Braden urges organization of lower-income groups

By John Dulcey

"The only way to crack this nation," stated Carl Braden today at a brief group Tuesday meeting, "is to organize the lowest income people. Poor blacks and poor whites must work together." The situation is racism and poverty, the man is the director of SCEF - Southern Conference Educational Fund.

Starting with his topic of "White EF - Southern Conference Educational Fund," Braden listed the press and government as the chief impediments to freedom for all Americans. For example, he cited the voting block of Southern senators who he says stop social welfare to common people. He accused the news media of withholding and distorting news about the Liberation movement. The media, he explained, are trying to get the public to oppose the movement. The reason, he says, is that they know the black liberizer movement is making this a democratic society.

Wallace counterrevolution

He also attacked George Wallace for being the spearhead of a counterrevolution. Wallace wants to build a right wing base, he is pulling the American political spectrum to the right." Illustrating his talk with parallels to the Hitler movement, Braden noted that "Wallace has selected his going in LeMay."

The way to stop the movement and to get democratic control, said Braden, is to organize. The lower income people must be organized into an effective power. Within past ten yrs, refinements of the organization have been manifested in various organizations such as the SDS, SNCC, CORE and Braden's own SCEF.

"Organize"

After a brief history of SCEF, Braden proceeded to outline two main projects to organize the 10,000,000 people in the Appalachian Mountains, 10% of whom earn no income at all; and GROW - Grass Roots Organizing Work. For these tasks, Braden is matching 50,000 organizers. They will be needed to organize welfare projects, he said.

Once in power the new organization would limit profits of corporations to 10% of yearly income to $5,000. This five percent ceiling is to be enforced for all Americans. 'For example,' he said, 'in 1967, we raised the minimum wage to three or four dollars. This would raise the yearly income to $5,000.

In answer to how the North can be organized, Braden stated that the first step is to study the present system in the Boston area. When the interplay of the forces in power is precisely known, his organization will send experts to organizing the movement to the metropolitan area and discuss the means of achieving it with any interested group of persons. They, through a series of work shops and discussion groups, will then be prepared to take over the areas of authority with the support of the common people. Thus, the organizing will eventually lead to a democratic control similar to that in Sweden but grown in content.

The two-hour talk and discussion is one of Mr. Braden's stops on a tour of the New England states. He has visited the central Massachusetts campuses of Amherst, Smith and University of Massachusetts, and is now heading for New York. He will speak again at the Institute on October 16.

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Pick up a half-barrel of Bud's (good for about 245 12-ounce cups with foam) and the tapping equipment on the day of the party. Just set the beer in a tub of ice to keep it cold.

2 Just before the party begins, tap your beer. First, make sure the beer faucet is closed (you wouldn't want to waste a drop of Beechwood Aged Bud!). Then, insert the faucet and-pump unit into the upper valve of the keg, give it a quarter turn clockwise, and lock it in place by tightening the lower wing nut.

3 Next, insert the lager tap in the lower valve of the keg and give it a quarter turn. Now, set the keg upright in a tub and pack ice around it.

4 You're now ready to draw your beer. Pump pressure to the proper point for good draw, usually about 15 lbs. That's all there is to it, but there's no rule against sampling just to make sure everything is perfect. Ahhhhh! It's no wonder you'll find more taverns with the famous "Bud on Draught" sign than any other!