

## Grinnell Coordinating Center Activities

May 13, 1970

The Grinnell Coordinating Center has moved to 1205 Broad Street, Grinnell, Iowa, 50112. Our new telephone number is (515) 236-5523, and we are in daily contact with Berkley and Brandeis, as well as the schools in the Midwest region. The Center also is in close contact with the press ~~and, both in order to give news releases, and to publicize~~ in order to release news statements, and to publicize political activities.

Thursday, May 14, Grinnell is sponsoring a leadership conference for Movement leaders from all schools in the state of Iowa. Workshops are scheduled all day, from 10:00 A.M. to about 5:00 P.M., and will deal with political organization, background information, and march tactics, in preparation for a mass march scheduled for Des Moines on Sunday, May 17. The march will be in part to support the Hughes - McGovern Arms Limitation Amendment (SR 609), and will include speeches by several Iowa political leaders.

In addition to daily communications and march coordination, the Grinnell Center is setting up a state-wide grass roots political "machine" for use in the June primary elections, and in next fall's elections. Grinnell also plans to run a Freedom School for at least another month for all interested people - students, faculty, and otherwise. The school will hopefully draw participants from at least all of the state of Iowa. Grinnell is encouraging other schools to set up similar summer Freedom Schools throughout the region and the nation.

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We urge anyone with questions about our operation, questions about activities at other schools, or information that they think should be sent on to the National Headquarters to get in contact with us at the above number.

\* { The Grinnell Center feels that this may be thw last chance to involve large numbers of students, and other concerned citizens, in non-violent political action. By working in the summer primaries and the to support favorable cantidates, fall elections, as well as showing the present members of Congress just how we feel about their policies, we hope to bring abo ut the desired changes from within the system. We fear that if, however, the system ignores the present thrust, it may buckle under the next one.

# MEMORIAL

**MR. PRESIDENT**, the United States must end its involvement in Vietnam now. Only in this way can our government turn from the pursuit of the most disastrous policy in its history!

The war has taken a terrible toll in human life: the U.S. has lost 45,000 plus 300,000 wounded; the Vietnamese have lost more than a million of a population of 17 million.

The war has virtually destroyed all of Vietnam: the country is in ruins, the people are homeless.

The government is corrupt and unrepresentative: only 10% of the electorate voted for Thieu-Ky in 1967; the runner-up, Dzu, has been imprisoned, and yet, the U.S. maintains this dictatorship with its support.

This unpopular war has generated dissension and disunity: many regard our intervention as illegal and immoral: the youth are alienated: a credibility gap between the government and the people resulted from the countless half-truths and phony peace moves used in a desperate attempt to rally support for our government's policy.

The war has produced a critical financial condition in this country: high federal taxes, sky-rocketing inflation resulting from massive government spending, high interest rates. The cost of the war makes it impossible to meet the pressing problems of our people, especially the blacks and the poor.

Local governments, deprived of sufficient federal aid, are forced to raise taxes and thus further oppress the tax-payer.

The growing influence of the Pentagon on national policy has increased the danger of nuclear war and produced an imbalance in the allocation of the budget.

We call upon you to extricate the United States from the Vietnamese war by bringing home our troops now.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

If you agree that the killing must stop NOW, won't you sign this petition and mail it to:  
*The President, The White House, Washington, D. C.*

~~There is currently an appropriations bill~~  
the people of ~~the~~ United States

How long can ~~we~~ afford to let the conflict in South-east Asia drain ~~the United States of its~~ valuable ~~resources~~ <sup>their</sup> country of its resources of men and ~~dollars~~ <sup>materials</sup>? ~~Already over 40,000~~ Already we have paid with over 40,000 lives and countless billions of dollars. There is now a bill before Congress.

~~The Hughes-McBeecham Arms~~ which includes an amendment introduced by Senator Harold Hughes <sup>of Iowa</sup> which would place a halt on ~~any~~ <sup>in S.E.A. designed to</sup> military expenditures ~~in S.E.A.~~ <sup>programs for</sup>

by Dec 31, 1970. This bill comes to a crucial vote within the next two weeks. ~~Do~~ Do you think that

the ~~war~~ conflict in South-east Asia has taken

the lives of enough of our young men, and ~~if~~ <sup>do</sup> you think that your tax dollars ~~are doing no good in~~ <sup>could be spent for better purposes</sup>

than they now are. ~~Vietnam and Cambodia.~~ If you do we urge you to support the

Hughes amendment. ~~You can show your support~~ <sup>by</sup> and by attending the Rally for Peace

in Des Moines on Sunday, May 17 <sup>at noon.</sup> Your Congressman or Congressman may be addressed <sup>at noon.</sup> Care of the House or Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20000.

We march today to the Iowa state capitol to urge the following:

1. that the United States government cease its expansion of the Vietnam War into Laos and Cambodia; that it unilaterally and immediately withdraw all forces from Southeast Asia;
2. that the brutal and systematic reliance upon force to repress dissent on college campuses come to a halt;
3. that the United States government cease its brutal and systematic repression of all political dissidents in this country, specifically the Black Panther Party, war and draft resisters, women, and all racial minorities.

We support all non-violent actions to accomplish these goals.

## FIRST AID INFORMATION

### I. GASES....

- A. Two basic tear gases which may be used are CN gas and CS gas. CN is the milder of the two, and causes stinging, some nausea, reddened exposed areas, burning feeling, tears, runny nose, coughing and sneezing. Treatment: Irrigate eyes from inside corner to outside (from nose to ear), with tap water, then use eye drops. Rinse face with tap water....CS gas has a similar effect, but is much stronger and may cause temporary breathing difficulties. Treatment: Irrigate eyes with 3 pts water to 1 pt boric acid (standard eye wash solution) --or tap water if no boric acid solution is available. For skin, use mineral oil to break down the settled crystals of the gas. Rubbing alcohol may be used to hasten the evaporation and ~~stinging~~ cool stinging. In all cases, go immediately to the medical center or to a medic if hit at close range.....Nausea gas, which is colorless, and odorless causes projectile vomiting and instant diarrhea. This gas most likely will not be used, but it is extremely dangerous. There is no real protection from it, except to run like hell. Gas masks may cause you to choke in your own vomit. If symptoms don't disappear shortly, go to the medical center or to a medic. For all gases, remember which way the wind is blowing. Check it out. Try not to run in the direction of gas travel. Don't forget that canisters even if grabbed quickly with gloves can still main
- B. As noted above, be aware that police are using some canisters that may blow up in your hand if picked up--BE SMART, STAY AWAY FROM THEM.
- C. Do NOT use vaseline for any gas protection, for it will adhere to the vaseline and cause more severe burning.
- D. Rubber masks can be useful, but in general most available are unreliable. One with a mask will also appear most conspicuous, and directly sited by the police.
- E. Carry along either a wet handkerchief or wet paper towels in a ~~plastic~~ plastic bag to avoid evaporation. These can be used for breathing more easily with any of the gases. A Bandana-sized cloth with baking soda-water solution on them are good for a nose and mouth mask.
- F. Do NOT rub your eyes or face after being gassed, but ~~to~~ carry and use a PLASTIC bottle of eye drops (eg., Durine).
- G. Don't try to get gas or flace off your face with soap.

### II. Cuts and Abrasions

- A. Carry some bandaids for potential blisters, etc.
- B. Carry some sterile gauze along with a handrolled batch of adhesive tape...3-4 yards should be ample.
- C. If antiseptics are carried, be sure they are in plastic bottles.

### III. LENSES

- A. ABSOLUTELY NO contact lenses should be worn to the demonstration. Trapped gas beneath the lens may cause permanent eye damage.

## TACTICS

1. Support the Hughes-McGovern Amendment to the Arms Expenditure Appropriations Bill (S.R. 609) through letters, cards, telegrams, etc.
2. Contact Congressmen:  
  
Senator Jack Miller  
Senator Harold Hughes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20000  
  
Representative Fred Schwengel (R-First District)  
Representative John Culver (D-Second District)  
Representative N. R. Gross (R-Third District)  
Representative John Kyl (R-Fourth District)  
Representative Wiley Kayne (R-Sixth District)  
Representative Neal Smith (D-Fifth District)  
Representative William Scherle (R-Seventh District)  
House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20000
3. Work for the June primaries and the fall elections. This should be a non-partisan effort. Put pressure upon both parties.
4. Dominate the Phone-Forums in your area (WMO, 1040; WEA, 600). Urge the listeners to contact their Congressmen.
5. Students should urge their colleges to take an institutional position.
6. Contact community organizations: civic, church, women's, educational, social, etc..
7. USE THE MEDIA. Put ads in local newspapers. Contact influential editors. Write letters to newspapers. Radio and TV spots if possible. Stress the total situation in the U.S. today which has led to the present crisis.
8. Canvass the local area.
9. Establish telegraph booths.
10. Boycott listed products.
11. Identify socially-concerned faculty; gather pertinent data for future planning.
12. Do anything which, in the local context, seems to be the most effective in producing political change.
13. Please contact the Grinnell Regional Communications Center daily to keep everyone informed of local situations. Telephone numbers are: 515-236-6181, extensions 355 and 243.

## HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

### I. Before You Leave Grinnell

- Contact other Grinnell students from your area
- Attend workshops and meetings
- Secure copies of fact sheets, reading lists, petitions
- Consider legal aspects of contacting high schools
- Clarify the issues--this is a foreign policy question

### II. Contact At Home

- Grinnell students
- Personal contacts (students and administrators)
- Boards of education
- High school administrators
- Local colleges
- Youth groups--coffee houses
- Student councils
- Underground newspapers
- American Friends Service Committee
- Churches and ministerial associations
- League of Women Voters
- PTA and civic officials
- Local gov't officials

### III. Education and Information

- Fact sheets, petitions, Hughes Amendment
- Reading lists on foreign policy
- Speaking engagements and small group meetings

### IV. Organization and Action Tactics

- Letter and telegram campaigns
- Group resolutions and public statements
- Information tables
- Leaflets
- Canvassing
- Securing off-campus meeting sites
- Media-TV and radio talk programs
  - newspaper articles
  - letters to editors
  - paid ads for peace
- Buttons and arm bands



## SISTERS!

We have decided to march together in the march/rally that is going to be held in Des Moines this Sunday, May 17. We will march from the Veterans' Auditorium to the Capitol Building, where a rally will be held.

It is important that women do not postpone working on their own problems. We can and should be at this march. But we must not be represented as being only opposed to the war. We must demand the end of a capitalist/imperialist system that is responsible for the Vietnam and Cambodian wars and that is responsible for keeping us "in our place" here at home. Our government has been unresponsive to our needs for abortion, safe birth control, day-care centers and job equality. Women, as well as anti-war protesters, must recognize that the Government is not concerned about our needs.

White males are responsible for our presence in Vietnam and Cambodia; white males are responsible for our Panther sisters being kept political prisoners in New Haven; they are the same white males who deny us the freedom to control our own bodies and minds and lives.

We must unite with our sisters, in Iowa, North Vietnam, Cambodia, New Haven...everywhere!

We are making placards with slogans such as "Solidarity With Our Sisters in Vietnam!", "Free Our Sisters in New Haven!", "Sisters Unite!" and so on. We urge you to bring signs of your own - banners and flags too!

JOIN US!

Grinnell Women's Liberation Front

## 1. Be informed:

Newspapers (including editorials and letters to editor)  
 Magazines (Time, Newsweek)  
 Television (national news, "First Tuesday", etc.)  
 Paperback books, including  
The U.S. in Vietnam, Kahn and Lewis  
Non-Violent Resistance, Gregg  
The New Testament Basis of Pacifism, MacGregor

## 2. Be politically aware

Keep informed about the various stands of men in office.  
 Inform your representatives about your feelings and desires:

Personal letters, telegrams, petitions

Representatives

Senators:

John Kyl (4th District)

Harold Hughes, Jack Miller

House Office Building

Senate Office Building

Washington, D.C. 20000

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Find out the positions held by all candidates, then support the one who agrees most closely with you on the most vital issues.

Support with contributions, volunteer work (like canvassing), and your vote!

This is a time for forgetting party alliances and looking at the candidate individually

## 3. Use the media:

Put ads in local newspapers

Write a Letter to the editor

Talk on radio "Phone Forum" talk shows

## 4. Find out your church's view on war and social concerns of all types:

Division of world peace, Board of Christian Social Concerns

The United Methodist Church

100 Maryland Avenue, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20002

## 5. Make sure your sons are well informed about the draft, especially if they are approaching or have passed age 18 (when draft registration is required.) Write to the address given above for information about your church's stand on war, conscientious objection, etc. The Friends help men of all religions by providing draft information and counseling:

American Friends Service Committee

4211 Grand Avenue

311 N. Linn Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Iowa City, Iowa 52240

515-274-0453

319-338-7250

Parents should certainly give advice, but make sure the draft-age man is allowed to make his own free choice - after all IT'S HIS LIFE

## 6. Consider forming a Concerned Citizens group to organize town meetings, arrange for speakers, talk with political candidates, raise money for newspaper ads, organize leafletting, canvassing, and petitioning, etc.

Mrs. Pat Chipman (1309 Summer, Grinnell) is coordinator of the Grinnell Concerned Citizens and would be glad to answer any questions.

An alternative is to work for peace and freedom through existing organizations, clubs, and institutions.

## 7. March in Des Moines on Sunday, May 17, 1:30 pm from from Vets Mem. Aud. to State Capital steps. We are trying to get Sen. Hughes to speak.

Iowa Congressmen, Views, and Addresses  
Write and encourage others to do so.

Senator Jack Miller--generally bad news, but has evidently given Nixon six weeks to get out of Cambodia, so write him.

Senator Harold Hughes--support his amendment.

address: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20000

Rep. Fred Schwengel--R-First District--O.K. on the war, needs real help in the June primary.

Rep. John Culver--D-Second District--needs to be pressured to take a clear stand on the Hughes amendment.

Rep. H.R. Gross--R-Third District--don't bother.

Rep. John Kyl--R.-Fourth District--on the border; pressure him to take a position on the amendment.

Rep. Neal Smith--D-Fifth District--hawkish; attack his position; pressure him to take a stand.

Rep. Wiley Mayne--R-Sixth District--on the border; develop pressure on him to take a stand on the amendment.

Rep. William Scherle--R-Seventh District--bad news.

address: House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20000

WRITE

Dear Representative,

I address this letter to you because I feel you should be aware of the feelings prevalent in our community.

I am certain you share our concern with the economic and political tension that is becoming crucial in the United States. Our community, conservatives and radicals, feel that the situation merits deep concern. You, as our representative, must make known our unified feeling of apprehension to our nation. We feel that the current situation, including rising unemployment, inflation, and increased American forces in Asia necessitate an official stand from you. Our personal feeling is that American troops should be immediately withdrawn from Cambodia. However, we understand your right to follow the dictates of your own conscience.

Please use your strength as our representative to take a stand.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,