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Elio Portocarrero Rios, one of the leaders of the Peruvian liberation movement in 1965-6, was jailed on August 22 there. Friends, relatives and supporters fear that he will be assassinated as has happened to other leaders of the movement. An appeal for support of Portocarrero has been launched by MIR (Movement of the Revolutionary Left) of which the national leader is Portocarrero. The U. S. Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners, whose chairmen are Dave Dellinger, Paul Sweezy and John Gerasi, urges that letters of protest be sent to President Fernando Belaunde Terry, Lima, Peru, and the Peruvian Mission to the U.N., 301 E. 47th St., NYC, demanding a trial for Portocarrero before a civilian court. (LNS)

Dany the Red will be attending the Free University of Berlin this fall, not the Sorbonne; Cohn Bendit registered at the Free University this week. The transfer will help strengthen the growing international spirit among radical activist student movements. Rudi Dutschke, the leader of the German Socialist Students League (SDS) who was shot by a right-wing fanatic last year, is not expecting to be enrolled at the Free University. (LNS)

Washington, D.C., Sept. 22-- Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle's warning from the St. Matthew's Cathedral here at Sunday Masses against "false ideas of freedom of conscience" was greeted by a walkout. At each of the three masses, congregants walked out when the Cardinal maintained that the recent Papal ban on artificial contraception must be strictly obeyed. Those who remained at each mass gave the Cardinal a standing ovation. (LNS)

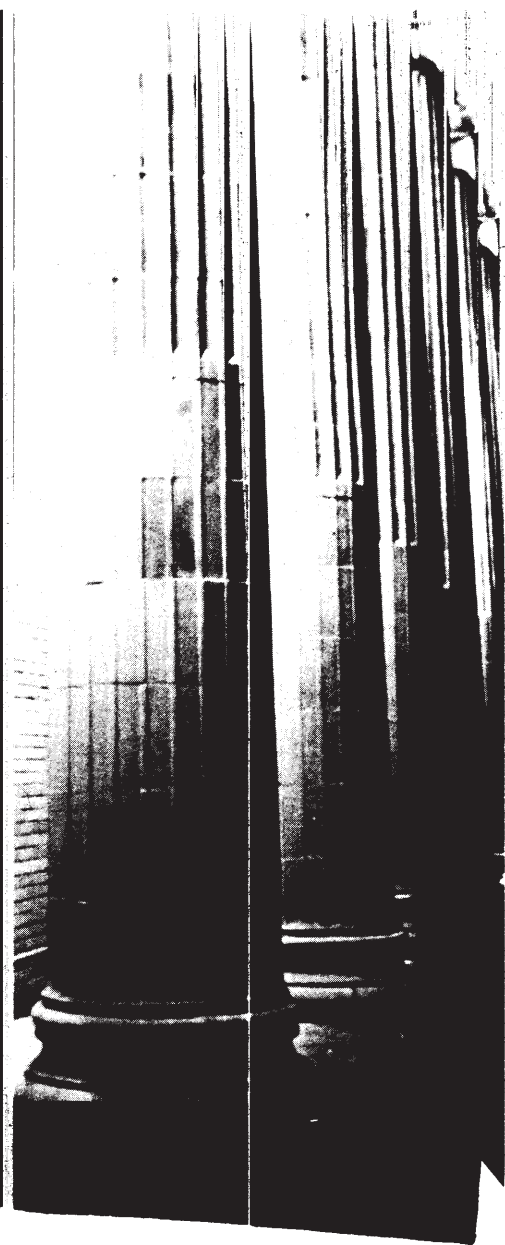
Pyongyang, Korea--Open guerilla warfare has been launched against the U.S.-braced military regime of General Chung Hee Park in South Korea. According to a report by Lionel Martin in the September 21 issue of the Guardian, guerillas have attacked U.S. and South Korean government military offices, as well as the offices of the U.S.-owned International Telephone and Telegram Company. LNS

Kahului, Hawaii--Spiro T. Agnew, after retracting his Humphrey-is-soft-on-Communism statement, called a Polish American a "Polack" and an American newsman of Japanese descent a "fat Jap." Mr. Agnew, upset about his image, spoke at a Hawaiian Republican picnic. "The Vice-Presidential candidate is being accused of insensitivity. How important it is that we don't lose our sense of humor" Mr. Agnew proclaimed. He explained that "radical appellations are often used in good humor."

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept. 24-- A group of fourteen war resisters, including five Roman Catholic priests, a Protestant minister, and a Christian Brother, this afternoon seized and burned with homemade napalm the I-A draft files of Milwaukee's Selective Service Board Numbers 42, 43, 45, and 47. An estimated 20,000 vital draft statistics were destroyed.

Shortly after closing time the boards, all located on a single floor of a downtown Milwaukee office building, were entered by the fourteen. They obtained entrance by taking a key from a 36-year-old cleaning woman. The men filled shopping bags with the vital statistics and ran half a block to a small park dedicated to America's war dead. Having thrown the napalm across and setting fire to the records, the group conducted a religious service as the draft records were consumed in flame at the base of a steel flagpole.

In a statement released to the public, the fourteen declared that the "Service of Life no longer leaves any option other than positive, concrete action against what can only be called the American way of death." LNS



A grey-haired representative of the sheriff's department served subpoenas on Larry Rubin and Tom Hayden, politely asked them to speak to Rubin about plane fare when they were through with his carefully arranged simultaneous press conference. Rubin and Hayden proceeded to burn their subpoenas. "Why are you burning your subpoenas?" asked Channel 4 or 5. "To show what we southern rascals who make up the country answered Rubin. "I'm thrilled to appear on the TV of every American boy should be to be named by HUAC."

Rubin added that the last time he had appeared before HUAC, he had netted \$400 in expenses and accommodations. This time he would use it to finance the revolution.

"The hearings are pure theatre," he said. "I'll bring 1000 Yippies to attend them. I don't know whether I'll go as a baseball player or as an Indian." This was the only idea that came up among the Yippies as to how to react to the hearing. (LNS)

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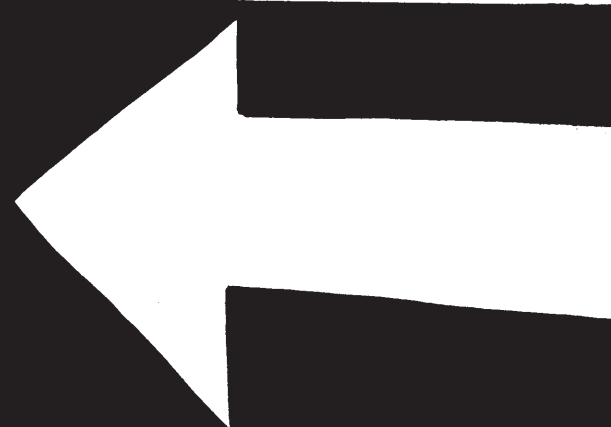
At around eleven forty five on Saturday night Larry Neufield was walking back from Adolphi. A Volkswagen passed going his way and he stuck out his thumb, but it was already full. He continued walking. A second car passed and, assuming that it would be a Bard student, he again stuck out his thumb.

He said, "I saw a flash of light and I fell over into the bank. Something had hit me. I got up and there was a faucet of blood coming from my mouth. There was another car coming down the road and I just stood out in the middle of the road. They stopped... it was two Bard girls. They drove me to the Infirmary... I knew I couldn't make it."

The stone which his father found the next day, covered with blood, had shattered his three upper teeth, which were removed at the Doctor's office, and broken off three lower teeth at the midpoint. He received six stitches in his upper lip.

The police questioned Larry that night at the infirmary and "seemed unconcerned. They asked me if I was sure someone had not come from behind and socked me in the mouth."

Larry seems more bewildered than bitter about the incident. "I've never had an encounter with violence before," he says. Although he does not desire or intend to fight violence with violence, he plans to press charges if the police are concerned enough to find the person or persons involved.



Academic Calendar: Fall, 1968

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| October 24 | Midterm (All midterm examinations and papers to be completed by this date. |
| October 25-31 | Instructors distribute student copies of Criteria sheets, with midterm grade, in class. |
| October 30 | Short moderation papers due in registrar's office. |
| November 11 | Moderations begin. |
| November 16 | Make-up classes for November 28 |
| November 18 | Senior mid-way reviews begin. |
| November 23 | Make-up classes for November 29 |
| November 26 | Senior Projects due, 5:00 p.m. |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving holiday. |
| December 1 | Return to School |
| December 2 | Senior Project reviews begin. |
| December 19 | 5:30 p.m. semester ends. No papers or reports may be accepted by a faculty member after this time. |

ie Media --

Two previously unpublished novellas by Regis Debray will be brought out by Grove Press October 14: "The Border" and "Young Man in the Know". . . . WBAI FM in NYC (99.5) has launched a new weekly series "Draft Counseling on the Air", . . . Wednesday nights at 9.00. . . .

Film Makers Distribution Center has organized the Film Makers' Lecture Bureau, supplying experimental and independent film makers for lectures to accompany films. It includes people like Shirley Clarke, Jonas Mekas, Stan Underbeek. . . . The Bleeker Street Cinema in New York presents, this week, Edgar Sanow's feature-length documentary on China, "One-Fourth of Humanity". . . . Grove Press presents Jean-Luc Godard's Weekend at the 72nd St. Playhouse in NYC beginning Monday, Sept. 30. When Weekend was released at a plush theatre along the Champs-Élysée, members of the audience began ripping up the seats and throwing fruits and the like at the screen. Only after the "rioters" were ousted from the theater could the premiere continue. A similar incident happened when Jean Renoir's Rules of the Game, also about the bourgeois, opened at the same theatre.

If the Skeeters Don't Getcha, then the Gaiters Will--The Armed Commandos of Liberation (CAL) are continuing their sabotage of U.S.-owned concerns in Puerto Rico. They have also published the first issue of a clandestine bulletin for do-it-yourself sabotage. Prensa Latina reported that American investors have lost \$6 million over the last 12 months in Puerto Rico as a result of firebombs set off in U.S. owned movie houses.

The Guardian

New York, Sept. 20-- The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) and the National Lawyers Guild announced Sept. 20 that they had formed a core of over 70 lawyers who would council men who refuse induction into the armed forces. The group and 10 similar panels are functioning in 10 cities, and panels are contemplated in six additional cities.

The Guardian

President Rene Barrientos denied that the United States CIA was operating in Bolivia. "The CIA is unknown to me", the President said.

New York Times. (Reuters) Sept. 22

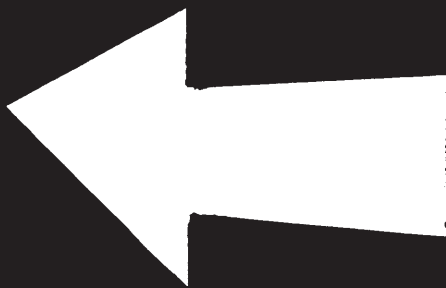
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NEWS BAG



Uelga--California and Redhook-- Although many grape growers have signed contracts with the strikers, many, including the largest producer, have not. The grape strike has entered its 34th month. The next time you bite into an Elster-Dutchess home harvested apple or guzzle a fresh pressed bit of cider, think about the wages the pickers are getting. . . .

Huey Newton, Minister of Defence for the Black Panther Party in Oakland, had been convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the cop death of John Frey. Huey's appeal was refused by the Federal Circuit court in California, so he now begins his 2 yr. minimum sentence.

El Grito del Sud -- Occupation of the National University campus in Mexico City by thousands of troops and armored cars on Sept 18 has led to battles throughout the capital between students and police. While the government rehearsed with peace "doves" in the Olympic stadium, students supported by older citizens fought police with rocks and Molotov cocktails. There were exchanges of gunfire in which one policeman was killed.

The Guardian

Essssss Seh--Chicago-- There is the case of the young man who actually had "Fuck the Army" tattooed on the outside of his right hand, from his wrist to the top of his inky. The people at the examination center realized that every time he saluted, his drill sergeant would be confronted directly with this radical and subversive slogan. The young man flunked his physical.

The Guardian

The North American Student Cooperative League, a cooperative housing movement, is trying to find an inexpensive way for students to live in congenial groups away from the "long corridors of faceless doors and aceless rooms" of administration-controlled dormitories. Information on the projects can be obtained from The League, 1816 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W. Washington, D.C., 20009. Collegiate Press Service

You Can't Take Him With You -- Washington, -- Arthur Waskow, 34, married, a teaching fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, who authored anti-Vietnam and political articles was turned down by his Baltimore draft board Sept. 13 in his appeal of I-A status conferred upon him after he turned in his draft card.

Bread and butter. . . and more Bread and butter: The Blackboard Jungles -- Most of New York City's children remained out of school as the United Federation of Teachers entered its fourth strike week. Thousands of white middle-class parents were flooding private and religious schools with applications, and talking about moving to the suburbs.

Erogenous Fun--

"I regret to say that we of the FBI are powerless to act in case of oral-genital intimacy, unless it has in some way obstructed interstate commerce."

J. Edgar Hoover

Berkeley--The University of California faces "what may be the most massive challenge to the Regent's authority in the institution's history" wrote the San Francisco Chronicle, referring to the current tussle of Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Defense for the Black Panther Party in Oakland. Cleaver was invited to give ten lectures in an experimental sociology course on "racism, poverty and injustice". The Regents passed a new rule that states that no one not on the regular faculty can give more than one lecture per quarter.

One of the lectures will deal with the negative influence of movies on the American mentality, using Mickey Mouse Reagan's career as a text", Cleaver quipped.

LNS

New York--Six people have received subpoenas to appear before the House Un-American activities Committee on October 1. Those now set to appear before America's anti-commie tribunal are Tom Hayden, Rennie Davis, Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Dave Dellinger and Robert Greenblatt, all of whom were involved with the Yippies in Chicago. Jerry Rubin told LNS that he plans to use the hearings as a stage for a theatrical assault on HUAC and as a platform to call for disruptive actions on election day. Two years ago, in August 1966, Rubin and others, appearing before HUAC refused to take the tribunal seriously. Rubin appeared in an American Revolutionary soldiers uniform.

LNS

We Never Locked Our Doors-- Vietland -- U.S. -Saigon forces suffered two disastrous defeats last week, as they were forced to admit. A South Vietnamese Ranger Battalion had "heavy casualties" as a result of a battle near Da Nang. More than 15% of its troops were killed or wounded. A U.S. marine company had 151 casualties when it was pinned down by mortar and small-arms fire four miles south of the DMZ. According to reports from the National Liberation Front's news agency, liberation forces put 427 enemy allied or SVN troops out of action in Quang Nam Province. In the northern part of Thu Dau Mot the Front's forces killed, wounded or captured 1,400 officers and men, shot down eight planes and helicopters and destroyed large amounts of weapons and ammunition. In Long An Province 550 "enemy" troops including 200 U.S. soldiers, were put out of action during the first days of September. The total number of U.S. planes over N. Vietnam thus far has been 3,151. The Vietnamese are passing out rings made from the remains of U.S. planes shot down over N. V. to all their Western friends.

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SENATE

by Michael Tolkin

Monday, September 30, and another explosive Senate meeting. Of the meeting to date, this was the least bogged down by trivia and petty arguments. The meeting opened with discussion led by Gene Elliott regarding the recent troubles the school has had with "townies". One student was severely hurt by a rock thrown into his face, another was almost attacked by a carload of ruffians and red necked hooligans, another two were almost cut at the station in Rhinecliff, more were seen at Tewkesbury, and the cigarette machine was destroyed. Recommendations were made for special police, more security police, proctor patrol and B&G patrols. It was agreed that action is absolutely necessary to alleviate the situation.

Bruce Lieberman read a letter from the Art department concerning their disappointment over the small budget allocated to the Art Club. Bruce was glad the letter was sent, saying that not enough is done by the faculty to improve their lot as members of the community. He will reply with a letter explaining why more funds could not be allocated.

Bruce then brought up the matter of the \$600 spent so far by the Red Balloon. After an hour of debate, Wayne Gordon explained that the Balloon is not a concession but a community service. Senate voted to give the first \$2000 in profit back to the President and the rest of the profits to go to the General Fund. The cigarette concession was reimbursed \$12.87 for money taken when the machine was vandalized. \$75.00 was given to the Underground Theatre for a mixed media play scheduled for performance in the Calloon on October 6. \$36.00 went to the Government Club to send twelve students to a Forum at New Paltz on Eastern studies. A letter from Mrs. Sugatt was read. She was speaking for teachers who are complaining about the animals and the filth on campus. Bruce referred the matter to HPC, saying that the teachers should come directly to Senate to make complaints. Roger Kessler, speaking for the Jewish Culture Club, Blue Power, was awarded \$175.00 for artifacts, speakers, and a film. During the course of the evening, the results of the referendum were read, and James Fine called for a recount on Sec.3, part 2-4. The students voted down open upper college dorms.

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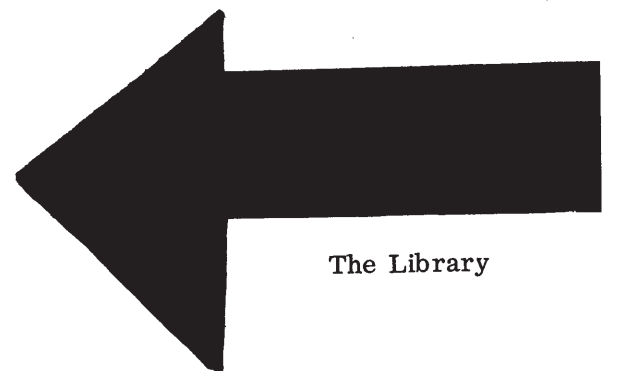
H.P.C. REPORT

by Wayne Robins

If last week's HPC was singing "Born in Chicago," then this week's meeting rocked to the tune of "Mickey Mouse." The chair let it be known that "if we dismiss all violations, HPC will be useless... If we pretend that there are extenuating circumstances that call for the dismissal of each case, then we are losing all responsibility." The delegate from Sacks followed this up by saying "I hate to sound reactionary, but if there is a violation we should assign points." Roger Kessler appealed his violation of the grounds that there was no witness and that the Proctor made no effort to find one. There was some discussion as to what extreme a Proctor should go in trying to find a witness at 3:50 a.m., especially in the "liberated" dorm of Albee. The violation carried, with no points assigned. Roger then made a call for moderation and responsibility, asking men to stay out of women's dorms and avoiding much hassle. Another violation was appealed by a young lady from Robbins House, who read another revolutionary, cliché-ridden statements asserting her non-recognition of the authority of the school to interfere in her social life, and stating that her right of privacy was grossly violated. This violation was also upheld, with no points assigned. It was with this attitude that HPC voted to acknowledge most of the 25 violations before it.

Another key question faced by HPC was the problem of non-students. A girl received two successive intervisitation violations in the company of a non-student, an employee of Slater Food Service. HPC thought it important that this situation be investigated, especially since the most superficial background check contained many contradictions. Mrs. Sugatt said "...we've got to contain these non-students for the safety of the community at large," and that students should not have to underwrite occupancy of the dorms by non-students. The bust, she continued, was extremely destructive to what her concept of an academic community should be. A motion was carried unanimously that gives HPC the right to petition the Dean to investigate suspicious non-students. A sub-committee was also named to investigate the hiring of Tom, the B & G-employed fed last year.

Mrs. Sugatt also had a word to the wise concerning the social regulations. "Any student who refuses to follow the Proctor's orders will be in very serious trouble. A new dimension has been added to the problem because of the reluctance of students to answer the door and their refusal to accompany the Proctor out." When asked what the consequences might be, she answered "...we have to wait for a test case." But, she continued, social regulations state that Proctors have the authority to enter rooms without permission, by using master keys, if they are reasonably certain that a violation is being committed.



The Library

Aaron Fessler, Director of the Hoffman Memorial Library, has announced that the library's collection, still growing at the rate of 4500 volumes a year, has reached the 100,000 mark. A collection carefully chosen and as carefully pruned, it includes an unusually high proportion of essential material for a liberal arts college.

Along with the continued acquisition of books, the Bard Library has added 35 new periodical titles, bringing the total to 580. The majority of the new group will be of particular interest to students in the Social Sciences and in the Division of Art, Music, Drama and Dance. The library will soon be getting newspapers from India and Australia, as well as a number of other countries not previously represented, and already subscribes to Le Monde, an English-language Japanese paper and a broad group of the best newspapers published in this country, including the Atlanta Constitution, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, as well as local papers.

Also new this term at Bard are further additions to the Library's Audio-Visual equipment, including a Micro-Card Reader and complete sets of Bach, Beethoven and Palestrina on micro-cards, which will enable students to follow scores as they listen to the composer's works. There is a new Overhead Projector for transparencies, and a Kodak Carousel Slide Projector, which will be used primarily for the work of the Art Department. A new portable tape recorder, two new portable record players and a 16mm movie projector may be borrowed for class use, or for use by student or faculty groups. The Library frequently tapes lectures, concerts and poetry readings so that these remain available to the students.

The Hoffman Memorial Library is now using all its space as economically as possible and the College's Long Range Planning Committee, in looking ahead to the time when additional space will become imperative, is considering services of a Library Consultant, as well as visits by library personnel to other colleges where new libraries or significant additions to existing buildings have recently been created.

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Who will take power?

the Forgotten People

by Hetti Heimann

If the Anglo (white) population of New Mexico could have succeeded with their plans, Reies Tijerina and the 100 core members of the Alianza de los Pueblos Libres (the Alliance of Free States) would be permanently incarcerated in the Santa Fe Penitentiary if not hanged.

Cries of "Tierra y Justicia" (land and justice) shot through the alluvial Gila mountains of impoverished Rio Arriba County in Northern New Mexico, October of 1966, when Alianza staged an armed takeover of part of the Arson National Forest and arrested two forest rangers for trespassing on land they claim to be their own by virtue of bequests from the Spanish Crown. After a four-day siege, they were routed out from their encampments, the Echo Amphitheatre, under pretext that they would not be charged with a crime. They now face indictments on charges ranging from conversion of Federal property to impeding Federal officers in the line of duty.

In June of 1967, Alianza attempted to hold a meeting in Ayote, New Mexico. Only a handful of the membership came, as the bulk of them had been apprehended in a police manhunt of the Alianzista; their members, their families and any supporters. Those detained after the roundup were being arraigned on June 5, when a band of the Alianza swooped into Tierra Amarilla and took over the courthouse and jail. Many gun shots were heard that day.

The New Mexico papers splashed details and pictures of the Alianza's lawless undertakings. The National publications, taking cue from their cronies in the West, painted, a bit more temperately, the Alianza as a band of treacherous Mexican desperados intending to take over the Southwest and cede it from the Union. Branding Reies "King Tiger", an inaccurate translation of the Spanish meaning of his name, they labeled him as the King of Racism - of brown Hispano supremacists.

Who is Alianza -- who is the voice of La Hente (the people)? From working with Alianza this summer, the popularly circulated portrayals seem as myths, if not attentioned distortions. There must be something behind the sensationalism.... there is.

When posed to people not immediate to the controversy in New Mexico, even in accurate narratives, the events become fearful; the intent of the events, a puzzle. The Echo Amphitheatre and the Tierra Amarilla "uprisings" mark turning points in the 120-year old battle waged by the rightful owners of much land in the Southwest -- the heirs of original Spanish land grants. Viewed within the historical vacuum of the present, armed revolts to take over land "live" only in legend. The present is the past updated?

Before the Revolution

There is more at stake than merely land: It is the survival of a people. Yet, the people survive by the land. Tijerina and his followers claim the land would be theirs -- as communities, not as individuals-- if the United States had honored the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The Land Grant controversy, therefore, revolves around concepts of property, property rights (title) and prior vested and paramount rights.

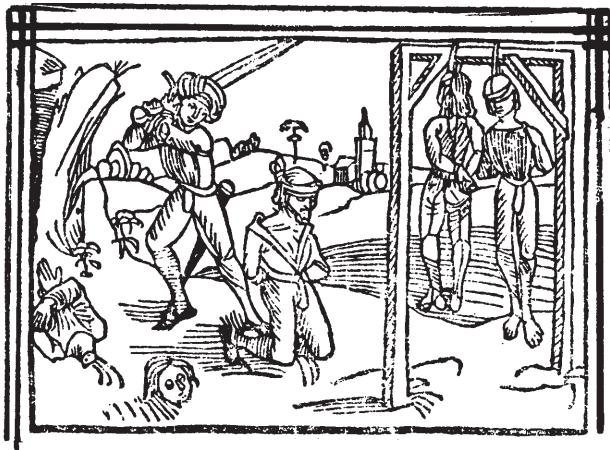
The Past--Spain and Mexico

In 1598, Coronado, secured the Southwest for the Spanish crown. Later, the principalities like Nueva Viscaya, Nueva Galacia etc. were confederated under the title of the Internal Province of the Indies. The precise status of the Indies, whether Colonial or independent, remains under historical dispute.

From the communiques between the viceroys of the Indies and the Spanish crown and the administrative documents of the period from 1527 to 1824, the status of the Indies swung from colony to autonomous nation. Don Barne Quinto Caesar, living heir to the provincial crown, traced his title to Fernando Septimo's abdication of title as ruler of the Indies to Don Barne Primero Caesar in 1833. The abdication meant that the new Imperial head of the Indies was not a member of the Spanish crown residing in Spain, but Spanish born royalty living in the Provinces. The present heir claims that if this is so, Spain did not have the right to cede the Southwest to Mexico. Again, what was the status of these lands?

Through Congressional Decree in 1824, Mexico proclaimed these lands to be hers by right of the cession of the Spanish crown. After the Mexican American war, Mexico ceded these lands to the United States.

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CLANCY ON SENATE

As most all those who care know by now, Section three, parts two through four, of the Student Life Report failed. The problem is, what does this mean? For one thing, it means that less than 25% of the Student Body expressed a sentiment which is now binding on the whole Student Body. It also means that we are again cast adrift with the problem of social regulations, but this time without a plan. We have rejected the notion of cooperative goal-directed behavior and have nothing to put in its place.

As a result of the referendum vote, the conditions which stimulated the Student Life Report remain unchanged, but the mechanisms for solution are now in a shambles. Last week I spoke of votes of no-confidence, and that discussion seems to be no less applicable now. Our position is to have told the Faculty, Administration and Trustees, "so what if you did your level best, it was not good enough for us." Consequently, our reliance must be placed on unilateral action by the students against the rest of the College. To have created a situation wherein divisiveness and antagonism replace dialogue and compromise seems absurd. But that is what we are left with.

We must not only live with our rejection of the rest of the College, but we must also try to satisfy our desires at the same time. In this event our only resource is our potential willful solidarity. No doubt the College may be bullied to a certain extent into granting some of our demands, but it will do so at the price of having to occupy the position of a combatant vying for position. We, on the other hand, shall have to operate from the standpoint of having to hang together or separately. Hence, the process by which any adjustments in the social milieu may occur will now be obnoxious.

It is my opinion that the process by means of which something is attempted determines, in effect, the range of possible outcomes of the

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Neglecting Nonviolence

by DICK GREGORY

Though it is no easier to get white folks to agree on a particular political issue than it is to produce like consensus in the black community, white America is generally united in deploring the violence of the black ghetto. Black militants are seen to be the enemies of wholesome race relations in this country and are continually publicly rebuked by the mass media. But white America fails to understand that its own rejection of the philosophy of non-violence has produced Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown.

Many people in this country forget, or perhaps never knew, that it was Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael and other members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) who taught nonviolence in the early days of the civil rights movement. If white America could have really seen what those kids went through then, it could better understand and appreciate what they are saying now.



Every white American should have been with Stokely and Rap in Greenwood, Mississippi, when they tried to integrate the schools. All during the summer months, while most Americans were enjoying their vacations, SNCC members were canvassing the black community. They had to convince poor sharecroppers that their kids were needed to test the Supreme Court decision on school desegregation.

SNCC did a good job that summer. They got twelve families to permit their children to be used in the integration effort. At least they thought they had twelve when they went to bed the night before opening day of school. The next morning only eight reported -- four had copped out. Just try to imagine what it feels like to go to a five-year-old kid's house to pick him up for the first day of school. He is all smiles and excitedly happy. And you place his little black hand in yours and wonder why someone hasn't had the courage to tell him that he might be going to die.

When you come to the school building, you see the cops barricading it and the sheriff says, "Where you going, nigger?" And you answer, "I'm going to school." The little kid looks up innocently and says, "Mornin', mister." And the sheriff snaps, "Well, you can't bring that car in here." So you park the car and get out cautiously. You tightly grip that little black hand again and the inside of your hand is soaking wet with sweat. Not the kid's sweat, but your own.

As you approach the school building, you see a sight that makes you know that somebody is going to die. You see the mob and the police. When you hit the school steps, you know you weren't wrong. You are not only attacked by the mob, but by the sheriff and the police. The next thing you know you are flat on your back in the gutter with that sheriff's foot on your chest and a double-barreled shotgun in your throat. You hear a voice snarl, "Move, nigger, and I'll blow your brains out." You're terrified but you think how ironic it is that the only time white folks will admit you have brains is when they are talking about what they are going to do to them.

Then the most horrible thing happens that has ever happened to you in your life. You suddenly realize that the little black hand is not there. And you turn around to look for that little five-year-old kid. You spot him just in time to see a brick hit him right in the mouth. That just doesn't read right for some reason. You have to actually see a brick hit a five-year-old kid in the mouth, regardless of what color the kid is. Only then can you realize the depths of blind and insane hate.

Now you have to take that bruised and bleeding little kid, whose early-morning smile has been pulverized and perhaps erased forever, back home to his parents who trusted you. You have to try to explain what happened. You have to hope you will have their support when you have the stomach to try again. And your own words choke you and anything you are able to say sounds so unconvincing.

You may never be able to justify Stokely and Rap but when you know what they have been through, you may be able to understand them. If all white Americans went through the same treatment those SNCC kids went through, half of them would have committed suicide and the other half would be burning this country to the ground.



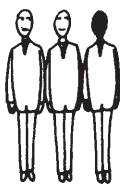
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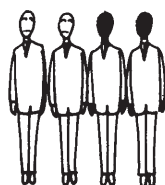
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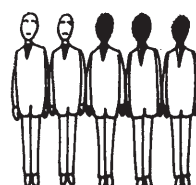
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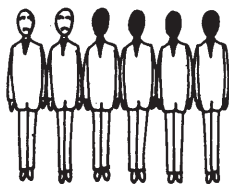


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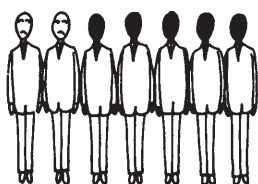


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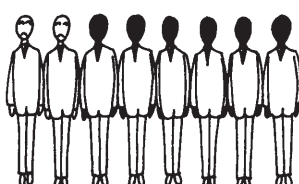
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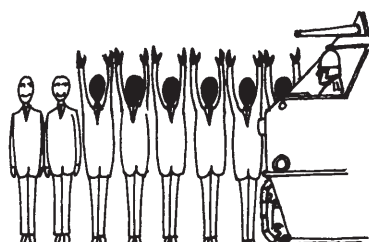
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Editorial:

Monday's referendum indicated something very definite about what the student body will and will not support. We will not accept any division between the upper and lower college.

And we will not accept the present social regulations.

The Observer proposes this alternative:

- 1) 24 hour closed women's dorms
- 2) 24 hour open men's dorms
- 3) No curfew for women

The referendum has given us a determined student body, and the leaders have pledged to carry out its wishes. The issue can be settled -- and assuming that the Administration is cognizant of the dangers of the moment, it can be settled peacefully.

Let's act.



In the plagued houses of the pleasure dome
by Steve Kushner

In the plagued houses of the pleasure dome
of scented gardens where bodies lay
stranded
in the sigh of painted breath
diseased one's you bought for your bedroom
hung
e my arms burned
Subside the gesture!
kept the wet with your tongue
Vampires know only the blood of sleep
but you the breath
while it dries

The line of your waist
widens while I talk
But I will not be your Jonah
Close the belly
with your smile

Peroxide blond
who swims for mother
The belly is not a place of birth
s dried
You kissed to hard
and blew out my arms
Your bedroom has stiffened
line is not a smile
that widens
Slow-moving bathers
hungered
rise to eat the breath
cented gardens where bodies lay
nded

I sat without eyebrows
flowers on the forehead
writing prayers for the ariel dead
who in the pale of descent
tied themselves to walls
of white buildings
moving slowly
bleached
for the voyage
ffiti for the Madonna and her burning boys
Prayers in the alphabet of legs
Touch the ground
let the words begin
enter their sentence
the thigh is a vowel
motion is the voice
Legs walking to the rooms
to stay

have left the boughs of trees
overhanging with our arms
to close our heads
paste them to the wall
with mountain

re my sister draws steamships
consumptive
leaving for Africa
to mate with the muffled bound of beasts
I will find white doctors
umships that contemplate
my face with clouds of blood
eyebrow is the simile of a wave
white conversations

ad I recount the vowels
u-boats
perfect vessels of my voice
running to the scream
that capsizes
continue

eneath irredescent clouds
I have known with Eve
the shadow of my head
come into the beds
with a rhyme

blow the wits
h the floral breath in a black humor
A Shave

ms are contracted movies
that tighten the face
to light
and drive you to dye
your hair red
as Newton would have you fall
To prove the gravity of words
A Haircut

s my last painted breath
more metaphysical than Elizabethan
for the scented bodies of children
painted for their paleness
I'd ask and you

he, she, and it would answer
poem is self-deception enough
where gardens lay

and dirigibles graft the skin
to make you more beautiful

he slow bruise of a building
the tongue with the taste of lightbulbs
touches the window
for the softer circle

in the rise
and tastes the dark movements of thighs
where merchants sold my hair
I found the child hung in my breath
sitting with my legs

n for the Madonna
that has relieved the clouds of light
ave seen angels in photographs
memorized
hat lay slowly

on the still wind of floors
mma'ed
the body is a phrase
done
for your lips
to open



CLANCY ON SENATE

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project. In deciding as we have, we have opted for a set of working conditions more conducive to battle than to problem solving. This is to say that battle becomes more of a probability under the post-referendum circumstances than before-hand. Rather than assuming conflict as a historical necessity, why do we not strive for synthesis?

In a philosophical sense, there is nothing wrong with conflict as long as nothing is at stake. But that is not the case here. Rather than an end, the Student Life Report was a beginning. It was the first trial of the process by which we were ultimately to try to up-grade the educational system at Bard. The question may now be stated, having garrotted the process for achieving educational development which was most suited to the task, by what means may this now be done? Perhaps we should look to those who rejected The Plan for a New Plan. But from that source no new plan is likely, because negative forces are ill-suited to attaining positive goals. What a pity it is to reflect, as we sit in the throes of our latest communications vacuum, that Common Course died without notice while a rational re-organization of the social situation was actively rejected with the greatest enthusiasm.



stomach do your worrying ?

Dining Commons

K. V.

I walked into the kitchen area to talk with Mrs. Amspacker. Sitting with us was the cook who said nothing during our talk and a man with a suit on whom you've probably noticed. He told me that he was a manager trainee for the Slater System. His period of training will last about 24 to 36 months before he takes a position as a manager of a Slater System. I asked about a long-haried employee named Donald Sullivan who seemed to have disappeared from campus. Mrs. Amspacker said that he had been hired as a student worker but was fired when they discovered that he was not enrolled in the college. She had no further information about him. I inquired about various other people I had seen in Dining Commons and did not recognize. She said that at the beginning of the semester, the Regional Chef, the Regional Dietician and the immediate supervisor of the Slater System had paid visits to the Bard Dining Commons. They had been here in past semesters, she said. Among their suggestions to the Amspackers was to have eggs every morning for breakfast and jello for lunch and dinner. Mrs. Amspacker added that their presence should have indicated to the students that there are people behind the Amspackers to help them in their work.

Some of the changes instituted by the Amspacker themselves were a re-action to student opinion at the end of last semester. These changes include parsley with every meal and the "salad bar". This idea was conceived by the Amspackers last year but could not be implimented until they received financial clearance from the college administration. Some of the serving bowls on the "Salad bar" are Mrs. Amspacker's own.

I asked Mrs. Amspacker if there was any basis for the rumor that she and her husband would be leaving soon, and she answered that they had no such plans.

As I left, Mrs. Amspacker said that she enjoyed working at Bard very much, and welcomed comments and suggestions (even negative words) from students. I smiled and said goodbye.

The Forgotten People

by Hetti Heimann

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Enter Mephisto

Tijerina and his followers contend that this land would be theirs -- as communities (pueblos) if the United States had honored the Treaty and Protocol of 1848. The Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo provides that the Spanish culture, language, and existing administrative structure would be held inviolate. The United States government says the treaty didn't bind the United States and even if it were binding, it is a matter between the United States and Mexican governments and has nothing to do with the people. Article 9 of the United States Constitution provides that the United States shall make no law abridging the rights and privileges enjoyed in the lands before its incorporation into the United States. Yet, from 1848 on, the Indo - Hispanos have been treated as conquered peoples.

In the early period, the bulk of the Spanish land claims were affirmed by the U. S. government. As United States citizens moved west and settled, disputes over the ownership of land arose, necessitating the establishment of The Court of Land Claims in 1891 to rule on feuds. Actually, the Court system was a legal veil for the United States and "its people" to capture the land, seemingly without force. Claims that had been affirmed had to be resurveyed and refilled.

The Grants

The entire system of reaffirming and refilling land grant claims was a vicious legan fiasco. Since the land had been communally owned, few of the pueblos could find each person's grant. In some cases, the original grantees had moved from their land. Even when the grants were produced they were deemed unacceptable in the Courts, as many did not state the boundaries of the pueblos in exacting language. Why should the grants have been that specific? The land was given in proportion to the needs of the people that were to tend it. If 16 families held title to a stretch of land and a neighboring pueblo wanted to graze their cattle on it, the owner pueblo let them use it. Many courts held that the viceroys in each province had no legal right to distribute the land, as territory could only be given by the Spanish crown.

All transactions, title claims and court procedures were conducted in English. The official papers of the Court of Claims and itinerant bodies were written in the native tongue--English. Most of the Hispanos could not even speak English, let alone understand the legal obfuscations of official documents.

The Federal government had clear designs on this land. By 1850 it had accumulated an Original Public Domain of 1.4 billion acres. From 1781-1853 the Federal government owned 76% of the total land area of the Continental United States. From 1853 to 1934 a hearty portion of this land passed into private hands. By this time, the Spanish owners were too impoverished to purchase it and didn't know the procedure for doing so, even if they had the funds. Because the survived by the land which they tended communally, the notion of private or dual ownership of the land -- land which you purchased , owned and tended singly--was inimical to every notion of the organization of a people.

After the turn of the century, the little land that remained theirs was put into Federal reserve, "for specific purposes" under the Administrations of Teddy Roosevelt and Wilson. Thus, the Hispanos have been barraged by a series of Legislative acts and Judicial rulings intentionally constructed to systematically divest these people of all land, not to mention their culture.

The Embittered People

Because they have been treated as an inferior conquered people, they could not, until recently, maneuver in the legal channels for making their claim. Unable to secure recognition or help from State and Federal power structure, of whom all are composed by Anglos or Vendidos (Spanish Americans who deny their birth), "El Grito", the battle cry, must be shouted outside the law. Molded by their past experience, as a Texas professor noted, "the Indo-Hispanos are fearful and profoundly skeptical of the moral structure of the American political system. It is doubtful that many of them have ever understood its values or processes. And that is not surprising, since it is equally as doubtful that these values or processes have ever been applied to New Mexico. To the local people, organized government is a conspiracy against the common welfare."

The shouts from La Hente--the voices of struggle--although more vocal today, have haunted New Mexico since the first conquistadors raged through the land. Ripples of anglo fear throughout the state, after the Echo Ampitheatre and Tierra Amarilla incidents swelled not from fear of armed attack, but from guilt. Tijerina believes that each anglo and each vendido know that they have done something wrong--no one is blameless, for they are all knowingly part of the conspiracy against La Raza (the Race).

The oppressive poverty of the Indo-Hispanos in New Mexico--barren grazing areas of lean cattle-- hovers over the hamlets and villages of this slowly dying world. Yet, throughout the half-abandoned adobe pueblos, La Raza harbors the hope that this will change, that they, as a people, will be again enfranchised. Fear does grip New Mexico-- a fear that the tendrils of these forgotten people will reach out and take what was once theirs--the Southwest.

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Sat. , 10/4--**Breakfast:** Pineapple juice, apple juice, peach halves in syrup, assorted cold cereals, omelet, pastry. **Lunch:** Split pea soup, chicken salad platter w/ tomato, egg & chips, potato pancakes w/sausage, cottage fried potatoes, apple sauce, tossed green salad w/1000 island dr. , apricot & cottage cheese, relish plate #5, fresh fruit, breads. **Dinner:** London broil, o'brien potatoes, sliced zucchini squash, french fried eggplant, mixed vegetable salad, bremen bean salad, cottage cheese salad, cherry perfection, peach & cr. cheese but ball, blueberry pie, vanilla pudding, rolls.

Sun. 10/5--**Breakfast:** orange juice, blended juice, fruit cocktail, assorted cold cereals, french toast w/syrup, eggs, coffee cake. **Lunch:** Corn chowder, pizzaburger, cheese omelet, potato chips, buttered peas, garden salad, cottage cheese, apricot & jellied grapefruit, marinated cucumber & onion, refrigerator cookies, gelatin cubes, breads. **Dinner:** Chicken cacciatore, roast pork loin, country gravy, oven buttered potatoes, buttered asparagus, head lettuce, parslied carrots, chinese cabbage salad, egg salad, cottage cheese, pear & cottage cheese, ice cream, chocolate cake, breads.

Mon. , 10/6-- **Breakfast:** Grapefruit juice, grape juice, stewed prunes, assorted cold cereals, fried eggs, bacon, strip pastry. **Lunch:** French onion soup, italian hoagie, franks 'n beans, french fries, baked beans hearts of romaine, cole slaw, cottage cheese, fruit salad, custard, fresh fruit, breads. **Dinner:** Baked virginia ham w/pineapple ring, vegetable swiss steak, whipped potatoes, buttered lima beans, harvard beets, tossed salad, fruited gelatin, apple pie, rolls.

Tues. , 10/7--**Breakfast:** Tomato juice, apricot nectar, sliced oranges, assorted cold cereals, hot cakes w/ syrup, eggs, doughnuts. **Lunch:** English beef broth, spaghetti, meat sauce, cold cut platter, buttered wax beans, home fried potatoes, tossed salad, bl.ch.dr. , carrot & raisin salad, pear emerald, jellied grapefruit, cherry cobbler, hermits, breads. **Dinner:** Roast beef, grilled pork chops, baked potato, buttered broccoli, buttered carrots, shredded lettuce, cottage cheese, apricot salad, pineapple, lemon sponge pudding, sponge cake, rolls.

Wed. , 10/8-- **Breakfast:** Orange juice, pineapple juice, kadota figs, assorted cold cereals, scrambled eggs, strip pastry. **Lunch:** Tomato soup, hamburger on bun w/chips, chicken chow mein, buttered rice, buttered succotash, head lettuce, cottage cheese, jellied autumn delight, banana nut salad, nut torte, fresh fruit, breads. **Dinner:** Flank steak w/dressing, gravy, browned potatoes, baked acorn squash, italian green beans, tossed green salad, celery hearts & olives, cottage cheese & mandarin orange, regal fruit salad, pickled beets, pecan pie, coffee bavarian, rolls.

Thurs. 10/9--**Breakfast:** Grapefruit juice, apple juice, sliced peaches, assorted cold cereals, french toast w/syrup, sausage, strip pastry. **Lunch:** Chicken rice soup, ravioli w/meat sauce, grilled cheese & bacon sandwiches, potato sticks, buttered spinach, garden salad, deviled egg, cottage cheese, molded bing cherry, vanilla pudding, ice cream, breads. **Dinner:** Southern fried chicken, sauteed liver, paprika potatoes, mexican corn, buttered cauliflower, hearts of romaine, russian dressing, cottage cheese salad, stuffed prunes, fruit salad, strawberry shortcake, yellow cake, rolls.

Fri. 10/10--**Breakfast:** Grape juice, blended juice, banana, assorted cold cereals, fried eggs, english muffins. **Lunch:** N.E. Clam chowder, beef croquettes, gravy, fishwich, potatoes rissole, buttered peas, shredded lettuce, cottage cheese, relish plate #1, sliced tomato, gelatin cubes, fresh fruit, breads. **Dinner:** French fried shrimp, beef stew, escalloped potatoes, buttered mixed vegetables, glazed onions, tossed salad, sliced egg & tomato salad, cottage cheese, fruited gelatin, cherry pie, cheese cake, rolls.

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Book Review

by G. Brewster

Head Comix -- R. Crumb. Viking Press, 1967
\$2.50

Robert Crumb's Head Comix is, as Paul Krassner says in the introduction, "too realistic to appear in Reader's Digest, and too surrealistic for The Realist."

Head Comix is a collection of "choice" pieces, by the author which have appeared previously in Zap comix, E.V.O., Tarrowstalks, and other underground publications. Truly food for the head, the book includes episodes such as Fritz the cat balling chicks in the bathtub; the paranoid schizophrenic adventures of Schuman the Human and Whiteman; Mr. Natural telling it like it is ("Whatever it is that's happening, it keeps on happening no matter what!") and the all-inclusive "Stoned" episode.

The "Big Freakout on Detroit Ave." is mellowed by "Eatin' Wattamelon Stoned". Mr. Natural socks it to 'em again with "All You Ever Do Is Sit Around Here Listening to Rock and Roll Music on the Radio and Worrying About Your Balls..." But take Crumb's advice and "Don't think about it too much, cuz you're gonna get there anyway!" And in the macro-cosmic, ever-flowing end, if you still don't like it, "Stick it up your ass stoned!"



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by T. C. B. (Boona)

Paint it Farlow--Chris Farlowe
Immediate, Z12, 52 Q10
Recording: Miserable
Performance: Almost pathetic--tries too hard
Stereo Quality: Moronic
Arrangements: Phoney-- heavy semi, Tom Jones
Mickey Mouse crap

Mick Jagger had better give up the record producing kick he's on. Whatever he's doing, it just doesn't make it. He's taken this British R&B cat, with a Humberdink voice, and had him sing everything from "Reach Out" to "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted", to the doggiest tracks I've heard in a long time. If you're on your way to the movies, take this record with you.

Dino Valente Epic BN26335
Performance: Self indulgent and affected
Recording: Poor
Stereo Quality: Below average
Arrangements: Not suited to songs

The fact that Dino Valente's real name was Chet Powers tells us a little about what he must be into. The words are annoying. The voice sounds affected. Half the fault of this album however, is due to the bad arrangements and poor production. Sorry, Dino: Movies.

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem Sing of the Sea Columbia CS9658

Recording: Fine
Performance: Sometimes great--a few dogs, though
Stereo Quality: O.K.

The performances on this album vary from fantastic (Farewell to Carlingford, Paddy West, Good Ship Calibar) to quite bad (Santy Ano, Love Is Kind, Heave Away, Johnny). In general, the Clancy Brothers are great, though. They've been around for so long doing the rowdy bunch of singers thing, and they never really blow it.

Bullwinkle Sings Dylan--The Moose Experience
Personell: Rocky the Flying Squirrel, Moog
Synthesizer
Boris: Drums
Natasha: Flute, Fluglehorn & percussion
Zerofortysix: Bass & Harpsichord
Bullwinkle: Vocals, guitar, harmonica

Recording: Incredible
Performance: Dynamite
Stereo Quality: Unbelievable
Heaviness: Definite ten

This album is so heavy; it makes the Cream sound like Gary Lewis and the Playboys. A must for everyone.

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