

# In East Hampton, A Serious Antiwar

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EAST HAMPTON, L. I., Aug. 29—The committee was determined that it wasn't going to turn into, or be labeled, "one of those radical chic parties."

"We are apprehensive," Mrs. Burton Lane admitted, and added, when someone inadvertently used the offending words, "it isn't even a party—it's a gathering for a purpose."

Mrs. Lane, the wife of the composer and a woman who has spent most of her life "working for non-tax-deductible causes — someday I'll find a tax-deductible one," was referring to the fund-raising event held here last night to aid the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

Mrs. Lane's sentiments were shared by almost all the 150 guests at the gathering, held at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Colman.

## A Veteran Comments

"I hope people realize that this isn't another one of 'those' parties," said Dave Schmidt of Center Moriches, a former Air Force sergeant who served in Vietnam. "If you are going to educate people, you've got to get to them and this is one way of doing it."

Many of the men and women assembled around the Colman pool had attended the events were later categorized as "radical chic" fund-raising affairs for the Black Panthers and the Berrigan defense held at the Manhattan apartment of the similar type of benefit for the California table-grape growers (the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee) at the Southampton home of Andrew Stein, the young Assemblyman from Manhattan's Upper East Side.

"You can't blame us for being uptight," said one woman. "We try to help or contribute money to things we believe in and somehow it ends up looking as though we are trying to be fashionable."

The focus of the gathering was on the tall, lean figure of John Forbes Kerry, a leading spokesman for the veterans organization, and several of his colleagues.

The young veterans circulated among the guests for

an hour and, when most of the invitees had been checked off a list held at the front door, they moved inside to the large white-walled living room.

The male guests, most of them in casual summer attire, and the women, almost all in pants or long dresses, were welcomed by Mrs. Colman, wife of a Manhattan real estate operator. The meeting was then turned over to Jimmy Breslin, the writer, who wasted few words in getting down to business. He introduced Tom Paxton, the folksinger.

"I do have some funny songs but I'm not going to sing them," said Mr. Paxton, who then sang two of his own compositions, "I Had to Shoot That Rabbit" and "Jimmy Newman."

Mr. Kerry, a 27-year-old veteran who left the Navy with a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts, reserved most of his remarks for the conclusion of the evening, after the showing of a 17-minute segment of a full-

length feature film on the testimony of 125 veterans concerning atrocities they said they had witnessed in Vietnam and before a request for funds sent everyone scrambling for pens and check books.

## Goals Are Outlined

"We're not fighting for the freedom of the Vietnamese people . . . we never have been . . . we are fighting for the vindication of some sense of pride for the United States of America," Mr. Kerry told the silent audience.

Later, Mr. Kerry and Al Hubbard, another veteran, explained some of the aims of the organization, among which are veterans' employment ("the largest segment of the organization, among try are veterans"), improving conditions in Veterans Administration hospitals, combating the drug problem and increasing educational opportunities.

Although the committee

didn't set a goal in its fund-raising, William Samuels, who works with the veterans' organization, said he thought that "between \$4,000 and \$5,000" had been raised, with contributions ranging from \$15 up to \$500. Mr. Samuels, the son of Howard J. Samuels, is a vice president of Mind, a company that deals in educational aids for disadvantaged adults.

The final event in the 2½-hour gathering was the unveiling of a charcoal drawing by Willem De Kooning, contributed to the veterans' cause by the artist.

The drawing, of the Reflecting Pool in Washington, will be raffled on Veterans' Day, Oct. 25. The tickets are \$10, and each contributor last night was given one.

Among those present were Bruce J. Friedman, the author, and Mrs. Friedman; Alfred Crown, the film producer; William King, the sculptor; John Hubley, who has won three Academy Awards for his short films;

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# Gathering





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John F. Kerry, a leader of antiwar veterans, left, speaking at the fund-raising event in East Hampton, L. I.

Sheldon Harnick, the lyricist; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maas, the writers; Donald Noonan, of the Nassau Democratic party; Mr. Stein; Peter Davis, producer of the television documentary "The Selling of the Pentagon"; Mrs. Lula B. Bramwell, the ousted principal of the Joan of Arc Junior High School in New York, and Mrs. Patricia Kennedy Lawford.