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UNDESERVING

You know, it's really too bad that President Nixon got to go to China. Oh, it's alright for him to take 11,000 mile campaign trips on the tax payers' money with a traveling circus of newsmen, cabinet members, and other hangers-on, and with all the rigors of his office, he probably could use a long vacation away from Washington, the Western White House, Camp David, and Key Biscayne. No, he has every right to take a trip, but not to China. President Nixon simply does not deserve the honor and importance of re-establishing relations with the People's Republic of China. Considering his past record on that country, his persecution in the 1950's of those who sought normal diplomatic relations, and even his denial of its existence, he certainly should not get this precedent setting privilege. It's high time China and the US got along, but it's almost sickening that Nixon, ardent China-hater in the past, starts the process.

The same thing is true about Vietnam. Nixon is probably going to have the war over militarily by November of 1972, just in time for the election, of course. Money, arms, and a few advisors (where
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Friends and countrymen, you are looking at Coroner's Inquest's first double issue. In front of your eyes here we have the regular issue of CI. Turn it over and zowie, we have another paper, the French Underground.

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BANGLA DESH

For years it was evident that the union between West and East Pakistan was artificial and unsteady; a difference in race and religion led the west to exploit the east in every way that it could. Nearly all industry and agriculture in the east was owned by Westerners; most of the funds from exporting eastern jute crops and from foreign aid was used to develop the west. Last March, the Bengalis of East Pakistan declared their independence and the western controlled Pakistani army moved in to crush the rebellion. Their principle strategy was genocide, for an estimated three million Bengalis died at their hands; mass graves have been found in every village. Guerrilla resistance only increased the massacre; perhaps the soldiers wished to murder the whole eastern population. If it was up to our own government they might have succeeded; for during the nine
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BOOKS

THE MOVEMENT TOWARD A NEW AMERICA: THE BEGINNINGS OF A LONG REVOLUTION
assembled by Mitchell Goodman (Knopf Pilgrim Press)

As big and thick as a telephone book, The Movement Toward a New America traces thoroughly the development of the revolution from the 1956 Montgomery bus boycott to the 1970 student strikes following Cambodia and Kent.

Basically, the book is a collection of short pieces dealing with the history, development, and present position of all aspects of the movement. It includes book excerpts, quotations, cartoons, photographs, underground press articles, and some others. Their topics are loosely organized under the headings: "The New Americans," "Rebellion, Resistance, Revolutionary Action," "people of Color," "GI's," "Learning," "What Price Salvation Now," "People Media/Pig Media," "How to Live, What to Do."

The movement itself is tracable and is traced. It began as a civil rights movement, but spread out as an anti-war movement, a student-rights movement, a womens-rights movement and a draft-resistance movement, all intermingling and changing at once. I think of it as a Human-Rights movement, but of what it is Goodman writes in his introduction:

Something is happening. It goes deep, deeper than we know. Some call it a revolution. Too easily, at times. Too simply. Often without knowing what they mean, until the word is thinned out. Yet it persists. And we are no longer afraid of the terms. There is a revolution. No other word for it. It has only begun. It lives in the minds of a handful of men and in lives, and on the streets. It will take a long time---a long revolution. If it succeeds, there will be no end to it.

Millions know that something has happened. What exactly? For myself I have tried to find out with this book.

What I know now is that no one man knows what it is. One man sees this, another sees that, among the many facets. And yet it is only the top of the iceberg they see...

That iceberg is explored in The Movement, and more. Goodman conceived of his book as offering practical information as well as ideas. There are pieces, for instance, on organizing an underground paper, getting on with The Man, organizing political action, living in communes, and what to do if arrested.

It's hard to criticize The Movement; it's well organized, well laid out and its contents are excellent. Its worst feature is its lack of an index (more than an inconvenience in a book of this size). Although much of the content consists of first impression, fast-written news articles (see the section on Fred Hampton's death), they are easily balanced by other detailed, thought-out articles and book excerpts.

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have we heard that before?) will still be sent, but essentially the war will be over. Nixon will be the peacemaker, exonerated by his resolution of America's longest war.

But what about all those people who have fought this war through the 1960's, those in jail, or who fled the country to avoid fighting or supporting the war? What honor do they get, what encouragement do they get that what they suffered, all the ridicule, the persecution, the inattention heaped upon them by the government, actually helped stop the war? What sign is shown to

them that proves to them that their cause has not been co-opted by politicians as a cheap, vote-winning pre-election trick?

The answer, sadly, is probably none. All those people who were in streets against the war, all those who supported the movement with money, and even those senators who got involved too late, will probably never be acknowledged unless history vindicates them, as the true fighters for peace in Vietnam. No, only Nixon will be, and he, of all people does not deserve it.

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 months of genocide the US did nothing, officially protesting, seeking a "secret peace plan" but still continuing arms shipments to the West (while eastern food shipments were cut off). Finally India invaded in support of the rebels, and was firmly chastized by the world community, led by the United States.



Nixon?

CAMBODIA ANTI-CHINA U.N. POLICY

KENT STATE

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A.B.M.

BOMBING

ARMY SPYING

NO!

This is to all you hardworking guys out there in readersville who are employed in shops and stores. Save all the paper cartons that you would otherwise throw away and bring them to the Emhurst recycling center.

During the war, the US claimed neutrality; now it is acknowledged that we deliberately supported West Pakistan, apparently hoping to continue to use a united Pakistan as an ally against China. The plight of the Bengalis was ignored by this policy; the lives of a few million people were not important enough to risk a small chunk in our national armor. Richard Nixon is blamed by some for the indecency, but the fact is that all the postwar presidents have supported a similar policy of extreme overprotection: the absolute safety of the United States is to be defended to the disruption or destruction of all other nations and peoples. This policy has been followed in Geru, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Vietnam (to name a few), and has led to our insane stockpile of nuclear weapons. Nixon didn't invent the policy, he merely increased its scale. I'm sure future presidents will do the same for most Americans seem to support it, perhaps their safety is more important to them than the collective safety and freedom of all others. "Three million today, a few more tomorrow, what really is the difference as long as we're safe."



"So this is freshman gymnastics!"

Early rush for parking.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO C.I.

It is apparent to most people that York is not the ideal place to go to school. But unfortunately, most people also think that the problems at York are caused by a troublesome minority. This is not so. Perhaps to the majority of the students at York it is a minority, but as surely as this majority attends York, the blame for the problems at York falls on them.

The problems confronting York are not smoking, ditching, or a crummy student council. The real problems are the causes of these little problems. A lot has been said about apathetic students; what it boils down to is not caring. And when this attitude goes far enough, it begins to affect the whole atmosphere in the place it abides, as it is doing now at York. This problem is very real. It will grow and destroy everything we have gained if it is not controlled.

I do not speak of school spirit. Hopefully that went out long ago. The basic purpose of an institution such as York is learning. Not learning prejudices, to hate, or to be apathetic, but the learning of love, justice, and truth. It is true that these are high ideals, but one must strive for them, or they shall never be gained. To be fair, hate, prejudice, and apathy are idealistic, too, though at the other end of the spectrum. Unfortunately these are being learned at York.

This is not to say that these things are being taught at York. Students are teaching these things to themselves. The blame cannot be placed on the faculty or administration. The York student body collectively and as separate individuals must carry the full load. It is not an easy one to accept. But we must, for we have created it.

A desire to learn and grow is desperately needed at York. People need to care about themselves as much as they need to care about others. With no self-esteem or sense of responsibility towards oneself, love for others cannot come. After one does realize that he is only hurting himself by his prejudice and apathy, he can begin to improve himself. Through im-

(This article was originally intended for the York-Hi, but it was intercepted along the way.)

"Pizzaburgers, weiners, sloppy joes, spaghetti, and grilled cheese will all be featured next week, in that order," revealed Mrs. Irene Rutherford, cafeteria supervisor. "Pizzaburgers will be the main attraction."

Sharing the spotlight with pizzaburgers are french fries, fruit cup, a choice of white or chocolate milk, and a butterscotch brownie. Cafeteria bigwigs are, however, contemplating moving pizzaburgers to the Tuesday spot because students complain, "How can we save our money for pizzaburgers when we aren't foretold?"

York is divided on the issue of weiners. One student, James Gross, had the opinion that "hot dogs are all right," while another student, Carl Steinbrenner, felt that "hot dogs aren't all right." A bitter argument ensued.

"Grilled cheese is the Friday special. All you can eat," warned Mrs. Rutherford. Asked if this was a sound business practice, she replied "We figure nobody can finish more than one."

Future menus include: pizza, Po-Boy sandwiches, fried perch on a bun, ravioli with meat sauce, and baked chicken. Desserts include stewed prunes, baked prunes, prune calachis, candied prunes, and prune whip.

provement comes self-awareness, and through this comes respect and care for one's fellow man. When the student body at York realizes these dreams, then and only then will York become the ideal place to receive an education. Contributor

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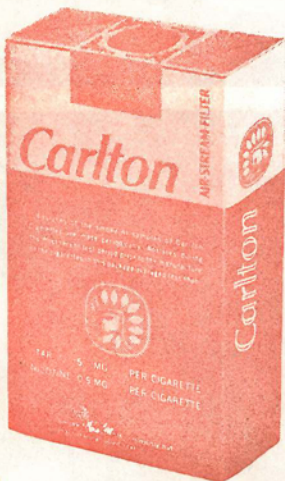
(But don't tell anyone!)

Dedicated to the end of repression
in high schools.

Police in school

I had a little straightening out to do. Joe, he just moved here you see, was a little confused. It all concerned the police in school. Now Joe actually thought this was a free school; anyone could do almost anything without harassment or pressure from the high command. Then he began seeing all the cops and security guards in and around school. He was a little puzzled. But then he heard about the killing of a young man in a Chicago high school by a security guard a few weeks ago. Wasn't it rather dangerous for the police to carry guns in school, he asked? Well, no, I said. Everyone knows about the hardened criminals we have here at York. There is even a rumor that guards are to "shoot to maim smokers and ditchers and shoot to kill vandals." He was really shocked to see the newly employed Gestapo in the johns. But I explained that everyone expected to be robbed, raped, or killed upon entering a john infested with smokers. But if smoking is such a problem, then why don't they set aside an area for smokers, he asked? Are you kidding, I said,

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Carlton---the brand you ~~find~~
found most often in York johns.

PRIORITY

Just recently, Eugene McCarthy said, when in Illinois campaigning for the presidency, it was time for this country to "reorder its priorities." In Richard Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign, he pledged to "reorder our priorities." Now, whether or not these two men of almost complete opposite philosophies would agree on what priorities need to be reordered is not the question. What these two similar statements show is that the move in this country is to consider different problems and undertake new projects.

Apparently not York High School, however. In the face of complaints about bad conditions in the washrooms, caused in some part by smoking, the administration decided to hire five people to patrol the johns to hunt down and capture all the wrong-doers who frequent them. This, according to administration logic, would solve the smoking problem because, with the additional watching eyes and a stronger use of suspension, people would be afraid to smoke.

Maybe so, but this solution to the problem is really ridiculous and certainly not the easiest. On the practical side, think of the money it will cost to pay these people. Since, according to rumor, each is paid \$4.25 an hour, working probably a 25 hour week, it will cost York approximately \$20,181 a year to pay for this service. That could pay for one teacher with 20 years experience with a little left over not to mention the new teachers it could hire or the raise it could provide for current teachers, or
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the books it could buy, or the better food it could provide, or even pay for a tartan track. (hmm) Whatever it is used for, that \$20,000 certainly could be better used than to pay for five washroom attendants.

Other problems arise from the administration's perfect solution. Consider the job that these five have to perform, walking up and down the halls all day, periodically going into the johns to spy on prospective offenders. Some life, isn't it? And, too, it seems some of the "observers" are a little over-zealous and apparently think that the only reason a high school student goes into a washroom is to sneak a cigarette. Already, some students, particularly girls, have complained that they were followed into the john, watched closely, and after a short time told to leave because they were "taking too much time." It seems now that people desirous of privacy will just have to wait until they get home.

POLICE IN SCHOOL

what else could the administration do if they didn't spend their time giving the students the runaround about such a place? I figured there were some other things I should probably tell him. For instance, the proper etiquette of student council. One must bow to 219A and salute Miss Bingham in addition to that time saver---parliamentary procedure. I also told him that Mr. Stacy disapproves of kissing and other affectionate gestures within the halls of York but that's OK since everyone is supposed to be trained zombies obedient only to the state. Joe then asked me about the beefed up police patrols around the school. I said they were to control the expected robbers, vandals, looters, and murderers from York not to mention the loiterers. Why don't they put up barbed wire, he asked? Groundhogs would never go for it, I said. Then the other day he found out about ID checks. He said it fitted with the Gestapo jonathons and the police patrols. But why, he asked, do they check IDs in class? What would a stranger be doing in a class? Wouldn't the teacher see him? Possibly, but not gym teachers; they'd be too busy assaulting students. Just to be sure he was convinced about York's state of affairs, I told Joe to watch his step outside Mr. Stacy's office or he'll be scrubbing the floor with a toothbrush!*

*Inside joke for SC members.

The most obvious solution to York's smoking problem is to allow students to smoke on school grounds, if not inside then outside. This, while curbing illegal smoking, would also help cut down littering in the neighborhood around the school. As it is now the people who live across the street from York get the privilege of having their front lawns fertilized with cigarette butts and matches. Surely, the administration would pick up a few points with the community if the littering was cut down.

It seems the administration is more interested in harassing and suspending students than in saving money or improving its public image. The students and neighborhood are the ones affected by York's smoking decisions. It's time that the interests of everyone are taken into account.

ACT

You know, you can complain. If you feel you've been harassed or unfairly teated by one of the deans or a washroom monitor, there are various things you can do. First, go to your counselor and tell him what you think. Most counselors at least listen and if enough people complain, something might happen. If this doesn't work, other ways are available. So make your own choice but whether you talk to an administrator, write a letter, or just yell real loud, don't be silent.

All right, you've had 10 seconds... time's up.....but.....but.....but.....

