

Letters

Children.

Four lifeless bodies. Four dead beings who would have been living, loving brothers and sisters. Think about it for just a moment. Who really killed the four Kent U. students? Why do other countries hate us so much? Why is it that pollution will kill us all anyway, and nobody cares? That's right! Nobody cares. YOU say you care, and then you lift up your own brick to throw. We are all destroying our world with hypocrisy.

I know who is responsible for these four deaths, and those to come. The missile of death came from the National Guard, but who pulled the trigger? It was YOU! You, the armed forces, you the Black Panthers, and you the apathetic slob who clutter our world with hate. It was you, cops; and you SDS; and you Spiro. And it was me.

Does it make you want to cry? If not, pull the trigger again. This time kill all those who are crying. As tears go by Rudy

a war they don't believe in, then I pity them. Our men fighting over there weren't born soldiers, they were made into soldiers. I say OUR men, because they are "our" brothers. They belong to our generation and are forced to fight by a government in which most of them have no say. What can they do now that Nixon has sent troops into Cambodia? Some people said that protesting won't do any good - well the "fighting" men aren't even here to be able to protest. Let's say it for them!!

I know too many guys that are over in Vietnam right now, also some that are back from duty not quite the same as they were when they left, and some that never made it back; and if I'm going to protest it will be for THEM and against Nixon's policy. This should be the main issue now. If there's a strike, let the slogan be, "Bring our men home, before there aren't any to come back!!"

Sandie Lavery

My kind of loyalty was loyalty to one's country, not to its institutions or its office-holders. The country is the real thing...to watch over...institutions are extraneous; they are its mere clothing and clothing can wear out or become ragged...To be loyal to rags, that is the loyalty of unreason...The citizen who thinks he sees that the commonwealth's political clothes are worn out, and yet, holds his peace, and does not agitate for a new suit, is disloyal; he is a traitor. That he may be the only one who thinks he sees this decay, does not excuse him; it is his duty to agitate away.

-Mark Twain

(Washington) - Vice President Spiro Agnew says the fatal shooting of four Kent State University students by National Guardsmen was "apparently an overreaction in the heat of anger." Agnew says he takes great sorrow over the tragedy, but feels the guardsmen acted in the heat of anger and there would have been no shooting if the guardsmen hadn't been attacked by militants. The Vice President says the opinions of younger people are being heard, but, in his words, "the fact that they are heard does not necessarily mean they must be heeded." He says he doesn't understand why some people take offense at his "invective" in acceptable english but find nothing wrong about dissidents Using four-letter words to describe him.

Agnew made the comments in taping a television appearance on the David Frost Show in a Los Angeles studio. It was released in part in Washington.

Williams' kNOW for Peace Committee

We are exploring the possibility of calling a general, national stoppage. No date or time has been set, but we are thinking in terms of a one hour work stoppage in about two weeks time to call on all Americans to unite in support of an end to the expansion of the war and an end to the growing divisiveness of the nation. This stoppage would be a

statement that we cannot understand recent events (Cambodia, etc.) as a positive move for peace. In addition, such a stoppage would be a national effort to re-establish a bond of faith and trust between the people and their government. This stoppage would allow all Americans to make a positive act irrespective of geographical location and occupation. kNOW for Peace'

To all the students attending last night's meeting,

Other than one time last night, when a person mentioned wives going to sleep in empty beds at night', no one once directly spoke about striking to bring the guys now fighting in Vietnam back home. Everyone was quick to denounce Nixon and his present policy in Cambodia (in fact his impeachment got a standing ovation), but no one stood up and spoke for these men. These men who could be you, or your boyfriend, or your brother did not choose to be where they are now. As we all sat there and listened to demands about trustees giving money to the school and getting Hartford cops off campus, there were hundreds of people dying over in Vietnam. Yes, innocent Vietnamese children and women - and young American men.

If anyone is naive enough to think that these men want to fight

Economic Slowdown

The U.S. of America is currently fighting a war in South east Asia -- people are killing and others are being killed. The "killers" are "fighters" -- the "killed" are "victims". But what about the majority of fighters? Where are they?

About 200 years ago in our nation, which was not a nation, but merely 13 separate colonies, we, too, were engaged in a war -- the Revolutionary War, or the fight for independence, from our, then, mother country, England. What measures were taken at that time to make the British people aware of our struggle? One of our first steps was to throw overboard the tea which we were coerced into buying. This plan was twofold: 1) it made the people of England aware that we did not want to be forced into buying their product alone, and 2) it also made the people of

England recognize our right as human beings to decide for ourselves that which we wanted.

Since then, however, changes have taken place. We have grown "fat". We have forgotten how to fight -- we are the forgotten fighters -- who? Both you and I. Why? Over an extended period of years, and decades, the U.S. has encountered many technological advances in every facet of life. Much of this progress has been beneficial to everyone in one way or another. However, we have had too much of a good thing. It has gotten to the point where we expect to live comfortably. It appears that we cannot function physically, psychologically, physiologically, intellectually, and individually without the "good life". Is this really true or does it seem to be true? Can we learn to not want as much as we have already? I think we might be able to do so if we begin at once. How?

The war in Southeast Asia is costing our nation lives and money. Who is paying for this war? Us. What can we do, as citizens, to end it, or at least to make Mr. Nixon listen to us? Money. If our Chief Executive has little regard for human lives, he might have a bit more respect for money. That is, he might consider putting a halt to the war if we put him in a position where there is not much available money for him to pay for the war. Let us appeal for a nation-wide economic slowdown. To do this, let us LIMIT, rather than ELIMINATE. If we eliminate completely all our goods, we will either starve or give in. This would be a short-range plan. Our economy would suffer for two weeks or so, and then terminate itself. We want a long-range effect. Thus, we must limit ourselves. If we cut down on our style of living, for more than just a couple of weeks, the economy will eventually feel it. How can this idea be put into effect now, and who can help? Everyone can help -- we must let our conscience decide for us that which is a necessity and that which is a luxury. We can limit phone calls, electricity, gas, major purchasing (automobiles, TV sets, etc.) TO A MINIMUM. If one happens to go to a movie twice a week, limit it to once a week. The same holds true with restaurants, theatres, etc. If everyone helps, it will be very effective. This is based on the "Keep America Beautiful" program. If each person refrains from throwing a gum wrapper or a tissue on the ground, nature will remain beautiful. If, however, each person is a litterbug, there is going to be an ugly mess. Each person must help in his own way. Remember, LIMIT, don't ELIMINATE.

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with its shenanigans and Mooney and Billings sat in prisons for forty years until a labor-led defense effort paid off with the election of New Deal Democrat as Governor in 1938, who shortly ordered the men released.

B. The second method is to choose a radical activity and to call it a crime, or to charge people under a vague, all-encompassing law. The World War I Espionage and Sedition Act was one such law. Under it, "The courts treated opinions as statements of fact and then condemned them as false cause they differed from the President's speech...Almost all the convictions were for expressions of opinions about the merits and conduct of the war (Political and Civil Rights in the U.S., Emerson, Haber and Dobson, p. 59)

C. The Panther case is a combination of the two approaches. Through the press campaign nationally and prejudicial pretrial publicity locally, the government has attempted to create a popular hysteria reminiscent of the early 1950's, and it is charging all the defendants with the easy to challenge, difficult to defend against crime of conspiracy, as well as a more substantive crime. 6. Conspiracy.

A. The Nature of Conspiracy The nature of the crime of conspiracy deserves some attention. Supreme Court Justice and Nuremberg prosecutor Robert Jackson defined it as an "elastic, sprawling and pervasive offense... (it) exemplifies the tendency of a principle to expand itself to the limit of its logic... loose practice as to this offense constitutes a serious threat to fairness in our administration of justice. The modern crime of conspiracy is so vague that it almost defies definition." (Krulwiltch v. U.S., 336 U.S. 44U) Learned Hand called it "that darling of the modern prosecutors nursery", because of the many advantages it affords the prosecution. (U.S. v. Falcone, 109 Fed. Rep. 579) Hearsay evidence inadmissible under ordinary rules can be used to implicate a defendant of his co-defendants, about which he may know nothing, but for which he may be held liable. The effect of evidence introduced against some defendants may act on the jury in such a way as to produce convictions for all. The mere fact of being tried together associated the defendants in the jury's mind and it may have trouble

remembering which evidence applies to which defendant. If there is a joint defense, the defendants may be identified together in the jury's mind. However, if the defendants have separate counsel, the trial may be lengthened by a repetition of motions and counter-motions. For these reasons the Conference of Senior Circuit Judges, presided over by Chief Justice William Howard Taft warned that "the rules of evidence in conspiracy cases make them most difficult to try without prejudice to an innocent defendant." (Quoted in 24 Brooklyn Law Review 1, "Conspiracy - The Prosecutor's Darling", Solomon A. Klein, p. 1-11.)

B. History and Use of Conspiracy Taft's contention is amply borne out. The crime originated in the Star Chamber, an inquisitorial court of 17th century England, and was reborn in America in 1806 in the Philadelphia Cordwainers case, which ruled that a shoemakers strike was a criminal conspiracy. More recently it has been used against anti-war and other radical groups: the Spock Trial, the Oakland 7, the Chicago Conspiracy Trial (in which one of the defendants is Bobby Seale who is also charged in this case) and in California in several other cases, including some Chicago leaders who organized a school boycott in Los Angeles. The evidence used by the prosecution in the Oakland 7 trial shows how all-inclusive a charge of conspiracy may be. Among the overt acts charged were opening a bank account entitled Stop The Draft Week, hiring buses to carry people from Berkeley to Oakland, arranging a meeting, and transporting loud speaker equipment to the Berkeley campus. In interrogating the U.C. Dean of Students, Jan Bliss, District Attorney Coakley recalled that he had warned the administration that the use of university facilities could be considered a part of a criminal conspiracy, so that university officials could be prosecuted. Such broad use of conspiracy obviously makes a mockery of First Amendment rights.

7. Violations of Due Process: Obstacles to a Fair Trial. The guarantee of due process of law in the Fifth Amendment means that everyone has the right to an impartial trial, conducted in accordance with fair methods of procedure. This case has already seen several violations of due process which make it questionable whether the defendants can receive a fair trial.

Women's Liberation

Inquiry by James Turco

The following article is a brief condensation of the WLF's ideals, thoughts, and grievances. These views were expressed by a member of the WLF and approved by the members of the Universities WLF Committee. Sandi began by stating that women have fewer options than men." This, she said, "is a movement to find out why they have fewer options. The whole idea is the freeing of women's human potential." She, as does all WLF members feels that women are objectified in this society. Women are programmed to be objects for consumption. Through a magazine such as 17 a girl is kept insecure about her appearance. She is made to feel that the next product she buys will make her into the Break girl. The product becomes obsolete in two months and a new cosmetic becomes current.

A girl is programmed in nursery school for service; she finds a broom and dust pan under the Christmas tree. From then on her role in life is in service to others. She is subservient to others; she is in fact subservient, decorative, and auxiliary in any situation life presents.

Sandi continues to say that a woman achieves her identity in relation to the males in her life. She takes her father's name and protection and goes to her husband's home where she gets his name and protection. She becomes a wife, mother, and eventual grandmother. The student identity is the last relatively free identity in a girl's life. For up to that point she has considered her educational

opportunities equal to that of a boy. Her rude awakening follows high school, college, or graduate school. If she does the right thing and hears wedding bells and has the 2.7 children she is suddenly relegated to a no-exit trapped four wall existence with only toddlers to talk to all day and objects to maintain for "forty years. The best meal is only dirty dishes in thirty minutes.

Every married man has a servant in the house. Her role is to maintain the morals of every member of the family. Meanwhile the ideas and stimulations known to her as a student is lost to her. Her husband is in the outside world and is supposed to create and produce to the height of his capability. Her frustration is real and poignant but where did the human potential and promise she showed as a student go? She becomes neurotically involved in the lives of her children and begins to live vicariously through them. And we end up having Portnoys' mother.

Instead of giving her children the liberty of being themselves, she requires performance for all the years of emotional investment and has a hard time of letting go.

The movement of the Women's Liberation Front is an attempt to discover the difference between what is natural and cultural in sex role definitions of women and to give women control over their own destinies.

WLF is not an anti-male movement; the same system that oppresses women oppresses men.

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