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See COME ON OVER TO YOUR OWN SIDE by MATT JONES & ELAINE LARON. Other Songs by MAL REYNOLDS, EMILIE GEORGE, DENNIS CAMPAGNA, DON MCLEAN, BERNICE REAGON, LOIS MORTON.

#### DYLAN BOB

An Interpretation of Bob's songs DEAR LANDLORD, ALL ALONG THE WATCH-TOWER and THE WICKED MESSENGER.

### ALAN WEBERMAN

Interprets John Lennon's FOOL ON THE HILL and Jim Morrison's LOVE STREET from The Doors' Waiting For The Sun.

(Ed.Note: Alan Weberman, who is writing a book interpreting Bob Dylan's lyrics, did a long piece on this "Dylanology" in  $\underline{B'Side}$  # 93. It aroused widespread interest. Below Alan explores some of the similar radical ideology he finds in the songs of the BEATLES and JIM MORRISON of The Doors; Alan considers Jim second only to Dylan as a creator of revolutionary rock lyrics).

THE GATES OF LENNON & OPENING THE DOORS

By Alan J. Weberman

## • I DIG ROCK AND ROLL MUSIC

PAUL STOOKEY JAMES MASON DAVE DIXON

(As recorded by Peter, Paul & C'Copyright 1967 by Pepamar Mary/Warner Bros.)

I dig rock 'n' roll music I could really get it on in that scene I think I could say sumthin' If you know what I mean But if I really say it the radio won't play it Unless I lay it between the lines.

Bob Dylan's SUBTERRANEAN HOMESICK BLUES will proably go down in pop history as the most important single of the 60's. This 2 minute-17 second reworking of Chuck Berry's TOO MUCH MONKEY BUSINESS was the first so-called "protest song" with a hard rock beat and fairly obscure lyrics to go anywhere on the national charts. Now, almost 4 years later, we find that many other rock performers are into similar bags.

Dig John Lennon -- Lennon has always been somewhat more radical than the railroad mass media performer. For example, in a Playboy interview, he once made the statement that the Beatles were more popular than Christ. This was too much for a lot of Americans and many Southern radio stations held Beatles record bonfires and there was even talk of a blanket air play ban on their discs. Lennon must have learned what Dylan had learned when he wasn't allowed to sing TALKIN' JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BLUES on The Ed Sullivan show. Namely, that although Americans are guaranteed freedom of speech in the Bill of Rights, when it comes to the corporate owned and sponsored mass media they have ro cool themselves out. So John modified his contention -- saying he really meant that rocknroll was more popular than Christ -and was allowed to continue to do his thing with only an occasional censorship hassle. DAY IN THE LIFE (Sergeant Pepper's) was banned by the BBC.)

But as Lennon nade the transition from song-writer to poet, he, like Dylan, found he could say things in his new songs which he couldn't even dream of saying in interviews or in his earlier, more literal, songs, since his lyrics now had become too far removed from prose for the disc-jockeys and station programmers to "get into".

Take FOOL ON THE HILL.\* I think this poem is about Vietnam. Dig it, instead of drawing allusions from the Bible and Greek mythology as many of the more academically oriented poets of the past did, Lennon's symbolism often comes from the Pop Culture. I think the Fool is the same Fool who appeared in Pete Seeger's THE BIG MUDDY, an anti-war song literal enough to get it banned from the Smothers Bros.on CBS, and which contained the lines "We were neck deep in the big muddy/ But the big FOOL said to push on." Normally I wouldn't use so esoteric a reference when dealing with a pop phenomenom but when CBS banned the song a hassle ensued which received international publicity in the music world.

\*I know some Beatle songs are listed as by LENNON-McCARTNEY but their styles are different and I think this is Lennon's work. AJW).

So Lennon's Fool is either -- depending on its context -- LBJ or a U.S. soldier in Vietnam, and the Hill is either Capitol Hill in Washington or a hill in Vietnam which has been turned into a battleground. "Day after day" (as long as the war drags on), "alone on a hill" (somewhere in Vietnam) "the man with a foolish grin" (a soldier who mistakenly thinks he has the situation in hand) "is keeping perfectly still" (isn't making a sound while waiting to ambush Charlie). "But no-body wants to know him" (know in this context is sarcastic, since if a member of the NLF 'knows' a G.I. he will probably get shot)) but "they can see that he's just a fool" (although he's not making a sound the Cong can see their enemy) "and he never gives an answer" (he never gets a chance to answer the Cong's fire if they come upon him first).
"But the fool on the hill" (but LBJ) "sees the sun going down" (see's life being taken wholesale and hope for mankind disappearing) "And the eyes in his' head see the world spinning 'round" (along with the possibility of nuclear war and yet he continues to act out his insanity).

Verse 2: "Well on his way" (almost dead), "head in a cloud" (delirious), "The man with a thousand voices" (the universal soldier, although incoherent), " is talking perfectly loud" (is making it known that he is dying and needs help). "But nobody ever hears him" (but neither Washington, which shipped him to Vietnam, or the Cong will help him) "or the sound he appears to make" (since the amorality of war has made him something less than human) "and he never seems to notice" (since his attention is consumed by the fear of instant death).

In the next two verses the fool on the hill becomes The Fool on the Hill (capitalized) so I think Lennon is now referring exclusively to LBJ.

Verse 3: "And nobody seems to like him" (LBJ is a very unpopular president) "They can tell what he wants to do" (plunge the world into war) "And he never shows his feelings" (and he doesn't seem to care).

Verse 4: "He never listens to them" (his critics)
"He knows that they're the fools" (he labels
them as 'peaceniks' and dismisses their arguments)
"They don't like him" (as arguments against his
person vis a vis his policy).

(Keep in mind while considering this interpretation that John Lennon starred in the anti-war flick HOW I WON THE WAR and dig the use of flutes and martial rhythms in the music refrains for THE FOOL ON THE HILL).

To the left of Lennon we find Jim Morrison of The Doors who writes both literal (e.g., THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER -- a 45 whose release had to be held up until a few months after the Tet Offensive) and figurative (e.g., LOVE STREET) anti-Establishment, pro-life poems. He is the only cat who "talks about destruction" and who has "a mind that hates" the power structure whose singles and LP's go to number one on the charts.

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PERILS OF SHOW BUSINESS, PART 7: The Beatles and the Rolling Stones are both supposedly having trouble with censors over the album covers on their new LPs (or is it just another "controversy" dreamed up by an astute PR man?) Beatles disc "Yellow Submarine" reportedly has a picture of John Lennon and his current girlfriend, Japanese experimental film-maker Yoko Ono, full-front in the altogether. Stones

platter, "Beggar's Banquet," shows a toilet (shades of Lenny Bruce!) with graffiti on the bathroom wall. The 'graffiti" is a cop-out, though. Only slogans sans four-letter words or sexual references. Decca, which distributes the Stones, has turned down the cover. The Beatles have more control of their product since they now have their own label, 'Apple.

(Pandora in the Oct. 26,1968 GUARDIAN, 197 E. 4th St., NYC, NY, 10009)

## Come On Over To Your Own Side



Come on over to your own side!
Come on over to your own side!
Come on over, Come on over,
Come on over to your own side!
(Clap hands 3 times)

to your own side

This ain't your war,
Come on over to your own side!
Who's it for?
Come on over to your own side!
You're just a tool,
Come on over to your own side!
For those that rule,
Come on over to your own side!

CHO: Come on over.come on over

Come on over to your own side!

(Clap 3 times)

Clap) 2. How many heads of banks, (Ref)

(Repeat refrain after each line, Repeat Cho. after each stanza)

How many heads of banks Are in your ranks? You carry guns For rich men's sons!

Hey brother, can't you see Your enemy? It's those up high For whom you die! You spill your blood In the mud While Johnson's friends Get dividends!

Why should you lose your soul
For Johnson's goal?
He has no right --

LBJ to hell
A. W. O. L.
Black and white
Refuse to fight!

Just appetite!

Black and white Refuse to fight! Black and white Refuse to fight!

## Antiwar Coffeehouses Delight G.I.'s but Not Army

(Clap, clap,

By DONALD JANSON
Special to The New York Times

COLUMBIA, S. C. — There was a hush, followed by sustained applause, when the folk singer Barbara Dane finished the antiwar "Ballad of Richard Campos" one night recently. The clapping was more prolonged when she put down her guitar after delivering the bitter words of Bob Dylan's protest called "Masters at War."

The trappings at the U.F.O. coffeehouse, from dim lights and red tablecloths to psychedelic posters, were no different from those in similar establishments in New York's Greenwich Village or Chicago's Old Town. But the atmosphere in the smoky room was decidedly antiwar, and many of the 65 patrons in the capacity crowd were soldiers of the United States Army.

This was by design. The U.F.O. was opened earlier this year by New Left activists who oppose the war in Vietnam. They opened it as a means of quickening dissent on Vietnam among G.I.'s leery of going there.

About 23,000 soldiers are stationed at Fort Jackson on the outskirts of Columbia. Many are draftees here for basic training.

Success in the coffeehouse effort has worried the Army and prompted intensive investigations.

Similar enterprises have been opened in Waynesville, Mo., near Fort Leonard Wood; Killeen, Tex., near Fort Hood, and Tacoma, Wash., near Fort Lewis.

Mr. Snipes said that the arrested youth, a civilian, wore a goatee and that the sleeves of his blue denim jacket were cut off at the shoulders.

To make matters worse, he said, the accused was in the company of an off-duty soldier who wore a pink shirt and a flower.

"We think these coffee houses are a Communist front," Mr. Snipes said.

"Ninety-five per cent of the people in the barracks hate the Army and oppose the war," said Craig Jonson, 21-year-old Seattle airman who recently drove 45 miles from the Shaw Air Force Base to the U.F.O.

Air Force Base to the U.F.O.
"I can express nothing but hostility for the military," said Sgt. William Tolan of Central Islip, L. I., also of Shaw. "The U.F.O. is an oasis."

WILI. THE BE-IN really make it onto the army base? Efforts to hip-up servicemen are spreading—like those chains of off-base coffee shops in army base towns. Now there are mutterings and whisperings of be-ins right on the bases. It's hard to tell if it will really happen, but the first one is supposed to occur at Fort Dix on November 3.

"The multiple wounds — the face, the arms, the legs — are the worst. My God, they're bad. I had no idea what it would be like when I got here. Somehow you don't expect to see an arm or a leg dangling. It's terrible, but you get used to it. You don't see this in a John Wayne movie, do you?"

. "So many guys' I know have been killed there," said the young officer. "Guys I knew from school went over there and came back in boxes. And for what?

By The Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 —
The Army and the Marine
Corps are now sending thousands of men back for involuntary second tours of duty in
Vietnam. The Army plans to return about 18,000 this year; the
Marines plan to return about
6,000.



(Ed.Note: This, apparently, is what delights the army)

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for me."

Vahlsing will build it CHO: Vahlsing will build it, etc.

Down in Augusta Vahlsing told the governor "There's a little matter of Prestile\* stream" And the boys in the Legislature sang as they declassified,

"Vahlsing pollutes it for you and for me.

Vahlsing pollutes it, Vahlsing pollutes it, etc.

(\*Pronounced "Presteel)

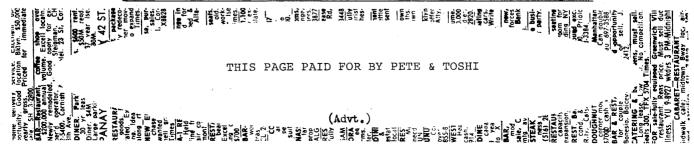
our new sewage plant, Vahlsing, etc.

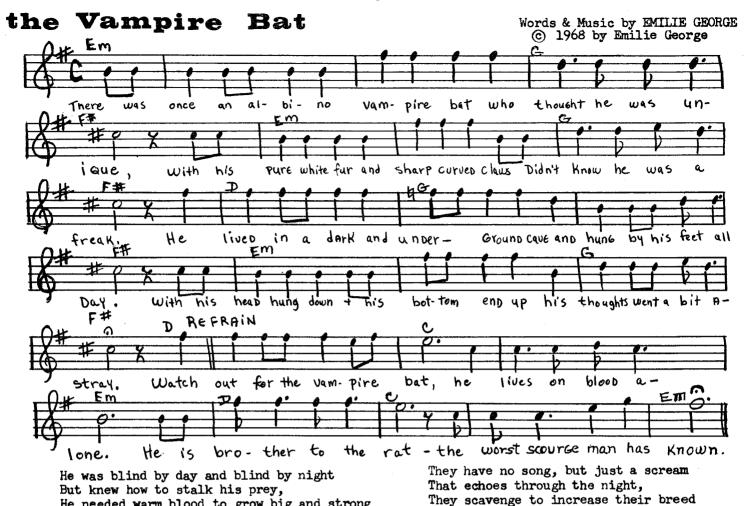
All will be well by 19 hundred seventy-six Meanwhile the smell helps to keep Maine green And the people down in Centerville have built themselves a swimming pool

Since Vahlsing's potato pollution is clean. CHO: Vahlsing's pollution, etc.

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"Prof. Sandy Ives, Maine folklorist, sends in this. A true story about a present day pollution battle; tune, of course, 'Waltzing Matilda.'" - Pete Seeger







Words & Music by DENNIS B. CAMPAGNA

Refrain





3.Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Lincoln and John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

He needed warm blood to grow big and strong

Refrain

And live in the vampire way.

He's a creature of the night

And since he's rarely seen

Some say that he's extinct

They say he's just a dream.

- 4. America, America, God shed his grace on
  - The bell of freedom cannot ring over the grave of Liberty.
- 5.0h the home of the brave and the land of the free
  - Where they shoot you in the back if you dare to disagree.

2.I don't want to stand for nothing in the home of the brave

Like harpies in their flight.

In the caverns of the mind

And feed upon mankind.

That in their blindness lurk

There are still albino vampire bats

'Cause if I do then I'll be murdered by the sniper.

- 6. Are you safe to speak your mind in the land of the free
  - And thus fall victim to the venom of the viper?
- 7. Can you dare to stand for something in the home of the brave?
  - If you do, then you'll be murdered by the sniper.
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Words & Music by DON McLEAN

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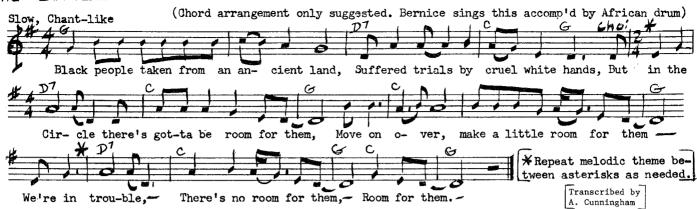
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3. There's a struggle in the moonlight
You can hear the frightened screams
The people just walk right on by
They can't neglect their dreams;
Next morning in the paper
They are sad to read the news
That a high school girl was murdered
And there aren't any clues;
They haven't found the killer
And the murder is unsolved
All because the witnesses
Refused to get involved;
Sermons preached on Sunday
Fall on Christians without ears

And the tragedies of life are seen Through eyes that shed no tears.

4. And the parents go to church and pray
Their daughter will be saved
But they don't know the times their daughter
Sat in church and craved;
The shadow from her coffin
Streams across the parlor floor
And the people, just like shadows,
Filter through the parlor door;
They blend into the darkness
And they clutch the gifts they bring:
Some flowers and some sadness —
And a monkey on a string.



Black people taken from an ancient land Suffered trials by cruel white hands CHO:

But in the Circle there's gotta be room for them

Move on over, make a little room for them We're in trouble, there's no room for them -- Room for them.

Little brown, with straight black hair In India land there's no food there. CHO:

He can't make it, there's no room for him
Move on over, make a little room for him
There'll be trouble, there's no room for
him - - Room for him.

Vietnamese with slanted eyes Fighting for their land, not standing by CHO:

We're in trouble cause there's no room for them

They can't make it if there's no room for them

In the Circle there's gotta be room for them

Move on over, make a little room for them -- Room for them.

Black Hawk, Cheyenne, Cherokee Seneca, Choctaw, noble Creeks

They can't make it, there's no room for them

In the Circle there's gotta be room for them

Move on over, make a little room for them There'll be trouble, there's no room for them - - Room for them.

White man, we know you don't know how To save the Circle, we tell you now: CHO:

Loose your hold, make a little room for all Circle break now, there's no room for all Move on over, make a little room for all It wont hurt you, make a little room for all There'll be trouble, there's no room for all

In this world now, there's gotta be room
 for all

We cant make it if there's no room for all In this world now, there's gotta be room for all (2X)

In this Circle, gotta be room for all (2X)
 - Room for all.

#### NEW YORK POST.

## **Lead Poison Cases Rising In the Slums**

OCTOBER 22, 1968

#### By JOSEPH KAHN

Lead poisoning cases among children in poverty areas are increasing at an "alarming" rate, latest city Health Dept. figures show.

In the past, about 500 cases had been reported annually, but in July and August alone 200 cases were discovered.

Lead poisoning, which can be fatal and is often crippling, is

a disease usually acquired by children who eat peeling plaster and paint.

The Health Dept. estimated that throughout the city there are as many as 18,000 undetected cases. A child may have lead in its body and still appear healthy, according to health authorities.

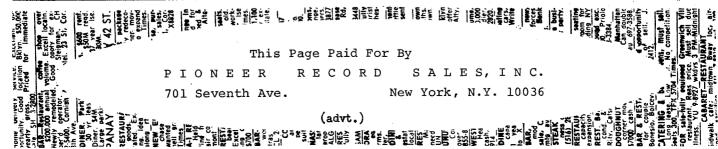
Because parents may not suspect lead poisoning, a child

might not be given medical attention. If the child survives, there is a good chance he may be mentally retarded or blind for life, the Health Dept. said.

On a recent radio broadcast Paul De Brul, housing director for University Settlement House, accused the city of "waging genocide" against Negro and Puerto Rican children. He blamed the city administration for allowing slum conditions to get worse and for not supplying enough new public housing.

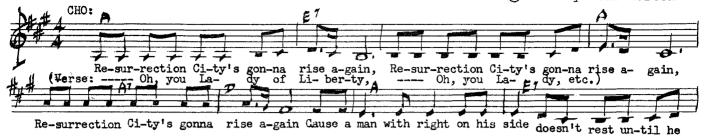
(See "Lead Poison On The Wall" by JIMMY COLLIER in Broadside # 70.)

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## Resurrection City

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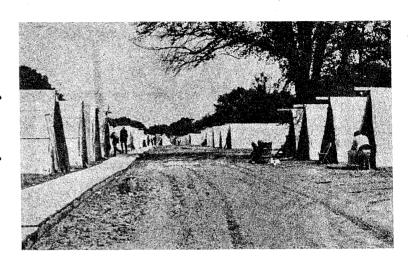
tries a- gain.

Oh you Lady of Liberty, Oh you Lady of Liberty Turn your eyes from the open sea Take a look at the land of the brave and the free.

Oh this land is rich indeed, Oh this land is rich indeed, Yes, this land is rich indeed Why are there so many people who can't have what they need? CHO: Oh Resurrection City, etc.

Oh the shame and the pity (3%)
When they smashed all the hope that was Resurrection City. CHO: But Resurrection City, etc.

Oh you men who hold the power (3X)
The time is near at hand when the poor will have
their hour. CHO: And Resurrection City, etc.





It's a long time I've been traveling
With no friend but the wind and the storm
You've been so kind, that if you don't mind
I'd like to stay a little longer where it's
warm,

I'd like to stay a little longer where it's warm.

There is something familiar about the place Many things that I seem to know
Like I might have been...Well you know
what I mean

Like I saw it all a long time ago, Like I saw it all a long time ago. I have no need to travel on Here is where I want to stay And if you feel too the way that I do I've come home and I'll never go away I've come home and I'll never go away.

"Sometimes a beautiful turn of phrase suggests a song, and this was the case with Stay A Little Longer. In the book Slouching Towards Bethlehem, author Joan Didion describes a session at Joan Baez's Workshop for Non-Violence. As the sky turns dark in the late afternoon, the students are all 'reluctant about gathering up their books, magazines and records, about finding their car keys and ending the day....' They would like to stay 'Just a little while longer where it is warm.'"

-- LOIS MORTON

Ed. Note: Broadside is proud to print the following songs which have grown directly out of our own neighborhood struggle for decentralization of schools. They were written (and are being vigorously sung!) by the teachers, pupils & friends of Joan of Arc J.H.S., together with Rev. Kirkpatrick who conducts the community song workshop. We print two songs in their complete form. If you'd like all the lyrics to the others, write Joan of Arc JHS, 154 W. 93 St. NYC.

COME TO SCHOOL

Tune: This Little Light of Mine

Everybody come to school, Joan of Arc is (3X)open,

to school.

Children eating in the dining hall, Joan (3X) CHO. of Arc is open

Teachers giving out home work, Joan of Arc. is open, (3X) CHO.

Parents bringing their kids in, etc.

Custodians cleaning the building, etc.

Erasers being dusted...

Smoke coming out of incinerators... Walk right by that picket line ...

Keep it open, gonna keep it open ...

Biscuits are rising & the bacon's frying

No matter what the "union" says... U.F.T. better get out of the way...

Don't you want to dig those books?...

We are open seven days ...

This is where it's really at ...

This is why we sing this song...

So everybody come to school...

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IT'S A BOURGEOIS SCHOOL Tune: Bourgeois Blues

Lord, it's a bourgeois school...000H It's a bourgeois school I got the Bourgeois Blues

I'm gonna spread the news all around.

Hey Brother Shanker, you must think we are fools/to keep sending our children to

We are tired of Dick, we are tired of Jane Little Sally Walker and all those other things. Lord, It's a bourgeois, etc.

You know, you wrote the script; you know, you wrote the book

When we get your education, man, we are took. Lord, it's a bourgeois, etc.

Forget about your tenure and your pension plan/ Think about the children in the turned off land. It's a bourgeois, etc.

You can sit in your office and smoke your long cigars/ But when you look out the window there we are. We got your bourgeois school, etc.

FIVE BOROUGHS IN THE CITY (in part) Tune: Twelve Gates To The City CHO: Oh what a troublesome city (3X) Five boroughs in the city, Hallelu

Bronx is in the North, Brocklyn in the South, Queens in the East, Manhattan & Staten in the West -- Makes 5 boroughs in the City, Hallelu Hallelu. CHO.

Cho: Come to school, come to school, come Who are those children cutside the school 5 boroughs in the City, etc.

They must be the children that Shanker fooled -- 5 boroughs, etc.

Where are those teachers children love so well...UFT has them down in hell... CHO.

Who are those people teaching right from wrong...Must be parents trying to bring things on ... CHO. \* \* \* \* \*

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS He's got the U.F.T. in his hands (3X)

But brother, he ain't got me He's got the bourgeoise in his hands, etc. He's got Mayor Lindsey, etc... The Wallace supporters...the ittie bittie students... troublesome teachers... whole sad mess... (end each: Brother he ain't got me.)

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CHILDREN, SING THIS SONG Tune: Oh Mary, Don't You Weep CHO: Come on children won't you sing along Come on children won't you sing along

UFT got drownded, Children, sing this song. Shanker stood by the school house door

Telling children don't come back no more UFT got drownded, etc.

Teachers yell about due process law But they don't come around here any more ... One o these mornings 'bout four o'clock City system gonna reel and rock....

If I could I surely would your bourgeois schools. Lord, It's a, etc Stand on the rock where Rhody stood.... \* \* \* \* \*

> There are others -- many more. We wish we had room for all of them. Incidentally, these songs are handled in the traditional good old "broadside" manner in that they are mimeographed by the workshop members and gotten out in the neighborhood within an hour or so after they are written .-- Ed.

#### LETTERS & NOTES

"Dear Pete (Seeger): I see about six pages of interpretation of Dylan's songs in Broadside #93. When songs have to be interpreted, they've already missed their mark as a medium of communication, and are merely sounds. I'm glad that Woody was never so vague."

ERNIE MARRS

"Dear Ernie: I tend to agree with you that it is silly to spend so many pages in B'side trying to interpret Bob Dylan's songs. However, I don't think it's entire\_; ly the song's fault, it's just the writer's short sightedness in thinking that songs have any one set of meanings as tho they were a code that had to be translated. The reason these songs are so great for me, and why I can listen to them over and over again, is that they take on flashes of new meaning with every new hearing. I do agree with you in that I think a song ought to have an immediate meaning to help the listener get with it. Thus, JOHN HENRY BARBARA ALLEN, GO TELL AUNT EHODY, all have immediate meanings although one can also listen to them hundreds of times and still get other meanings later on." PETE SEEGER

Ed. Comment: Writing songs in code to evade censorship, or worse, is nothing new. During Henry the 8th's rule several writer's made the mistake of attacking that tough old bastard straightaway in street song. The result was they found themselves drawn & quartered (that is chopped into four quarters like a broiling chicken). The pieces were spiked onto the four corners of London Bridge as a warning to other singing critics. From then on writing was done so disguisedly that the songs have come down to us as Childrens' rhymes (Mother Goose). Arthur Stern, onetime Almanac. sent us a whole article on this months ago and we still want to get it in when we have room. The Arthur Sterns or Alan Webermans of the future may one day have to point out that Pete Seeger's BIG MUDDY was not really only a song about some manuevers in Louisiana in 1941....

Speaking of Bob Dylan, there is a strange communication going on in his music and that of Tim Buckley....

Izzy Young's Newsletter gets more interesting all the while. In his newest, he again demands an explanation of Tom Paxton, Peter Paul & Mary, Judy Collins & Theodore Bikel (a lily white bunch), as to why they

allowed themselves to be advertised as Soul Folk in a recent N.Y. newspaper ad... Izzy is also "sick & tired" of Happy Traum, SING OUT Magazine's new editor, calling him, Izzy, "Bob Dylan's big, bad, bitter enemy. He should distinguish the difference between a critic who has the right to speak (me) and a scared resident of Woodstock (him) ... " It seems Happy lives up around Woodstock, N.Y., within a stone's throw of Bob's cabin. Izzy further expresses disgust with the interview in SING OUT between Happy, Bob, & John Cohen, calling it unhealthy, and the babbling of kids...You should subscribe to Izzy's newsletter. It is free. Just write to: Folklore Center, 321 6th Ave., NYC, N.Y. Along with Izzy's views, you get listings of upcoming people at his FOLKLORE CENTER FOLK FESTIVAL. For example, he's having: THE YOUNG TRADITIONS Nov 18

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STEVE GILLETTE -- Nov 19

THE PENNYWHISTLERS -- Nov 25

STEFAN GROSSMAN -- Dec 2

WINNIE WINSTON & DAVE BROMBERG -- Dec 9

BOB COHEN -- Dec 11

LOU KILLEN -- Dec 16

All at 8:30 pm, Adm - \$2.

Other Coming Concerts:
SANDY & CAROLINE PATON, McBurney YMCA
7th Ave at 23rd,NYC, 3pm, Nov 17. \$2.
To be preceded by a childrens' concert at 1 pm -- \$1.25.

PAT SKY & THE SMITH BROS., McBurney Y Nov 24, 2pm -\$2. FRANK WARNER, Dec 8 2pm at Seamens' Institute, NYC - \$2. These 3 concerts are presented by Bernie Klay. Info, CH3-1982 or 343-9575.

In BOSTON:

JACKIE WASHINGTON, Nov 22, Jordan Hall ENRICO MACIAS, Dec 1, Symphony Hall JUDY COLLINS, Dec 8, Symphony Hall ARLO GUTHRIE, Jan 17, Symphony Hall These concerts are sponsored by Manny Greenhill's FOLKLORE PRODUCTIONS, 176 Federal St., Boston, Mass. 02130. Ph 482-1827. CHICAGO: PETE SEEGER & REV.KIRKPATRICK, Orchestra Hall, Nov 22 & 23. PETE and KIRK will also be at N.Y.U., NYC, Dec 14.

DON McLEAN "The Hudson Troubador" (see his song in this issue), under the sponsorship of the New York Council on the Arts, met people of more than 30 Hudson communities this summer on his tour of the Hudson Valley. ... Singer-songwriter Don is 22. He says: "NYSCA has allowed me to sing almost anything I can find if I make it relative to the HUDSON and its problems."

Look at LOVE STREET on the Doors' latest LP, Waiting For The Sun. "She lives on Love Street" — let's start with the hypothesis that "She" is the federal government and "Love Street" is the U.S.A. So "She" — the federal government — "lives" (in the parasitical sense) "on Love Street" — on the people of America. "Lingers long on Love Street" (continues to hang on the moribund and very close to death). "She has a house and garden" (the White House and the Rose Garden). "I'd like to see what happens" (without "her" — when "she" has been overthrown).

"I see you live on Love Street" (I see you are a citizen of the United States). "There's the store where the creatures meet" (there's the Hall of Injustice where the robes and pigs -- creatures since they are less than human --mete out sentences). "I wonder what they do in there" (Sarcastic; I wonder how they determine who gets what sentence). "summer Sunday" (freedom) "and a year" (behind bars). "Guess I like it fine: (Morrison will only commit acts which get him fined), "so far" (but if conditions worsen he will become more radical).

#### NOT SO REVOLUTIONARY

The new Beatles song REVOLUTION requires no interpretation but it does merit a few comments. In verse #2 when Lennon-McCartney write "You ask me for a contribution/ Well you know/ We're all doing what We can " they ain't just whistlin' dixie -- the profits from the exclusive U.S. screening of the Beatles T-V film MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR went to Liberation News Service. But when they tell us in Verse #3 that changing the political infrastructure isn't going to bring about revolution -- "You say it's in the constitution/ Well you know/We all wanna change your head" and that attacking the projections of this infrastructure (e.g. the Police) isn't going to have any effect either -- "You tell me its the institution/Well you know/You better free your mind instead" -- I'd like to know what is going to have an effect? Meditating under the guidance of that old fakir the Mahari\$\$hi?

(Of course, there's the possibility when the <a href="Bea-tles">Bea-tles</a> say "change your head", "free your mind", they mean get you high, turn you on).

PART TWO: Street Fighting Man by the STONES sounds like a very radical song at times, since it contains lines like "I'll shout and scream/ I'll kill the King/ I'll rail at all his servants". But I have my doubts about the <u>Stones' sincerity</u>. It seems very strange that they should suddenly emerge as the Robespierres of Rock since I am unable to find any political content in their previous songs. (They have written "protest songs" but these have dealt largely with "social issues" such as the use of tranquillizers by the middle class -- MOTHER'S LITTLE HELPER). The closest thing to a political song I can find appears on the SATANIC MAJESTIES REQUEST album -- "The Citadel." But the only trouble with my interpretation of this song is that I have to make the assumption that the STONES knew about the Tet Offensive months before General Westmoreland did -- dig it!! "Candy and Taffy hope you both are well" (this is the Cong sarcastically addressing two GI's). "Please come see me in The Citadel" (the walled city of Hue where a small band of Cong managed to hold out for weeks against an entire battalion of US Marines).

So it looks to me as if STREET FIGHTING MAN might be another extension of the good-guys/bad-guys game which the STONES have been playing with the BEATLES since the two groups emerged as rock superstars. Like I hope I am paranoid and that the STONES are brothers and have been radicalized by the shit that has been going down lately under the euphemism of "law and order"... Their next album -- THE BEGGARS BANQUET -- (whose cover has been censored by London Records) will probably clarify the situation...

Author's note: I'd like to thank everyone who wrote to me c/o BROADSIDE in response to my interview on Dylan in B'Side # 93. I would also like to remind those who had uncomplimentary things to say, that after the revolution they will be given jobs laboring in the Dylan Archives"."... Don't miss the interview with Dylan in the current issue of SING OUT and please continue sending me your reactions to my words... Maintain thy cools!

A.J.WEBERMAN

## BETWEEN THE LINES: PART TWO

#### By Gordon Friesen

I've been following Alan Weberman's advice in B'Side # 93 to replay Bob Dylan's L-P's but find myself concentrating mainly on JOHN WESLEY HAR-DING. The reasons for this are not complex: Alan's interpretation of this album is the most complete; and much of its autobiographical content covers the period when B'Side was attending Bob's career more closely than -- I must confess -- it did later on. I recall talking to someone the day after the Tom Paine award affair Dylan tells about in AS I WENT OUT ONE MORNING. He had been at the dinner and described how shocked he and the other guests had been at Bob's little speech. Some of the "bald heads" Bob seemingly disparaged had been prosecuted and jailed in the 50's for their libertarian activities. I remember that my first reaction was "they should never have asked Bob to speak -- but only to sing." Bob says much of the same in a 5-page, legalsized, single-spaced "Message" he sent afterward to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which sponsered that Bill of Rights dinner Oct.13,1963:

"I am a writer an a singer of the words I write
I am no speaker nor any politician an my songs speak for me..."

One thing that comes out in the song and of which I was unaware is that the Old Left apparently offered him some kind of a functionary job to send him South to campaign for black equal rights -- "She pleaded from the corners of her mouth/ I will secretly accept you/And together we'll fly South." Bob, of course, is saved from what he considered shackles on his intellectual freedom by the very idea of Tom Paine --the AGE OF REASON man--himself.

In ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER Dylan takes up that stage in his career where he switched from blunt, straightforward lyrics to complex poetic metaphor (see the Weberman interview in <a href="B'Side">B'Side</a> # 93). Confusion resulted on several levels, from which Bob still hasn't got any relief. I think the dialogue between the joker and the thief is an exchange between two sides of Bob Dylan (remember "Another Side..."?). The "joker" is Dylan the put-on artist (I think this song and DEAR LANDLORD indicate he feels now he has overdone this sort of thing, that he overestimated the ability of the American public to see through it); the "thief" is the Dylan who widely borrowed folk tunes to accompany his lyrics -- even the anti-Vietnam war song on JWH, "I Pity The Poor Immi-

grant" uses the old folk tune PETER AMBERLY. In WATCHTOWER, the "joker" complains that "Business men" (e.g. the commercial music world, managers, agents, recording companies) "they drink my wine, plow and dig my earth" (exploit Dylan and his songs and get rich). "None of them along the line/Know what any of it is worth" (these gross men haven't the slightest idea of the artistic value, or even the meaning, of Dylan's work, and are only interested in translating it into cash).

Nor did Bob get much more satisfaction from those he must feel were in a better position to appreciate the New Dylan -- critics and general listeners, followers. Here he encountered some like Irwin Silber, then editor of SING OUT! magazine, who charged Dylan with abandoning a purposeful social outlook and joining those who see life as a meaningless absurdity. Dylan denies this; he has the WATCHTOWER "thief" reply: "There are many here among us/Who feel that life is but a joke/But you and I we've been through that/And this is not our fate." (My emphasis). "So let's not talk falsely now/The hour is getting late." (Here Dylan expresses a sense of urgency that people finally start really digging his message).

But he knows that the oligarchy, the American ruling class, wants to maintain this "confusion", wants to keep him imprisoned -- "All along the watchtower/Princes kept the view", guarding against those who might rescue (e.g. honestly interpret his songs to the people) him. But the people are waking up; in the darkness A Wildcat growls. Two riders (writers) are seen approaching, presumably to set him "free". Like Alan, I am baffled as to who these writers may be -- although one of them might very well be Alan.

I think it more likely that Alan Weberman could be the interpreter Dylan is addressing as DEAR LANDLORD in the song by that name. Here Bob in both words and urgency in his voice virtually pleads for interpretation. "Please don't put a price on my soul" -- don't view him only as a commercial product, a fast buck maker, but accept him as a serious, sincere artist. "I'm going to give you all I've got to give" -- he's not going to hold anything back. (His promise to co-operate to the best of his ability, to hold still, finally, for an interpretation of his work, re-appears in the lines "I'm not about to argue/ I'm not about to move to no other place.")

"I know you've suffered much" -- a lot of people have got headaches trying to figure out just what in the hell Dylan is saying in his songs. "But in this you are not so unique" -- very few, if any, have been able to achieve a full understanding of Dylan. But "Please don't dismis my case" -- don't give up trying, the answer is still there for you to find. Dylan describes the separate roles of the artist and the critic-interpreter: "Anyone can fill up his life with things he can see but just cannot touch" -- we can all appreciate and draw sustenance from works of art without neccessarily being able to duplicate them; "Each has his own special gift" -- the artist to create, the interpreter to interpret.

THE WICKED MESSENGER: Alan Weberman says in Broadside # 93 that "This song is a very short history of Dylan's career from a radical standpoint." (This piece of mine is, of course, based on that ground-breaking article of Alan's, and on other hints from him). Dylan is the wicked messenger as he begins his career with hard-hitting protest songs telling America the ugly truth about itself -- it nourishes and protects murdering racists ("Hattie Carroll"), it

is warmongering ("Masters Of War"), it is disgustingly hypocritical ("God On Our Side" and other songs), et cetera. "From Eli he did come" -- Bob emphasizing that he comes from the Jewish people, who have produced so many other prophets. "With a mind that multiplied the smallest matter" -- Bob, for example, could take a brief newspaper item, like a mention of the Hattie Carroll case, and magnify it into a full-fledged work of art. He is questioned as to had "sent for him" (it is significant that Bob says "questioned", as though he were some sort of criminal -- a bitter comment on how America's decadent, corrupted bourgeois society mistreats its artists).

Bob can only gesture mutely over his shoulder, "for his tonque it could not speak but only blather." Here again Bob indicates his see Here again Bob indicates his seemingly inherent incapability of articulating the meaning of his work. It seems to go very deep. Dylan has up to now, at least, always insisted that his writing and songs must speak for him. His only recorded public speech, so far as I know, was the historic one at the Tom Paine affair, which resulted in a fiasco. His interviews are generally unproductive and sterile, as witness his latest in the current (Oct.-Nov.) issue of SING OUT! magazine. It runs a number of pages without really producing any illumination. But Bob does say of DEAR LANDLORD: "you always have to consider that I wrote it for somebody else." (For Alan Weberman?). And this exchange is significant: John Cohen: "... at the moment, your songs aren't as socially or politically applicable as they were earlier."
DYLAN: "As they were earlier? Could it be that they are just as social and political, only that no one cares to ---

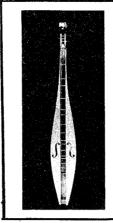
Bob leaves it hanging in the air; he never finishes the statement. Could he have been trying to say "only that no one cares to really interpret and understand them."?

Back to THE WICKED MESSENGER: He stays behind the assembly hall — it is there that he makes his bid. "Assembly hall" — union hall. Dylan when he first started his career tried to emulate his then idol, Woody Guthrie, who sang and wrote many union songs. But the union — progressive? — movement is disinterested in Dylan, though he returns often. He remains very persistent, however, and gives up only when the soles of his feet start burning. I think Bob is fudging a little bit here; he himself recognized at the time that the American labor movement had become reactionary by the early 60's and a Woody Guthrie was no longer welcome; in the album notes for THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANG-IN (1964), Bob writes:

"...I too wished I'd lived in the hungry thirties an blew in like Woody t New York City... an (made) the rounds t the union halls ... (but) they've changed... the cio an the nmu, come now! can you see em needin me for a song."

Anyhow, the wicked messenger turns commercial and really makes it big; the very seas part for him. But Bob is told in these few words which opened up his heart (literally cut his heart open):"If you can't bring good news, then don't bring any" -- he is told to stop writing protest or stop writing altogether. But Dylan outfoxed the Establishment by continuing to bring "bad news" to America, but obscuring it in metaphor, "laying it between the lines" ("Desolation Row", "Sad-Eyed Lady of the Lowlands", et cetera).

ED.COMMENT: Irwin Silber has an article in the Sept. 28 GUARDIAN headlined "The Topical Song 'Revolution' and How It Fizzled Out.' We wonder about this assumption; protest songs will continue so long as there are social and political ills to write and sing them about New peoples' movements seem to create their own songwriter-singers. The Civil Rights songs have waned (although "We Shall Overcome" still is heard everywhere), But the grapeworkers' strike in California has its own songsmiths; the Poor Peoples' campaign came up with Rev. Kirkpatrick and Jimmy Collier. In New York City the school struggle has brought Wide use of songs new and old (I saw Tom Paxton's "What Did You Learn In School Today" among a sheaf of hexographed songsheets put out by non-striking teachers and their



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pupils). Among individuals, the past year saw Janis Ian rise to fame on the strength of her "Society's Child"; one of Pete Seeger's biggest hits was his anti-Vietnam war parable "The Big Muddy"; uncompromising Malvina Reynolds is enjoying the greatest popularity of her career as she approaches 70. The more abstract protesters are flying high; Bob Dylan's JOHN WESLEY HARDING was his quickest million record seller; elsewhere in this issue see news about John Lennon and Jim Morrison. In the purely pop field, HARPER VALLEY PTA by Tom Hall sung by Jeannie C.Riley has sold 3,000,000 copies and is to be made into a movie. It attacks the hypocrisies of American suburban life (businessmen drink like fish and impregnate their secretaries while their wives dally with other men back in their split-level homes). A much stronger indictment of decaying capitalism is Ray Stevens' MR. BUSINESSMAN which he recorded for Monument, with lines like "Tuesday evenings with your harlot/ And on Wednesdays its your Charlatan analyst." Stevens' despicable subject squanders his life strugling for "Bigger cars, bigger houses", "Placing value on the worthless", stealing what he cannot get by wheeling and dealing with other businessmen. "Eighty-six proof anesthetic crutches/ Prop you to the top/ Where the smiles are all synthetic/ And the ulcers never stop." The song is, all in all, a bitterly scathing indictment of the "American Way Of Life"... Irwin Silber lists Phil Ochs as one whose songs "are not nearly as topical as they once where." Yet Phil was one of the biggest things last August in Chicago singing for the demonstraters against the Death Convention (it is true he sang his older songs -- "I Ain't Marching Anymore" and "The War Is Over".)

### Danang Restriction Imposed by the Navy After Racial Unrest

DANANG, South Vietnam, Oct. 20 (UPI)-Racial incidents have led the United States Navy to impose restrictions in the Danang area, it was disclosed today.

In 1966, a riot broke out in the enlisted man's club at the camp following an argument between whites and Negroes over whether country and Western music or "soul" music should be played on the jukeMother land, My bones will sculpt your future And my blood will be made the mass wind of war. All my exclamations are words of farewell. All my friends have scattered. All the trees seek calm though the wind persists in rustling them. The nightmare of my people is modest destiny. This festival night with bones, flesh and brains, please applaud in unison As we shout:

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WE NEED HOUSING (Tune: Alouette)

We need housing we control....etc. We need housing integrated We need housing family size We need housing with hot water We need housing without rats We need housing with no cracks We need housing that is painted (make up your own indefinitely)

(Sung at a Metropolitan Council on Housing rally and march to Gracie Mansion held in Sept. Sent in by Fran Goldin via Nancy Chandler.See B'side #42 for other housing songs)

PETE SEEGER NOW-Columbia CS 9717 PETE SEEGER NOW—Columbia CS 9717
Pete Seeger's latest album is comprised mostly of songs dealing with man's unwillingness and/or inability to be decent to his fellow man. As a whole, either in the songs' lyrics or in Seeger's delivery of them, the album affirms life and man's potential for goodness, as Seeger himself has done all his life. Three of the songs on the set are Seeger's own compositions (a fourth is a co-cleffing). Featured on the LP are freedom singers Bernice Reagon and the Rev. Frederick Kirkpatrick.

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(By an anonymous IWW Apr 14,1917)

I love my flag, I do, I do Which floats upon the breeze I also love my arms and legs And neck and nose and knees One little shell might spoil them all

Or give them such a twist They would be of no use to me I guess I won't enlist.

I love my country, yes, I do I hope her folks do well Without our arms and legs and things

I think we'd look like hell Young men with faces half shot

Are unfit to be kissed I've read in books it spoils their looks I guess I won't enlist.

(from "The Wobblies" by Patrick Renshaw. Doubleday, 1967)

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brief leave of absence from his broadcasting chores with radio station KRLA in Pasadena, Calif.

The popular folk music performer has been writing and singing special ballads to fit the news for this station since last June, is heard Monday through Friday and has helped to make it one of the three top radio outlets among the 61 in the Los Angeles area.

Now the "staff poet-composer" of KRLA, Chandler the folk singer has been appearing regu-

larly at The Point for the past four years. He'll fly back to the Coast on Sunday night to get back to the news.

That, we can assume, will prompt some blues. As he has said: "I read the news every morning and I sing the blues every day."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (UPI)—Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian running for President, ran afoul of the Treasury Department today because his campaign handbills look too much like dollar bills. Complaints had been received that some of the money-sized handbills were showing up in auto-

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matic money-changing machines.

"There's no question in my mind that it has been seized because it is definitely dangerous to the machine," said Mr. Gregory who is running on the ticket of the Freedom and Peace party. He indicated he was talking about a political machine.



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