

"HEY, HEY, WHAT DO YOU SAY?
TAKE HIS BANKS AND MINES AWAY!"

ENGELFINGER MET BY 350

by Paul Booth

Three hundred fifty demonstrators greeted Charles W. Engelhard February 17 when he arrived to receive the Brotherhood Award in Newark, N.J. Engelhard, the key American investor in South Africa and one of the most powerful men in America, was awarded the award by the National Conference of Christians and Jews (New Jersey) in an annual banquet kicking off Brotherhood Week.

The demonstration, called by SDS, the American Committee on Africa, CORE and the Jersey NAACP, chanted "Hey, Hey, What Do You Say, Take His Banks and Mines Away" and "Brotherhood Can't Be Bought" as 800 representatives of the business and political elites of New Jersey entered the Robert Treat Hotel for the \$15 a plate banquet.

Healthy contingents were present from SDS chapters at Columbia and NYU Downtown (the buses were chartered from the City), and from the Newark Community Union Project. NCUP was also involved that evening in a battle over a City Hall proposal to pack the local poverty war corporation — that proposal was turned down overwhelmingly.

Engelhard is the director of two dozen companies in South Africa, controls a monopoly on platinum distribution in the US, sits on the commissions that set working conditions in South African mines and the boards of directors of the native labor "recruiting" companies. His financial empire has been built in his own lifetime, and he has combined his financial pursuits with playing a leading role in Democratic Party politics in the state and nation.

SDS and the American Committee On Africa (ACOA) have been building

their program exposing American "partners in Apartheid" toward the Congressional investigation of South Africa called by Rep. Barratt O'Hara of Chicago for early March. The American corporate interests in South Africa were neglected in the invitation list to the hearings, and SDS and allies have been campaigning in the home districts of the 9 members of the Committee to demand that Engelhard, David Rockefeller, Douglas Dillon, Boeing Aircraft, and other key figures in US economic backing for Verwoerd be subpoenaed.

In 1961, after a series of financial blows had been dealt to the South African regime following the Sharpeville Massacre and the subsequent police repression there, Engelhard organized a bailing-out operation in the U.S. that saved the day. Both the Chase Manhattan and the First National City Banks played an important role in that operation, as did U.S. government-influenced institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and Export-Import Bank. The Department of Commerce has subsequently felt no more compunctions of singing the praises of the investment climate in the Republic of South Africa — the annual rate of return on U.S. investment there has attained 27% in recent years.

The banquet inside the hotel gave a sharp contrast to the spirited demonstration. The 800 distinguished citizens gave a rather ritualistic applause and ovation in response to Engelhard's acceptance speech. The industrialist explained his brotherliness with the following anecdote:

"As a boy, I spent one summer in Europe. I had plenty of nurses and guardians to see I didn't go astray. A man of consumption came up to me

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while we were waiting for a train and asked for some money. I had only ten francs or whatever the coin was then, and I didn't give it to him. Later, when we reached Paris, I bought some peaches with that coin. They didn't taste so good.

"Since then no one has come to my office with a cause who hasn't been listened to, had his proposal evaluated, on its merits, and, in most cases, hasn't gotten some result."

Later he commented on the demonstrators:

"I believe that the principles I mentioned (of Americanism) apply not only to our own country, but worldwide. I do business in many countries. I've always felt it was in the national interest to do so, to show people in other parts of the world how we operate. I have also felt that it was an obligation as a guest to not criticize people in these other countries. America is not perfect and until we achieve this perfection I do not believe we have that right. That I guess is what separates me from those people outside."

Last year, during the preparation for the Chase Manhattan demonstration, SDS researchers led by Todd Gitlin were mightily impressed by the way Engelhard seemed to symbolize modern corporate America, with his liberalism and cosmopolitanism and his role in extracting wealth from underdeveloped countries. Further research has borne out this impression, and is being published in Tom Condit's revision of "The Web of Power: American Involvement in South Africa." As well, Paul Booth and Christopher Hobson are preparing a study of Engelhard and what he represents for Ramparts magazine.

Teach-ins and educational activity around South Africa are being projected for the University of Nebraska, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, and elsewhere.

interested in university reform. This is seen as especially significant since it is the first active organizing to be done among faculty people.

3. Ken McEldowney is working on a program for those refusing to pay taxes this year. The Government says that Ken owes them \$25 and he is refusing to pay; instead he will donate the money to SDS or VDC. He hopes that he can broaden the value of the action and is working with some people from the War Resisters League in formulating a program for others.
4. The New School is attempting to move this week into a store front. There are problems with the realtor due to a conflict of weltanschauung—the realtor is a former white South African.

LATE REGIONAL NEWS

(the results of last minute calls to the regional offices)

SAN FRANCISCO

1. The San Francisco Mime Troupe will be going on the road to New Orleans and New York in the middle of April and would like to do benefits along the way on university campuses sponsored by SDS chapters (the take would be split).

This would be a good opportunity for chapters to work with radical theatre on the campus and raise money. The Troupe will have workshops after each performance of the show they are taking on the road, "The Minstrel Show or Civil Rights in a Cracker Barrel."

Norm Potter from the San Francisco office will be going east in the next week and will be doing bookings in Ill., Michigan, and Ohio.

Contact the San Francisco office for information.

R.G. Davis, the director of the Mime Troupe, is also working on setting up a radical booking agency that would work through SDS in distributing underground films, plays, etc. on campuses.

2. Norm Potter has scheduled the first adult organizing meeting. Most people are interested in Vietnam program. He is also working with faculty people at San Francisco State who are mostly

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BOSTON

CIA snared again

The CIA recruiters hit Harvard this week and were met by SDSer Nat Stillman who distributed leaflets out front asking some questions about the profession.

Grape Strike

Boston SNCC, CORE, and SDS are working on a Boston Grape Party to dump grapes into the Boston Harbor. The tentative date is March 18, and the hope to get national press coverage.

They are also preparing for a mass leafleting of all liquor stores in the Boston area.

Vietnam

The SDS Vietnam committee is working with some Packinghouse Workers Union people to get labor support of opposition to the war. Together they have drawn up a leaflet that will be handed out in a Boston area where all of the Packinghouse workers cash their checks.

A petition has been prepared for wide distribution in New England that will support the case of the Ann Arbor students and generally play up the 'build not burn' theme. It will be presented to the Selective Service at the time of the March 25-26 Days of Protest.

C.O. conference

A New England conference on conscientious objection will be held

ALBUQUERQUE (from Tom Puckett)-- On Feb. 11, the University of New Mexico chapter held a 24 hour 'silent vigil' on campus to protest the Viet Nam War. Those participating gathered around a flag-wrapped coffin bearing a sign: "Here lies the dignity of the U.S.A. Born Philadelphia, 1776 Died Viet Nam, 1966". As the demonstration was a silent vigil, using Lincoln's opposition to the War with Mexico as its theme, a paper explaining the reasons for the protest was made available to interested passers-by. Other anti-war literature, such as issues of the Catholic Worker, were also distributed. The demonstrators were subject to a good deal of harassment, ranging from profanity to egg-throwing. At times, the crowd of hecklers, whipped up by Marine ROTC agitators, almost reached mob violence. In spite of the generally unfavorable student reaction, we feel the vigil was successful for several reasons. First, it served to focus student interest and attention on the issue. The follow-up 'soul session' drew many students as participants, and started, hopefully, a meaningful dialogue on the issue. Secondly, the action of the hecklers gave us much more support than we had hoped for. Many people who stood with us that night did so simply because of personal repulsion at the tactics of the hecklers. Third, the number of participants was much larger than we had expected. New Mexico is a 'federal'

in March at the Tremont Street Methodist Church.

Young adult organizing

Brookline organizing is moving ahead with about 10 people who are broadening the base in the community by beginning in the next week house parties, study groups, visiting civic groups, etc. Also there is a discussion group taking place on culture and technology. Most of the people involved are ex-students, graduate students, and young married couples.

Waltham UAW strike

Brandeis and Harvard SDS members are working with student support of a picket line set up by 450 striking workers of the J.L. Thomson Rivet and Machine Co., adjacent to the Brandeis. The union and students are now planning to jointly publish a strike newspaper.

The office

A new staff member has been hired for high school organizing.

Apparently the Oglesby tour revived a lot of chapter so that activity is picking up.

NEW YORK

The absurd

Following on the heels of the Engelhard Brotherhood Award last week, it was almost too much when President LBJ was awarded the "National Freedom Award" at Freedom House this week.

So, 6,000 people picketed the awards dinner and Jim Peck from the

state (75% of the land is government-owned) and Albuquerque is extremely militaristic, having three bases plus the A.E.C. We had up to 50 people demonstrating, including 5 faculty members.

AUSTIN --

The University of Texas chapter has sent a letter by certified mail to the Soviet ambassador in Washington protesting the convictions of the Soviet writers Andrei Sinyavski and Yuri Daniel.

The letter, signed by Al Shahi, program chairman, read in part:

"Admittedly we are not disillusioned by your acts, and down deep we doubt that we expected a much different action, but it appalls us that any nation could hold its creative artists so cheaply.

"Your entire attitude is one of restriction of free speech and human rights, and we hereby protest your actions toward these two men."

Stanford SDS is doing research on Congressional peace candidates and requests that people in chapters send them the names, addresses, and if possible, the policy statements of local candidates who oppose Johnson's Vietnam policy. The information should be sent to Tom Sherman, 1943-5 Euclid Ave., Menlo Park, California.

War Resisters League was able to get in by purchasing a ticket. In the middle of Mr. Johnson's eloquence he stood up and shouted "Mr. President peace in Vietnam! Peace in Vietnam!" Secret Service men grabbed him, bloodied his face, and carried him from the room.

It was all very embarrassing for the President-of-all-the-people.

The office

Staff is dwindling as a function of dwindling finances. Two people are being forced to leave this week to look for jobs. There is a real need for a volunteer money raiser in the New York City area. Call the regional office for information.

LOS ANGELES

1. Pasadena SDS had a teach-in attended by over 200 at which Mary Clark from Yale and Harvey Wheeler from the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, among others, spoke on Vietnam.

They had to hold it off campus at the local Methodist center because the university has not given recognition to SDS and would not allow the program on the campus.

The local ACLU is assisting the chapter in forcing the university to grant recognition.

2. D. Corton is now working in the regional office.

3. Mike Davis spoke at Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Claremont last week. It looks like all will have chapters shortly.

JOIN, the SDS-sponsored community union in Chicago's white North side poverty area, is seeking a full-time lawyer to work as a member of the project staff beginning this summer. JOIN will be able to pay this lawyer about \$75/wk. We are probably looking for a young law school graduate with some movement commitment who would be willing to devote a year or so to this type of work. It will be necessary for this person to have passed the Illinois Bar before he could be fully effective at JOIN; but it would be possible for him to begin working with JOIN while preparing for the Bar exam.

The work of the lawyer could fall into five areas. (It must be emphasized, however, that the lawyer would have to see himself as an organizer as well as lawyer. He must be a friend in the neighborhood as well as a respected professional. His legal judgements must often be political judgements as well--such as the decision to accept without fee any particular case.) The five areas are: welfare appeals and challenges to the constitutionality of Public Aid regulations; small civic suits against landlords and other institutions in the neighborhood; police complaints, and challenges to criminal practice (e.g. the constitutionality of "disorderly conduct" arrests); housing code enforcement; defense of JOIN sit-ins and other arrests or harassment.

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National Secretary's Report

by Paul Booth

NAC MINUTES

Aerlin Weissman was hired to do chapter correspondence and some literature and political program, including some work on draft-related programs. She is 18, now works in secretarial jobs at the Chicago AFSC, and is extremely competent. She has been involved local peace activities, done campus speaking on Vietnam, but has no direct SDS chapter experience. The NAC decided that her general experience and abilities would make up for that shortcoming.

From here on in vacant positions will be advertised in New Left Notes.

The Chicago region had decided to give Greg Kaslo back to the National Office until they raise the money to support him financially.

Roosevelt University has decided that the Torch can no longer do job work in its composing room, which means that New Left Notes will have to find another way of being composed and pasted up. At present this runs \$90/wk. With the postal permit privilege in mind, it was decided to spend whatever is necessary to put out the next four issues. The preferred solutions are finding a similar deal, perhaps on TWO's machine, or doing the next few issues typed and two unadjusted columns to a page, which may look fairly decent. If not we'll probably have to pay as much as \$200.

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Any young (prospective) lawyer interested in such a position should write immediately to Rich Rothstein, 4504 N. Racine, Chicago, Ill. 60640

JOIN will soon establish a full-time business office, separate from the JOIN store-front and meeting hall. We need one person to work in the office, doing secretarial work, writing letters, doing some typing and stencilling, working on publicity and corresponding with JOIN's fund raising contacts. This person will also be trained by our lawyer in legal practice so that she (he) can prepare legal forms, affidavits, depositions, etc. JOIN will pay at least a sub-sistence salary, and probably more, to whoever fills this post. Anyone interested should also contact Rothstein, 4504 N. Racine, Chicago, Ill. 60640

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The long-range plan probably involves the purchase of capital equipment, the hiring of some part-time labor, and generally the establishment of a composing operation in the NO. The Friden Justiwriters cost \$10,000, and we will also need a veritype headline writer. Labor includes 30 man-hours of composing and a man-day of paste-up each week. Segal was mandated to present a detailed report next time.

We received \$1000 for the wider distribution of our films. \$400 was set aside for prints; Judy Kissinger is going to work up the brochure to send around on the films. \$280 will pay our outstanding bills on the newspaper. A \$65 machine will be purchased to speed the mailing of the paper -- specifically the wrapping and labelling. It has gotten out two days late every time, sometimes worse.

We need a fund-raiser. Booth was mandated to approach Scot Pittman from Austin on that subject.

Booth reported on the financial woes (considerable -- Sarah Murphy needs \$100/month salary subsidy to survive at the New York office. He was mandated to do a general report on regionalism. NOTE: regional offices should help out by sending in reports on financial condition, level of chapter activity, etc., especially providing information helpful at gaining an overdose. Booth was also mandated to get out letters about summer projects.

Any regional office considering the running of a summer project or institute should let me know. In the first place, we will be doing a good deal of fund-raising for these. Secondly, the N.O. can help in the recruiting. Thirdly, it's no good to postpone reckoning with this problem -- the things should be in clear enough order in April so they can be coherently presented to the NC. And, the crucial ingredient of success is the amount of preliminary thinking and structuring that we put into these projects. Right now all I want is a tentative idea. Some suggestions have included regional institutes on Left Summer Schools; caravans = political, theatrical, arty, etc.; organizing projects around electoral campaigns; ERAP-style summer projects tied into community union organizing; glorified summer chapters; and research projects.

On the notion of a springtime movement skills and history institute (formerly called a Leadership Training Retreat), Booth was instructed to call together a group in Chicago to take responsibility for it.

There will be an NC ballot shortly to decide the NC's location. The NAC also decided to try to tighten up on making sure that delegates are elected in advance by chapters (as in the

old days). Bob Speck will be sending out a mailing telling chapters how many votes we think they are entitled to. As well, he will write up a proposal on credentials (how far in advance the chapter should notify the N.O. of the names of their delegates, etc.) which will be on the location ballot.

An outfit called the National Dialogue on Vietnam, set up by NSA and the teach-in faculty, will be sending out a comprehensive speakers directory to all kinds of groups. We should be fully represented on their list: I have submitted the names of the Chicago SDS people who speak against the war. You should send in similar lists to 2115 S St., N.W., DC 20008, specifying prices, areas of expertise, geographical limits.

FREEDOM BUDGET PETITION

Jeremy Brecher suggests the following text for freedom budget petitions:

"Our country has great unmet needs, yet our government is failing to expand spending for those needs. In many cases it is even cutting back that spending. We protest those cut-backs, and call instead for a new American agenda which would use our country's great wealth for free high-quality education at every level for those young or old who desire it; good housing for all; new towns, neighborhood rehabilitation, new parks, community centers, improved public transportation and other programs to make our cities fit to live in; the best medical care possible for every American; economic development and a greatly expanded peace corps and community action program for underdeveloped areas at home and abroad; and the abolition of poverty not only through the direct provision of income and social services but by guaranteeing the right to a decent job and by supporting truly community-based improvement organizations.

LATEST ON SOUTH AFRICA HEARINGS

Congressman O'Hara is sitting tight on the list of people invited to testify. SDS was not invited. However, George Houser, of the American Committee on Africa, can be expected to give a full exposition of the economic interests. His testimony will be based on the summer research project on South Africa in which Kim and Judy Bush and other SDS people participated.

O'Hara has invited several businessmen to testify and they have turned him down (surprise?). Assistant Secretary of State Mennen Williams, who is expected to be a candidate for the Senate in Michigan this fall, will testify in both closed and open hearings.

NO BREAD

SDS is in pretty sad financial shape. It's not that the basic

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minimum services aren't being performed, especially if you set your standards low. This paper keeps coming out--and some new publications continue to appear (at about one-third the desired pace). Some staff continue to be able to travel around to visit and assist chapters. But any other perspective is bleak.

Every regional office is living the hand-and-mouth existence that was roundly condemned at the NC meeting and that is an organizational disgrace. The decision to create effective regional offices is being nullified by the financial situation as more and more staff are forced to take full-time jobs.

The new literature program that was established in Lawrence, Kansas is faced with the sad dilemma of having at least a dozen excellent new papers ready to roll, and not enough money to purchase paper.

As for initiating new activity, the stymie is made evident through the letters that come in asking for a couple hundred for this or that deserving project. The Oil Project needs a couple hundred to pay for travel in the southwest and for publications. The grape strike news bulletin which the San Francisco office is producing is driving them to starvation and may have to be discontinued unless it and its editor get some kind of sustenance. A number of chapters have requested that the "movement skills and history retreat" envisaged by the National Council actually occur this spring. The retreat will, if the money for it appears, be a valuable learning experience for people planning to take significant chapter responsibility.

There are two other realities in the organization that can be contrasted to this tale of woe. The first is the general level of political activity. The mail gives evidence that SDS--at its local base--is strong enough that it doesn't require a national hooah to keep people energized. The talents and enthusiasm exist in the local units to enable people to plug intelligently into the array of national programs elaborated at the NC. Two dozen chapters (that I know of) are moving on the grape strike. Another dozen are working on South Africa. The largest number of chapters would seem to be working on Vietnam and draft-related activity. And several dozen are working on their own projects.

Another reality, of a different sort, is the prevailing mood of optimism about the organization's ability to sustain itself and continue to grow. I find this generally in my travels.

The moral of the story is that chapters should be doing some fund raising. The easiest device is to pass the hat at chapter meetings, and reserve the take for a

special purpose: paying back lit. orders, sending a special shot-in-the-arm to the Lawrence printing office (1212) Ohio, Lawrence, Kansas), paying the transportation and room and board for a member of the chapter to attend the retreat over Easter break, helping support regional staff, national staff (who have been missing salary off and on lately), etc. And there are more effective ways to raise money. Such as asking people who have a lot of it, or throwing benefit parties, or holding folk-singing benefits (contact the N.O. for help on that), etc. Ultimately the financial cost of building the Left in America must be borne by those who feel its importance most strongly.

ANN ARBOR POLITICAL DEFENSE

VOICE has adopted the following text for petitions to be presented to draft boards. The projected date for the support marches has been set for March 2.

"We, the undersigned, call on the Local draft Boards of _____ to pledge not to use the draft as a weapon of stifling political opposition to the war in Vietnam or dissent of any other kind.

"Thirteen students at the University of Michigan have lost their deferments for a sit-in demonstration last October 15th protesting U.S. intervention in Vietnam. A student at the University of Delaware lost his Conscientious Objector status for picketing against the war.

"This arbitrary use of power confirms our worst fear--that America, in time of war, will restrict the freedoms for which we are supposedly fighting.

"The power over life and death which has been invested in draft boards should not be used as a bludgeon for suppressing dissent."

SOVIET WRITERS DEFENSE

About half a dozen NIC members responded positively to a proposal by Bruce Schmiechen, Bob Speck, and Jim Russell of the N.O. staff that a statement be made on the question of the Soviet writers. The following was drafted by Schmiechen and Paul Booth and sent to the NIC on February 24th.

"As young Americans working for democracy and freedom in our land and in the world, we are outraged by the action of the Soviet government in jailing the writers Sinyavsky and Daniel. The punishment of belief and free expression is contrary to the principles of justice and democracy. As radicals we are familiar with repression; we oppose it wherever it occurs, and express our sympathy with the Russian students who demonstrated against your actions. We are appalled that any nation could hold its creative artists so cheaply, and fear that the world has not yet learned the awful lessons of Stalinism and McCarthyism."

Argument: (Booth) It seems to me that the value of such a statement would be its effect in the "pressure-group politics" that the Soviet regime must weigh. To them, I think, we

are classed with "Neutralist opinion" and a vehement response to this current barbarity will give them pause. Thus, it seems to me to have some political effect and therefore does not contradict the resolution of the convention last summer.

Argument: Lee Webb and Joyce Bennett of the NAC both feel that this would be indulging in "statementism", and therefore fly in the face of the 1965 Convention's position against that kind of politics. Joyce further thinks that, despite its motivation, the statement would reinforce the Cold War ideology of people to the right of us.

OGLESBY TRIP

On his recent trip east, Carl Oglesby spoke to the Great Neck Forum (700), the Methodist Student Movement (150), Vassar SDS (300) with Mike Locker, Miami U. (Oxford, Ohio) (700 with overflow), Union Theological Seminary (200), Howard (450), Trinity College (300), Yale (400), spend a day at the New Haven project, Williams SDS (150) with Sid Finehirsh, Amherst with Prof. Eric Wolf (350), Brown SDS (350), Tufts - informal talk to the interested in a forum on SDS, Brandeis SDS (350). He said, "It felt like a triumphal tour." He got stand ovations everywhere. This was based on the reputation of SDS and of Carl's Washington speech.

A STORY

While returning home on the train from high school a few weeks ago, the younger brother of an SDS organizer in New York City got into a heated dispute about the war in Vietnam. The discussion very shortly disintegrated, with neither our Hero nor his fellow-passenger making any headway. Finally, champion's sds pin and flung it out the window. To this, our defender responded: "That's the last straw -- now you've gone too far" and smashed him one, causing him to bleed from the lip all the way home.

SDS pins are once again available from the N.O., at 10¢ a piece and half price to chapters in bulk.

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