

FOOD FOR VIET NAM — A SATIRE

Circle K Holds Egg Throw

There has been a considerable amount of debate over the proper dispersion of food supplies to our fighting men in South Viet Nam. Pursuant to this controversy, a member of the Wesleyan community recently was flown to Washington, D. C., to be interviewed by the newly appointed Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford.

Although the Pentagon had no statement concerning the meeting, a source close to Clifford has revealed to The Decree that the meeting was a preliminary to the creation of the Bureau of Vietnamese Dispersal, to be known as BVD in military parlance. The identity of the individual from Wesleyan who spoke with Clifford cannot be revealed, but it is understood that she will be appointed Director of BVD by the President following a security clearance. A transcript of that meeting has been made available to The Decree, and in an exclusive story the highlights of that interview are presented.

"As you know, Mrs. ----, you and I are the only people who are supposed to know the reason for this meeting, yet I've received almost a dozen telegrams applauding the wisdom of sending you to South Viet Nam. Did you mention anything to your friends?"

"That isn't possible, Mr. Secretary. You must realize that in a town the size of Rocky Mount it is most difficult to keep a secret for any length of time."

"Would you be willing to leave your position at Wesleyan and head-up BVD for us in Saigon?"

"If my country needs me, Mr. Secretary, I don't care where my air-conditioned office is."

"From my initial reports on you, I knew that would be your answer."

"I appreciate your interest in my background, Clark. It is a welcome and refreshing rarity."

"What methods do you hope to employ to make the disper-

sion of food more efficient?"

"Well, I have many friends in the wholesale food business and I think it would be best if I continued to purchase from their companies."

"All supplies of food to the Armed Forces must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration, Mrs. ----. Does their merchandise meet the standards?"

"What difference does it make as long as it's cheaper? Besides, the FDA has set its standards too high. They wouldn't be so quick to criticize if they had to feed six hundred chronic complainers three meals a day. Its always been my policy to give complainers something to complain about."

"Your record certainly speaks for itself."

"Also, I'd give everyone a number so they could be checked off as they went through the line."

"What line?"

"The food line of course."

"Most of the men are in the field, Mrs. ----, so their food has to be delivered by helicopter."

"No excuses! If they don't go through my line, then they don't get fed. That's one of my rules."

"What about men in the hospitals?"

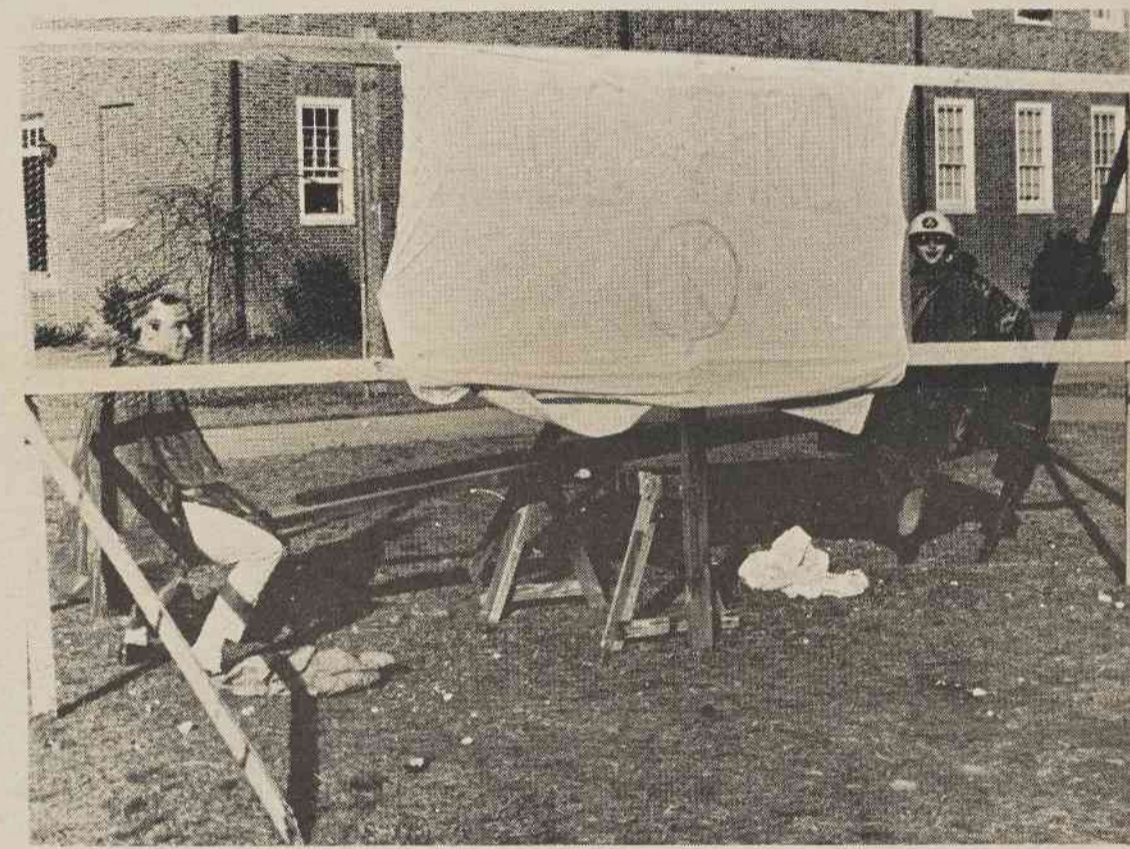
"I can readily sympathize with men who have been injured for the furthering of democracy. In such cases, a note signed by the CO, doctor, and chaplain, detailing the circumstances is all that would be necessary for the soldier to have any meal sent to him. He would need a note for each meal he could not line up for."

"But, Mrs. ----, don't...."

"Another thing. My husband will need something to do while we're over there. Can you set him up with a blue truck and a few vending machines to empty? - and his meals?"

"I'll be happy to discuss that with the President. In the meantime, would you leave your phone number with my secretary?"

The new program has been under study by the faculty for the past two years. Dean Moore visited many campuses across the nation to study new programs representing the first major changes made during the past fifty years in the standard curricula. Wesleyan's opening faculty retreat last fall took these changes as its theme. The 4-4-1 program is the culmination of this extended study.



What type of woman reads the Decree?

The crowd looks on (A) as two faculty members get egg on their faces (B). Even Mrs. Willis (C) does her part to raise money for the heart fund.

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sponsible, reasoning graduate. We believe the special session will help the student follow exciting independent study in the area of his specialty as well as provide him with opportunities to relate subjects in inter-disciplinary courses. This new approach to learning should help him to see the world and its problems from many viewpoints. Learning should thus be easier to relate to the contemporary world."

A fairly standard curriculum will be offered during the fall and winter terms. An expansion of inter-disciplinary course offerings and programs of independent study are also being developed.

The three terms will stand together as a full year's approach to learning. Many

courses offered during the first two full terms are designed to prepare the student to delve more deeply into a specialized course in the concluding short term each year.

The special term is designed to afford students opportunities for intensive individual research and for creative work not normally achieved in the classroom. The student is expected to develop self-discipline in problems in which he will assume a large measure of sole responsibility.