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New Anti-Draft Challenge: Mom vs. Hershey

PAN ALTO, CALIF. (LNS) - A California mother and her son are raising a new legal challenge to the Selective Service laws: Does a draft board have first claim on a minor child, or does a parent have final authority?

Erik Whitehorn turned 18 last October 19th, but his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Whitehorn, will not allow him to register for the draft. And Erik, of course, is in on the act.

Mrs. Whitehorn argues that a boy Erik's age cannot own property, cannot get married, cannot sign a contract, and is by legal definition, not a person. Therefore, by extension, Mrs. Whitehorn says, her son cannot be registered for the draft without her permission.

Mrs. Whitehorn, who works as a real estate agent in Palo Alto, went to Erik's draft board in San Jose, but she told LNS that no one in authority would speak to her. There is no indication of what legal action will be taken against Erik and his mother once the refusal is formally noted by the draft board.

In a letter to the board, Mrs. Whitehorn wrote:

"In the past year or so I have become quietly and desperately deprived of enough confidence in the conduct and reasoning of our policy in Vietnam. No amount of responsible dissent by Eugene McCarthy, the late Robert Kennedy, Nelson Rockefeller, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, or anyone else, seemed to have any effect. I have thought about the German people and the war crimes. I wondered how many of them, many years ago, had a similar disquiet as to what they considered the violation of human values, and their quiet incapacity to accept their leaders' ideas of 'patriotism' and 'national interest' as sufficient for what was being done. For the past few years, my family has become increasingly aware of the intensifying use of military force to solve a political problem. We are devastating a people and a country as we prolong the period in which we try to avoid admitting we may have miscalculated somewhere else along the line."

California Dream Is Regents Nightmare

SANTA CRUZ, CAL. (LNS) - Hundreds of student activists showed the University of California Regents where it's at when the Regents met on this campus recently. In addition Gov. Ronald Reagan came to an open Regents meeting and heard students give their candid evaluation of him ("Fuck you, Reagan").

About five hundred students gathered outside the building where the Regents were meeting October 17 to make three demands:

1) rescind the single-lecture limit for outside speakers, i.e. let Eldridge Cleaver give all his lectures for credit.

2) do not serve table grapes on any campuses

3) name a new seventh undergraduate college on the Santa Cruz campus after Malcolm X, with a curriculum relevant to black students.

There was a scuffle with Chancellor Dean McHenry at the entrance of the Regents' meeting room, when a few dozen students

decided to storm in. McHenry told one girl that she was suspended and had one hour to leave campus, but later a dean told the chancellor to cool it ("that it could cause trouble") and the suspension was rescinded.

Reagan came to try to propose limitations on traditional faculty powers, including control over course content, curriculum, degree requirements and tenure, and to take the appropriate steps to keep Cleaver off the campus altogether. As he read his resolution, the students yelled, "Fuck you, Reagan!" The motion was tabled, 13-8, but it will be brought up anew at the Regents' next convocation.

After the meeting, the students surrounded Reagan. He talked to them for an hour, but the students kept interrupting. Eventually there was a shoving contest, and Reagan had to be protected by his bodyguards. Students sat down around Reagan's bus to prevent him from going on a tour of the campus.

Forward to The Front Lines and Back Again

Saigon (LNS) - The spirit of Joseph Heller haunts Vietnam.

In September, Major General Charles P. Stone, commander of the U.S. Fourth Infantry Division, issued his famous "Saluting Policy" orders.

"Effective immediately," the order began, "Any person stationed in the base camp who is cited for failure to salute will be immediately transferred to the forward area. An individual already stationed in a forward area, such as a brigade train area, who is cited for failure to salute, will be sent farther forward."

General Stone also issued a forward transferral order for soldiers who had their driver's licenses revoked.

The General, however, recently received a communique from the Defense Department. "The country is aroused over your saluting policy," it states, and suggests that he reconsider his order.

Hurt and apparently bewildered ("I don't understand why Defense Department didn't stand up for me."), General Stone has withdrawn the order. "I don't want to be a martyr," he remarked; "I just want to fight the war."



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Revolutionary Letters

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*there are those who can tell you
how to make molotov cocktails, flamethrowers,
bombs, whatever
you might be needing
find them and learn, define
your aim clearly, choose your ammo
with that in mind*

*it is not a good idea to tote a gun
or knife
unless you are proficient in its use
all swords are two-edged, can be used against you
by anyone who can get 'em away from you*

*it is
possible even on the east coast
to find an isolated place for target practice
success
will depend mostly on your state of mind:
meditate, pray, make love, be prepared
at any time, to die*

*but don't get uptight: the guns
will not win this one, they are
an incidental part of the action
which we better damn well be good at,
what will win
is mantras, the sustenance we give each other
the energy we plug into
(the fact that we touch
share food)*

*the buddha nature
of everyone, friend and foe, like a million earthworms
tunneling under this structure
till it falls*

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