

Documents from Chicago 1968

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“BE REALISTIC, DEMAND THE IMPOSSIBLE.”

Slogan on a Paris wall during the Student Rebellion
REVOLUTION TOWARDS A FREE SOCIETY: YIPPIE!

By A. Yippie

This is a personal statement. There are no spokesmen for the Yippies. We suggest to all reporters that they ask each and every Yippie in Lincoln Park why they have come to Chicago. We are all our own leaders. We realize this list of demands is inconclusive, they are not really demands. For people to make demands of the Democratic Party is an exercise in wasted wish-fulfillment. If we have a demand, it is simply and emphatically that they, along with their fellow inmates in the Republican Party, cease to exist. We demand a society built along the alternative community in Lincoln Park, a society based on humanitarian cooperation and equality, a society which allows and promotes the creativity present in all people and especially our youth.

1. An immediate end to the War in Vietnam and a restructuring of our foreign policy which totally eliminates aspects of military, economic, and cultural imperialism. The withdrawal of all foreign based troops and the abolition of the military draft.

2. Immediate freedom for Huey Newton of the Black Panthers and all other black people. Adoption of the community control concept in our ghetto areas. An end to the cultural and economic domination of minority groups.

3. The legalization of marijuana and all other psychedelic drugs. The freeing of all prisoners currently in prison on narcotics charges.

4. A prison system based on the concept of rehabilitation rather than punishment.

5. A judicial system which works toward the abolition of all Laws related to crimes without victims. That is, retention only of laws relating to crimes in which there is an unwilling injured party, i.e. murder, rape, assault.

6. The total disarmament of all the people beginning with the police. This includes not only guns, but such brutal devices as tear gas, MACE, electric prods, blackjacks, billy clubs, and the like.

7. The Abolition of Money. The abolition of pay housing, pay media, pay transportation, pay food, pay education, pay clothing, pay medical help, and pay toilets.

8. A society which works toward and actively promotes the concept of “full-unemployment,” A society in which people are free from the drudgery of work. Adoption of the concept “Let the Machines do it.”

9. A conservation program geared towards preserving our natural resources and committed to the elimination of pollution from our air and water.

10. A program of ecological development that will provide incentives for the decentralization of our crowded cities and encourage rural living.

11. A program which provides not only free birth control information and devices but also abortions when desired.

12. A restructured educational system which provides the student power to determine his course of study and allows for student participation in over-all policy planning. Also an educational system which breaks down its barriers between school and community. A system which uses the surrounding community as a classroom so that students may learn directly the problems of the people.

13. The open and free use of the media. A program which actively supports and promotes cable television as a method of increasing the selection of channels available to the viewer.

14. An end to all censorship. We are sick of a society which has no hesitation about showing people committing violence and refuses to show a couple fucking.

15. We believe that people should fuck all the time, anytime, whomever they wish. This is not a program demand but a simple recognition of the reality around us.

16. A political system which is more streamlined and responsive to the needs of all the people regardless of age, sex or race. Perhaps a national referendum system conducted via television or a telephone voting system. Perhaps a decentralization of power and authority with many varied tribal groups. Groups in which people exist in a state of basic trust and are free to choose their tribe.

17. A program that encourages and promotes the arts. However, we feel that if the Free Society we envision were to be fought for and achieved, all of us would actualize the creativity within us. In a very real sense we would have a society in which every man would be an artist.

It is for these reasons that we have come to Chicago. It is for these reasons that many of us may fight and die here. We recognize this as the vision of the founders of this nation. We recognize that we are America. We recognize that we are Free Men. The present day politicians and their armies of automatons have selfishly robbed us of our birthright. The evilness they stand for will go unchallenged no longer. Political Pigs, your days are numbered. We are the Second American Revolution. We shall win. Yippie!

Youth International Party

837 N. LaSalle

DARING EXPOSE-TOP SECRET YIPPIE PLANS for LINCOLN PARK

"Lincoln Park...God's enchanting acres named in grateful remembrance of the Great Emancipator, once the hallowed grounds of many of the city's departed pioneers...now the wonder spot of the Midwest, the playground of millions."

Chicago Tourist Bureau

August 20 to August 24 (AM) Training in snake dancing, karate, non-violent self-defense. Information booth in Park.

August 24 (PM) Yippie Mayor R. Daley presents fireworks on Lake Michigan.

August 25 (AM) Welcoming of the Democratic delegates-downtown hotels (to be announced).

August 25 (PM) MUSIC FESTIVAL-Lincoln Park

August 26 (AM) Workshop in drug problems, underground communications, how to live free, guerrilla theatre, self-defense, draft resistance, communes, etc. (Potential workshop leaders should call the Seed, 837 N. LaSalle Street, 943-5282).

August 26 (PM) Scenario sessions to plan small group activities.

Beach Party ON THE LAKE ACROSS from Lincoln Park (North Avenue Beach)

folksinging, barbecues, swimming, lovemaking

August 27 (dawn) Poetry, mantras, religious ceremony.

August 27 (AM) Workshops and Scenario sessions.

Film showing and mixed media-Coliseum

August 27 (PM) Benefit concert-Coliseum, 1513 S. Wabash

Rally and Nomination of Pigasus and LBJ birthday party—Lincoln Park.
August 28 (dawn) Poetry and Folk singing
August 28 (AM) Yippie Olympics, Miss Yippie Contest, catch the candidate, pin the tale on the donkey, pin the rubber on the Pope, and other normal, healthy games.
August 28 (PM) Plans to be announced at a later date.
4 P.M. — Mobilization Rally scheduled for Grant Park. March to the Convention.
August 29–30 Events scheduled depend on Wed. nite. Return to park for sleeping.
DIRECTIONS TO LINCOLN PARK
Subway: Jackson Pk. or Englewood trains to Clark and Division (1200 n); walk north on Clark to the park.
Bus: Wilson-LaSalle (156) to Inner Drive and North Avenue. Wilson-Michigan to LaSalle Drive and North Avenue.
Clark Street (22) to Clark and North.
Broadway 36 to Clark and Wisconsin (1800)
Lincoln Wabash to Lincoln and Wells (1800 n.)
Armitage-Ogden to Armitage and Wells
Nnorth Avenue bus east to North and Lasalle.

This End of the Stick

Yeah, we did all right this week. We did it in the streets. The delegates can cry and march now, they can even put up bail to get us out of the pig pen, but we understand that they are crying because they lost. King Richard the pig Daley and Hump the Hun won, and we won. There is one organization on one end of the pig's stick and another one on the other end of the stick. King Richard and the Hun have a base in money, big business, the vote getting machine, and the local urban military. They have the democratic party machinery.

We have a base in the millions of young people who have no place and want no place in plastic poverty pig America. Young people who understand that high school is a kind of prison to keep them from tearing the monster's insides apart. Young guys and chicks who don't plan on punching into the mills and factories and shitwork offices the country has to offer.

First of all we know that nobody can tell us what we are going to make of ourselves. We learned that in Chicago. No old timers or old timers' lackeys could direct marches, set up marches or tell marchers what to do. That was an old form where we marched along at the mercy of the police trying to make the pigs in power change their lives. This time our people moved all over the city directed by a common energy. We found our own organizational forms, our own lines of march. And because we moved close to the streets the young people of Chicago—black, brown and white—joined us. We found our own turf was with our own people. In Chicago we were finding who our own people were and where our own turf was. Face it: Our people don't dig capitalism, don't dig capitalists. Call us communists if you want to. Call us revolutionary communists—you better. But you better call us the people, because that's who we are.

THE COPS SAID THIS...

PLEASE COOPERATE PLEASE COOPERATE

28 August 1968

NOTICE

PLEASE COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the interests of free speech and assembly, this portion of Grant Park has been set aside for a rally. You are permitted to conduct this assembly and rally and will be protected.

In order to aid traffic control efforts and assist in maintaining the security of the Democratic National Convention, no rally or assembly will be permitted at or near the International Amphitheatre.

No authorization for a parade, march or procession has been issued. Any attempts to conduct or participate in a parade or march will subject each and every participant to arrest.

We earnestly request your cooperation so that the rights of dissent and protest will be properly safeguarded as well as the rights of all others including those delegates at the Democratic National Convention.

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

James B. Conlisk, Jr.

Superintendent of Police

PLEASE COOPERATE

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And the cops did this:

There was another of photographer Sequeira's experiences at night: A policeman identified by his name-plate as Lt. Carl Dobrich (right) told Sequeira to "Get off the streets." Sequeira said, "Press." And showed him his credentials. Without another word, Dobrich shot MACE at Sequeira. It is being shot over the head of a woman, who ducks. Sequeira also ducks. Lt. M. Schniederecht is at left.

DEMONSTRATE

to show our opposition to the Vietnam War

Assemble in front of the major delegations at the

1. Conrad Hilton Hotel 720 S. Michigan

2. Pick Congress Hotel 520 S. Michigan

3. Palmer House, State & Monroe

AUGUST 25th at 2pm

WE WILL NOT BE DENIED OUR RIGHT TO DISSENT!

Celebrate Tolstoy's Birthday

Wednesday 28 August

with

NONVIOLENT REVOLUTION

refuse to pay taxes...

DON'T PAY FINES

IF JAIL, NO BAIL!
break draft laws
DON'T WALK WHEN BUSTED
DON'T STAND OR PLEAD IN COURT
NEITHER EAT NOR WORK IN JAIL
turn-off, ignore, dump-on
the Authority of Re\$pectability
burn the flags
renounce citizenship
quit war work
SMASH THE STATE!
Consult:
(1) Mark 10:42-43; John 6:15
(2) The Kindom Of God Is Within You (Tolstoy)
(3) Sabotage (c/o Solidarity Bookshop, 745 W. Armitage, Chicago, 60614

Let the People Speak

Demonstrate Your Opposition to the Vietnam War
Grant Park
Wednesday August 28th
1 P.M. to 4 P.M.

The majority of the American people want the United States to stop the bombing and get out of Vietnam. The politicians are in Chicago threatening to continue the war and to suppress opposition. This is the only demonstration for which the city has issued a permit despite repeated requests by many groups.

The political bosses at the Democratic Convention, and the political boss of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, are obviously afraid to hear what the people want. They have turned Chicago into an armed camp and have tried to scuttle free speech so that they wouldn't have to listen to the innumerable Americans WHO WANT THE UNITED STATES TO GET OUT OF VIETNAM.

The people of this country have been grossly deceived and misrepresented by the Johnson-Humphrey-Daley team. These are the men who promised peace in 1964, then escalated the war to the point where 200,000 American boys (and countless Vietnamese) have been killed or wounded. These are the men who evidently believe that the American people have no rights, that only government bureaucrats can decide whether we live or die.

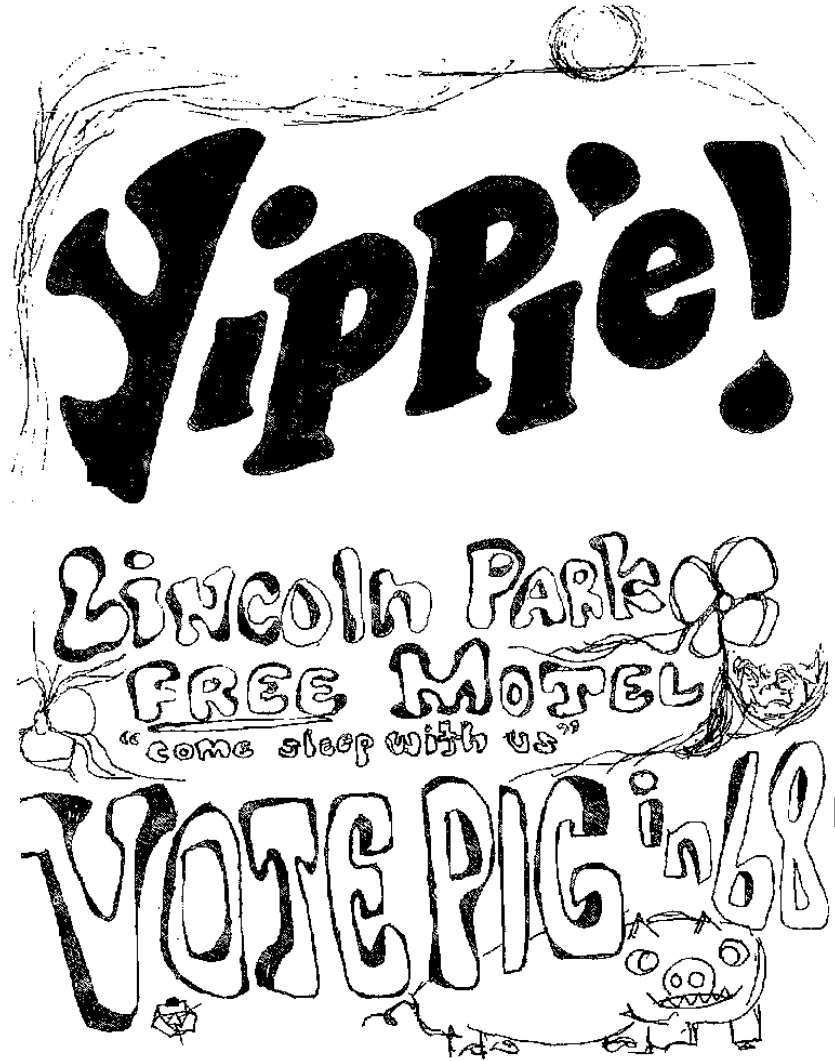
This totalitarian mentality, which goes hand in hand with the illegal war in Vietnam, must not go unchallenged. If we would reassert our right to be free citizens, we must show our determination to stop the slaughter in Vietnam.

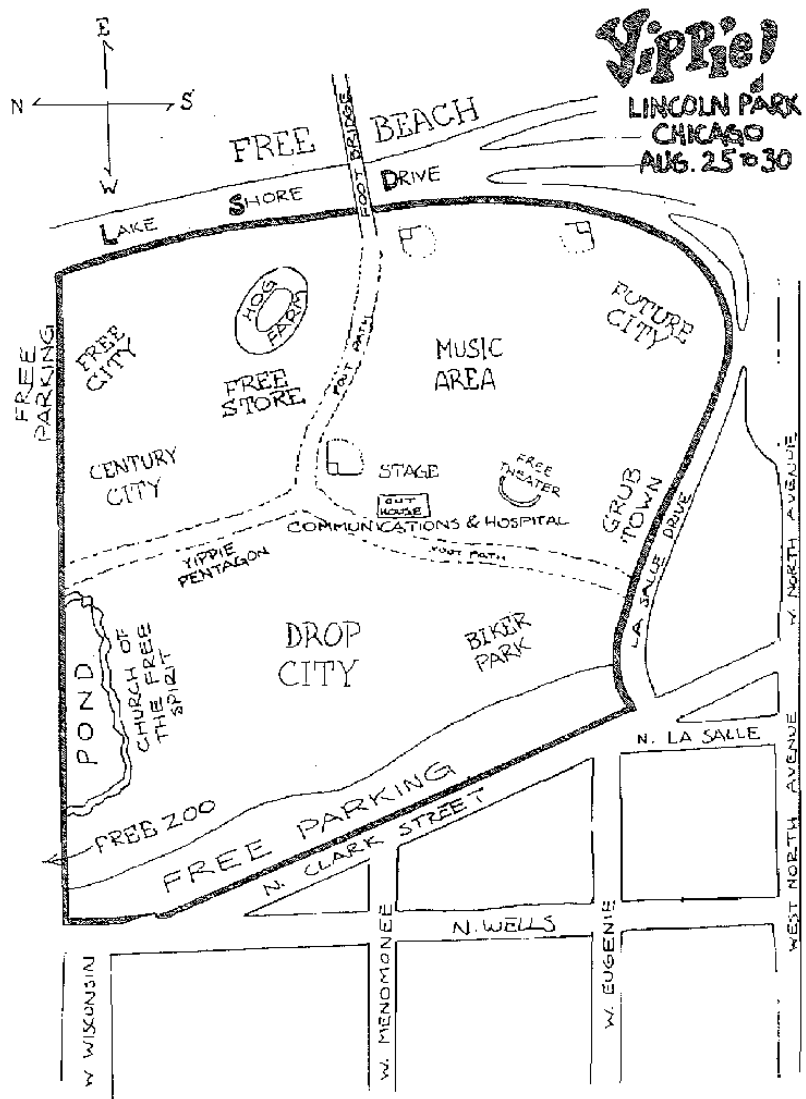
We urge all Chicagoans to join with the thousands coming from across the country in a massive anti-war demonstration at Grant Park, Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Let the People Be Heard
National Mobilization Committee
Room 316, 407 S. Dearborn 939-2666

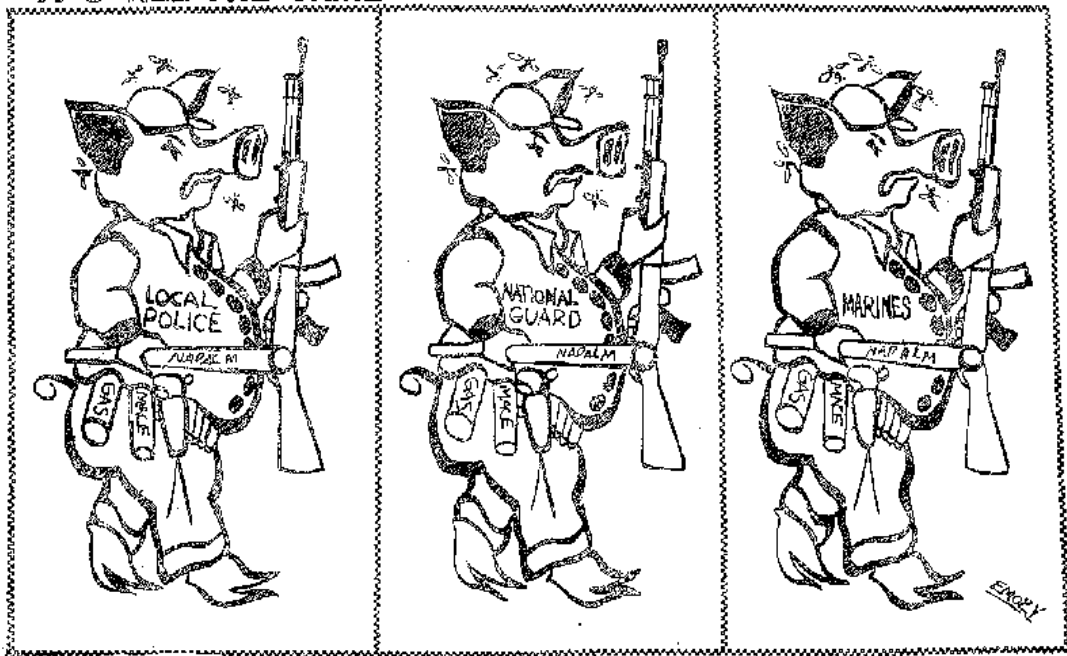
Yippie!

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