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Anti-War Speakers Urge Movement Within Military

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Plans to build a "People's Army within the U.S. Army" were outlined Thursday by a spokesman for the Movement for a Democratic Military during a two-hour anti-war rally on the steps of the Santa Cruz Post Office.

A crowd that at its peak numbered an estimated 1,000 persons heard the spokesman declare, "The one major institution in American society today that is falling apart day by day is the U.S. Army."

He called the service "the closest thing to legalized slavery we have."

The spokesman explained that the Movement for a Democratic Military was formed by Marines at Camp Pendleton.

Chapters at 26 military bases across the nation are planning to subvert the traditional Armed Forces Day observance on May 16 by scheduling "Armed Forces Day" activities.

He urged the audience to "come to Fort Ord and to help build civilian support for a People's Army." An MDM rally also is scheduled that same day at Monterey Peninsula College, he said.

The speaker, who was not named when introduced, stated in his opening remarks, "In every revolution, one of the key segments has been the Army. As the Army goes, so goes the revolution."

He cited the numerous defections of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Chinese Army (the Kuomintang) to the Communist forces of Mao in the closing days of World War II as an example.

He said the MDM, whose goal is creation of a people's army, "realizes that in the last week the U.S. has reached a revolutionary turning point."

Other speakers included Dr.

Sam Bloom, Cabrillo College instructor; Chris Peebles of Crown College, a spokesman for the UCSC Strike Steering Committee; and James Mason, a local insurance man.

Dr. Bloom stirred the emotions of the crowd with a strong denunciation of the Nixon Administration's domestic and foreign policies.

Interrupted frequently by applause, Dr. Bloom pointed to the crowd and shouted, "This is the majority. From now on the administration will have to cope with people who act."

He told the group that the war in Southeast Asia is "so fundamentally wrong that the only way out is to withdraw completely."

Said he, "We can accept neither benevolent neglect nor killing; we must tune in and drop on every evil that exists in our society and abroad."

Mason proposed an economic plan to end the war "by stopping the flow of money." He suggested that opponents of the Nixon foreign policy should cash government bonds, take the money out of circulation by placing it in safe deposit boxes or other safe places, and close commercial bank and saving accounts.

Mason declared that students are no longer an isolated element of the community in their opposition to the war. As a result of the Cambodian operation, he said, "Concern is widespread and many citizens feel a commitment that they have not felt before."

Peebles pledged that the students would remain on strike for as long as it takes to withdraw American forces from Indochina, "free all political prisoners," and end university participation in secret or defense contracts.

He said the strike effort is

not against the university. Rather, he said, "it is a strike with the university against a common enemy."

During the rally, Mrs. Pat Farrington, student body president at Cabrillo College, told The Sentinel that the event was jointly sponsored by Cabrillo and UCSC students with the Community Coalition Against War and Repression.

She noted that Cabrillo students placed four tables at the base of the War Memorial Monument to invite donations and citizens' letters to Congress in protest of the war.

"We want to take a positive approach to the problems," Mrs. Farrington said. "We want to involve the community, explain our goals, and ask citizens' support."

Mrs. Farrington said plans are being made for a series of town hall meetings next week at Cabrillo.

A different approach was taken by other students.

Dave Seregow, a junior in theology and psychology at Bethany Bible College, distributed leaflets calling for a religious answer to problems of war and unrest.

He said he represented "Campus Action," a national organization formed at the University of Michigan. Its Bethany chapter includes about 30 students, some 20 members at UCSC, and five have organized a unit at Cabrillo.

"The only true answer to revolution is God," Seregow said. "God is the only answer that can work. Peace on earth will never come until there is peace in man's heart. Love and freedom will not come until one subjects himself to the highest of all governments in existence — the moral government of God."



An estimated 1,000 persons rallied in front of the Santa Cruz Post Office Thursday to demonstrate their sentiments against war.



A speaker, unidentified, outlines the purpose of the Movement for a Democratic Military during the rally in front of the Santa Cruz Post Office Thursday (above), to a crowd of interested listeners gathered around (below).

Power Plant Bill Delayed In Committee

A state bill on procedures for locating both conventional and atomic electric generating plants in California was turned back for amendment Wednesday by a legislative committee in Sacramento.

Members of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation refused to report the bill, AB 818, out of committee.

By holding it for amendment, there is a possibility local authorities will be given a seat on the state Power Plant Siting Committee, which reviews proposed power plant locations and recommends approval or disapproval to the Public Utilities Commission. The bill deals with the powers and duties of the siting committee.

Santa Cruz County supervisors on Tuesday passed a resolution calling for just such an amendment, but county officials could not say today if the resolution was sent on to the Assembly committee.

Phil Harry, Third District candidate for county supervisor, testified against the bill Thursday.

Local Income Below The State Average

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Cruz County citizen earned less than their rich neighbors in the San Francisco Bay Area and less than Mr. Average Citizen throughout California in the year 1968, state tax figures indicate.

The average tax return filed with the State Franchise Tax Board for 1968 showed \$9,605 in personal gross income for the family or individual living in Santa Cruz County.

The state average was \$10,676, up almost \$1,000 over 1967, according to the tax board.

By contrast, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Cruz County's average income per return jumped about \$650.

Tax board computations show the local citizen paid an average \$213.98 in taxes. Altogether, taxpayers in the county paid out \$5,183,014 to the state.

They got the money from \$326,651,000 in total income, adjusted for their business losses. This went up from \$296,356,000 in 1967 and \$217,933,000 in 1966, according to the tax board.

The state had to examine 34,010 tax returns from Santa Cruz

Mateo County was second at \$13,418 per return; Contra Costa was third at \$11,945; Santa Clara fourth at \$11,589; San Francisco eighth at \$10,648; Alameda ninth at \$10,591.

Southern California came in at fifth with Orange County at \$11,346; sixth with Santa Barbara County at \$11,241 and huge Los Angeles County seventh at \$10,817.

Mr. Average State Citizen paid \$260 in taxes on each return, compared to \$236 in 1967.

Campgrounds In LaSelva Beach

A private campground, part of the Campgrounds of America system, is now open on a 33-acre site near Sunset and La Selva beaches.

The grounds, off San Andreas Road, features 240 camping sites for both trailer and tent camping.

Each site has a trailer hook-up, picnic table, electricity and water. Restrooms and showers are available.

Sunset Dunes is operated by

