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WHAT'S HAPPENING ????

It's been a long hot summer, waiting for our women's center to open, and we're still waiting. We'd like to report on the latest developments.

The house which we've agreed to buy was originally the only structure on that particular lot. Now there are two houses, both owned by the same person on the one lot. Also, since the houses were originally built the street name has been changed. We must get these changes on the deed, and also get a zoning variance, because the two structures are too close to each other as of a 1969 ordinance. The planning board (they grant zoning variances) meets only once a month. We hope to get a date for November-- with our variance granted, we can sign the bill of sale and move in! In the meantime we've decided to share an office with the Mass. Lawyers Guild and the Women's Law Commune. We're using this office for a temporary meeting place and information center-- more about the office elsewhere in the newsletter.

THE PROUD EAGLE STATEMENT

A copy of the Proud Eagle Statement was sent to the Women's Center Office. We'd like to reprint it here in full.

Whiteman Can't Win

Tonight, we, the women of the Proud Eagle Tribe, have bombed the office of William Putnam Bundy, one of the architects of the air war in Viet Nam. A year ago the Proud Eagle Tribe bombed the Center for International Affairs at Harvard, because, "the center figures out new ways for Pig Nixon to try to destroy people's war in Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, and grooms toads like Henry Kissinger, who left the Center to join Nixon's death machine. It was at the Center that the 'Strategic Hamlet Program' was created.

William Putnam Bundy, our target for tonight, who set up the guerilla war in Viet Nam, "White men can't win this kind of fight", was a principle architect of air war in Viet Nam. His scenario for escalation culminated in the bombing of North Vietnam in 1965. With an arrogance that the white male establishment has in abundance, he sat in an office far removed from the area of conflict, (The better to preserve his objectivity!!), totally ignored intelligence reports and cold bloodedly both torpedoed any steps toward realistic peace talks, and planned the air war. To round out his accomplishments, he devised the manner of presenting a fait accompli in an acceptable way to both international groups (special treatment for 'friendly countries', less concern for unfriendly ones) and Congress. Little effort was spent on figuring how to tell American citizens that they were now engaged in a sharply escalated war with a long-range forecast. Added to the fact that the planners of the war themselves were doubtful of victory, the number of lives lost in the futile effort was of no concern.

After reading the Pentagon Papers we realized two things. One, that the system is composed of people-- people with names and faces, people with offices who are responsible for their actions. The men named in the Pentagon Papers are still being used as advisers; universities vie to have these murderers as professors, magazines are proud to have them as editors, their lives are undisturbed. New faces and names have now replaced them in the Nixon administration. The same planning continues.

The second thing is that we women of the Proud Eagle Tribe reacted subjectively. We felt a burning anger that these arrogant white men like the Bundy brothers, Rusk, Lodge, McNaughton, Clifford, Taylor, Westmoreland, Wheeler, Kissinger, Rostow and McNamara, to mention a few, lead safe, quiet lives. They are our enemy. They are vulnerable. There are many creative ways to harass them: perhaps your professor or the man next door does a little counter-insurgency research on the side. Perhaps you walk by his office everyday. We have chosen William Bundy as our target for one thing because we totally agree with him when he says "White men can't win this kind of fight." Sisters, he said a mouthful!

Tonight is also the occasion that some fool chose to give Rockefeller a "Humanitarian Award". A man who also sat peacefully in his office, only he planned the murder of 32 brothers at Attica. A man who is hated by the third world international; an enemy of the people. Someday he will receive from the people what he so justly deserves.

We dedicate this action to our beautiful Vietnamese sisters whose inspiration strengthens us. Especially to Pham Thi Quyen whose heroic husband Nguyen Van Troi, was executed five years ago today for attempting to

assassinate McNamara. Pham Thi Quyen, and her sisters in the Saigon underground continue fighting for their people's victory. We join them in the struggle.

*BUBBLE, BUBBLE, WAR AND RUBBLE
WHEN YOU MESS WITH WOMEN, YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE
WE CURSE YOUR EMPIRE TO MAKE IT FALL
WHEN YOU TAKE ON ONE OF US, YOU TAKE ON US ALL!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLASSIFIEDS

I'd like to start a playgroup for children 13-17 months old, also willing to co-ordinate playgroups for other ages. CAROL-661-8961

Playgroup for 2 1/2 yr. olds in Inman-Central Sq. area. JACKIE 354-4785

We're working on a women's yellow pages, any woman with services to offer, or who would like to help, call GINNIE 254-1380

Some women are thinking about setting up a children's clothing exchange in the office, we don't know if it will be too crowded, what's your opinion, any alternate places?

If you are interested in talking about, working on, creating a Women's Press, call ALISON 491-8756, also meeting at the Women's Center Office next Wednesday, November 3. At 8pm.

Volunteers are needed to staff the office. Call 661-9650, Mon.-Fri from 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sat. 11-3., or come in.

If you've changed your address or phone number, or would like to be added to the Women's Center mailing list, send in your name to the office, 595 Mass. Ave Camb. 2nd floor.

The reason we put out this newsletter is because we feel isolated from each other, especially since we don't yet have our women's center. Let's get back with each other again.

If you think this newsletter is a good idea then come and work on it! If you can't work on it and have an opinion about it, or an announcement for it, call us or come in and see us...

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