MR. HOFFMAN: The Judge had an interview in Time Magazine.

THE COURT: A lawyer on television discussing the case.

IM. KUNSTLER: Let's have what I said that was false.

That was the accusation.

THE COURT: I will ask you both to sit down.

MR. HOFFIUN: The Judge gave an interview to Time Magazine.

MIE COURT: And I will instruct Ir. Weinglass to continue with the direct examination of this witness.

(Tr. 17,379)

On January 30, at the conclusion of the court's session, the Court asked the parties and attorneys to stay after the jury had been excused. The Court then broached the subject of the propriety of the public speeches given by the defendants. While this discussion was going on Mr. Noffman again inserted his remarks gratuitously. The incident is reported as follows:

"THE COURT: I am not going to be put on the griddle about it. How you are the lawyer. You are one of the lawyers for the defendants. And I think it is wholly inappropriate for defendants in a criminal case to make the kind of speechthat (sic.) was made and the matter of bail goes beyond mere protection for the Government that the defendant appear. Read the book.

MR. WEINGLASS: But I do not think the matter of bail should be held over their heads in order to reduce the amount of public speaking they are doing.

THE COURT: Oh, I don't --

MR. NOFFMAN: I will be in Himmi on Sunday afternoon with the same speech.

THE COURT: That expression -- did you hear that? I haven't heard (sic.) lawyr (sic.) for the defendants try to

quiet their clients during this trial when they spoke out, not once in four and a half months, not once."

(Tr. 19,094-19,095)

On February 2, the Court had determined that argument on a particular question had been completed. The Court admonished Mr. Kunstler several times to sit down and desist arguing. The Court had previously ordered the defendants and their attorneys not to mention the fact that the former Attorney General of the United States, Ransey Clark, had been excluded by order of the Court. Mr. Noffman made several consents after the Court had indicated argument was completed, and he violated the Court's order concerning the Attorney General. The record states:

"HE COUNT: You sit down, sir, or we will arrange to have you put down.

MR. HOFFMAN: Are you going to gag the lanyers, too?

A VOICE: Chained to the chair —

MR. MCFFAMM: You don't have to gag the jury, because they haven't been able to see our witnesses.

THE COURT: That was Hr. Hallman that made that remark, Miss Reporter.

MR. NOFFMAN: The past Attorney General of the United States, Ransey Clark --

(Tr. 19,159)

Later in the day, the defendant Hoffman interrupted the Court

to make the following surcestic remark:

*THE COURT: All I have to repeat to you, Mr. Kunstler, is that I know you practice in the Southern District of New York. I have practiced there a lot as a lawyer before all of the then District Judges. I never say —

MR. HOFFMAN: When it was under British control."
(Tr. 19,199-200)

On February 4, during the cross exemination of the witness
Phillips, Mr. Kunstler was examining the witness concerning the
witness' concept of how hippies dress. During that incident,
Mr. Hoffman got up and danced around, lifting his shirt and baring
his body to the jury, and engaged in antics designed to make light
of the testimony of the witness. The incident is reported as follows:

"Q You are the first one that hasn't identified him. (Hoffman.) This is Mr. Hoffman over hore.

'(There was laughter in the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Let the record show that Mr. Hoffman stood up, lifted his shirt up, and bared his body in the presence of the jury --

MR. KUETLER: Your Honor, that is Mr. Hoffman's way.
THE COURT: — dancing around.

'(There was laughter in the courtroca.)

MR. KUNSTLER: Your Honor, that is Mr. Moffman's way.

THE COURT: It is a bad way in a courtroca."

*Q ir. Phillips, my question before we had the little colloquy had to do with --

THE COURT: It was not a little colloquy, that was taking Mr. Hoffman to task for improper conduct in the courtroom.

BY MR. MUNITIMER:

Q Before Mr. Hoffman was taken to tank for improper conduct in the courtros, (sic.) I caked you whether he was in hippie dress.

M2. NOTTIAN: Thatsould (sic.) make it hippic dress, maked."

(Tr. 19,622-24)

XXII.

On February 4, at the end of the session, the Court indicated that it had determined to revoke the bail of the defendant Dellinger.

In the uproar which followed this decision Mr. Hoffman made the following remarks:

MR. HOFFMAN: You are a disgrace to the Jews. You would have served Hitler better. Dig it."

"MR. HOFFINH: I heard you haven't let anybody free in four years. That's right, stop me."

THE HOTFMAN: They are all our cases. We are bailing that puy out and every guy that gets arrested."

"MR. HOFFIAM: No spectators while they put them in jail."
(Tr. 19,781-82)

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XXIII.

On February 5, after the Court had decided not to reinstate Mr. Dellinger's bail, Mr. Hoffman made the following remarks in the outburst which ensued:

> "MR. HOFFMAH: Your idea of justice is the only obscenity in the room. You schtunk! Vo den! Shanda fur de goyen!

> Obviously it was a provecation. That's why it has gone on here today because you threatened him with the cutting of his freeden of speech in the speech he gave in Hilwaukee.

THE COURT: Im. Marchal, will you ask the defendant Hoffman to --

MR. HOFMAR: This ein't the Standard Club.

THE MARSHAL: It. Hoffman --

MR. HOFFIEM: On, tell him to stick it up his bouling ball.

How is your war stock doing, Julie?

You don't have any power. They didn't have any power in the Third Reich either.

THE COURT: Will you ask him to sit down, Mr. Marshal?

THE MARSHAL: Mr. Hoffman, I am asking you again to shut up.

MR. RUBIH: Gestapo.

MR. MOFFHAN: Show him your .45.

Show him a .45. He min't never seen a gun.".
(Tr. 19.801-02)

"FR. HOFFHAH: Edes van derRohe was a Kraut, too." (Tr. 19,803)

The only way you can is to us away for contempt. We have contempt for this court, and for you, Schultz, and for this whole rotten system. That's the only justice. That is why the went this because they can't prove this fucking case."

(Tr. 19,803-0';)

"MR. HOTTHAII: You put him in jail because you lost faith in the jury system. I hear you haven't lost a case before a jury in 24 tries. Only the Erebiozen people got away. We're going to get away, too. That's why you're throwing us in jail now this way.

Contempt is a tyranny of the court, and you are a tyrant. That's why we don't respect it. It's a tyrant."

(Tr. 19,814)

"MR. HOFFMAH: The judges in Mazi Germany ordered sterilization. Why don't you do that, Judge Hoffman?" (Tr. 19,815)

*MR. HOFFMW: We should have done this long ago when you chained and gagged Bobby Scale. Mafia controlled pigs. Racist. *

(Tr. 19,816)

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THE HOTTHEN: No, I won't shut up. I sin't an automaton like you. I don't want to be a tyrant and I don't care for a tyrannical system. Best friend the blacks ever had, bub. How many blacks are in the Drake Towers? How many are in the Standard Club? How many own stock in Brumswich Corporation?

(Tr. 19,816-17)

And later in the day Mr. Hoffman, at the end of the session, made the additional comment:

"MR. HOTTIMM: It was every man. We'll see you at the Standard Club, Julic."

(Tr. 19,877)

XXIV.

On February 6th, in the presence of the Jury, the defendant Hoffman attempted to hold the court up to ridicule by entering the courtroom in judicial robes (Tr. 19,833) which he later removed, threw to the floor and used to wipe his feet.

Accordingly I hereby adjudge the defendant Abbott H. Hoffman guilty of the several individual specifications of direct criminal contempt enumerated above.

JUDGE

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Chicago will submit a separate report under the character ARL - Contempt of Court in which subject's convictions for contempt of court, and sentences imposed, will be reported in full. Subject is serving sentences imposed under contempt of court statute and this substantive statute concurrently.

Copies of this report are being submitted to New York, the office of origin in the security matter case.

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Symposis: HCFFMAN, who was indicted along with a number of other individuals, whose identities are set forth on the indictment set forth herein, by the September, 1968, Grand Jury of USDC, NDI, for violation of Title 18, USC, Sections 371 and 2101, was brought to trial on 9/24/69 in the court of USDC Judge JULIUS J. HOFFMAN. The trial was in session until 2/14/70, and on 2/18/70, the jury advised they found HOFFMAN not guilty of count one and guilty of count 5 in aforementioned indictment. On 2/20/70, Judge HOFFMAN sentenced HOFFMAN to 5 years in custody of the attorney General of the United States or his designated representative and fined him \$5,000 plus court costs. HOFFMAN was committed without bail as Judge HOFFMAN stated his past actions and statements in court showed him to be a dangerous person.

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DETAIES:

Set forth on the following 16 pages is a copy of the indictment returned by the September, 1968, Grand Jury for United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, on the case entitled "The United States of America vs. David T. Dellinger, et al". It is noted HOFFILM was charged under count one and count five of this indictment.

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DAVID T. DELLINGER, REMNARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFFAN, JERRY C. EUBLN, JERRY C. EUBLN, JOHN R. FROINES and BOBBY G. SEALE NO.

Violation: Title 10, United
States Code, Sections 371,
231(a)(1) and 2101

The SEPTEMBER 1968 GRAND JURY charges:

1. Beginning on or about April 12, 1968, and continuing through on or about August 30, 1968, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

DAVID T. DELLINGER, REMNARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, JERRY C. RUBIN, LEE WELHER, JOHN R. FROINES and BOBBY G. SEALE,

defendants herein, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with

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SIDNEY M. PECK,
KATHIE BOUDIN,
BARA C. BROWN,
CORINA F. FALES,
BENJAMIN RADFORD,
BRADFORD FOX,
THOMAS W. NEUMANN,
CRAIG SHIMBUKURO,
BO TAYLOR and
DAVID A. RAKER

being co-conspirators not named as defendants herein, and with divers other persons, some known and others unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit offenses against the United States, that is:

- a. to travel in interstate commerce and use the facilities of interstate commerce with the intent to incite, organize, promote, encourage, participate in, and carry on a riot, and to commit acts of violence in furtherance of a riot, and to aid and abet persons in inciting, participating in, and carrying on a riot, and committing acts of violence in furtherance of a riot, and during the course of such travel, and use, and thereafter, to perform overt acts for the purposes of inciting, organizing, promoting, encouraging, participating in, and carrying on a riot, and committing acts of violence in furtherance of a riot, and aiding and abetting persons in inciting, participating in, and carrying on a riot, and committing acts of violence in furtherance of a riot, in violation of Section 2101 of Title 18, United States Code; and
- application, and making of incendiary devices, knowing, having reason to know, and intending that said incendiary devices would be unlewfully employed for use in and in furtherance of civil disorders which may obstruct, delay and adversely affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce and the conduct and performance of federally protected functions, in violation of Section 231(a)(1) of Title 18, United States Code; and,

- c. to commit acts to obstruct, impede, and interfere with firemen and law enforcement officers lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of their official duties incident to and during the commission of civil disorders which obstruct, delay, and adversely affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce and the conduct and performance of federally protected functions, in violation of Section 231(a)(3) of Title 18, United States Code.
- 2. It was a part of said conspiracy that from on or about April 12, 1968, through on or about August 24, 1968, the defendants DAVID T. DELLINGER, REMNARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN and JERRY C. RUBIN, and other co-conspirators not named as defendents herein, would organize and attend various meetings, would publish and cause to be published articles, and would make and cause to be made long distance telephone calls for the purpose of encouraging persons to come to Chicago, Illinois to participate in massive demonstrations during the period of on or about August 25, 1968, through on or about August 29, 1968.
- 3. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendants DAVID T. DELLINGER, REMNARD C. DAVIS and THOMAS E. HAYDEN, and other co-conspirators not named as defendants herein, would maintain and cause to be maintained an office of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam at 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, and other "movement centers," to be used for the planning and organizing of the activities to take place in Chicago during the period of on or about August 25, 1968, through on or about August 29, 1963.

or about August 13, 1968, through on or about August 24, 1968, the defendants DAVID T. DELLINGER, RENNAND C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFWAH, JERRY C. RUBIH, LEE WEIHER and JOHN R. FROINES, and other co-conspirators not nemed as defendants herein; would select and cause to be selected persons designated as "marshals" and would conduct and cause to be conducted training sessions for such "marshala" at which instructions would be given in techniques of resisting and obstructing police action, including karate, Japanese snake dancing, methods of freeing persons being arrested, and counter kicks to knee and groin.

5: It was a further part of said conspiracy that from on or about August 1, 1968, through on or about August 29, 1968, the defendants DAVID T. DELLINGER, RENNARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, JERRY C. RUBIN, LEE WEINER, JOHN R. FROINES and BOBBY G. SEALE, and other co-conspirators not named as defendants herein, would plan, carry into effect, and cause to be carried into effect actions and tactics to be employed by groups of persons in Chicago, Illinois, during the period of on or about August 25, 1968, through on or about August 29, 1968, which actions and tactics would include but would not be limited to the following:

a. large numbers of persons would march to the International Amphitheater, Chicago, Illinois, even if permits authorizing such marches were denied;

- b. large numbers of persons would remain in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, after 11:00 p.m., even if permits authorizing such persons to remain were denied, and would set up defenses and would attempt to hold the Park against police efforts to clear it, were permits denied;
- c. large numbers of persons would break windows, set off false fire alarms, set small fires, disable automobiles, create disturbances at various hotels in the Chicago Loop area, and throughout the City of Chicago, for the purpose of disrupting the City and causing the deployment of military forces;
- d. on or about August 28, 1968, large numbers of persons would block, obstruct and impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the Chicago Loop area and would occupy forcibly and hold all or part of the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.
- 6. It was a further part of said conspiracy that from on or about August 25, 1968, through on or about August 29, 1968, the defendants DAVID T. DELLINGER, REMNARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, JERRY C. RUBIN, LEE WEINER, JOHN R. FROINES and BOBBY G. SEALE, and other co-conspirators not named as defendants herein, would make statements and speeches to assemblages of persons encouraging them to remain in and hold Lincoln Park against police efforts to clear it after permits to remain therein had been denied; to march to the International Amphitheater after permits authorizing such march had been denied; to make weapons to be used against the police; to shout obscenities at, throw objects at, threaten and physically assault policemen and National Guard troops; and to obstruct traffic and damage and seize property in the City of Chicago.

- 7. It was a further part of said conspiracy that on or about August 27, 1968, BOBBY G. SEALE would travel to Chicago, Illinois where he would speak to assemblages of persons for the purpose of inciting, organizing, promoting and encouraging a riot.
- 8. It was a further part of said conspiracy that JOHN R. PROINES and LEE WEINER would teach and demonstrate to other persons the use, application and making of an incendiary device, intending that said incendiary device would be employed to damage the underground garage at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois on the evening of August 29, 1968.
- 9. It was a further part of said conspiracy that the defendants and co-conspirators would misrepresent, conceal and hide and cause to be misrepresented, concealed and hidden, the purpose of and the acts done in furtherance of said conspiracy.

OVERT ACTS

At the times hereinafter mentioned the defendants committed, among others, the following overt acts in furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof:

- 1. The Grand Jury realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Counts II through VIII of this indictment, each of which count is alleged as a separate and distinct overt act.
- 2. On or about July 23, 1968, JERRY C. RUBIN spoke to the assemblage of persons at 48th Street and Park Avenue, New York, New York.
- 3. On or about July 25, 1968, THOMAS E. HAYDEN spoke to an assemblage of persons at the Diplomat Hotel, New York, New York.

- 4. On or about August 1, 1968, RENNAMD C. DAVIS spoke to an assemblage of persons at 30 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.
- 5. On or about August 15, 1968, REMNARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN and JOHN R. FROINES participated in a meeting at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois.
- 6. On or about August 18, 1968, RESMAND C. DAVIS, LEE WEINER and JOHN R. FROILES participated in a meeting at 1012 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois.
- 7. On or about August 20, 1968, REMNARD C. DAVIS, ABBOTT H.
 HOFFMAN, LEE WEINER and JOHN R. FROINES participated in a meeting at
 the National Mobilization Committee office at 407 South Dearborn Street,
 Chicago, Illinois.
- 8. On or about August 24, 1968, DAVID T. DELLINGER, REMMARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN, ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, LEE WEINER and JOHN R. FROINES attended a "marshal" training session at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois.
- 9. On or about August 25, 1968, DAVID T. DELLINGER, REFINARD C. DAVIS, THOMAS E. HAYDEN and ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN met at the National Mobilization Committee office at 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.
- 10. On or about August 26, 1968, RENHARD C. DAVIS, JERRY C. RUBIN, LEE WEINER and JOHN R. FROINES met at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois.
- 11. On or about August 27, 1958, JERRY C. RUDIN, BOBBY G. BEALE and others spoke to an assemblage of persons at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois.

- 12. On or about August 28, 1968, DAVID T. DELLINGER,
 THOMAS E. HAYDEN, JERRY C. RUBIN and others spoke to an assemblage
 of persons at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois.
- 13. On or about August 29, 1968, LEE WEINER and JOHN R.

 FROIMES engaged in a conversation at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois;
 all in violation of Section 371 of Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT II

The SEPTEMBER 1968 GRAID JURY further charges:

That during the period beginning on or about July 20,

1968 through on or about August 22, 1968,

DAVID T. DELLINGER,

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois to Chicago, Illinois, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, with intent to incite, organize, promote and encourage a riot and, thereafter, on or about August 28, 1968, at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, he did speak to an assemblage of persons for the purposes of inciting, organizing, promoting and encouraging a riot; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2101.

COURT III

The SEPTEMBER 1963 GRAND JURY further charges:

That during the period beginning on or about July 20,

1968 through on or about August 1, 1958,

RENNIARD C. DAVIS,

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from cutside
the State of Illinois to Chicago, Illinois, Northern District
of Dlinois, Eastern Division, with intent to incite, organize,
promote and encourage a riot and, thereafter, on or about
August 1, 1968, at 30 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
and on or about August 9, 1968, at 407 South Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 18, 1968, at
1012 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about
August 26, 1968, at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, he did speak
to assemblages of persons for the purposes of inciting, organizing,
promoting and encouraging a riot; in violation of Title 18,
United States Code, Section 2101.

COUNT IV

The SEPTEMBER 1968 GRAND JURY further charges:
That during the period beginning on or about July 20,
1968, through on or about August 22, 1963,

THOMAS E. HAYDEN,

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois to Chicago, Illinois, Korthern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, with intent to incite, organize, promote and encourage a riot and, thereafter, on or about August 26, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 28, 1968, at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, he did speak to assemblages of persons for the purposes of inciting, organizing, promoting and encouraging a riot; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2101.

COUNT V

The SEPTEMBER 1968 GRAND JURY further charges:

That during the period beginning on or about August 1,

1968 through on or about August 7, 1968,

ABBOTT H. HOFFIAN,

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois to Chicago, Illinois, Korthern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, with intent to incite, organize, promote and encourage a riot and, thereafter, on or about August 26, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 27, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 29, 1968, at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 29, 1968, at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, he did speak to assemblages of persons for the purposes of inciting, organizing, promoting and encouraging a riot; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2101.

COUNT VI .

The SEPTEMBER 1968 GRAND JURY further charges:

That during the period beginning on or about July 23,

1968 through on or about August 21, 1968,

JERRY C. RUBIN,

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois to Chicago, Illinois, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, with intent to incite, organize, promote and encourage a riot and, thereafter, on or about August 25, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 26, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 27, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 27, 1968, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, he did speak to assemblages of persons for the purposes of inciting, organizing, promoting and encouraging a riot; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2101.

COUNT VII

The SEPTEMBER 1968 GRAND JURY further charges:

That on or about August 29, 1968, at Chicago, Illinois,
in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division,

JOHN R. FROMES and LEE WELLER.

defendants herein, did teach and demonstrate to other persons the use, application and making of an incendiary device knowing, having reason to know and intending that said incendiary device would be unlawfully employed for use in and in furtherance of a civil disorder which may obstruct, delay and adversely affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 231(a)(1).

COURT VIII

The SEPTEMBER 1968 CRAID JURY further charges: That on or about August 27, 1968,

BOBBY G. SEALE,

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from outside the State of Illinois to Chicago, Illinois, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, with intent to incite, organize, promote and encourage a riot and, thereafter, on or about August 27, 1963, at Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois, and on or about August 28, 1968, at Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois, he did speak to assemblages of persons for the purposes of inciting, organizing, promoting and encouraging a riot; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2101.

A TRUE BILL.

FOREMAN

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

The case entitled "The United States of America vs. David T. Dellinger, et al" commenced in the court of United States District Court Judge JULIUS J. HOFFMAN, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Chicago, Illinois, on September 24, 1969, and was in session until February 14, 1970, when the jury began deliberation upon evidence submitted during the course of this trial.

On February 18, 1970, the jury advised the court that they had reached a verdict in this case and stated they found ABBOTT HOFFMAN not guilty on count one in the aforementioned indictment and guilty on count five.

On February 20, 1970, United States District Court Judge JULIUS J. HOFFILM sentenced HOFFILM under count five, supra, to five years in custody of the Attorney General of the United States or his designated representative and fined HOFFILM \$5,000 plus court costs. Judge HOFFILM, in sentencing HOFFILM, stated that HOFFILM's past actions and his statements in court showed him to be clearly a dangerous person and, accordingly, HOFFILM was committed without bail.

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	B. The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.
	C. The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.
	D. Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.
	E. Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.
	F. This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.
	G. This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.
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An advertisement appeared in the February 4, 1970 issue of the "Diamondback" student newspaper at the University of Maryland, Cdlege Park, Maryland, page 21. This advertisement is for University of Maryland Student Government Association speakers series. Advertisement states Abbie Hoffman and Rennie Davis from Chicago conspiracy trial together with Roger Priest, editor of "O M" under court martial by United States Navy, will speak Sunday, February 8, 1970 at 8:00 p.m., at University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, Armory. Admission is free.

R. GORDON DAVIS also known as Rennie Davis is a past officer of the National Executive Council of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).

(A characterization of the SDS is appended.)

A. Howard Hoffman is self described as a "hardcore anarchist" and one of the founders of Youth International Party.

Davis and Hoffman were indicted with six others by Federal Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois in March, 1969 regarding anti-riot law violation in conjunction with activities during the Democratic National Convention and are currently on trial for this offense in Chicago.

Roger Priest is a Navy seaman currently being prosecuted in Navy Court proceedings.

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7:55 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Roger Priest, Rennie Davis and Abbie Hoffman, spoke at the University of Maryland, College Park Armory before 2,500 students in a speakers series sponsored by the University of Maryland Student Government Association. No incidents or arrests were made and the speakers made no obvious inflammatory comments.

Priest, the first speaker, spoke about his specific case and freedom of speech by military personnel in the form of underground newspapers.

Rennie Davis, the second speaker, spoke about his current trial in Chicago and encouraged all present to come to Chicago for a demonstration whatever day the verdict is handed down.

Abbie Hoffman also talked about the 1972 Republican Convention in Hawaii becoming a thousand Chicagos.

article appearing in the Diamondback which follows was substantially what was said by Priest, Hoffman, and Davis at Maryland on February 9, 1970.

4,000 at armory hear 3 defendants

By SUSAN GATNEN

"Why don't we begin the meeting with one big bullshit for Judge Hoffman? On three, One-two-three; bullshit!"

And 4,000 hippies, yippies and others screamed bullshit with Rennie Davis in support of David Dellinger in Reckord armory last night.

Davis and Abbie Hoffman, dircet from their four-and-a-half month engagement at the Conspiracy 8 trial in Chicago, and Roger Priest, about to be court martialed by the Navy for seditien held their own court in what Davis called "the real courtroom."

Defendant Hoffman entered the armory doing cartwheels. He hassled with the microphone and quipped "the medium is the mess."

But, last night was their last stand and Hoffman and Davis lived up to a promise to "make it big."

Clownlike, Hoffman appealed for funds in his typical style. "It costs a lot of fucking money to go to prison these days. This trial has set Hanoi back a pretty penny."

After apologizing for being drunk, "They don't serve Acapulco gold on United Airlines," he welcomed himself to Maryland.

Recalling a speech given at UMBC the day before the trial began, he explained its relevance to the conspiracy charge: "Somehow the government has some kind of screwy computer that can figure all that shit out."

Remarks he made that night were introduced as evidence against him shortly after the trial had gotten underway despite defense objects that they were irrelevant.

Earlier, Davis glecfully admitted that he and Hoffman had conspired on the plane and noted that last night's speech was probably their last chance to incite anything.

Regardless of the verdict, he said, they and two of their attorneys will probably be jailed for contempt of court.

"This is the last chance to urge the people in this room to cross state lines with inciteful intent to disrupt the Republican national convention in 1972," he told the cheering and stamping crowd.

He said their efforts at the Chicago convention were to disrupt the sham and the mockery

that the politicians were putting over as democracy and "to say no to four more years of Lyndon Johnson's war."

Davis suggested that Conspiracy supporters look ahead to 1976 saying, "The two-hundreth anniversary of our American revolution is not a time to recount history but to repeat it."

Hoffman, who expects to go to Leavenworth "Where the straight criminals go-with the big boys, said:

"Maybe we belong there. Nobody's put up a fight like this in the history of the world. The history of political trials is that they're all losers," he added.

Given the "law that legislates against the state of mind," he reminded the crowd, "only in 1984 fascism can you go to prison under the civil rights act."

He also admitted to a conspiracy. "We are a conspiracy against imperialism, racism, harrassment of the youth culture and the boredom and sentility of the American pig culture.

Hoffman said, "We defy every law in the world-including the law of gravity. What goes up doesn't necessarily have to come down."

A sharp contrast from the volatile Hoffman, the first speaker, Roger Priest seemed calm and vaguely out of place. He is being court martialed on a collection of charges that may net him 39 claims in prison.

He wrote a newspaper off base, on his own time, and with his own money that he cliams angered Mendel Rivers, head of the armed services committee, among others.

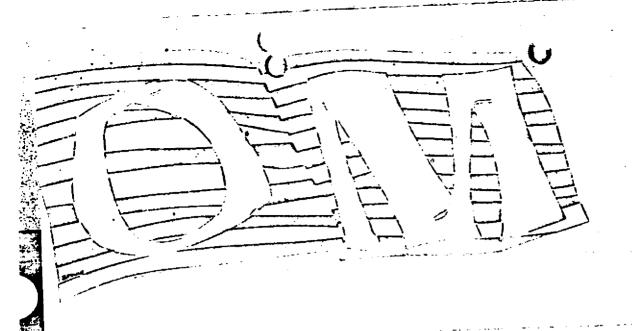
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A second and third source verified on February 10, 1970 that the Diamondback article was substantially correct reporting.

Second source advised that a collection was taken up at the speech for Hoffman and Davis to cover their transportation.

Davis, Hoffman and Priest split \$1,600 which the Student Government Association paid to them for speaking. This source also advised that Davis and Hoffman spoke with various students at the University of Maryland for approximately one hour before leaving campus to return to Chicago.

Source provided the following four page leaflet eaptioned "O M".



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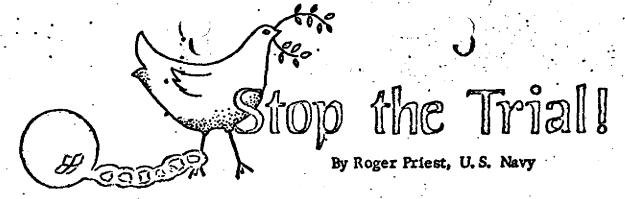
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WHAT IS THIS? A CONSPIRACY?

Roger Priest's trial must be stopped, too! Join the Conspiracy to Save the Priest.

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Freedom of speech and of the press were established at the trial of John Peter Zenger two centuries ago. Yet, today the U.S. Navy -- backed by the fossil-like chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, L. Mendel Rivers, (D. S.C.) are planning to court-martial the First Amendment of the Constitution and thereby be in a position to smash the GI anti-war press.

The oft-postponed trial of this reporter will probably take place in the latter part of January or early February. It will be in this trial that the military for the first time will challenge the right of a GI to put out a paper on his own time, off-base and with his own funds -- a right supposedly guaranteed by the Constitution.

What started out on June 20, 1969 as four-and-one-half single-spaced, typewritten pages listing 14 charges and specifications was reduced to eight charges and specifications when referred to trial August 28, 1969. After a hearing before Capt. B. Raymond Perkins, the military judge, two more charges and specifications were dropped -- these alleging solicitation to commit sedition and described through statements in OM.

But the System struck back and the convening authority, Rear Adm. George P. Koch, Commandant Washington Naval District, ordered that the dismissed charges be reinstated.

My lawyers were not disturbed by this new interference into the trial proceedings. They carried the issue up to the Court of Military Appeals, which on Dec. 19, 1969 ordered Koch to answer our charge that he applied command influence on the military judge in ordering that the charges be reinstated.

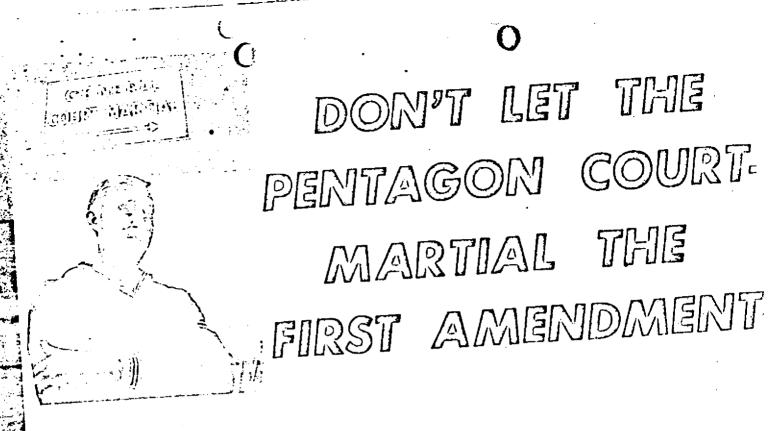
No matter what decision is finally reached by the Court, a trial will take place on the six counts under Article 134 Uniform Code of Military (In)Justice which have remained intact to this date. It is under this notorious catchall provision of the code that I'm being charged with the "crime" of "advising and urging insubordination and disloyalty with intent to interfere with, impair and influence the loyalty, morale and discipline of military and naval forces" through statements in OM "which said pamphlet which in its entirety contained statements disloyal to the United States."

If found guilty of this "crime of speech" I could receive a dishonorable discharge and up to 39 years in jail. The ridiculousness of the charges and its obvious repressive intent does not need expanding upon, except to say that as an American citizen I have been speaking and writing the truth as I see it to be. If that be a "crime" it is one I PROUDLY admit. And I might add that I am more than willing to measure my "crime" against those who have perpetrated the illegal, immoral and genocidal war being waged against the people of Vietnam.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are not liberties that are won easily -- and are not liberties to be given away easily. L. Mendel Rivers may get the court-martial that he ordered and the Navy just may get the conviction that it wants so desperately. But I tell it to you straight; theirs will be a hollow victory. It will be WE -- not THEY -- who will have the last word. Pray for the aged. And remember that we are the only damn yourger generation around.

But if we DARE TO STRUGGLE and DARE TO WIN the peace that is rightfully ours; this trial will be stopped. If we fail in stopping this trial and others like it, the loss will be felt by all.

STOP THE TRIAL! Do not let the Navy court-martial the First Amendment. The struggle is just



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IOIN THE ROGER PRIEST DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam war stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of vorldwide struggles against United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Needquarters at 1603 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Nassachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which include three national secretari and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both groups also printheir versions of "New Left Notes" which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next. Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolution aries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventuristic, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base for revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming contrained domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communist and to fillow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, alopro-Chinese communist lines.

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which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the PLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

although operating under the outlines of the SDS National although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of PLP is attached.

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PROGRESSIVE LARGE PARTY (PLP)

"The Now York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1955, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1955, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1952, by Milton Rosen and Mortimor School after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

beld its Second Estimat Convention in New York City, May 31 to June 2, 1958, at which time the PEP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Markish-Maninian. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

Convention Milton Rosen was unanthously re-elected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Ternel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Minder were elected as the Mational Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desario," a monthly necessary.

The April, 1959, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women control their can homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to congrol them."

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Jerry Clyde Rubin

Abbott Howard Hoffman

Page 19 of the late city edition of the "New York Post", a daily New York City newspaper, dated March 13, 1970, contained an article captioned, "War Foes Split on Priorities". This article reflects that Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman appeared at the end of the "1970 Senators for Peace and New Priorities" rally, which was held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, on the evening of March 12, 1970. A copy of this article follows:

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Var Foes Split on Priorities

By CHRIS WILLIAMS

The peace movement is alive and united on the need for new priorities but split over what those priorities are and how they should be reached.

Jerry Rubin, speaking at the "1970 Senators for Peace; and New Priorities" rally at Madison Square Garden last night, represents one extreme. He said there was a "greater danger from 1th right wing than from the right wing itself.

Rubin said "freeing Panthers is more important than supporting Senators who sell you out at the next train stop."

Sen. Hughes (D-lowa) said the new priorities call for massive changes in our system and reallocation of our resources" within the system.

Galaxy of Slars

Other speakers at the really, sponsored by the Fund for New Priorities, included former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and journalist I.F. Slone. Many entertainers including Henry and Peter Fonda, Alan Alda, and Eli Wallach were there So were I men and women who were indicted or convicted in each there cases during the past year.

Rubin, Abbie Hoffman, a member of the Panthers and the 12 civil liberties defeudants all appeared at the end of the program.

Until they went on, the rally was unified. But many people walked out during the closing speeches, and others heckled. However, many of the younger members of the audience massed on the stage. The rally was attended by between 10,000 and 12,000 people—about half the Garden's capacity.

Hughes characterized the Nixon Administration as a "government that at this time represents another three Rs-regression, recession, and repression." He said the Administration was "locked into the policies of the past— the suicidal policies of gradualism, compromise, (and) postponement.

Community Action

The Senator said, "We can't break out of the treadmill of militarism, wipe out hunger; and malnutrition, make our homes safe, preserve civil; rights, and rescue our environment."

He said the basis for establishing these new priorities was organization at the community level and reform of the political parties.

Clark sold the Administration would "eacrifice liberty for safety and lose both."

Stone accused Nixon of trying to "block out the cost of the Victnam war." He characterized John Mitchell as the "most repressive Attorney General since A Mitchell Palmer, father of the post-World War I Red politic."

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Abbott Howard Hoffman

Abbott Howard Hoffman appeared as a guest on the David Frost Show, a panel discussion show, which was aired at 8:30 p.m., March 13, 1970, on WNEW-TV, Channel 5, New York City.

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David Frost:

One of the currently most controversial men in America and around the world, will you welcome one of the leaders of the Chicago Seven, Mr. Abbie Hoffman.

(Applause)

Abbie Hoffman:

Is this the jury of my peers?

David Frost:

How do people usually react to you Abbie?

Abbie Hoffman:

What people do you mean, there are lots

of people here.

David Frost:

Well, Abbie what sort of reaction do you get from people as you go about?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, I think there are like two reactions I think that older people say that you look much better with yourhair cut, and I think that younger people say that it was a crime; and I think that it symbolizes

the split in America.

David Frost:

How much hair did they cut off?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, actually they shaved my head but

this has grown back in a week.

David Frost:

All that in a week?

Abbie Hoffmans

Yeah, its a fancy (unintelligible). The barber was probably the hair cut stylist, it was about the bloomest in penal history. I mean they had to handcuff us and drag us down four flights of stairs and tie us to the chair and the barber was an inmate and uh-- my hair was quite long and they had me on the floor handcuffed and the guards pulled my hair up by the pigtail and said to the barber come down and shave his head and he refused, he was an inmate and when we got into the chair

they handcuffed us and he said when the warden turned around that I'll wet your hair down and so they wet our hair and shaved it...you know he shaved it a little. The sheriff, he went around with our shaved heads, sort of like John the Baptist heads on a plate, showing it to Republican fund raising dinners (showing pictures of my shaved head) and saying that the Republicans get results. He has little packets of our hair that they are raffling off for Republican fund raising events. Chicago has quite its own scene working, sort of like the Philistines control, but actually they control the whole country. But I think the hair cuts of these seven Samsons are going to result in the destruction of the temple in the same way that they did of old.

David Frost:

Would you be disappointed if people didn't do things like that to you, don't you set out to provoke people?

Abbie Hoffman:

That's an interesting question, cause I was on a British interview show and I did an impersonation of you in which I asked that very question. (Impersonation - "Don't you believe that your tactics actually bring on a wave of repression and create a police state in which you are actually battling against".)

David Frost:

Well I suppose.

Abbie Hoffman:

You know tomorrow is the anniversary of the Boston Massacre, the 200th anniversary and I'm from Boston, so if you try and reenact it you might not get the same response.

Abbie Hoffman:

I think I'll let the question pass.

David Frost:

No, no absolutely it was.....

Abbie Hoffman:

I think demanding your constitutional rights, the right as Bobby Seale did, the right to defend yourself, its the first time that I can understand that it can be termed an antic.

David Frost:

What I am saying is specifically not the question that you do the impersonation of which you call slaughter but the different question, don't you actually want to provoke some reaction to you? Isn't that your campaign?

Abbie Hoffman:

I think that the technique we used to decide to get people involved, to get them to act one way or another, I mean uh.. one problem that I think that we have all seen this who have been in protest movements in the last ten years during the 60's is the comment against people traditionally liberal, who call themselves liberals, who say well this is terrible whats happening, you know in Mississippi or in the schools, its terrible whats happening to you but our hands are tied, we better not do anything we'll rock the boat. And you people are actually bringing on the wave of repression, its like on the jury there four people who believed that we were all innocent; you see in order to expedite matters and in order to relieve themselves of the necessity of making an individual personal decision....well it will be resolved in a higher court clearly the laws unconstitutional, will find them guilty of a secondary charge. So actually we were found innocent of conspiracy and we were found guilty or crossing state lines with intention to incite riot, which

means that we were guilty of a state of mind, actually the evidence against us is three speeches, two of mine which were press conferences. I don't know how you incite newsmen they're not the revolutionary force in America.

David Frost:

What was the moment in the trial that you were proudest of?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well the last day clearly, when the uh ... the sentences for contempt came down we felt that it was sort of a battle between us and the judge, because it had become sort of like a personal feud uh... his demanding authority and our recognizing that that authority was in many ways legitimate. I mean here we were before a judge who for the last 24 trials got 24 guilty verdicts, his attitude towards the defendant well you here in the court, like he's opening a candy store and you are here to buy, so its just a question of just how much time you get. So he had a clear record of finding all these people guilty and rightfully opening uh...when the opening ball is thrown out, he right away went after our lawyers. We felt that there was, that we had ... we did feel contempt for him, we did feel contempt for the court system as to the law which put us on trial, and especially over like in Chicago event, where we felt it was a clear case of the victims being called the criminals. So the contempt in our speeches was filled with anger, and defiance but when the sentence came and we were convicted by the jury uh...every where sitting the five of us or the seven and the two lawyers, I mean its not clear whether its the Chicago 5,7,9 or ten million, we were sitting there and our families were excluded from the courtroom our friends were excluded, there were

fifty marshals in the room, there were all the press and there was the judge and the prosecutor. And I remember that Tom Hanney remarked this was the ultimate in freedom of speech in America, we're allowed to say a few words to a press which is going to distort it and to the judge who couldn't care less, all he did while we were making the speeches was thumbing through his citations getting ready to sentence us and the prosecutors were sneering. And that was the ultimate in freedom of speech, but at that moment I personally felt proud to be a part of the conspiracy and proud to be a part of another people. I kind of lost my individual ego which is pretty big.

David Frost:

Would you resist the authority of any court? Would you resist the authority of any court in fact?

Abbie Hoffman:

What? It's sort of a nonvariable communication. How's it going?

David Frost:

Would you feel contempt to any judge in any court, or would you agree to any court in America?

Abbie Hoffman:

There are distinct problems in the court system but the number of arrests and the number of court experiences that I have experienced, is that fundamentally that I think that fundamentally the idea of a trial by the jury of your peers is an accurate and good idea, I mean the problem is how do you determine the trial by the jury of your peers. For example, when we were in county jail a grand jury came in and the grand jury in America that's responsible for people going on trial most of the time; the grand jury came in, we questioned them, they were all white they were all over forty, they all had incomes of \$20,000 and up, they all came from the suburbs and yet they were in a

society in Cook County Jail, which is 90% black, 90% under thirty, you see; and 90% from an income bracket other than theirs. It was like one nation was sitting in judgement on another nation, it was actually a process of colonialization. I think to understand racism which was a key point in the reasons for going to the Democratic Convention was one has to go to prison because you see it is literally a case of black and white. And I think thats what the seven of us have pledged ourselves to eliminate in this country more than anything else, I mean uh .. here's my prison bracelet, you know you are transformed into a number sort of like the telephone system, you get an area code in prison, mine was 7001920. And we sort of pledged ourselves to the time when nobody has to wear any of these, and we have done that. The same amount of money that was raised for our bail, we raised an equal amount to free some of the people that we were in jail with, and we've come back to live in New York to work exclusively on the Panther 21 trial. Because we feel that it may raise us more important to the revolution at our trial work. trial was your issue....it was the New York Times issue. It kept complaining our antics, our antics and our defiance we were burying (I've had trouble with that word ever since Khrushchev decided to use the term) but they kept saying that we were burying the issue, you see but the issues that they thought were the issues were never the issues to us.

_David Frost:

What was the issue?

Abbie Hoffman:

We feel that it is a struggle between life and death, we viewed it as a struggle between our culture which is emerging a culture that believes that free men and free women have the right to walk on a free planet. We viewed it as that struggle with a dying death culture and thats represented by the government.

David Frost:

If you had the power to fashion your country tomorrow, how would it differ?

Abbie Hoffman:

It would be heaven. I mean I'm a heavenist, I believe in heaven, and I think that we could have it, I'm not the traditional kind of leftist and I'm not martyr that uh.... I did not have a good time in jail, none of the seven of us did, they ran out of nails long before they got to us. I think we think that the revolution will come out of jury rather than out of sacrifice. We have a concept of a revolution which the technology and the services are available to all of the people come who may ... all over the world literally heaven on earth; we think we can have it, we think the technology particularly in this country. I mean I've been all over to universities as the Attorney General can tell you and Mr. Agnew and it seems that scientist not only know how to build a better mouse trap but now can literally build a better mouse and the technology is available to provide for all the needs and all the services to do things like keep the rivers clean and keep our garbage and our garbage values out of the rest of the world, and we fight against that kind of system that does not allow that kind of economic system to come into being.

David Frost:

Not all the people see the hippie movement or whatever you care to call it as something for the tiny minority, if your heaven on earth came about. How would life be better for the other persons, out of New York, (intelligible), out of Chicago? Abbie Hoffman:

They would not have to indulge in that dirty word called "work". We demand equal unemployment.

David Frost:

Well thats strange. How come you are not working now, you love it so much?

Abbie Hoffman:

We don't think that people ought to work, no... that doesn't mean they shouldn't struggle to do what they believe in, but you see this is a Protestant ethic which would combine with the rise of capitalism, because all of the people, like the ones that mouned, think that well people only do things you know if they are threatened if they re kept in slavery if they are told they won't get into heaven if you don't buy life insurance, keep your money in the bank, we don't think that. People are going to say whose going to pick up the garbage, you see but we don't see the problem that way. Nobody says to a poet how are you going to write the poems man if you don't get any money. I mean you don't say to a doctor what are you going to keep doing your work for if you. don't know or if you are not guaranteed a life insurance policy for the rest of your life. People really like what they do, and we plan to destroy work and turn everyone into an artist literally.

David Prost:

And who would pick up the garbage in fact?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well there are a lot of answers for that whose going to pick up the garbage. You, the moaner, that guy, the skeptic, the skeptics will pick up the garbage.

David Prost:

Well, will you tell them to or will they do it themselves?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well they'll think that its fundamentally important, so they'll do it. So they'll

important, so they'll do it. So they'll recognize things as garbage, see we

recognize a lot of things as garbage such

as nuclear weapons are garbage.

David Frost:

Well.... if your going to carry on....

(Station Break)

(Audience Questions)

Unknown male:

I was just wondering, you abolish, what are we going to do go into a state of suspended animation? Without sleep, not eat because noboby you know...it wouldn't

work.

Abbie Hoffman:

Well I don't work, and I (unintelligible)

David Frost:

You should have gone (unintelligible)

Abbie Hoffman:

I would have filled them in.

Unknown male:

I wouldn't have let them collect garbage!

(Applause)

Abbie Hoffman:

Thats cool. What was the question?

David Frost:

The gentlemen that's up here asked how are we going to live if those men work?

What are we going to do?

Abbie Hoffman:

We're going to live. I mean I know loads of people that manage to stay awake 20 hours a day and keep busy without regarding what they are doing as work.

David Frost:

Doing what sort of thing?

Abbie Hoffman:

Oh, they're doing what they want to do. When you do what you want to do when you enjoy it, its not work. I don't see where its so complicated; but you see what you do...you see you have that as a vision...you have Utopia, heaven as a vision and you create a society so that it creates more leisure time..... Oh, it don't make sense honey? Ask your daughter, she'll explain it to you. If she don't explain it to you she'll cut your throat, then you'll learn!

David Frost:

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Well, lets just ask one more question could you put your hand up please?
The lady in the second row.

Unknown female:

Where did you work to get the money for the jacket you have on?

Abbie Hoffman:

I stole this jacket! Stealing is just a process of re-distributing wealth. We consider that property is already theft, just in the same way as capitalism already is violence. The jacket is really kind of funny, except in an airport when you go into the bathroom...I haven't figured that out, but I have most of this down pat. It was fun to have in the jail with me, it reminded me of my hair.

Unknown female:

They should have kept you there!

Abbie Hoffman:

Your right, they should have kept me there. How many people here are from New York, put you hands up. Are you from Chicago?

David Frost:

Who else had a question?

Abbie Hoffman:

You know two women on the jury felt that we should have been shot in the streets

of Chicago.

Yes, yes you voted for President Agnew.

David Prost:

Lady in the front?

Unknown female:

If nobody works, whose to teach the

young ones?

Abbie Hoffman:

Teachers like what they do, and doctors like what they do and there won't be any sick people. There ain't going to be any sick people, because there will be free medical care for everybody.

You see, yeah honey, I was in a prison a year ago and I got hepatitis in Washington, I was sick in New York but its ashame to get into a hospital in New York, if they the doctors, want to keep me in it costs \$3500 bucks, now I don't think thats a very good system.

Unknown female:

(unintelligible) to take care of him?

Abbie Hoffman:

A brother and sister.

David Frost:

Gentleman in the back there?

Unknown male:

How do you think that the trial will affect Judge Hoffman's future?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, we.... a few days ago, one of the projects that we are involved in since we are prevented by the government by giving seditious speeches, we plan to make a seditious movie about the trial. Jerry Rubin and myself and Nick Ray who is rebel without a cause, teamed up and we are going to direct a movie called the "Conspiracy" about the trial and we offered Julius Hoffman \$100,000 to play himself. And we are going to make that movie here in New York.

Unknown male:

If you don't like money how are you

going to make a movie?

Abbie Hoffman:

The people are going to play a certain

number of riots!

David Frost:

Well, what are you going to do with the money you are going to get tonight?

Abbie Hoffman:

I'll think I'll get stoned a little bit, and I think that I will give most of it to the Panther 21 trial that I have come

to work on.

Unknown female:

Throw him off!

Abbie Hoffman:

Hey, David your familiar with it, you understand it, why don't we do it all

at once!

Unknown male:

What would you say, kill them!

Abbie Hoffman:

Who is the killing chorus over there? You can kill them, you can tar and feather them, you can spurn them....its a real America! Why not I'm a gook from Vietnam, I'm a gook nigger, I'm a hippie nigger too, why don't you come and kill me!

David Frost:

Let's take the mike over here shall we?

This gentleman here?

Unknown male:

Do you know what a gook is Mr. Hoffman? He's white just like you and he bleeds

just the same way.

Abbie Hoffman:

Your welcomed to try man, you better have

a good brown belt.

Imknown male:

I don't need one.

Abbie Hoffman:

Sit down, sit down.

Unknown male:

I have about six hours....

Abbie Hoffman:

Sit down, sit down, I'm the violent one. You just heard from the younger generation!

(Station break)

David Frost:

Welcome back to the little theatre in New York. Now tell me you talk about heaven on earth and so on, how do you feel about the fact that wherever you go you seem to cause a great deal of very, very violent emotion. I mean people criticize the speeches that divide the country. You appear to divide people, how do you justify to that?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, I do... how do I justify in dividing

people?

David Frost:

How do you justify.....

Abbie Hoffman:

I'm a flower child, I don't understand the (unintelligible) or devices. I don't know that people hold me responsible for what is happening in America. I hold people like you David, I hold people like you, I hold people like....many of the people that they themselves would consider people who are not acting in the best interest of the country, namely the liberal establishment. Papers like the New York Times, places like Harvard University, papers that think that institutions in America that think they have a corner on the truth, that they understand everything, all the news thats fit to print and all that jolly stuff.

No, I don't feel any particular hatred towards these people that boo and yell their heads and say kill him...thats not true that I don't hate you? I do have a lot of hate I mean they're four letter words.

Unknown male:

You call yourself a flower child, I wouldn't use four letter words like you use.

Abbie Hoffman:

I mean a fly trap.

Unknown male:

Because you applied that to the whole audience, that's not fair.

Abbie Hoffman:

Well....

Unknown male:

Well just apply it to those uh....
you applied it before and you applied it
to the whole audience.

Abbie Hoffman:

The only difference is that you can say kill me, you know kill him and you aren't going to get five years in prison for it. I can say kill you or you can like kill the umpire you know figuratively and I already got the five years in prison for it.

Abbie Hoffman:

What do you meen, what do you think we were found guilty of? Honey, what do you think the trial was about?

Unknown male:

You were found guilty and you still

Unknown male:

If you were in court the way you are tonight you deserve everything you got, and more!

Abbie Hoffman:

That's unbelievable. There's my sister down there. We live together, the revolution is one big incestucus crgy. And she uh...when I was sentenced she got up

and said We'll dance on your grave Julie" to Judge Julie, and ... wait a second ... that's okay you can interrupt but I didn't get to finish...but the Judge later said when he denied permission for any of our family to sit in, he said that "one young lady threatened to kill me". You see you've got to understand the difference in that kind of language, I mean was that a threat I don't know, it was symbolic it was poetry. I have a book here, the book was a key evidence (a book that I wrote here in America) used against me to send me to prison. A book! A book that I wrote and published. Two television interviews like this was used to send me to prison. That's right. Well thats true, its always easy to believe in free speech when you have people come on that like don't raise any controversial issues. Its easy to have it that way. Thats what America always had anybody who has said anything has always been shot or put in prison.

David Frost:

Is there anywhere in the world which approaches the ideal society that you would like to see? I mean is there anywhere you can quote us an example?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, frankly I don't see one because I don't see any country having the technology that this country has and the importance and the relevance of that technology in terms of developing revolution, a post scarcity economy. But I do see the spirit in Cuba.

David Frost:

If you had to pick one.....

Abbie Hoffman:

I would like to but I travel first class if you give me the money.

David Frost:

Okay, okay we got the message there! Do you have a hero?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, I like the Marx's brothers, all of them, including Tal. I like them. I think that the revolution that we are talking about is about American as hamburger, the only difference is that it has more meat. But my hero ranges from W.C. Fields to Che Guevara and Lennie Burce is tough.

David Frost:

People say

Abbie Hoffman:

I like everyone whose for freedom yeah.

David Frust:

But, although you keep saying its going to be heaven for everyone, it does seem as though you yourself like the idea of being part of a small minority and against them. Do you wish that everybody was on your side or wouldn't you then be absolutely miserable if everyone agreed with you? I mean it seems to me that you encourage the minority feeling.

Abbie Hoffman:

What are those questions there? You ask me if I enjoy what I am doing?

David Frost:

No, I'm asking you if what you said that this could be heaven that this is an American revolution that you want to lead, could it be heaven for everybody else on earth and so on. You very deliberately seem to some how to exclude most people.

Abbie Hoffman:

No I don't. You don't understand that.

I mean you were speaking from a very controlled environment to an audience to which young people and black people are excluded. I wouldn't say they're excluded, but its not within their culture.

Audience:

No, no

Abbie Hoffman:

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What do you mean no, what do you mean? I watch television all the time I know these shows. Do you think young people watch Ozzie and Harriet? Jackie Gleason? I mean what is on television? The only thing that is interesting to young people is the news, because....

David Frost:

You're not speaking to a young audience, its got black people and so on.

Abbie Hoffman:

Not that many I don't think. Just try to understand a bit what I am saying.

David Frost:

The lady in the fourth row?

Unknown female:

Mr. Hoffman I would be interested ...

Abbie Hoffman:

Abbie.

Unknown female:

to know...excuse me Abbie... I would be interested to know once you have Utopia what are you going to do with people who don't agree with you?

Abbie Hoffman:

Um..okay...I think that I would believe in a decentralized government decision making, I mean if the (unintelligible) want to control Texas you see, go do it. You see I have never met discussions like this and audience like this, people that like their work. You see if I talked to somebody individually they could mean that the boss is a drag, its miserable, conditions are rotten, I don't get enough bread and I don't have enough time to do what I want to do, they're not happy. You see only a group therapy kind of drama like this that they have to come out and say alot.

David Frost:

Well, how much....

Abbie Hoffman:

I think that they would have a good time.

David Frost:

You think that everybody would have a

good time?

Unknown male:

What would they do all day? Do you think that they would be happy at doing nothing all day long? For the rest of

their lives?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, they would eat, they would create art, they would have a relationship for what you call work as if it were art. They would say that it was a part of them, it was a part of expression of themselves as creative human beings. You see work is something... I got to do work, I don't do work I am going to fall out of society I'm going to be called evil, dirty to be out on the street which is about the dirtiest place in America to be right now, because its all eck on the streets! All of middle class white America is in doors somewhere hiding in the closet you know while the kids are out in the streets so you know you have to reform your attitude towards work. I mean that will happen anyway. You just talk to your grandfather you know he'll say that you are just goofing off all day because he worked 60 to 70 a day.

David Frost:

How much in the next few years do you think you'll end up (unintelligible) in jail?

Abbie Hoffman:

A week ... sorry David

David Frost:

How many of the next few years do you think you'll be spending in jail?

Abbie Hoffman:

If you mean by your concept physical prison, probably quite a bit. I just view most of America as a prison.

Unknown female:

Why don't you get out?

Abbie Hoffman:

I am trying to do that and I encourage all young people to engage in jail breaks especially those who are in high schools because they are the ultimate prison in America.

David Frost:

What about that light phrase.... or what does the phrase law and order mean to you?

Abbie Hoffman:

Its synonymous because law as I see it means tyranny, and it means...like you have law to maintain order and the order is defined by the people in charge. I've been arrested in the last... since the Democratic Convention I've had eleven arrests. I've been arrested for not fastening my seat belt on a plane, for possession of a huge gun collection right next door to a police station, in a room that I don't even know and was never in, uh for wearing a shirt that looked like the American flag although my partner Jerry Rubin has a shirt made out of the Viet Cong flag and he wasn't arrested. What is this....a Commie country arresting a guy with the American flag and you don't take me! That's when we went up (unintelligib I've been put on trial for the books that I have written, speeches that I have given. I was once arrested in Mississippi for going through a red light in a town where there wasn't a red light in the whole town. And I was beaten for seven hours in Mississippi. The Sheriff said "Well boy, you'll have to get your vision checked if you don't think we have red lights in this town". And I soon came to learn that Mississippi was all of America and law is used that way.

Lennie Bruce who I consider to be a great man and a great revolutionary he was killed by an American war. Lennie Bruce said that in the halls of justice in America the only justice is in the hall. And I relate to it that way.

David Frost:

Do you think that there is any evidence coming back to your heaven point, looking at.... you've written about Woodstock and about the amazing phenomenon that was. But then again there was that Rolling Stone concert in Capacorna with the Hells Angels and all the rock, was there any evidence to suggest that your world would be heaven?

Abbie Hoffman:

No, no. There's a spiritual and emotional feeling but I would hate people to consider the evidence because if they considered the evidence they would be doing what the prosecutor in our case and the Judge told the jury to do which in fact can't be done. I mean here was a trial for example in which...perhaps it was a case of rationality versus emotionality and that kind of debt (unintelligible) versus life process as sure as Bobby Seale a black man who is demanding the right to be defended by a lawyer of his choice whose got the right to defend himself which is a fundamental right in this system of law and so demanding this right the Judge eventually tied and chained him in the courtroom and when he did this and the jury came back in he said "Oh don't regard anything you see ladies and gentlemen, just the evidence of the case, just consider the evidence". For five and half months of this trial they weren't to consider how he looked, they weren't to consider any of our attitudes or the attitudes towards Mayor Daly or

Vietnam or racism in America or young people or pot, all they considered was the evidence. And nome of them did it nome of them did it because it can't be done. I don't think that people should consider the evidence ever, they should just look into their hearts and conscience and do their thing.

David Frost:

The gentleman in the front row? Do you

want to ask yourquestion?

Unknown male: 🐣

How do you think the Judge should have

acted according to your behavior in

court?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, I think he should have done what

he did because thats what we told him to do. We picked the Judge!

David Frost:

What do you mean?

Abbie Hoffman:

Well, because if we had a more liberal type Judge you see you could give him the law and give him the case stacked against us uh...we would have been found guilty and people wouldn't have been outraged.

That why.

Unknown male:

Is 1t not true that you harassed the Judge?

Abbie Hoffman:

No

Unknown male:

You did not harass the Judge?

Abbie Hoffman:

No

Unknown male:

Did you call the Judge names?

Abbie Hoffman:

Yes

Unknown male:

How should have the Judge reacted towards 4

you?

Abbie Hoffman:

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The Judge called us names. The Judge said....well there is a transcript coming out and it is an edited version, called "Tales of Hoffman" and there are a number of books by me, there's the movie, you won't believe what the Judge did! Judge would say things in front of the jury for example "Mr. Kunstler you're from New York you wouldn't understand the way we do things here in Chicago". He always made a point of that in front of the jury. He would say "Why don't you carry on the defense if you call it that", things like that. No we harassed the Judge, youheright...we gave him five years in prison, your right.

David Frost:

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Might it....

Abbie Hoffman:

The Judge is a millionaire we gave...we sentenced him to die in the Drakes Tower Hotel. He eats \$500 plate dinners for fund raising events.

Unknown male:

Abbie, are we inclined to believe that the Judge called you derogatory names before you called him derogatory names?

Abbie Hoffman:

I mean the first day ...

Unknown male:

Are you saying that he called you derogatory names first?

Abbie Hoffman:

On the opening day of the trial...it was picking a jury, it was much like people like yourself, 1500 people all spread out...you weren't allowed to ask them questions, our lawyers weren't allowed, the Judge asked them if they could be fair, at that a part of the audience got up and walked out. They said they walked out because they heard them read the indictment and it sounded like we were already guilty. A black man raised his hand and said "I don't know if I can be fair because my wife

worked for Mr. Foran the prosecutor about six years ago" and the Judge leaned over and said "Oh was she a domestic"? You don't understand but the black people do.

David Frost:

The last question?

Unknown male:

I don't think that this country is all that bad because in any other country you wouldn't get away with what you are doing on television of speaking your mind.

David Frost:

That gentleman's remark is one hundred per cent true.

Abbie Hoffman:

No I don't think thats true at all, I just got five years for being on television, what the hell are you talking about? You made up that myth because you were taught that in high school, that we have freedom of speech in this country.

Unknown male:

Its off the top of my head mister.

Abbie Hoffman:

I'll tell you what freedom of speech is. I'll go down to a high school here in New York to talk, you want to see 500 cops show up?

Unknown male:

This is just a discussion, what are you getting mad about?

Abbie Hoffman:

We can see young people.... I think that young people ought to respect the same kind of anger when they hear that kind of pablum pushed out!

Unknown male:

You're criticizing it one hundred per cent.

Abbie Hoffman:

Yeah, I just came out of prison and my head was shaved and given speeches, thats why I have persecution complexes. I don't think you could because you live in the suburbs and you make \$25,000 a year and you're white.

David Frost:

We'll take a break there, thank you Abbie Hoffman and thank you to all of our audience for joining in.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

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advised on March 24, 1970, that Group W westinghouse Television, 240 West 44th Street, New York City, which organization owns and produces the David Frost Show, on March 2, 1970, contracted with Abbie Hoffman to appear on the David Frost Show for \$265.00.

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APPENDIX

<u>1.</u>

BLACK PANTHER PARTY Also Known As Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense, NEWTON was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

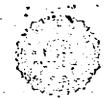


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Union at St. John's University, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn, New York (NY), was sponsoring a speech by Abbie Hoffman before the student body of the University at 12:00 noon on March 18, 1970, in the gymnusium of the University located at 96 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY.

on March 18, 1970, Abbie Hoffman spoke before approximately 600 members of the student body in the gymnasium of St. John's University, Brooklyn Center, 96 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, NY, from 11:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

that Abbie Hoffman in his remarks spoke mainly on the "Chicago Seven" trial and the outdated court system. He also gave his general views on religion and the decadant society in America. He did not advocate any violence during his speech and no incidents or arrests occurred.



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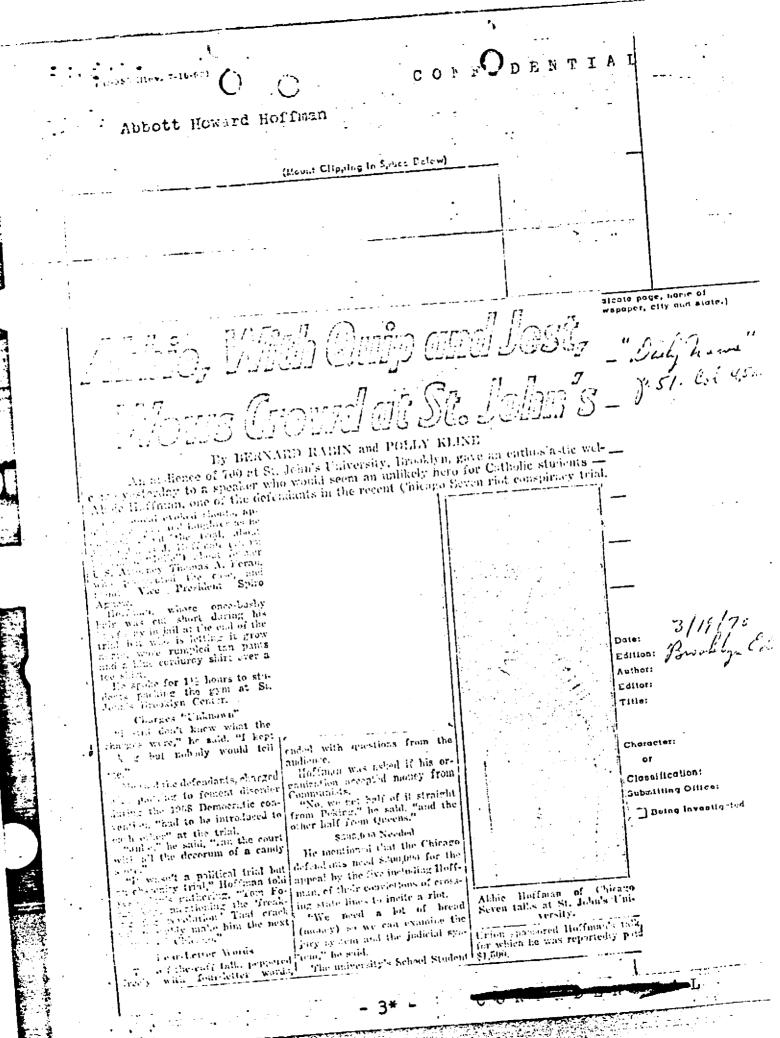
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that after Abbie Hoffman's speech, a question and enswer period followed during which Hoffman parried questions put to him by some of the students present.

Attached hereto is an article appearing in a publication concerning Abbie Hoffman's appearance at St. John's University, Brooklyn, NY, on March 18, 1970. The article captioned, "Abbie, With Quip and Jest, Wows Crowd at St. John's" appeared in the March 19, 1970, issue of the "Daily News", a New York City daily newspaper.



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Clash At Rice Follows Talk By Hoffman

NHOUSTON, April 12 (AP)—
After retening to a speech by
Abbie Hoffman at a nightclub, about 200 persons went
to Rice University late tonight
where a group of students
was occupying a building in
protest over a ban on Hoffman's appearance on campus.

Fist fights broke out at the campus, and Houston police were reported en route there.

were reported en route there. Some of the nightclub crowd forced themselves into the building as some of the protesting students decided to leave. Witnesses said the occupying force numbered about 50.

The nightclub crowd had been listening to a speech by Hoffman, a Chicago 7 defendant, when it was reported at the club that the students would be moved from the building.

"Let's go help them!" somebody yelled.

Hoffman smiled from the stage, looked over his audience and said, "Do it!"

Students occupied the building Saturday shortly before
Hoffman arrived in Houston.
The students said they would
stay until the college administration granted them the
right to invite speakers they
chose to the campus.

Earlier, at a rally in Hermann Park, Hoffman charged that because the United States is "losing the Vietnam war, it is turning to fascism at home." DATE 1-21-12 SASASCIOS

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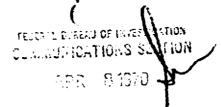
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FROM DENVER (176-52) IP

DATE 1-29-52 BY 50-5836/00

ABBOT H. HOFFMAN, AKA. ARL. OO CG

RE DN AIRTEL APRIL FOUR, SEVENTY.

SUBJECT GAVE SPEECH AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU), FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, EIGHT P.M., APRIL SEVEN LAST BEFORE ESTIMATED CROWD OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED, IN WHICH SPEECH WAS EXTREMELY OBSCENE AND PROVOCATIVE.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SPEECH A FIRE OCCURRED AT ADJACENT CSU VETERINARY SCHOOL WHERE A HAYSTACK AND AN ADJOINING BUILDING SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE BEFORE EXTINGUISHED .

AND RECORDING WILL BE SPEECH RECORDED BY MADE AVAILABLE TO FBI. TRANSCRIPTION WILL BE FORWARDED CHICAGO.

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To:

SAC, Denver (176-52)

From:

Director, FBI

ABBOTT H. HOFFMAN, AKA ARL. OO: CHICAGO

Re Denver teletype to Director and Chicago dated 4/8/70.

Your communication setting out the transcription of the recording of Hoffman's speech and other necessary information should include available facts regarding the fire which followed the speech, as well as information regarding any other violence which may have occurred which would appear to be related to the speech. Available information concerning the original of the fire should be included.

I - SAC, Chicago (Information)

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NOTE:

Retel advised that subject, one of the Chicago antiriot laws defendants whose public statements we are covering, gave a provocative speech at Colorado State University on the evening of 4/7/70 after which a fire occurred at an adjacent University building.

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UBJECT:	ABBOTT HOWARD HOFFMAN
	DATE 1-29-92 DT 31-31-16/20
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