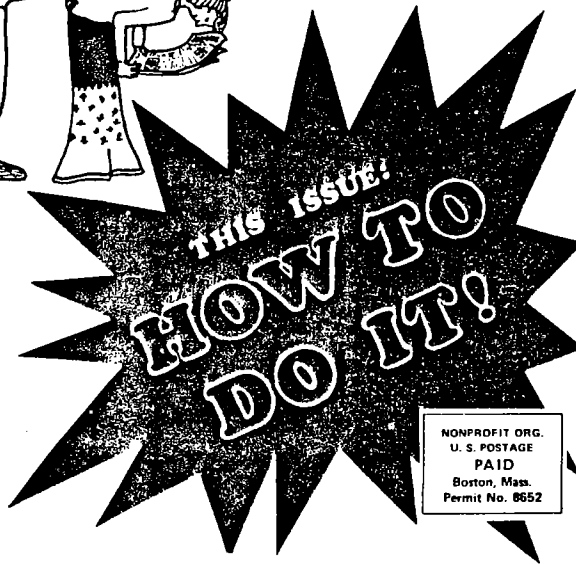


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Racism In Boston: What LRYers Can Do

By Sean Herlihy

Sean Herlihy has been out of LRY for about a year and a half, and going to Hampshire College most of that time. Now he is another Irishman trying to find work in the Boston area.

A Black Haitian, Mr. Jean-Louis, was caught in the midst of an enraged White mob in South Boston and would have been torn to pieces if not for the intervention of a policeman firing his gun into the air.

A White youth, named Mike Faith, is stabbed by a Black student in South Boston High. Hundreds of Whites then gathered outside. They shouted, "Give us the Niggers, give us the Niggers, send 'em back to Africa". They battle police for three hours trying to get at 131 Blacks trapped in the building. Later, one witness says that Mike Faith physically attacked the Black youth and brought on the stabbing himself. A few friends of Faith reportedly bragged about how he had beaten up Blacks before, and White anti-bussing agitators are said to have been overheard planning to provoke racial violence inside 'Southie'.

Mike Coachman, an Afro-American, at the previously all-White "L" Street Annex in South Boston said, "I don't go to the bathroom alone, that's where the White kids wait for you and jump you. To be safe, you have to go in groups."

You know about Louisa Day Hicks' anti-bussing organization, Restore Our Alienated Rights, better known as ROAR; and the frenzied crowds taunting Black students with in suits and slurs; and then the stonings of school busses carrying Afro-American children.

You may also recall accounts of Black initiated violence, and there certainly has been some. But, to the embarrassment of racist mobilizers the majority of serious incidents have taken place at White dominated South Boston schools, perpetuated either by White students or by the congregations of angry Whites outside. In contrast, previously all-Black schools of Roxbury have been relatively calm. There are several important reasons for the different reactions. At the surface is the simple fact that the hy-

sterical mobs and the racist demagoguery have been in South Boston, where Hicks, from her official position on the Boston School Committee, has been building an anti-Black power base for a decade.

Yet, at a deeper level it is apparent that this is just the latest effort to exploit the economic and social insecurity of poor and working class Whites. Throughout the history of this country powerful business and political interests have played ethnic groups off against each other. Immigrants were shipped in and then used to drive down wages and serve as strike breakers if more established workers tried to resist the company bosses. In this way ethnic antagonisms were created and accentuated. Since the end of the Civil War the Boston Irish (like my grandfather) have felt the impact of Black migration to Northern production centers. For the past few decades industry has been moving out of Massachusetts, leaving the state in this recession year with one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation and Boston with one of the highest in the state. The American economic system has put working people in a tight spot, and the huge corporations with their servants in the government who run this system do not want them to find out who is responsible. By creating the rivalry between Black and White workers for the few jobs and educational resources available, these authorities have prevented any unified movement that could threaten big profits and low wages. Thus, they have escaped the wrath of dissatisfied working people and redirected it toward racist goals.

Although a few Blacks have responded to poverty and racism by lashing out at Whites, most perceive that integration of Boston schools is necessary to insure equality in education. Ever since the abolition of slavery, "Jim Crow" laws established separate and inferior living quarters, rest rooms, transportation, education and so on for Blacks. In 1954, the Supreme Court recognized that segregated schools had been used to subjugate Blacks. Today, twentyone years later, separate schools still mean inferior education for Blacks. Boston has one of the poorest school systems in the U.S. but Black schools are the worst in Boston. When all Black En-

glish High became so rundown that the Massachusetts Board of Education offered to replace the building, the Boston School Committee showed its racism by trying to use the funds to put up a school in an all-White area instead. The Committee also refused for almost ten years to comply with the Massachusetts Racial Imbalance Law of 1965 which was specifically intended to speed intergration, and in fact the committee sabotaged efforts to come up with a plan suited to the realities of the Boston situation. The stalling went on until last year when Federal Judge Garrity ordered them to desegregate the sections of the city representing the most glaring violations.

The Civil Rights Movement of the '50's and '60's won political battles and court cases because of the determined efforts of local organizers and the massive sympathy and support, particularly among students, throughout the United States. Today a broad Coalition of Blacks and White liberals and radicals is needed to win the battle for equal education in Boston. The stakes are high, for if racist mobs can stall the implementation of equal education in Boston, bigotry will be encouraged in other areas, and as I write this the Massachusetts legislature is considering the repeal of its Racial Imbalance Law. If we break the back of this reactionary offensive we can accelerate the drive against racism all across America. Important steps toward building a popular movement against racism were made by the 12-20,000 marchers opposing racist violence on December 14th and most recently by the National Student Conference Against Facism held in Boston February 14-16. Groups supporting the conference included the New England region of the NAACP; The Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the Urban League; the National Student Assoc., which includes 400 student governments; the Socialist Workers Party, the Young Workers Liberation League, and well over 50 Black student organizations. 2009 registered at the conference representing countless organizations and schools and most of the States.

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I am Douglas W. Hitzig,
Jencks Hall, St. Lawrence Univ
Canto, N.Y. 13617. Phone (if
so inclined): 315-379-6317.
By the way, Adam--I'm nowhere
near Niagra Falls. Check your
maps again. John--Who's this
Layni and what about our child
ren? UP URANUS

To Lianne, David, Val, Eric,
Lellie and all my Canadian
friends: Que pasa? L.K., candy
mand sends love. D.S., Cathy
says hi! Don't forget ground
hog's day in Ann Arbor, please
Folks in Flint are Fine. How's
the farmer? Luv you SueB.

Hey Tigger! Let's run away
to Mexico this summer...let
me ask my mother first.
- A Crazy Martian with
the stomach flu.

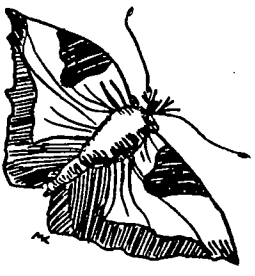
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Los Alamos Local, Do you still
exist? Or has the Church taken
away our room because it is a
health hazard? Eric, what's
your address? did your plant
ever bear "fruit"? MISSING
since OPIK '73!, one Carl Ray
burn. Where on earth, if in-
deed it's earth you're on, are
you? I'm watching the stars.
Barb of Bowstone, did you get
your hat? Ask vivian about it!
Yeah Really!! Beijos,
Jeanne Lee

For E, (or the Starrking Queen)
I've been thinking about you.
And yes, I remember what happen-
ed then. Most amusing now that
I think back. Don't you agree?
I didn't mean to be so alienat-
ing in the last letter. Sorry.
Did you know that I found out
how much it costs to come and
visit your province. Hope your
Regime is doing O.K. ENJOY
Love,
A. From the Sick State



Patches--Couldn't get hold of
you by phone before you went
back to Amherst. Call me if you
can afford it, okay?
Sunday

Some people left stuff at the
Plainfield conf.. If you think
it's yours contact me. Emily
Naiven, 1327 Putnam ave, Plain
field, NJ 07060, (201)757-5627

Tony, I want my Contintental
Yearbook. NOW!!! E.D.

Joy Marshal--- I thought I'd
let you know how much I love
your article. Since the big-
gest conference my fed has
had in 4 years was 9 people,
it made me feel really warm
and bubbly inside.
!uch Love and Positive Re-
enforcement. Evan

Important: I would like to be
put on the mailing lists for
any & all upcoming conferences
until September, especially in
New England area, & especially
alternative education conferen-
ces. Thank you, Pearl
Laurie Knight
c/o Vershire School
Judgement Ridge
Vershire, Vt.
05079.

I'm a poverty stricken Continen-
tal Liason Director who wants
desperately to attend not only
Continental conference and
boards, but the IRF conference
in Canada. If there is anyone
in the Central/Southwest
with the same grand aspira-
tions and possibilities of
shared transportation, contact
Cathy Carney at 2642 Magnolia,
San Diego, Ca. 92109.

Ellery suppreal LOCAL ZEN now
forming in INNER SPACE. Join
by sending DATA to Ubik, c/o
Chris, 129 Spring St., Falls
Church City, VA.

Also Lost (or, rather, mis-
placed): Connie McNeal, Peggy
Clarke, and one somewhat Mod-
est Jack Lofton. My address is
in this column elsewhere.
D.V.Hitzig.

Dear John Beebe-Center:
I'll try to get to Washington.
Love, Leslie M.

Dearest LRYers,
Are you out there somewhere?
I feel lost, unwanted & truly
out of place here. I haven't
been to a rally (conference) in
months & months, & I miss all
you beautiful crazy people.
Would somebody help out a fuck
ed up 16 yr old by writing me
a letter? Even if we've never
met; I'm disgusted with the
"plastic people here and I'm
in desperate need of corres-
pondence from someone real.
Somebody please save my life.
I love you all,
Ms Crazy Carol Enkler
7152 Welland dr, Mentor
Ohio, 44060.

John Beebe-Center: Watch out!
My father tortured me until i
gave him your name. He's watch-
ing you closely. I still love
you anyway. J.L.Doyle. W. D.C.

Lower Bucks local is alive and
well. Will DVF and anyone else
who wants to please contact us?
Scott (pres.)
12 Dolphin Rd.
Levittown, Pa. 19056.
(215) 757-6337

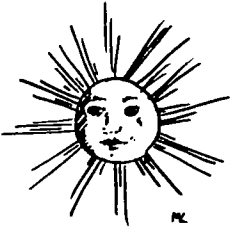
Dermotosis:
Sorry I missed you. Sorry you
missed me. But Murphy's law
says it had to happen. I love
you madly. "Please come to
Falls Church..." Give my love
to Rev-Kev, too. Jane Laura
Doyle.

Beth from G.W.A.F. I can
hardly wait until Easter'.
M. from Evanston

WANTED: Color slides of LRYers
doing their thing, for a slide
show to be presented at the
General Assembly. We want
slides that you have or ones
that you are going to take.
Send them to Youth Caucus
25 Beacon st, Boston Ma 02108.

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ing through or going to Nash-
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eed on night's lodging. All
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is offered do to the amazing
low price. Call 615-385-0073
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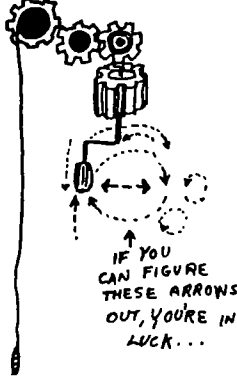
Howdy Linda,
I come from the land of the
Cool Mother Fuckers, in the city
of beer, in the church of the
ex-minister (see UU World around
October '74. I'm not sure of
the date), and I come to answer
your outcry. Please reply,
Mark



Rabbit - This is that blond
chick who keeps following you
around- please send me the wor-
ds (and chords if you have
them) to that song we sang at
tri-fed's worship service. I
think it's called "circle game"
Love Quim, 909 Chapeau rd,
Jax, Fla, 32211.

To everyone at the intergen in
Iowa City. Thanx for helping to
restore my faith in LRY/UUA. I
had almost lost it. It's been
a long time since I was sorry to
leave a conference.
Pam

Lost: I new, dark blue sweat
shirt w/white mesh like inside
at Midwinter Conf. in Hartford
Conn. If found write Mio Rod-
ríguez 300 W. 108th st. N.Y.
N.Y. or cousin Liane Mckayle
217 Cypress, Brookline. Can he
returned to me at Springthing
or to Liane.



Perrin, -So sorry that I in-
timidated you. I'll take it
all more easily if we can
continue to correspond on a
friendly level. Please write
your friend, Beverly

Define LRY?

Can You Define LRY?

We're going to try. We have an "everybody" mailing list that has grown to include some 2,000 addresses in addition to the People Soup file. Though far from complete we would like to send these people something. Many of the addresses were sent to us by helpful ministers and Religious Education Directors; hence, many of the youth know little or nothing about LRY.

We are planning to do a newspaper that would be sent to all. We plan to mail 3,000, 700 will be inserts in People Soup and the rest will go third class. They will be done in newsprint in a similar format to People Soup. We want lots of black and white photographs (pictures are worth a 1,000 words) of LRYers doing things. We need your articles and suggestions. Think about what characteristics make LRY special of different and choose one of them to write about. But let's be careful not to sound like "one way" orators. It would defeat our purpose to be alienating.

Another People Soup!

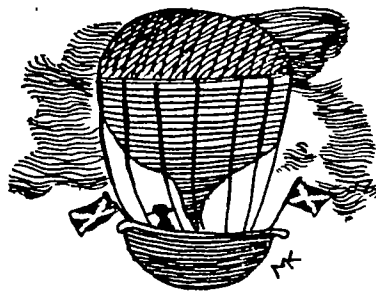
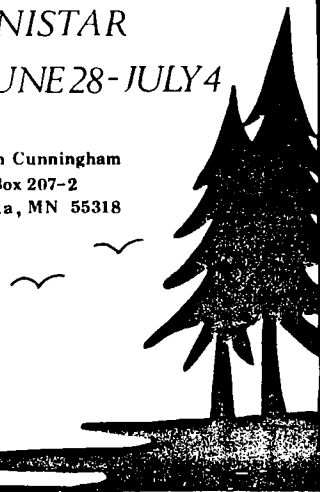
Each issue is easier than the last. Our materials are now organized in a more accessible and compact manner (necessitated by our small office), and our layout is developing more continuity. We've established some format by regulating column widths, adding borders, using a standard logo by the page numbers, and keeping certain articles in certain places. This enables us to begin layout earlier as we know that Patches will belong at the bottom of page 5, or that Fed Ups and Downs will be on page 11. Our volunteers are becoming more comfortable about understanding what is expected and each of the 4 of us are attaining more efficiency through the added structure.

We were ready to put out an issue in January but there was no material. We had one letter for Bio Feedback and a leftover article that hadn't fit into the December issue. After sitting over the layout table for a day with exacto knife in one hand and glue in the other, we realized that we had to back up to the pen and scratch paper stage. We wrote articles and scrounged around until we received material from other organizations. We begged articles and letters out of our house guests and friends, and one whole month later we were ready.

Sure, we could have slopped some Soup together in January, but do you want that? We have a lot of other work that demands our time and we just can't do it regularly without your articles, letters, and graphics. Please, please, help make this a better paper with every issue.

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Slide Show

Every year LRYers attend General Assembly, and keep themselves present and visible in some way, by maintaining a booth or a sample room, having a practica or possibly a worship service. Our previous LRY displays have amounted to little more than literature on a table and LRYers hanging about in a random fashion.

This year, we're hoping to host more inclusive and inviting programs. We're taking a lot of care to see that our sample room, practica and worship service attract people, young and old, who are new to LRY or who have always skipped our programs because of their limited focus and lack of coherency. We're trying new things this year in our entertainment as well as through the Youth Caucus. We'll have an evening room, coffee house style, for friends of LRY with LRYers creating the music and providing wine, cider, and cheese.

We also want to express LRY through media we haven't used before. One way will be through an ongoing slide show. We're looking for slides showing LRYers doing things, indoors and out, at local group meetings, social actions projects, conferences, worship services, and church. Though we'll gladly accept slides as a gift, we will pay for them. If you have further ideas about youth participation at General Assembly write to: Youth Caucus

25 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass. 02108.

No Symbol

We neglected to announce in our last issue that we received some 20 or 25 votes in regards to the symbol. The majority chose to have no symbol. The response was so small that nothing has really changed. Many feel that those who didn't vote didn't want a symbol, while others argue that the vote was influenced by the only two articles concerned with the issue. They appeared on the same page as the symbols and they both encouraged people to vote No.

Continue to choose your own symbols for your own LRY identity, or continue to fight to unite us all behind one. Do what you like and what you can, for no more talk of it will be instigated from this end.

LRY News Service

On occasion, we receive newspapers from various federations. There are five who have sent us issues and at least seven more who've expressed a desire to publish their own. All complain of the great difficulty involved in procuring articles.

The Continental Office is eager to help out. We're beginning a news service. Most of the papers we've seen are done on mimeo. We can send you electric stencils of any material that you have received in packets.

We will forward to you any relevant articles we receive from other organizations that are relevant to your area. We will send you camp advertisements from other feds. If you have an article or advertisement that you would like to share, or if you want to participate, write LRY News Service
25 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

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When you publish your paper, send us 10 copies and we will distribute them among the other editors for common use.

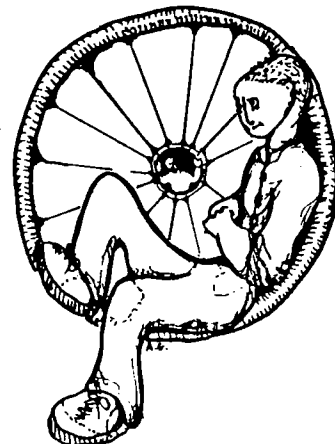


Affiliation Article

Federations, locals, and regional organizations tend to change very rapidly because the people in them leave and enter LRY over such a short period of time. Because of this, feds (and locals and regions) go through many sharp "ups" and "downs". Sometimes they pull out of the "downs", but sometimes they "die", disappearing completely. In order to balance this out, there's got to be some sort of renewing principle in LRY, so that LRY will be able to keep growing, since feds can't come into being by themselves, someone has to get them going again.

In other words, feds are not totally independent bunches of people. But is that so surprising? Part of being in LRY is the experience of working with--and depending on--other people. The separate feds and locals all form a loose-knit community, which depends on everyone's support to keep it going. In the last year alone, this community helped to revive two whole federations that didn't have enough energy to pull together on their own. LRY did this through its elected executive committee, which made phone calls, gave badly needed advice and sent people traveling to the feds to help. This same committee helped countless local groups and federations to avoid slipping down into a "dead" situation. All of this was made possible by the caring and involvement of the strong feds that elected this committee and told them to help build up the weak feds.

This community has done even more than this in caring for individual members, locals, and feds. In a three-year (1969-72) period, the LRY community, through its elected Board, gave over \$5,608.00 in unrestricted money to different feds and regions. Though some may question the wisdom of this policy, there is no denying that the existence of this money must have helped to keep some LRYs on their feet during some difficult times. For example, the New England (note: now North Eastern) Regional Organization (NERO) received over \$1200.00 of this money during the time that it was just getting started, and an additional \$560.00 two years after that. Of course it is impossible to say for sure what would have happened without that money, but it is a safe bet that NERO, which is right now \$500.00 in debt, would not be nearly as strong an organization as it is today, and that just possibly NERO might not exist at all. Multiply this by all the other feds and regions (GLURC, SLUT, and PURE are regions that all died out despite money and help from LRY, to name but a few) over a



BIOFEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

Dear LRY:

In working on the Traveling Circus proposal I found many questions in need of answering. The letters I received were too vague for my purposes now and it's extremely difficult to write everyone personally and ask. So here I am in People Soup. I want everyone to consider--all you need is 1/2 an hour, a ten-cent stamp and a pen and paper. So come now, these are not toughies. Answer on a personal basis, please:

1. What is LRY?
2. What good is LRY to the LRYer, the advisor, and the Parent?
3. What good is LRY to each church?
4. What good is LRY to the community?
5. What good is LRY to the UUA?
6. How can the Circus answer these questions in a direct, supportive, and enjoyable way?
7. How can the circus give every prospective, new and old LRYer the sense of belonging, need, equality and security that LRY should give? (this is not only for the Circus)
8. What are some direct ways that anyone interested in LRY can help strengthen and support it?

My address is: Regina Wooden
105 High St.
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

Dear LRY,

I have decided to move from the L R Y apartment in Boston back to my home town, Toronto. The reasoning which led me to this decision is as follows.

There has long been a certain stereotype, and one which borders on being a stigma, attached to anyone who seeks this organization's highest office. Old traditions die hard, and the image of Super LRYer is a hard one to shake off. The prevailing opinion which people seem to hold is as follows; "That person is cosmic, beautiful and meaningful, and is equipped to handle any crisis be it physical or spiritual. S/He is easy to live with, not demanding of personal time or space, and is capable of making fast friends with anybody. We'll send that person to Boston, and they'll live in groovy peace and harmony forever."

Unfortunately, there are very few people who fit such a demanding set of prerequisites. The hope of Youth springs eternal, tho, and every year a new crop of people are plunged into the LRY-UUA-Boston environment, to either sink or swim.

And every year, someone sinks, one way or another.

I was elected to serve LRY this year, and took on this new commitment with a verve and hopefulness that I reserve for only a few of the things in my life which I find really important. It's very easy to forget about elements in one's personality when one seeks to become a part of this milieu, and that unfortunately, has caused the chain of events which has culminated in my decision.

We all feel that the most positive steps possible have been taken to ensure that the four of us fulfill our mandates, both individually and collectively. By leaving Boston,

I will relieve a considerable part of the pressure from the office and the apartment, and by this action make this year's executive committee far more constructive and productive.

It is no secret that previous Executive Committees have suffered from intense personality struggles and interpersonal differences. The upshot of such destructive dynamics is (generally) a group of four wasted, cynical people, who are tired of their jobs and each other by year's end. By changing some of the elements of the dynamic the overall picture should be brightened.

Rather than resign, it is my intention to go back to Toronto and conduct my business from there. The move will facilitate my

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Dear Whomever--

They say when you're "hot under the collar", write three letters before you mail. The first one burned to a crisp before I'd had time to finish. The second was too scorched to be accepted at the PO, but this one has been tuned down to where I think it will get to Boston intact.

Being born and raised in a liberal UU home, having experienced college and fraternity life "fully", raising two teenage sons in a completely open discussion home and having taught junior high school for a goodly number of years, I feel qualified to speak my piece.

First--the "paper", People Soup contained the worst report I ever expect to read. Even my sons, neither of whom could be called "hot-house flowers" reacted with "gross". How the UU can possibly condone such actions and have the nerve to let it be put into print is way beyond me and many others.

What others do for kicks, how they handle their sexual life and their personal views on politics matters little to me, but there is a line where sane, sincere, and truly intellectual people stop.

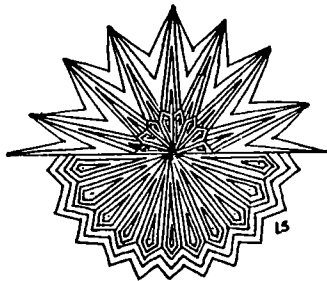
If this course of action is condoned and allowed to continue, the UU might as well pick its grave site now for more and more of us are finished supporting sexual orgies, smelly, doperidden KOOKS, fairy dells, etc, with our hard earned money.

I could never embrace the "Bible Banger" view-point, but I and many more can lock-up the purse as we did on the leftist political stand and simply stop all support until someone at 25 Beacon Street regains and shows some responsible leadership.

Time has run out--do we move forward with a positive program or continue the downwardslide? You'd better poll the "people out in the provinces" or we'll end up with a disaster that makes Watergate look like a Victorian teaparty.

My "Rasputin" as I call him attended one campus meeting and informed me that was enough; he couldn't hack the bunch. I don't pry, but hope the UU plea wasn't turning kids off because of the likes of the "Canadian Capers".

Hopefully Constructive,
J.Q.M.



Dear Souper People,

I don't know how the rest of the country feels, but I am wondering where those climax dances, on the last night of the conference went.

I am 1/3 of a rock/blues/? band that is trying to break out. We are not into the money trip that goes with being a top name band. (We do charge, but we're not expensive.) We do 95% our own music, no top 40.

I hereby apply for position as an official L.R.Y. Band, to play at conferences, Rallies and anything else. To begin in and around the Ohio area until such time occurs that we are able to go cross country.

We expect to Rock Out at the Columbus mid-winter conference after which I will ask someone to write up a review. If interested write to L.R.Y. Lives!! Lightning.

39 E. 13th Ave.
Cols, Ohio, 43201



Dear Soup,

I just noticed that the lightbulb that hangs in a cloud over my head was glowing. The illumination began with thought that is possibly only relevant to NERO, because of the unique proximity of our federations, but my conclusion does relate to all LRY as I know it.

The chain reaction of ideas started with the oft-stated phrase "so and so is having a conference next weekend". That's a simple enough statement on the surface, but the implications...

1. so and so is a good friend or well known LRYer (I consciously avoid the term "super LRYer")

2. since so and so is a good friend well known, the conference unquestionably will be a good conference
 - a. the chairperson is going to put on a good time for his/her friends, and perhaps for anyone else who happens by.

3. the conference will be readily available to any transient LRYer, as NERO roads tend to lead to Mass.

Let me pause here to say that I have nothing against friends, faith in one's friend's conference planning ability, people who travel by the state of Massachusetts.

I think/ in my opinion/ from my observation, LRYers are going with expectations of a "pre-fabricated, good" conference, leaving all of the pre-fab arrangements to the conference committee, especially the chairperson. If we stop to think a minute, we will realize that there is no foundation for such expectation. We all know of conferences that have looked great in the planning stages, but have fallen through when faced with "reality" and at the same time, we know of scantily and at the same time, we know of poorly planned conferences that have been successful. Then, too there are conferences that reflect the degree of planning that went into them, large or small.

My point is that LRYers are going to a conference expecting it to happen without input of their positive energy. This relates to the fed-ers as well as non-fed-ers. Workshops are expected to come off, meals cooked dishes washed, church services planned, business meetings to flow, fears to be dissolved and love to grow and prosper as the result of the committees blood and sweat. Granted, the committee was formed to guide the conference; but LRYers must realize that they are the ones who ultimately will define its course, success and/or failure.

I've always maintained that LRY has the power to do anything that it sets its mind to doing, and that we literally have a whole world to work with. We are LRY and we are solely responsible for the utilization or stagnation of our energy, our bodies and our minds. By sitting back and expecting a good show to be put in front of our eyes, we are forcing our exec. comms. and conference committees into the role of circus performers. We are separating ourselves into segments and losing sight of our goals and the potential to reach them. We are LRY, and it will be our own apathy or enthusiasm that will determine the length and breadth of our life span. The time is now; live or die.

With determination and hope,
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