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LEARY RUNS FOR GOV. Tim Leary says that he'll conduct a "grass roots campaign for governor of California, beginning with a train tour of the state in September. He already has the support of more than 100 rock bands and "the four leading newspapers" and explains that though he won't be participating in machine politics "there may be some smoke-filled rooms."

At his NYC press conference last week the jubilant acid guru stated deadpan into network TV cameras and said the recent Supreme Court axing of the federal tax proviso on pot meant that heads could smoke legally on Federal property—national parks and FBI offices for example. The government's recent estimate of 6 million users was about as accurate as their casualty estimates, he suggested, substituting a more likely figure of 40,000,000 smokers.

How did he come by these estimates? the straight press asked to which Tim responded (basing his estimates on recent Gallup polls) that 70 percent of servicemen in and 50 to 70 percent of high school and college kids. "If you don't believe this, ask your local sheriff."

CHESTNUT: An old joke reappeared in the LA Free Press. "It is said that the Republicans are considering changing their emblem from an elephant to a condom because a condom stands for inflation, halts production, encourages cooperation, protects a bunch of pricks and gives one a false sense of security while being screwed!"

COMMUNICATIONS: At least two companies are starting up in Canada to deliver mail in competition with the post office which has exclusive rights only on first class mail...

UPS and LNS are jointly setting up a radical media conference for Ann Arbor, the 10, 11, & 12 of July...

A taped one-hour show in which Seymour Hersh, former AP reporter, talks about the stockpiling of chemical and biological weapons—the major political issue of the next few years—is available from Radio Free People (106 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238) Marshall McLuhan was paid \$20,000 by Playboy for its recent interview. The medium is the money...

Publisher Ed. Scrooge thinks that the acquisition of Macy's & Gimbel's advertising would show where the Village Voice is at. He's right...

Send a buck for Focus/Midwest's special issue reproducing newspaper clips from all over the world about the Chicago Massacre (P.O. Box 3086, St. Louis, Mo. 63130)...

Judging by its collage "catalog" SF's City Lights Bookstore (1562 Grant Ave., SF, Calif. 94133) is America's most contemporary publisher, a title once held by Lyle Stuart until he got rich and greedy. * * *

There's plenty of historical precedent for armies to rise up and start killing their officers instead of the enemy—especially during a revolution. Most enlisted men know very well who THEIR enemy is...

Bill Beckman's new paper, *The Bolinas Hit* (25 cents from Box 242, Bolinas, Calif. 94924) reproduces one piece of a 24-part jigsaw puzzle in each issue...

Avatar, which once showed some guts and imagination, is sadly nothing more these days than a fanzine for Mel Lyman, Nothing wrong with a guy thinking he's god, I suppose, but something a little pathetic about the people who foster his delusions...

Underground newspapers dealing in “acid, sexual freedom and artistic themes” are sought (from first issue onwards) by Dr. G.G. Stoctay, Box 5054, Harrisburg, Pa. 17011 who’s willing to pay a reasonable price...

If you want to get a free copy of Lisa Bieberman’s bulletin on psychedelics (published monthly since 1966) send a stamped addressed envelope to her at 26 Boylston St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138...

Dozens of bank windows in NYC show smears from what appears to be carelessly tossed eggs or tomatoes.

The Army goofed. Their hyped-up “body count” for Vietcong killed and wounded since the war began now adds up to more than the entire population...

If you’re thinking of emigrating to Canada to avoid the draft you can get a free copy of an informatory new leaflet by writing to Montreal Council to Aid War Resisters, Case Postale 5, Succ. Wsmt., Montreal 215, Quebec...



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