

Michaud Wins Presidency

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200 Medical Students Refuse Viet Service

A press conference has been called Wed., May 10 at 10 a.m. on the UC campus. All local newspapers, TV stations, wireservices, and national magazines will be invited and expected to come. There will be student and faculty representatives from both Stanford and UC Med Schools.

The following pledge has been signed by over 200 medical and dental students at over 20 medical schools across the country including Harvard Albert Einstein, Western Reserve University, University of Chicago and University of Louisville.

In the name of freedom, the United States is waging an unjustifiable war in Vietnam and is causing incalculable suffering. It is the goal of the medical profession to prevent and relieve human suffering. My effort to pursue this goal is meaningless in the context of the war. Therefore, I refuse to serve in the Armed Forces in Vietnam; so that I may exercise my profession with conscience and dignity I intend to seek means to serve my country and humanity which are compatible with the preservation and enrichment of life.

This pledge was developed by Stanford and UC Medical students in January and spread across the country. Response from other schools is now beginning and seems encouraging, SYNAPSE was told.

The intentions of those who are signing this pledge may be defined in broad terms as follows: (1) support the efforts of individuals in pursuing their legal and moral rights to refuse to serve in Vietnam; (2) develop an effective basis for active political opposition to United States involvement in Vietnam.

Doctors and dentists are required by the Armed Forces to treat a pre-selected population. In doing so, the signers of this pledge would be supporting a war of which they disapprove. By pursuing alternatives to participation in the war, the signers seek to treat those persons in need of medical attention and, at the

same time, act in accordance with their own beliefs.

The pledge is a belief generalized statement of refusal to serve in the war in Vietnam. It is designed to subsume a spectrum of positions of a active resistance to the war rather than to clarify a particular outlook toward the war. Therefore, it is suggested that each signer of the pledge prepare a statement of his specific attitude toward the war and his reasons for non-participation. A representative selection of the position-statements is expected to be published.

Courses of action which satisfy the statement of commitment can be outlined as follows:

- (1) service in the armed forces other than "in Vietnam" —
- (2) service as a commissioned officer in the Public Health Ser-

vice —

- (3) file application for 1-0 status (non-participant conscientious objector status) —

- (4) file suit against the government on constitutional grounds. There is very little precedent for success in this regard.

- (5) leave the country —

If the government presses charges because the person has left the country to avoid an induction notice, the person will be prosecuted for draft evasion (maximum penalty 5 years), if he ever returns to the United States without having obtained a specific pardon.

Statements of faculty support at both Stanford and UCMC have been obtained.

For further information contact Mike Smith, 1277 3rd Ave., 3rd year Medicine.

Half of UC Medical Seniors Given First Choices

Half of the 101 graduating senior medical students were awarded the internship of their first choice, and two thirds received internships in their first or second choice hospital.

Under the present elaborate system of intern matching, every senior medical student in the country lists three hospitals of his choice in order of preference and indicates the type of internship preferred — such as surgery, medicine, rotating.

Then, with the aid of computers, interns are matched with hospitals with the preferences of both taken into consideration.

When a student is awarded the internship of his first choice, it can mean many things. The student may be outstanding and so desirable that the hospital dare not pass up such an opportunity. On the other hand, the student's first choice hospital may have no other applicants, and it's stuck with him.

The student may be awarded his first choice if he underestimates his talent and does not apply to top-notch hospitals out of modesty. For this reason it is sometimes thought to be better to get one's second or third choice.

Of 101 internships awarded to our seniors, 73 were of the rotating type, 11 were in Medicine, 10 in surgery, 5 in pediatrics, and 2 in pathology.

Six of the new doctors will remain here at the Medical Center and 12 will go to other San Francisco hospitals. No less than 32 will serve their internships in the Los Angeles area. The remainder will begin their medical careers in hospitals across the US and Canada.

Although an internship in a military hospital is attractive to many applicants, only three were awarded in the class; two Army, one Navy.

New President Defeats Johnston by 318-286 Vote

Denis Michaud is the new ASUC-MCSF president.

In the first student body election held under the new constitution, the School of Pharmacy junior defeated sophomore medical student Brian Johnston. The final tally gave Michaud 318 votes

ference in the platforms of the two candidates, and that "people voted for who they thought would be more effective in student government."

Michaud added that though he hasn't approached Johnston yet, he hopes to be able to involve



New President Denis Michaud

to 286 for Johnston.

Patricia Brothers, running unopposed for the office of Vice-President was, as might be expected, elected without any written opposition.

The turnout at the polls of 604 voters represented 37 per cent of those eligible to participate in the elections.

Upon receiving the news of victory, Michaud said he was "thankful for the opportunity and grateful for the confidence." He said that although the turnout was not great, it was good for a beginning, and that by next year's elections there should be "much more enthusiasm."

"Although I had few firm proposals," the new executive continued, "I hope to accomplish a few that will benefit both student government and the campus as a whole."

On commenting on his narrow election, Michaud stated that he didn't feel there was a great dif-

him in the new student government, stating "we could definitely use his help."

For the coming year, the new president stated he wants to establish a joint informal committee of faculty, students, and administration to serve as a "listening post and sounding board" for the campus.

Michaud further cited curriculum as the big issue for the coming year. The structure and diversity of electives will be important issues in which student government will be involved.

Another goal of his term as president will be to improve the unity of the campus. Michaud felt that in the election the campus tended to vote as schools, in independent blocks, and that he hopes next year each voter will cast his ballot as an individual, for an individual. Breaking down the barriers between the schools will be a major goal. "All I hear about the health team is words" stated Michaud.

EDITORIAL

General David M. Shoup was former commandant of the Marine Corps, and winner of the Medal of Honor at Tarawa in World War II. The following is a quote from a speech he made that was inserted in the *Congressional Record* by Senator Vance Hartke (D., Ind.):

"I believe that if we had kept and would keep our dirty, bloody, dollar-crooked fingers out of the business of these nations so full of depressed, exploited people, they will arrive at a solution of their own, that they design and want. That they fight and work for. And if unfortunately their revolution must be of the violent type because the 'haves' refuse to share with the 'have-nots' by any peaceful method, at least what they get will be their own and not the American style which they don't want and above all don't want crammed down their throats by Americans."

The whole underdeveloped world is comprised of nations full of "depressed, exploited people." World history is at a period where these nations are striving for independence, so that they can break out of their backward societies that keep them oppressed. The U.S. is in a position where it has made allies with the existing rulers in these countries (i.e. 'the haves') and ends up supporting them whenever there is a revolution. The United States is cast in a role of trying to prevent any change in the reactionary social systems under the guise of preventing communism. It's too bad it can't learn from another great empire of earlier times—that of Great Britain and its colonies. Not being able to cope with the anti-colonial movement—the British Empire crumpled.

In today's world, if the U.S. doesn't learn how to deal with independence movements in underdeveloped countries, how to stop supporting dictators and how to cease trying to extract benefits (political and economic) from these countries, then it may be left high and dry by the fast moving tide of history.

—Greg Goddard

Top Man Shunned

On April 11, the Social Issues Speaker's Board brought to this campus Phillip R. Lee, M.D., who is Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This position makes him the top man in the Federal Government dealing with health matters.

Recent Government interest in health has had a profound effect upon the lives of the people on this campus through Medicare, Federal support of medical education and hospital construction, and Public Health Service research grants.

It seemed reasonable, therefore, to expect a huge audience to hear Dr. Lee's talk, since he is probably the most influential man in the Government's health bureaucracy. Unfortunately, a mere handful, less than 50 people, were in the

audience. Conspicuously absent were Deans, Heads of Departments, Professors and other campus officials.

Whether this meager response to a man whose ideas mean so much to this campus and, indeed, to the private lives of its occupants was due to apathy or insufficient knowledge of his presence and importance will never be known. In any case, his message is reported starting on P.1

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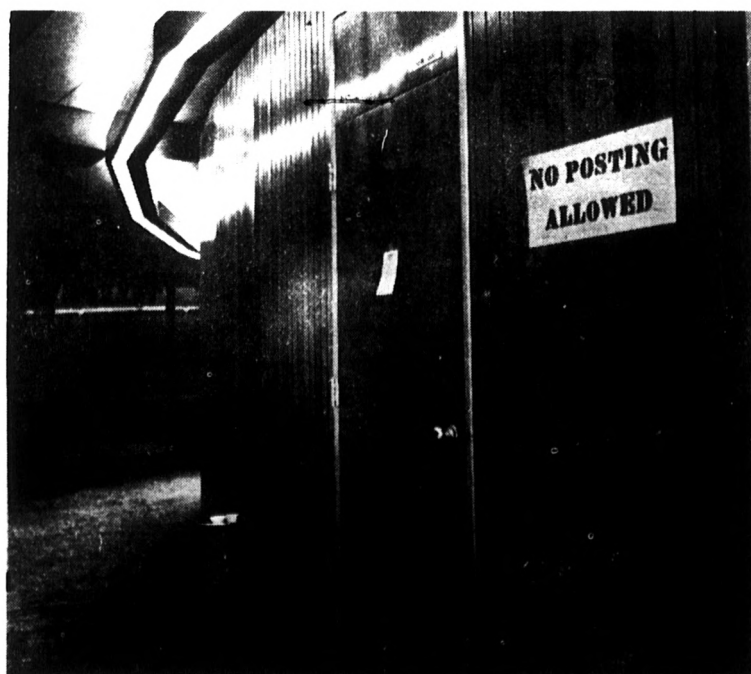
Letter

Nielands Ignorant

In the *SYNAPSE* of April 6, 1967 Dr. Nielands states the balls from frag bombs the size of small peas go all the way through the human body but will penetrate only about 1/2 inch of wood. Dr. Nielands should study some ballistics, sectional density, etc. as he is taking very loosely on a subject he is very evidently very ignorant about.

S. McFadden

Don't Post 'Don't Post'



When student leaders began using the new wooden walls of the HSW lobby for posting information, the notices were replaced by these ugly and useless posters. The *Synapse* urges that these be replaced by attractive and functional bulletin boards so that this area can be used profitably. Away with the "don't use" concept.

POETAS

SERMON IN THE PARK

A spaniard, crazed and dying, sways.

"I come," his arms rove made, "to teach your
"reaching hand. . ."

(No head)

"... to set your gut lust. . ."

(A sailor fumbles in the branches.)

"... free. A dog,
"the lowest cur,
"squatting on his stinking haunches,
"smells the filth made by his breed
"and is at home."

The coif'd, the furred and pedicured, elegant silk gowns,
strolling stilted through the town, avert their
eyes on noticing his dark contorting form; and,
having heard,
are mortified.

"A whore," he slurs, "lying in her
"filthy promise,
"sluices off your mannered creeds; and,
"at her word, finds more solace
"mouthing someone's pushing heat."

A shudder crossed the turning crowd
that shrank back from his whore
then shuns his death as he mocks aloud
(past two old men vying in their endless war. . .)

"The humid whore, suckling the
"dregs of love,
"is fuller in her heaving place
"than you will allyour mannered grace
"filling teacups with your eyes then
"pursing lips to porcelain edge.
"You want love's lust
"to know your heat
"hard in a wanton fold!"

-died archbacked in the dust, while
as before, two bent men
continue their eternal war

OEDIPUS

I go ---
Banished
Exiled
To live alone,
For nowhere may
A hand touch me
---slash-eyed from my home.

(O God, let me bel -

-My eyes,
Gouged blind,
Still see!)

Cowering Adam knew. He could
Not hide.

Your vengeance
God?

You
Kill me
With my own.

You are cruel.

I cannot die,
But live alone.

By Stuart Kauffman

Magazine's Views Criticized

The following letter to the Medical World News is printed because it says something important very well.

Editor

Morris Fishbein, M.D.
Editor, Medical News

Dear Editor:

I have been profoundly disturbed by your apparent editorial policy in regard to the publication of articles dealing with the physical and the military. Since I receive your journal regularly, I have carefully examined it for evidence of any expression of concern about or dissent against the traditional, shall we say establishment, role of the doctor in the war effort. My search has been in vain. You have continually printed articles which mirror A.M.A. and military medicine viewpoints with the implication that there is no alternative thinking, values or activities among the health professions. As a magazine purporting to "provide current news of medicine on a regular basis" you certainly cannot plead ignorance of such organized efforts as those waged by the Physicians for Social Responsibility against chemical and biological warfare; or the medically dominated Committee of Responsibility who have been struggling to mobilize the effort to help war burned Vietnamese Children in the face of significant State Department resistance; or the major efforts of the health student sector in its militant anti-war activities. Such student groups as the Committee for Independent Political Action in San Francisco have organized large anti-war teach-ins for health professionals, and the Health Committee to End the War in Viet Nam organizing the multi-city hospital demonstration against war and its cruel depletion of resources from the public sector. Your neglect of these important organizations, their philosophies and activities is inexcusable.

In the April 7th issue of M.W.N. an article entitled, "the Defense Department Proposes Tuition-for-Service Plan," appears. This article is an example of the kind of crass reporting, contains threatening statements which you allow to go unchallenged.

My criticism is first predicated on the belief that the health professional, affiliated with the military establishment, is forced to betray his basic commitment to life and health. A beautiful editorial published in LANCET by the editor, Sir Theodore Fox, spoke of the essence of the doctor's commitment: "In principle Nations allow that medicine has a more advanced code than their own—that

the doctor is right to put his duty to the human race before his duty to any of its component groups. The group, whatever its size, is but a stage in our development; . . . However uncertain and tentative (the doctor) is the prototype of the Supranational Man."

To consider the health professional as a supportive agent in the military establishment is at once to narrow his services not only chauvinistically but confine them to a group whose sole objective is brutality and destruction. Therefore, to ignore the implications of encouraging students entering medical school to obligate themselves to such service leads to an utter negation of their ethical growth and technical training. We are speaking not only of the basic two year obligation which every male citizen must provide to "the public safety, Health and Welfare" but SIX years. And who would turn out to be used in his way but those needy students who in seeking meaningful advancement in the society are given the offer to sell their souls if they wish to pursue a health career.

Within the article in question is a quote from President Johnson's message to the Selective Service encouraging programs to attract "volunteers" from the health professions. Is "tuition-for-service" voluntary? Since the U.S. Public Health Service remains silent, are we to understand that the military establishment requires more health professionals than the civilian sector which is on the verge of the most massive ideologic and systems reorganization? If "voluntary" services are sought, should these not come from the private sector on humanitarian grounds placing health professionals on the battlefield as international neutrals under the direction of the World Health Organization?

Further along in the article I see the A.M.A., is "solidly behind such a scholarship program" and recommends that "to reduce the requirement for the doctors draft the government should fully subsidize education in pre-med and medical schools . . ." How generous this trade union can be with its non-members is touching. Where was our compassionate "Betrayal of Trust" club when federal scholarships were being considered? Instead of taking the kind of stand that would significantly alter this country's ability to wage war, the A.M.A. has blithely, heartlessly, glorified war medicine and developed such shabby token efforts to ameliorate the horror that is Viet Nam. Gentlemen, you magazine is one of the worst examples of this glorification. Is it that your advertisers are sensitive? What is your excuse, scientific patriotism?

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VIEWPOINT: APATHY

One of the most all-encompassing, frustrating and potentially dangerous afflicting modern society is APATHY: the lack of interest that individuals and groups today seem to display toward ANYTHING that doesn't IMMEDIATELY affect them. PASSIVISM, it might be said, is a far more imminent threat both to the structure of society and basic humanity than PACIFISM . . . or even the bomb.

While it might be argued, in truth that STUDENTS, at least, are "active," it is only a small number among even this special group that are TRUE activists, earnestly desirous of and seeking social change; the majority are still followers, the "sheep" of which Burdick and Lederers suggested to the U.S. is so overpopulated. Indeed, Herb Caen reported in a recent column that a "Conference on Student Apathy" at the University of Washington (enrollment: 25,000) drew a spectacular, interested crowd of twenty (20)! Nor are the "hippies"

and others of such ilk any more "activist" despite their apparent article. "The Hippie choice of weapon: protest against The Establishment; according to a recent RAMPARTS article. "The Hippie choice of weapon: protest against The Establishment; Continued on page 5

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The Clinic opened January 16, 1967 and has an enrollment of 60

students which is maximum capacity. Its purpose is to help children with specific learning disorders in language by using a "team" approach to evaluation and research and offering small classes (4 to 6 children) taught by specially trained teachers. The staff of neurologists, psychologists, social workers and speech and hearing specialists contribute to the training of medical students, parents and teachers, social agencies, educational groups and medical organizations.

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Finally, I am shocked at the sentence: "besides failing to recruit enough doctors to meet a GROWING NEED, (my emphasis) the Defense Department has not been successful in keeping enough senior medical men in the Armed Forces." What is meant by "a growing need?" Escalation of the war, burgeoning U.S. Armies deployed around the world in every developing country where exploitation has driven the populous to resort to violence? Is the medical profession so insensitive to international politics or morally crippled that they can interpret "a growing need" as a challenge to generate more military "medical leadership?"

Until public scholarships are nationally available to every potential health student with no strings attached except to become the best healer, the most pertinent practical humanist, such Defense Department efforts signal the most grotesque and criminal alternative for the health professions' student. Without a choice of visible comprehensive free education subsidies, the health profession cannot grow. In order to grow healthy, there must be a complete formal severance from the war machine and reliance on war service funds.

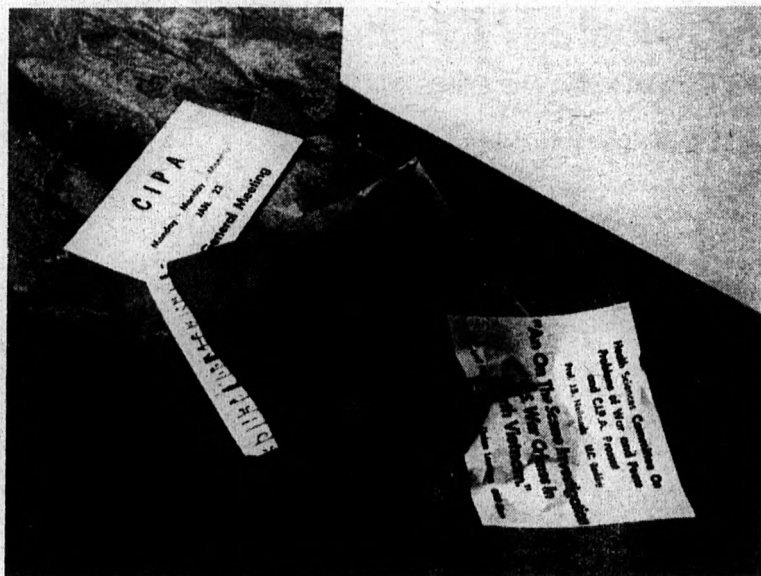
In summary, gentlemen, I suggest you begin to give equal time to administration critics and socio-medical controversy in your journal, discussing alternatives to war and military service, conscientious objection and the like. If not, I am certain you will be held in increasing attempt by the growing numbers of awakened health students and professionals who are struggling to return health service from an economic enter-

prise to the lifelong commitment to universal social justice and human concern in a peaceful world.

Indignantly,
William Bronston,
M.D.,
Topeka, Kansas

It was felt by various groups that this really was not the way to go about expressing one's point of view; it was, at the least, negative. The Chancellor was approached through various chan-

The accompanying photos show the latest casualties in the sign wave which is now sweeping the Med Center. The nature of the wave had been quite pure. Until this past weekend it had been directed solely against notices posted on the various boards in the Med Center which were clearly unpatriotic — such as those advertising activities related to ending the war in Viet Nam and other activities of the Committee for Independent Political Action (CIPA) and the Health Sciences Committee on War and Peace. What happened to these posters — in brief — was that they were torn down oft with great fervor. More recently a new variation was born. The gentle art of defacement was exhibited. (One of the patriots responsible for this was found and is being investigated).

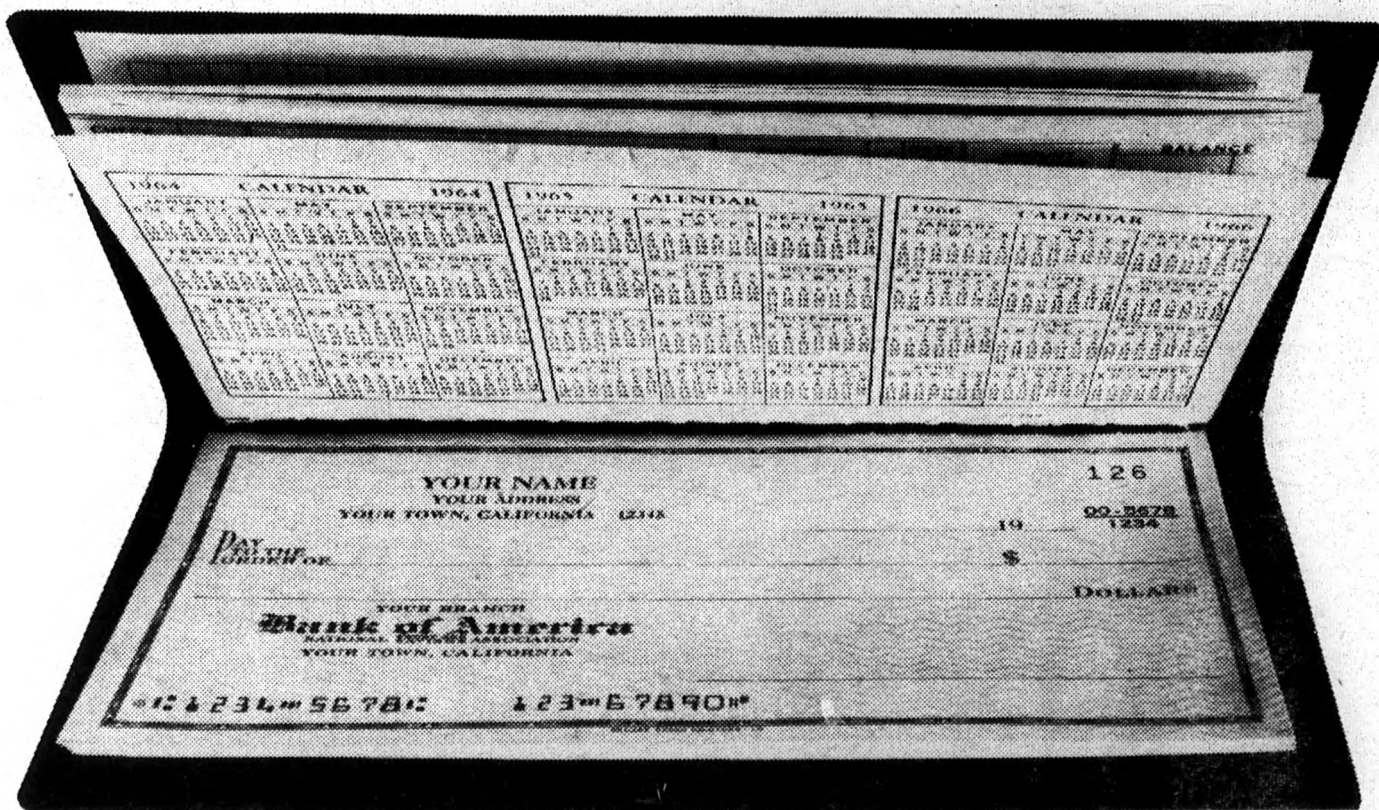


Relics of a missionary zeal

nels and was informed of the occurrences. Shortly afterward notices appeared on the boards from Chancellor Fleming. These stated, in brief, that freedom of speech was, in addition to being a part of the United States Constitution, a policy of the University of California and that these boards were

provided by the University to allow for this expression. Material should therefore not be removed from these boards without official permission.

The latest development is that Chancellor Fleming's notices have begun disappearing from the boards.



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death rather than protest or blow it up."

And the bulk of the people that make up the big urban center city — states — what are they like? Many (in fact a surprising majority) are probably like the "neighbors" cited by the National Press several years ago, who heard and saw a girl being attacked, robbed and finally murdered, yet would not BOTHER or "take the risk" of calling the police. Nor is this an isolated instance of personal non-intervention. Such occurrences are common — in New York, Chicago, L.A. — even (perish the thought) in San Francisco! It is of some interest that this individual fear of involvement should be so common at a time of national (i.e., American) "intervention" (none dare call it "aggression") — in Cuba, in Santo Domingo, in Viet Nam, et cetera.

What are the causes of this peculiar form of "personal ostrichism"? It should be obvious that no one element in our complex technocracy can be wholly blamed.

But it is likely that several areas share much of the responsibility for such an immature attitude of egocentric individualism. Among the elements of society that could be identified as etiologic in this change would be: television (that great national "pacifier" which has rapidly turned a nation of once-active and healthy people into a collection of some 150 million or more "dead stumps," their derrieres anchored to a stationary position in a darkened room with their minds turned off along with the lights); automation (which has "liberated" many millions of housewives to do whatever important things housewives do, and has turned as many million once-active husbands into more button-pushers); the general depersonalization of the individual and absence of humanity in most of society's

institutions); affluence — or at least at level of economic security ("for most") that permits indulgence in the pursuit of hedonism, a philosophy revived by the computer, and sometimes poverty (which, if it doesn't galvanize one into protesting the inequities of life must surely stifle the interest of the individual in his fellow man by the sheer onus of economic strife and the desire to keep the proverbial "wolf away from the door.")

But is there any solution to this seemingly inexorable problem? Hopefully the answer to this question may be made in the affirmative. The cure for apathy is action. By action, I do not necessarily mean "classical protest" and demonstrations, the negative influences of which upon public opinion render many of them at present ineffectual. Perhaps the most

significant actions are those quietly made without any publicity: such things as WRITING to your state and federal legislators when you feel something needs changing; volunteering a small portion of your time to whatever cause you believe in, whether it be the Delano Health Clinic project, your local political party's offices, your church, a school or hospital, etc. The choices are many, the needs are great but the volunteers are few. John F. Kennedy stated in his inaugural address that "Interdependence" was the key to the future; and Ayn Rand and egocentrism notwithstanding, it seems probable that history will prove

this to be a correct assessment. But "a journey of a hundred miles begins with a single step" — and YOU must take that step, begin to CARE about the rights, feelings and opinions of others. One recent "wall-writing philosopher" suggested that "God isn't REALLY dead, he's just afraid to get involved." As more mortals we should not be affected by such fear.

Any rebuttal? Opinions of all sorts are actively sought by this column; readers should address their remarks (via campus mail or other means) to "viewpoint" c/o The SYNAPSE, 249-M.U.

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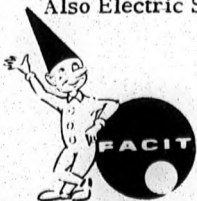
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"We'll just go on bleeding them until Hanoi wakes up to the fact several generations. Then they will have to reassess

The Beginning

The United States Government, convinced that neither national independence nor democratic evolution exist in any area dominated by Soviet Imperialism, considers the situation (in Viet Nam) to be such as to warrant its according economic aid and military equipment to the Associated States of Indo China and to France in order to assist them in restoring stability and permitting these states to pursue their peaceful and democratic development.

(Statement made by Sec. of State Dean Acheson, May, 1950)

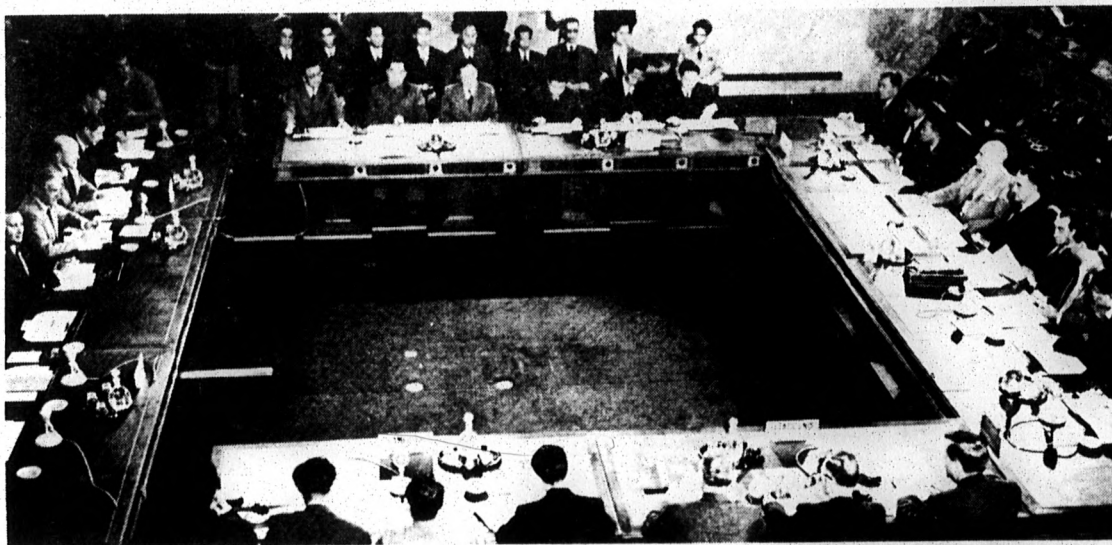
It should be emphasized that if Indochina went Communist, Red pressures would increase on Malaya, Thailand, and Indonesia. The main target of the Communists in Indochina as it was in Korea is Japan. Conquest of an area so vital to Japan's economy would reduce Japan to an economic satellite of the Soviet Union. . .

(Richard Nixon, U.S. Vice President, 1954)

The Geneva Accords

In order to ensure that sufficient progress in the restoration of peace has been made and that all the necessary conditions obtain for free expression of the national will, general elections will be held in July, 1956 under the supervision of a international commission composed of representatives of the member states of the International Control Commission. Consultations will be held on this subject between the competent representative authorities of the two zones from July 20, 1955 onwards.

(From Article 7 of the final declaration of the Geneva Accords).



The Conference recognizes that the essential purpose of the agreement relating to Viet Nam is to settle the military questions with a view to ending hostilities and that the military demarcation line is provisional and should not in any way be interpreted as constituting a political or territorial boundary.

(Article 6 of the final declaration of the Geneva Accords).

"We merely noted the agreements and said that we would not attempt to overthrow them by force . . . the important thing is to prevent the loss in North Viet Nam from leading to an extension of Communism in Southeast Asia."

(Sec. of State, John Foster Dulles, 1954)

"It was the Communists' calculation that nationwide elections scheduled in the accords for 1956 would turn all of South Viet Nam over to them . . . the authorities in South Viet Nam refused to fall into this well-laid trap."

(U.S. Dep't of State 1961)



Left: John Foster Dulles talks with Ngo Dinh Diem in front of a picture of George Washington.

Right: the family of Ngo Dinh Diem.



Diem was installed, with the blessing of the United States as the President of the state of South Viet Nam. Because this state did not exist at the time of the Geneva accords Diem was not a signatory to them; his actions were thus less bound by them.

Reports of the International Control Commission For Indo-China

As revealed in the preceding paragraphs the degree of cooperation given to the commission has not been the same. While the Commission has experienced difficulties in North Viet Nam the major part of its difficulties has arisen in South Viet Nam.

The programme for the settlement of political problems as outlined in the Final Declaration of the Geneva Accords cannot be carried out in view of the categorical opposition of the Government of South Viet Nam both to the agreement and to the final declaration.

The commission was able, by making strong representations to the (North Vietnamese Army) to get obstructions to the free movement of civilians stopped. In the South however, the independent attitude of the Government of the state of Viet Nam, which has not signed the Geneva agreements made the obstruction and difficulties progressively more serious.

Article 9. (2:1 majority report) . . . "in specific instances there is evidence to show that armed and unarmed personnel, arms etc. have been sent from the zone North to the zone South . . . in violation of Articles, 10, 19, 24 and 27 of the (Geneva Accords)."

". . . there is evidence to show that the P.A.V. has used the zone in the North for inciting, encouraging and supporting hostile activities in the south . . . in violation of Articles 19, 24, 27 of the (Geneva Accords)."

Article 20 (unanimous) ". . . the Commission concludes that the Republic of Viet Nam has violated articles 16 and 17 of the Geneva Accords in receiving increased military aid from the U.S. and . . . the establishment of a U.S. Military Assistance Command in South Viet Nam as well as the introduction of a large number of U.S. military personnel beyond the strength of amounts to a factual military alliance which is prohibited under Article 19 of the Geneva Accords."

(1962)

that they have bled their country to the point of National Disaster for their position."

—General William Westmoreland, Commander of the U.S. Forces in Viet Nam, April, 1967.

The Present



The question is, said Humpty Dumpty, who is to be a master — that's all.

"Our course is resolute, our conviction is firm . . . we shall not be diverted from doing what is necessary in the cause of Freedom."

President Johnson, June 1966

"Yes, the Americans have bombing planes, jeeps; they can move and fly very fast. But we can be faster than them, because we in south Vietnam are already there."

Huynh Minh — member of the N.L.F. resistance forces.



The following acts are crimes coming within the jurisdiction of the tribunal for which there shall be individual responsibility . . . wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages . . . inhumane acts committed against any civilian population, murder or ill treatment of prisoners of war.

(Charter of the International Military tribunal, Nuremburg)



We are all aware of the nightmarish casualties of war as never before. We see them in our living rooms in all of their tragic dimensions on television screens and we read about them on our subway and bus rides in daily newspaper accounts.

We see the rice fields of a small Asian country being trampled at will and burned at whim we see grief-stricken mothers with crying babies clutched in their arms as they watch their little huts burst forth in flames.

We see the fields and valleys of battle being painted with human-kind's blood; we see the broken bodies left prostrate in countless fields; we see young men going home half men—physically handicapped and mentally deranged; we see children . . . their burned broken bodies strawn along the roadside rubble. These casualties should be enough to make all men rise up with righteous indignation and oppose the very nature of war. But instead our hearts grow hard and cold towards the mounting suffering and we justify this bestial behavior in the name of freedom and democracy.

One questions whether any good end could possibly come from so evil a means. Certainly, with the horror of war so near at hand intelligent men should clearly see that there can be no victory for humanity through this calculated inhumanity.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, March 1966

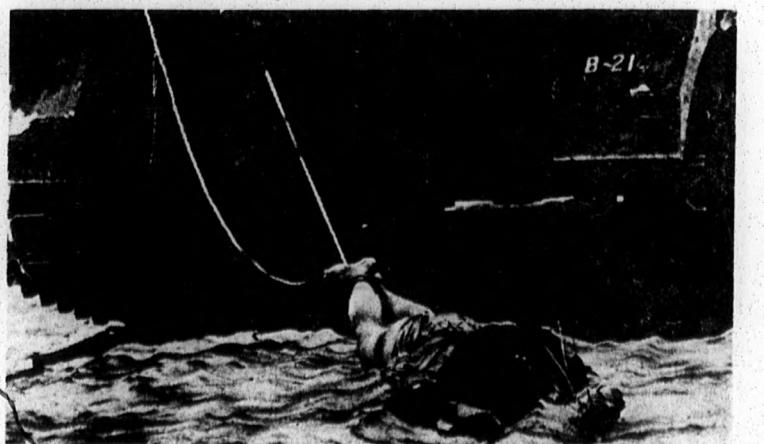
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"Humanity is outraged in me and with me. We must not dissimulate nor try to forget this indignation which is one of the most passionate forms of love."



arts and entertainment

MACBIRD Coming to UCMC

On Thursday evening at 8 P.M., CIPA will present a reading of the play in the Stenninger Gym; admission is free. The play is currently being done in New York and here in San Francisco. CIPA decided to do a reading of the play for a variety of reasons. First, the members thought it would be fun to do; with the local pressures of school and the general pressures of the world situation, they felt a reading of this play would offer great relief. Second, the play deals with current politics and as such, raises many pertinent questions, questions that can not only be thought about but also discussed, and maybe even acted on. With this in mind CIPA invites the Medical Center campus to hear, and afterwards discuss this play and its meanings and implications.

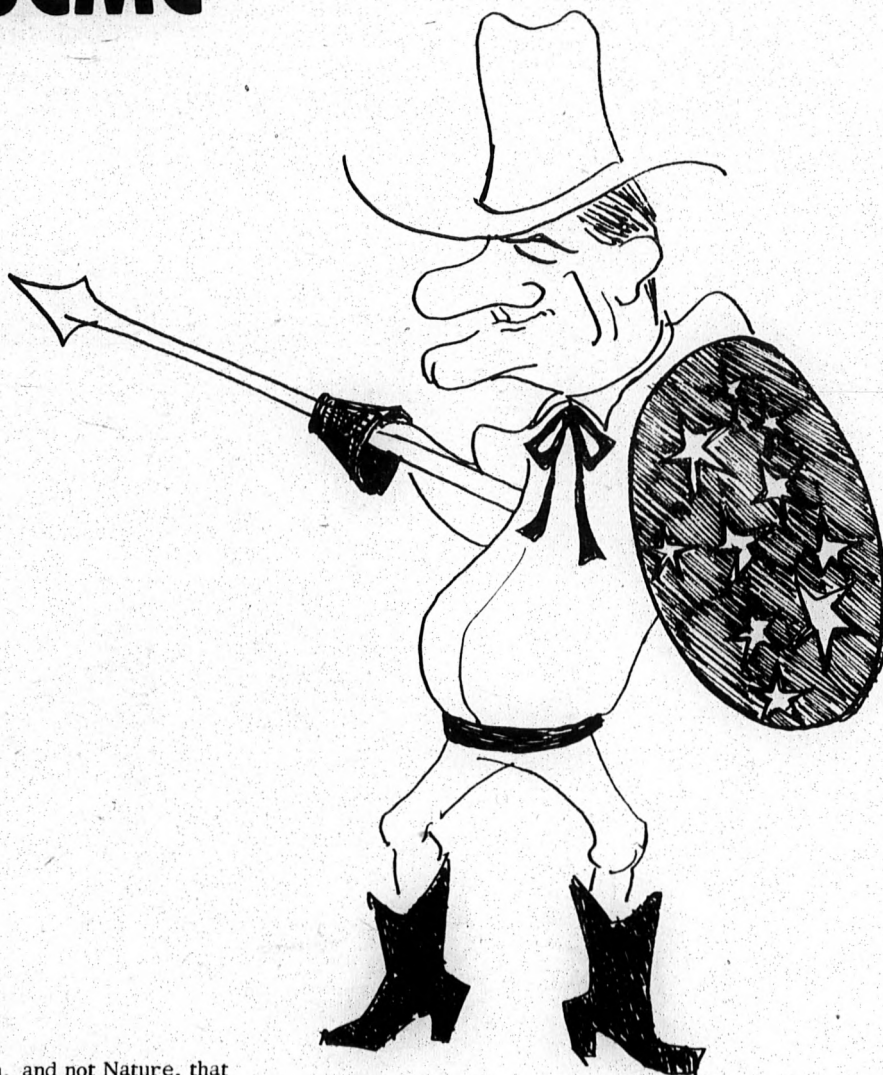
In August, 1965, Barbara Garson, then a student at U.C. Berkeley, was addressing an Anti-War rally on the campus. In her speech she accidentally referred to the First Lady as Lady MacBird Johnson, and from that slip of the tongue was to come one of the most provoking satirical dramas of our time. The first draft of MacBIRD was completed in December, 1965, and by the spring of 1966 many new lines and several new scenes had been added to bring the play to its final form. At that time no major magazine or publisher would think of printing it (The Independent Socialist Club of Berkeley printed 2,000 copies) and so the author's husband, Marvin Garson, decided to publish it himself by establishing the Grassy Knoll Press; by January, 1967, Grassy Knoll Press had gone through five editions totaling 105,000 copies and the play (in written form) had been reviewed by most of the major drama critics in the country. Dissent over the War, the Johnson-Kennedy split, and the dissatisfaction with the Warren Report had also grown considerably by January, 1967, enough in fact, to allow the necessary financial backers to take a chance and produce the play. This was done and the play opened in New York's Village Gate Theater in February. Subsequent to that San Francisco's New Committee Theater also opened MACBIRD, and both companies are still drawing large audiences to watch this lightly controversial drama.

The play centers around the MACBETH theme and Mrs. Gar-

son uses great skill in adapting Shakespearean verse and rhythm to the current political scene. Great criticism has been fired at Mrs. Garson for drawing the analogy between MacBeth's murder of King Duncan and the Kennedy assassination. If this was the main purpose of the play then perhaps this criticism would be valid, but I do not think this is all true. In MACBIRD, Mrs. Garson is dealing with the current American political situation. She is poignantly (and often frighteningly) pointing out what aspirations to lower do to men, and questions with great skill the final effect on the people governed by those who seek and gain power. Throughout the play she asks (or rather asks the audience to ask) "Where is the choice?" Just as MacBird pledges to uphold John Ken O'Dunc's policies when he takes the throne, so does Robert O'Dunc pledge to uphold MacBird's policies when he takes power. The Established Power must protect its interests, its image, and most importantly, its established power, and while "in" fighting is allowed the eventual winner is obliged to carry on the policies of Establishment self-interest, which is usually at the expense of the people whom they purpose to represent. There is a final question that MACBIRD leaves unanswered, "When and how does it all end?" For Shakespeare this was easy, because he relied on Nature to set things right. But in Shakespeare's plays one can see Nature working throughout and therefore its final guidance is not so hard to accept. In the 20th century political scene one might see that it is the action (or complacent non-ac-

tion) of men, and not Nature, that has brought us where we are, and it is time that must change if the Established Power is ever to truly represent the sentiments, desires, and needs of the people it governs. Why not join us Thursday night to hear and discuss some of the provocative questions that are raised in this play.

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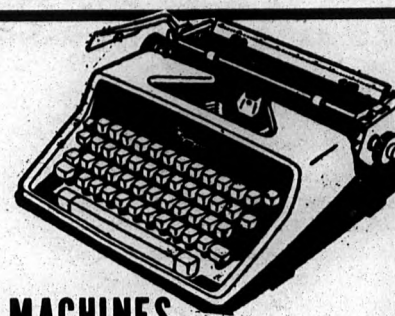
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Millberry Gymnasium - For Us, Or for the Free-loaders?

A Provocative Question by Sports Editor Don Clemetson

In recent weeks the Sports Staff of the SYNAPSE and the Millberry recreation department have been receiving numerous complaints about the non-availability of the gym due to non-recreational activities being held. How often have you wanted to use the gym to play basketball, volleyball or badminton and not have been able to because of a noon banquet being held? In fact, recently it has been suggested to change the name of Millberry Gym to "Millberry Banquet Room."

We feel that the Gym should be used for sports and student activities only. Student activities include dances and even some exhibits and noon entertainment when no other space is available. But for the gym to be used for banquets, movies and fashion shows when there are adequate facilities for these type of events elsewhere on this campus (or in this city) we feel this is wrong, especially when

students who pay a Union Fee are denied the use of the facilities. Movies could easily be held in any one of the auditoriums or lecture halls on campus. Banquets could be held at one of the unused wings of the Moffitt Cafeteria, in the Chancellor's home behind campus (which is unoccupied by the Chancellor), or in one of the many restaurants downtown. Although these noon banquets only last about one hour, they tie up the gym for approximately four to five hours because of the time needed to set up tables and clear them away. Often these banquets are for groups whose members are only remotely connected with the hospital and rarely do any of these people pay the approximately \$25.00 Union fee per year.

Recently a student fell on the gym floor and hurt himself. The reason he fell was that he slipped on salad oil that had not been cleaned up from a banquet earlier in the day. Also, the recent Regents Meeting tied up the gym for a

full week. We are not objecting to the Regents themselves using the gym for the one-two days that they needed it. But we are objecting to the use of the gym by newspapermen who were covering the meeting. Phones were installed for them at one end of the gym but the whole gym was closed because they didn't want any noise disturbing them. But this group of "free-loaders" didn't consider that they were disturbing the Union members who had paid fees for the gym's use.

It has been brought to our attention that the Union often makes money from scheduling these events. But we ask the question: is it the job of the Union to make money or to serve the students who pay a fee for its use? When the gym or other parts of the Union are not being used then its fine to rent space to raise extra revenue for the Union — but not at the expense of denying the members of the Union the use of its facilities.

A petition is being circulated regarding keeping the use of the gym primarily for recreational activities and we urge that everyone sign it. Also, we hope that those interested will speak to Sharon Mindlin, the current ASUC president, and members of the Union Board of Governors about this matter.

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HEW Health Chief

Lee Talks Medicare And Medicare

By Daniel Miller

(See Editorial Comment, Pg. 2)
"There probably is a more logical way to provide federal funds for health needs than through Medicare."

"Medicare brought to light all the weaknesses of the present health care system."

"The British system did not have sufficient flexibility and room for change . . . is not responsive to changes in health care."

The previous statements are those of Phillip R. Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, given at a speech at the UC Medical Center April 11.

In the course of his talk, entitled "The Federal Government in Medicine: Blessing or Catastrophe," Dr. Lee pointed out the benefits of previous Federal aid to health, the strengths and weaknesses of the Medicare system, and plans for the future cooperation of medicine and government in health care.

A young man, his blond hair slightly tinged with grey, with a quick, broad smile that brings crow's feet to the corners of his eyes and confidence in his ability to the onlooker, Dr. Lee bears a moderate resemblance to Chief

of Medicine Dr. Lloyd Smith.
THE PAST

A brief resume of the government's past participation in health was Dr. Lee's first topic. The 1930s saw the beginning of the Social Security Act; Grants-in Aid to the States to cope with venereal disease, waste disposal and water pollution; and the National Cancer Act. The latter is the basis for all Federal support of research in non-Federal institutions and led to the initiation of the National Institutes of Health.

In the 40's, grants to the States for hospital building was begun under the Hospital Survey and Construction Act. This has provided money for about 350,000 hospital beds throughout the country.

The rapid growth of research funds through NIH programs in the late 50's had an "enormous effect on medical education and medical care in this country." This statement will no doubt be supported by the people of this campus, since nearly everyone has at one time or another been influenced by these grants.

THE PRESENT

After 20 years of government involvement in research, the out-

lay for research in 1967 will be \$800 million, \$1.3 billion will go to health manpower and facilities, and \$300 million will go to medical education.

After these informative but rather dry statistics, talk turned to Medicare, spiced by some comments and questions from two somewhat irate post-65 ladies in the audience.

Dr. Lee admitted to the many weaknesses of the Medicare program, saying that it is of little or no benefit to the out-patient, because of all the red tape and confusion with billing, qualifying, payment, etc. However, it does help the hospital in-patient considerably.

The problems of getting care for the patients and pay to the health worker have pointed out "many

weaknesses of the present health care system," but, as Dr. Lee succinctly phrases it, "We can afford to 'muck around' to find the best way."

It is unlikely that Medicare will develop into the British kind of socialized medicine, said Dr. Lee, because "The British system did not have sufficient flexibility and

room for change," whereas the American system does.

There is the possibility of direct input into medical legislation from concerned groups in the professions because this legislation must be renewed periodically and because HEW meets with pertinent groups before Administration Legislative programs in health are set up.

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