



Mankiewicz and Braden

Nixon's self-made dilemma

WASHINGTON--"The, uh, the wounded--of course a lot of them are already in enemy hands because the, uh, strongpoints have fallen."
"Yes, old friend."
"So I'll try to keep all that under my command."
"Yes, old friend."
"So there we are. I may try to telephone you again, uh, before the end. Goodby, general."
"Goodby, old friend."

SO RUNS the last recorded telephone conversation between Gen. De Castries, commanding at Dien Bien Phu, and Gen. Cogy at French headquarters in Hanoi. A few hours later, 10,000 French prisoners of war--DeCastries among them--were on the march toward the Tonkin camps under the watchful eyes of Gen. Giap's black-pajamaed men.

It was one of the greatest defeats ever suffered by a colonial power, signaling the end of empire and the beginning of the end of a republic, but it was not the end for the prisoners. Within weeks, they had been released and repatriated. There was no argument about it. The French announced they were leaving Vietnam. Gen. Giap said in effect "Take your prisoners with you."

A truce was declared between the armies. Two generals met, formed a commission and signed documents agreeing to handle administrative problems. A French colonel escorted Viet Minh prisoners across the bridge and into Hanoi. A Viet Minh colonel escorted French prisoners to the docks. The fighting was over. The prisoners went home.

NO DOUBT, the President of the United States has a duty and responsibility to make certain, when American troops leave Vietnam, American prisoners will be as safely released. Mr. Nixon's countrymen have a right to expect this. But what Mr. Nixon is risking is that they will expect more than this.

He is leading them to expect that they will get all the prisoners back safely while the war goes on. This is clearly more than they have a right to expect and more than they are likely to get.

For consider how Mr. Nixon's press conference remarks must sound to the enemy. He said we would leave Vietnam when our prisoners are released and when the South Vietnamese government has a reasonable chance to survive. But he studiously avoided saying what he meant by "leaving Vietnam." Does he mean we shall remove ground-combat troops but continue to lend air support? Does he mean we shall pull our army out but continue to bomb the enemy from the sea and from bases in Thailand? On this point, the remarks of Republican National Chairman Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas are more explicit than those of the President. Dole says that when American casualties have been "reduced to the zero point... this would be a virtual end to the war," even if U.S. bombing continues.

NEITHER HANOI nor the National Liberation Front is likely to agree with this introduction of the "mere gook" rule into the realm of Diplomacy. And Dole's remarks reveal how totally irreconcilable are Mr. Nixon's two objectives.

On the one hand, the president surely cannot expect that Hanoi will hand over our prisoners while American bombers are overhead.

On the other hand, it cannot expect that South Vietnam will have a reasonable chance to survive unless American supplies and helicopters and air power are at its service.

Once again the President has stalled the inevitable domestic decision: When we get out of Vietnam do we mean "out," as the French meant "out"? Or do we mean staying in and propping up a continuation of the war by the South Vietnamese?

Slowly, inexorably, that question is coming to the fore. If Mr. Nixon really means "out" as the French meant it, we can have our prisoners back. But it is not only misleading--it is downright dangerous--to deceive Americans into thinking that there is some other way.

Stanford Daily offices raided by local police

PALO ALTO, Calif. (CPS)--When police in California want information from newspaper files, they need a court subpoena--when their search involves a student newspaper, all that's needed is a warrant.

Palo Alto police, armed with search warrants, raided the offices of the STANFORD DAILY last week, looking for photographs taken during a demonstration the week before at the campus medical center. They spent 45 minutes going through files and wastebaskets, but found nothing useful. The police, accompanied by two campus security guards, refrained from breaking into locked desks or filing cabinets.

The President of Stanford University has assigned his top legal adviser to investigate the

matter, and he and the paper's editors are seeking a court injunction against further actions. President Richard Lyman said the raid was "threatening the freedom of the press."

New York Times reporter Earl Caldwell, who was subpoenaed for notes and information on his reporting of the Black Panthers in the San Francisco area, has an appeal pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. At nearby Stanford, local police bypassed the subpoena procedure by using regular search warrants. "It's extremely difficult for a newspaper to exist and function properly if it is constantly in fear of having its notes and photo files examined for the purpose of prosecution," noted the Daily editor.



FCC drug lyric decision challenged

WASHINGTON-D.C. (CPS)--A strong challenge to the controversial Federal Communications Commission decision banning pro-drug lyrics in rock music programming has arisen here in recent weeks.

Although turned down in Federal District Court, several disc jockey's and station managers affected by the FCC ruling are appealing to the Circuit Court of Appeals. They contend that the FCC decision, which bans lyrics that "glorify or promote" the use of illegal drugs, constitutes censorship.

The Lawyer Tracy Westen says the Commission ruling is a "serious threat to freedom of speech."

The FCC issued a revision to the March 5 notice on April 16 in response to a nationwide furor caused by the original decision. The revised statement lamented the public controversy surrounding the earlier action, and clarified several points. It labelled broadcaster fears that each record would have to be reviewed before being aired "erroneous."

However, the revision denied a request by the Pacific Foundation stations to set aside the original decision.

Lawyer Westen said hours before the revision statement was issued that anything but a reversal by the Commission would be unacceptable to the First Amendment issues involved.

Meanwhile, Metromedia News staff correspondent Bob Hughes has obtained a list of songs that violate the drug lyric ban from an FCC staff member. Commission spokesmen say that the list has no official status, however.

Included on the list were such anti-drug songs as the Beatles' "A Little Help from My Friends," Jefferson Airplane's "White Rabbit" (lyrics taken from Lewis Carroll's Alice in

Wonderland), "Acid Queen" by the Who, and "The Pusher" by Steppenwolf. "The Pusher" is used in a National Institute of Mental Health anti-drug film.

Plaintiffs in the case include two college radio stations, WYBC-FM at Yale Univ. in Connecticut and KUOP-FM at the Univ. of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif.

Also involved in the suit are Steve Leon, who was fired from WDAS-FM in Philadelphia for airing a discussion of the FCC ruling that included lyric examples; John Gorman and Kenneth Currier, who were fired from WNTN-AM in Newton, Mass., for playing a song not approved by the station's management; and the National Coordinating Council on Drug Abuse Education and Information whose anti-drug film "It Takes A Lot of Help" has Beatle song "With A Little Help from My Friends" as its theme.

All of the songs on the "unofficial" Commission list of banned lyrics except two were mentioned as examples of pro-drug programming by Vice President Spiro Agnew in a Sept., 1970, speech in Las Vegas.

The Agnew speech coincided with the start of "mixed-media" briefings on drug abuse by Pentagon staffers at the White House. Two or three conferences were held at the executive mansion for media executives which included a pep talk by President Nixon.

The March 5 public notice requiring broadcasters to review records is apparently part of a high administration campaign to erase the superficial aspects of the nation's growing drug problem.

Commissioner Nicholas Johnson, dissenting from the FCC decision, raised additional serious questions about the motivation behind the drug-lyric ban.

Johnson asks why there has been no attention to alcohol--"the number one drug

abuse problem in this country." And about drug advertising: "Why do the majority choose to ignore these gray flannel pushers?"

The answer to these questions is simple: the exclusive concern with song lyrics is in reality an effort to harass the youth culture, a crude attempt to suppress the anti-establishment music of the counter-culture and the "movement."

"It is a thinly veiled political move. This administration has for reasons best known to the President, chosen to divert the American people's attention to 'the drug menace,' and away from problems like: the growing Southeast Asia war, racial prejudice, inflation, unemployment, hunger, poverty, education, growing urban blight, and so forth."

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editorial COMMENT

Mental health concerns

Students rarely have a chance to effectively communicate their ideas about the treatment of the mentally ill. But this Tuesday, students and other concerned individuals will have an opportunity to participate in a "Talk Back" sponsored by the Mental Health Planning Committee of the Lincoln Hospital and Health Council.

The Talk Back will be at 7:30 p.m. in the fifth floor auditorium of the Lincoln Center Building, 15th and N Streets.

Problems for discussion include unwanted pregnancies, drug abuse, family and marriage counseling, alcoholism, suicide prevention and personal crisis service.

The purpose of the talk-back is to air complaints and suggestions so that the planning committee will be able to formulate a plan to better meet the mental health needs of Lincoln.

A spokesman for the planning committee said: "Only by having a broad spectrum of Lincoln citizens, both potential consumers of mental health services and representatives of the providing agencies, will we be able to submit an adequate plan."

In addition, students knowledgeable in the areas to be discussed are also encouraged to attend. Obviously there are many students in sociology, psychology, and other related disciplines at this university who could contribute significantly to these discussions and at the same time contribute to the welfare of Lincoln.

No doubt there are many other experts, including faculty members, medical personnel and concerned individuals. Their attendance also would be greatly appreciated.

La Raza!

For many students, time is running out this semester. Dead week and finals are almost here.

But if your not inundated with school work, there are some interesting activities this week during the Mexican-American Cultural Observances. Today is perhaps the most important day for these activities. Films concerning the Mexican-American population will be shown continuously in the Union lobby today. At 3:30 p.m., Froben Lozada, director of Latin American Studies at Merritt College in Oakland, Calif. will be speaking, also in the Union.

In addition, the "Chicano Revolution" will perform at a free concert in front of the fountain this evening at 7 p.m.

Any and all of the events should be worth your time.

Mick Moriarty

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