for Control and Supervision and the Bipartite Military Commission (both set up under the Paris Agreement), Mam was promised an unconditional release in Saigon by Saigon authorities. Instead, on return to Saigon he was sent to Chi Hoa prison. Authorities now claim he has rallied to the government and is at present attending a course of "re-education". At the time of writing, Luynh Tan Mam's whereabouts are unknown, and there are fears for his life.

This is but one of the 3,450 A.I. cases under adoption or investigation, and there are hundreds of thousands more prisoners of conscience detained throughout the world. It would take columns to list all the countries where torture or unjust imprisonment exist, but the list does include Canada and the United States. Specifically: Canada during the FLQ crisis in 1970 jailed many without trial or conviction, and the United States, an example is Martin Sostre, a black intellectual who ran a bookshop, and was framed by police because of his radical activities.

Injustice does not just exist in other hemispheres. Third World tendencies are dangerously close to home, and it is very easy to forget what you have just read, to forget about the human suffering and agony. But what if it were you?

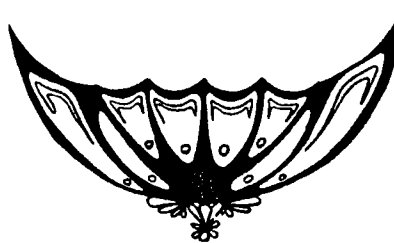
by Valerie Clowes,
President of Ottawa LRY
First Unitarian Congregation
of Ottawa
2101 Algonquin Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1T2

Write Valerie for more information about how you can get involved.



Urban Service Experience

The UUSC's Urban Service Experience provides an opportunity to live with eleven other youth for one month, while actively working on social change projects. The projects available are in the fields of communications, (videotaping), criminal justice (court monitoring), and community organizing in health care, day care, care for the elderly, or related areas. For further information, write to: Urban Work Camp Committee, c/o UUSC, 78 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108.



LRY Speaks At Press Conference

Tuesday, April 8 the National Student Coalition Against Racism held a news conference at the State House to express their opposition to the most recent "desegregation plan" and to promote their giant pro-bussing march scheduled for May 17.

Representatives of several student organizations were present to affirm their organizations' support of NSCAR and the civil rights movement. Among them was Beverly Treumann, speaking for LRY:

"Powerful forces have come together in Boston, in an attempt to impede the continuing desegregation program initiated by the Supreme Court decision nearly 21 years ago. Racially segregated schools meant inferior education for black students then and they mean the same thing today.

L.R.Y., an affiliate organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association,

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car pools, of all things, are the first sign of a new middle-class consciousness involving getting away from the "rugged individualist" philosophy. If a really significant number of people start forming them, I will regard it as a hopeful sign of the adaptability of humankind to changing situations.) Omgod, did I really just say "these troubled times"? I think it's time to end this article. Anyway, you know what I mean.

-Bill Cameron

Recreation Article

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But to get back on the subject of recreation, I must bring up one of its most vital forms. It's known as the old "sing-a-long". This is when everyone raises their voices high and emits songs of popular LRY fame. It's a wonderful way to put color in your face and fake the lyrics.

So, next time you are at a conference, try to pay special attention to what recreation goes on. Produce some yourself; it's the best form of emotional and physical energy known to humanity. It brings about happiness and even maturity, believe it or not. This is because recreation is a great self-experience, and experience is not what happens to a person but rather what one does with one's self.

Written by Drew Derby

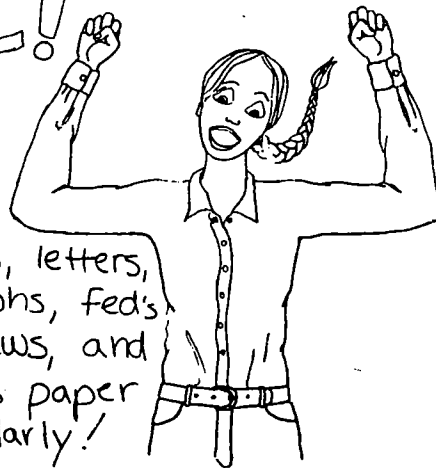
will not sit on the sidelines while black students are attacked in Boston and while some legislators in Washington consider eliminating an effective means of enabling black children to get an equal education, namely bussing.

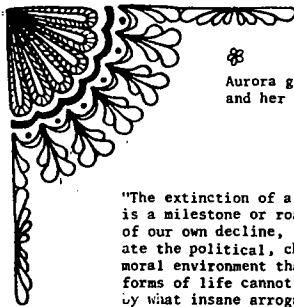
It is necessary to mobilize the thousands of people in Boston and around the country who are deeply opposed to racism, to show that they will not allow equality in education to be compromised by mobs, politicians or the court appointed Masters (supervisors of a so-called "desegregation plan" who manipulate racial percentages in school districts. Their idea of desegregating East Boston, for example, was to bring in enough white students to lower the proportion of blacks to a mere 95%.)

We in the continental office urge the members of Liberal Religious Youth, and all other people who support the civil rights cause, to join the massive demonstration in support of desegregation on May 17 in Boston.

PLEASE! YOU

Must send in articles, letters, graphics, photographs, Fed's ups and downs news, and personals, if this paper is to come out regularly!





Aurora glows while a freckle tickles a little girls cheek and her braid laughs down her back.

Jan Stone.

"The extinction of a species is a milestone or roadmarker of our own decline, If we create the political, chemical & moral environment that other forms of life cannot survive, by what insane arrogance do we think we could survive?"

Roger Terry Peterson



They say;
Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
They also say,
Out of sight out of mind
I don't think They know what they are talking about.

Deanna

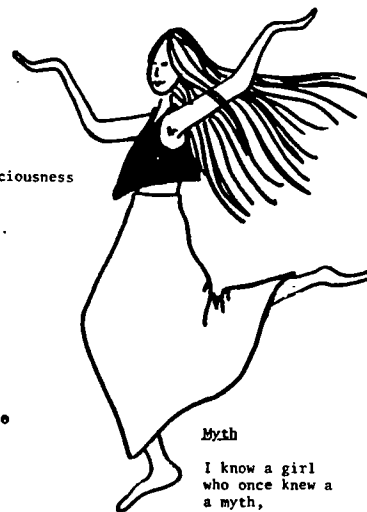
A Gift of Iris

Iris Broken in the wind,
Soft on flesh
A cat's-breath lavender
And midnight -pale green.
(against this dark,
the flash of light;
against the dawn,
the flask of night)
This flower, triad petalled,
Like you eyes, soft and misty.
Perhaps It was a dream
That I woke from
To find myself in this
Mysterious ruined garden,
Only an iris left
To give you.

Faith

The gift is given
in dark eyes
bright with amazement
and delighted
that the circle has been formed.
I feel your smiles in my heart.
Trust flows through our joined hands
like electricity
and rises in our faces
to give, courage is required,
faith to receive.
Remove the husk
taste the sweet renewals of each other soul.
This is given us.
It is miracle enough.

Carol Suzanne Lashof.



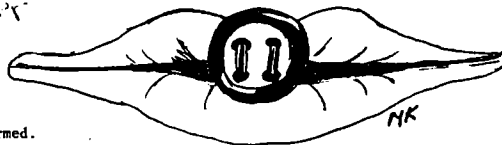
Myth

I know a girl
who once knew a
myth,
personally.

But it died.
(the coroner's report said
of disbelief.)

Arlee Barr

health



Catching a wave, you fool
is like trying to catch something
which is here but then gone
It exists now, but will vanish later...
You are trying to catch freedom.
(if you hold it, it will not be free).

Steven L. Gradman
Star Island '74



I see an old man selling on the corner with
Bittersweet coffee running through his arteries
I hear they have a throw-away sale at the
Grocery store, 2 for 49¢
He shivers in the cold air looking
Hopelessly at the empty streets
Supply and demand old boy, supply and demand

David Kranz



Contentment creeps across the water then
to caress the shore
I stood and watched it come, dipping my toes
in cool contentment

Jane Pemberton



These poems were written at Unistat
1973.



BOOK REVIEW

Work Force is a magazine published bi-monthly by Vocations for Social Change, an Oakland, CA based collective which is a resource center and clearinghouse for people interested in getting involved in social action projects. Each issue of Work Force is centered around a theme-- for example, the one for the March-April 1975 issue is "Day Care." Some of the articles are: "Day Care Workers: We're Organizing," "Youth Liberation through Day Care: breaking out of the Play Pen", and Cooperative Childcare and Socialism." Chosen themes receive thorough treatment from several angles, both through investigative reporting by the Work Force staff, and articles from experts in that field. Some other issues have been about mental health institutions, unemployment among the working class, radical teachers, old people, law and public health.

The back pages of Work Force are devoted to listing "alternative institutions" who are looking for people interested in

working for them. Some jobs, such as teaching in free schools, need experienced and qualified people, while some others only require dedication. Also listed are local projects going on that you might want to look into, not necessarily on a full-time basis.

Work Force has a very sensible, functional format which reflects its relatively low budget. It's printed on newsprint, and everything is typed (without any fancy, even, right-hand margins--so what?). Twice a year they also publish a Resource Guide, which lists over 200 social change organizations in the US and Canada, plus more job listings.

LRV gets about 30 free copies of each issue of Work Force, which have for the most part just been gathering dust on our shelves. If you'd like one or more copies, just write and ask for them, and enclose three 10¢ stamps for each copy.

Or subscribe directly through Vocations for Social Change, 5951 Canning St., Oakland, CA 94609. For one year's subscription they'd appreciate a donation of \$7.00, but if you can't afford that, just send what you can.

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RESOURCE GUIDE

Fed Ups & Downs



Bay Shore Federation: No one took the time to send in a fed ups and downs form.

Central Mass Fed: No one took the time to send in a fed ups and downs form.

Central Midwest Fed: A Board of Trustees meeting March 14-16 perfected their proposed new constitution which will be ratified at the spring conf. in Evanston Ill. May 9-10-11 themed "Learning to Tie Your Shoelaces". FREE to out of fidders, if they pre-register before May 5. The registrar is Carolyn Comiskey, 1319 Dobson, Evanston Ill 60202. Meanwhile they're having a spring Leadership Training Weekend in Geneva, Ill. April 11-13.

Conn. Valley Fed: had a conference on the theme of "Liberation" April 4-6 in Amherst, Ma.

Del. Valley Fed: No one took the time to send in a fed ups and downs form.

Eastern Canadian Fed: Good conference held in Mississauga (Toronto) during Easter. Their magazine, the Unicorn, was printed in time for the conference. The executive committee met with other interested ECF'ers at a meeting in which we brought the constitution up to date and elected Steve Michnick to fill the place of Paul Dickson who resigned.

Godardful Fed: No one took the time to send in a fed ups and downs form.

GNAF Fed: Had their annual triangle conference (see article).

Hosea Ballou Fed: No one took the time to send in a fed ups and downs form.

Jersey Area Fed: There will be a conference in Summit April 18-20 and one in Ridgewood May 30 to June 1.

Long Island Fed: No one took the time to send in a fed ups and downs form.

Lower Southern District: They had a superlative conference called "The Experiment" in Indian Springs State Park in Georgia, March 27-30 at which new officers were elected--Pres. Susan Buis, 6550 Burdett Dr., Atlanta, Ga., 30328; Vice Pres. Michelle Mellot; Treasurer Vickie Adams; Secretary Liz Audolph. They're planning to put out a newspaper.

Metropolitan Area Fed: At a recent N.Y.C. conference, Doris Burford was elected president, Bill Kates, vice pres., and Lucy Auster has been appointed secretary. In the eyes of their newsletter editor "The N.Y.C. conference was a total nightmare; MAF is down the drain--and perhaps only (the new committee) can save it." The editor is Maddie Keeve; she publishes the *The MAF Manifestation*, and is thinking of taking an opinion poll of all reachable MAFers in its next issue.

MVF/Friends Fed: There is still no real consensus on their name. March 21-22 Exec Comm Meeting in Lincoln Neb. to rewrite constitution. April 11-13 a jointly sponsored Lincoln/Omaha Rally to be put on for the whole fed, at the downtown Omaha Church. Spring conference will be in Davenport IA. the first or second weekend in May. An advi-

sor's conference has been planned but they have not let us know when! An NSF-MVF camp-out will happen the 2nd weekend in June, probably in Guthrie Center Ia.

New Hampshire Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form

Narragansett Fed: In March had a closed conference on "goals" in E. Greenwich R.I. with 21 people attending. Next conf. will probably be in Newport, R.I.

Norfolk Suffolk Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

North Star Fed: We had a conference on "interpersonal Relationships" in Hanska, Mn. Feb. 21-23. Spring conference is in May for more info. Melessa Barnes 2613 64th Ave. N., Mpls Minn., 55430. We plan to put out a paper soon, contributions welcome. Our plans for our summer camp, Unistar, are going well. The theme is "Taking Care of Yourself and Your Community". Most of our workshops are already planned. Unistar will be June 28-July 4.

Ohio Valley Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

Phoenix Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

PSLRY: Easter conference was at De Benneville March 21-26; 130 people came to the best PSLRY conf. in a long while. An LDC May 17-18 in Long Beach. They have put out an LRY coloring Book. LRY work camp (maybe) the 2nd week in June. An SRL conf. at De Benneville June 14-15 \$29. Register for conf. at DeBenneville Pines, Angelos Oaks, Ca. 92305. Also, they have a new local in Tempe, AZ.

Rocky Mountain Fed: Just had a fantastic conference in Alba, N.M. Was the largest and had more community (in my opinion) than any we've had for a couple of years. Conference for fed elections coming May 16-18. Rumors of a new local in Colorado Springs area circulating but nothing definite yet. MICON committee met recently, it is doing well. There is a freeze on the fed treasury but it will probably be lifted soon.

Sahill Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

SanNewt Fed: Now one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

South Middlesex Fed: Is havin a really nifty conference in May. Actually May 16, 17 and 18. It will be in Bedford, MA. The theme is "Live!" It's all about living life to the fullest. The film "Harold & Maude" will be shown. If you will be in the area around then, or want publicity, write: Glaucus Murphy, 110 Davis Rd., Bedford MA., 01730.

Southern Appalachian Mountain Fed: Nothing seems to be happening. Interested people should contact Jeff Hamilton, 4116 Windsor Pl., Raleigh, N.C., 27609 or Mike Snider, 9544 Sarasota Dr., Knoxville, Tenn., 37919.

Sunco Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

Starr King Fed: Had a social actions conference last month, March 22-27 we have a conference well planned. Elections will be held there. A TSAOCTsew regional conference for July 5-12 at Menicino, on the coast. We have rewritten our constitution. Getting lots and lots of new people--losing old ones.

TOAKtm Fed: No one took the time to send in a Fed Ups and Downs Form.

NERO: Had a goals conference (see article). Is having a Spring Think Conference April 23-27 at Rowe Camp.

Spotlight On:

Central Mass.

Central Mass Federation is, at this moment, planning to hold a conference on "Growth". This conference was scheduled for the 11-13 of April but due to the lack of a site, it fell through. It was planned by the C.S.W. Local (Cambridge School of Weston). We had a tentative site chosen but felt obligated to withdraw when the local group there expressed a general ambivalence towards conferences (none of them had ever been to a conference).

Now the conf. planning committee is fired with new enthusiasm since the entire conf. is planned (food, advisors, publicity ...) EXCEPT for the location and dates. We are eagerly hunting for a new site.

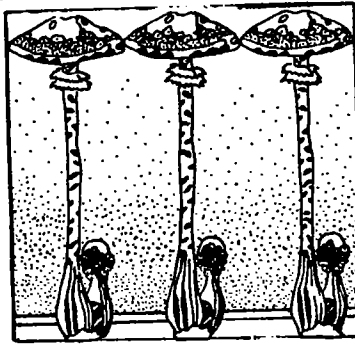
Central Mass. Fed. has been on shaky grounds for a while. In a recent exec Comm. meeting, the idea of merger with certain feds was tossed around and a joint exec comm. meeting is being planned. I feel that some NERO feds are too small, and lack the people to organize them. Because of this lack, C-Mass-Fed almost decided to become a ward of NERO. Hopefully some of these problems will be solved at the upcoming Spring Think Conf., where NERO will be re-organized.

We did have a day rally in Feb. which drew 20 people. Several new people recognized their "general sympathy with LRY's goals and purposes" and added their names to the C-Mass. roles.

There is an open ended argument going on with South Middlesex Fed. (SMF) over the CSW Local, because CSW is right in the middle of SMF territory. Most of the local's members' first conference was in CMF. So upon their request, CMF adopted them.

As the fed halts on the brink of the unknown, what will happen next? Read about it in *Fed Ups and Downs* in the next Soup.

Paul Pigman and Danny Pentlarge



△ TRIANGLE '75

At dawn of the 27th of March, I started my trip from Boston to Lucketts, Virginia. 17 hours later, a group of LRYers picked me up in a town near Lucketts. If at any point along the way, anyone had asked me why I was traveling over 500 miles to a conference when there was a conference 40 miles from my starting place that same weekend, I would have looked blank and said "I don't really know." Certain things I had heard about the "triangle madness" made me wonder.

The theme was Arts and Crafts of Body & Spirit, and it was held at the Glayden School. Since I arrived at 11:15p.m., I did not see much of the grounds. In the morning I saw that I had made some sort of wrong turn and made it to heaven. There were meals!!! I don't mean breakfast was served in the morning at some time; it was served at 8:00 o'clock on the dot. Lunch at 1:00 and dinner at 6:00. They were never late and always good. This made everyone happy right from the start.

Workshops took a while to get started but were good. They included plexiglass sculpture, sand casting, kite making, and swimming (in what I am sure was 30 degree water). On Saturday, there was somewhere around 250 people scattered across the school.

One interesting thing happened Saturday afternoon. All day it had been drizzling and cloudy. A person in the kite making workshop made a kite with L.R.Y. emblazoned across it. Being proud of the work, the person called to some other people "hey, see what I made..." At that moment, the clouds burst open, pouring light onto the uplifted kite. People cheered. One person had a heart seizure. Another fell to his knees, mumbling, "A sign...Vog-Sothoth is here..." Yet another ran in circles, yelling "The sun! It's the sun! I can see the sun!" I can honestly say that I've never had so much fun, and never seen anything quite like Triangle '75.

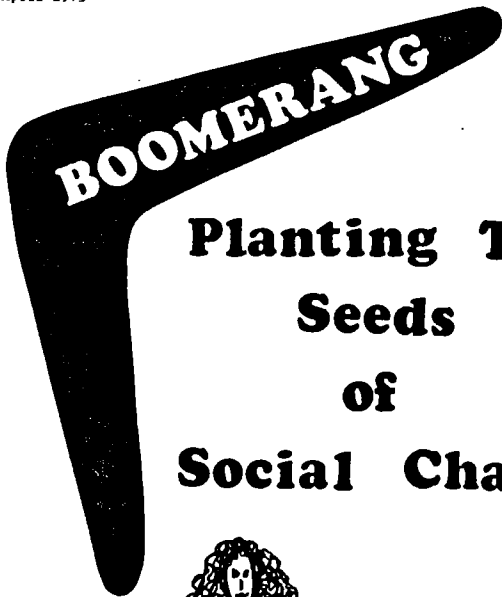
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Planting The Seeds of Social Change



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Continental Conference 1975

A Boomerang is a weapon, a tool, that when used skilfully and knowledgably, hits its target and returns to the thrower, ready to be used again.

Our energy, much like the boomerang, can be directed at a target, be it the alleviation of world hunger, racism, or sexism and will return to us in a positive way, instilling in us feelings of self-worth, satisfaction and maturity, plus the readiness to go on to bigger and better things.

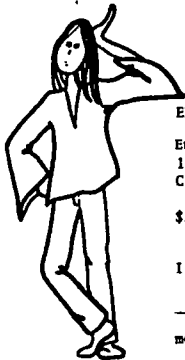
At this years Continental Conference we will be focusing on ways to direct positive energy into our society to bring about a revolution in attitudes and structures. We will be planting the seeds of social change while cultivating our minds and bodies with experiences.

Circle Pines Camp, located in Southern Michigan, is owned by a co-operative. The camp has a beautiful piece of shoreline with lake front cabins, a farm house, orchards and 240 acres of picturesque land to play, sleep, learn, meditate and get lost in.

The camp will be ours from August 17 thru the 23rd. There will be regular morning workshops to warm up our minds and bodies: Tai Chi, meditation, yoga, dance and theater. We will also be learning how to direct our energies toward social change in schools, cities, government and our sex roles.

The cost of this years continental conference will be \$45.00 if you pre-register, \$15.00 now and \$30.00 when you get there. The cost to anyone who doesn't pre-register will be \$50.00, and there is absolutely no guarantee that they will be admitted. There are a very large number of LRYers in the general area of this year's conference site, and we anticipate a hell of a lot of pre-registrations. Since one of the purposes behind Continental Conference is to develop a sense of community with our brothers and sisters from California to Canada, we feel that it is very important for all of us to be able to eat, dance, sing and share together. Due to the lack of meeting places that could hold hundreds and hundreds of people, attendance will be limited to 275. So we repeat: PRE-REGISTER EARLY!

registration:



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Emmett Jordan
1858 Northcutt Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

45237

\$30 BALANCE WILL BE DUE WHEN YOU ARRIVE

da RULES: NO alcohol
NO drugs
NO weapons

If you are under 18, have parent or guardian sign this: I hereby give permission for

_____ to attend the 1975 LRY Continental Conference and to receive

medical care if necessary. (Signed) _____

Name _____

Address _____ zip or postcode: _____

Phone () _____ Fed _____ Briefly state what reality means to you _____

Are you a vegetarian? ___ If so, why not? _____ Any other special diet? _____

What was your birthdate? _____ (no Virginia, we're not going to do a horoscope)

We'll send you further information (especially where it is, exactly) after we receive your preregistration.