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Newly-elected IOC officers are (from left to right): Dan Brantley, Vice-President; Peggy Hrudicka, Secretary; Cyndi Eng, Treasurer; and Charles Ehmen, President.

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Parkland Three Chosen for All-Conference Team

Seminars on Elderly

Three Parkland College baseball team players were named to the 1972 All Conference Baseball Team by the Central Illinois Athletic Conference at a recent meeting at Lakeland.

League coaches choosing: Barry Morris, third baseman, a sophomore from Shiloh High School; Kerry Crum, centerfielder, a sophomore from Shiloh High School; and Dyke Wilson, pitcher, a sophomore from Paris High School.

Howard Walker, a Parkland freshman from Champaign Central, received honorable mention. Parkland's baseball team finished the 1972 season with a 13-9 mark under coach Jim Reed.

Parkland College, in cooperation with the Office on Aging, is beginning a series of discussion groups to help those who have assumed the responsibility of caring for some of their older relatives and friends. It is entitled Caring for the Elderly in the Home and will aid families in planning for or adjusting to changes which take place in the lives of the elderly in their families.

The sessions are free of charge and are open to anyone who wishes to participate, but are especially geared toward the layman. There is no need to register, as one can

attend all or just individual seminars. Topics of discussion are: physical disabilities (Oct. 26); nutrition for the elderly (Nov. 2); family adjustment and mental health (Nov. 9); special medical problems (Nov. 16); financial problems (Nov. 30); and, the availability of social services for the elderly (Dec. 7).

Beginning October 26 and continuing through December 7, excluding Thanksgiving Thursday, the seminars will meet weekly on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 509 South Mattis, Champaign.

Parkland's Dr. Barr Author's Second Book

Mrs. Doris W. Barr, 1209 Waverly, Champaign, an English instructor at Parkland College, is the author of "Writing, Speaking, and Listening," a text for business and professional students in English, published this week by Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, California.

The text includes form writing and design, business letter writing and telephoning, report writing, and methods of speaking and listening in career situations. The book also offers advanced communications problems in some twenty business and professional fields.

Mrs. Barr also authored "Effective English for the Career Student", published in 1971.

New Concept Volunteers

KEN SIEFFERT

CARROL ADDITION COMMUNITY CENTER:

The Carrol Addition Youth Center in East Urbana is being assisted by University of Illinois Recreation Volunteers, Jane Adams School of Social Work, Mennonite Volunteer Services, and Parkland Volunteers.

Parkland College is organizing a New Concept Scouting unit at the Center. Volunteer leaders are needed. Contact Student Government Office if you wish to obtain more information concerning the Carrol Addition Program. Ask for Ken!

PEGGY HRUDICKA JOINS NEW CONCEPT VOLUNTEERS

Peggy Hrudicka, a veteran and officer of Parkland Veteran's Association has become a member of the New Concept Scouting Committee. She will serve as New Concept's liaison to the local Girl Scouting Program. New Concept Scouting is Coordinated by Parkland's Youth Alternatives Program.

VOLUNTEER ILLINI PROJECTS:

Parkland Students transferring to the University of Illinois should contact the U of I's Volunteer Illini Projects, so they may continue in

student volunteer service activities. VIP and Parkland's Youth Alternatives have co-operated in several programs.

BE A HOTLINE VOLUNTEER:

HOTLINE: the telephone counseling service for Champaign County Teens needs volunteers. Call HOTLINE 359-8020.

PARKLAND VOLUNTEERS JOIN COUNTY PROGRAM

The Youth Alternatives Program and the Parkland Volunteers Program have affiliated with the Champaign Volunteer Bureau. These two programs are part of several programs co-ordinated by the Volunteer Bureau, which places and recruits volunteers.

HOST FAMILIES BEING SOUGHT

Two local foreign student programs are seeking host families. The University of Illinois Hospitality Program is seeking volunteer families to serve foreign students throughout the school year. If interested in serving the University Program contact Mrs. Howard Sharp at 352-4777.

The foreign student program at Chanutte Air Force Base is looking

for local families to share their Thanksgiving and-or Christmas with foreign military students presently stationed at Chanutte Air Force Base. Students representing the military of our allied nations spend time at Chanutte taking technical training. The visitations are many times the only opportunity the students have to visit American homes. If interested in serving the Chanutte Program call St. Anthony's Orthodox Catholic Center, Champaign. . 356-4971.

MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTEERS:

Students from Kankakee Community College have been serving as volunteers at Manteno and Kankakee State Hospitals. The students serve in various capacities at the two institutions.

A three member delegation from Parkland College's Student Volunteer Program recently visited Kankakee's program to determine how Parkland Volunteers might serve the local Mental Health facilities. Meetings are being planned with Adler Zone Center and the Champaign County Mental Health Center, to see how we can serve them. If interested in this sort of program you may contact the Prospectus or Student Government Office and make your presence known.

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Cruisin' '72

Away back in '68 this writer was an avid supporter of Richard Nixon. This was due mostly because I identified Humphrey too closely with the policies of Johnson, and honestly thought that Nixon would bring this country out of the doldrums it was in. I was only sixteen at the time, and not too smart for my age.

Well, I have changed my mind. The war Nixon promised to end is going on, albeit to a lesser degree than it was at the peak of our involvement. Hints of progress at the peace talks are popping up all over. Reassuring as all of this looks, one thing must be remembered: We are still in Vietnam after four years of shattered hopes. The secret peace negotiations taking place at the time of this writing are accomplishing nothing that secret peace negotiations could not have accomplished three years ago, three years in which many more men have died or have become POWs. We are agreeing to the same terms offered by the North Vietnamese that we rejected three years ago. I wonder if the peace talks are coming to a head now because of the upcoming elections.

President Nixon operates behind a web of secrecy, and tells us only what he wants to tell us, and then only when such disclosure is most beneficial to him. Witness the Cambodia announcement. He went into Cambodia, set up all of his plans against the advice of most of his top advisors, and once he had committed us, he then let us know. The same thing happened with his decision to mine Hanoi harbor, and with his surprise Chinese announcement. I cannot help but wonder what other "surprises" are lying in wait for us.

The Watergate, ITT affairs bother me. Where did they get their \$10 million? Is it more than just a coincidence that soon after Nixon pardoned Jimmy Hoffa, the Teamsters endorsed Our President? How about forged letters sent by Re-election Committee personnel which were a major cause for Muskie's early defeat in the primaries? How about the recent Soviet wheat deal in which suppliers made money hand-over-fist and hard-working farmers got screwed? Why did gas prices jump up the day before Nixon announced his wage-price freeze? Why do corporate profits go up while workers have to exist on frozen wages? If our economy is really picking up, why is unemployment higher now than when Nixon took office?

It is hard to place an exact date on when the American spirit died, but it was certainly in 1968, for in that year two American crises occurred: Bobby Kennedy was shot, and Nixon was elected. Since that time, the man who pledged to "bring us together" has been as a butcher with a meat cleaver to this country. The crime he promised to bring down runs rampant about us, and no American community is free from it.

Nixon is assuming a dictatorship. The image of himself that he has presented to the public, that of

a peace-maker, a job-maker, a statesman, and God-knows-what-else, has made this election little more than the Republican convention was: a mere formality. Once the election is over, I fear that Nixon will become what we always knew that he really was. The signs assail us from all over: He is trying to control the entire government himself. Look at the appointments he has made to the Supreme Court. And if he is the President for the next four years, the aging liberals ("independents") on the court who sicken or die away will be replaced by some more of his legal disciples. So, having won control of the Court, he would merely have to gain control of Congress.

If Nixon wins an overwhelming majority this year, a lot of Republicans sitting on his coattails might be elected to Congress, possibly giving his party control of Congress. But Nixon, aware that this might not happen, has taken steps of his own not to control congress, but to assume the powers of Congress by himself. Witness the recent bill that the House passed but which, (thank God) was defeated in the Senate which would have, in effect, given the President the power to make any money appropriation he wanted to. This power has been expressly given to the House, but for some reason, they were abdicating their control in this field. And Nixon (as was his predecessor) has been running this war by himself with no declaration from Congress, in fact even against opposition from Congress.

The same man who, after four of us were killed at Kent State called us all "bums" is the same man who refuses even to consider amnesty for draft dodgers, merely because of the way they dodged. Anyone who found something wrong with himself, or got himself into the Peace Corps or college, or was able to buy his way out of the draft is doing the same thing that the emigrating dodgers have done, but they are not up for punishment. And this punishment is so ridiculous, because the draft is now nearly defunct, and no draftees are being sent over to this immoral war now. Nixon seeks to punish young Americans for a crime which no longer exists. He has a grudge (it seems) against them all.

Nixon is one of the most corrupt Presidents (possibly save Harding) this country has ever had. But where Harding's corruption came from his own ignorance of what was going on about him, Nixon is deliberately, methodically altering the government, the country, to his own narrow minded tastes. Remember that the Chinese trip was arranged by the Chinese, not by Nixon. Remember that all of the limited good he has done for us has been motivated not by his benevolence, but by his need for reelection this year. Once he is re-elected, his campaign for support will be over. With no electorate to please, nothing short of impeachment will serve to keep him from destroying this country.

Support for Nixon

President Nixon is no saint. Not even his supporters claim that. But we believe he is the best man available for the job. Consider Nixon's qualifications:

Nixon is a man of firm convictions. When he takes a stand he sticks with it. He thinks every move carefully through. Can the Democratic candidate say the same?

President Nixon tells the people about major decisions. He believes that the people have a right to know what their government is

doing. Mr. McGovern has shown a tendency to tell the people what he decides they should know.

Nixon has established a firm stand on foreign policy. He does not waver or vacillate—he acts in the best interests of the nation. He does not play up to world opinion. Can McGovern do as well?

Nixon has wound down the war in Vietnam. He has not summarily ended the war, as McGovern would, because for a long time South Vietnam would have been

helpless before the communist aggressors. Now that the S. Vietnamese are able to support themselves, Nixon is taking steps to remove all troops from Southeast Asia. He is determined that American blood was not shed in vain.

Yes, we feel that Nixon is the best man available for the presidency today. We wish we had God to run the country, but alas, we don't. So we will settle for Nixon. — Charles Studnicka



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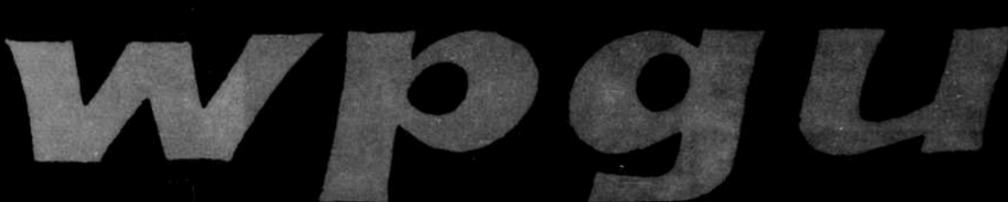
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VVAW Charge Gov't Harrassment

Denver, Colorado (CPS)--When Johnny came marching home this time, he really started to raise hell, and the U.S. Government didn't like it at all.

It's difficult for any government to wage a war which thousands of returning soldiers not only disavow, but also spend much time and energy trying to stop. Since its inception at a Washington, D.C. anti-war demonstration in the spring of 1971, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) has been one of the most vocal organizations against the war in Vietnam.

VVAW spokesmen claim that the government has initiated a policy of "harrassment and repression" toward VVAW and its individual members. The most recent event in this conflict was a conspiracy indictment filed against six VVAW members by a federal grand jury in Tallahassee, Florida.

Last July, John Kniffin and Robert Wayne Beverly were planning to take part in demonstrations at the Democratic convention in Miami Beach. Shortly before the convention they, along with 23 other VVAW members, were subpoenaed by the grand jury. Most of the veterans, according to Kniffin, thought the government was simply trying to keep them out of Miami.

But the government had other plans. On July 13, an indictment was issued stating that six of the men, along with "diverse other persons, known and unknown to the grand jury," were planning to "organize, promote, encourage and participate in a riot" in Miami on or about August 21.

The indictment also charged that the six men were part of a plot to attack police stations, police cars and stores with lead weights, fried marbles, cherry and smoke bombs fired by rocket wrist sling shots and crossbows.

Kniffin, one of those indicted, recently told CPS that the government's prime motive is "harrassment, not getting a conviction."

Even the government, according to Kniffin, can't expect the VVAW to "go up against the 82nd Airborne with sling shots and crossbows."

Kniffin, who is presently out of jail on \$25,000 bond, views the government's purpose as three-fold. The government wants to discredit the members of VVAW and tie up the time and money put into the VVAW.

Kniffin and Beverly, who is named as a co-conspirator in the indictment, also charged that the Tallahassee affair represents a misuse of the grand jury's function.

"A grand jury," Kniffin explained, is supposed to meet to determine if there is enough evidence to issue an indictment. The grand jury in Tallahassee was a fishing expedition.

Beverly said that the grand jury foreman repeatedly told him that "the grand jury always abides by the government's decision."

Both men contended that the government has a good source of information concerning VVAW because the organization is heavily infiltrated with government informers. The informers aren't sought out, according to Kniffin, because they usually bring in one thing that

the organization needs: money.

The government informer who figures heavily in the Tallahassee case is Bill Lemmer. Lemmer, according to Kniffin and Beverly, became a government informer after he made a deal to get out of a narcotics arrest in Columbus, Georgia. Lemmer was provided with money and a car in exchange for his services.

According to Kniffin, Lemmer told Scott Camil, another of the co-defendants; that he was ordered by the FBI to infiltrate the VVAW and "attain a position of leadership."

Lemmer also told VVAW members that the government planned to arrest the VVAW hierarchy, disrrupt the Republican convention and use the resulting turmoil as an excuse to arrest left-wing radicals.

Kniffin said that Lemmer made these disclosures before the VVAW members were subpoenaed and "the whole thing sounded a little too paranoid." After the subpoenas were issued, Kniffin said the VVAW members figured there could be two reasons for Lemmer's statements.

It would be true, Kniffin said, or it could be part of a government "self-fulfilling prophecy."

"The government thinks they know how we'll react," Kniffin explained, "because they trained us. Possibly they thought by having Lemmer tell us something like this they would provoke us into action."

If the objective of the VVAW was violence at the Republican convention, Kniffin said, the potential was there. But it didn't happen, and Kniffin claims that the only VVAW members who seriously worked for violence were govern-

ment informers.

Kniffin charged that one identified informer came into the VVAW camps and urged actions which were "almost taken verbatim from the indictment."

In another instance, according to Kniffin, two informers urged the crowd, mostly Yippies and Zippies, to storm the fence of the convention hall. These same two informers, using the pseudonyms of Jerry Rubin and Harry Collins, threatened Alton Foss, one of the co-defendants indicted by the grand jury, saying that if he did not testify against the other VVAW members, he would be arrested on a narcotics charge.

Foss was on probation for a previous drug arrest, and was advised by VVAW lawyers to leave Miami and come to Gainesville. Foss was indicted with the other VVAW members, released on a \$25,000 bond and immediately re-arrested for passing one LSD tablet to the same two informers.

Kniffin charged that the government also used informers' information to pick the time of the grand jury subpoenas; the VVAW didn't have the money to post bond and the government knew it.

The "government was slightly chagrined", according to Beverly, when the \$125 thousand in bond money was raised quickly, mostly in the Tallahassee-Gainesville area. The VVAW members still face a heavy financial problem; the trial, set in Gainesville "sometime after the election" will cost from \$250 to \$275 thousand.

Presently Kniffin and Beverly are traveling across the U.S., explaining the VVAW case to the

people. Waging a propaganda war with the U.S. government, however, isn't easy.

The government, according to Kniffin, provided a *Newsweek* reporter with a large stack of government papers concerning the Tallahassee case. The reporter called the story, but his copy was rewritten by somebody further up on the editorial hierarchy of the magazine.

VVAW spokesmen claim that there has been an increase in government interference in the last few months; in Texas, 118 VVAW members were arrested for marching without a permit; in Colorado a paraplegic vet was arrested for assaulting a police officer; and in Boston a double amputee VVAW member was arrested on a narcotics charge.

"There's no doubt that he was an addict," Kniffin said, "but he became addicted to pain killers because of his service to his country."

The initial government response to the groups formation was to deny the existence of veterans who opposed the war. Because of this, it has become standard policy for VVAW members to carry proof that they actually had been in the service and in Vietnam.

Perhaps one of the reasons that the government has taken such a stand against the VVAW is because, of all the anti-war organizations, it has been the most successful in reaching middle-class Americans.

"After all," Kniffin explained, "we'd have had to be red necks, or we wouldn't have volunteered to go to Vietnam."

To the Parkland Vets:

Feel like you're getting the shaft? Your check is late again, and the mortgage collector is banging on the door. There's nothing in the fridge and you're really hungry.

So what do you do? Nothing, but sit around and bitch. Gets a lot done, doesn't it?

Ever wonder why the VA or anybody else, as far as that goes, doesn't get their ass in gear and do what they're supposed to?

Because YOU -- yes, YOU sitting there reading this and wondering what I'm trying to say, you can do something to help yourself. Remember they're not going to do anything unless you make them.

How do you make them? Good question. First get together--strength in numbers, right? Get together and go to the Vets meetings every other Tuesday in the Methodist Church basement at 11:00, and bitch there; at least someone will listen to you.

Next, a lot of people come to Parkland saying they can do this and that for us. They're safe in saying this, because you're never there to take them up on their offers, or make them eat their words.

Listen man, if you don't do it, it probably won't get done. If you don't realize by now that nobody's going to help you but yourself, then you're a fool. There are a few dudes trying to get something accomplished, but we need your help.

In the "Nam", there was a saying: "I owe it to myself" - well it applies here too, maybe even more so. YOU'RE HURTING NOBODY BUT YOURSELF.

Gary Smith



**Biggies Hit
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Pisciotta, Johnson,
and Hirschfeld.**

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Blues Festival Concert

Last October 20th and 21st, the Krannert Center For The Performing Arts and the Krannert Center Student Association with the cooperation of Bluespower presented "The Festival of Blues Music". Usually when you think of the center, you think of operas, plays, and evening gowns. Last year the Krannert Center widened spectrum of cultural event with a rock concert featuring The All Star Frogs and REO Speedwagon, then another rock concert with a Los Angeles band called "Ambrosia" and last month a concert with Ravi Shankar.

I went to the Saturday night concert, which featured, Siegel-Schwall Blues Band, Larry Johnson, and the Jimmy Dawkins Band. All three acts were superb in the blues field—each adding a new dimension to blues music. They all were very well received by the clamoring, enthusiastic crowd.

Larry Johnson, a young black man, was the first performer of the

evening. His blues style was like that of some of the great blues artists of the early 20th century, like Leadbelly and Josh White.

Next was The Jimmy Dawkins Band, which was a most impressive band—they were just very together. That evening they did a song that is one of my personal favorites and I think everyone else's judging from the enthusiastic response of the audience. It was an old T-Bone Walker song called "Stormy Monday." The crowd just went wild!

Siegel-Schwall Blues Band, the most well known band of that night, was last to perform that evening. They started out with a rousing Howlin' Wolf song and continued their rousing rhythm and blues music throughout the concert.

Plans for a spring Blues Festival are now underway. I hope that Blues Festival can become a twice-a-year event, because it was one of the best concerts I have ever been to.

Nancy Anderson

Junior College Student Competition

Ken Gunji has been named campus coordinator of the 1972-73 Student Achievement Recognition Program at Parkland College.

As campus coordinator, Gunji will supervise the soliciting and gathering of entries, judging, and publicity activities for the student competition, being sponsored for the fourth successive year by Continental Bank, Chicago.

Two Parkland College students, one man and one woman, will be chosen next February by locally-selected judges as winners of the campus competition. The two will be those who have best demonstrated noteworthy achievement toward

their desired career goals and who have shown leadership qualities through participation in campus and community activities.

The winners each will receive a \$100 cash award and a certificate of merit. In addition, their names will be permanently encribed on a school plaque. Their achievement also will permit them to compete in the district and state competitions.

Last year, Debbie Petticrew and David Friedman were selected as the two outstanding Parkland College Students.

The award winners from Parkland College will participate in one of six district competitions next March with the winners from the other 46 public junior college campuses in Illinois. Two finalists will be chosen from each district, one man and one woman, and each will receive a \$250 cash award and an engraved plaque.

The 12 district winners will compete in Chicago, where two state winners—one man and one woman—will be selected. The two will be honored at an awards banquet on April 26, where they will receive \$1,000 each and a trophy.



pimple

pimple
sitting on my face
doing no harm
just looking ugly
so i squeezed it
crushed it

no more pimple
just a little bloody spot
hurting (it never did before)
bleeding (it never did before)
getting infected and
starting to spread and
o god have i got a problem

black girl
sitting on the curb
eating ice cream
black shouldn't be happy
so i hit her
killed her

no more black girl
just resentment and hatred
breeding (hasn't it always?)
seething (hasn't it always?)
starting to build up and
here comes the riot and
o god have we got a problem
bob waldon



Movie Review

The Godfather, like Fiddler on the Roof, pays tribute to the strength and power of the traditional patriarchal family, but, in the instance of the Corleone family, carried to its lunatic extreme (on extreme -- that doesn't seem to turn the audience off the least bit). These foreigners and their children have blown up the family into an indestructible force, and economic and semi-military wedge which cuts violently into every ideal; if you get in the territory or step out of the wedge, you are dead.

Moreover, the new breed of filmmakers have correctly judged the temper of the time--it's difficult to imagine the audience cheering for a squadron of police or for a platoon of G.I.'S in Vietnam. An audience made cynical only by repeated exposure to political and corporate scandals may feel America's entirely rotten anyway, and that it's better to be crooked in the open, with machine guns blazing, than calmly, through bribes and back-room deals.

By Leslie Grove

Prof. Spectus

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Secret Vietnam Base Closed

By John Burgess

BANGKOK—DNSI Task Force Alpha (TFA), the top-secret, multi-million dollar computer center that controls the electronic battlefield in North Vietnam and on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, is phasing down operations and will be run by a skeleton staff by December 31, according to sources close to TFA. The sources cite a low-performance, high-cost record as the reason for cutting back the program.

Departments within Task Force Alpha are drafting phase-out contingency plans to be submitted to the Air Force for approval. The sources report frequent staff meetings and inter-agency memos pertaining to the closedown.

Probably the most heavily fortified American installation in Thailand, TFA stands in an isolated section of Nakhon Phanom airbase in northeast Thailand. The program, known as Operation Igloo White, has been under fire from critics both inside and outside the military as being ineffective and too costly since it began operating in late 1967.

The crowning blow apparently came when a Air Force general visiting the base dropped into the control room from which targets are plotted. He asked the airman in charge how many targets he had. Three, was the answer. The general became very perturbed, but the airman replied that three targets made a good day. There had been no targets at all the day before.

TFA is reportedly manned by about 250 officers and 180 enlisted men. The computer collects, analyzes and stores away information radioed in from the thousands of electronic sensors that American planes have dropped along the Ho Chi Minh Trail both in Laos and North Vietnam.

Some of these sensors "smell" ammonia in urine, some are sensitive to seismic vibrations caused by motor vehicles, some pick up electronic static generated by vehicle engines. Others "hear" random noises through microphones. Some of them hang in trees, while other projectile-shaped sensors bury themselves in the ground leaving only a camouflaged antenna exposed.

The sensors are dropped in sequence along known supply routes and at random throughout unfamiliar areas. Increasingly over the last year they have been dropped into North Vietnam, more than along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, apparently in an effort to strike at the source of supplies.

The sensors remain dormant until activated from TFA or until a strong noise, smell or vibration, depending on the type of sensor, picks them on. Their signals are picked up by relay planes overhead, in most cases a single-seater QU-22 from Nakhon Phanom, which amplify the signals before sending them back to TFA. There it is transformed into language that the computer can understand, reported to the monitors, and stored away.

Where sensors have been dropped in sequence along a trail, motor vehicles will activate the sensors one after another. With the help of the computer, analysts try to determine the number of vehicles, their approximate speed and course, and their guess as to where the target will be in thirty minutes, the length of time it takes war planes to get to the target.

TFA has also been used to plot the positions of anti-aircraft artillery and SAM missile sites. Sources say that three months ago CIA personnel moved onto a trailer in the TFA complex and began making undiscovered use of the facilities.

TFA was a major experiment in US war technology. In an attempt to computerize a mountainous battlefield, the US reportedly spent close to a billion dollars over a three-year period. But from the beginning things were going wrong with Task Force Alpha.

During the first year a major problem was that the computer was receiving too much information to analyze. Information from sensors had to be utilized immediately to be valuable.

The exact location of the sensors was a problem, too; because they are normally dropped by jets flying hundreds of miles an hour, only approximate coordinates can be taken for their position. This problem is compounded, the sources say, by the sensors' inability to determine the direction from which a sound or vibration is coming. The combination of the two factors can throw off a computer's estimate of a target's position by hundreds of yards.

In addition, many sensors failed to activate and, of course, could never be repaired. Much of TFA's equipment is so sophisticated and delicate that it is difficult to keep it in running condition.

The communists were quickly on to the sensor program and removed and destroyed many of them. Others were left in place and deliberately fed false information: buckets of urine were hung from trees, a single truck would be driven back and forth scores of times.

Operations at TFA have already been slowed down. Sources say that from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. the sensors report not to the main computer but to a less sophisticated system which records their findings on a moving roll of paper. The number of computer operators and analysts has also decreased markedly.

TFA sometimes serves as a plaything for the men who work there. If the sensor is a microphone - called "commike" by the Air Force - the man on duty can plug in to the system and listen directly to the microphone's transmissions. The microphones are reportedly so sensitive that one can hear such things as truck doors slamming, hammers being used to repair roads and bridges, and occasionally human voices.

According to an officer speaking at a recent briefing, some sensor listeners come to work on their off-duty hours to "ring up" a sensor in an area scheduled for an air strike. They enjoy hearing the

bombs explode. The officer cited these actions as an example of high morale at TFA.

Sources say that much of the TFA equipment will be removed, but that some will remain for use by other units at the airbase. The equipment was built and installed by International Business Machines (IBM). As of July 1, however, Philco-Ford won a \$1 million plus contract for its maintenance, according to a representative of that company.

(A Pentagon spokesman said that he could not comment on the reported phasing-out of TFA due to a policy that prohibits discussing the future of weapons systems.)



CONCERT REVIEW

Don McLean at U. of I.

Saturday night I saw the strangest concert of my life at the Assembly Hall. To begin with, it started on time. Next, the warm-up act was entertaining and not country and western. In fact it was so entertaining it was called back for an encore. Following that, I witnessed an actual 15 minute break instead of the usual announced 15 minute break which can stretch on endlessly. And then Don McLean came out.

McLean walked on stage carrying his guitar and banjo. When the audience finally quieted down, he mumbled, "Same to you," and started his first song. He was awfully nervous and the first song wasn't outstanding. The audience reacted with nice applause anyway and he seemed to settle down quickly. Before his next song he retuned his guitar while singing, "She was killed, maimed, and destroyed-By a guy with a giant hemorrhoid" and every thing was great from there on.

McLean showed himself to be not only talented but very human on stage. Instead of slick Bob Hope one liners, he rambled on about whatever was on his mind in between songs. Catholicism seemed to be on his mind, and with the innocence of David Steinburg he showed how funny he could be. He first admitted to having been Catholic, "but I took pills for it".

McLean later mentioned the Pope's recent encyclical against Catholics owning a lot of private property and added, "but I didn't see Him getting rid of his. . . The ring he had on cast enough to finance an apartment complex in the City." The best aspect of his humor was that it didn't seem to be the same lines he'd used the night before in Metropolis and the same lines that could be used the next night in Gotham City.

The warm-up act, who no one knew the name of but I think was Coral Hall, was great, deserving of a concert of her own. She was very relaxed and sang and accompanied herself on piano in a very professional manner. Between her compositions, she explained them in a soft Texan drawl. She also mentioned buying popcorn from the truck in front of Walgreen's.

Ms. Hall also had a natural relaxed sense of humor as was seen in her story of Bob Dylan. Her daughter attends the same kindergarten as Dylan's and she told how impressive Dylan looked the first time she went to a parent-teacher conference and saw Dylan, "a legend of our time", sitting on a kindergarten chair while listening to the teacher say things like "we hope they'll be using pencils before long." Ms. Hall was very well received and was called back for a very deserved encore.

But the real star was Don McLean. He sang everything from spirituals to Woody Guthrie style talking blues, including a humorous little thing called "Narcissima for Polama" celebrating the joys of masturbation.

The concert seemed to build in intensity until he sang "American Pie" at the climax. During American Pie his head was back, his eyes shut and the words and music came from a deep trance, showing the impact the song still had on him. "American Pie" was followed by "Vincent", which was the end of his show. The audience, however, wouldn't let him go and he came back even though he was nearly hoarse and he sang two more songs including one he had written just Saturday. Again he started to go, but the audience still wouldn't let him go, so he came back again, and a little hoarse, with banjo in hand and sang "There is a Ship" asking the audience to sing along, as he had with "American Pie". Finally, amidst his third standing ovation, Don McLean left.

If you missed Don McLean this time, catch him next time you go. If you were there, you know you got your money's worth.

Jeff Nicholas



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