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*no time for an editorial this week . . . i was into the winter to much
(among other things) dig it!
love and kisses,
the jack of hearts*

Soldiers As Niggers

*"If you burn things they take away the
matches, but they never stop and ask,
'why are you burning things?'"*

The above quote is interesting because it might have been heard in America's ghettos as well as in an Army stockade. The statement appeared last week in the "San Francisco Express Times." It was taken from an interview of two of the 27 soldiers who are being tried for mutiny following a peaceful demonstration at the Army's Presidio stockade. The soldiers were protesting the killing of a prisoner, as well as the intolerable conditions which have caused "over one hundred serious suicide attempts in eight months." The first three men to be sentenced have received 14, 15, and 16 year terms.

It is difficult to imagine why soldiers who have been imprisoned for relatively short terms, usually not more than 6 months, would try to kill themselves or risk 15 year sentences to protest stockade conditions. Perhaps it can be understood in terms of the street brother with a firebomb in his hand.

The ghetto brother has been imprisoned from birth because of the color of his skin. He knows that a cop may kill him for throwing that firebomb, but he also knows that the cop is acting for the white racist institutions which have created and maintained the ghettos. If the brother doesn't throw the bottle, the authorities will continue to ignore the frustrations of poverty and injustice. Only by bringing attention to the conditions of the ghetto prison can the brother hope for change.

The interview in the "Express Times" offered some further insight into the psychology of rebellion and authoritative repression in America's stockades and ghettos:

"Q: Taking this opportunity, if I for instance had the opportunity to pass on a simple 25-words-or-less message to the authorities about why the prisoners are rebelling at the Presidio, what could you say, I mean, as far as specific things.

STEVE: It's really funny, because there's no specific thing . . . it's things like—they have no understanding; there's some people who can't take jail, really can't stand to be cooped up and they freak out, they attempt suicide, and none of these people get psychiatric care, it's just, "Oh, he's cut himself, that's nice, more excitement tonight!" and they just don't care what anybody does in there . . . But the point is that the public still doesn't take these things seriously. They think that most people in the stockade are dirty criminals anyway, and they aren't. Most of them are very peace-loving people . . . I think the people on the outside that don't realize the things that go on within that organization, well I think they have to be informed first, that's my intention right now, to inform other people so that people in the future won't have to go through the same things we've had to go through."

The prisoners at the Presidio stockade know that the Army will never respond to their legitimate complaints, but they do not have firebombs. They direct their frustrations inward. On February 12, after the first sentence was handed down, a black stockade prisoner poured lighter fluid on his uniform in an attempt to immolate himself. He couldn't burn the stockade, he could only end his frustration by taking his life. The only reason the Army cared enough to put out the flames was because they consider a soldier's suicide an attempt to destroy government property.

—Dan Hazelton

Ending the War: Adventure In Thought

by Mark Persky, Assnt' Ed.

In approaching simply solved problems, politicians and diplomats can unearth a multitude of complexities imperceptible to mere mortals. Consequently, the Vietnam war remains a hemorrhoid in the bowels of America. Although easily achieved, peace remains obscured by many indigestible intricacies. Government officials concerned with national interest wish to maintain an American influence in Southeast Asia. Private citizens concerned with humanity wish to maintain forms of human life in Southeast Asia. Although world peace would be better served by ignoring the former group and their nationalistic objectives, for discussions sake I have formulated a peace plan which can achieve both goals.

The United States should immediately withdraw all troops from South Vietnam. The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong would easily crush the resultant self-reliant Saigon government, uniting the country under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh. At this point, the United States government should legalize the possession and sale of marijuana while keeping its cultivation illegal. The marijuana franchise would be given to that country which grows the best plants, needs foreign capital the most, and provides us with the politically most valuable friendship. That country would of course be the young People's Republic of Vietnam. By becoming America's Grass Basket, she would become economically dependent on the United States. Could we honestly ask anything more of another country?

Black Week

Next week the Afro-American Organization will present its BLACK WEEK. It promises to reveal much to all—confirmed white racists and black philosophers notwithstanding. Check out the following events:

Monday, March 3, 8:30 P.M., South Cafeteria—
Leroi Jones and Company

Tuesday, March 4, 8:30 P.M., South Cafeteria—
Julius Lester, author of controversial
LOOK OUT WHITEY, BLACK POWER'S GONNA
GET YOUR MAMMA!

Wednesday, March 5—
3:00 P.M., Suisman Lounge.
Angello Lewis, poetry reading
8:30 P.M. Faculty Dining Room.
Elliott Dixon Quintet
(subject to change to Sunday,
March 9, 8:30, South Cafeteria.)

Thursday, March 6 to Saturday, March 8—
JOSH WHITE, JR.
(see posters for his schedule.)

—Look out also for paintings by WALTER "RAP" BAILEY during the week.

(All events except Josh White's concert are free. Sponsored by the Speaker's Bureau and the Activities Commission.)

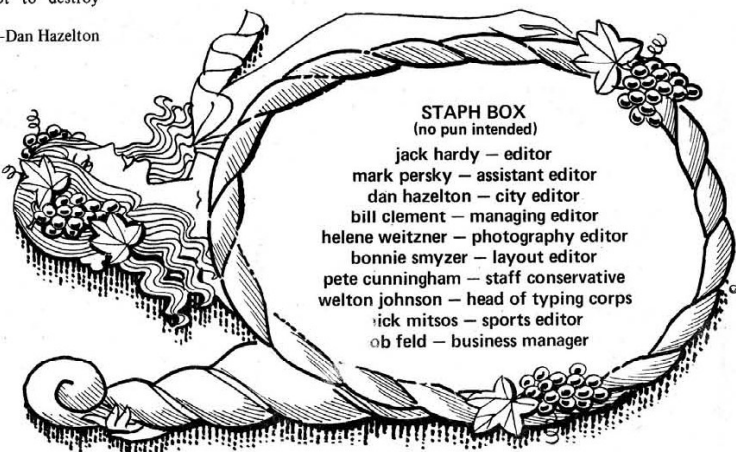
Airline Youth Fares

by Dave Kowalski, News editor

Representative Arnold Olsen (D. Mont.) was joined last week by twenty four House members in introducing a resolution recommending the continuation of youth fares for airlines. The resolution expresses the feeling that the special fares for young people, children, and servicemen on leave "are consistent with the intent and purpose of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958".

According to Olsen, a Civil Aeronautics Board decision last month by Examiner Arthur Present that airline youth fares discriminate against full-fare passengers, and should be eliminated did not reflect the intent of Congress in passing the Federal Aviation Act.

We support Olsen and his twenty four colleagues, and urge other students to lend their support by writing their Congressmen. As college students, we are a large segment of the population with certain specific interests which often remain largely unarticulated. Not only is this a chance for the politically minded to exercise their somewhat limited franchise, but it is a chance for the idealistic to help others. This because most of the reduced rate tickets are sold for seats which would otherwise go unoccupied. Planes flying with less than full capacity on a chronic basis cannot help but raise fares in general. Certainly no one would benefit from the elimination of these fares, unless it be the bus companies, who cannot compete with the added convenience combined with reduced rates on the airlines.



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