



Opinion

Young Socialists -vs- Hamilton High

By Debra Perkins & Tom Jones

"For the last few months, even years, the Socialist Party Candidates for California elected offices have been harassed, and arrested on phony charges in front of Hamilton High School by the police and the Hami Security officers", so say the Westside Young Socialist Workers.

The main complaint of the Socialist Workers Campaign Committee is that Hami students weren't and still aren't allowed to hear and react to the ideas and opinions of the Socialist Party, which they feel violates the students' democratic right to choose and hear what they want as well as their right to ex-

press personal opinions.

They feel their candidates should have equal treatment under the law the same as any of the other two major party candidates. They added that this school is the only one that they have had major problems in trying to speak, as you "can't even get through the door without the principal literally blocking the main entrance."

According to Security agent Nevels, the Socialist Party has, in the past, been asked to speak and a rally was held in the school auditorium on the condition that the Socialists conform with the wishes of the principal to refrain from profanity and certain subjects not directly related to election issues. In 1972, Olga Rodriguez came to speak, however, due to her total disregard of Mrs. Jimenez' requests and her personal attack on Mrs. Jimenez, she was asked to refrain from further comment, and asked to leave the school.

Recently, when Socialist candid-

ate for the Senate, Dan Styron, held a rally, and was consequently arrested, Mr. Nevels pointed out the Mr. Styron was violating at least five sections of the penal code, including: 1) illegal assembly, 2.) disturbing the peace, 3.) using a bullhorn within 200 feet of school grounds, 4.) blocking pedestrian traffic, and 5.) loitering.

Officer Nevels also pointed out that the same Socialist workers have followed the same pattern at other L.A. city schools.

It, therefore, appears from past and present performances that the Socialist Worker's Campaign Committee is more interested in non-compliance with the law so as to create situations that they can exploit for propaganda purposes; namely, to use Hamilton students to attack the school and its administration. Their goals are quite simple. Raising the phony issue of "Student rights" and "Freedom" are merely smokescreens to cover their real intent.

LETTERS TO THE Editor

TO Mr. Nevels, the L.A.P.D. Mr. Hedges and the Hamilton High Administration.

This morning, October 11, I was handed a paper by a worker for the the Socialists for Rodriguez and the Socialist Workers Campaign Committee.

The paper essentially stated that the Los Angeles Police Department and Mr. Nevels, the Hamilton Security officer, have been practicing politics in the enforcement of their laws.

Examples were given:

1) Last June, three Hamilton students were suspended and two others were threatened with expulsion for "failure to disperse" from a Socialist campaign rally.

2) A few weeks ago, Dan Styron, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. Senate, was arrested for using amplified sound within two hundred feet of Locke High school, while Edmund Brown Jr., Democratic Party candidate for Governor, spoke at a rally ON THE GROUNDS of the High School.

3) The L.A.P.D. gave a supporter of the Socialist Workers Party a phony jaywalking ticket and harassed and frisked Omari Musa, Socialist candidate for Congress, who was sitting in a car outside Hamilton after a rally last spring.

Are these things true? The paper I was handed stated that it was legal for Hamilton High students to listen to Socialist ideas. If this is true why the harassment?

I don't agree with Socialist ideas, but I protest Nevels and the L.A.P.D. "practicing politics" in their enforcement of the laws.

I hardly expect this letter to be printed, as Mr. Hedges would most likely be risking his job, but I still hope to see it in the next issue of the Federalist.

Douglas Chase

12th Grade

Editors Reply:

According to Mr. Nevels, there were seven (7) violations of the law as follows:

L.A.M.C. 115.02 states a person using a bull-horn must have a permit. L.A.M.C. 41.18 blocking of public sidewalk, Election Code 16701, No campaigning within 100 feet of a polling place. Penal Code 415, Disturbing the peace. Police Code 626.8 Refusal to leave at request of peace officer. Police Code 653G, Loitering. Calif. State Bd. of Educ. Code, No group allowed within 200 feet of a public school.

Note: on Oct. 15, 1974 Dan Styron and Olga Rodriguez requested permission to come onto the Hamilton Campus for the purpose of discussing the Socialist Party Platform or candidates for the upcoming Nov. election.

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Vox Populi

By Arlene Simke

The nicest break between classes at Hamilton, is lunch. It provides students a silent moment in which they can gather their thoughts and piece together answers to the problems created by "The Establishment". At this reflective moment, Vox Populi asks the students questions on current issues in order to give their inner thoughts a public voice.

Question: To avoid future "Watergates", should the duties of the President be divided between two duly elected presidents, both equal in power?



Karen Barriga, Senior: "Yes. It would be less pressure on one man ... and that way one gets two different opinions on one subject."



Shari Joseph, Senior: "Yes. Two presidents, both equal in power would hopefully provide the public with two different ideas in approaching world wide problems. Thus, in effect, their decisions would balance each other. Actually, I would prefer two presidents not only equal in power, but opposite in philosophy and political theory."



Jeff Lazar, Senior: "No. I don't think it's necessary, because our system is built on a foundation of checks and balances."



Alan Feldman, Senior: "No. The only way to avoid future "Watergates", would be to have a larger degree of Public Awareness in relation to government activities. An example of lack of Public Awareness is the fact that the American people elected a Jack-Ass like Nixon, when so much information pertaining to his illegal activities had already been publicized."

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Pure & Simple

By Simon

Have you ever heard someone who was eating cookies say, "I really shouldn't, but what the heck, one more won't hurt?" Or someone drinking beer and beginning to feel it a bit say, "Weeelll, just one more, one more won't hurt."

When dealing with cookies and beer the statement "one more won't hurt" has no big social consequences. But, when you hear that same phrase and it is being used in connection with the decision to have another baby, then it does have big social consequences. It's a lot more than cookies and beer.

If a man and woman say, "Well, sure, we already have some kids, and sure, we know about the population problem and all that stuff, but what the heck, one more won't hurt", that is different. One more human being to feed, clothe, house, educate, recreate, supply etc. really does make a difference.

Here are some facts. Every child a couple in America have, will use an average of 9,500 energy units a year. A child born in Pakistan will use only 119 energy units a year. So if an American couple say, "One more won't hurt", it has consequences about 100 times greater than if a Pakistani couple says it. In an American couple says it the child will expect to live about 70 years, on an average. If an Indian couple says it, the child will expect to live only about 40 years, and this difference will have an impact on our planet.

Each time an American has "one more that won't hurt", which is every 8 seconds, that one more will use, during his 70 years here, 56,000,000 gallons of water; 21,000 gallons of gasoline, 10,150 pounds of meat; 28,000 pounds of milk and cream, 9,000 pounds of meat, 700 pounds of sugar. That "one more

that won't hurt", will demand \$5,000 worth of school buildings, \$6,300 worth of clothing, \$7,000 worth of furniture; and the rest of us have to produce that wealth, or at least help him to produce it. more that won't hurt", which is

Each year we read more and more alarming statistics about how the population of the world is going up and up. But each statistic is the result of millions upon millions of single decisions all put together. Groups do not feel that one more won't hurt.

We do not live in separate countries. Countries do not exist, except as ideas in our minds. We all live on planet earth. Our planet is flying through space at 60,000 miles per hour. Our Spaceship Earth is not divided up. Food is food. People are people. The people here, all together, have only so much food. It doesn't matter where it is. One human life is just as valuable, just as important as any other human life. We are all one, even if in our minds we think we're not. That is an outdated, fear-based, mind trip. We really, in fact, are all on the same Spaceship Earth. And it is already overcrowded. And you can't get a transfer off of it. So if some baby somewhere else in the Spaceship is already starving and you have another baby, it does hurt. It makes him starve even more, because then your baby eats some of the food that that baby might have received from Mother Earth, who supplies all of us on the Spaceship.

So the next time you hear it said, "One more won't hurt", don't just hear it; feel it. Feel how it would feel if it was your baby that was the one already starving. That's called compassion; it is our only hope.

Violent Try at Bussing

By Drew Robbins

Bostonian's are at it again' always trying to ban new ideas, but racial integration through bussing is hardly new. The Boston State Legislature enacted the Racial Imbalance Law in 1965. This bill prohibited any public school from having more than 50% black students.

Immediately, about a third of Boston's 200 school where outside the law. Still, the people of Boston avoided the issue for nine years.

The question here is not whether bussing is good or bad rather the fact that bussing is here. At this time bussing is the only effective means of achieving racial balance.

Bussing is a fact of life in Boston until someone can come up with a better idea.

I suppose we shouldn't be surprised about the resistance put up by the people of south Boston. Asst. Mayor Robert Kiley said, "Some of these people have spent most of their adult lives fighting against it.

Politicians have made careers of it." "These people" Kiley talks about are all white, mostly Irish, and whether or not they admit it,

bigots. "I tell you, I don't hate the colored, but I am afraid," said Ian Timily, a south Boston resident. What is Mr. Timily afraid of? Most of the violence thus far is credited to whites!

On the first day buses arrived at what used to be all white school in south Boston, they were pelted with rocks and bottles. Shouts of "Hey, nigger, accompanied by a three-foot length of pipe were hurled at the students as they tried to enter the school. Whites boycotted the bussing. Why? Where they against the idea of quality education for all?

"The systems were both separate and unequal" said Steve Teicher, an aide to the Governor of Massachusetts. Now National Guard units have been mobilized to quell the racial violence and all students must be frisked. When will whites of south Boston be ready to accept the idea that everyone, including blacks, are entitled to quality education. When will they accept all parts of the Constitution, not just those parts they select to justify their "peculiar" brand of Americanism.



Where Are They Now?

By Merylynne Cohen

Where were you in '62? For most of us here at Hami, we were probably just learning those first painful lessons on how to cope with the big neighborhood bully. For Rabbi Mike Signer, it was the year he graduated Hamilton High, a school he won't soon forget. Rabbi Signer, currently a member of the staff at Hebrew Union College, was good enough to give us a nostalgic view of Hami the way it was when he attended.

During his years at Hami, Rabbi

Signer spent a great deal of time involved in activities outside the classroom. He was an active member of Hami's Latin Club, and participated in Boys League Council. An activity he especially enjoyed was being a member of the Hamilton Debate Team, which gave him the opportunity to contest with other high school students in public speaking. An excellent student, Rabbi Signer was also a member of the Nevian Honor Society.

Rabbi Signer described his years at Hami as a "positive experience"

He felt that in general, he found teachers were very cooperative and inspiring and very responsive to the needs of the students. This, he feels, is what he misses most about high school. "In high school, you have real teacher expectations. you



have standards which they expect you to follow. But once you leave the protective halls of Hamilton High and go out into the real world, especially in college, everything changes."

When his high school days were over, Rabbi Signer attended UCLA for four years, then studied at the Hebrew University in Israel. He then attended Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and was officially ordained a rabbi there in 1970. In the years to follow, he earned his PhD in Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto and is presently studying for his Doctorate degree.

Being a former Hami graduate and succeeding in his goals, Rabbi Signer's advice to Hami students of today is, in his own words, "take advantage of all the things high school has to offer. Take your studying seriously and assume your own responsibility for academic success. See the human side of your teachers, and most of all, build your own eternal goals. Rabbi Signer is indeed someone who deserves recognition as being a most successful and admired past graduate Hamilton has ever had.

Feature Teacher

By Marion Weintraub



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Eight years ago the Hamilton English Department added a new member to their staff. Mrs. Evelyn Barrett, this week's Feature Teacher, was that new faculty member.

Before coming to Hami, Mrs. Barrett taught at Pasadena High School for nine years.

Mrs. Barrett attended Temple University in Philadelphia and U.C. L.A., graduating with a bachelor of science and a masters degree.

This year Mrs. Barrett is teaching a variety of English classes as she has done in past years. During her first year of teaching, Mrs.

Barrett also taught American History. English literature and Advanced Composition are the two subjects she prefers to teach most.

Hamilton has a friendly atmosphere established by students and teachers which Mrs. Barrett enjoys. Although Mrs. Barrett recognizes many strong points about Hami, she also sees a few weak points. She feels that the school lacks necessary class sets of paperbacks and that some classes are just too large. However, Mrs. Barrett enjoys the idea of being able to attempt new innovative methods of teaching.

In her spare time, Mrs. Barrett likes to read, to play tennis and to go swimming. Occasionally she enjoys horseback riding, although she has not been able to ride for quite awhile.

Mrs. Barrett thinks that in the future the English Department will grow smaller because of a lack of student interest and the result of computerization. English is however, very important for communication. If more classes were offered to help students improve their communication skills helping them to achieve their goals and prepare them for graduation, the need for an expanded English Department might become a very necessary reality.

Coming Events

- November 5-Election day.
- November 7 - First 10 - week Grade Reports; B Football, Hamilton at Venice 2:30 p.m..
- November 8-First 10 - week Grade Reports; JROTC Individual and Squad Drill Competition at Griffith Park; Varsity Football Homecoming Game, Venice at Hamilton 2:30 p.m..

- November 13-Science Department Invitational Assembly "This Atomic World" Period 3 in the Auditorium.
- November 14--Girl's Week Kick-off Luncheon, 12:00 noon at the Palladium; B Football, Crenshaw at Hamilton 2:30 p.m.
- November 15-V Football, Hamilton at Crenshaw 2:30 p.m..

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