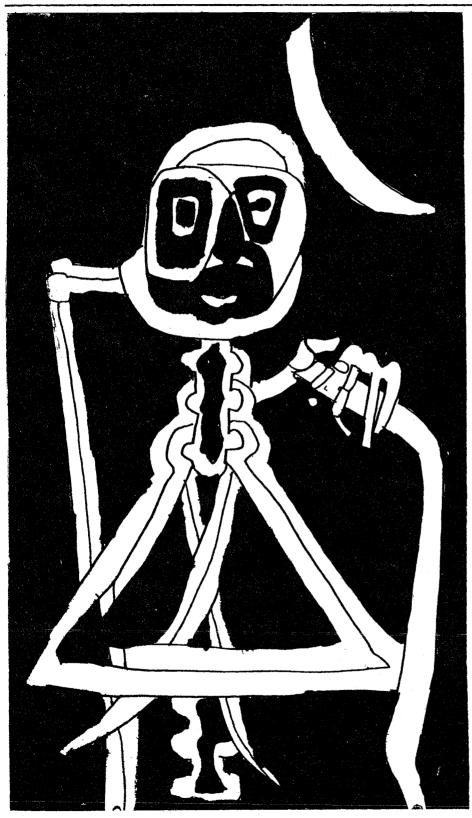
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"... a land of Pain and Death." Artwork by GARY DARK

IN THIS

ABERFAN, Wales, Oct. 22 (AP) — Heavy rain fell on this grieving Welsh village today, bringing fear that a deathdealing mountain of coal slag might move again and imperil nearly 2,000 exhausted rescue workers toiling in the ruins of a buried school.

Police said the death toll in this greatest tragedy of modern Wales may rise to 220 — most of the victims the young children of miners.

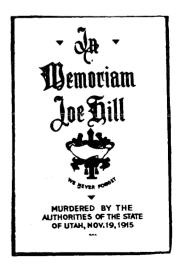
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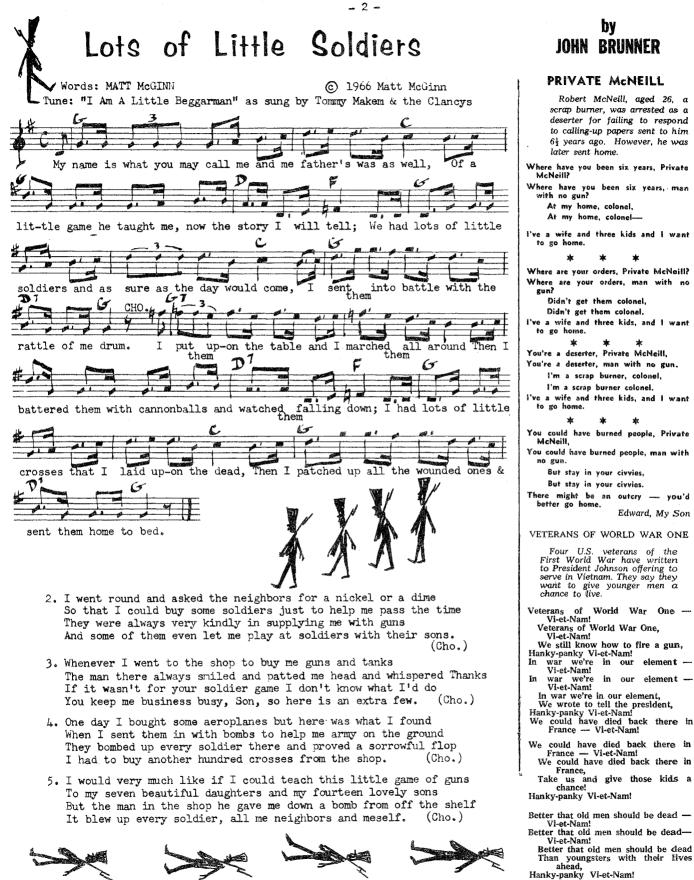
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"The Ballad of Joe Hill" By PHIL OCHS

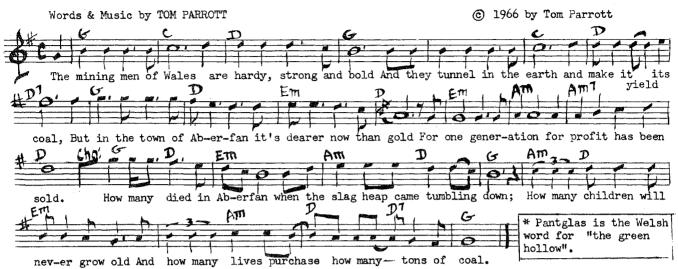


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Mademoiselle from Armentières

THE ABERFAN COAL TIP TRAGEDY

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The little school of Pantglas* lay where the mountain loomed, And some two hundred children took their classes in its rooms, But the day fall recess was to begin, they went to meet their doom, Not knowing "the green hollow" would soon become their tomb. (Cho.)

It was just 9:00 A.M. when they opened up the door, And in came the students, two hundred, maybe more, But nobody knew what the mountain had in store, The lucky ones were tardy, the others are no more. (Cho.)

"I played with my big dog and I played with my cat," Signed "Paul, October 21," there's nothing after that, For the coal tip came down, and everyone was trapped, And now there's only coal slag where little Paul once sat. (Cho.)

In eighteen hundred and seventy-four, the first pit shaft went down, And they started piling mining waste on the slopes above the town, And everybody knew that the practice was unsound, But for ninety-two years no better place was found. (Cho.)

The men of the National Coal Board said that they'd known from the first, That the coal tips they had permitted were a worry and a curse, But I've heard that speech so many times, and it always sounds rehearsed, If the coal tip was a murderer then the Coal Board's crime was worse. (Cho.

The children were pretty, the children were fine, The children went to school in the shadow of the mine, But with the coal tip up above them they were running out of time, And they were "buried alive by the ministry of mines." (Cho.)



Inside the school children prayed before classes.

"Thank you for the world so sweet "Thank you for the food we eat "Thank you for the birds that sing "Thank you, God, for everything."

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ABERFAN, Wales, Oct. 22 (UPI) ---"Today it is raining and I shall not be able to play with Carl after school. Last night I played with my airplane and I played with my big dog and I played with my cat."

Having reread this entry in his yellow-bound school diary, the young author took up his red crayon and headed a new page he would never finish.

"Paul, October 21 . . .

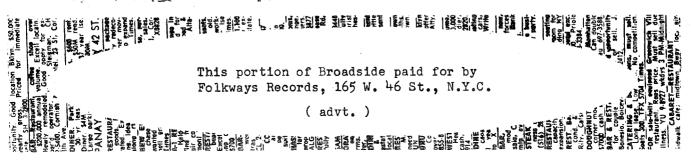
It was 9:30 a.m. and the class was beginning its lessons in the little schoolhouse of Pantglas—"the green hollow," in Welsh.

Atmost unheard, except for a low whine like that of a distant jet, part of the black mountain of coal debris looming over the village was sliding down on a cushion of rainwater.

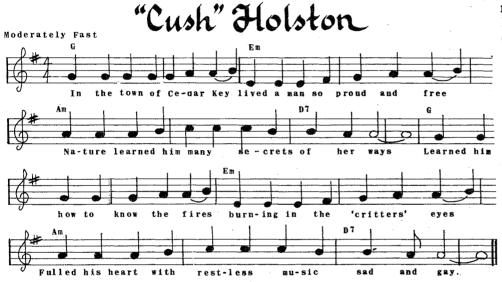
And at 9:30 a.m. the silent killer, half a million tons worked loose from the 800-foot high mound by heavy downpours, smashed the schoolhouse and the homes around it under a tidal wave of muck.

Paul did not get a chance to finish his account of the day.

LONDON, Oct. 24—A Welshman who lost his wife and two sons in the avalanche that killed perhaps 200 people in Aberfan, Wales, Friday, said today at an inquest that the cause of death should be listed as "buried alive by the National Coal Board." There were 60 people at the inquest, which was confined to the death of 34 of the victims. Many people expressed their agreement with the witness, rising to thir feet. A woman shouted: "He is right! They killed our children!"







Creatures stirring in the night Stopped to listen with no fright To---Cush Holston As he sang and played. Fingers dancing on the strings Rosumed bow made fiddle ring Filled the air so softly With strange music.

Got arrested---put in jail Caged up, this man did wail As the lordly horn-owl Wanting to be free. Come time to let him go, His face so full of woe People broke his heart With thoughtless mockery. Took his gun and he did go To a place where no one knows Vanished---like the cold mist Leaves the river's sand. Gone back to nature's own, Still living free, alone, Lonely is the mournful cry Of this sad man.

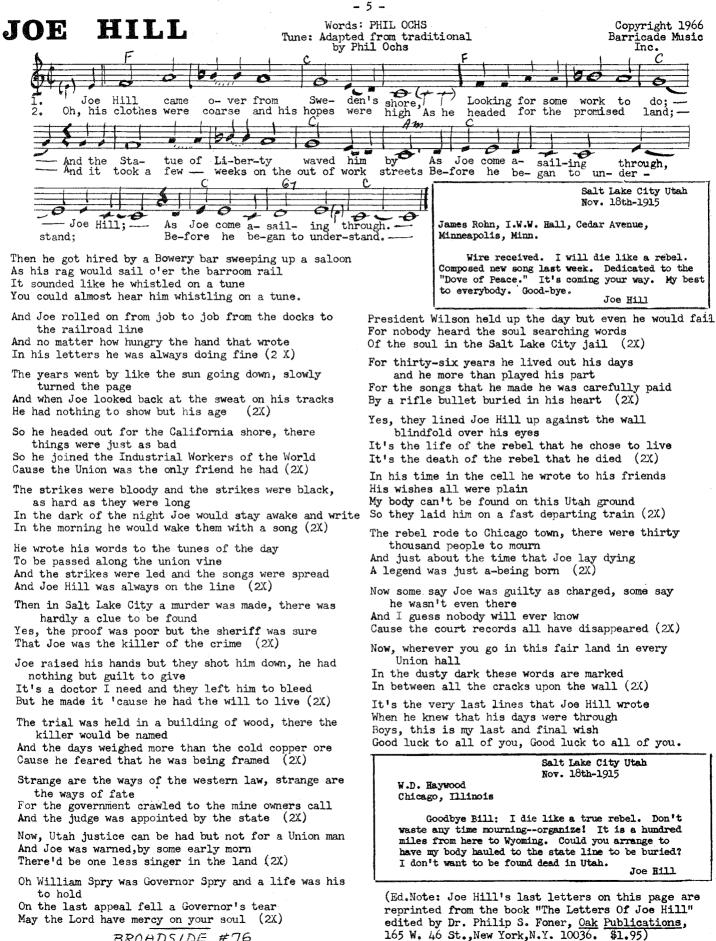
Will-o'-the-wisp was he Living so proud and free Cush Holston's gone back To nature's ways. She will no secrets tell Of Cush and where he dwells Will-o'-the-wisp He will ever remain!

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"I first heard the story of 'Cush' Holston 4 or 5 years ago from 'Cousin' Thelma Bolton. a fellow traveler -- in folksong - and director of the annual Florida Folk Festival. It was on a sunny afternoon near Branford, Florida, when we were returning from a Negro school where we had sung a few of my Florida folk songs. It was a beautiful story. 'Cush' Holston was (is?) one of the greatest fiddlers ever heard. His music was strange and haunting. Varmits were entranced by it and would creep up to where the light shone through the cracks of his shack to listen. It is said that even bees, wasps, scorpions, etc., would not sting him.

"The commercial world started to hear of him and many collecters sought him out (I do believe, though, that Alan Lomax missed him). 'Cush' could not cope with liquor and soon flattery plus whiskey -- plus collecters --done the job. (Somehow they missed getting him on records or tape). One night he was jailed for drunken-ness. He cried loudly all night, like a Horn Owl, who as everyone knows will take his own life if caged. The townspeople gathered to mock and laugh, and 'Cush' walked past them, his head down, took a few 'possibles' from his cabin and vanished , apparently forever, into one of Florida's largest swamps. That was ten years ago. It is said on still nights he can still be heard playing his fiddle." WILL McLEAN.









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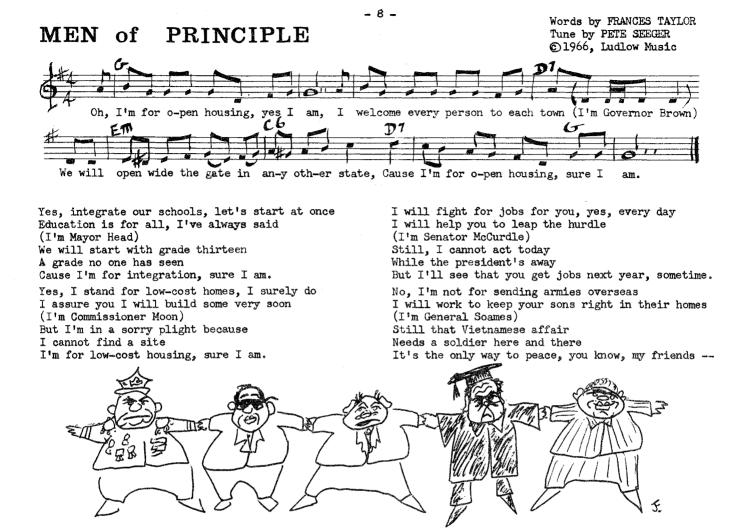
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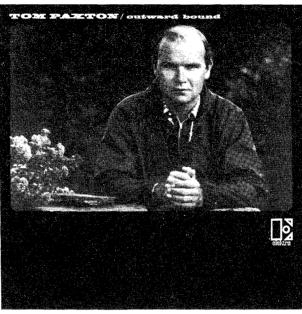


(Each verse follows above pattern of repeats)
2. Me gusta el parque Elysian! (Elysian park is my kind of park!)
3. El aire es libre, amigos. (The air is free, my friends.)
4. No queremos fincas en el parque.(We don't want building in the 5. Queremos el zacate verde! (We want the green grass!) park.)
6. El parque es suyo y miyo! (The park is yours and mine!)
7. Los niños necesitan el parque. (The children need the park.)
8. Preserven el parque Elysian. (Save Elysian Park)
9. NO PASARAN LOS EULLDOZERS! (Stop the bulldozers!)

(Note: Mike Kellin wrote this song for a rally to save Elysian Park in Los Angeles, used yearly by a million people, many of them Mexican-Americans. It was first printed in the West Coast Songmakers <u>Almanac</u> --Mike is a longtime member. Pete Seeger recorded it on his L-P album "God Bless The Grass." Mike is an actor -- a lead role in T-V's "Wackiest Ship in the Army", and now in "The Odd Couple" on Broadway, N.Y.C.)

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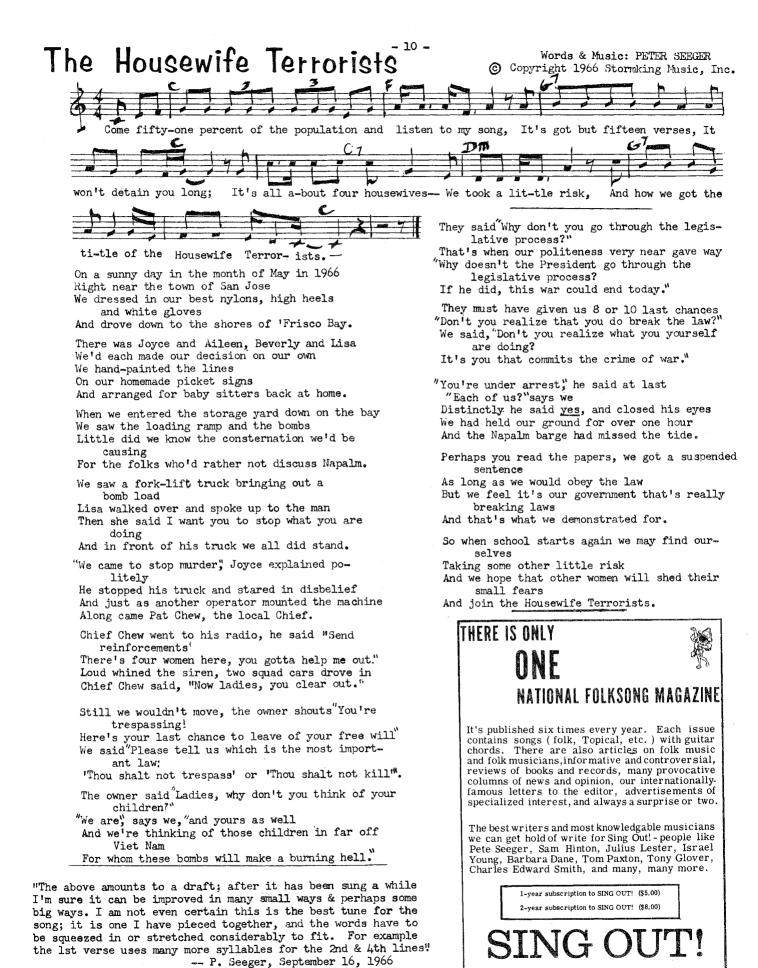
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"A friend of ours was shot in (Ed.Note:Atlanta Ga.'s topical songwriter-performers the Texas Tower shootings here -- BUD FOOTE, ERNIE MARRS, ELEANOR WALDEN, etc. -- comin Austin on Aug. 1, and I've posed and sang many songs in the write-in campaign been haunted ever since. This for Ellis Arnall against the Den. & Rep. gubernatorpoem is an attempt to put the ial nominees: Lester "Axhandle" Maddox, arch-segrething in relatively concrete gationist supreme, and Bo Callaway. Here's one of terms, as it's easier to deal Ernie's songs that should last well past election): with. -- JUDTTH ADDAMS THE MADDOX CANNONBALL (Tune:Wabash Cannonball) August 1, 1966 From the golden glow of Typee Light to the rocks for Bob Boyer of Rebun Gap. A state of violence. Old Georgia tells the story of a simple-minded sap A state of cruelty. Who climbed aboard a freight train as it made The mid-day sun its final haul --beats on the body Bo Callaway was a hobo on the Maddox Cannonball. of a friend. Dying. That train rolled into Georgia on a cold November day With a boxcar-load of Birchers mixed with the K.K.K. A madman shoots with cool aim, An all-white human cargo that spoke with a Dixie drawl Biting, Maen Callaway swung onto the tail of the Maddox Staccato, Cannonball. Punctuating the slow sentences of academe. Jim Gray was the conductor, Calvin Craig kept up the steam We now mourn the dead While Lester Maddox yanked the cord and made the and grieve for the living. whistle scream A dozen or more were firemen -- they shoveled, one I cannot drive on campus and all without But there wasn't any brakeman on the Maddox Cannonball. Expecting to hear shots. The walls of the firebox were as hot as they could be Where half the Federal Government was burned in effigy What song is there now I can Five thousand cardboard Kennedys were burned, as I sing recall For my grief? .ind it almost blew the safety valve off the Maddox What comfort can I give Cannonball. His wife? What songs sing The red caboose light shone in front, the headlight His children? shone behind As on they highballed in reverse, the whole bunch What tell myself in the flying blind Sorrow of my dreams? and several sparks and cinders on Bo Callaway did fall C 1966 by Judith Addams As he held to the cow-catcher of the Maddox Cannon Mall. Their speed was nearly ninety and the night was LATE NEWS BRIEFS: Ramon Padinky black illa, author of the article The train went on a de-rail, and then it left the on the U.S. topical songwritrack a muddy, rolling river drowned the whistle's lonely ting movement in tha Madrid squail magazine triunfo (see notes They polluted the Chattahoochee with the Maddox page) has been commissioned Cannonball. by a Spanish publisher to do a full-length book on the sub-So here's to Ellis Arnall, whose vision was so keen In the dark old days behind us when the shore was ject... Mississippi John Hurt dimly seen died in Grenada, Miss., Nov.2. ... TOM PAXTON, RONNIE GILBERT The smoke and fog are lifting, and I hear the future call ---& JOE FRIZIER will perform at "Let's go clean up the wreckage of the Maddox a THANKSGIVING EVE FOLK CON-Cannonball." Copyright 1966 Ernie Marrs CERT Nov. 23 sponsored by the N.Y.C. W.E.B. DuBois Club. At NOTE: PETE SEEGER's 2nd appearance on CBS-TV's "Lamp the Hunter College Assembly Unto My Feet" scheduled for November 20th Hall ... TOM RUSH at N.Y.'s Town Hall Dec. 17th - 0 -

NOTES

LONG TIME: "Long Time is dedicated to the incomparable Paulene Myers whose one-woman show, 'The World Of My America', portrays the Negro world as it was and is. Implicitly, her poignant vignettes add up to the same inescapable 'j'accuse!'", JOAN COSMAN THE TEMPEST OF FOLK-SONG: Under this title the Sept. issue of the popular Spanish magazine, triunfo (triumph), publishes an excellent article on topical songs in the U.S. Discussing Phil Ochs, Tom Paxton, Pete Seeger, etc., and the influence of previous songwriters like Woody Guthrie and Joe Hill, it is a more comprehensive article than has yet appeared in the American press. It reprints Phil's song "Santo Domingo" and Tom's "We Didn't Know." triunfo is published in Madrid ... SONGS FOR PEACE: This is the title of a new book of peace songs just published by OAK PUBLICATIONS (165 West 46 St., New York, N.Y.) Compiled and edited by the Student Peace Union with an introduction by Pete Seeger it has close to 100 songs and sells for \$2,95... THE BIG MUDDY (see B'Side # 74): Pete Seeger has recorded a single of this new song of his for Columbia Records. It is to be released in a couple of weeks.... LEN CHANDLER has also made a single for the same company ("Song Of The Mind"; flip side: "Shadow Of The Magic Dancer"). Meanwhile, Columbia and Len are hard at work on a 2nd Chandler L-P.... PATRICK SKY will perform with Nina Simone in a concert Dec. 10th at Brooklyn College. Pat, who records for Vanguard, has recently completed a series of recording sessions, acted, narrated, and composed music for a film, and is working on a script for a musical drama.... OLIVEA'S ATELIER (directly opposite Gerde's Folk City on 4th St. in N.Y.'s Greenwich Village) is giving a series of Sat. (2:30 P.M.) Folksong Happenings. Nov. L2: THE BERGER FOLK. NOV. 19: ED BADEAUX (Managaing Editor of SING OUT!) NOV. 26: SHELLEY GORDON. And Dec. 4: EVE-LYN CHALLIS. OLIVEA'S also has Folksay For The Kids programs Sun. afts. at 2:30 P.M. Admission for the Folksays and Happenings is ,99¢ BOBBY DYLAN: ABC-TV has postponed the 1-hour Dylan folk music show originally scheduled for Nov. 16. Some segments of the show had been filmed but the rest could not be completed in time, Dylan canceled several concerts after bing injured in a motorcycle accident.

JUDY COLLINS and TOM PAXTON on a concert tour abroad are scheduled to appear in England, Scotland and Ireland. Their joint concert at the ROYAL ALBERT HALL was sold out before they left the states. They will tape several television shows while overseas ... PETE SEEGER will also make his annual visit to London and is to be at the ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Nov.llth He will appear in Dublin Nov, 17th and in Belfast Nov. 18th. Pete will do a special show for BBC Television before returning to the U.S. around the 19th WOODY GUTHRIE: An AP story about Woody brought him a flood of mail from admirers all over the U.S. Woody has been transferred to Creedmor Hospital in Queens. N.Y. Harold Leventhal, Terry Sullivan, and Marjorie and Arlo Guthrie visited him there recently and showed him the Dept. of Interior Award he received last spring The doctors reported that Woody's condition remains unchanged ... MALCOLM X: Dudley Randall (author of the poem "Ballad of Birmingham" to which Jerry Moore has put music -- see B'Side # 69) and Margaret Burroughs are preparing a memorial volume of poetry about Malcom X. They invite such poems; send to BROAD-SIDE PRESS, 12651 Old Mill Place, Detroit Mich., 48238...

WRVR-FM, the radio station of the Riverside Church in N.Y.C. (490 Riverside Drive), will present an 8-hour live folk music show Sat. Jan.7, 1967 (11 AM to 7 PM). Theme: "... an exploration and investigation of the changing American scene." The Folk Festival will present "the various schools, influene, ces and varieties of folk music." They welcome "the professionals and the unknowns." Call PETE FELDMAN at RI 9-5400 about auditions. (1st audition date is Sun., Nov. 20th, 3 P.M. another is Dec. 22). Tickets are free to the general public on request.... Dear Sirs,

We the undersigned request that your station present Pete Seeger's program, "The Rainbow Quest," as a regular addition to its programming schedule, because this show has proven itself to be entertaining while also being educational. Furthermore, Pete Seeger's personality will attract a large viewing audience.

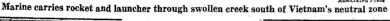
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(See Pete Seeger's "Waist Deep in the Big Muddy" in BROAD-SIDE # 74. Pete has recorded this song for <u>Columbia</u>.)

("It was bound to happen -- a FORT HOOD THREE song to the tune of <u>Green Beret</u>. This one is special because it is written by Grace Mora Newman, sister of Dennis Mora -- one of the three. She is quite a strong character -- sings this song on visits to the boys. She wrote it out for me after a meeting in Philadelphia where we raised \$200 to help defend the three G.I.'s." ...Bill Frederick

FT. HOOD THREE'S ANSWER TO THE GREEN BERETS

We were asked to fight a war, We were told to pledge our lives, We stand firm, said the Ft. Hood 3, We won't kill the Vietnamese.

Side by side we walk as men, Brothers one, until the end, Black and white we think alike, We will save but not take lives.

For all those who heed our cause, Tell the world we're not alone, Rally 'round and help us win, Stand with us and we'll all come home.

We won't fight a war of lies, Help us fight for what is right, We want all the peoples free, Shout the valiant Fort Hood Three.

--- GRACE MORA NEWMAN

by

John Brunner

FOUR-WHEELED COFFIN

The car in which Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, the white civil rights worker, was murdered last year, is advertised for sale in a Birmingham, Alabama, newspaper for £1,250 "bullet holes and everything still intact. Ideal to bring in crowds." There was blood on the cushions And holes in the steel And a girl named Viola Lay dead at the wheel.

Now the folks love a murder— They'll pay cash to stare At a four-wheeled coffin With holes everywhere

Don't pity the lady All bloody and bowed, Just you paste up posters And bring in the crowd.

Blood on the Saddle

Ed. Note: Soldiers like to use sarcasm when they make up their own songs. David Halberstam, N.Y. <u>Times</u> correspondent in Vietnam, reports an American helicopter pilot writing this parody to the tune of "Old Smoky":

> The paratroops landed A magnificent sight There was hand-to-hand combat

But no VC's in sight. Then there's DRAFT DODGER BILL, written by G.I. David Bradley to the tune of "Railroad Bill":

> Draft Dodger Bill Draft Dodger Bill Never went to war and he never will So it's run, Draft Dodger Bill.

Draft Dodger Bill He never learned to kill Seduced the general's wife with a five dollar bill And it's run, Draft Dodger Bill.

Draft Dodger Bill He's a mighty mean old man Stuffed his first sergeant in a garbage can And it's run, Draft Dodger Bill.

Shine up all your brass Starch your fatigues Polish up your boots and blunder through the weeds We'll go chasin' old Draft Dodger Bill. (repeat 1st vs.)

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