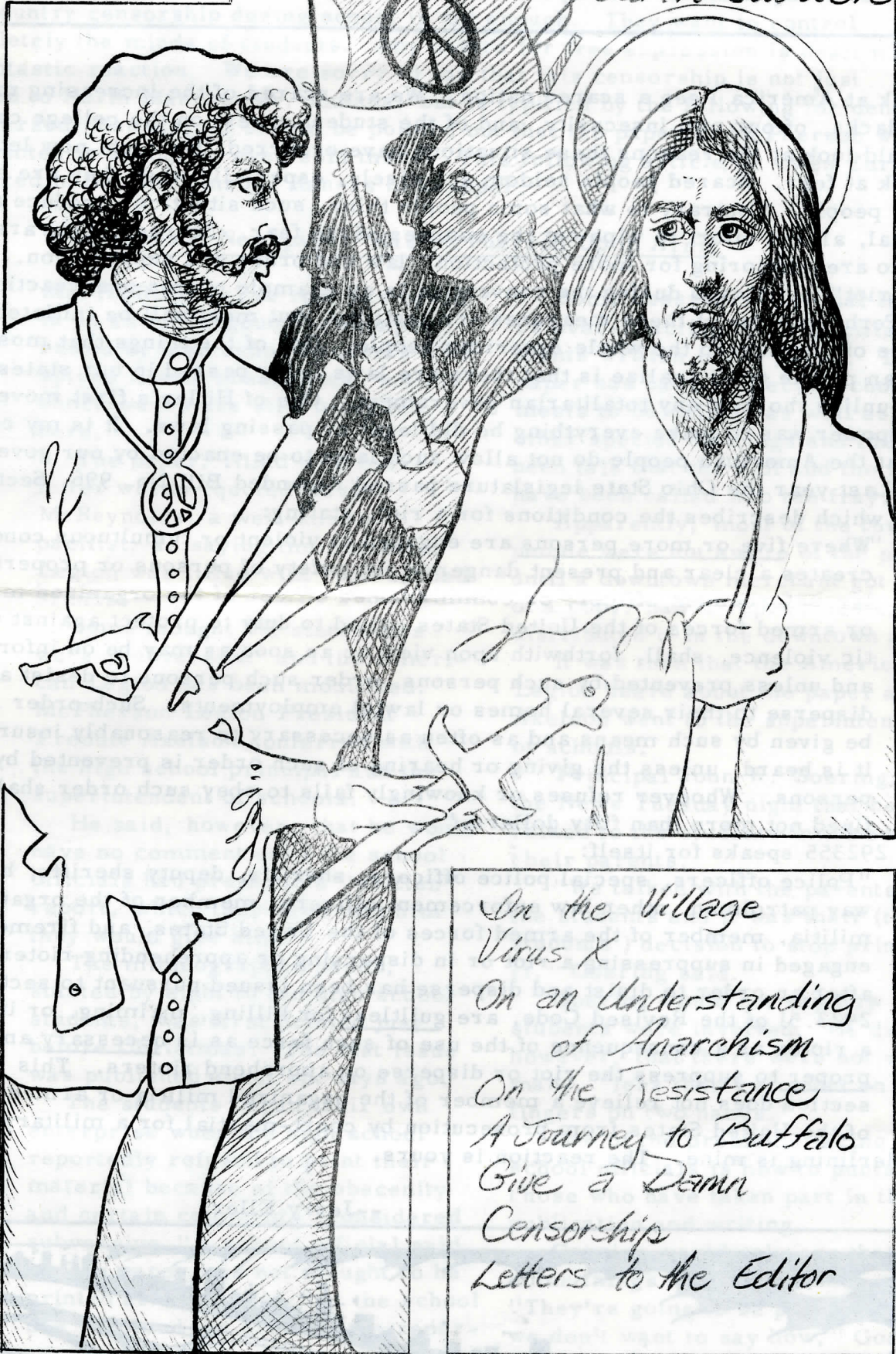


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## JOURNEY TO BUFFALO

On January 25th we traveled to Buffalo, New York, from all parts of the country. We represented many groups including the Brethren Action Movement, Young Friends of North America, Connecticut Resistance, Quaker Action Group, Brethren Peace Fellowship, Clergy and Laymen Concerned and others. We met in Buffalo that Saturday night with money and checks that had been collected to be used for medical supplies by the Red Cross Societies of South Vietnam, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and the National Liberation Front. On Sunday, January 26th we presented this money to the Canadian Friends who will buy supplies and ship them to the Red Cross Societies.

Saturday night was a time of fellowship and planning. We attempted to discover a common ground of witness among the groups. We discussed our church background and how they related to each other. Our common witness was nonviolence and the desire for peace action. We all agreed to openly confront the U.S. officials at the Peace Bridge the next day.

We worshiped together on Sunday morning in a silent Quaker meeting. At 2PM about 35 of us appeared before the U.S. customs. We eagerly waited in anticipation of the mile long walk across the Peace Bridge. At the customs office Peter Woodrow and I presented a statement of our concerns and intentions. The press interviewed several persons while we were told to cross the bridge in twos and threes because we lacked a parade permit. We encountered no real difficulties with the officials. Once across the bridge and through the Canadian customs we met Toronto Friends in a coffee shop and gave them the money which amounted to \$1858.18.

While all of us felt deeply about our act of conscientious civil disobedience, we recognized that our government was not ready to deal with us at that time. As long as we remain a minority or not challenge our government's actions on a wider scale, we will likely be allowed to continue such services. It is my hope that this first engagement of joint action by the groups represented will lead to an ever expanding base of common concern of the American people.

--Jerry Eller

## ... BECAUSE I HAD BEEN MANDATED TO.

I went to Buffalo, New York, on Saturday, January 25th because I had been mandated to do just that. The same Christ who decided it was better to ask Zaccheus if he would share a meal instead of asking him if he was saved, said; "love your enemies, turn the other cheek, walk the second mile." . . . .

A pot luck supper was served to all of us. From Indiana, Maryland, Chicago, New York, and many other places, we gathered together for a witness. It is important to note that we started with a meal, friendship together, fellowship together. . . .

The weather report, as told us, was a point of discussion. Very high winds and low temperatures made it seem almost foolish to walk across the Peace Bridge. If we walk, who will know? Who will know what we walk for? It is of no use to walk. Let us just get the money across. How long is the bridge? As a group, we decided to walk across the bridge in a witness to basically ourselves, a symbol to possibly only our own personal being. . . .

The government has no right to tell me who my enemies are. I have no enemies. "Love your neighbor as yourself." The language can't be any plainer. . . .

Vietnam is screaming for life. It is crying over its loss of blood and hope. It is praying for the ability to say "I am." I felt concerned about Vietnam. My concern went down into the depths of my soul. The only way, and the epitomy of my witness, to bring my concern into a living identity with the people of Vietnam, was to walk across the bridge. . . .

-- Tom Hurst



# THE RESISTANCE

As we in the Resistance look out on a world that is really a merry-go-round of blood and misery, and as we look out on that world of widows and orphans and young men shipped home in boxes and little children with their chins melted to their chests, as we look out on that world, there is one statement that has cogency and meaning. That statement is a very simple statement, but like most simple statements is a very complex problem to try to live. That simple statement is; all men are brothers. And the problem that we have taken on ourselves is the problem of building that brotherhood into a social and political reality....

The most obvious assumption of military conscription is that the lives of young people in this country belong not to those young people; the lives of those young people instead are possessions of the state, to be used by the state when and where the state chooses to use them.

... What the draft card represents is a pledge. It's a pledge that all of you have signed to the American state. That pledge says, "When and where you decide to murder to be a fit international policy, I'm your boy."

The first problem that you and I face is the problem of repossessing that basic instrument called a life. That life all of you have signed over to the state. And it is only when we begin to repossess those lives that you and I can ever talk about those lives having meaning or about living in a society that was really shaped by the meaning of those lives.

... You live in a country that every hour spends seven million dollars on weapons. Every month we spend the money for armaments for the war in Vietnam that is necessary to feed every starving person in the world today. .... You and I are the bricks and mortar of that system. And the most elaborate bureaucracy for selective service in the world does not function without people such as you and me willing to sign our lives over to that system. Without you and me, it's nothing. I mean, the beautiful thing about American totalitarianism is that it is participatory. Which means that if you don't buy it, it doesn't move. And I don't buy it.

I think you buy it when you carry a draft card.

.... first, all you've got is a life, all any man is given is a life and it's time for you, instead of dealing with the abstract notion of social problems and sitting down in all your academic regalia and presenting analyses about the various social problems in America, to understand that the social problem of America is people.... if you want to speak to people's lives, then you speak to them with a life.

.... What we've said is that it's time to stand up. It's time to stand up with your brothers around the world. It's time to jump off the merry-go-round. It's time to stop letting your shoulder be used as a hoist for the death saddle. It's time to stop sharpening his sword. It's time to stop carrying his shield. It's time to stop watching him run off down the road with bloody hoofprints. It's time to stand up.

You can't serve a god of militarism and war and serve a God of brotherhood and love.

--Dave Harris



# REPRESSION

The following 2 articles are examples of the development of a pattern of local repression across the country. Rather than pass federal legislation or take federal action against dissention, it has become apparent that it is expedient to carry out such action on the local level where there will be no public defense of minority rights and no public outcry on the national level.

--Editors

As I look at America I see a scared nation. We are scared of the increasing militancy of the blacks, of our own insecurity, and of the student unrest on the college campuses. We should look at the reasons these situations have occurred, but right now let's only look at fear. Scared people seldom act wisely, especially when they are scared of other people. Contrary to what some people think, such situations produce an irrational, all out effort to wipe out the sources of the fear. Scared people are the ones who are clamoring for more protection, law and order and suppression. The "police riot" in Chicago during the convention is an example of this overreaction of fear. Perhaps some of these measures are justified, but most will be initiated at the price of freedom to the whole American people. One of the things that most American people don't realize is that there are laws being passed in our states that are not unlike those of any totalitarian government. One of Hitler's first moves once in power was to make everything he did legal by passing laws. It is my concern that the American people do not allow such laws to be enacted by our government. Last year the Ohio State legislature passed Amended Bill No. 996. Section 2923-51 which describes the conditions for a riot, stating:

"Where five or more persons are engaged in violent or tumultuous conduct which creates a clear and present danger to the safety of persons or property, a law enforcement officer, or commissioned officer of the organized militia or armed forces of the United States called to duty to protect against domestic violence, shall, forthwith upon view or as soon as may be on information, and unless prevented by such persons, order such persons to desist and disperse to their several homes or lawful employments. Such order shall be given by such means and as often as necessary to reasonably insure that it is heard, unless the giving or hearing of such order is prevented by such persons. Whoever refuses or knowingly fails to obey such order shall be fined not more than fifty dollars."

Section 292355 speaks for itself:

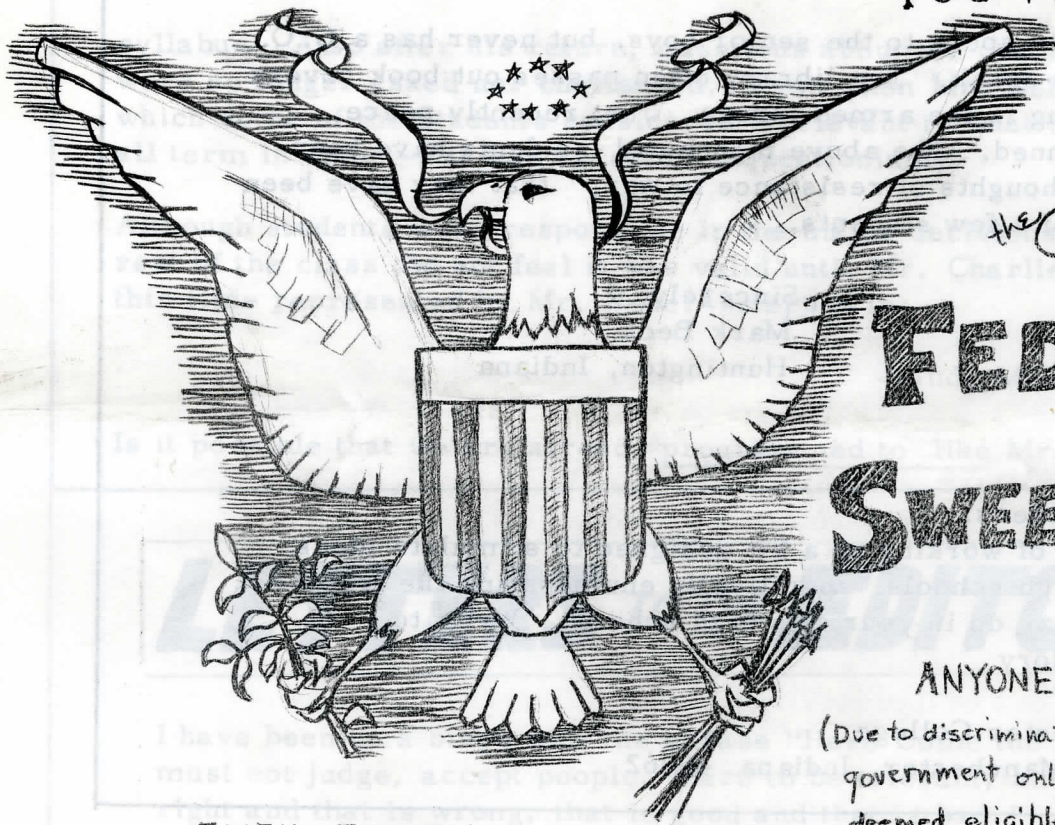
"Police officers, special police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, highway patrolmen, other law enforcement officers, member of the organized militia, member of the armed forces of the United States, and firemen, when engaged in suppressing a riot or in dispersing or apprehending rioters and after an order to disist and disperse has been issued pursuant to section 2923.51 of the Revised Code, are guiltless for killing, maiming, or injuring a rioter as a consequence of the use of such force as is necessary and proper to suppress the riot or disperse or apprehend rioters. This section does not relieve a member of the organized militia or armed forces of the United States from prosecution by court-martial for a military offense."

The underlining is mine. The reaction is yours.

--Jerry Eller







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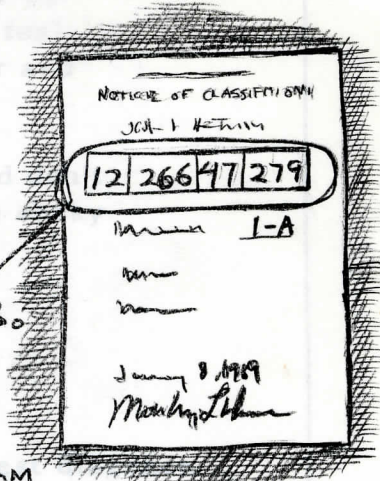
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