Bernice and Reuben Davidson were a married couple from Oceanside, Long Island, who were actively involved in humanitarian and political activities from the 1960s to the 1990s. Their commitment to humanitarian and political activities began in 1967 during the Vietnam War and continued until the Gulf War in the 1990s. The Vietnam War had caused inflation in the United States that also created unemployment, homelessness, and price hikes on food. Witnessing the hardship of the people, Bernice sent letters to senators, congressmen, on the local and national levels, the media, and other organizations. In 1970 Bernice and Reuben went to Washington to lobby for the repeal of the draft.
Bernice and Reuben Davidson pose with their humanitarian and political campaign buttons.
Support the National Council to Repeal the Draft.

JOIN WITH OTHER AMERICANS WHO FAVOR AN END TO THE DRAFT. THEY RANGE FROM CONSERVATIVES TO RADICALS, FROM ACADEMIC IANS TO LEGISLATORS, FROM PROFESSIONAL MILITARY MEN TO PACIFISTS, FROM CHURCHMEN TO THE NON-RELIGIOUS.

The single purpose of the National Council to Repeal the Draft is to end conscription.

The NCRD welcomes the active support of all those who consider repealing the draft to be in the best interests of the national community.

The NCRD deplores the influence of the Selective Service System upon the structure of American society and the quality of American life. Military conscription is a form of involuntary servitude. It is a denial of liberty and occupational choice to the young. It subverts the finer impulses of men—duty, loyalty, responsibility—to the pursuit of the ever-increasing ruthlessness and horror of modern war.

Many groups and individuals call for reforms. But reform does nothing to remedy the basic evil of the draft. Sound as any given reform might be, the draft remains a basic day-by-day infringement of the rights of all American men between the ages of 18 and 35. NCRD calls not for reform, but for outright repeal.

Many alternatives to the draft have been proposed. They include the reduction of military commitments abroad, the use of civilians for supply and maintenance type jobs in the United States, a volunteer army with adequate pay and increased incentives. We however propose no specific alternative. The role of the NCRD is to persuade Americans to urge their elected representatives to repeal the entire Selective Service System.

| Name: __________________________ |
| Address: ________________________ |
| City: ___________________________ |
| State: ___________ Zip: _________ |
| Enclosed is my contribution of $____ |
| I pledge $____ payable [ ] monthly [ ] quarterly |
| Check should be made payable to National Council to Repeal the Draft. |
| [ ] Put me on your mailing list. |
| [ ] Send me your literature list. |
| [ ] Send me copies of the NCRD flyer. |

Cut out and mail copies to:
National Council to Repeal the Draft
201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

Flier for donation published by the National Council to Repeal the Draft on the Vietnam War
10th Anniversary dinner for
Soup Kitchen of the Interfaith Nutrition Network
A Soupçon of Praise for One Who Strives to
Ensure That Soup's On:

Talk about your precious gem
You're talkin' Ruby
Talk about your heart of gold
Concern and Love for young and old
You're talkin' Ruby!
His knack for loosin' strings of purses
Has inspired these poor verses
His cartooning and his crooning
He's still - I dare say - honeymooning
And his very fav'nite dish, I'll risk a bet -
Is his penky, peppy, pretty one,
His Kitchen Coquette.
And compared to his Bernice,
His nonstop belle of any ball,
Saint Vitus would himself be found
Collapsed against a wall!
But mention me a mensch,
A priceless jewel to me
I'd say one oh-so-special Jew will very nicely
Do me!
How much cleaner can a clue be -
You know I'm talkin' Ruby!

With everyone's loving
gratitude,
God bless you,
Mary Jane
Bazaar to raise money to feed the poor and homeless of Long Beach
7th Annual HOLIDAY DINNER

to help fund our Soup Kitchen

SATURDAY NITE
DECEMBER 8
AT 6:30 PM

* ENTERTAINMENT
* SING-A-LONG
* FUN & GOOD CHEER

You are invited to this festive dinner and entertainment to help feed the poor, the homeless and the hungry. Every week for the past 7 years, we have served a hot lunch. Your tax deductible contribution will help us continue our work.

Martin Luther King Center
615 Riverside Blvd.
Long Beach—off Long Beach Rd—1 blocks west of McDonald’s.

$12.50 Contribution

For more information—Ruby Davidson—431-9446
Vic Scutari—432-1969

☐ Yes, I will attend! Here is my $12.50 tax deductible contribution to help feed the poor, the homeless & the hungry
☐ I can't attend, but here is my contribution of
☐ I can spare 1 hour a week from 12-1 PM, to help
☐ I can help occasionally.

NAME

ADDRESS/ZIP

PHONE

make checks payable to
LONG BEACH FOOD & FRIENDSHIP I.N.N.
Recipe: Operation Food Price Rollback

§ There is no one recipe for a successful Operation Food Price Rollback. We already have the first ingredient — outrageous prices! The rest of the recipe is up to us.
§ Here are some suggestions that we found very useful, and we hope you will find helpful.

Leafletting was our first way of reaching people. Putting out a leaflet requires a stencil to type on and a mimeo machine to run it off. Stencils are sold at any stationery or office supply store. Perhaps the salesman could tell you how to use it correctly. As for the mimeo machine, you could ask a community organization, school group or local church if you could use their mimeo machine and have somebody show you how it works.

If you are unable to do this, Women United for Action nearest you would be happy to mail you leaflets. You could have a stamp made up with a local address or phone number and stamp the leaflets so interested people can get in touch with you.

When the weather is warm enough, we’ve found opening a bridge table where we’ve leafletted has helped attract attention and provide a small meeting place for interested shoppers.

On the table we’ve made up “sign-up” sheets so that shoppers who want to work on the campaign are encouraged to leave their names and phone numbers. On some of our leaflets, we’ve printed a coupon on the bottom so that interested shoppers can mail in their names, addresses and phone numbers.

When the weather is cold, we’ve been thinking of ways to get our message across indoors. One way we thought of is to have a sticker campaign, sticking labels on many foods that read such things as “25 percent off.” or “This Food is Spoiled.” Home-made stickers can be easily made with stamps made with the slogan, and labels, as we have enclosed
§ We’re sure new ideas will keep coming up as our campaign gets rolling. We are anxious to hear your ideas. If you need more help in getting the campaign underway don’t hesitate to call. Here is a listing of Operation Food Price Rollback chapters already in operation.

Women United for Action
333 West 20th St.
New York, N.Y. 10011
(212) 349-3060

Women United for Action
12 Kirkland Rd.
Rock, N.Y. 14111
(716) 942-3021

Women United for Action
281 Moore
Houston, Texas
(713) 305-2000

Women United for Action
281 Moore
Norfolk, Va. 23506
(804) 646-2000

Women United for Action
281 Moore
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101
(919) 725-2000

Women United for Action
281 Moore
Springfield, Ill. 62702
(217) 787-2000

Why didn’t you see this on tv?

The papers have carried headline news when prices soared to record highs, yet when Women United for Action brought women from many different cities to protest against this in Washington, demanding that food prices be rolled back 25 percent, there was no mention of it.

W.U.A. has waged several struggles not only locally in neighborhood supermarkets but also has taken the issue of rising food prices directly to Washington.

In August, on the anniversary of the wage-price freeze, W.U.A. picketed outside the Price Commission which is supposed to keep food prices low. Yet since its operation, they’ve allowed food prices to go up as high as 25 percent. We then marched to the National Association of Food Chains (a trade association that lobbies in the interest of over 10,000 food chains). There we demanded a public meeting with one of the top executives of the largest food chains. Mr. Timothy McFerron, spokesman for the N.A.F.C., agreed to the meeting once he was assured that W.U.A. wouldn’t back down.

FLOUR POWER

With a shower of Pillsbury flour, two women from W.U.A. crowned Jackson Grayson, head of the Price Commission, “The Pillsbury Dough Boy.” The ceremony took place as Grayson was about to address a meeting of Wall Street security analysts.

The women made the point that the Price Commission has done nothing to stop the skyrocketing cost of food. Just a month before this meeting, the commission granted Pillsbury an 11 percent price increase. So Grayson got a “taste” of the feelings of many women concerning this increase, among others.

Meanwhile, a picket line of Women United in front of the building drew the attention of many workers on their lunch hour, some of whom joined in the line.

The meeting was scheduled for Saturday, October 14 at a time when working women and mothers of young children could attend. However, two weeks before the meeting, the N.A.F.C. sent us a 4 page letter, refusing to meet with us. They said they didn’t consider our demands “reasonable.”

Well, on October 14 women from all over the country: Wilmington, Buffalo, Rochester, Chicago, Maryland, Detroit and many other cities, came to Washington to make their voices heard and to show that they must take our demand for a 25 percent rollback seriously.

About 125 members and friends sitting outside the White House to demand that Nixon order a rollback on all food prices. The women then marched to a nearby supermarket where they chanted slogans such as “Milk Up, Meat Up, Bread Up, We’re Fed Up.” Many shoppers enthusiastically joined the line. W.U.A. stated that they would go back to their cities and unite more women in Operation Food Price Rollback so that we will win all our demands including a 20 percent rollback on all food prices.

Women Workers
Force "Cut" In Price

by a woman worker

Schrafft’s cafeteria operates a hot table where I work. One morning, while several people came to the table for their usual 30 cent cup of coffee, we noticed a stack of large cups and a sign which read, “COFFEE — 15 cents.” Everyone was furious. We discussed ways of fighting this increase, getting a petition together, or maybe having a boycott.

Then a group of women took the first step. We cut the inflated cup back to size with a pair of scissors and paid the manager a dime. Our actions won the support of our Ymca’s local.

We drew up petitions and posters. We went to all the departments and got written commitments from the sisters to be at the cafeteria at 10 a.m. the next day — with a pair of scissors and a dime. As one sister said, “If we don’t stop them now, they’ll raise all the prices.”

Well, we stopped them. Schrafft’s restored the price of coffee to 10 cents, and agreed to a meeting with the union committee that now has two sisters on it.
Publication as part of Operation Pocket Book campaign to protest high price of food due to President Nixon’s unpopular economic policy during the Vietnam War
IT STINKS

* THE OCEANSIDE DUMP
* THE WAR IN VIETNAM

The homes of thousands of families have been invaded
by the horrible stench of the dump. While we spend billions
for the WAR we spend peanuts to fight pollution!

WED. APRIL 15 is Moratorium
Day all over the country!

Join with our Oceanside High School students in a
peaceful, continuous demonstration around the school
on Skillman Ave, starting 7:45 AM to 4 PM. Then a Symbolic
motorcade from the school to the dump area at 11 AM.

SCHEDULE FOR DAY
7:45 AM to 4 PM - MARCH AROUND HIGH SCHOOL
11 AM - MOTORCADE TO OCEANSIDE DUMP AREA
1 PM - DEMONSTRATION AT INTERNAL REVENUE
   BUILDING, MINEOLA
4 PM - GIANT RALLY AT BRYANT PARK, N.Y.
   (SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVING FROM MINEOLA AT 3 PM)

I support your position.
I would like to be placed on your
mailing list. Write Oceanside for Peace
Box 169 Oceanside (contribution needed)

NAME _____________________________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________________________
TOWN ___________________ PHONE ______

Sponsored by Oceanside for Peace & New Democratic Coalition in Support of Our Students.
Our President says
"It's worth the price!"
Here's the price!

* 150 Long Island Boys killed.
* Over 14,000 American Boys killed.
* Over 85,000 American Boys maimed or wounded.
* Over 1,000,000 Vietnamese Children killed or maimed.
* Untold Millions of Vietnamese civilians killed.
* Over 2,000,000 Vietnamese Refugees.
* $300,000 cost to kill a single Vietnamese soldier.

If you think this price too high
Vote Row E - United for Peace

Jim Holwell - Nassau County Executive
Rev. St. Clair - Hempstead Presiding Supervisor
The only candidates in Nassau campaigning against the war.

Oceanside for Peace - Box 125 Oceanside
Operation Pocket Book
Phase II campaign 1973

SLAUGHTER in the POCKETBOOK

It's not just the cows and the pigs and the chickens that are being slaughtered. Nixon's Phase II is bleeding you every time you enter the supermarket. There's not much left for the good life, after you leave the checkout counter.

Remember when shopping was a pleasure? Now it's a nightmare! The only thing under control is your paycheck.

The way prices are going, you need a shopping cart to carry the money, and a baggie to carry the food.

You can't afford to sit back and watch the food prices continue to rise.

Let's ROLL BACK THE PRICES to a more digestible level!

YES-YOU CAN DO SOMETHING!
YOU CAN WRITE OR PHONE....
- Congressman Norman Lent - 223 - 1616
- Assemblyman John Thorp - 766 - 8900
- Your local supermarket
- Radio and TV stations
- Friends, relatives, and clergy
- Fat Nixon

YOU CAN TELL THEM...

- You want mandatory PRICE CONTROLS ON FARM PRODUCTS
- You want FOOD PRICES ROLLED BACK not levelled off.

YOU CAN BOYCOTT for ONE DAY, ALL the SUPERMARKETS in OCEANSIDE ALL DAY-THURS. APRIL 26

* We are a small group of women, outraged at the steady attack on our food dollar. We got together because we felt we just had to do something.

Won't you please cooperate? You'll feel better if you help, and it just might work. OCEANSIDE could be the spark for other towns.
Dear Peace Friend,

The New York Council for a SANE Nuclear Policy has a further opportunity to play an important political role in New York State this year. We are proud to announce that we have wholeheartedly and enthusiastically pledged our support to the candidacy of Paul O'Dwyer for the United States Senate. His election has a top priority for all who care about peace, because of its effect on both the future of American foreign policy and domestic priorities.

Words are worthless unless they are translated into deeds. We can and must turn out the "peace vote" for Paul O'Dwyer on November 5th. We can and must translate our words into action: action which is meaningful, planned, coordinated and politically effective.

To do this we plan:

- To circulate the Javits vs. O'Dwyer records
- To print and mail an appeal to the Peace Movement over the SANE name
- To canvass intensively in order to turn out the "peace vote" on election day
- To hold meetings, speak out, supply speakers, man tables, aid in pulling voters, etc.

Obviously, if we are to be effective we need your help. We need your help as a volunteer — so call or write in the space below so we can put you to work.

We will need your help to pay for an effective campaign to elect a man who is dedicated to peace, regardless of the political cost to himself.

Please send us your dollars, "$100 for SANE Political Action in 1968" today! No gift is too small or too large.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Bloom
Chairman, New York SANE

Howard Bog
Chairman, Political Action Committee

(Tear off and return in business reply envelope)

____ I want to work for Paul O'Dwyer in my assembly (AD #__) and election (ED #__) districts.

$____ is enclosed to help pay for election materials and reimbursements for carfare, lunch, etc. for canvassers and other volunteers workers.

Make checks payable to New York SANE.

P.S. If there is no local "O'Dwyer for the Senate" Committee in your area, would you be willing to serve on one?

____ (Name) (Address) (Phone)


Executive Secretary: Ron Hamer. National Chairman: Prof. H. Stuart Hughes.

If you agree

YOU'RE OPPOSED TO THE DRAFT.

with any of these views

THE DRAFT INFRINGES UPON OUR FREEDOM. The draft extends the control of the state over the lives of its citizens. Through channeling it usurps the individual's opportunity to choose his own future and assigns that right to government officials. It interferes with the orderly planning and development of the lives of all young people.

THE DRAFT DIVIDES US. The draft conscripts many young men unable to vote, either because of age, or because, as in Puerto Rico, they are denied the franchise. It exploits the labor of all young men, especially the politically and economically least powerful. Today the draft has forced an estimated 10,000 young men into political exile and imprisonment and unknown numbers into disillusion.

THE DRAFT VIOLATES OUR VALUES. The draft departs from the American tradition which has always respected conscription not as part of a normal way of life, but as an emergency measure, it undermines the ideal of voluntary service freely given to one's community nation, or world. It violates religious liberty and freedom of conscience.

THE DRAFT MILITARIZES OUR NATION. The draft aids greatly to the already overwhelming influence of the military establishment in this country by giving it the power to conscript men into involuntary servitude. Under the guise of producing a citizen army, it simply augments our present professional army. Through military indoctrination and training in the use of weapons, conscription contributes substantially to the spread of violence in the United States today.

THE DRAFT DOESN'T WORK. This draft is an antiquated, inefficient, unworkable, and unnecessary way to provide for national defense.

THE DRAFT HURTS US INTERNATIONALLY. The draft weakens democratic control over foreign policy. It provides the manpower for large scale military intervention overseas without approval by Congress and the people. An unlimited supply of conscripts encourages the government to resort to military solutions and thwarts the development of a constructive foreign policy.
Publication for “Nuclear Weapon Free by the year of 2000,” to teach the public about the danger of nuclear weapons and to stop the nuclear arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union
“The Shrunken Nixon Dollar,” symbol for Operation Pocket Book against the price hike
Operation Suburbia: Florence Brown and her children
Farewell cake for Vic and Pat, the soup kitchen volunteers.
Operation Suburbia: The Brown family spent some quality time with Bernice and Reuben Davidson.
Button from ARISE campaign to support Nicaragua refugees on Long Island
Bernice Davidson at a rally against the Gulf War
Some protesters rally in front of a military recruitment center to protest the Gulf War.
Bernice (middle) and Reuben Davidson (far right) with other protesters in Washington to protest the War in Central America and the Gulf War.
Rally at Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.
Rally at Capitol Hill demanding job and housing opportunities
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ARISE – Nicaragua Contra: An event to stop providing military aid
Anti-Nuclear campaign
Nicaraguan children performed in an ARISE event at Hofstra University, 1986
Religious leader giving his talk at an ARISE event
Eugene J. McCarthy for President and Allard Lowenstein for Congress, 1968
Nicaraguan families participated at an ARISE event at Hofstra University, 1986
ARISE event
10th Anniversary Dinner of Interfaith Nutrition Network for Soup Kitchen
Children singing at an ARISE event at Hofstra University
10th Anniversary of Friends of Interfaith Nutrition Network
Local election: Gaudelli for Assembly

Local election: Jay Korn for School Board
Button for a campaign to impeach President Nixon

Button to End the Draft for the Vietnam War
Button to repeal the draft for the Vietnam War

Button to support Allard Lowenstein for the United States Congress
Button to support George McGovern for President, 1970

Button to support Paul O’Dwyer for the United States Senate