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It was just six short years ago at Port Huron, Michigan, that the militant and defiant Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into existence. This group, composed mostly of college students, has become the largest and most disruptive group of campus agitators in the country as evidenced by their leadership during the recent disturbances at Columbia University.

While SDS has no real ideology of its own, it does have strong Marxist, existentialist and nihilist overtones. It philosophizes rebellion against conformity, established institutions and society. American society, it claims, is corrupt and beyond salvation and representative democracy is a failure.

In the SDS anti-Viet Nam war activities a prime target is military service, especially the draft. SDS is striving to promote resistance to the draft, discourage military and industrial recruiting on the campus and ban military related research by colleges and universities. The over-all aim of SDS is the total and radical student autonomy of American universities.

SDS appears to have a preference for the State of Michigan. Not only was the founding convention of this group held in Port Huron but the 1965 national convention was held in Kewadin; the 1967 national convention was held on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor and the recently held 1968 convention was at Michigan State University, East Lansing.

It was at the 1965 national convention in Kewadin that the then National Secretary of SDS, C. Clark Kissinger, offered a proposal so radical that it was dubbed "Kissinger's Kamikaze". In order to force a "political trial" which would make the Government defend its "immoral acts in Viet Nam", Kissinger advocated that SDS members deliberately violate the Espionage Act of 1917 as well as certain parts of the Military Code of Justice and certain provisions

of the Smith Act of 1940.

The rebellion of members of SDS against society is often reflected in repulsive living habits. Personal hygiene is frequently ignored and beards, long hair, and odd fitting and garish outfits are the usual attire.

SDS claims 35,000 members on more than 200 campuses and about 800 delegates, representing chapters from New England to Hawaii, Michigan to Texas, attended its recent national convention in East Lansing, Michigan. The entire convention was conducted before plain red and plain black flags—symbols of the worker-student struggle—and the Stars and Stripes were never in evidence.

One result of the deliberations of this convention is the decision to have "an alliance between students and workers—like in France". It was reported by Carl Davidson, SDS national secretary, that an undisclosed number of SDS members are taking summer jobs in the big city factories and will live in blue-collar neighborhoods. "We will learn how the workers think and how they live," Davidson said. "Then we can organize." The overall objective for the coming year will expand its movement "to uncommitted students, to high school students and to workers, hippies, the American poor, college, trained professionals and American GI's." Added to this is the public statement by a leading spokesman of this group that he is a Marxist and that, "We are working to build a guerilla force in an urban environment."

There were only a few major resolutions passed by this convention and one of them calls for infiltration of the armed forces, "to initiate and support activities for creating a radical political conscience" among servicemen.

Among the 800 delegates attending this convention, there was a sizeable number controlled by the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) which sought to influence the politics of the Students for a Democratic Society. However, the new left retained control, although PLP "came extraordinarily close to electing a member to the organization's 11-member National Interim Committee, accord-

BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Nov. 4 — Initiation of new members. Post Affairs Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Regular Post meeting is at 8:30.

SATURDAY, Nov. 9 — 50th Anniversary Dinner at 6 p.m.

MONDAY, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day. (Fly the Flag)

MONDAY, Nov. 18 — The mid-monthly Post meeting. Boys and Girls Staters reporting, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, Nov. 19 — The Blanchard Auxiliary meets at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, Nov. 23 — Jewish Night

MONDAY, Nov. 25 — Board of Directors to meet at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, Nov. 26 — County Legion meets at our Post at 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Nov. 28 — Thanksgiving Day (Fly the Flag)

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ing to the *Guardian* of June 22, 1968.

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, has described the SDS as a group which the Party has "going for us" and the Party is doing everything possible to infiltrate the SDS and the New Left Movement, hoping to obtain recruits.

Which brings us to the following interesting biographical sketch:

MARK RUDD

Mark Rudd is President of the Columbia University chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society which initiated the recent melee which disrupted this university of around 27,000 students.

In a letter to Grayson Kirk, president of Columbia University, he said:

"If we win, we will take control of your world, your corporation, your university and attempt to mold a world in which we and other people can live as human beings. Your power is directly threatened, since we will have to destroy that power before we take over."

What about the background of this fiery individual who sought to seize control of one of the largest universities in

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this country? According to an article appearing in the *Sunday Herald Traveler* of June 9, 1968, he is 20 years old and was a junior last year at the university. Rudd is from a middle class home in Maplewood, New Jersey, and has an older brother who is now a lawyer. The event that has most influenced him politically was his introduction to the leaders of the campus chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, which was formed just two years ago. As he put it: "I had always had a humanist bent, but when I got to Columbia I started reading people like Marcuse and Lenin. Marcuse was very important to me. He made it clear that revolutions come from the will to revolution, which is itself a product of historical situation. Marcuse showed that within that process people can play a revolutionary role. Then I met these guys who were in S.D.S. They were people I could respect and I began to trust their views and opinions. I think people's minds are changed through personal contact. You trust people first and then accept their opinions."

It has been reported that Rudd's parents don't agree with him but, nevertheless, they are "100 percent behind him."

David S. Truman, Vice President of Columbia University, it is reported, had this to say of young Rudd:

"He is totally unscrupulous and morally very dangerous. He is an extremely capable, ruthless, cold-blooded guy. He's a combination of a revolutionary and an adolescent having a temper tantrum. No one has ever made him or friends look over the abyss. It makes me uncomfortable to sit in the same room with him."

50th Anniversary of The American Legion
Saturday, November 9, 1968
 (Details will be issued later)

Chairman: Win Robinson—World War I
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 Hue Stowes—Korea
 John Mullen—Viet Nam
 Keith Hubbard—WWI-II
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Chairman Hugh Stowers requests that anyone knowing a fellow Legionnaire who is sick or in the hospital, to call 439-3848. Also, in case of death please notify Commander Bill Campbell whose phone is 439-3398 or Hugh Stowers.

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But too much knowledge can be bad
 And ruin this wondrous world we'd had.
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The 3rd District Conference was held October 18 at the Holiday Inn in Troy. Attending from our Unit were President Maud Hafley; Child Welfare Chairman, Lee Hurley; Membership Chairman, Zen Campbell, Lee Hurley; Membership Campbell; Rehabilitation Chairman,

Gloria Broom accepted the office of Historian. We appreciate her willingness to continue in this position for another year.

On November 6th our Unit will sponsor the bingo party at the V. A. If you can volunteer to help that evening please meet on the 3rd floor at 6:45. Cookies are also needed, the delicious home made kind or the man-size bakery type. If you can't attend, the cookies can be left with Esther Cooke at Mullen's Pharmacy.

The next party for the veterans will be held November 22nd on the 4th floor. Volunteers again will meet at the hospital at 6:45.

One of the most rewarding of all experiences at the V.A. is working at the Gift Shop. November 25th and 26th are the dates set aside for writing the parcel post labels. Please meet in the lobby at 9:30 a.m. with walking shoes on and pen in hand. The Gift Shop will be staffed the 2nd and 3rd of December. It's a repetitious request, but won't you please come again to help? After that you can relax and have your own Merry Christmas.

The next monthly meeting will be November 19th. A report on the 3rd District Conference will be given by those who attended.

Shuffleboard

The Shuffleboard League reports good progress and having fine turnouts. They have 27 members signed up and the turnouts is very good. We hope to have a good banquet some time in March.

Sick Call

Now in the Albany Hospital are Don McIntyre and Harold Jorgenson. Take a minute and drop them a card, or better yet, pay them a personal visit.

Auxiliary Calendar

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 6—Bingo Party at V.A. 6:45 p.m. (3rd floor)

FRIDAY, Nov. 15—County Meeting at 8:00 p.m. Place to be announced.

TUESDAY, Nov. 19—Regular Monthly Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, Nov. 22—Birthday Party at V.A. 6:45 p.m. (4th floor)

MONDAY, Nov. 25—Addressing Labels at V.A. 9:30 (Lobby)

AND

TUESDAY, Nov. 26—

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TO REPORT

Blanchard Post Boys' State Delegate George Foot will make his report to the Post at the mid-monthly meeting on November 18.

George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Foot of 36 McCormack Road, Slingerlands.

To do honor to this alert young man and this fine American Legion project of such great import to the youth of today who are tomorrow's American leaders it is your duty, if you have free time to hear his personal report to you and your American Legion Post.

The American Legion Boys' State is set up as a workshop democracy — a learning experience where boys from throughout the state and in similar programs throughout the nation, learn the functions through direct participation. Soom 1,000 boys from every part of the state attended the 1968 Boys' State of New York during the week of June 23—June 29 at State University, Morrisville.

Boys' State operates as a miniature republic, with each boy as an active citizen of the state. The government operates on three levels: the city, the county, and the state—each level having its own executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Elections are held in each of 30 cities of the state to determine the members of the city government such as the mayor, the city councilmen, and the municipal judges. Once the city has been organized elections are held in each of the 10 counties determining the Board of Supervisors and the county judges. These governments are structured and run along the same lines as the local community, the exception being that the government is run by boys themselves: passing laws, enforcing regulations, and prosecuting offenders in full jury trials. However, it was in the state governmental elections that Boys' State blossomed into a meaningful experience in real government. For there the political conventions were begun, complete with flag-waving and favorite sons, vote-swapping and political "deals" made under the table — all resulting in a slate of candidates and a political platform aimed at winning the state elections. Then followed the wild, screaming campaigns: posters and fliers everywhere, soapbox



"The Kick Off"

Your Building Fund Committee needs block captains for its team to solicit pledges.

This is a job that has to be done, but can be made easy if you will volunteer an hour of your time.

Your Committee is holding a meeting on Friday night, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. and another meeting on Monday night, November 11, at 7:30 to give you information and instructions.

Please be a volunteer and attend one of these meetings. We will not burden you with a lot of work.

Remember, "many hands make a light load!"

Twenty Week Award Club

The dinner dance of the Club will be held, for members only and their guests, on Saturday, November 2, at the Post Rooms. The first sitting for the pot roast dinner will be at 6 p.m. with the meal prepared and served by local restaurateur 'Jim' Tool. Dancing starts at 9 p.m. with music by Keith Witter & his band.

Membership

NOW is the time for all Legionnaires to come to the aid of "their Post" and pay their dues for 1969! Statements have been mailed to all members and to date 291 have responded. Lets cooperate and get your checks in the mail today.

speeches in mass rallies, radio broadcasts, and candidates' names spelled out on the face of a building in letters 10 feet high. And finally, the election, the focal point of the preceding days of hysteria.

This is where Boys' State comes alive in the mechanics of the operation, in the work, in the confusion, in the involvement, in the functioning as a whole — as a state. The lesson, quite vividly shown at Boys' State, is that any government, whether it be national, county, or city, is only what the citizens make it.



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We have the plans, the building committee, the blessings of the membership and of your Legion Directors. What do we need? *We Need Your Financial Help* in putting our fund raising over the top!

Your "Every Member" Finance Committee chaired by George Butman and assisted by Al Greenwood and Fay Walworth and Ralph Butler, have held two meetings with the "Block Captains" and you will soon be contacted by one of these hard working Legionnaires. Make it easy on him, for he has volunteered, not only of his time, but of his personal pledge to put this drive over. Welcome your caller, and give this some serious thought, in advance of the call, so that you are ready to make a generous tax deductible donation to the Post Building Fund. Remember, pledges can be paid on the installment plan, if you so desire. Your "Block Captain" will give you the necessary Pledge Card to complete, with a receipt for any cash or check paid at the time of the first call.

Remember—we need cash—not promises, so don't procrastinate—each caller must bring back your Pledge Card, for

the success of this drive for pledges will determine the bank's willingness to loan us the balance needed to complete the financing of this, Post 1040's greatest (and best) undertaking.

By helping the Post, you help yourself and your community, for Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post is truly the center of our community. So please receive your caller graciously and "give 'til it feels good", and remember, next April 15, 1969, you will not only have a nice tax deduction, but the heartfelt thanks of your Building Committee and your Finance Committee and your fellow Legionnaires, who have worked hard to make this project an overwhelming success.

JEWISH NIGHT

One of our most enjoyable party evenings last year was our first "Jewish Night" in which popular Jerry Romano emceed, the entertainment and dancing, Sid Kaplan and Morey Maskin supervised the exceedingly delicious hot and cold Jewish-style buffet.

On Saturday night, November 23, the Blanchard Post will do it again with the same committee, the same entertainment and band and the same menu which met with such approval last year. Drool over this bill of fare!

- Buffet Dinner served from 7:30 to 9:00. Donation \$3.50 per person.
- Herrings in Cream and Wine Sauce
- Kosher Dill Pickles
- Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres
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Open House

Commander and Mrs. William Campbell, Legionnaires, their wives and guest are invited to attend the Open House at the Veterans Administration Hospital, December 1st between 2 and 4 p.m. A prominent feature of the afternoon will be the display in the Gift Shop. Auxiliary members will be their to guide you and to explain the history and their involvement in the Gift Shop.

'Basket of Cheer'

At the October meeting tickets were distributed for the 'Basket of Cheer'. The lucky winner will be named the night of the Tinsel Ball, December 14th. If you haven't received your booklet please phone Marcia Rosenfield, (439-6225). We are making an extra special appeal to those members who were not at the last meeting and who have the opportunity to contact co-workers for a contribution to obtain several booklets. Your willingness to help will be appreciated.

Holiday Fun

Circle it red and green on your calendar or paste a candy can next to it — December 17. That's the date for our annual Christmas Dinner Party. Prior to publication of the Auxiliary News we haven't decided the restaurant to which we will bring our merriment, but it will be the best on the list of those we've investigated. So plan ahead—reserve the date—December 17th.

DECISION SALUTED

Following letter Commander Campbell sent last month speaks for itself: The Honorable T. Paul Kane Justice of the Supreme Court Third Judicial District Albany, N. Y.

Dear Justice Kane:

Your recent decision in upholding the Averill Park School Board in its action in dismissing a school teacher who re-

fused to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag has by resolution at our October 7 meeting of this Post met with high favor.

The resolution, adopted unanimously by the more than quorum present, said: "In these days when we have become accustomed to judicial decisions which appear to be making a breach in what was formerly recognized as patriotic principles it is good to witness a member of our State Supreme Court take the stand which has been taken by Justice T. Paul Kane. Such judicial acumen deserves acclaim. For that purpose we resolve to call upon our Post Commander to send a message of congratulations to Justice Kane for his decision in this matter."

It is my pleasure to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Sincerely,
William J. Campbell
Post Commander

To commemorate the golden year of The American Legion Blanchard Post is sponsoring a "birthday" dinner at the Post on Saturday, November 9 at 6:30.

Planning for the occasion is under the chairmanship of WW I vet, Winthrop P. Robinson, who was the prime mover in getting Blanchard Post organized 38 years ago. Co-chairmen for the dinner are: WW II vet and a former Blanchard Post Commander, Charles J. O'Hara; Korea vet and presently Vice Commander and Membership Chairman Hugh W. Stowers; and Viet Nam vet and currently Sergeant-at-Arms John Mullen.

"In keeping with the mandate given at the 1968 National Convention in New Orleans this affair is, to the best of my knowledge, the first in our area to celebrate the fiftieth year of The American Legion," says Chairman in. "I hope our Post will have other events during this year to especially mark the ascendancy of this great organization dedicated to the welfare of all veterans."

The American Legion, relates Past Commander Robinson, had its origin at Base Hospital No. 2 in Paris. It was here that the son of former United States President Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., a lieutenant-colonel at the time, was a patient at the hospital. He gathered together a score of AEF officers who; like he, felt there was a need for when they returned to the States to have an organization for all who served their country in the armed forces during war time. On March 15, 1919, there was held the organizational meeting. This has become the birthdate of what became The American Legion. At that meeting a caucus was scheduled for May 5, 1919, at St. Louis, Missouri, and from that gathering was planned the first convention of The American Legion which took place

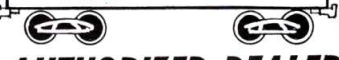
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It was 10 years later that Win Robinson moved to Delmar from Albany. He was with the N. Y. Telephone Company from which he has since retired. He had been a founder and charter member of the Herman Silverstein American Legion Post in Albany having been a WW 1 buddy of Herman Silverstein. When Win moved to Delmar he came in new surroundings but by using the telephone directory he made a systematic solicitation of prospective Legionnaires. Early in the summer of 1930 about 35 vets responded to Win's call and they met at the Elsmere Firehall. After their initial meeting several meetings were held at the Delmar Grade School, a charter was issued and the following year Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post No. 1040 with about 50 members celebrated the laying of the cornerstone in the building we now occupy.

Besides Win who became the first commander of Blanchard Post, the only other surviving officer of his regime is George M. Fowler was a vice commander. The other vice commanders were Otto de Heus and Frederick W. Whitney. Fred Dysinger was adjutant and Harry S. Keelan, the banker, was the finance officer.

Honoring those dedicated individuals, which includes one woman, who were inspired by Win Robinson and the future of the American Legion, is a framed list of the names of the Charter Members of Blanchard Post which hangs on the wall of the side room on the upper floor of the Post.

General Carr to Speak

Besides taking the lead in marking the American Legion's golden year there are other reasons for the November 9th occasion, reports the Anniversary Dinner Committee. It is timely for it comes close to the holiday which is reverently remembered by the remaining "Dough-boys" as Armistic Day—November 11. Since that day has been re-named Veterans Day it has lost much of its meaning. Also, having the dinner celebration at this time makes it convenient for those World War I vets who have become accustomed in their retirement years to go to Florida and other southern lands of warmth and relaxation.

The dinner, it will be ham, will be catered by Anna Mae White. Tickets are two dollars and fifty cents per person. Because of seating limitations of a hundred and twenty-five it was decided by the committee to have the dinner open only to veterans, whether or not they are of the American Legion and Blanchard Post and this includes women veterans of our Country's war periods.

For World War I veterans who wish to attend but may have trouble getting transportation Co-Chairman Stowers will arrange for their transportation.

Tickets for the dinner are available from the committee members, officers of the Post and at the Post bar.

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