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PEACE ON
VENICE BEACH

by John Haag

The un-headline of this year's July 4th celebration was the number of arrests on Venice Beach: None.

Despite activities ranging from a rock concert at Rose Ave. to fishing at the Venice Pier at Washington St., massed drums at Brooks Ave., a baroque jazz ensemble and a Hari Krishnan Kirtan (Festival) at the Venice Pavilion at Windward Ave., dogs, bicycles, garage sales, stray and/or grouped musicians on nearly every bench in sight, fire-crackers, frisbees, and a procession of ornately masked demons down the Ocean Front Walk that evening, crowds estimated at 125,000 in the day and 45,000 at night managed to enjoy the Holiday without the traditional riot.

In previous years, Venice Beach has experienced numerous arrests on holidays and had has had frequent altercations with police, the latest having occurred on Memorial Day of this year. The Venice Town Council's Ombudsman Committee, apprehensive about the July 4th Holiday, formed a citizen's patrol of the beachfront area to ensure a peaceful celebration of Independence Day.

They asked for and received from Captain Dotson, Commander of the Venice Division of the LAPD, assurances that the police would maintain a "low profile", relax enforcement of some misdemeanor infractions such as drinking on the beach, consult with community representatives before declaring an assembly illegal, and call in Metropolitan Division officers only as a last resort.

The Community Patrol, identified by green armbands, distributed 1,000 leaflets on June 30th and July 1st, and 2,000 leaflets on July 4th, urging beachgoers to "keep cool and enjoy" the beach. The leaflet stated that the patrol would "try to help beachgoers avoid problems with the police", and asked for everyone's cooperation "to maintain peace and harmony" on the beachfront.

John Haag and Jay Jamieson, who organized the patrol for the Town Council, attributed

the no-arrest record to good communications with the police and the active support of residents and visitors alike, with or without green armbands. A total of 20 Venice residents actually comprised the patrol, walking the Ocean Front Walk and the beach from the Santa Monica border to the Venice Recreation Center at Windward Ave.

The main problem that the patrol faced was the Metro Squad, which had been in Venice for over two weeks prior to the start of the June 30th weekend. After a weekend of no arrest, the Metro Squad on Monday, July 2nd, swarmed into the beachfront area. One unmarked Metro car was photographed as it drove from the Recreation Center northward along the bike path! Haag and Jamieson were both stopped and frisked by Metro officers after recording Metro license numbers, as they had been advised to do by Captain Dotson.

The North Beach Neighborhood Council met Monday evening and voted unanimously for a resolution calling for removal of the Metro Squad on July 4th. City Councilwoman Pat Russell, whose district includes Venice, refused to intervene on behalf of the Neighborhood Council, but direct contact with Captain Dotson brought reassurances that the Metro Squad would be absent from the beachfront on the 4th, which it was.

Many Venice residents commented to patrol members that this year's 4th of July was the most enjoyable ever. The experience shows that community involvement in keeping the peace combined with a flexible attitude on the part of the police can work to everyone's benefit.

The patrol would like to see enough community cooperation that its role would become unnecessary. Meanwhile, despite the usual problems of not enough volunteers and no budget, the patrol plans to continue on peak days during the summer. If you can help, please call John Haag at 396-3852 or Jay Jamieson at 396-7109.



'DO YOU WISH IT FRAMED, BRONZED, GIFT WRAPPED OR SIMPLY LEFT IN YOUR WILL?'

CANAL CRUNCH

by John Haag

With the demise of the Venice Canals Assessment District and the winning of a park for their children, canal residents may have thought they could relax and enjoy. But the speculators still want higher profits and new threats to Canal dwellers came to light this month.

The July 5th ROBERTS NEWS (throwaway version of the EVENING OUTLOOK) announced that tax assessments in the Venice Canal area will increase by 50% 50%! "The values there were based on prices that were in effect before the L.A. City Council killed the \$24.5 million assessment project..." That is, instead of reflecting the present reduced value of canal property, the taxes (which renters get to pay) will be based on the now vanished speculative prices established before the assessment project died.

On July 6th, Councilwoman Pat Russell, at the request of the Venice Chamber of Commerce (which was resurrected recently to oppose the "radical", but elected, Town Council), informed Canal area property owners that she had asked the Department of Building and Safety "to conduct a code enforcement program in the Canal area." She did so without first consulting with the Canal Area Neighborhood Council of the Town Council.

On July 9th, Pat Russell's press release

revealed:

"Seven buildings in the Venice Canal Area were coded "Red" by the Building and Safety Department last November, indicating that they are classified substandard with 46 designated obsolete and in a deteriorated condition."

Fifty-four buildings in the Canal Area are slated to be condemned or vacated for major repairs before the building code program has even started.

Unfortunately, people live in those 54 (and more, you can be sure) buildings. At least that many canal families will find themselves evicted from their chosen neighborhood by the L.A. city government—and no provisions made by that government for their relocation into any other neighborhood. Those who survive the Building and Safety Department purge will find their rents jacked up to pay for taxes—plus profit—on once-expected improvements that will never be made.

The same economic and political forces which tried to destroy the Canal neighborhood by way of the assessment project upheaval are still at work to drive Canal dwellers out of their homes. The Canal community is faced with another threat to its survival at a time when community energy is already in a battle in North Beach against skyrocketing rents.

Women's Center News

A few weeks ago, it seemed that the only women's movement service group in town was evicted and broke. We then had a July 15 deadline to leave our present place at 218 S. Venice Bl, and no place to go despite two months of heavy searching. And not enough money to pay first and last months rent at a new place anyway.

We lucked out though: it looks like we can stay at the old address. Maybe. *Whew!* But so it shouldn't happen again, we want to let community women know that we're here. For you. Any woman interested in sharing in our ongoing activities—

liberation workshops, radical therapy rap sessions, consciousness raising groups, paramedical self-help, lesbian feminists—and much more—just walk in and look around, have a cup of tea with whoever's there. Hang out awhile, you might end up staffing if you like.

We run out of individual woman-power—and we need your energy, your problems, your trips. We're having growing pains—but we're very much alive, and open to your projects and ideas as to what feminism should be doing. Our phone: 823-4774.

CANAL FESTIVAL

Planning has begun on the Fifth Annual Venice Canal Festival. If you can help, call John Heller at 821-5421.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
to help build CHILDREN'S PARK
in Canals. Every Sunday—starting 9am.
DELL AVENUE & LINNIE CANAL

PEACE & FREEDOM and the GOP

On July 2, a story appeared in the *New York Times* contending that the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) received money from Republican Party sources in 1972. On July 4, PFP issued a statement declaring that PFP members did receive a total of about \$3000. The following is the story of the "Great Filing Fee Caper," by Milton Takei, 1972 PFP candidate for Assembly, 59th District.

By Milton Takei

In the early days of March, 1972, Peace and Freedom Party activists were hopeful of running more candidates for office than ever before. In the past, filing fees had been required for all candidates in the primary election (\$192 for Assembly and State Senate; \$425 for Congress) and raising the money was a major barrier for generally poor PFP candidates.

In 1972, however, Peace and Freedom had filed a lawsuit before the L.A. Superior Court contending that filing fees were unconstitutional. PFP attorney Marge Buckley was optimistic, for the trend in recent decisions on filing fees had been favorable to the poor people. In February, the U.S. Supreme Court had overturned Texas filing fees because they were unreasonably high, and did not provide an alternative for paupers.

The courts allowed prospective PFP candidates to take out nomination papers without paying filing fees. Part of the nomination procedure is the circulation of nomination petitions among party members residing within a district where a person wishes to run—these petitions were still being circulated on March 6, when Judge Robert Wenke handed down his decision to uphold filing fees. The higher California Courts refused to rule against Wenke.

A very angry meeting of prospective candidates was held that night in the Venice PFP office. Judge Wenke was not merely a judge—he was runner-up in the 1970 Democratic primary for Lieutenant Governor. People at the meeting felt that Wenke's decision was a deliberate partisan act—a direct slap in the face from the Democratic Party.

The meeting made a decision to continue circulating nomination petitions and to attempt to raise money for filing fees, despite the fact that only four days remained until the filing deadline of March 10. Furthermore, the meeting decided to give priority to races where PFP might make a difference, however small, in the outcome of the election—for instance, in the 60th Assembly District (Priolo), the 25th State Senate District (Stevens) and the 28th Congressional District (Bell), where increased Democratic Party registration had raised hopes the Democratic nominees might unseat Republican incumbents. All these districts incorporated a part of Venice.

Members of the Republican Party had previously offered to pay filing fees in some races, and given the pressure of time, this expedient proved to be the primary method for raising filing fee money. Surprisingly, Republicans were willing to pay fees even in districts such as the 61st Assembly District, where incumbent Henry Waxman was sure to win in a huge landslide.

Then, on March 9, a three-judge Federal Court in San Francisco, acting on a separate case regarding filing fees, issued a temporary injunction requiring county clerks and registrars to allow indigents to file without payment of fees, pending a court case. This injunction, later upheld by the Supreme Court, was issued because of the strong likelihood that the poor people would win.

Although the court ruling was applicable

throughout the State, L.A. County Recorder-Registrar James Allison at first refused to obey the injunction. Finally, on March 10, the last day to file, the Republican Attorney General Evell Younger directly ordered Allison to comply, and the majority of PFP candidates were allowed to file without paying fees.

In the end, different Republicans had paid fees for two Congressional candidates, three Assembly candidates, and part of a fourth Assembly fee. The total paid was approximately \$2000 to which was later added about \$1000 paid during the period of a PFP registration drive ending April 13. No GOP money was used for actual PFP campaigns. No money was received, directly or indirectly, from the Committee to Re-elect the President. The amounts were certainly small enough to come out of the pockets of individual Republicans.

In the three key Venice area races, PFP'er Len Evans withdrew from the race in the 60th Assembly District, and Peace and Freedom later agreed to support Democrat Roger Diamond. Democrat Mike Shapiro was soundly defeated by Alphonzo Bell, so PFP'er Jack Hampton did not affect the outcome. But in the 25th State Senate race, where Democratic candidate Cathy O'Neill was widely believed to have engaged in activities that hurt the McGovern effort, PFP'er Ben Perrick polled more votes than the difference between the two other candidates.

Venice community activist Don Lubin who wished to run for County Supervisor, was not allowed to file as an indigent because the San Francisco court injunction did not apply to County offices. His case (*Lubin v. Panish*) is now before the Supreme Court and will be decided this Fall.

DEMOCRATS CHARGE THAT PFP GOT REPUBLICAN MONEY

By L.A. County Peace & Freedom Party

Democratic officials, frightened by the continued growth of support for the Peace and Freedom Party, have increased their attacks upon it. A leader in the effort is the Secretary of State, the front-running Democratic gubernatorial candidate who fears that PFP candidates in 1974 will expose his newly-adopted right-wing positions, such as support for the death penalty. Democratic officials have been particularly worried by three factors: 1) the rapid growth of PFP registration with the passage of the 18-year old vote, to a point where PFP registration is at its highest point ever after a general election, 2) the more than doubling of PFP's average percentage of the vote in state legislative races to 4.3% in 1972, and 3) the 1972 election of two PFP registrants, including 26-year-old mayor Annette Lombardi, to the Cotati City Council in the Party's first California electoral victory.

These Democratic fears were reinforced in the 38th Assembly District race in May 1973 when a PFP candidate got the Party's highest percentage of the vote ever in a special election. The PFP candidate, a life long labor activist, made a significant impact in the George Wallace stronghold of Downey, Bellflower etc, against a Democrat who for the past eight years had been the Sacramento lobbyist for the horseracing and dairy food industries and whose main issue was the need to restore the death penalty.

One major attack on PFP in 1972 came when a judge who was the runner up for the 1970 Democratic nomination for

LIGHTS OUT!

By Frank Curtis

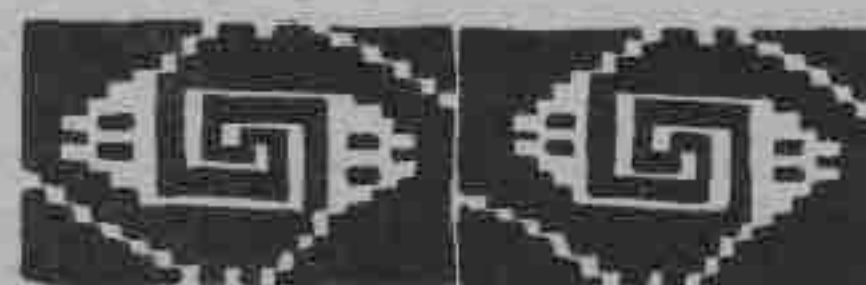
THE corridors seem to grow in length,
on the days that fear commands my mind.
If I still have a mind-brain-thought processor?
For in this maze of cubicals and modules,
confined by steel bars and concrete walls,
does that mass of wrinkled fold and unfolded flesh
incased in a protective skull,
deserve such a definition-mind?
When these walls and skulls restrict
what goes in as well as out,
how does one communicate?
For communication in confinement
is often interrupted by distortion,
distortion from within and without,
distortion controlled and uncontrolled
One's position in confinement
does not alter the distortion.
The distortion is a product
of the confinement.
And what is being protected?
Do not open the sacred door,
for one my reveal a horrible truth-
reality?
And now I await the absurdity
of my keeper's count.
I await for my keeper's watchful eye
to observe.
Stand and be counted for!
They must be certain that I have not left
my confinement.
I think I would be more fearful
if the keeper were not at my cell
to observe my presence.
Observation is a valuable commodity
when confined.
One is allowed so little
to observe.
And when observation time has ended;
the call for lights out has been sounded;
and its echo triggers one's alarm;
Wake-up! Light-out!
Time to remove all restriction.
Crush the walls and skulls
that restrict communication
Relieve the maze of flesh
of its distortions.
Communicate! Understand! Reveal! Acknowledge!
Scream the message of truth.
Expose all evils and distortions.
Have intercourse with reality.
And at the verge of the climax,
when the real world is observing,
Release!, Release!
for confinement resumes in the morning.

Lieutenant Governor ruled that poor people had no right to run for political office unless they had rich friends to pay the unconstitutional "filing fees" required by California law. His decision was a major attempt to keep PFP candidates off the ballot in 1972, but fortunately a temporary injunction issued by a federal court at the last minute allowed the majority of PFP candidates to file without payment of the illegal fees. Under ACLU sponsorship, this 1972 PFP lawsuit on the constitutionality of the filing fees will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court this fall (*Lubin v. Panish*).

The latest attack comes from the leading Democratic gubernatorial candidate, fresh with \$130,000 in his coffers from his latest special interest's fund raising dinner, who now wants to investigate where PFP got the huge total of about \$3,000. This gubernatorial hopeful spent so much energy working overtime on his legal action against a Republican candidate who, he charged, filed no campaign contribution statement in 1972, that he was only two months late in getting out this year's voter registration report. Even after finding out that the report had been properly submitted but misfiled by the incompetence of his own staff, the gubernatorial hopeful diligently continued his legal action for another thirty days. This important action, of

course, left little time for inquiry into the four donations from \$200 to \$500 each from a friendly "anonymous" on the primary election, or the \$200,000 which the young Democratic nominee in the 22nd Senate District special election described as a "loan" from himself.

We must have sympathy for this gubernatorial hopeful in his fear of PFP. After all, the PFP candidates are bound to drag up the record of the Democrat's last eight years in power under his old man, complete with all the gory details about 1) how Black student enrollment at S.F. State College dropped from 11% in 1959 to 4% before the strike of 1968 as a result of the Master Plan for Higher Education adopted under Brown, Sr., 2) How his dad and crony Cranston ran Sy Cassidy out of the presidency of the CDC for his anti-war views in 1966, 3) how the last Democratic governor refused to meet with Cesar Chavez' farm workers in 1966 after their 250 mile march from Delano to Sacramento, because he didn't want to be pressured by one side or another in the farm labor dispute. Best thing for junior to do is to flaunt his new pro-death penalty position to satisfy all the right wing Democrats and to hop aboard the white horse of electoral purity, hoping that everybody forgets about where that last \$130,000 and the rest of his bread for 1974 comes from.



THE BATTLE IS ON!

by Sparabamus

Just what is the purpose of this article? Although we cannot forget nor control, even if we tried, Chuang Chou's urging to view all with a laugh for all is "controlled folly," it is, nevertheless, for a very serious purpose that I set pen to page: TO INFORM YOU of this community that the battlelines have been drawn over our very survival as a community. It is so very important that you know what is going on in the nitty-gritty of this battle of Venice.

Let's begin with the cause. What set off the battle? What is it that brought out in the open just who's who? What is this "horrible idea" and sparkword that has dared been voted for by the people in face of all that is "holy" and profitable causing fear in certain circles? I will whisper it to you, RENT CONTROL! The Battle of Venice broke open and these very definite lines of interest came out in the open over what a wise man with a cane named Abraham called "the heart of the matter!"

It is almost like a 1930's movie. The rich and the realtors, the bankers and the builders, the Venice Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Chamber of Commerce, The Civic Union, et alia, are literally trying to drive the elderly, the bohemians, the working class, the students, and the general low and moderate income people, i.e., the poor folks, from this choice real estate called Venice. And, of course, they're doing it for the great American dream-progress, which really means profit in officialese which is their language along with Ziegler, Halderman and Farts.

The fact quite simply is that without a reasonable rent plan (i.e. a rent control) we will not survive. They know this and will do everything in their power to prevent any rent control plan. It is our only concrete tool while they have many tools on their side - these true citizens. They can use a building code enforcement as an invasion in the Battle of Venice (as happened in 1969 where-in many low and moderate income people were driven from their homes-and as they are starting again in certain Venice areas). They can use a "new" higher assessment as effective bombs (as they are doing with a 60% increase for Venice which means higher taxes for the low and moderate resident property owner and of course higher rents for all the people). They can even use Metro! Zoning! The L.A. Times! City Hall! You can see the coincidental pattern. It's like a Watergate Puzzle. Hopefully, they cannot use the mayor's office anymore - but that remains to be seen, doesn't it? The one tool the community has in this whole hurly-burly bureaucracy is a rent control for the area!

Happily, despite all the protestations of the rich and the realtors, the builders and the bankers, THIS IS A CLEAR CUT ISSUE OF EITHER/OR! True, the quasi-liberals and pseudo-progressives will protest for more and yet more and then again more and still yet some more time to see if it is really needed, while the elderly, the bohemians, the working class, students, and general low and moderate income people are very really driven into oblivion far from the shores of Venice by higher, and yet higher, and still higher rents, assessments, and creeping condominiums for the affluent! But these quasi-liberals and pseudo-progressives would be "fair" to the builders and the bankers and Ming The Merciless! They would be "fair" to everyone but the elderly, the bohemians, the working class, etc. Despite the facts; e.g., thousands of elderly Jewish folks alone,

according to Morris Rosen, head of The Isreal Levin Center, have already been driven from Venice via these Ming-like means; yet we must still further investigate to see if we need this tool of rent control according to our "liberal" friends. With friends like that who needs the builders, the bankers, and Ming The Merciless!

But wait. Let us backtrack and allow the reader to examine for itself (his or her's) this "horrible resolution" that dared by brought before The Venice Town Council. The North Beach representatives to this Council knowing the importance of the rent control as the tool for our community survival and acting under the unanimous vote of their Neighborhood Council brought this up before the Venice Town Council. Representative Coppola read the following Resolution:

Resolve that, owing to its composition of elderly, bohemians, working class, students, and general low and moderate income people, and owing to the dangers of cumulative condominiums and high rent building, there be established a rent control via a Reasonable Rent Plan for the North Beach Neighborhood (Area 2). A task force should be established for this purpose under The Major Task Force for Rent, Taxes, and Planning: A) task force for Rent and Taxes; B) task force for Planning. The over-all coordinator for The Major Task Force must be the North Beach Representatives whose duty it is to guide and create according to the resolutions and needs of the community. Let it be known that here-in; namely this resolution, lies the very fiber of our community preservation, protection, and progress. Let it also be known that people are part of environment. Resolve that taxes as assessment for Venice be reduced rather than increased.

Now examine this resolution. Is it even in spirit an unacceptable point of view? It only calls for some sort of rent control or reasonable rent plan, the plan of which is to be brought about through the brainstorming and research of the task force so that our community can survive. It is a necessity. The plan would only be for North Beach, unless the other areas so desired it for themselves. That's all the Councilmembers were asked to vote on. What the people of North Beach themselves wanted.

Well no sooner had the chubby Italian kid sat down than some bitter volleys from the affluent Peninsula representative Linda Fisher, property owner and Canal Representative Arthur Benveniste, and young lawyer from Boston and Area 5 John Nyhan were leveled against the people of North Beach and their resolution. Ming smiled a big smile at this. At one point a plea in favor of the elderly, the bohemians, and the general low and moderate income people of North Beach was called mere "rhetoric" by Linda Fisher! It seems strange to this hairy pawed writer that when one speaks of the human condition and needs, it is called mere rhetoric; but when property rights and profits are spoken of it is holy holy holy. Anyways, there were some seven representatives who voted "their conscience" - against what the people of North Beach had voted for themselves and their survival; namely, "a reasonable rent plan." Whatever rationalization these representatives wish to use is their business; nevertheless, they de facto did not even accept the spirit of the resolution and voted against it, although it means the very survival of our community. One of them as this writer watched actually challenged the

vote after the resolution won. Mr. Patrick O'Reilly of the Canals would fight this resolution even after the vote. I wonder what they would have done in 1776? Anyways Ming likes them.

But enough of this family squabble within our Venice Town Council. Hopefully, except for the real die-hards in the Council, all the other members who represent us will see the issues clearly in the future and have the courage to do battle for the people even against Ming and his sister Mollock. The majority did this time I am happy to say. THE RESOLUTION PASSED! This made Ming very unhappy. So, some things followed. No sooner had the vote been in, than "the Civic Union, The Venice Chamber of Commerce, The Women's Chamber of Commerce, etc." started their attack via, among other things already mentioned, a letter with such choice statements as these: "This is an emergency appeal from our (lately inactive) civic organization." "there is a serious threat to our ocean front..." "Who is behind this absurd scheme to use Government force to impose a new lifestyle on our old and established community? - There is a small but well disciplined group of political activists determined to both make the area into a low-rent slum and to cause dissent by dividing us into feuding factions." and so forth until it ends with with the call: "Join civic groups such as the Civic Union, the Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Chamber of Commerce, etc. - Send letter to the newspaper." This was from The Venice Ocean Front Improvement Association with Kurt Simon, President, and Werner Scharff, Vice President, two partners in business and millionaire builders. The people of Venice at the Coastal Commission stopped these "improvers of the ocean front" from putting up two seven story buildings on 9 & 10 Thornton (among a number of other such buildings) whose rent would have been a "moderate \$450.00 a month" according to Simon & Scharff. They also speak of "our community." Mr Simon lives in the Brentwood area and heaven knows that Marina-type Mr. Scharff is no Venetian. Their interest in our community is like the wolf's interest in Goldie Locks!

Notwithstanding all this, someone apparently took their advice and wrote to the L A Times and the Times used the hate letter as a column - without byline - and guess who that writer was? We have found out it was written by none other than the L A Times own reporter to the Venice Town Council, Skip Ferderber. It was not a reporting job. It was a mean rebutal in Ming's best style! It certainly was not a report. If they had stated it a rebutal as such, then fine, the reader would know it was Mr. Ferderber's opinion and whose drum he marched to. Add to all this the fact that he told "inoperative" statements, all in the name of stopping rent control and a free Venice Town Council, and you can conclude to an obvious vested interest and someone being in someone's vest pocket. Ming has big big vests (and investments)!

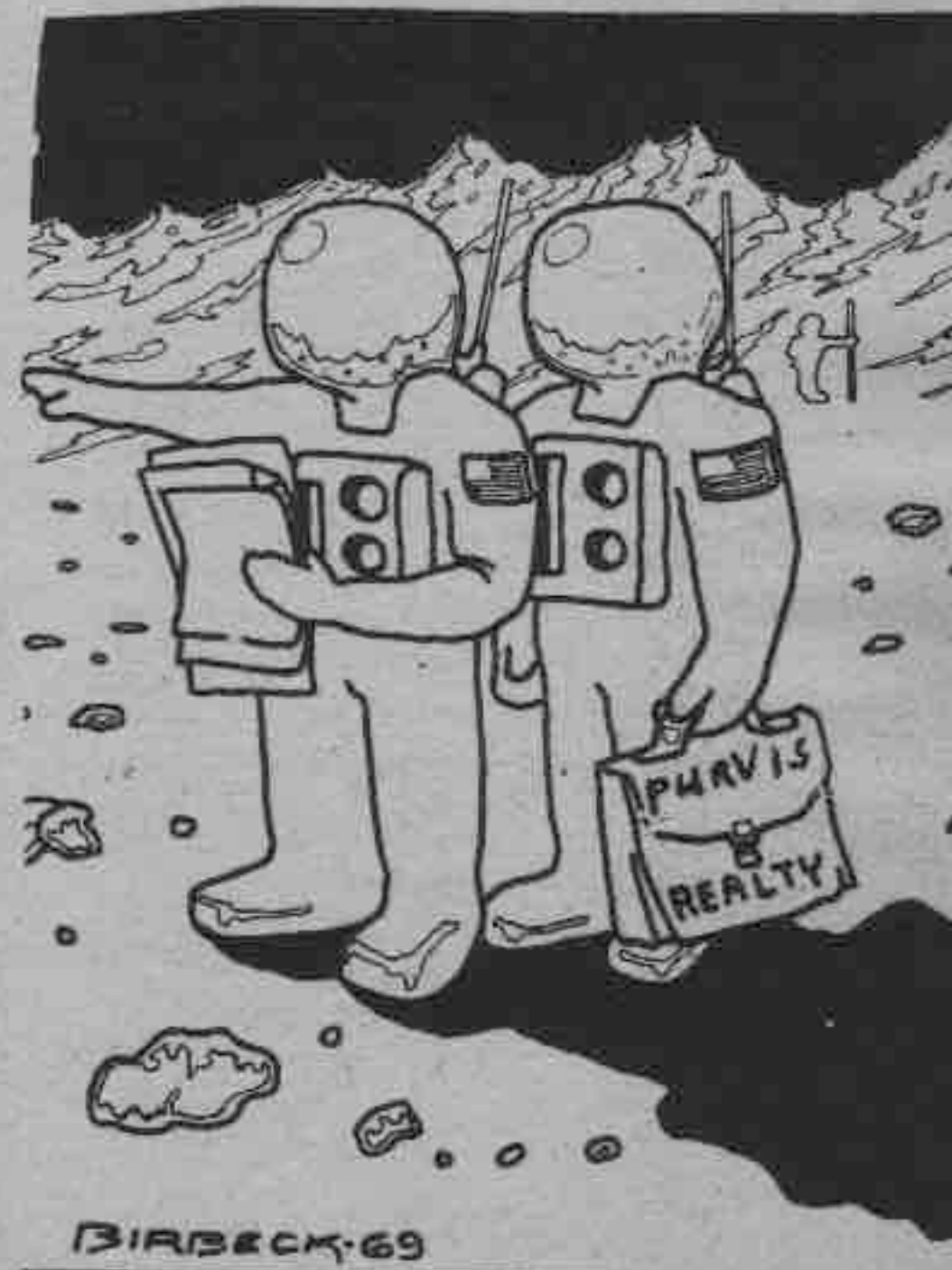
All these bursts against our community are "powerless" if WE KNOW THE TRUTH. It all comes down to this, my fellow Venetians: HIGH RENTS, HIGH ASSESSMENTS, CODE ENFORCEMENTS, AND CUMULATIVE CONDOMINIUMS FOR THE AFFLUENT WITH THE "SIDE EFFECTS" OF DRIVING OUT THE ELDERLY, THE BOHEMIANS, THE WORKING CLASS, STUDENTS, AND LOW TO MODERATE INCOME PEOPLE IS REALLY WHAT THOSE WHO OPPOSE RENT CONTROL ARE DE FACTO

OPTING FOR AND CHOOSING AND AIDING WHETHER THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF IT OR NOT! It is really, strangely as it seems in this complex Watergate world, as simple as that! Of course, Ming via the Venice Chamber of Commerce (both Boy's and Girl's), the Civic Union, the Venice Ocean Front Improvement Association, etc. call all these "phony allegations" by "the vociferous militants" and says "unless we submit our own views now and work for a more sensible plan Venice will be condemned to stagnation and deterioration...rather than build modern and sanitary replacements." We know what their modern and sanitary replacements are at \$450.00 a month for one bedroom AND WHO WOULD LIVE IN THEM! I'm so sorry, Ming, but Venice will not buy the Brooklyn Bridge.

Ming will try to convince the resident property owners, and even the elderly, bohemians, and low to moderate income people themselves that what's best for the bankers and builders, the rich and the realtors, is best for everyone - including the environment! You'd be amazed how many people he convinces. Hopefully, you and I are not one of them.

*Fac quidquid bonum tu potes. Do whatever good you can. Write the new mayor: Mayor Thomas Bradley
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012*

Tell him where the people are at! Rent Control is a must for Venice! Tell him in this Battle of Venice we will use that now famous adage as our criterion; "Judge us by what we do, not what we say." Let's hope that Tom remembers his sharecropper dad and doesn't get conned by Ming and Mollock. Write to Councilperson Pat Russel (City Hall - Room 260). Tell anyone and everyone else also, from senator to sand-piper. Let the word go out! Next edition, my hairy old paw will keep you up-to-date in this David and Goliath, this Molly Goldberg and Ming The Merciless Battle that will either destroy our community or make it. IT'S SURVIVAL TIME! The Battle of Venice is on - right on. As Chuang Chou so wisely wrote:
Know who's who
By what they do
How they vote
And whom they screw
What they build
What they charge
Don't be like
Dodo LaFarge!
(37th Volume of Controlled Folly)



BIRBECK-69

DISCOVERING THE OCCULT

by Maurice LeCroy

NO ONE IS A SIGN,
NOT EVEN NIXON

We say "Nixon is a Capricorn." Can there be any doubt? Is he not crafty? Is he not cunning? Is he not a power tripper of great determination, a diplomat of consummate facility in deception? Yet Nixon is not a Capricorn: his Sun Sign is Capricorn, as is his Mercury Sign & his Jupiter Sign.

As shown in his horoscope, Nixon was born when the sun was in nineteen degrees and twenty-four minutes of Capricorn (1) reflecting his Capricorn individuality.

The birth chart reveals that each of the planets is located in a particular degree and minute of a sign. For further example, the utopian, idealistic urges ruled by Neptune express through the highly emotional domestic sign of Cancer (2), indicating patriotism, dramatic ability and wishful thinking.

A horoscope depicts planets transmitting energies which are modified by the signs through which they express. It also shows which department of the life is primarily affected by each planet.

A planet exerts its strongest influence in the department of life indicated by the "house" it occupies in the horoscope. Nixon's sun resides in the fifth house, the house of entertainment. (See the HOUSE CHART for the other fifth house matters.) With the sun in the house of entertainment, showing off in public is a great moral booster for this man. Did you see how vitalized he appeared in the song and dance with Breszniev? Now that his audience is booing, 58 per cent of us anyway, he is reportedly ill.

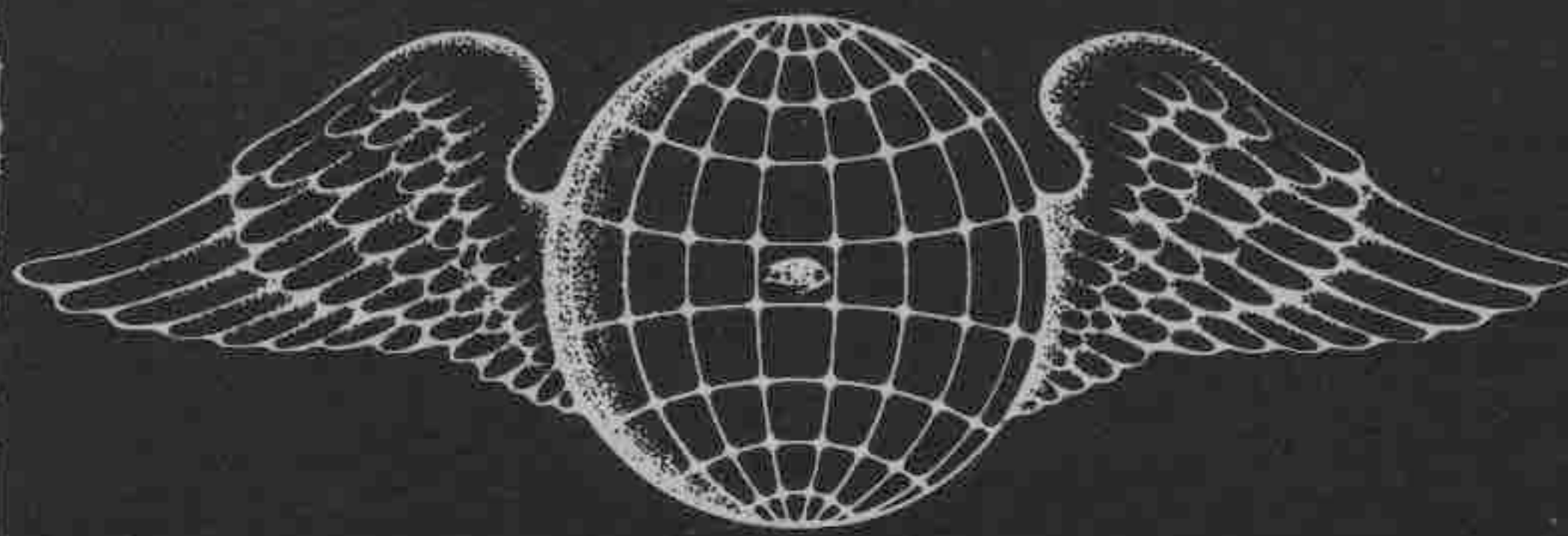
Looking again at Neptune, the planet of deception and schemes, residing in Nixon's eleventh house, the house of friends, hopes and wishes, we see that he tends to have illusions about his friends, and tends to become involved in schemes with his friends as a means of realizing his hopes and wishes. Idealistic, psychic, or impractical friends are shown, with an indication of danger in dependence on the advice of friends.

Nixon's Moon Sign is Aquarius (3), giving him a deep-seated sense of his rightness, an "I know" attitude that leads to argumentativeness. The moon also relates to the masses of humanity — to you and me. The sixth house relates to the work environment, to employees and servants — in Nixon's case, to you and me.

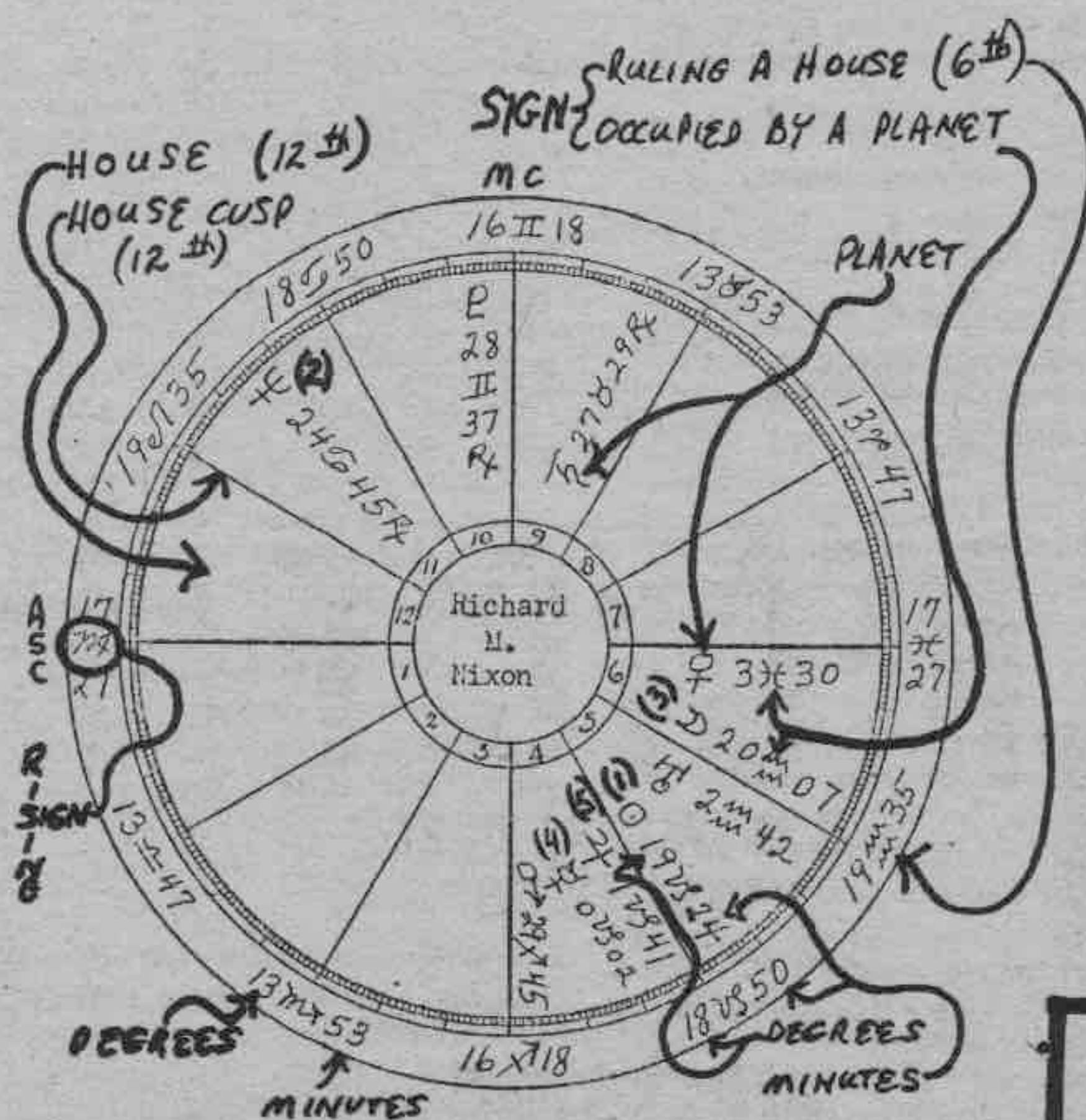
Whereas the moon rules the subconscious mind, Mercury rules the rational thought processes of the conscious mind. Nixon has Mercury in Capricorn in the fourth house (4), indicating much thought (Mercury) of a utilitarian nature (Capricorn) concerning the home and real estate (fourth house matters). Jupiter in the same sign and house brings abundance and good fortune in these matters. (How many multi-hundred-thousand-dollar homes does he have, anyway? Just two?)

Equal in importance to the Sun Sign and Moon Sign in a horoscope is the Rising Sign, or Ascendant, usually abbreviated ASC. The Rising Sign denotes the way an individual appears to others, both as to personality and personal appearance. It depicts the way an individual plugs into his environment. With Virgo rising at his birth, Nixon reflects a Virgo personality: critical, sometimes witty, analytical, practical, terse, incisive, hard working.

If you are up on the planets and signs, you can use the House Chart to inspect the departmental flavoring of the remainder of Nixon's chart.




HOUSE	VOLUME	TRINITY	SOCIETY	INFLUENCE
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SECOND	Succedent	Wealth	Personal	Money, personal possessions.
THIRD	Cadent	Association	Personal	Thoughts, studies and research, short journeys, relatives, neighbors, newspapers & periodicals, letters.
FOURTH	Angular	Psychism	Companionship	Father, real estate, home, end of life, inherited tendencies.
FIFTH	Succedent	Life	Companionship	Speculation, children, love affairs, entertainment, gambling the stock market, the class room.
SIXTH	Cadent	Wealth	Companionship	Work, the work environment, illness, food, employees.
SEVENTH	Angular	Association	Companionship	Marriage and partners, the public, open enemies, law suits.
EIGHTH	Succedent	Psychism	Public	Death and the dead, inheritance, taxes, money of others, social security.
NINTH	Cadent	Life	Public	Publicly expressed opinions, books, religion, long journeys, dreams, philosophy, law.
TENTH	Angular	Wealth	Public	The profession, business, honor, reputation, credit, the mother.
ELEVENTH	Succedent	Association	Public	Hopes, friends, wishes.
TWELFTH	Cadent	Psychism	Personal	Secret enemies, disappointments, self undoing, institutions (jails, hospitals and others).

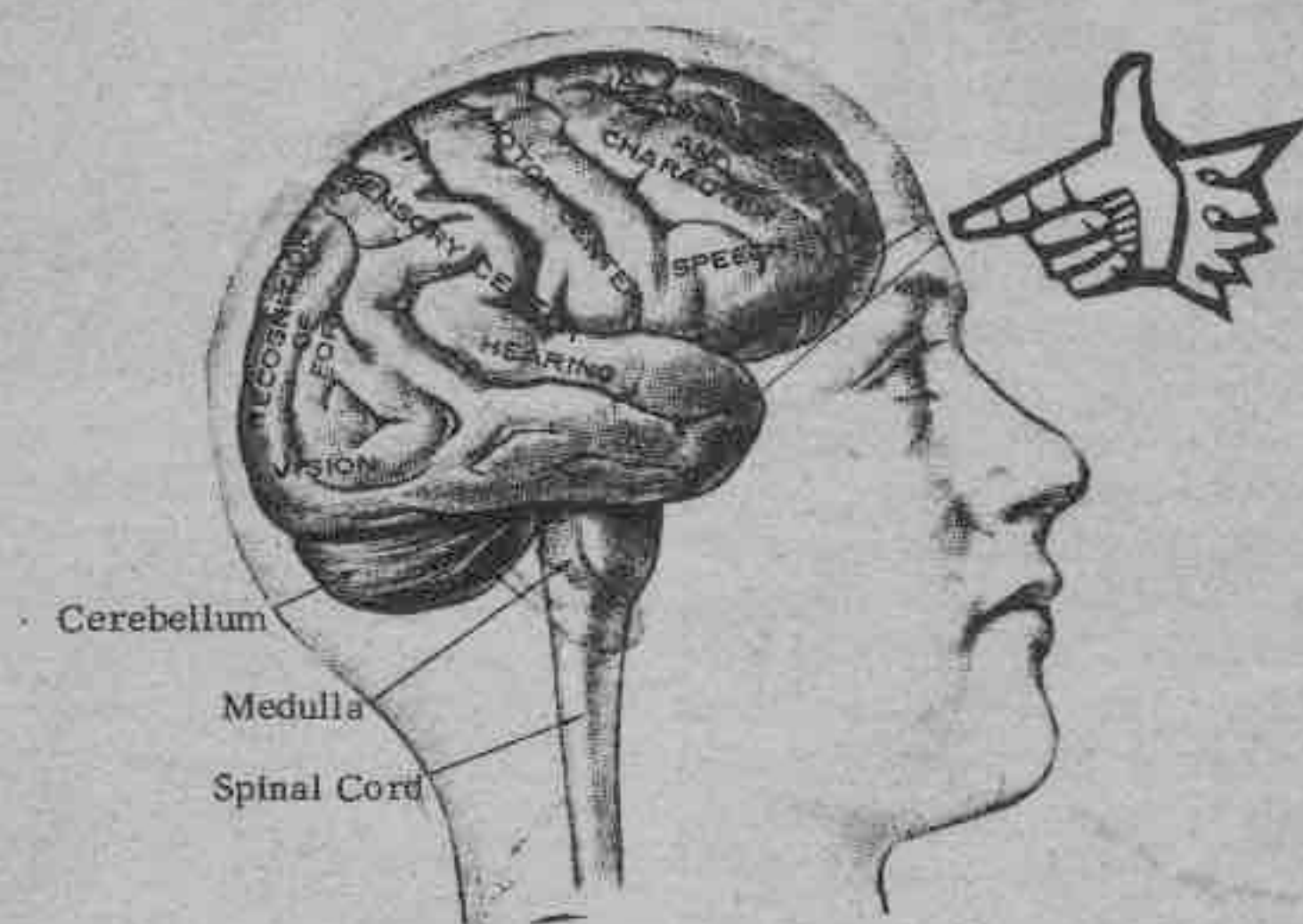


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by Jim Zane

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Pat

Dear Pat:
Your husband is the President and as the President he knows more than the rest of us ordinary citizens know (at least that's what he says). So he has to find out his information in some manner; and since John Mitchell and John Ehrlichman and all his other advisors have suddenly decided not to tell him anything anymore, he needs to get his information somehow. By tapping everyone's phone and taping the conversations your husband can be just as well-informed as he was in the past when he had Mitchell and Ehrlichman to advise him and when he had time to read Classic Comics version of the Pentagon Papers.

Dear Dr. Zane:
Just before I go to bed at night, I check my

bellybutton. And do you know what? It's filled with lint. Could you please tell me why my bellybutton collects lint?
Lucky Linty

Dear Lucky Linty:
Bellybuttons are really unusual. Some people have outside bellybuttons while others have inside ones. Now, the people who have the inside ones are lucky because these buttons collect things. Your bellybutton happens to collect lint (not very unusual). My friend's bellybutton collects oranges (navels to be exact). My neighbor's button collects stamps. And my bellybutton happens to collect rare coins. It's only a hobby but very interesting just the same.

Dear Dr. Zane:
What's your opinion of the movie DEEP THROAT?
Oral Roberts

Dear Oral Roberts:
I didn't like it. It left a bad taste in my mouth.

Dear Dr. Zane:
I've just decided to begin a life of crime. So far my main interest seems to lie in

eavesdropping and burglary. But that's only a start as I also have an interest in assault and battery, extortion, robbery, and other assorted crimes against society. In fact, one day I'd really like to get into genocide (I hear that's a very popular and ever-expanding field of crime). But my main problem now is not deciding which field to get into, but protecting myself. I've noticed that a lot of criminals get killed by cops. Could you tell me the best way for me to avoid such an untimely demise in this popular endeavor?

H.R. "Bob" Haldeman

Dear Bobby:
You have no idea how happy you've made me by letting me know that you're going to continue in the field you're best suited for. I was worried that you'd be on Welfare or would have to collect unemployment after the Prez fired you. I'm glad that you can go into a field where your pride won't be damaged. But in regard to your question, there is one very important thing to remember if you want to stay alive: once the cops start shooting at you, you have nothing to worry about if they're only trying to kill you. It is a well-known fact that no one gets killed by the cops unless they're firing warning shots. More people have died from police warning shots fired into the back of their heads than when the cops try to kill them (furthermore, it is not considered an official warning shot if the bullet is lodged in the front of your skull instead of the back). So my advice to you is that you're in complete safety when the cops are trying to kill. But once they stop shooting to kill and are told to fire only warning shots, then that is the time when I would advise you to give up. Good luck.

Dr. Zane has received numerous statements directed towards his readers. The first one was written to the melody of Tea For Two. Here they are:

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Dear Dr. Zane:
Once again I find myself writing to you and your faithful readers, all good Americans, I am quite sure about that. Once a

gain I find myself in crises, numbers 28 and 29. And as supporters of the President, and therefore good and loyal Americans, I feel that I can share my trials and tribulations with you, one and all.

As you know, this Watergate business is going a bit too far. I call it my 28th Crisis. In fact, it's gotten so bad that it has caused my 29th Crisis—Viral Pneumonia. Many good and loyal patriots, who happen to be truly concerned with this Watergate business and my bout with the bug (as some people prefer to call the virus), have sent me solutions for both these crises. So far the most popular solution has been suicide with honor (the Gallup Poll says that 67% of the nation favors suicide with honor, with 18% favoring impeachment with honor, 9% for resignation with honor, and 6% having no opinion with honor). Unfortunately, no matter how well-intentioned and good-willed these people have been, I cannot accept suicide with honor because it would disrupt the orderly process of government and it would totally destroy the concept of separation of powers.

Furthermore, without me as your President, who would think about the Prisoners of War, those heroic men, who not only gave more than their fair share to this country by involuntarily staying in those Communist cells of torture until I won the war, but who are now supporting their President in his time of crisis through the highest sacrifice any man can give for his country. So far two loyal POW's have committed suicide because of the despair they felt about having their President dragged through the mud, tried and convicted, without even a fair trial. How many more loyal POW's will have to make the supreme sacrifice for their President because of the continuation of this unwarranted investigation into the Presidential powers? I hope not one more. These POW's have always been dear to my heart and for their sake, and for the sake of the country, I can only hope that these Watergate hearings will be called off.

Let us pray for the well-being of the POW's. Thank you my fellow Americans.
R. Nixon

Another month went by and the cards and letters continued not to pour in to Dr. Zane. So it's been eight months now that those cards and letters have not been coming. Maybe no one has a problem out there. That's good! Because if you do, don't write to the Doc because he can't help you. Keep those cards and letters. Dr. Zane would like to say thanks to Abid Gula for the letter: "Thanks."

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DOGGONE!

by Laurel E. Herzberg

Reports have been made concerning the ill usage of power by the city dog-catchers against the Venice canal residents. I have no reason to question these accounts. However, such maltreatment does not take away from the fact that there is a problem with dogs in the canals. Not only do dogs bite, they also disrupt garbage, shit in every conceivable place, chase cyclists, and bark.

I have not seen an enormous change in the wandering dog population since the city's early morning raids began. Perhaps some strays have been picked up. On the most part, however, my unpleasant experiences have been with dogs who are owned by canal residents. Anyone who has strolled in the canal area has to have experienced a confrontation with a "pack": two or more dogs who challenge one's passing the public pathway they consider to be their private property to defend. As a canal resident, I have practically charted the safe courses in the area which I can walk without the fear of such a "challenge."

Any canal resident has encountered the piles of dogshit in the streets, and the strewn garbage from overturned cans.

Dogshit is not just unpleasant to the senses. If a child is playing next to where a dogshit pile has been, or an adult is working adjacent to such a site, there is the possibility of the transmission of the larvae of dog worms (*Toxocara canis*). Severe cases of such transmission have rare symptoms of intestinal disorders, convulsions, and blindness. However, lesser symptoms of coughing and fever are also effects of the transmission. Dogshit is also a major factor in the breeding of houseflies, which then may possibly transmit *Salmonella* from dogs to people. I am not an overly fastidious person; however, I do not appreciate being subjected to piles of dogshit in my yard and on the sidewalks and alleys of the canals. Particularly considering the possibilities of mild (or severe) cases of the diseases mentioned.

Residues of garbage littered on the streets provide ample feeding for such pests as roaches and ants. These insects

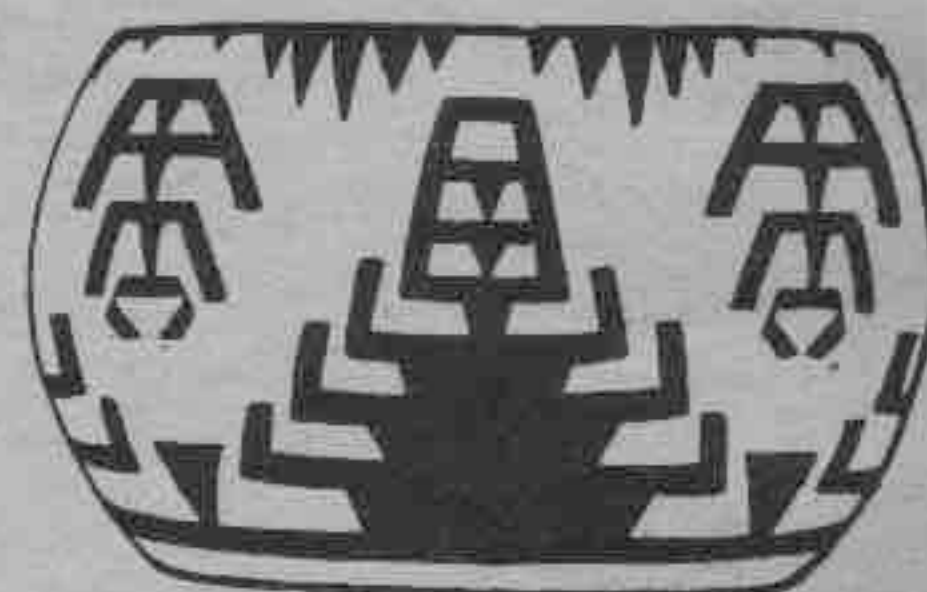
are thriving well enough in the canals; their population does not need the accommodating environment a dog provides for them when it knocks over a garbage can.

A solution must be found. Dog owners and other residents have found the actions of the city dogcatchers to be unacceptable. If we do not want to call in the city, then we must use some sort of community control over the dog problem in the canals. My suggestion is that some sort of grievance committee be established. If one or more persons have been harassed by a dog or dogs, these people and the committee could explain the problem to the dog owner(s). Dog owners must assume responsibility for the actions of their dogs if they allow them to run loose. This is just one suggestion; other ideas may be more workable.

We all acknowledge that a dog problem exists. The problem is not solely in the interactions between the community and the city dogcatchers. It exists in the intolerable situation of dogs roving free in the canals. It is incumbent upon the community to come up with a viable solution.

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TURN ANGER INTO ENERGY

Where will Nixon and big business draw the line... between haves and have nots? The dollar crisis, inflation, food shortages, falling stock market, small business and investment failures—all are part of the crisis in the economy as a result of the war in Southeast Asia, its ending and the "adjustment" to this by the top American capitalists.

The handwriting has been seen on the wall by them: the small investor and businessman are uneasy. First there were disastrous dips in the stock market prices and many small investors were wiped out. Question: where does the money go when a small investor is wiped out? Answer: Someone buys the stock when the small investor sells out and holds it until prices go up again. Question: Who? Answer: only someone who can really afford to wait for prices to go up again. Eighty-five billion dollars in free floating international money plus our own billionaire empires can use money to force markets down: it's a little like drown-

ing kittens in a sack or perhaps its like mowing the lawn.

During the height of the war, almost everyone in business got richer, even the American workers and especially certain big unions. Now only some can continue to grow richer and they naturally will be the biggest and the most powerful. Why naturally? Because in the economic systems of the world, the big fish gobble up the little fish, and dog eats dog. And you'd better believe that the men in charge of this do it with conscious intelligence and a sense of righteousness, narrow and selfish as they are. We read in the papers that the dollar is really sound and will come up to par but not until the big capitalists have shaken down the small capitalist and the working people. Net result: American capitalism makes its primordial spastic "adjustment" to its latest crisis and the rich get richer (fewer but relatively more powerful) and the poor get poorer (and still don't know how come!) It's the old game but

the size of it and the complete immoral cynicism of it make it perhaps the biggest sell out in history.

It looks now as if China and Russia have made deals with American Capitalism for their long term survival and have abandoned as hopeless and helpless this generation of American (North, Middle and South) poor. Sold out by union leadership during the various "phases" which in effect broke down the economic defenses of the worker, with only the Meat-cutter's Union and a pitifully few others calling for a general strike. A general strike relates to the system-wide aspect of the problem. This is still perhaps the only possible tactic left for the present. However, the North American worker still thinks in terms of the myths and legends of the naive capitalism of his childhood and while he still has even a few bucks left, he remains complacently semi-self-aware and inclined towards Fascism. But his bucks are dwindling fast and food prices are going up, folks.

Hard times are upon us and we are on our own. Will it be a dog eat dog scene all the way down the line or can there still be a trying to get it together? You know of course, only brothers and sisters can do this, practically speaking.

I notice that in Uruguay, which until recently was the model South American liberal democracy, federal troops are forcing workers into and out of jobs at gun point. The American union working man and woman supported by non-union workers, liberals, radicals, students, the poor and the average consumer had better get it together now, in a general strike, to roll back prices (say 25%) and raise wages as they did in France a few years back—or is it too late?

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WOUNDED KNEE

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was furious and the jury bewildered. But Pedro stayed with "his attorney."

In Minneapolis, after an hour and a half hearing, we returned to the office, feeling confident. About two hours later, we got a call from the Court saying that since the appointed attorney had said it would only be a day and a half trial, and a day had gone by, they would not stop the trial. However, they everything we had presented would mean reversal of any conviction. We were upset. That meant Pedro would be in the hands of the Court for at least 2 to 6 weeks before sentencing, and he would be subject to all sorts of pressures. Then while we were in the depths, we got a phone call from Rapid City. The Judge (apparently after a phone call from the Circuit Court) had granted the attorney's motion to dismiss the case.

So that while we had technically lost, we were jubilant about the dismissal. The victory was the important thing, not necessarily how it was won.

But while we had won one small victory, there were many months of hard work ahead preparing the cases of the Wounded Knee defendants. Most important, although the lawyers are working for only expenses, with no fees, it will still take approximately a half million dollars to try all these cases. And it is important that the cases be presented.

One of the main defenses is that the United States has no right to try the Wounded Knee Liberators as criminals. The Oglala Sioux nation, as every other Indian nation, is considered to be a conquered but sovereign nation. If so, the Indians have not only the right, but the duty to free their nation.

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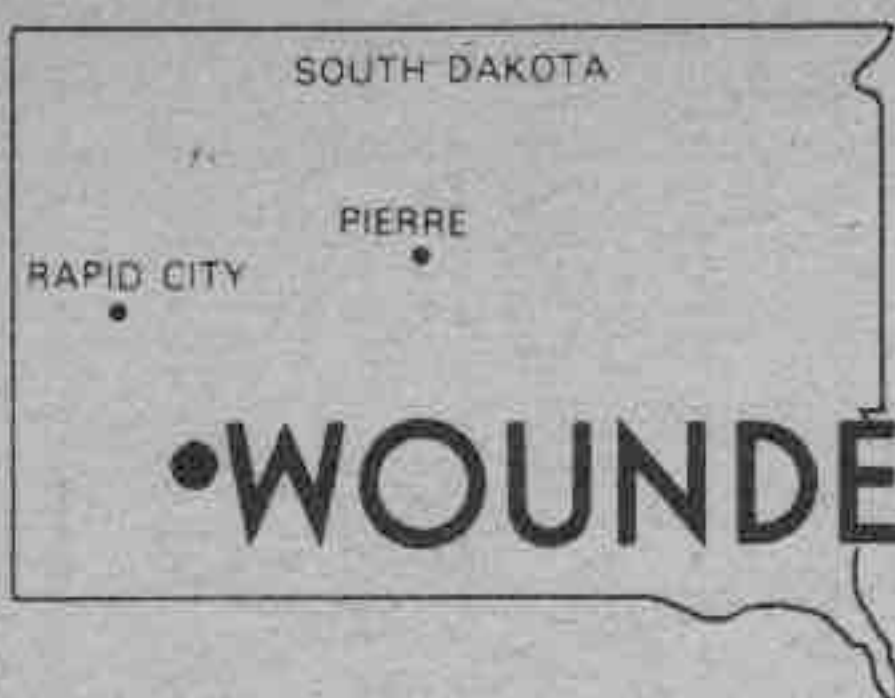
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•WOUNDED KNEE

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Venice attorney Marge Buckley has just returned from the area of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, after spending five weeks working with the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee, aiding the Indians in the legal phase of their struggle.

By Marge Buckley

Indians have a saying: "The White men made many promises. They kept only one. They promised to take our land and they did." Wounded Knee, 1873, was no exception. An agreement was signed by the U.S. Government and the Oglala Sioux their allies and members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) to end the 71-day "occupation." It was broken the first day and many times since.

Wounded Knee was the site of a great massacre in 1863. It marked the end of armed opposition to the white man's takeover. Wounded Knee, 1873, happened because since then Indians have been robbed of their lands and dignity, have been discriminated against, have been patronized. The Government calls the Indians conquered sovereign nations, but it has declared them wards, to be handled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Although Indians once lived a proud, spiritual life, roaming over the lush lands of the North American Continent, they are now confined to sterile reservations or in urban ghettos, their income is an average of \$500 per year, their life expectancy is the lowest in the country while the rate of suicide and alcoholism is the highest. The BIA, their so-called protector, is their worst oppressor.

Pine Ridge Reservation is the home of the Oglala Sioux and the site of Wounded Knee. AIM was asked by the Sioux to come in and help fight the Tribal Council, a creation of the BIA and its puppet. At a meeting of traditional tribal people, including 58 of the 68 families which lived in Wounded Knee, it was decided to liberate Wounded Knee, to establish a free nation and draw the attention of the world to the injustice which is the lot of the Indian.

The agreement which ended the "occupation" provided that the Indians would be taken directly to Rapid City for processing, about 130 miles from Wounded Knee. It was agreed that no U.S. Marshalls or B.I.A. police would go into Wounded Knee unless members of the Civil Rights Commission or "AIM" lawyers were present. Instead, lawyers and the CRC were kept outside the perimeter, while the "Liberation forces" were questioned by the F.B.I. in the heat of the sun. Despite specific promises, the Indians were then shackled for the trip to Rapid City. Marshalls and BIA officers went into Wounded Knee alone, wrecked cars and tore up houses of AIM supporters, later attributing these acts to AIM.

The Indians arrived about 6:30 pm. They were met by supporters chanting and beating the war drum. The Legal Defense/Offense Committee was permitted to bring fruit and vitamin pills into jail, as we came in to prepare for the hearings. It was like old-home week, as relatives ("para-legals") came in and met with the "liberators" who had been holding the free nation of the Oglala Sioux for a record 71 days.

The Commissioner had arranged to hold hearings all night to process those arrested. All should have gone free without

bond. The Agreement had called for the government to refrain from making any comment about bail. The Bail Reform Act requires that conditions be added only when the government introduces evidence that the defendant might skip otherwise. U.S. attorneys demanded bail, particularly on the eight major defendants: Dennis Banks, Petro Bissonet, Clyde Bellecourt, Carter Camp, Al Cooper, Leonard Crow Dog, Stan Holder, Russel Means. They are being held on 11 counts of major felonies, and their bail ranged from \$25,000 to \$175,000.

The Federal Judge, Andrew Bogue, insisted on a condition that each defendant return to his home and remain in that state until given permission by Bogue to leave. This was a direct interference with the ability of the Legal Defense/Offense Committee to prepare the defenses. Although half of the 170 defendants were Indians from South Dakota, many of the important witnesses and defendants were scattered throughout the nation from Michigan, New York to California. To get all the witnesses together would take additional work to file motions and have hearings, as well as create additional time and money burdens on people with limited resources, both the Indians and their lawyers.

Often, such motions were denied. I filed such a motion to have Carter Camp and two other defendants remain in South Dakota for a meeting with lawyers from all over the country. It was denied by Judge Bogue. I filed an immediate appeal and flew to Fargo, North Dakota to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. It was absurd and expensive. Although my appeal was denied, the Judge granted the motion I remade when I arrived back in Rapid City the next day.

There was continuing harassment by the Government. On two occasions, the F.B.I. raided the Indian Communications Center with search warrants specifying items such as food, clothing and written materials, all of which were duly seized. The food was destroyed pursuant to Court Order as part of aiding a riot.

Although all of the defendants were either in Rapid City or on the Pine Ridge Reservation, arraignments would be held in various parts of the state without apparent justification. One day in Rapid City the next in Deadwood, an hour's drive, the third in Pierre, a three-hour drive. This despite the fact that the only hearings would be of Wounded Knee defendants.

One of the most revealing incidents of the length to which the government and Court would go was the case of Pedro Bissonet. Pedro was a leader of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization. He was awaiting trial on charges of running over a B.I.A. officer when he took part in Wounded Knee. His case was scheduled to come to early trial and he had an appointed attorney whom none of us trusted. It was a hard case. The Defense/Offense Committee had been trying to find a lawyer, but with all the legal work involved with 170 defendants plus continuing to represent the Indians on Pine Ridge Reservation and in negotiations with the U.S. Government, the resources of our staff were tremendously strained. The trial was fast approaching, several days after Memorial Day, and we still had no attorney.

On Memorial Day weekend, we held a nationwide conference of lawyers and legal workers to try and get lawyers of prominence to join in the defense. About 20 lawyers from throughout the country joined the staff of 30 lawyers and legal workers at Rapid City, and we began to talk about the coming defense. At that time, we got a commitment from John Thorne of San Francisco and Mark Lane, who had been at Wounded Knee from the beginning to take the case if it could be continued. I had already discussed substitution of attorneys for the purpose of continuance with the Judge and he had said no.

So Tuesday, we went to Pierre, Ramon Rubideaux, a Sioux attorney, Mark Lane and me, armed with a motion to stop the trial. Mark and Ramon went to see Pedro in jail, while I went over to the Court to prepare Russell Means for his bail reduction hearing. After the hearing, Mark and Ramon told me about the peculiar happenings at the jail. While they were talking to Pedro, the Sheriff had come in and demanded that they leave saying that the U.S. Marshall had said nobody could see Pedro except his court-appointed attorney. They protested but left because of the Means hearing. Just

more and Mark went in. In the Judge's chambers were Pedro, a Court reporter and the Judge. The Judge had been questioning Pedro without his lawyer present, another complete breach of judicial ethics. Mark sat down and the Judge continued questioning Pedro about whether he had walked out on a conference with Lennie Weinglass. Pedro said No. The Judge said your lawyer told me that you told him that. Mark said, "Your Honor, that is the most gross impropriety I have ever heard." The Judge blurted, "Baloney!" Mark, glancing at the Court Reporter to make sure he was taking it all down, said, "Did I hear you correctly? Baloney?" The Judge pounded on the desk, "Baloney!" End of conference.

In the corridor while we were discussing this latest development, the U.S. Attorney came out and told us that the Judge had asked him opinion on whether he would be reversed if he refused to permit us to substitute attorneys and he had said no. Further, he told us that he had prepared the defense of Pedro's attorney. At that point, we decided that the total lack of judicial ethics restraint and propriety had to be documented, so we left Pedro with a cheering section of Indian supporters from the Reservation and one lawyer to protect them if they got arrested, and started back to prepare more affidavits for our appeal.

That night, as we sat typing up our additional affidavits describing the horror stories of the day, Ellen Moves Camp, an AIM activist from Pine Ridge came in crying. She had been at the Court and afterwards Pedro had called her over. His appointed attorney with his usual contempt for Indians had not deigned



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about that time, the Judge came rushing up the hall in his black robes to where we were standing outside the Courtroom, and yelled, "Have you been tampering with our witnesses?" We all said "No" and then Mark said, "No, but I am concerned about the Government witnesses talking to the prospective jurors." The Judge said, "You keep your hands off that case. It's none of your business. Pedro had a good counsel. He's satisfied." Mark said, "That's not true. Pedro wants me to be his lawyer." The Judge said, "You haven't talked to him today." Mark said, "Oh, yes, I have." The Judge pointed his finger and shouted, "Would you swear to that?" Mark said, "Yes. Ramon and I saw him this morning and the Sheriff saw us." In a bellow, "I gave strict orders that nobody was to (pause, softer) bother him," and then he turned on his heel and stalked away, realizing what he had admitted. Judges have no right to prevent defendants from seeing attorneys of their choice.

In a few minutes, his clerk came out and said the Judge wanted to see Mark. I suggested that none of us see the Judge in chambers anymore unless we had a second lawyer with us, and so both Ra-

to worry about what she would say. Pedro then in tears told her that "The Judge and the Judge's lawyer had threatened to send him to jail for 90 years if he didn't become an informer against AIM in the Wounded Knee trials."

We then asked Beverly Axelrod to go to Court the next day, serve the Judge with the extra affidavits, and stay to protect Pedro, because there was no telling what physical violence would be done to him because of our actions in going again to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in Minneapolis. (The Appellate Judges had been so incensed at our story that they gave us an immediate hearing date the next day, a most unusual move).

So while Ken Tilsen from Minneapolis and I flew to Minneapolis for the hearing, Beverly went to Pierre. There she demanded her right to speak to Pedro and to remain within the Bar to give counsel to Pedro during his trial. The Judge refused, but when she insisted that it go on the record, he finally gave in and permitted her to sit inside the Rail. Pedro immediately got up from the Counsel table where he had been sitting with his back to his appointed lawyer and went to sit with Beverly. The Judge

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