

What you say Bruce

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I've had enough trouble keeping up with my own changes much less the political ones'. I went to Chicago looking to the National Community Union (N.C.U.) thing for a semblance of sericunness and stability and found very little of either. A not to encouraging situation for the type of work I wanted to do. While I admit that these are first impressions and subject to misinterpertation (on My part) I felt pressured to make a committment to a project or organization fairly quickly or sink into a morass of indecision.

As a result I aligned my self with the group that is organizing the challenge to the Dem. Nat. Convention. Specifically I am presently involved in a project organizing G.I.'s (and possibly in the future some work with Nat. Guard and Army Reserve). Right now we are setting up coffee houses in army towns to give G.I.'s; primarily those in basic training, an alternative to the "Bar, Where" scene; and also try and establish a relationship between the Movement and G.I.'s.

I am presently in Louisville Ky. seeing whether Ft. Knox should be the next place to set up. On Friday, April 19, I'll go to Columbia South Carolina where one has already been set up (Ft. Jackson) There is also one in Waynesville Mo. at Ft. Lawrence Wood. Depending on whether Donna Michelson who is working in Columbia is free to travel, we'll either go to Ft. Polk (Lassville La.) or I'll come back here and start one with the cooperation of the movement here.

This is the only project that I've ever worked on that has a possibility of also beig somewhat enjoyable. I was at the coffee house in Waynesville Mo. and it was great. Lots of music, lights, GI's reading poetry (some anti-war) playing chess and enjoying Espresso coffee. The locations will hopefully serve as a place where G.I.'s can come and talk freely and where it goes from there who knows. At Ft. Jackson there was a meditation on the base which was organized out of the coffee house.

(Also at Waynesville there are giant posters on all the walls, Marlon Brando, Che Guevara W.C. Fields, Malcolm X to name just a few)

During the summer a program of support will be brought to the differant locations, there will be folk and rock concerts interspersed with Nat. type radical speakers

I really dont know what this project will produce in terms of coneret results, but for better or worse I've taken an experimental attitude toward much of the movement work. I think to build any type of organized base to make our politics real we will need alot more creativity and imagination. Maybe this is one way; if not at least I'll have the tools to be Pett-Bourgeois.

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