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National Secretary's Report
by Paul Booth

Referrendum votes. As of this writing both the freedom draft and San Bruno political defense proposals are carrying by near-unanimous votes; on both only about 45 votes have come in.

South Africa hearings. A flurry of activity in Washington and Chicago seems to have caused Rep. O'Hara to change his mind and now to hear a Senate. Secretary of State C. S. Wynn, now on the Committee to close the hearings on South Africa.

Delano, Cesar Chavez, grape strike leader, praised SDS extensively during a recent speech in Chicago. The Farm Workers Association feels that SDS groups around the country have been the backbone of many local committees and are an important element in the strike. The SAA is flying Paul Delano to Delano early in March to discuss plans for summer projects. One proposal we will make is for possibly 100 SDS members to scatter into various cities around the country as coordinators or assistants. Chapters that are working on the boycott should probably start now to think in terms of raising the money for one or two assistants to carry on full-time during the summer in their areas.

Results. Copies of this story of the first 100 days of the strike, by Gene Weil, are available for $1.50 postpaid. Subscriptions to El Malcriado, the strikers' daily paper, are available for $2. (Speak Spanish or English) Write Box 1060, Delano, Calif.

SANE Voters' Pledge. SANE is promoting a campaign for the spring to get signatures on a pledge saying that voters will support candidates who back U.S. steps toward a cease fire and negotiations among all concerned parties. They are setting a March on Washington for April 30th to "deliver" these pledges. SDS will attend a March 7th meeting called by SANE and urge that this program not be made the consuming activity of the movement in the spring.

Florida.

Contract from page 1 of the library by running a story exclusively dealing with Levin's violation of the student's union ban.

As a result of that story, coverage by the University's TV, station, and student newspaper, the administration, represented by the assistant Dean of Men, contacted both Mr. Cross and Mr. Levin on the 26th of March in the Free Speech Area which had by this time expanded to about 5 or 6 tables. The Dean told the students that they were not allowed to sell literature without permission and that before noon on Monday, Feb. 1, they must petition the University for the right to sell on campus.

After considerable deliberation over the weekend, the participants in the Free Speech Area decided not to petition for permission and to write instead an open letter to the Dean of Men's office stating their position on the question of Free Speech on campus. This letter was also distributed to the students. The Administration reacted on Wednesday by bringing charges against the two students and have been heard by the Faculty Disciplinary Committee on the following Monday. These charges were: (1) sale of literature without permission of the Dean; (2) failure to comply with a reasonable request made by a Dean of the University. No decision has been reached on these charges.

The next day, the students were made instrumental in the creation of the new de facto Free Speech Area again taking the initiative by setting up their own permit procedures because the Administration's admitted lack of power and its unwillingness to create them.

This move was quite significant in that it marks the first time Florida students had taken on the responsibility of legislating and administering an aspect of their university which is primarily their concern. Although the formal permit procedures, the university was forced to publicly admit and condone its policy of censoring literature on the basis of content.

Feb. 9, the Faculty Disciplinary Committee heard Cross and Levin's answers to the charges being made against them. The manner in which these hearings were conducted was reminiscent of the Star Chamber proceedings and may result in an investigation of the committee by the student newspaper.

Over the week later on Thursday, Feb. 16, Cross and Levin were informed of the decision which had been made concerning the validity of the charges brought against them. This decision was to drop the first charge of continuing to sell literature without a permit but to uphold the second charge of failing to respond to a "reasonable" request by University official to petition for permission to sell on campus. As a result of this decision the two students were placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of their undergraduate careers.

The following day all the participants in the Free Speech Area were notified by letter of the Administration's decision to prohibit the sale of any literature on campus. (It should be noted that other literature is allowed to be sold on campus) and to order—a move completely unexpected—a temporary ban on the distribution of free literature.

This brings us to the present where the students, the groups, and individuals involved in the Free Speech Area have coalesced around the question of Free Speech and have taken over administrative duties. The students and faculty on the issues involved in this activity is being carried on while still else is being done in the organization's offices. The bus stops with the national secretary's report.

National Secretary. My term expired in June. The spring National Council should probably happen in June. This would allow him to spend the spring recruiting a new slate, setting up a national office summer project, and hopefully travelling. Candidates should apply in advance, in writing, describing in detail their experience in SANE and other qualifications.

To the National Secretary (although they are re-defined at almost all NC meetings) I would like to assign the ultimate administrative responsibility for the political and educational programs of the organization. He shares this with the President the principal "sanitarian" responsibilities; these are a very heavy burden as it is constantly called on to make judgments about whether a question asked of him has an answer that represents an organizational consensus. Among his administrative responsibilities will be found everything from fundraisers and formal speaking to mimeographing and answering the phone. The mix of these pretty much depends on what else is being done in the organization's offices. The bus stops with the national secretary's report.
TRAVEL REPORT

Jeff Sherow writes:

Oil Project - The key to a Teach-In in Tulsa and demonstrations around the International Petroleum Exposition is contained in the chapters to do the necessary preparation. That is lacking. The Oklahoma chapter was, for a while, pretty well gobbled by the national situation. But there was some interest at Kansas (oil is significant to that state) and in the eastern part of the state. At the University of Texas there is some interest, but by May 10 they had a blanket announcement for their trip to Exile (for reportedly plotting to assassinate the Shah) no one went as it was their first priority. Laura Goss has done some research and written at least one paper but there is no buzz of intellectual activity. I'll talk with Louisiana people, plus Houston and Dallas chapters within the next couple of weeks to see how they feel about the action.

I talked with Larry Goodyear who worked with the independent oil producers association. He could be of great assistance, because he was an organizing issue he did not seem to think it was particularly good for the campaign. The Independent Association of oil's role in state politics (the Independent is in Oklahoma) gave a damn. The Independent Association is no longer independent, so they are unlikely to give us any help. My guess is that for the Oil Project to happen, someone will have to work among the Oklahoma oil to get the chapter people and coordinating contacts in Okla., Texas, La., Kansas and Ark. if we are to associate the project.

INDIANA

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A major focus of the demonstration was the demand that Harkrave and other senators "resist Pentagon pressure"—referring to Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester's attempt to line up veterans organizations to pressure key senators to stiffle debate and vote for Vietnam War appropriations.

A threatened American Legion court demonstration failed to materialize, but among the veterans opposing the war there were two who had served in Vietnam.

Taylor, for the most part, reiterated the pro-war positions he had taken before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He referred to the U.S. "commitment" to South Vietnam, "changing the way," but begged the question of separate National Liberation Front participation in negotiations and in a coalition government.

His speech was repeated references to "Chinamen." Taking as his question period why the war had created a division in this country, Taylor implied that the lack of a popular slogan like "hang the Vietnam" was partly responsible.

Several participants were critical of the university's policy of bringing supporters of U.S. intervention as special guests, even on excluding of Administration critics.

Some said they thought that the presence of the University of Elks Staar, former Secretary of the Army of the United States, who was invited to "celebrate the Bay of Pigs invasion," was indicative with the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Union, I would think that a full-time researcher would be needed, both to prepare material for the teach-in and for the action.

I talked with Jack Missy in Atlantawho gave a damn and he said that he would guide somebody to research on the oil industry if they wanted to come to Atlanta, and work with the research staff. He felt the research into the interlocks of the oil industry, the government, and its effect on foreign policy was difficult and that the researcher would have to have knowledge of national economics, plus a "feel" for what he was looking for. The research would take two or three months, at a minimum, he thought.

SSCC - This was perhaps the best meeting in SSCC's history. A need was felt by the participants for a strategy in attacking the problems of the south. It was felt that a sense of priorities would grow out of a strategy for change or from an overall strategy. While there was no resolve to the strategy discussions, it mattered little. With the primary bank balance of $20,322.00 in Jan., every proposed project was adopted. Before this meeting there was discussion over the future of SSCC, notably by Ed Hamlet and Cathy Barrett, but now the question is SSCC's future, but how much of an action organization will it become. Until this meeting SSCC was a coordinating organization, but its association with various organizing projects (see NLI 5) has now clearly marked a new course. Another long standing project was the question of should SSCC direct its activities to white campuses, and let the civil rights of the university's complicity in the war and of its speaker policy.

On campus the university president is frequently referred to as Elvis May of Pigs or "Pigs" Staar. Staar is a member of the American Legion and the General Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

WESLEYAN PAST

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to join us in the fast. We feel that fasting is a tremendously effective and relevant means of protest. We feel that the antiwar movement is divided. We feel that the sympathies with the Vietnamese people are divided in the United States by United States' bombs and with the poor in the United States who are suffering because of the war. Unlike mass demonstrations, fasting is a personal sacrifice which will arouse peoples' sympathy and make it impossible to avoid the point of the action, as well as allowing individuals who are distraught of matches to participate.

We have been guaranteed good publicity in the New York Times so we are calling for you to join us in this project.

Please let us know immediately if you plan to organize a higher level so we can coordinate activities and notify you of action in other schools. We have more detailed information on the conduct of the fast, the psychological and physiological effects of fasting which we will send you when you hear from us. We expect that at least one-fifth of our student body will join us at least part of the eight days. We request that if you plan to fast with us we can coordinate a.DropDownList for Peace, Box 355, Wesleyan Station, Middletown, Connecticut.

rights organizations work the Negro schools.

SCHNG - The SNCC office meets among warehouses in a primary district close to downtown Atlanta. Their facilities are inadequate. They have bigger bills and more equipment than the local printer that SHI hires its work out to in Chicago. They have at least 20 office rooms, plus an auditorium, and several meeting rooms.

Throughout the office the principal work is the Alabama Project, and the office bantering was about the Black Panther Party. Other concern was the Bond campaign and the urban organizing project in Atlanta they have started.

The research staff has done work investigating the powers of and the skills needed for local county offices, plus a thorough searching of the state statues, and ties between the government and interests of the state. From conversations Courtland Cox and Jack Missy it looks like an extensive preparatory work is being done for the eventual political challenge by the Black Panther Party in many of Alabama's counties.

The office staff is in high spirits and an optimism about SNCC, than I have witnessed in the last six months. Most people thought that SNCC was through its period of self-analysis and ready to roll again.

Ballad of the SS Troop

Soldiers Fighting in the East

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Sacco and Vanzetti, and the American worker. The brave men of the SS Troop.

Double S upon their chest. These are men—theführer's heart. One hundred men try to join the group, but only three make the SS Troop.

Trained to live for the farmer's goals, the farmers' vision. Men who fight like Jürgen Stroop Courage take from the SS Troop.

Double S upon their chest. These are men—the Führer's best. One hundred men try to join the group, but only three make the SS Troop.

Back at home a Hausfrau waits. Her SS-man has met his fate. He has died in Deutschland's quest. Leaving her his last request:

"Put the double S on my son's chest. Make him one of the Führer's best. He'll be the man for an Einsatz group. Have him join the SS Troop."

MEMBERSHIP:

Upon hereby apply for Membership in Students for a Democratic Society and enclose $3 as my annual membership dues, and expect the year starting $1 of which is for Subscription to New Left Notes for 1 year.

I am a registered as a member of the inaugural year of the "undergraduate" class and am in good standing. I am a member of Students for a Democratic Society, and hold membership as of the date of this subscription. I further understand that the under-graduate class as of the date of this subscription, I further understand that the under-
The Des Moines Project, staffed by Billy King and Bruce Hamilton, is turning out well, but needs financial support [wrote to 710 Iowa Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa]. Bill Hargrave is working on a full-time project in East Tonawanda, Kansas, and likewise needs financial help [725 Champion, Rochester, N.Y.]
The Nebraska people are considering starting a project either in Lincoln or Omaha.

A university reform/free university conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio, late this semester. The purpose of this conference will be to develop a student bill of rights. If interested, contact Steve Fuchs, 1401 Rosemary, Columbus

Other possibilities for action on the regional level include action on the draft program, the grape strike, tutorials, and the war on poverty. Jane Adams (3052 N. Summit, Iowa City) will work out of the regional office, which probably will be in Iowa City. Since there is always the possibility students in Spain will demonstrate in the spring, we discussed various ways we could support them.

The producers of this film "Come Back, Africa" have started it to STC chapters at a flat rate of $75, regardless of audience size. Chapters wishing to show the film should, if their regional office in their area, check with them first to see if the showing can be coordinated with other groups in the area. Orders for the film should be sent to Lionel Borosin, Bluest St., Cinema, 144 Bleeker St., New York City.

The local Gainesville, FloridaBirth Telephone message service, Pet Freedom Line," had a strong attack on the "Communist Dubois Clubs." It concluded that people should protest these groups. So, the Iowa Club at Gainesville was continually harassed by callers denouncing their Communist activities. Finally the mayor of Gainesville in a front page editorial explained to the citizens the importance of not confusing the Dubois Clubs with the BIRTH CLUBS. (It really happened.)

DAYS OF PROTEST

The National Coordinating Committee for International Days of Protest Against the War in Vietnam MARCH 25-26

America kills too easily. The rhetoric is forced. The speeches convince only the speakers. Barrings of the war and its grim faces. Humanity sees the logic of destruction, the secret approval of violence, the poverty of thought. Humanity cracks the unholy unity of freedom and terror, honor and death, CARE packages and bombs. It knows that there cannot be both freedom and bombs, peace and war, a great society and a dead society.

Humanity speaks another language. It has different ears and eyes. It sees America clamoring on an empty dome—locking freedom, democracy and soon people. It knows that countries are made of men, not domes, that the danger is in falling bombs, not falling domes, in military pilots, not peace farmers. It sees the apparatus of war working well and efficiently. And it knows that after the poisoned rice is hunger, after the bomb is burnt flesh, a dead son, a motherless child. The world hears the cry of pain. The dead are the world's dead. The pain is Humanity's. The bombs are America's.

The machinery of destruction feeds upon itself. Its appetite is unending. The more violence it produces, the more it craves. It demands more and more man, and yields more and more corpses. It has contempt both for the enemy and those who dare question its rationale. It proclaims fine words, and knows not that man has always destroyed with fine words. Its words, though plentiful, are thin. Its logic, though endlessly repeated, is poor. The escalation of violence, both ideological and numerical, is the charade of the ascendency. The logic of destruction can be realized. The wars of the recent past have shown too well that states can comfortably destroy entire states. Man, though, if not countries, knows what pain, hunger, and death are. Man at least knows the difference between freedom in words and freedom in reality, between a newspaper statistic and a dead child. Man at least knows that with life there is hope, with death there is none. And Man at least, if necessary, can stop the logic of destruction before it stops Man.

The National Co-Ordinating Committee to End the War in Vietnam calls for March 25-26 as International Days of Protest—Days on which all Man in all countries can stand in protest to a policy which affirms the destruction of man by man.

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