Privacy Yields to Progress

THE WAR GAME

A film by Peter Watkins

In the June issue of "Movie Maker" (British amateur cine magazine), editor Tony Rose describes young (32) Peter Watkins as fortunate in his many gifts: "intellectual, charm, talent, good looks, and astounding energy," but all of this would have little value if the audience for his films were the wrong one. His application for welfare assistance could be automatically checked to see if he owned a car." The Mayor is quoted as saying: "We've got all the information we need on the place now, so we can't use it. But after it's all together we'll get it at and make New Haven a national model." The use and implications of computerized privacy for government agencies were more explicitly spelled out with regard to police operations: "The police chief could have instant access to all the information about a suspect while he was 'in the area where a crime was committed' could be made available to the police by data equipment. Moreover...since all the city agencies would pool their information, the computer system could also determine if a fire broke out near a convicted arsonist's home, or if burglars were reported missing on an afternoon that a known juvenile delinquent had been trusted from school. The Times dispatch by William Borders, "The War Game," on the effects of a nuclear attack on a town, is considered significant inputs for the automated process control in this..."
Dear Friends:

In his rebuttal to the irresponsible Paul Hofman article in the May 7 New York Times, SDS National Secretary Greg Calvert raises some questions centering around the need to develop alternative, non-violent means of solving social problems—questions that warrant examination.

It seems to me that in large part he confirms Paul Hofman's contention that spokespersons for the New Left advocate revolutionary violence—and this is significant. Greg Calvert acknowledges that “violent (moral) means for solving social problems” means revolutionary violence—and this is significant. Greg Calvert confirms Paul Hofman's contention that this is a "first" for the United States Army it is a "first" for the United States Army.

This rather drastic though quiet protest is not meant to impress you. We tell you in order to point out our own desires to uphold our beliefs and disciplines which, we feel, in large part concur with the feelings that could not really be called a policy—if the Students for a Democratic Society. We wish to work actively in the organization in any capacity. We will be living in New York City and we would appreciate information on any other opportunity for work there. Any other information would be helpful too.

I am a brilliantly expressive person. I am an inwardly bitter and dissipated to the point where real communication with others seems to me an infrequent occurrence. I am not sure that anyone can do anything but understand perhaps. I fear squaring of my sincerity. But regardless of my fears or feelings and jointly because of them I would be interested in the publicity the Government. I ask you for myself and my friends to please reply as soon as is possible. Respectfully yours.

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SUGGESTED MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION

BE: ARAB-ISRAELI REACTION AND IMPLICATIONS, NS RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Mideast crisis has made clear that all neutral to American Jews and confusion on the Left and in the Arab world. It is important that the American Left understand the Arab standpoint. It is also essential that we understand the Arab plight. The resolution of the problem, therefore, will be greatly reduced. If they move about and through the atmosphere of the world. We should instead continue and develop the techniques of non-violent revolution. It is only by meeting the challenge of non-violent revolution that men will achieve the revolutionary social goals they seek. Yours in Peace,

Richard Boardman

MILITANT WAC'S BURN UNIFORMS

To whom it concerns:

I am writing this letter for myself, Lynn Brunsteiner, and Joyce Bollman. We are recent graduates of the University of Illinois. We are members of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). We have been studying the draft and the war and peace into the classroom on an end-of-the-year draft convocation for high school teachers interested in discussing the war and peace. There is a need for understanding of the war and peace.

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Coalition Forms

The SCC was not a coalition of the radical groups; at Columbia this would have meant SDS joining with a group of multislice factions with no roots in the community. Rather, the SCC consists of leaders of the student council, the undergraduate dormitory council, the student union, planning board, the American Student, the Citizenship Council, SDS and other political organizations (amounting to whose members in all cases are all active members of the SCC were not binding, and autonomous strike committees were established in each dormitory. Several organizations, such as SDS, the Student Afro-American Society, and the Citizenship Council carried out activities in their own names. The Citizenship Council is a vast, sprawling, student-run organization which carries out community projects throughout the city. It is the showcase of Columbia, and it involves more than 1,000 members. The resources and manpower of the CIL Councils were indispensable, and the general coordinator of the SCC was chairman of the CIL Councils. Nevertheless, because most of the work was done by the SCC and people associated with it, the responsibility for major decisions fell on its shoulders.

Robert Modier

The shots of what would happen to us are sharply, in fact angrily contrasted with idealistic and justifiable views of authority: Civil Defense, Government officials, the Vatican Council. All of them offer justifications of all aspects of "practical" and "moral" and all of it insane. I say this because the technique is definitely not calculated to produce serious public response, such as in "Dr. Strangelove": There is no hook, since it is one move to laugh, one is at the same time conscious that it is only an outlet for the boiling anger that quickly your mind be the monstrous nature of this reality begins to take hold. Authority is not treated as absurd, rather it is dangerously insane. The Vatican Council assures us that nuclear weapons are perfectly moral, provided that they are "clean and of a good family". Civil Defense informs us that calculation we do, plans to continue under-graduate determinations? A way forward is indicated by another product of the April event, the newsletter of the DRAFT RESISTANCE (Ciling House, 8 Frances Court, Madison, Wisconsin 53703 (255- 6575), created by a number of We Won't groups at a meeting after the mobilization on the campus. When summer comes and most students leave the campuses, the Movement will be extremely vulnerable and scattered. We feel that it is necessary to relocate draft resistance activities to the urban areas. This newsletter, "most draft resistance activities are located on the campus. When summer comes and most students leave the campuses, the Movement will be extremely vulnerable and scattered. We feel that it is necessary to relocate draft resistance activities to the urban areas. For one thing, the college is not located, and where organizing can really begin.

Here is the beginning of an answer to our dilemma, not only (so it seems to me) for the campus but for the next winters as well. If the Administration plans to continue student deferments their students must reach out to the young men who are drafted for this war's ghetto youth. Programs need to be developed to make contact with these young men both before and after induction. Draft information centers should be started in off-campus areas (out they should be started slowly and carefully, in consultation with those already doing other kinds of community organization and the context of that broader program). Research should be done into the race, class, age, and sex composition of local draft boards, and appropriate legal cases and political demonstrations developed. We should find how board members are elected, or at the very least, like jurymen, be chosen randomly. From the same neighborhood as the young men whose lives they will dispose of?" Such a program would not only make it possible for those who wish to leave the campus and thereby expose themselves to the draft, for the sake of their brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends. In the present composition to ghetto communities are necessary to organize effectively. A growing number of young men, once they set out will not say not only We Won't Go, but also Say We Want To Go to the place where we can do the ideal work which has the most chance to stop this war, Stoughton Lynd

The SCC immediately developed a public machine and real ties to the campus. The influence of the SCC grew to such proportions that the Administration became alarmed and an emergency meeting of the student council was called for March 23. As the Council was convening, hundreds of students gathered on the steps of Low Library and heard an appeal. A strike was scheduled for the following week. The Council did not take action, and it was estimated that more than half of the College would strike. The fact of student rebellion at Long Island University and the London School of Economics perhaps weighed against the minds of the Council members. In any case, top-ranking administrators, probably including Dean David Truman, decided that interest group lobbying, had been lobbying the Council for days in a desperate at-term to avert the strike. A few hours after the vigil it was learned that the Council had voted to end ranking, and the strike was cancelled.

The basis of SDS's work within the coalition was to encourage student leaders to organize their own constituencies using their own lines of communication and manpower resources. (As time went by, everyone had to fend for himself in the campaigns for projects. Much general publicity and dormitory work was undertaken by SDS people, such general publicity as writing the Strike News, the newspaper, finally publishing the so-called "Competent and intelligence work within the Administration were handled jointly by the SCC, (The lack of top Administration tactics seemed to change over the next 2 days.) Decisions were made in the Citizenship Council on campus in a series of meetings of the SCC. The decision to end ranking was made at a meeting on the campus, which was to be the basis of the anti-union struggle.) Nevertheless, the students who wish to leave the draft, not for the sake of those whose lives they will dispose of?" Such a program would not only make it possible for those who wish to leave the campus and thereby expose themselves to the draft, for the sake of their brothers, sisters, neighbors, and friends. In the present composition to ghetto communities are necessary to organize effectively. A growing number of young men, once they set out will not say not only We Won't Go, but also Say We Want To Go to the place where we can do the ideal work which has the most chance to stop this war, Stoughton Lynd

The division of labor in the coalition gives an idea of the scope of our attempt to mobilize the student leader dormitory had liaison officers with the SCC who were responsible for organizing their own. The head of the undergraduate dormitory council worked with the SDS person usually responsible for dorm council to coordinate this dormitory work, which was so central to the whole campus. The coordinator of the campus work, which chiefly involved a series of "call-ups" of the hundreds of off-campus supporters whenever an important strike activity was occurring. The head of the fraternity council was with us, and he coordinated work or "fraternity row." Faculty liaison was particularly important, and we worked full-time just trying to stay in touch, mobilized, and explain point-counting, and recent civil rights for the students. Several people worked on setting up an alternative school for students to go to when the strike-school was to have had seminars on Vietnam. Civil Defense was an important part of the Babcock war was to have been devoted to small groups in which striking students

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would discuss the meaning of the event. SDS members would, of course, attempt to get our view across. The former editor of the Barnard Bulletin ran a newspaper that served both as publicity and as an organ to get our view across. The former editor of the Barnard Bulletin ran a newspaper that a Barnard student is reported to have set up and that was successful. SDS members employed at least one person for theoretical articles. Position papers were published almost daily. In addition, each of the following was important enough to have at least one person for whom it was a full-time responsibility: finances, voluntary membership, and distribution and publicity. Strike ( nursr,- raising), and arranging for tables to be manned at various spots on campus for further publicity.

The most critical problem we faced was that of communication. Columbia is a large school, and thousands of students live in apartments located everywhere in New York. The problem was so severe that a Barnard student is reported to have boycotted her classes for two days. The problem was so severe that a Barnard student is reported to have boycotted her classes for two days. The following conclusions seem warranted by the Columbia experience. Whether they will be useful on other campuses can only be known in the future.

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4) Nevertheless, I would argue that as radicalization which occurred to the non-SDS people in the coalition. Some professors took liberal positions toward their extreme formulations and concluded that direct action, particularly student intervention of absolute faculty power over the classroom, was not justified no matter how momentous the issue. Without getting into a philosophical discussion, I will simply comment that to many liberal students in the coalition the tenacity of some liberal professors against the strike appeared as a betrayal.

Lessons of the Fight

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