

THE REVOLUTION FOR JESUS by TEENS FOR CHRIST
~~SUMMER, 1969 - WE HIT THE ROAD TO ALL U.S.A.!~~
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TEENS FOR CHRIST originated in 1966 in the glow of a campfire on a Texas Ranch one spring night when three highschool teenagers, Paul, Jonathan and Faith, after working for two summers at a witnessing exhibit at the New York World's Fair, decided to spend that summer as an evangelistic team waging a Gospel Uprising where the teens are--beaches, parks, burger stands, hippy hangouts, schools, churches and boulevards--from Texas to New York, Montreal to Miami Beach and the West Indies to the West Coast--an All Out For Jesus Christ youth team! They traveled 10,000 miles a year in a Dodge camper, adding more young members as they went. They were an immediate sensation that rocked the nation by the power of the Gospel of God!

THE LIGHT CLUB was opened by Teen Challenge in 1967 as a Christian coffee-house type of mission to youth with inspirational Gospel folk music entertainment, witnessing and refreshments for youthful fellowship and salvation. In 1968 Teen Challenge turned the Club over to Teens for Christ, who had been working there most of the year while looking for a base in California, and who were having phenomenal success in reaching the Hippy Generation with Jesus!

THE LIGHT HOUSE, Nov. Ted and Millie Ware, returned missionaries from Cuba and Spain, welcomed The Revolution in 1969, brought to them by Faith and Jonathan and Miguel Ward by invitation. It brought immediate victory in the lives of scores of young people set on fire for Christ! The entire church was cleared of pews to make room for the Revolution, co-operating enthusiastically! A large school bus was donated by Carl Peterson there to put the Revolution on the road!

THE REVOLUTIONS IN PALM SPRINGS AND YUCAIPA, CALIF., were started by Rev. John and Linda, sponsored by the Sufficools and the Kellys, and multitudes of youth in the schools and the streets were reached with the Gospel, many "turned on" to serve Jesus zealously!

A REVOLUTIONARY COFFEE HOUSE NEAR MIAMI, FLA., was pioneered by Arnie and Faith and Artie and Claudia in 1969 with the help of a Baptist pastor and the Full Gospel Business Men's Association, at 18801 West Dixie Highway, Ojus, near Greynolds Park where thousands of hippies gather and they feed hundreds weekly, many delivered from drugs.

THE REVOLUTIONARY ROAD TEAM was ordered by the Lord in 1969 to spread this Revolution for Jesus throughout the nation, an "army terrible with banners", busses, campers and cars to invade villages, towns, parks and cities across the country "into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in" to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and deliverance from sin, and to encourage young people to "Forsake all", "Follow Jesus" and "Find joy" in saving others!

THE PARENTS OF THESE YOUNG REVOLUTIONARIES are the Rev. David and Jane, pastors, evangelists, missionaries to the Jews, for years Directors of a missionary school in Miami, Fla., and recently Founders of the revolutionary Teens for Christ. Jane (Miller) was an Asburyan and daughter of a prominent Louisville, Ky., family. David Brandt is the grandson of Dr. John L. Brandt, founder of fifty Christian churches and noted author, lecturer and world traveler. His mother, Virginia Brandt, former head of the Florence Crittenton Homes and later an atheistic invalid, was saved and healed and founded both the First and Central Alliance Churches of Miami, Fla., and the broadcast "Meditation Moments", a story told in her books "The Hem of His Garment" and "Streams that Never Run Dry". David learned to love teenagers as a highschool teacher and became national director of a nationwide TV show on 308 television stations and 1187 radio stations for 13 years through which many were won to Christ.

THE REVOLUTIONARY MUSIC of these youngsters is mostly composed by themselves under inspiration and is strictly non-conformist Gospel folk style with guitars, drums and startling language! Don't invite them to sing if you prefer to be lulled to sleep in comfort by organ lullabys! They are the heart-ory of this last, lost generation mingled with the call for Revolution! These heart-rending songs are usually led by Paul, former Texas cowboy, and Liram Noland, professional folk singer, beauty contest winner and Midwestern youth leader, and others.

THE RADICAL TEACHINGS AND TACTICS of these Christian Revolutionaries are from their Revolutionary Handbook, the Bible, and the greatest of all Revolutionaries, Jesus Christ and His 12 bearded militants! "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in." "Sell all that thou hast and give to the poor and come follow Me." "He that forsaketh not all that he hath cannot be my disciple." "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." "Warn the wicked of his wicked way, to save his life." "All that believed were together and had all things common." "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and prayers." "And daily in the Temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."--Bible.

WE BELIEVE that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"--"There is none righteous, no not one." "All we like sheep have gone astray, but the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works; lest any man should boast." "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."--"and ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me."--Bible.

THE TEENS FOR CHRIST REVOLUTION FOR JESUS has made front page headlines in many newspapers for their unusual witnessing activities such as marches, demonstrations, picketing, sit-ins and court cases for preaching the Gospel in unexpected places to surprised audiences. Politi-

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cal rallies, market places, beaches, burger stands, bases, boulevards, parks, churches and school campuses from Broadway to Bourbon Street have felt their impact.--And frequently they have found less freedom is allowed for the distribution of Gospel tracts than for smut, pornography and communist propaganda; and that the peaceful preaching of the love of Jesus is more tabu in some places than violence, nudity and obscenity; and that it is more difficult to smuggle the Gospel and Scripture portions on the average campus than it is to push dope! Constitutional freedoms of religion, speech and press are often ignored by local governments.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A CHRISTIAN REVOLUTIONARY must therefore be very rigid. He "must be born again", a "new creature", "transformed by the renewing of his mind" and "not conformed to this world". He must "know that he has eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" and believe that he "must confess Him before men", "forsake all" and "Go into all the world to preach the Gospel" to "make disciples of all nations" to follow Christ. He must be willing to "endure hardness, as a good soldier, not entangling himself with the affairs of this world, that he may please Him that hath called him to be a soldier". He must gladly suffer affliction and persecution, as "all who live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer", and "rejoice, for so persecuted they the prophets". "Having food and clothing he must therewith be content", "eating what is set before him, giving thanks", remembering Jesus "had nowhere to lay his head". He must be free of debt, payments or family obligations--"Owe no man anything, save to love him." Any under 18 must have written permission from a parent. Health is important, too.

THE DISCIPLINE OF JESUS' REVOLUTIONARIES must be absolute "obedience to them that have the rule over them, for they care for their souls, as they that must themselves give account". "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" "as unto the Lord, and not unto man," "all for the glory of God", for "they that shall not work, shall not eat"--duties, study, witnessing, sharing, prayer, praising, sacrificing, suffering, persecution and even martyrdom! You must obey implicitly, quickly and without question your officers in the Lord, if you wish to remain a member of this Team, "giving cheerfully, as unto the Lord," "without murmuring", remembering that "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." "Hereby perceive we the love of God: because he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." "To love God, and our neighbor as ourselves...is all the law!

THE RULES OF REVOLUTION are strict: Attend all classes and meetings, study and go witnessing, do your duties faithfully, arise when wakened and retire at lights out. "Study to be quiet" and "to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." "Preach the Word, be instant in season and out", and "always ready to give an answer to him that asketh thee". "Let everything be done decently and in order, for God is not the author of confusion"--keep your quarters neat and tidy and yourself clean--"Defile not the temple of the Holy Ghost"--no smoking or smooching other than "greeting one another with a holy kiss"--and absolutely no dating. Betrothals only for staff members after months of service and ready to go on their own with Team approval. Do not leave anywhere without permission and absence from Bible study, duties or witnessing must be only for emergencies by direct permission of the officer in charge. Absence without leave will be considered desertion of your post. You will only be given one warning, after which your place will be given someone more deserving. "He sent them out two by two"--you will never go alone, and always a veteran with trainee

THE HOURS OF REVOLUTION are strenuous, and vary with each local battle conditions. Since much of our work is done at night, usually to very late hours, sometimes all night in meetings, witnessing etc., your mornings are generally your own for prayer and Bible study and personal duties, with "brunch" in the late morning (no lunch), class or witnessing in the afternoon, dinner at 6, meetings or witnessing at night, sometimes a night snack or refreshments, and quietly to bed. Unusual circumstances or assignments can change this at a moment's notice, without complaint. The only things you can be sure of are the Lord, hard work, suffering, constant change and joy. There are no days off, except some Saturdays or special days, and that usually without meals.

THE BEHAVIOR OF THE REVOLUTIONARY is quiet, orderly, obedient, cheerful, willing and faithful, as well as diligent, respectful, sacrificial and longsuffering, meek, gentle, peaceful, loving, unselfish and kind, "forgiving one another, as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." "Above all else, having fervent love one toward another." All must memorize and practice I Cor. 13. In the field, instant obedience is imperative, with the welfare and safety of souls and your fellows at stake. Obey the laws and officers of the law, owners of property and officials of schools or establishments. "agree with thine adversary whilst thou art in the way with him, lest he hail thee to the officer, and he take thee before the judge, who shall cast thee into jail, and thou shalt not come forth from thence till thou hast paid the last farthing!"--Jesus' own warning! "If they refuse to receive thee, shake off the dust of thy feet and depart." "If they persecute you in one city, flee to another."--Don't stop to argue! We don't put up bail or wait for court trials. "Be all things to all men in order that you might win some"--be winsome!

THE EQUIPMENT, UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE OF A REVOLUTIONARY depend largely on the field of battle. "To the Jew as a Jew, the Greek as a Greek, the Roman as a Roman"--or the hippie as a hippie! While with a type of people, you adopt the costume and customs of your mission field, with rare exceptions. Jesus adopted the flesh of sinful man, "that we through his poverty might become rich." "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace. For meat destroy not the work of God..It is good neither to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended. Let every one of us please his neighbor." So you will change according to field conditions--on order if necessary--"without strife or vain disputation." Informal sport clothing is generally acceptable for most conditions, without extremes, except for special occasions as ordered. One small suitcase or bag, two or three inches of hang-up clothes, Bible, notebook and pen, with one coat or sweater for cold and sunstogs for heat, and your own sleeping bag or bed roll. Radios are not welcome, except for news. Cameras, portable tape recorders and music instruments are OK.

THE REVOLUTIONARY'S ADDRESS is always uncertain, and he must handle his own forwarding notices, except for mail sent to our home base box, which will be sent by the business manager to designated pickup points along the way at irregular intervals. "Neglect not to communicate." Amen!