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## Chicago Eight Trial Opens **Amid Controversy**

By Rick Fitch

CHICAGO - (CPS) - The trial of the "Conspiracy" on charges resulting from the 1968 Democratic Convention demonstrations has opened in Chicago amid threats of mass protests, accusations that the judge is prejudiced against the eight defendants, and a dispute over press coverage.

On trial for crossing state lines to incite a riot are:

\* Dave Dellinger, 53, Chairman of MOBE (National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam), editor of Liberation magazine, a pacifist who was jailed in World War II for refusing induction.

\* Rennie Davis, 28, MOBE project director for the convention, former community organizer.

\* Tom Hayden, 29, SDS founder, author, co-project director for the convention former Newark, N. J., community organizer. \* Abbie Hoffman, 32, planner of Yippie "Festival of Life" during convention week, author, former SNCC field worker in Miss., known for about

for absurd performances before Congressional committees. \* Jerry Rubin, 30, Yippie leader, leader of Free Speech Movement at

Berkeley, project director for 1967 Pentagon protest.

\* Bobby Seale, 32, Oakland, Calif., Acting Chairman of Black

Panthers. \* John Froines, 29, MOBE staff, assistant chemistry professor at

University of Oregon. \* Lee Weiner, 29, sociology graduate student, Northwestern

University. All are charged under the anti-riot section (title 18) of the 1968 Civil Rights Act, which makes it a felony to travel from one state to another, Write a letter, send a telegram, make a phone call, or speak on radio or television with intent to encourage any person to participate in a riot -

(riot meaning an act of violence by one or more persons part of an assemblage of three, which "shall result in injury to the property of any other person.") The trial will provide the first constitutional test of the law, which

the defense and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) contend violates the First Amendment's protection of free speech and assembly. Scheduled during the first week were a candlelight march on the eve of the trial and a mass protest on the steps of the courthouse Sept. 24, the opening day. On Oct. 8-11, SDS and the Black Panthers have called for militant action in Chicago to "bring the war home."

A spokesman for the Committee to Defend the Conspiracy, an organization raising funds for legal defense of the accused, told CPS another demonstration is planned for the day the verdict delivered. The

trial is expected to last two or three months.

In addition, Yippie leader Hoffman has threatened to turn Chicago into a vast "People's Park" of protests. "Welcome to the World Series of American injustice," he told the press here. "We are the Conspiracy versus the Washington Kangaroos, who are outside agitators. We got walloned by the Chicago Pierro and acceptance in the Chicago Pierro and Alberta Pierro and Pi walloped bad by the Chicago Pigs, our crosstown rivals, last year; but we've had a year to learn."

Presiding over the case in U. S. District Court Judge Julius J. Offman, 74, who has a record of giving harsh sentences to draft resisters. Defense lawyers have claimed publicly that the eight indicted men would have "great difficulty in getting a fair hearing" before Hoffman, because he has already shown hostility in court, limited the spectators to so small a number that a public trial is impossible, and

limited unfairly their challenges of prospective jurors.

Judge Hoffman, called Mr. Magoo by radicals because of his resemblance to the General Electric Co.'s near-sighted mascot, could give the convicted and con give the "Chicago 8" up to 10 years in prison, if they are convicted, and

a maximum fine of \$20,000 each. Chief prosecutor is U. S. District Attorney Thomas Foran, a

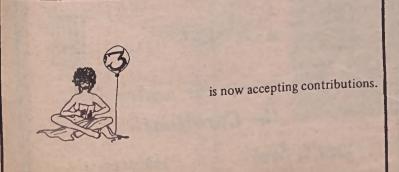
Chief U. S. District Court Judge William Campbell originally issued a directive prohibiting camera and recording equipment in the building, lobby and surrounding streets and sidewalks of the Federal Building, site of the trial.

But after nine reporters, one camerman and a legal researcher were arrested on charges of defying Campbell's order; and after the executive board of the Chicago Newspaper Guild voted to join the ACLU in challenging the chicago Newspaper Guild voted to join the ACLU in the index modified it to allow challenging the order's constitutionality, the judge modified it to allow for interviews and photo sessions in a room inside the building and on

floors without courtrooms. The ban on activity just outside the building where the newsmen were arrested remains in effect though.

Meanwhile, the fourth policeman to be indicted on charges of using undue violence during the convention was acquitted this week. Police Sgt. Arthur Bischoff, 38, was found innocent of violating the civil

rights of a photographer. Three other Chicago policemen have been acquitted of the same charge, and three have yet to stand trial.



## **Problems** For SAGA

By Marlene Whitley

Effective May 1969 all snackbar sales became taxable due to legislation initiated by Governor Bob Scott. Students remained exempt only from "A La Carte" sales.

UNC-C's director for SAGA Food Service, Mr. Frank Dailey, expressed concern Monday over the recent food problems. When confronted with the questions concerning sale taxation and rise in food prices, Mr. Daily explained that since SAGA fell under North Carolina state jurisdiction, it had no choice but to co-operate with state law. Mr. Daily further stated that, according to his master sheet, nothing had increased over a nickel in cost. A typed list of price increases over last year will be available in his office for anyone desiring to check it.

Such procedure means more work for SAGA too. Tax forms must be filed often; moreover, price increase doesn't help SAGA very much. From student, faculty, and visitor sales must come the money with which to replace broken china and lost silverware, to pay for linen, laundry service and labor, and to buy office supplies and additional equipment.

Another noticeable problem is the cafeteria facilities available. Cooking food in large quantities and keeping it warm until served has been very difficult. "We're just not working in facilities that were designed to feed 500 people," stated Mr. Dailey.

Efforts are being made, however, to correct adverse situations. For the benefit of non-resident students who desire meals from the boarder's line, SAGA has outlined a plan which it hopes to put into effect soon. A lunch meal ticket, costing 25 dollars, will provide for 20 lunches on a 20-day period, for Mondays through Fridays. Similarly, a supper meal ticket will be offered on the same basis for 35 dollars.

Another upcoming highlight is "SAGA Special" nights. Starting in October with a Halloween dinner by candlelight, SAGA hopes to devote one night each month to a special theme. A French meal, a Chinese dinner, and a Christmas banquet are among those planned.

Mr. Dailey smiled to add that the "49'er burger" has re-appeared, and students may also look forward to pizza now. Coffee will remain 10 cents for the first cup and 5 cents for

Mr. Dailey states that the immediate concern is the student attitude. "I'm not apathetic to any problem a student has," he explained. He encourages all students to see him personally if they have a problem or a question. He will be in either the cafeteria or his office and he welcomes suggestions.

## SNEA Appeals To Students

Are you tired of being just another student who goes from home to class or from dorm to class and then back again? Whether you have been here three weeks or three years, your time and your talent are needed.

On October 15, many students will be involved with the Viet Nam Moratorium to voice their opposition to the Viet Nam war and to express their anguish about the deaths of Americans in Viet Nam. Regardless of your opinion of the war, there are many students here in Mecklenburg County who need help and understanding just as the war in Viet Nam calls for your attention and careful consideration. These kids need attention, help, and a sympathetic ear.

Mr. Ralph Cline, principal of Villa Heights Elementary School; and Mr. Eddie Byers at Piedmont Junior High are in critical need of student help in their work with culturally and economically deprived children. They need students who are willing to give a minimum of two hours a week of their time to help some child learn to read, spell, or to do any of a

number of seemingly simple things.

Competent college students are needed to work with those students who are behind in their studies due to personal or environmental problems. Students are also needed to help the intellectually superior children in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system. Students are needed to direct certain recreational activities such as basketball, music lessons, or singing sessions. The Bethlehem Center in Charlotte needs students especially in these recreational fields.

The office of the Student National Education Association invite all students at UNC-C to contribute their time and assistance in any field in which they have a particular talent or interest: biology, drama, music, speech, math, earth sciences, English, or foreign language. Students need not be SNEA members or education majors to participate. A table has been set up in the Union lobby today through Friday to allow students to get further and more complete information about the program and to sign up for the program.

## **Union Officials Attend Conference**

University Union Representatives will attend the regional conference of the Association of College Unions-International to be held at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky on October 5, 6 and 7. They will attend seminars and workshops to discuss the cultural, social, recreational and educational programs provided by college unions in their area.

It is expected that over 50 colleges and universities from Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia will be represented. The main speaker at the conference will be Mr. Robert A. Alexander, president of the national organization. Mr. Alexander is director of the Guy S. Millberry Union, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco,

California.

The Association, founded in 1914, is officially represented on over 850 campuses throughout the world. The purpose of the Association is to provide an opportunity for unions to join in studying and improving their services, and to assist in the development of new college unions. The college union on each campus is regarded as an integral part of the total educational program of the institution. It is the center of the college campus for cultural, social, recreational and educational activity.

Representing UNC-C will be Miss Carolyn Bobbit, Miss Barbara Brenhouser and Mr. Bob Welch.

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