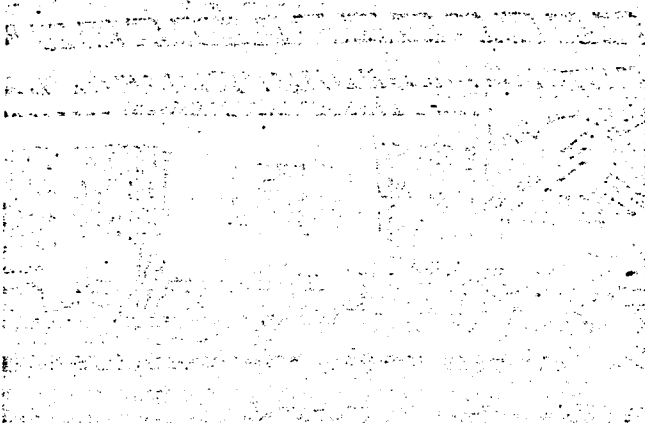
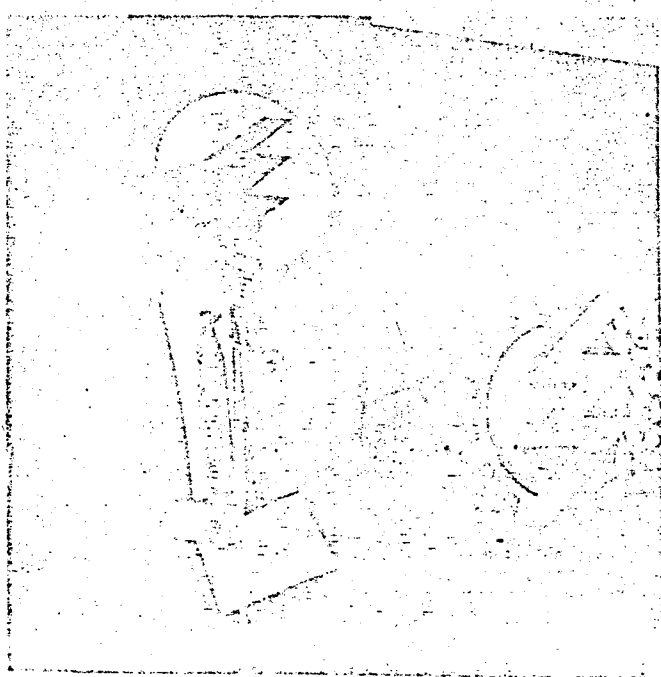


SEPT. 1970 THURSDAY MANY NEW CHAPTERS FORMED



JERRY POPE addressing meeting of the Middletown, Ohio Chapter of NSRP.



DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS addressing recent NSRP National Convention. On Oct. 3 he will speak in Louisville, Ky., at the new chapter there. Oct. 4 he will speak before the Indianapolis Chapter and that same evening will address members in Dayton, Ohio.



NSRP

Organizational activity on behalf of the National States Rights Party is spreading like wildfire. Roy Wake has announced the formation of a new NSRP Chapter in the Berwyn-Cicero area of Illinois. Emile Vidrine, an organizer in South Chicago has recently opened a well stocked bookshop for the Party and has quit his job to work full time there.

The Detroit area picnic to raise funds for the Stoner Campaign was a great success. A fine crowd attended and gave five times their number in contribution dollars. Roy Wake was the featured speaker and much new activity is planned for this area.

Mr. Robert L. Ware, Jr., has formed a new NSRP Organizer in Arlington, Va. He announces that the local Chapter will soon open a full time office there. Dr. Fields and Jerry Heinemann will address a meeting there soon.

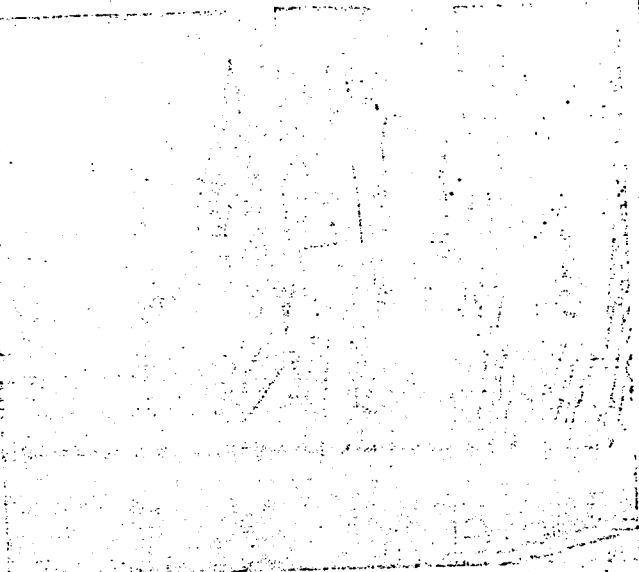
OHIO NEWS

The Middletown, Ohio Chapter of the NSRP has greatly increased its activity. The area has been saturated with literature and a highly successful rally was recently held. The featured speaker was Jerry Pope, Kentucky NSRP Organizer. There has been a real awakening in the Tri-state area (Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky) and Dr. Fields will be speaking in all three states the end of September.

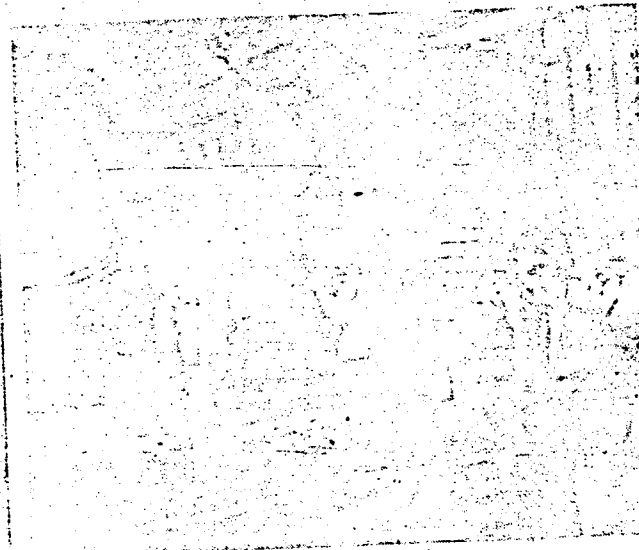
MANY NEW NSRP CHAPTERS FORMED



NSRP MEMBERS PAGE



J. B. STONER, NSRP NATIONAL CHAIRMAN



THOUSANDS GAVE IN ADMIRATION AT JERRY HEICEMANN AND HIS MATCHERS.

**J. B. STONER ANNOUNCES 1971 SPEAKING MASS MEETING CAMPAIGN**

Without waiting for the weather to improve the National States Rights Party is stepping right out into the new year with an expanded speaking schedule. Attorney J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the NSRP announced a series of organizational rallies which will be held during the next two months.

They will take place in Anniston, Alabama, Pine Bluff, Ark., Shreveport, La., Montgomery, Ala., Dallas, Texas (and other cities in Texas to be announced later.)

Mr. R. D. Eldridge also has declared an all out organizational program for the Tri-State area, (which includes Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.) Regular NSRP meetings will be held in Dayton, Indianapolis, Lexington, and Louisville.

Jerry Pope promises a big announcement coming up at his important meeting planned for Louisville later in the month. A full report will appear in the next issue of "The Thunderbolt."

Jerry Heicemann is now organizing full time in the New Jersey - Pennsylvania area. He reports much new interest in forming Chapters of the Party with the many new contacts he has recently made.

Gene Wilson in Jacksonville, Fla., states that the NSRP has a new meeting hall for our weekly gatherings there. It is much nicer than ones used previously and will help us grow faster. More Chapter reports will be published next month, along with the latest activities of Neuman Britton and Roy Wake in Arkansas who are doing a wonderful job.

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# ATTENTION.

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## Next Convention Site

We realize that it's a long way off, but the National Executive Committee has decided to hold its 1971 National States Rights Party convention in Los Angeles, California. It will be held during the last two weeks in June.

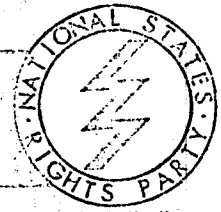
We make this announcement early because it will take much planning for vacations, chartering of buses by Chapters, etc. This will be the

first time our National Convention will have been held in California. Well in excess of 1,000 delegates will attend, featuring the greatest array of right-wing speakers ever assembled in Southern California. Almost every state in the Union will be represented. This will be a three day convention and full time reception offices will be opened for the huge number of out of town guests expected.

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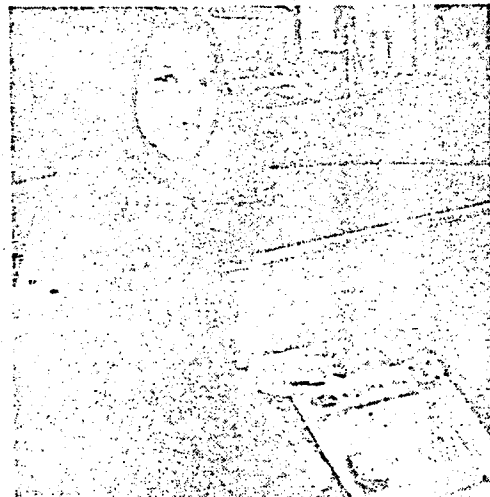


# Brailsford Runs Dynamic Campaign

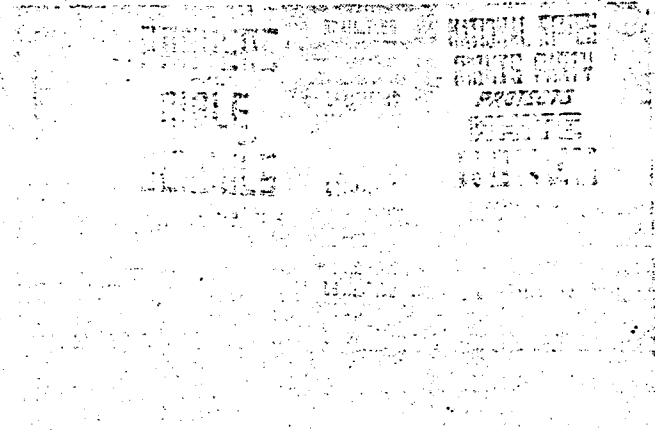
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BILL BRAILSFORD BESIDE HIS SOUND TRUCK HELDS UP SPECIAL CAMPAIGN PAPER.



PRETTY YOUNG NSRP MEMBER PLACING CAMPAIGN EDITION ON AUTO WINDOW.



CAMPAIGN TRUCK TOLDED ALL BALTIMORE COUNTY, DAY AFTER DAY.

### BILL BRAILSFORD'S SHERIFF'S RACE

On November 4, the National States Rights Party leader in Baltimore, Maryland, Bill Brailsford, was on the ballot for Sheriff of that county. He waged an active campaign with the enthusiastic support of local members.

The Savannah NSRP office printed a special edition of "White Folks News" for local mass distribution in support of his candidacy. While Bill did not win he did receive much favorable local notice and the pictures on this page attest to his good work.

We want to thank all local members who worked so hard to bring our stand to the attention of Baltimore county citizens. I know that much more will be heard from this very aggressive NSRP Chapter in the days to come.

...with party signs cutting of our stand for Bible reading in schools, the protection of white manhood and womanhood's locks. They would park their cars near...



**POLICE HOLD NSRP MARCHERS BACK  
AFTER WE CHASE HIPPIES FROM MALL.**

**THAT WASHINGTON  
MARCH**

We are still receiving letters from the good work of the NSRP delegation which participated in Dr. Carl McIntire's March on Washington. We had one of the largest contingents, and a lot of literature was distributed.

The NSRP group was attacked by a band of wild hippies. One of our men, pictured on this page wearing a foot-

ball jersey charged into them with fists swinging. They scattered like a pack of rats. The rest of the NSRP group was close behind. Finally the police sealed off our group from the hippies, thus saving that motley band from further bruises and abrasions.

Jerry Heinemann was in charge of the march and all members want to thank him for his fine job in leading another successful parade.

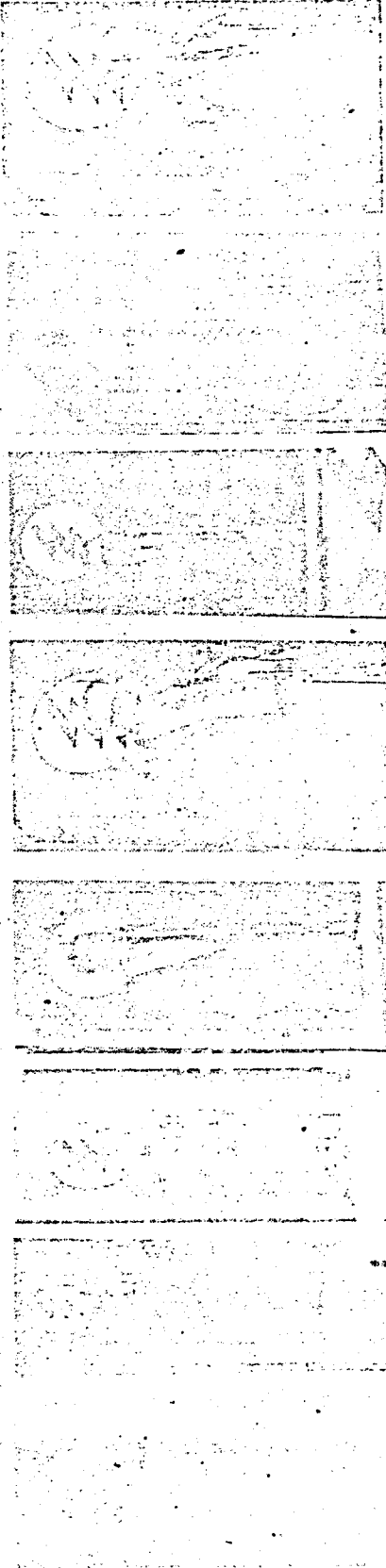
**ONE NSRP FOOTBALL PLAYER SCATTERS DOZENS  
OF EMACIATED AND S. ROUNGY LOOKING HIPPIES.**



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## 1970 Convention - Most Successful Ever



JIM DEWITT

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BILL BRAILSFORD

J. MERCER JOHNS

NEUMAN BRITTON

R. D. ELDRIDGE

# NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

This month we are happy to present a pictorial report on the happenings at one of the most inspiring and dynamic conventions we ever held. I have never seen a more enthusiastic crowd, nor people more imbued with the dynamic spirit, just bubbling over with eagerness to return home and spread these dynamic truths to the people.

The highlight of the convention was an address by Attorney J. B. Stoner, candidate for the Governorship of Georgia. Mr. Stoner's speech was the only one which the television and press media was allowed to cover. We did let them stand outside the guarded entrance for periodic press releases on the progress of the convention. NSRP conventions are private gatherings where many party leaders meet and private matters are discussed. We do not care to be interrupted by the press with unending questions. Also our annual get togethers are informal reunions of many old friends, another reason we do not wish to be bothered by armies of nosy reporters.

## THE SPEAKERS WERE TERRIFIC

Everyone agrees that this year's NSRP convention surpassed them all in objectivity and original presentation.

Ned Dupes, our Vice-Chairman delivered a talk about the long range goals of the NSRP and progress we have made.

Bill Brailsford, NSRP Leader in Baltimore, Md., (now candidate for Sheriff there) talked about the necessity of working on everyone we know until they eventually awaken to the problems facing America.

R. D. Eldridge, National Chairman spoke on the forces allied against us and how White unity can overcome them.

Neuman Britton, An officer of NSRP who has worked as organizer in both California and Arkansas brought the crowd to its feet when he told them

Jerry Pope, Kentucky Co-Chairman welcomed the crowd

and explained the extent to which the NSRP has now been organized throughout Kentucky.

Frank McNey, head of the local Covington Chapter welcomed the crowd and told of the dedication and hard work of his group which arranged for the convention.

Lou Byers, head of the Washington based "National Youth Alliance" was the guest speaker of the convention. He made an excellent talk, especially answering a recent

not oppose the Jews. This excellently researched treatise appears on the center spread of this issue. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Klason for his study and research which resulted in this valuable and original study.

Jim DeWitt of Montgomery, Ala., gave a scholarly talk on a case in Mass., where students in a highly liberal area were shown to have the natural and healthy racial instincts for self-preservation of the White Race when confronted with the negro problem.

Dr. Edward R. Fields was the last speaker of the convention and summarized the talks and reports given. He boiled it down to a life and death struggle for the very survival of the White race. The NSRP was given as the only practical answer and that it was the vehicle all could rally behind for eventual political victory. Thus ended with a roar the NSRP Convention which will bear much fruit in the months to come.

JERRY HEINEMANN addressing convention. His report on Stoner campaign on opposite page.

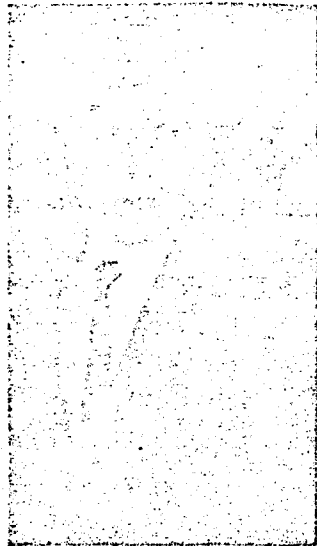
attack by Robert Welch against "The Thunderbolt" paper.

Mr. Byers climaxed his talk with the explanation that apologists for the Jews who sought to explain away their acts against our society would never succeed. He said: *The Jew is inbred genetically with destructive traits. He is not capable of acting for the betterment of society. He is driven by his destructive instinct to destroy even that which might protect his own status in the nation.*

J. Mercer Johns, the eloquent Party philosopher commented on the many loyal workers who helped make his work easier in Jacksonville. He is the

outlining the arguments many people give on why one should

## Roy Wake - "Man Of The Year"



ROY F. WAKE leaving platform with "Man-of-the-Year" plaque.

One of the highlights of every NSRP National Convention is the selection of the "Man of the Year" by the National Executive Committee. This year Roy F. Wake of Chicago, Illinois, was presented with a plaque citing him for an outstanding performance in his duties to the National States Rights Party.

Mr. Wake is editor of "The Prairie Fire," the Illinois state NSRP Newsletter. He is engaged in organization travel which has taken him to Iowa and Indiana also. He is a member of long standing and stood up defiantly under fire over and over again in his work as head of the NSRP in the Chicago area. We proudly salute this member as the ideal which all our active supporters should strive to emulate in order to serve this great cause.

## Roy Wake Weds Party Worker

It is always a joy when we are able to announce the marriage of two NSRP members. Roy F. Wake, head of the NSRP in Chicago and Man of the Year was married to Pat, daughter of Neuman and Betty Britton of Decatur, Arkansas on July 22. Before the wedding Pat had been working with her sister Mary Ann full time in the Stoner For Governor Campaign in Geor-

gia.

Both met while engaged in Party work and plan now to continue as a husband and wife team. After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wake will return to Georgia and continue working in the Stoner campaign until election day Sept. 9. All members wish them all the happiness and joy possible.

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# N.S.R.P. in Washington Victory March

By JERRY HEINEMANN

The Second MARCH FOR VICTORY, lead by Dr. Carl McIntire, in Washington, D. C., Sat., Oct. 3rd, was a complete success for all those who participated inspite of the outright lies of the Jew-controlled newsmedia. Attempts were made to stop the March from the very beginning. Jew Henry Kissinger, head of the Nixon regime, went especially to Paris to stop Vice President Ky of South Viet Nam from addressing the Victory Rally. The newsmedia then spread rumors that a massive hippy counter-demonstration would take place in order to frighten patriots away. Finally after the Rally's great success, the newsmedia told outright lies regarding the size and magnitude of this historic occasion. Washington, D. C. officials on the scene estimated the crowd as twice that of the first March last April 4th, ranging well above the 140,000 mark. And the result of tremendous political pressures, only Louisiana Congressman, John Rarick, had the courage to come and address the Rally.

Units of the N.S.R.P. again participated in a record number coming from N. J., Penn., N. Y., Maryland, Georgia, and the largest from Virginia. There was no organized effort made this time to march in one giant formation as was done on April 4th, but amazingly enough many N.S.R.P. units found one another to make a very impressive showing throughout the three hour parade down Pennsylvania Ave. to the Washington Monument grounds for the Victory Rally. The main N.S.R.P. Flag formation was requested by Georgia participants to head their contingent of more than 500 persons behind which a hundred N.S.R.P. uniformed Virginians marched. There was a slight misunderstanding regarding our right to carry the THUNDERBOLT Flag on the part of some parade marshals. It seems that certain elements of the John Birch Society had been suspicious of the N.S.R.P. and had requested that the area was quickly cleared up by the Grand Marshal who apologized for the misunderstanding. A meeting is being scheduled between several key staff personnel and N. J. - N.S.R.P. members to once and for all

expose the divisive nature of the J.B.S. and its vicious smear campaign against the legitimate Right Wing. It is interesting to note that the J.B.S. flatly opposed support for the Victory March and even worked against it, which ought to prove once and for all that the John Birch Society is nothing more than a C.I.A. front to neutralize and betray effective anti-communist activity.

A climax was reached two-thirds of the way through the Rally as two Viet Cong flags were captured from a Jewish lead mob by gallant 'Hard Hats' from the skilled trades unions. As a result the hippy vermin (about 3000 strong) turned and charged the N.S.R.P. Color unit standing on a rise below the Washington Monument. Surrounding Rally participants fled as the anarchists drew near the N.S.R.P. Flags leaving the seven Men of the THUNDERBOLT alone. The N.S.R.P. Flag unit refused to yield an inch of ground and braced for the initial contact when all of a sudden within 30 feet of the approaching radicals hundreds of young White men rushed down from behind the N.S.R.P. Flags and smashed into the ranks of the Jew-anarchists. The fighting was fierce until the Washington, D. C. police came in droves to tear the two groups apart. The result was that the third and final Viet Cong flag was captured along with several American flags the hippies were carrying upside down. One of these flags was presented to the N.S.R.P. Color Unit and turned right

side up to again fly proudly with the THUNDERBOLT Banner. Sporadic fighting between the young Nationalists and the Jew - communists continued whenever they could break through the police lines to get the reds. Throughout it all not one single Jew nor non-White dared even touch the Flag of the THUNDERBOLT.

Hundreds of photographs were taken and scores of reporters interviewed the N.S.R.P. spokesman throughout the afternoon. The N.S.R.P. was the only group to be interviewed by the press.

rature. A special tribute was paid to the N.S.R.P. delegates during the March as the Victory Rally leader, Dr. Carl McIntire, called the attention of the participants to view our Party Flags approaching the monument grounds as the most colorful flag unit in the parade. Another indication that it won't be long till the N.S.R.P. leads America to White Racial Victory.

Respectfully yours for  
Blood and Soil,  
Jerome E. Heinemann  
Secretary N.J. Unit 1-

# Advice To NSRP Members At Large.

JAN 1971 THUNDERBOLT

While the National States Rights Party has a growing number of new Chapters around the country, a majority of our members are still in the "at large" category. They are affiliated with no Chapter because they do not live in one's vicinity.

It's easy to form a Chapter of the NSRP and members should write for details from NSRP Headquarters. But, the initial requirement is that a minimum of three members be enrolled in your local area.

It is therefore the task at hand for every "Member at Large" to be always on the alert for the possible recruitment of a convert. Let the following advice guide you in this important task.

1) Remember that you are an informal representative of the NSRP. Always maintain a clean cut appearance. Proper dress and a friendly attitude are very important.

2) It is impossible to win an argument or debate. Your opponent only becomes more strongly opposed to you when he has to defend his views.

3) The initial approach should be the mention of a selected number of subjects upon which we take a formal stand. Once a common mutual viewpoint is discovered, then expand upon it explaining the NSRP position.

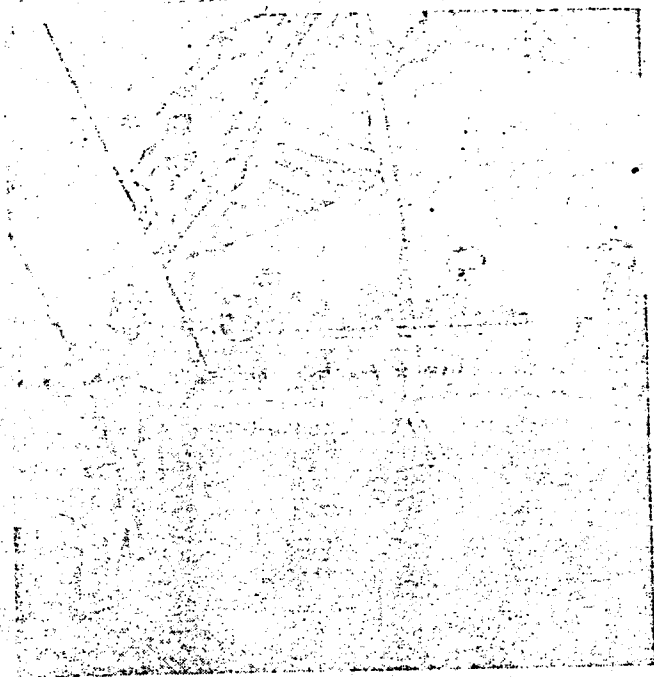
4) Discuss these subjects in a restrained, but authoritative manner. Be sure you know your subject thoroughly. Bring political questions up when conversing with neighbors, co-workers and sometimes it can be found more effective with total strangers. People you meet on the street, while shopping or in church.

5) Be selective and pick people who will become a credit to our movement. Do not waste time on those whom you deem beyond the call of our cause. Once you see the individual at hand is taking up too much of your time without making an affirmative decision for the Right, then switch your efforts to another prospect.

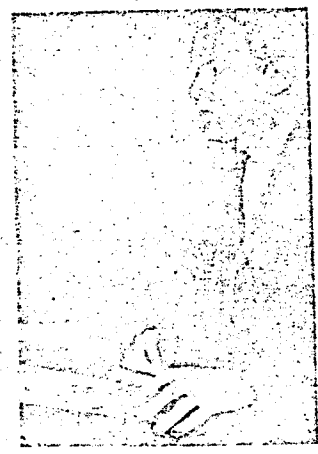
6) Avoid haphazard and diffused distribution of literature. Handing literature directly to a person can leave a lasting impression. When door to door distribution is used, two or three visits to the same neighborhood on successive weeks with different pieces of literature is often effective. Remember, middle working class neighborhoods are many times more effective than wealthy areas.

Always be on your best behavior and radiate the exemplification of the NSRP member. Honesty, integrity make one worthy of public confidence in a Party made up of superior persons dedicated to a righteous cause.

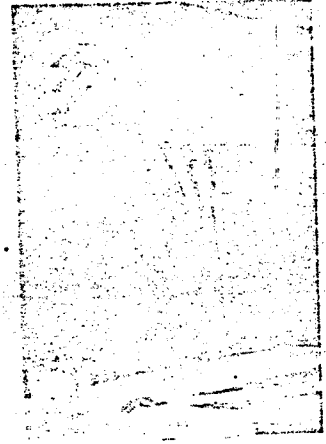
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PART OF THE ADVANCE color guard of N.S.R.P. men and women who flew our banners in front of the White House.



DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS  
Who Will Speak  
in Durham, N. C.



R. D. ELDRIDGE, NSRP  
National Organizer, who will  
speak in Richmond, Va.,  
and Durham, N. C.

brother's death. But, the witness added, he never had reported that to anyone, "because it was none of my business." The guerrilla warfare expert continued:

"I just told him that I didn't need \$250,000 that much. It would have been nice money to have, but not for murder."

In his opening statement to the Fresno jury, Louise's counsel, DeVaney, said William Thoresen had told a man he hired to kill the former Green Beret that he (William) had "washed off Stoddard's body, stuffed it into a weighted sleeping bag and dumped it into the ocean." Thus informed, the killer was dispatched to San Francisco to ambush the ex-GI. But, for some reason, Thoresen report-

edly called the advertising man and warned him to stay away from the Thoresen apartment and the attempt on his life never actually was made.

The search for Stoddard's remains still is going on in the Bay area. San Francisco officers spent many days probing the basement of the Thoresen mansion with long steel rods, in the belief that there was a body buried down there. Now, they, too, have asked Attorney DeVaney for his files.

The one big question that is left is did the stuttering one-time gun czar have an accomplice when he dumped Stoddard's body in the murky waters of the Pacific, or was it all a massive fabri-

cation of a troubled mind on a bumper trip induced by LSD? Is Stoddard really dead and did he actually kill Richard Thoresen? Or did he just get as much money as possible from Thoresen and then depart for parts unknown?

One thing is certain—his police dossier had regular entries until they abruptly stopped in October, 1936, and no one has seen him since. Have you? If so, call Barton Collins, chief of detectives of the San Jose, California, police—now.

Editor's Note: The names John Terrell and Calvin Grossa are not the actual names of the participants in the incidents described.

## REAL HORROR WAS ON THE LATE, LATE SHOW. continued from page 27

theater's annual popular "spook show."

A pretty girl, with dark hair and dark eyes, Pamela was a petite 5 feet, 3 inches tall, with an attractive 119-pound figure. She lived with her grandparents on College Avenue NE—seven blocks from where the young bride had been killed in her kitchen.

But that was seven blocks and six weeks away. And young people tend to think nothing will happen to them, and brush aside any words of caution. Besides, Pamela wasn't going to the movie alone: Her girlfriend, Louise Harvey, would be with her, Pamela told her grandmother. Louise and Pamela were good friends. They worked at the same laundry and Louise's father usually drove them to and from work each morning in his car.

It was a cool night in Grand Rapids. It might even be considered cold for other parts of the country. Still, the snow hadn't come yet. Pamela slipped into green and white striped pants, a dark brown sweater, a brown corduroy jacket. She left the house in time to catch the 8 P.M. show, figuring to be home by 11 P.M.

It was after 11 P.M. when her grandparents began to worry about Pamela. At 12, she had gone out with boys, but she'd said she was going to the movies and coming straight home. And she had to work the next day.

After waiting a while longer, they decided to call Louise Harvey. Maybe Pamela had gone home with her, they reasoned.

The call was made and a man answered the ring.

"Yes, Louise is here," he said. "Pamela? Why, no, she hasn't been here this evening. Let me call her. What can I tell you?"

Pamela's grandmother. She said she hadn't seen Pamela that night.

"I was going to go to the movies with Louise, but she decided not to," the girl ex-

plained. "I don't know if she went with anyone or not."

Louise, worried, checked with Grand Rapids police. The grandparents of Pamela Jones also called — to report Pamela missing. Officers went to the home on College Avenue where they were given a description of the missing girl.

The Creston Theater is on Plainfield Avenue, almost a mile from Pamela's home. She did not have a car, so the policemen cruised along the route the girl might have walked to and from the theater. Most of the homes were dark. Wind rustled the leaves and a dog barked, breaking the silence.

The theater was closed and dark, so the policemen drove back to the house where Pamela Jones lived. Nothing unusual was noted along the way.

The worried grandparents had nothing more to tell the officers. Pamela still had not come home and there had been no word from her.

The men turned in their report, and, on Monday morning, it was read in the detective bureau by Sergeant Richard Keil and Sergeant Jack Hawley. An 18-year-old girl was missing overnight. That type of report is received at police departments throughout the country almost every day. A girl could be out with a boy... out a lot longer than she had planned to be... and, when she comes home, she has a lot of explaining to do.

There had been no information picked up during the night regarding possible violence; no citizen reported a girl screaming, or being seen forced into a car. None of the girl's clothes had been found on the street.

But the name Pamela Jones was recognized by Keil and Hawley.

"What she was run away with?" Keil asked.

"I was talking to her in the Mills case," he explained. "She was in the room on the 1st to be interviewed in the Mills case. She was reported to be a friend of the Jones

girl. "When we couldn't find him, we talked to her to see if she knew where he was," Keil said.

"Did she have any information on the case?"

"No, it was nothing like that," Keil answered. "This fellow she knew is one of those hippie-types who hang around that area. We were talking to several of them and, when we couldn't locate him, we talked to people who knew him. Pamela Jones was one of his friends."

The file on the Mills case was pulled and detectives weeded out reports concerning Mike Basset, the youth they had talked about with the Jones girl.

Mike Basset was 19, with a record for burglary; a high school dropout who had drifted into the hippie colony. He had been located and questioned, along with other hippies, but there had been no evidence or information to tie him to the Mills case.

"He really wasn't a strong suspect in the Mills case," a detective said. "But then again we didn't have what you could call a strong suspect."

"Was he ever cleared?" another officer asked.

"Oh, I guess you might say he was cleared," he responded. "About as much as anyone we talked to. We couldn't pin him or anyone else on the crime scene that day. We figure she was killed by some character who came to her house that morning with a sex attack in mind. Someone who knew the young woman was alone in the house. And those hippies who hang around that neighborhood were just some of the people we checked out."

"You think he was angry at the Jones girl for talking to the police?" another officer questioned.

"I don't think so," he replied. "If all she was but one of many people, that's all I can say."

"I'm not sure about that," the detective said. "I'm not sure about those hippie-types, you can't quite tell what they might do. All right, but no violence on Mike Basset's part."

the news of the tragedy. He wasn't willing to talk with officers, though. They held a warrant charging him with burglarizing his father's home several weeks earlier. He and Richard allegedly had rifled the wall safe in the den, claiming their father had some embarrassing confidential records there. Richard had been free on bail on that charge, plus assorted others, including resisting arrest and assaulting police officers. The charges were withdrawn before the funeral.

That wasn't the only cooperative efforts of the brothers during Richard's last days. In August, Richard had prepared a new will in the office of William's attorney, a famed San Francisco legal lion, leaving the bulk of his estate—some \$370,000—to William, \$100,000 to Louise and \$20,000 to his nephew. (A superior court in Fresno, Cal., on December 7, 1970, named Louise Thoresen executrix of her late husband's estate, estimated to be worth \$400,000. Mrs. Thoresen is the principal beneficiary in her deceased husband's will.)

Most of the estate was either in cash or gilt-edged stocks, but it still took the lawyer more than three years to complete the probate action and Louise testified neither she nor her son ever saw a dime of their legacies. Reportedly, when William was alive he repeatedly had pointed out to his wife that he had spent "a lot of money" in her defense against the myriad of firearms charges that dogged their footsteps. (Mrs. Thoresen still has a federal probationary sentence to complete and a New York City trial date early this year on both felony and misdemeanor charges of violating the tough Sullivan law. In all the court troubles she maintained she was acting only as a courier for her husband.)

An interesting sidelight to that was revealed during the Fresno trial. Thoresen had applied for a federal machine gun dealer's license in 1965, which he was denied because of a six-year-old conviction in Bar Harbor, Me., for stealing travel posters from the wall of a ferry terminal. Mrs. Thoresen, according to one San Francisco-based Treasury agent, applied for the same license and she, too, was rejected, not because she ever had been convicted of any crime, but because she was wed to the eccentric steel heir. The agent admitted Louise had pointed out to government officials that several gun dealers had been convicted of violating federal gun laws and their wives were then licensed. He said she was told that was true, but the "Huns" weren't going to get that kind

of September 21 to his luxury high-rise apartment on the shore of Lake Michigan. Louise told investigating officers she had waited for him at the apartment from Monday evening until 1:30 the following morning. Later on Tuesday, before the shooting had been discovered, she said she returned to the apartment and found her credit card, used to rent the car, on the kitchen table.

Meanwhile, Officer Bruno visited a gun shop in Waukegan, a town 20 miles north of Lake Forest on the lake. The owner, Calvin Grosse, said Richard first visited his store in July of that year and was with William. They bought two blank pistols, 200 rounds of .22 caliber blank ammunition and two magazines for M-1 carbines. As they paid for their purchases, they also picked up some spare parts for rifles and for an M-1.

Early in September, Grosse said, Richard came back to the store alone and bought a sophisticated, small-caliber, semi-automatic rifle—a Colt AR-15, .223-caliber, with a telescopic sight. Grosse told Bruno he had been out of ammunition for the expensive weapon, so he ordered 200 rounds for Richard, which he picked up on September 16. Two days later, Richard returned for a third visit, accompanied by Louise. They bought the Python later found on the floor of Richard's rented car. According to Grosse, the pair said Louise wanted the gun to take back home to Arizona for a household weapon, because her husband was out of town a great deal and she felt she needed some protection. They also purchased a .350 Walther's automatic. That was Saturday.

**A**PPARENTLY the shopkeeper was the last person police have been able to find who saw the youth alive. He visited the gun shop at approximately 2:30 p.m. on the day before his body was found. In a lengthy conversation with the man, the younger Thoresen brother discussed shooting the Walther and showed the gunsmith how he was carrying it in his waistband. He said he had fired 29 rounds with it the previous day and had become so fascinated by the weapon that he wanted to return to Germany to visit the plant where it had been made. At the same time, he bought 100 rounds of Winchester .350 shells for the gun, a \$15 pipe for William's birthday or anniversary. (William and Louise were married on January 1, 1960; William's birthday was in the spring.)

One major part of the conversation that stood out in Grosse's mind was that the younger man was particularly proud of his ability to shoot a target 100 yards away. That is a major accomplishment for even competition target shooters. Grosse said he also was impressed by the fervor of Richard's apparent desire to go back

to Germany, from which he had only recently returned after an extended visit in Europe. Grosse said one thing bothered him when he heard Richard might have committed suicide: In their conversation just hours before the fatal shot was fired, Richard had not sounded like a man who would take his own life.

Both Sergeant Nelson and Officer Bruno also were bothered by that fact and by their failure to find the Winchester ammunition. The shells in the box under the car's front seat were .38 Remington specials.

When Coroner Clavey summoned a jury to hear the evidence in early October of 1965, they were unable to rule whether the death had been a suicide or a homicide. They specifically asked the Lake Forest police to continue their investigation. That apparently is being done, for the day Louise was freed of the charge of killing her husband, her attorney received a request for the entire defense file as it pertained to Richard's death. Much of it was Louise's own testimony of her conversation with William in the last hours before she emptied .38-caliber revolver into him. She said she and William had had a particularly bad day—he had beaten her regularly and brutally and then suddenly appeared calm and rational. She testified:

"We began to talk and I said, 'William, this can't go on like this anymore. Will you please follow the advice of Dr. Boyce [Dr. Lancy Boyce, a Fresno psychiatrist who testified Thoresen had consulted him, but was "too hot to handle" so he had prescribed hospitalization] and go into a hospital?'"

To her request, Louise said, William had replied, heatedly:

"Lou, I can't let them psych me. I do they'll find out I had Richard kill and then killed the guy who did it. . . he [Richard] wanted to do was help and with you and Michael [their young son] and me he finally belonged. . . killed the wrong people."

Louise sobbed to the eight-man, five-woman jury:

"And all the time we thought Richard had taken his own life. . . God! Oh God! Oh my God!!"

Louise also said William had told her he felt his parents should have been killed instead.

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