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EDITORIAL:

"Food for Thought"

What are you going to think about this summer? Odd question? Everyone seems to be going around asking what you're going to do? Will you work for a peace candidate? Will you organize the churches in your home town? Will you join a caravan? Will you talk to people, picket, leaflet, throw rocks, burn a building? Will you stay here and organize, go there and organize? The menu is inexhaustible. It's almost impossible to find all the alternatives.

But no matter where you go, or what you do, your head goes with you. And given all the time you spend doing something "useful" plus all the rest that goes for food, fun, sex and sun, there's still some time when thinking happens.

Therefore, at the risk of mingling old-fashioned virtues, like using your spare time to get educated, with the current impetus to do something to get this country straightened away, I'd like to suggest that before you split for the hinterlands, you consider assuring yourself the availability of resources to delve into a few of the political questions raised this spring, which may have thus far escaped your intellectual perusal.

For example, you might ask: Why did Yale include freeing political prisoners, especially Bobby Seale, as one of their strike demands? Why is Bobby Seale in

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The Stanford Medical Community for Peace needs PEOPLE. We need office workers, organizers, leaders, secretaries, clerks and anyone else who is willing to work full or part time. Call Ross Collins, 6209.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS -- WORKERS NEEDED

Workers are desperately needed to work for peace candidates. The McCloskey campaign is especially critical and is being watched on the national level as an indication of public sentiment. Volunteers are greatly needed for McCloskey on election day, June 2. (That's NEXT tuesday). Some workers are also needed on Saturday, May 30. Volunteers should go to the McCloskey headquarters at 650 El Camino Real, Redwood City, (365-8844) at 9:30 am. each of these mornings or call the NERVE CENTER, ext. 6210, for other times and places.

Volunteers are also needed for Halstead. Go to Halstead headquarters 2432 Broadway, Redwood City (368-3959) any day.

Brown campaigners should consult his table in White Plaza or his headquarters in Palo Alto (323-1351).

Work with election campaigns in the medical center is being directed by an ad hoc committee on Political Action. Call Tom Chester (325-7600) if you are interested.

SPEAKERS CARRY INFO TO COMMUNITIES

More than 40 staff and faculty and 20 students are speakers on war related topics. The ongoing canvassing of labor organizations by STOP for Peace is expected to bring in many requests for speakers on historical, economic, and legal topics related to the war. There is reported to be a great hunger among labor organizations to talk with medical personnel about their health care needs. Speakers who can address their remarks to this topic and how the war is effecting health care delivery in this country are being assembled. A series of brief papers on health related topics is also being prepared.

Two police departments have made initial favorable responses to having representatives speak to them. Letters to many conservation organizations have brought no response. More engagements for speakers are being sought.

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prison? What is he charged with? What are the arguments for and against the Seale case being related to ending the war?

Or consider the case of the three black men being tried in Soledad prison for murder of a prison guard. What are the jury statistics in Monterey County? Are public records being kept from the attorneys trying to defend these men? Is there generally a pattern of systematic harassment of blacks, chicanos, and others in the prisons? Is the harassment worse for politically aware prisoners?

Are there political arrests in Palo Alto? On your own home town? Are there connections between arrests for vagrancy, obstructing an officer, drug possession and the politics, race, economic status of the person charged? What happens when these people come to trial? What's Justice Douglas talking about, anyway?

Or, moving to the war: How long have we actually been fighting in Cambodia? What's happening in Laos and Thailand? What's the evidence for statements that the CIA helped bring about the change of government in Cambodia? What's the meaning of free elections in Viet Nam?

Or again, turning away from the war, but not really: Why are city and county governments unable to handle the land grab speculation which is carving up vast open spaces into subdivisions which pervert the ecology of what ever areas they hit? Why are the poor and even not the poor finding it harder and harder to get decent housing while office buildings grow like weeds?

Building an all-purpose, handy-dandy, do-it-yourself summer education project kit that can pack into a knap-sack of course can be a bit of a problem. Especially so because no single source can ever be relied upon to give all sides of the question.

I would suggest starting with publications raising the questions and surveying information from the non-establishment point of view, since Nixon's answers can be bought off any news stand in the US. Among the sources to choose (certainly not all, and maybe not even the best) are leaflets and pamphlets from Concerned Asian Scholars and Pacific Studies Center, periodicals like Ramparts, Earth Times, The Free You. To get another side, try publications from

EVENTS:THURSDAY:

1:00-4:00pm. (M114) "Causing Change In Medicine: The Process and the Politics", panel discussion with representatives from the AMA, MCHR, SAMA, Free People's Clinic, AAPS.

FRIDAY:

7:30pm. (Cubb. Aud.) Films by students and artists. BENEFIT.

SATURDAY:

11:00am. (San Fran., 25th and Harrison) Chicana Moratorium, followed by a march to Dolores Park and a rally. Call 282-3160.

1:00pm. (San Jose State quad) Labor-Student Memorial Day Rally; many labor, government, campus, & community speakers. Professional entertainment.

CARAVAN TO CALIFORNIA: Tour small towns and explain student positions to the people. Meeting: Mon., June 1, 7:30pm. Call 327-7545 for information.

CARAVAN BACK EAST: Call Lisa Rosen, 854-3063 or PACC, ext. 2394, to work with Stanford people on peace problems.

MEETINGS:THURSDAY:

8:00am. (M112) Medical Communications
8:00pm. (S207) STOP for Peace (Everybody)
7:30pm. (R358) Democratic Means
9:00pm. (S207) BLAM

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Center for Democratic Studies (Santa Barbara), the New Republic, or Harpers. Also, go for original source material like corporation brochures, transcripts, and Congressional record.

Where to find the material? Try the bookstore, the Full Circle Restaurant, 117 University Ave., P.A., the Plowshare Bookstore across the street and up one block, Keplers on El Camino in M.P., or go to the bookstores on Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley or in S.F.

Start from the other side or from the middle, but which ever way you go, make sure you get the whole picture. If you doubt an allegation, check it out. You are what you eat-especially when it comes to food for thought. (by Lee Herzerberg)