

Letters

D.C. over the week-end

We left Charlotte at 11 p.m. and arrived in Washington about 7 a.m. Saturday. The sun's rays were just piercing through the horizon cloud cover when we crossed the Potomac. Most of the kids had never been to Washington before and crowded to the left side of the bus for glimpses of familiar capital city scenery, little bands of hippie dressed youths that roamed the streets and several large huddles of blue uniformed police.

One kid saw the cops and said he sure hoped there wasn't any violence because he had been in a demonstration where they had used tear gas before and that stuff sure is bad news.

Then we got to the Agriculture Building and stopped and one of the marshalls in our group got off the bus and went to look for somebody to tell us where to go. We went up to the Capitol and joined the rest of the people already there. It seemed more like four million than 400,000. And all different kinds of signs. And the marshalls all were holding each others' arms to keep order.

The cops were there too. A lot of them had the whole works on -- face mask, helmet, billy stick, et al. I asked one smiling captain about tear gas. He pulled back the front of his coat and displayed a few canisters. He grinned. As long as things went nice--OK. But if not....

Many grinned sheepishly and displayed the two-finger peace sign. Now one showed a belligerent spirit. Demonstrators who found themselves lost did what any stranger does.

"How do you get to the rally place?" The cop pointed down the street. "Two blocks, then a left, then straight ahead. It's in that direction (he pointed across a saw horse blocking a street) but this street right here is blocked off. I'm sorry, no you can't go that way."

And you really knew you couldn't because the cop wasn't kidding. But he was nice about it. And that was so important.

The kids were good too. A few tried to turn it into another Chicago. But it wouldn't work. Demonstrators sided with police to control the violent contingents. It was beautiful.

The one sour note was the President's refusal to listen. He could have sent an aide or anybody. And said "Yes, I hear you. Thank you for being interested enough in this country to put out all this effort." Anything would have done. But no. President Nixon watched a football game.

How long before the gentle but sincere extended two fingers withdraw into an angry clinched fist? **Howard Pearce**

Aquarian Hope

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The gathering of students and a few faculty members to protest the "mistreatment" of Instructor Blevins had some rather comical moments this past Wednesday. Just moments after Dr. Robbins (advisor-to-be of B.S.U. and P.P.U.) had shed tears of indignation over the denial of Mr. Blevin's First Amendment rights, a dissenting student at the podium was met with interruptions and general harrasment. Seems one must be liberal to have freedom of speech these days.

There is an interesting new book out: SO YOU WANT TO BE A LIBERAL, by Dr. Ernst Angst. Included are a few definitions you may find amusing. 1) Berling Wall: high point of Kennedy Administration foreign policy; approximately 25 ft. 10 in. at Checkpoint Charlie. 2) Vigilantes: right-wingers who take the law into their own hands, as opposed to left-wingers who, while superficially doing the same thing, are actually responding to a higher law. 3) Relativity: liberal absolute. It's published by Arlington House and comes in a plain brown envelope.

David Thomas, chairman of UNC-C Young Americans for Freedom, takes note of the fact that William Poe and YAF are now tied for first place in the number of times each has received the Star-Spangled-Banner Award. Mr. Thomas said, "We appreciate it and we will do our best to prove we rate it."

Happiness is the launch of another Moon Mission. Those of us who got a little misty when Eagle landed last time will be praying for a safe and productive flight. As is the custom of the late sixties, people will be picketing Cape Kennedy. This brings to mind an interesting plea: "No one can eat or warm himself on these expensive gadgets and soft ware--this fancy new compass and star-gazer.... Surely it is not worth a years national income to send a great expedition into nowhere in order to make a few corrections on our maps!" ---Don Teodore de Quennedias, 1490 A.D. Pray for Apollo 12.

Whatever happened to Senator McGovern?

Dear Editor:

There is a saying here at Yale: "When you are being raped the issue isn't negotiation, it is withdrawal." In the rape of Vietnam, that is exactly the issue. For two years first Lyndon Johnson and now Richard Nixon have consistently ignored our demands for an end to this war. Instead, they have persisted in their uncompromising stance at the Paris peach talks - talks which drag on while thousands are dying. We have expressed our protest in many ways, culminating on October 15 in the national moratorium, and are still being ignored. Now we propose another level of protest which the president will not be able to ignore.

The idea of a National Fast for Peace on the days of the morarium had its beginning here at Yale and is now spreading rapidly. On October 15, five hundred fasters here and elsewhere began the movement. There are now over three thousand students, professors, and professional men in this area who have signed the enclosed commitment. We are encouraged by medical, religious, and political advisors of many universities, including Reverend William Sloane Coffin Jr., Vincent Scully (Yale U.), Father Daniel Berrigan (Cornell University), William Davidom (Haverford), and Richard Falk (Princeton).

We believe that fasting is effective as both a personal and political gesture against the war. It indicates a strong dedication to our conviction that the war must be stopped, and a solidarity with the millions of Vietnamese who are starving because of the war. Politically, we can hope at the least for another perceptive comment by Mr. Agnew.

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Yours in peace,
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NFP Committee

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Dear Editor,

During a recent meeting of the Student Legislature, a member of the Judicial Committee made a statement upon which I desire enlightenment. He stated that the Student Legislature was given certain powers with the understanding that the exercise of these powers is subject to the final approval of the administration.

I now refer you to the SGA Constitution (as shown in the GOLD DIGGER for this academic year). Article I V, Section 4, Part E were in the following statement is made:

"The Student Legislature shall have power to review and approve the constitution and/or by-laws of all university student organizations and to issue these organizations a charter without which no student organization may function."

If the administration accepted this constitution (as it apparently did), then I would assume that they approved all parts of it. In so doing, the administration relinquished its right to make final approval in this area.

Was the SGA Constitution sanctioned by the administration with the condition that the powers stated therein be subject to the final approval of the administration? If so, shouldn't a statement of this condition accompany the SGA Constitution to inform the student of what powers he really has? Should the administration even be allowed to approve or disapprove of a Student Legislature merely a "rubber stamp" of the administration? Does the Student Legislature have any real power? I wonder.

Peace,
Albert Sloan

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