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Anti-war Mvmt (BLACK)

RLA-Guardian interview with
(their views on blacks in peace mvmt)

Bill Epton (PL) 4/27/67

Jim Houghton 4/27

Conrad Lynn

Paul Boutelle (SWP)

Don Smith (CORE)

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169th St

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Bill Epton

4/27/67

Block art show - by block
artist for comm. May 27 thru

June 11 125-128 St. & Lenox Ave
Sponsors: PL + 20th Ant. Artists

Lenox Ave First Annual
Outdoor Art Show.

noon til 6 pm.

First demo June 25, 1966 had
200 people (march & rally)

"Opening shot of real activity in
community in opposition to war"
Sponsored by BUAF, recently formed

Next in march in fall to
Times Sq. 100 people

Growing awareness ~~that~~ of nature
of war. Portion of Ali and
King has heightened awareness
Black soldiers refrain from
wearing uniforms because

subject to ridicule from
community. Difficult to determine
how many black boys drafted
from Harlem, no way of knowing
if this is major factor

Last march started with 300
but collected 1500 along way

Good preliminary organizing and
leafleting BUAF distributed 70,000
PL 30,000. Escalation of war.

Tremendous negative publicity around
King and Ali and mobilization

[Black man in streets who is
opposed to so because he sees it
as a racist war. Does not
necessarily understand politics of it.
Must politicized mass understanding.

Q: Split movement? No

Civil rights movement in Harlem.
Besides will force everyone to
take a position for or against
racist system in official civil
rights movement. No one
in Harlem freedom struggle
would dare support war even

those like George Robinson,
and Roy Wilkins. Nasser
didn't fear in Harlem. ~~only~~
~~extremes~~ Harlem is a place
of extremes. Right-wing trends
in some of the nationalists and
militarist trend in cadet corps
of United Black Coll. set up
by Maroon Act. you see them
around here training in uniforms,
black hats, rifles and green berets
like storm troopers. Peter Weiss
said this is way Hitler youth
started. No one can stand on
corner and give centrist line.

Must be strongly militant like
PL, HUC, Black Panther Party
and others on left. Demos & Republican
are centrist but only active around
election time. Activists not
affected by churches. you could
put all the churches together
and they couldn't stop a rebellion
in Harlem. Churches attended by
older people, women and kids

Church no longer a deterrent.
"Other black ghettos are
learning what Harlem has learned.
It is different in that it has
always had political activity. It
is the political center of black
liberation struggle."

BUAFs being set up Baltimore
and Dayton, Ohio as result of success
of march.

In other ghettos a line is
increasing drawn between us
and them - those who are really
struggling for liberation and those
who had tried to stifle people.
People must become more militant
there is no other avenue open.
Civil rights legislation, anti-
poverty money, Payroll and other
sops being withdrawn. Nothing
left but rebellion.

Hostility between black
anti-war marchers and whites.
Partly because they were white

this hostility was
strange phenomenon which
Egston hadn't seen before

partly against hippies and
middle class types who can
come out and march but then
return to comfortable homes
while blacks must face ghetto.

"We were being smothered in a
sea of nothingness and had to
break away." You talk about
peace people up here talk about
a piece of bread

Peace movement vs anti-war
"Peace at any price" refuses to
face up to nature of system.
anti-war movement usually more
militant and see connection
between system and war.

Rodney Toney DA 8-9269

Call Don Smith tomorrow
at 11 AM

Jim Houghton

4/27/67

Growing sentiment that it is the more war ~~and~~ they will again be used to do dirty work for white power structure - particularly among the young.

More black people coming to see relationship between general war against Vietnamese and their own freedom struggle as both ~~struggles~~ being suppressed by U.S. Govt.

Example of Powell and Ali. Most do see war as being U.S. imperialism but as racist. 3,000 participated in Harlem march, biggest anti-war march, and represents turning point. Much support for King's position but ministers did not rally congregations around King. Church in black community is bulwark of conservatism and reaction. Tend to develop our other-worldly

mentality and shy away from
earthly struggles. This of course
is an ministers' interest since
it maintains them in a position
of economic security and prestige.
They are politically backward.

King, Bevel, etc. by no means
reflect thinking of most black
ministers and churches. Some
individual ministers have become
prominent in civil rights but
not black churches as an
institution. Hence they did not
participate in April 15 march and
will never take part in
anything progressive.

Q: split CK movement.

Fact is that CK has about
grounded to a halt and whole
integrationist line has been
shattered. King knew this.

Further, govt now retrenching on
even modest gains of CK movement
and ghetto conditions continue to
worsen.

NAAACP and Urban League in
hip-pocket of Johnson Admin.
These arguments false since
CK had stopped and its basic
demands of housing, work,
education were still unfulfilled
as govt turned more to war.
Wgt further tends to feed racist
elements in Congress and throughout
country, backed by phony appeal
to racism.

This tends to separate
Toms from real activists, over
a fundamental distinction between
those Negroes who will support
govt. in a civil war against other
non-white people and those black
militants who clearly see that
the major ideological underpinning
as in Congo, or South America,
is racism - which has its
historical roots in oppression of
black people. Toms attempt to
foster idea that CK is
separate from Negro who

both have common enemy
over imperialism abroad and
monopoly capitalism at home.

Not a fusion but CK is
qualitatively changing and trend
is for self-determination of
black people and not integration.
This links it up with other
self-determination struggles around
world. This is basic change
in CK rather than simple
merging of CK and place.

Clear that govt incapable of
meeting demands of blacks (because
of racist militant character). "This
will force more militant and
determined forms of protest and
resistance which will un-
questionably sharpen the repressive
measures of govt against black
people who no longer identify
with social system based on
their oppression."

Basic question: will whites come to support progressive demands of blacks? If not, white population may increasingly become fascist and used to pursue race war against U.S. blacks. Blacks cannot successfully go it alone. Need serious white allies.

Techniques of control and repression: 1) buying off 2) propaganda thru mass media 3) violent repression.

Organizing around Apr. 15 march and march itself most politically significant development in Harlem in years.

Black anti-draft conf. being planned for summer. object keep black youth out of army and coordinate anti-war activity in black communities, and raise demand for adequate jobs, decent housing and quality education and end to police brutality and corrupt inept court system.

Conrad Lynn

Steady increase in number
of youths, black and white,
wanting to fight draft.

AWOL soldiers less now
because of higher penalties
imposed on other soldiers

Harden march was mostly
militant although mothers
appeared throughout crowd at
VN

Low black WWII vets
opposed to this war because
they don't see what they got
out of that war.

Black supporters of war
are strongly anti-communist although
sometimes alienated from U.S. society
but say things like "no
mother how bad are better
than over there."

Get interview (over)

Paul Boutelle

More blacks in Power

1. Because feel we are oppressed ^{racially} here and should not participate and sacrifice for this war
2. another anti-war militant group supports NLF and sees U.S. as black man's battleground activists

Harlem march was mostly militants although moderates appeared throughout crowd at U.N.

Some black WWII vets opposed to this war because they don't see what they got out of that war.

Black supporters of war are strongly anti-communist although sometime alienated from U.S. society but say things here no more how bad are better than "over there."

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May 17, 18, 19 Visit Johnson
suppression projects in D.C.
and other cities

~~RR office~~
Don Smith CORE

More blocks in anti-war
movement. Now realize that
disproportionate blocks there
and casualties. Programs for
social betterment adversely
affected.

Job training cost

504,000 to 385,000

in 1966

Job Corp

40,000 - 10,000

lost cost housing

95,000 - 47,000 units

15,000 - 13,000 made
loans to rural poor
promised in 1966

blocks
Not aware of statistics
but they feel programs
are being cut back
"disillusionment"

Split argument fellows
no "merging" of CR and
poor. Issue is a poor
issue and CR. Coalition
not merging. opposition
is one aspect of CR movement
which affects CR.
Cope does draft counselling
other anti-war work in
literature and speaking.

Mets Apr. 21st



