

CAMDEN DEFENSE COMMITTEE

1 Cooper St.
Westmont, N. J.
November 17, 1969

Dear Friend,

The Vice-President's recent speech about the news media and their ability to distort news events could easily apply to any local community as well as to national issues.

Some of us who either work or live in Camden feel that there has been, either consciously or unconsciously, reporting of events in Camden which is decidedly slanted and opinionated. The impression given to people reading local newspapers is that the big problems in Camden are narcotics and small groups of "hoodlums bent on violence", to use the phrase of Camden's Director of Public Safety, Harold Melleby.

It is possible that the city officials and the news media are setting up these issues as primary in order to cover up their collective inability to deal with the real problems of housing, education, and employment within the city.

The printing of the enclosed brochure is aimed at presenting another version of events in the city over the past year and a half. It is an attempt to paint a different picture of dissenters and administration tactics from that which appears in the daily press.

Life in Camden is difficult enough, but we do not feel that the interests of its residents are served by obscuring the main problems in order to deal with lesser problems that are easier to solve. Please read this brochure and let us know if you can circulate additional copies among groups with whom you deal.

Our gratitude for your consideration of this brochure accompanies this communication.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Weber

Robert P. Weber, Chaplain at Rutgers University, Camden
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SUPPORT

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COMMUNITY

THIS IS A CRITICAL POINT
IN CAMDEN'S HISTORY

YOUR SUPPORT AT THIS
TIME IS CRUCIAL

MEET: FRONT of
COLLEGE

TIME 6:45 CENTER
MONDAY NIGHT
DEC. 22

WE'LL GO TO
PARKSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
TOGETHER