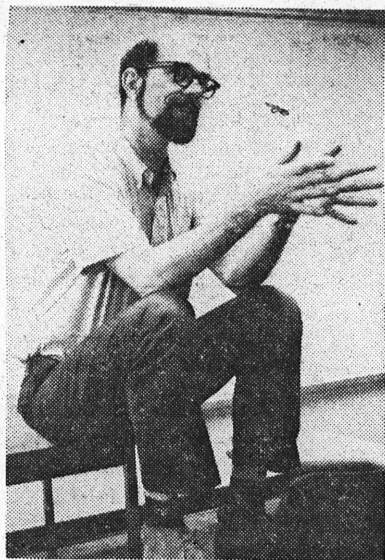


End Bloodshed

Dave McReynolds, a member of the War Resisters' League founded on saying "No" to wearing the uniform of any government, spoke to an informal group of about 35 students in room 605, on Thursday,



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October 2. The as-yet unnamed group was organized by student Jim Buechler, who hopes for regular monthly meetings to explore peaceful means of social change and defense. The League draft counsels, supports the Resistance (organization of men who publicly confront the Selective Service System by refusing to go) and organizes phone tax resistance (not paying Bell Tel's 10% tax, ear-marked for the war). Dave chose not to work from a prepared text, but answer questions about the nature of nonviolence, the October 15 Moratorium and demonstrations.

"There are two kinds of non-violence," he said. One is personal, a kind of gentleness in dealing with regular tensions and hassles. The other is the absolute rejection of organized violence by the state, which is the founding principle of the WRL.

Stressing the importance of a stoppage in the daily functioning of a nation, McReynolds urged the group to support the October 15 Moratorium, which signifies a strike of businesses and schools across the country as protest against the war. Whatever you normally do on that day — don't!" he said. The Moratorium is due to increase one day each month; in November it will be two days, and so on. Estimating its effect on the government, McReynolds speculated, "the Establishment is desperately concerned with strikes in the university, so they will pay attention."

Much discussion focussed on the role and manner of demonstrations. Mc Reynolds felt that militant marches are more "persuasive" but that the way to building a rational culture must not come from what he considers such irrational means. Violent rebellion indicates to him a never-ending spiral of bloodshed.

—By Jaimo