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HACK'S FLAK AXED

Jim Bishop, columnist for the weekly paper, the Argonaut, usually contents himself with writing innocuities about how great the Marina life-style is, which to him seems to mean spending money at the various bars and boutiques that advertise in the Argonaut. Sometimes he manages to imply that the Marina Del Rey Businessmen's Association is responsible for the Southern California weather and the Pacific Ocean. This might be construed as arrogant but certainly not dangerous.

Mr. Bishop might be considered annoying when it seems he cannot stand the notion that funky ol' Venice receives the same beneficent weather without the traffic jams that Marina Del Rey, slum city of the future, has.

Mr. Bishop, who conducts public relations for Marina-based businesses, might be treading on the quicksand of bad journalism and near libel in his July 17 article in which he characterized the Venice Town Council as "a mixture of the monkey cage at Griffith Park Zoo, when someone has slipped them a bottle of Vino Rojo, a fifth level X rated film and an old fashioned lunatic asylum," and stated that the Venice Town Council was "a tiny minority of the Community living on a diet of hate." What is most bothersome is that Mr. Bishop seemed to quote word for word what has been said by the Marina Venice Chamber of Commerce, the Venice

Civic Union and other "progressive" pro-development i.e. expensive town house elements, who, though they might own Venice, do not live in it and are constantly harping about the necessity of ridding Venice of "undesirable elements", i.e., low income people who have gall to fight to live in a seaside community. It's tempting, but self-indulgent to respond to Mr. Bishop's snide attacks on the dress style, appearances and sexual proclivities of some of the Town Council's representatives. One can't help but wonder if Mr. Bishop was referring to the lawyers, doctors, retired people, small property owners, the minister's wife, the artists and/or architects who comprise the Venice Town Council. Members of the Venice Town Council have trudged to the Coastal Commission in Long Beach, San Francisco, and Van Nuys, in efforts to save their community from eco-rape. They have presented a community plan that Mr. Bishop would probably find "inoperable" because it puts environment and people over the "progress" of Big-Business-Big Building. One of the Venice Town Council members managed to maintain his sanity while speaking in favor of the community plan before the Coastal Commission.

He presented the plan despite the constant interruptions, i.e. cat-calls, threatening, slanderous, obscene remarks issued from "the sane, well-balanced," to use Mr. B's words, elements of the community; namely, The Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Civic Union. Members of various "civic" groups have threatened Town Council members with evictions and have in many cases fulfilled this threat; they have further harrassed town council members.

Town Council members are continually subjected to harrassment by these "sane" elements of our society.

Conversely, Mr. Bishop implied that

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postal service cut...again

by Jim Stehn
President
Branch 1611
National Association of
Letter Carriers,

In another of the service cuts which are steadily ruining the U.S. postal Service, last week the Venice Post Office cut evening collection runs from over 50 boxes (five truck runs) to less than 30 boxes and only two truck runs. Since Venice P.O. territory extends from Playa del Rey to Santa Monica, this means that you might have to travel as much as a mile to find an evening collection box.

Venice P.O. management justifies this drastic cut in service by claiming that we were way above the average service level. The level in this case is only 22% of total boxes scheduled for evening collections.

As almost everyone knows, postal service has been steadily declining for the last five years - the period of time the U.S. Postal Service has been run by "businessmen" managers who are determined to "break even" no matter what the cost in service. One of the big cuts in service has been in the collection of mail. Ten years ago most boxes were collected two or three times a day. Then came the advent of motorized routes and the early collections were cut. Now with evening collections cut to a bare minimum, and many boxes being collected by the carrier before noon, a lot of mail is effectively delayed by a day. This especially is bad in Venice where many people don't have a car to drive to the evening collection box location.

But you don't have to take these cuts lying down. Write your U.S. Senators and Congresspeople and let them know what you think about the deteriorating quality of service. They listened to the Venice P.O. clerks and they will probably listen to you.

OCEAN FRONT FOLLIES

By the North Beach Planning Task Force

What you can do for your beachfront Dept.: If you've strolled the Ocean Front lately, you've probably noticed the dying grass and palm trees along the walk. This unfortunate fact of nature seems to trace directly back to the assumption of beach services by the L.A. County Beach Maintenance Dept. in recent months.

During the city's reign over Venice Beach, automatic sprinkler systems kept the lawns in some kind of living condition, but county officials claim they inherited a non-functional sprinkler system from the city and don't have the funds or manpower to either repair the system or water the lawns. They have no suggestions what to do about it, but we do. Firstly, write or call Supervisor James Hayes' office and complain. Secondly, get a bucket of water every weekend and water some of the oceanfront lawn near your residence.

What you can do for yourselves Dept.: The County Assessor, watching property values in Venice inflate since the 1973 assessment, has struck again. Local property owners are once again faced with large tax increases, and once again local tenants are going to bear the brunt of it through increased rents. If you are a property owner, please remember that you can appeal your assessment to the Assessor's office, and 1973 experience indicates that it is worth the trouble; most appellants received some kind of reduction in taxes.

If you are a tenant, your alternatives are more complicated, but no less important. You can urge your landlord to appeal. You can also work toward buying your building yourself; if it is a large building, consider joining together with fellow residents, pooling resources and energy to pull it off. Deals for tenants buying their buildings can be made in such a manner that monthly "rents" would not have to increase. (The down payment is another story). This is one way to fight creeping condominiumism - self-help condominiumism! One building, currently for sale by the owner, where this idea is being kicked around is #2 Breeze.

BEACHHEAD BENEFIT

Imagine the BEACHHEAD disappearing! Well, we're not yet in those dire straits, but we do have a serious problem. You may have noticed something different about this BEACHHEAD. The difference is the typeface. In the past we've used a local firm's office equipment to typeset our paper. These machines are no longer available to us.

Crisis One.

For this issue we were lent the use of two electric typewriters (thanks, Gail and Mitchell) but by the time we begin September's paper these machines will be in Santa Cruz.

Crisis Two.

Dark clouds, yes. This situation presents us with problems. We may not be able to find a suitable electric type writer. A Selectric is required for printing clarity and size of type. Typing on just any machine we can scrounge up will cause our appearance to suffer, but worse our legibility will plummet.

So we're asking you for your help. We're appealing to everyone who has ever read a BEACHHEAD, lived in Venice, supported community involvement, or, most importantly had a good time at a party! Gotcha there! That's how we want to start raising funds for our very own IBM Selectric, by having a good time.

August 30 at 6 p.m. a benefit bash will start with refreshments, music, fabulously interesting people, and (TA-DA) screenings of this year's July 4th Parade, courtesy of the video collective. HA-CHA-CHA, as they say in the marina.

\$2.00 will reserve a ticket, guarantee a good time, and help us acquire the machine so we can continue to have the BEACHHEAD serve as a voice of Venice.

We won't go into how two bucks is a big bite for lots of us, suffice it to say it'll come back to you, every month, in the free BEACHHEAD you've helped make possible.

Also, if anyone has equipment: light tables, waxers, x-actos, letra-set, etc., or have leads on any kind of equipment (free or cheap) please let us know by phone or letter. We appreciate your help.

For your ticket, clip or rip the coupon below, fill it in, stuff it in an envelope with \$2.00 for each ticket and send it to the BEACHHEAD, P.O. Box 504, Venice, Calif., 90291.

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

Dear BEACHHEAD,

I cannot salute you by name because you fail to publish it in "the BEACHHEAD." This is very unusual. Most bona fide papers proudly display the rostrum of their entire staff.

So what are you ashamed of??

Could it be some of the filthy articles you print, such as (Hang On Whizzy) in your June 1975 No. 66 issue?? You don't even give an address of exactly where your headquarters are located - could it be underground - like your staff?

Freedom, Honesty and Fairness thrive only in the sunshine and light of day! Not underground, where your staff exists.

You call for your rights and what you believe in. Did you ever hear of the right to own your own piece of land to do with as you desire? The right to buy a home and make it your own private sanctuary. To plant trees on it, or cut them down if you wished - to build a mansion or a modest cottage according to your financial status? America is just that! Not what it is fast becoming today - that the militants and the rabble rousers can demonstrate and prevent a citizen from building what he chooses on his own property? That isn't America, or freedom of choice. Who has more rights - a rat and pigeon infested tree or the man who worked and slaved for years to buy the land where this tree grows?? Now honestly answer me about this.

Public owned buildings I can understand, such as our 'Venice Post Office' - that belongs to the people - I'll help you fight to preserve that! The helistop I agree, endangers the lives of our school children - and will annoy the surrounding residents. That issue, I stand with you.

I am an old lady, but a very broad-minded one. But the rights of private owners and the right to own arms for one's own protection, I will never give up. I can't stand run-down shacks or dirty filthy buildings and streets, such as our west end of Venice Blvd is now. Why shouldn't it be completed like the rest of it east of Lincoln Blvd?? Should a few low-rentals at the end of Venice Blvd be able to prevent this improvement? These people are trying to assert their own welfare, at the expense of all the people. Because they are trying to rip-off the city and the taxpayers to the tune of \$4000 per person for being moved. Is that fair? The majority must suffer for the interest of a very few!!

Hell, you people are not socialist - not even good communist. If you were the people, meaning the entire population, you would have a say in what is to be done. I've lived in communist countries in Europe. They certainly didn't act like your followers!! Every damn one of those villagers worked every single day!! Even the village priest worked 8 hours a day in a factory, or he didn't get food rations. There was no welfare, no leeches who lived off the backs of those who did work. Your staff sounds like a group of young punks who have been brainwashed by some college professors! People who are trying very hard to tear this country down. They want a "one world government," not a United States of America, where all men are free!!

If you think I'm talking through my hat just go and live in one of those places behind the iron curtain, like I have done. You will damn soon change your minds! You demonstrate over there and you'll be shot!! You refuse to work and you'll starve! Let's soft peddle those filthy articles and get back to the basic issues in a decent manner. Let's make Venice California a nice clean decent place to live in, and we will all back you up to the hilt!!

Sincerely,

E. M. Moore
Venice

P.S. Your last issue stinks!!! Such filthy articles as "Hang on Whizzy!! Why???" I'm not ashamed of my name and address, why are you??

You could be a great influence in Venice if you deleted the filth and stuck to the issues, without bias. Rights will always prevail!!!

Someone said - if you can't whip them, then join them, then convince them. So let's soft peddle the filth. There isn't 1/100 of the public who likes such trash in their mail boxes. You don't catch flies with vinegar, they are attracted to sugar, or nice talk!

So grow up little children, stop tearing down Venice, I love it! Come talk to me, I'd love it!! I'm the flower lady. I sleep till noon! Every day.

E.M.M.

(NOTE: Names of staff members are listed on the Community Services page.)

Letters



Dear BEACHHEAD,

Venice Canal Town Council had requested the public's views on your sex article on page nine.

There is a place for such subjects and instructions. But certainly not in a community newspaper that is put in mail boxes and on door steps where mere children can get them.

When did the sex habits of two consenting adults in the privacy of their home, become a community issue or interest??

It is my opinion that an editor who would resort to printing such an article in a community throwaround paper, must have a very sick mind!

Is your knowledge and education so limited, that you must resort to such filth, to get public attention?

Or is this the policy of BEACHHEAD to cater to such readers, who enjoy the mere base things of life?

If so, then join the underground papers and put your papers in vending boxes on street corners - not in private mail boxes and door ways and stop trying to pose as a community newspaper to spread such prongraphic trash.

Yours truly,

E.M. Moore

P.S. Until you clean up your paper so it is fit for readers of all ages to read, and stick to bona fide community issues - I refuse to patronize any one who advertises in BEACHHEAD.

Further more, I intend to call all advertisers and tell them so!!

E.M.M.

June 26, 1975

Mrs. Pat Russell
Councilwoman, Sixth District
City of Los Angeles
Rm 305, City Hall
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Re: Washington Square Helistop

Dear Mrs. Russell:

Safeway Stores wishes to go on record as strongly opposed to the helistop on the Washington Square Building.

In an area of shops, schools and apartment dwellings, it seems an unwarranted intrusion of noise and a real danger of tragedy should an accident occur.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Safeway Stores, Inc.
John L. Repass
Division Manager

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Dear BEACHHEAD,

Life in the canals is seldom dull, and generally colorful, but the events of the past week have been mind-boggling. Thanks to one Mr. Richard B. Hettig, the residents of Howland Canal Court have been witness to a melodrama worthy of 'The Drunkard', Simon Legree, et. al. This incredible series of events started to unfold on Monday, July 14th at 9 a.m., when Hettig threatened a young Chicana widow and her 4-year old son with jail if they did not remove themselves from their residence at 427 Sherman Canal.

The woman, Antonia Aguilar Blythe, pleaded with the Realtor (he spells it with caps, although I was of the impression that only God had achieved that status!) and he magnanimously allowed them 24 hours in which to comply, because her son was running a 103 degree temperature. He returned the next day to enforce his edict, and upon finding Ms. Aguilar to have made other arrangements, capriciously arrested the other tenant of the duplex, Kay Hannah, although she had already removed her possessions from the premises and was in the process of tidying things up.

These events were accomplished with the assistance of Venice's "finest", who provided the Realtor and his agent, Isabel Kayser with black and white limousine service and an officer chauffeur, at the tax payers expense. What is even more unbelievable is that it was done in full view of thousands of witnesses on television; the media having been called by Hettig himself. One wonders at the mental processes of an individual who wants the entire population to observe him at his most callous and inhumane level.

Ms. Blythe, who receives Social Security as a widow with a minor child, was forced to secure an apartment for \$275 a month or of to jail. Ms. Hannah went to jail on trespassing charges. Both of these tenants were occupying their residences on the valid custom-honored system of disintermediation, (which means that the previous tenants have turned you on to the pad) and were in the process of negotiation with the Realtor and his agents regarding their residency.

Now the fun really starts. Hettig hires 3 rent-a-cops at \$6.50 per hour to guard this property which has been renting for \$90 a month. Needless to say, the locals had some fun with the chaps. Bits of street theater involving spotlights, firecrackers and rockets left over from Independence Day (how apropos.) On the second nite of the guards' duty, they got into the spirit of the fun and games and at 5 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16th, were unceremoniously carted off the local slammer for drunk and disorderly (although not booked) and have subsequently been replaced by guards not so easily co-opted by the canal life-style. Pretty wild, eh?

On a more serious note, these activities have been accompanied by the appearance in the dead of the night of big shiny expensive automobiles with gun-toting goons. These cars are lacking license plates and residents have been told by the cars' occupants that the guns are their licenses. The police refuse to even accept a report on these activities, stating that "no crime has been committed."

Nancy McCulloch, previous resident of the property, contacted Lt. Ferguson of VPD (or should we say Hettig Police Dept.) and she was told the "guns are perfectly legal," and furthermore she should not be concerned, as she no longer lives in the canals, having been forced out herself, by the Realtor, Hettig. Nancy made a bona fide effort to buy this property but was told it was not on the market. Hettig now claims that the property is in escrow and the new owner wants it vacant, pending renovations. Could it be that it wasn't on the market to Nancy because she is an elected member of the town council? It is possible.

Yesterday the VPD once again provided Isabel Kayser transportation and escort to the residence of Ms. Elizabeth Elder for unknown purposes. Ms. Elder is out of town. She is also a Town Council representative. This democratically elected council has been characterized by Hettig as being a "small band of individuals, with radical thoughts." I am a member of that council and am somewhat chary of my mind being read.

More on this unfolding saga as events dictate, provided I am not found bound and gagged on the railroad tracks!

Mary Lou Johnson

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nuke plant stopped

(CPF) Some 20,000 local residents stormed the site of a nuclear power plant in Whyll, West Germany. They ripped apart the fences the police had erected to defend themselves and after a lengthy battle, reoccupied the site, forcing the 3,000 police troops to beg for safe conduct out of the area. All construction was stopped.

Later, 15,000 attended an "International Meeting" and resolved to continue occupation of the plant site until the government revoked the building permit. The local residents were joined by supporters from France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Holland and other areas of Germany, who vowed "to prevent by any means the construction of all nuclear power plants along the Rhine." Similar action was taken at a site near Basle, Switzerland.

Movement Growing to Outlaw Nuclear Power Plants

Oregon has joined the growing list of states with nuclear power moratorium bill bills pending in their state legislatures. The Oregon Moratorium Bill, introduced recently, would if passed, prohibit construction or expansion of any nuclear power facilities in the state for at least five years.

Other states with similar bills pending include Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. There are also strong citizen initiated movements in California and New York to halt the further expansion of the nuclear power industry until adequate safeguards can be guaranteed.

SILKWOOD INVESTIGATION REOPENED

(CPF) The Justice Department has released a statement that there was no evidence of murder in the death of 28-year old Karen Silkwood, a nuclear technician who was killed in an unusual auto crash. At the time of her death, Silkwood was on her way to meet with reporters to discuss safety violations at an Oklahoma nuclear materials processing plant.

However, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union is dissatisfied with the FBI investigation. Congress has asked the General Accounting Office to conduct its own investigation into Silkwood's death.

Corps Control Uranium

The Ford Administration announced last week that it will support a program of turning over all future uranium enrichment factories to private industry. The enrichment factories have traditionally been under gov't control because of security problems involved in protecting the rich uranium fuel from falling into the hands of terrorists.

In the wake of President Ford's announcement, 3 consortiums, all of them in the oil and gas industry, have revealed plans to move into the uranium enrichment field. The 3 consortiums include one involving a partnership between the Houston Lighting & Power Corp. and Texas Utilities Service; a second, involving the Atlantic Richfield Oil Co.; and a third, headed by Exxon, the largest oil company on earth.

(LNS)

FIVE DAYS IN AUGUST

This August marks the thirtieth anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In commemoration and mourning, a walk is being planned for August 9 (Nagasaki Day) and August 10. The walk will begin at the IRS office in Santa Monica on Saturday August 9. It will stop at the B-1 factory in El Segundo and at the Church in Ocean Park. Walkers will spend the evening in a church in Redondo Beach and hold a community meeting there. The walk will end Sunday at the Naval Shipyards in Long Beach. The walk will call for immediate disarmament and a re-ordering of national priorities. Interested persons committed to nonviolence should contact the House of Hospitality, 605 N. Cummings St. L.A. 90033. (213) 264-8144 or

Women Strike for Peace - 937-0236
War Resisters League (WRL) - 626-5463
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bambi meets godawful

The president of the Feldspar Corporation in Spruce Pine, North Carolina, is suggesting the radioactive wastes from atomic power plants be dumped in federal "wilderness areas."

The Natural Resources Law Institute of Portland, Oregon, has released a letter from Carroll Rogers, the president of the Feldspar Corporation to the Atomic Energy Commission.

The company letter suggests that remote "wilderness areas" would make ideal nuclear dumping grounds. Rogers writes that the pristine wilderness areas are perfect nuclear dumps "since they will not be traversed by more than a few hikers who could be protected by fences around the stored radioactive wastes."

Rogers adds that the messy wastes would "in no way impair the quality of wilderness areas" since only "a very few citizens" use them.

sulting in total uncontrollable chaos at best and Armageddon at worst. According to Toffler, these possibilities are very real if we continue to use the limited economic concepts which have worked (to some degree) in the past and continue to use historical precedence as the justification for those theories. Furthermore, any economic policy which is based solely upon individual nations acting independently is doomed to failure.

The future appears very bleak at this point of the report, however, Toffler states that we are by no means helpless in this situation if we recognize two principles which have emerged: a) "economics alone cannot solve the crisis". This means that social, cultural and ecological elements must be fully considered in any proposed economic revisions, and b) "The past cannot...be recaptured". The message here is that we are now involved in a transition to a radically different and a more advanced stage of development and that attempts to reinstate the old industrial order are reactionary and surely will lead to catastrophe.

Meanwhile, Back on Mad Ave ...

The Atomic Industrial Forum, the atomic industry's unofficial lobby group, is doubling its propaganda budget to almost one-and-a-half million dollars this year, according to a memorandum obtained by the New York Times.

Written by Forum President Carl Walske the memo says that the industry must go on the offensive this year in an effort to counter the effects of nuclear critics. The memo specifically mentions the impact of Ralph Nader's anti-nuclear campaign and what it calls "the unwillingness of the major media to present the positive side of the nuclear story."

According to the memo, the propaganda money will be used to influence policy decision makers in Congress, and to generate frequent news stories about the benefits of nuclear power. The Forum will even begin producing its own stories about nuclear power on tape for distribution to small radio stations.

The memo is particularly critical of the national news media, which it says, "cannot be relied upon to publish a full and balanced account of nuclear power."

The Forum is fully financed by tax-exempt contributions from private industries related to nuclear power.

"Fail-Safe" Inadequate Against Looney Prez

A veteran Air Force officer is facing discharge from the service for questioning the military's so-called "Fail-Safe" system.

"Fail-Safe" is the United States Nuclear Missile Launching system. It is designed so that only the President can give an order to launch a nuclear attack. That order is then passed down through a secret chain of command until the launch is made.

Now, however, career Air Force officer Harold Hering is being discharged after the major questioned whether the President, alone, should have the power to give a nuclear attack order.

In hearings before an Air Force board of inquiry Hering stated he could not obey any order to launch a nuclear missile unless he was sure that the order had not been given by a "president gone berserk."

Hering further stated he could not carry out an attack order unless he also knew that Congress had issued a "lawful declaration of war."

Hering says he plans to appeal the Air Force decision.

Teller's Tricks

Dr. Edward Teller, the so-called "father of the H-bomb" is out with a new study recommending that the US spend \$800 billion over the next 10 years to become self-sufficient in energy.

The \$800 billion figure is about 40 times the entire amount spent on the US moon landing program. Teller's proposal relies heavily on nuclear power: the backbone of his program would be hundreds of nuclear power plants--each of them constructed, for safety reasons, at least 200 feet underground or under the sea.

Teller also proposes the construction of gigantic fly wheels that would be spun at high speeds during less-than-peak hours. He says they would then generate electricity at peak use periods.

(ZNS)

Eco-Spasm Report

By John Curtis

In his recent follow-up to "Future Shock" Alvin Toffler describes the current economic situation as an eco-spasm, which is defined as a "spasmodic economy ... careening on the brink of disaster". Toffler describes the various highly erratic ecological, military, social and cultural events which have brought us to the brink of the disaster, which in his view is unparalleled and unprecedented in history. For example, the current U.S. experience of depression with high unemployment combined with a high inflation rate cannot be compared to any prior historical situation. Therefore, current economic events cannot be interpreted by using conventional economic theories which have clearly become inoperative and ineffectual.

Toffler continues by describing a super-inflation scenario and a Generalized Depression Scenario, both of which lead to total collapse of the economic system re-

Fortunately, all is not as bleak as it appears; there are "transition strategies" which can help us move into this radically different future. First, we must stabilize the global economy by controlling the crucial economic forces currently out of control. Second, we must implement radical conservation policies and learn to do more with less. Thirdly, we must finally effect the policy that anyone who needs or wants a job should be able to have one and that these jobs will be primarily in the "human services" area and will be jobs that the individuals desire to perform. Fourth, we should decentralize and regionalize economic policy, and fifth, and most important, we must move rapidly towards anticipatory democracy. This last point is the crucial cornerstone which keeps the concept viable. We must become future conscious and anticipate rather than merely react to new opportunities and crises. Toffler concludes the report with a reassuring quote from Raymond Fletcher: "All these alarming symptoms that so frighten us - they may be birth symptoms instead of death symptoms".

Dear BEACHHEAD,

Regarding the article by Carol Fondiller about Yellow Cabs on the back page of your July 1975 issue - there are a few points that I feel are in need of clarification.

First, it is important to realize that Los Angeles and its adjoining cities are split into different franchises with regard to where taxi-cabs can pick up. Any taxi can drop off a customer any place, except outside the United States.

Also, there is a different Yellow Cab franchise allowed for each different city, but no more than one. Hence, there is a Los Angeles Yellow Cab, a Santa Monica Yellow Cab, a Culver City Yellow, etc. ad infinitum.

I am sure that Carol Fondiller meant L.A. Yellow Cab, when she referred in her article to an L.A. Airport Yellow Cab monopoly. This was true prior to March first of this year. Now, however, and as far as we know, henceforth indefinitely - six or seven different companies are allowed to pick up at the airport - Santa Monica Yellow, Hollywood Red & White, Valley Checker, San Pedro Cab and Wilmington Checker - to name most of them. Downtown L.A. is still all only L.A. Yellow franchised territory, however.

There is only one cab company headquartered in Venice, and it is Santa Monica Yellow, L.A. Red-Top Cab at 1659 Electric Ave. This company, and Los Angeles Yellow - a separate company - are the only two companies franchised to pick up in Venice itself.

It is illegal for a Santa Monica Checker Cab to pick up anywhere but in Santa Monica, Culver City, or the Marina Del Rey County area. For this, Carol Fondiller should be grateful, because Santa Monica Checker has the highest rates of any cab company this writer has heard of in the L.A. area. Checker has an 80 cents "flag-drop" and an 80 cents a mile - meaning that a \$10 trip in an L.A. (Venice) Red Top would cost about \$14-15 in a Santa Monica Checker.

Rule number one in L.A. as far as cabs are concerned is that if you want fast service, call a smaller company. L.A. Yellow has about a thousand drivers, compared with about a hundred at Red Top and Checker, respectively. Only a third of these drivers, at most, are on the road at any one hour, though.

The franchised area of L.A. Yellow Cab is so enormous that it is difficult to effectively service all of it. Thirty-five per cent of all taxi business in L.A. originates at the L.A. airport - so L.A. Yellow Cabs that "clear" as near to the airport, for instance, as Venice is, simply "dead head" to the "port" in the hopes of a lengthy fare, ignoring local radio orders that are probably bars or grocery store orders anyway. Thus, L.A. Red Top is the best choice for a cab in Venice - the only legal choice besides L.A. Yellow.

Many Red Top drivers are women, and many of the men who drive at night are Venice residents, experienced in picking up people in obscure locations after the sun has set.

Sincerely,
A cab driver

Dear Cab Driver:

Yes, I meant L.A. Yellow Cab. I did not mean to make cab companies the sole villain in my story. Perhaps places that stay open should assume some responsibility. Maybe the Fox Venice, to name only one of the entertainment centers in this area, should make a practice of watching out for women who are alone. Certainly mass transit leaves a lot to be desired, at least in this area. Have you ever waited at a bus stop on a poorly lit street after dark?

I don't take cabs most of the time so I don't go out alone.

I called the number information gave me for Santa Monica Red Top Cab Company which you've identified as being a small company and one which employs women and men who live in Venice. I was greeted by "thank you for calling Yellow Cab". I checked with the information operator again, and received the same number. I carefully dialed the number and got the same response. If you have a different number for Red Top, please let me know.

Thanks,
Carol Fondiller

i want to thank the venice community for your support...
...JUDY SPERLING

Dear BEACHHEAD,

My son and I reside in the area of the Venice canal. I am a painter, sculptor, who has resided in the general area for seventeen years.

Over these years the struggle to preserve or restore Venice has been a fruitless one. Resident has battled landlord with the same result. It should be obvious to all that the past efforts failed because of the diverse motivations of the parties involved.

Landlord's motivation is profit while we, the renter, can only plead the morals involved. Morality is never a factor considered in the pursuit of profit. Were the roles reversed, could we state emphatically our behavior would differ from the landlords?

In testing the only approach left to the renter, I am pleased with the results thus far. The scheme is based on a simple rule, "Respect for another person's property." Add to this the spirit of cooperation instead of confrontation and things begin to happen.

The house I rented was a shambles. Without hesitation the landlord offered to purchase the paint for the interior. I refused his offer and purchased the material as required. When he saw the results of my efforts, he advised me he was going to refinish the exterior of the house to conform with the work on the interior. We have established an excellent relationship based on complete understanding of each other's position.

Some would say it is idiotic to expend monies and effort on another man's property. To them I say, that man's property is my home. A rented home to be sure, but my low income will always make it so. If all who rent will abandon useless crusades and confrontations for the path I prescribe, we, the tenants and landlords, will remove the one weapon available to the large developers that has made them successful in their gluttonous consumption, "condemnation of property." Filth and decay will inevitably justify condemnation procedures.

If all the effort expended over these many years had been applied to broom, hose, brush, hammer and saw, the parasitical developer would be no threat to any of us. Only an idiot will fail to see that our present course can have only one result.

The recent fifty per cent increase in property evaluations is a blow to the landlord from which he may not recover. We the renters must join with him and fight the larger tyrant who threatens both of us. This can only be accomplished by cooperation.

The rich have insidiously encroached on and acquired every scenic area in this country, be it in city or outskirting area. Let's leave one area for those of us with little material wealth. Damn it, we have a right to live by ocean or mountain should we choose to do so.

I, for one, will not be relegated to an asphalt jungle like the one on my early years. So to the devil with negative approaches. Take brushes and tools as weapons for positive action. Insist that the unleashed, disowned mongrels be removed from our streets to stop them from dropping excretion on every square foot of grass, dumping trash on our streets, destroying our efforts to landscape. This can be our contribution to the restoration of the exterior scenic recovery of our Venice.

All government agencies are cooperating with those who seek to take Venice from us, from the smallest to the largest, by failing to service us as they do other, more affluent areas. It's time we insisted on their enforcing statutes that were designed for all, not a select group.

Sincerely,

William Van Orden
Venice

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July's Canal Council bulletin contains a quote that deserves wider publicity. In a blurb soliciting response to last month's sex technique article, the bulletin states "the BEACHHEAD is not connected with the Venice Town Council or the Canal Council in any official way, but it is our community newspaper..." The article then goes on to say we're all involved in the Venice "struggle."

True on both counts.

The Beachhead Collective had been speaking of the need for a disclaimer to enlighten everyone to the fact that indeed, we are not associated with the Venice Town Council, any area council, "Free Venice", Congregationalists, Know-Nothings (some would disagree), or any other organization, political or otherwise.

The collective receives articles from many sources within the community and without. No one person is in charge or makes decisions. We have no editor. Most articles we print we like, obviously. Some we print though we can't stand them. Others we don't print at all.

Placing contributors' names above articles appearing in the BEACHHEAD does not imply that they are participants in the collective. The opinions expressed are their own.

Collectivites who work on each issue (they change, like tides) are listed in the staff box on the community services page.

The collective is open to all who can work together on a community paper that tries to respond to the diverse interests and life-styles of the people of Venice.

HARPY DROPPINGS



by Carol Fondiller

Dog Owners Beware! The Public Health Welfare and Environment Committee on the L.A. City Council has postponed the hearing on Councilwoman Pat Russell's proposal to allow leashed canines on the Ocean Front Walk "for a few weeks", when the Harpy asked how this would effect the Animal Regulations policies, one of Ms. Russell's aides replied in words to this effect: no change. The Animal Reg. Dept. is a regulatory agency and is empowered to make arrests, as 2 Venice residents have learned to their dismay.

The Harpy was taking a sun bath on the beach to make her feathers shine, when she heard one of those "Desert Foxes" (the Beach Police who wear short shorts) tell a woman who was lying on her stomach to tan her back, to tie the straps to her 2-piece bathing suit. Why, the Harpy has been sunning herself like that since Annette Funicello was a 32 A. She's never gotten busted for her back!

And on the other end of the scale, a woman at South Beach got arrested because her bathing suit was a hair (!?) below the natal cleft. She was also charged with resisting arrest. The Harpy can see the Headlines now: Cops turn other cheek! Thumbs down on bottoms up!

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GENDER BENDERS

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preserver.

In it,
she could float in shit
and keep her nose clean.

In it,
she could touch lepers
and keep her hands soft.

In it,
she could speak from her heart
and keep her mouth shut.

In it,
she could love everybaby
and smell fresh.

They greased her wings,
she flew.
They fed her air,
she grew.

She touched the earth
from the thirty-first floor.

They locked her up.

Pam Emerson
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...and finally I twist my heart
ound again, so that the bad is on
he outside and the good is on the
inside and keep on trying to find a
ay of becoming what I would so
like to be, and I could be, if...
here weren't any other people
iving in the world.

Anne Frank, 8-1-44,
the last words in her
diary written three
days before her arrest

Win Magazine



In the Year of the Woman

.....
you graciously call us ms.
you've come a long way baby and baby it
is ready or not nice girls do and
good girls don't and if you do you
can just pay for your fun
and if she wasn't looking for it
what was she doing in a place like that

.....
we never asked for a year,
wrapped up in pink ribbons and presented
with a kiss.

.....
they told me it was the year of the woman
so i asked them, what woman?

.....
you know, they said - the woman.
i said, joann little? they said, no.
i said, inez garcia? they said, no.
i said jackie onassis? i was getting warm.
but no, they said, no, one of them.
they would't give me a name.

.....
so ive been trying to track her down
i haven't found her yet, but ive got
some clues
the woman is not poor.
she is married with two children.
she does not use contraceptives and does
not believe in abortion.
she never says no to her husband
she will never have more than two children.
she is of course a virgin
her husband washes the dishes and is proud
of her career.
she is not black.
she does not go out alone at night
her hair is blond, but not too blond,
because that would be asking for it.
she is not a lesbian.
she is 22 and planning to stay that way

In the year of the woman
we want our bodies, our souls, our lives

an excerpt from
The Year of the Woman
Karen Lindsey

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THE CYCLE SLUTS by Carol Fondiller

The Roxy Theatre Cabaret is set on the
Sunset Strip. The Strip is quiet now.
Gone are the Coffee Houses and boutiques
of the '50's and 60's. Where have all
the psychedelic posters and their eye-
splitting colors gone? Whither the fringed
jackets and the headbands? Thrown into
the ashcan of cosmic dreams along with
the made-in-Hong-Kong love beads and dash-
ikis from Lerner's? Pedestrians are still
on the strip but it is no longer the giant
costume show it once was. Young people in
faded jeans (prefaded) and tennies go
quietly about their business in the L.A.
twilight. Pedestrian traffic indeed.

We went into the Roxy Cabaret and order-
ed drinks. The Roxy has a sort of art deco
decor; the seats are hard tables, small and
crowded but chummy. Alcohol, i.e. drinks,
are about \$1.50 and not watered down.
There are non-alcoholic beverages too.
Admission for the Cycle Sluts was \$5.00.
After settling down with our drinks which
were brought to us in a comparatively short
time, the band stopped wheedling around,
houselights dimmed, curtain up, and the
Cycle Sluts proceeded to mess my mind.
There have been shows with trans-sexual
themes before, but this one was the first
one I'd seen. The audience ranged from
young and straight, young and hip, young
and gay, to me; no comment.

The Cycle Sluts stripped their black
trench coats off and a bevy of the most
beautiful men I have ever seen paraded with
unabashed enjoyment in the scantiest of
scanties, with the most fantastic hi-rise
hair-dos I've seen this side of East L.A.
With the whole catalogue of Fredericks
of Hollywood, (garter belts!), peek-a-boos
on their bodies. No, this was not a "drag"
show where men shave every inch of them-
selves so they can look like Judy Garland.
These were men; most of them had beards
which blended with the fantastic Bird of
Paradise Tough Hooker make-up suprisingly
well. The Sluts were a combination of
Turn-on, come-on and put-on; they proved
that revolution can be hysterically funny
and sexy.

The show opened with a "Miss Bike Buddy
of America Pageant". Among the contestants
were, Rosanna Papparazzi, corn-cob girl at
Coney Island, Lola Loin, former Marine
recruiter, specializing in self-flagellation
and Carlotta, student at U.C.L.A. and win-
ner of the Viki Carr fashion award. They
sang songs, strutting and posturing, no
not show girl way but sex object way which
up till now only women were allowed to do;
hi-stepping their way into lyrics like
"All American Boy"--how can you love a
woman when she's every inch a man?-- and
trampling on the mores of straight America
with their platform heels. Chest hairs

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the Town Council was researching what sort
of bullets to use against the police. This
charge is interesting in that Mr. Bishop
was echoing the fallacious allegations
made by certain realtors when they con-
vinced the Police that police protection
was necessary in order for the realtors to
peacefully picket through the canals.
The police kindly complied with five squad
cars.

Perhaps Mr. Bishop has fallen prey to
the "Big Lie" technique perfected by one
A. Hitler and refined for American tastes
by one R.M. Nixon.

Members of the Venice Town Council
have gone to all or any state agencies,
federal agencies, elected officials to seek
redress from grievances. They have invited
elected officials and City agency rep-
resentatives to talk to the Town Council.
Councilwoman Pat Russell, who has spoken
before various Venice Developers and
realtors associations, has not spoken
before the Town Council. The Town Council
has been noisy but non-violent in trying
to protect their homes. Still the "normal
well-balanced" elements of the community
have labeled the Venice Town Council a
"terrorist organisation." From their point
of view they have something there. It must
be terrifying to be confronted by the Town
Council, an organization comprised of people
with numerous backgrounds, deep philosophi-
cal differences and different political view
points; when these people band together to
win...legally.

gleamed on beautifully muscled chests be-
tween some of the bizarrest abstractions
of brassieres I have ever seen. Beards
added a pubic touch to the rouged lips,
mustaches nestled on upper lips, garter
belts framed imposing cache sexes. None
were padded. (I was very close to the
stage and didn't take my glasses off for
one minute.) The sluts were not masculine
or feminine, but definitely sensual. When
they sang "Watch Out" ("I'm Gonna Get You")
my friend had to restrain me from jumping
on the stage and shouting "Come ahead on!
I'm ready!"

My goodness! Those soft sheer fabrics,
the high heels, stocking tops showing,
that marvelous flesh. Hairy armpits with
bejewelled muscular arms, hairy legs under-
neath transparent stockings, bumps, grinds,
and pelvic rotations at face level.

That night after tossing and turning in
my narrow bed, I dreamed erotic dreams of
bejewelled men in negligees and high heels.
I dreamt of running my hands over narrow
hips encased in garter belts, and feeling
velvet rhinestone studded cache sex swell-
ing in my hands...

I met one of the cast members. I told
him "I never expected to be aroused by the
sight of some guys walking around with
bare behinds, garter belts and high heels."

"A lot of women do," he replied, "the
barmaids always want to help us with their
makeup, women in the audience slip us
their phone numbers. All kinds and ages of
women. We have to post a guard at our
dressing room door."

I talked about this to a friend of mine
"Well, of course," she said, "they're dress-
ing like sex objects! Silky semi-trans-
parent material feels good to touch, lip-
stick rouge emphasis or decoration of one's
sexual parts, it's fun to be a sex object,
but not all the time, because then it gets
into your thinking and if you're brought
up with this notion that that's all you
are as most women have been conditioned to
think, one worries so much about the
effect that they're having, that they
can't relax and enjoy being one. And men,
poor things, haven't learned how to be
passive and be a sex object.

"Yeah, to get a man all decked out...
...well, and having one's way with him.
Yeah...high heels to give him that provoc-
ative sway...yeah, far out!"

I sighed as I ate up her very last corn
chip, dreaming of finding someone who
would be man enough to wear a garter belt
with sheer opera length hose, and courte-
ous enough not to borrow my lipstick
when he goes out with other people.

Oh, yes. The songs were written by
Tracy Quinn, musical direction (the band
was good!) by John Beal, production by
Michael Shawn.

The residents of Venice do not want
freeways to cut up their town for the
convenience of people who go through Ven-
ice, to the detriment of people who live
in Venice. Nor do they want a heliport
that would serve one businessman at the
risk of endangering a public school which
is located within the path of the proposed
helicopters. They want to save the Melampus
snail, the Least Tern, the present res-
idents of Venice and other endangered
species which would be wiped out by the
proposed widening of the Venice Canals for
the purpose of accomodating the gas-eating
outboard motor boats.

The Venice Town Council is quite a
collection of crazies all right--still lab-
oring under the rosy dream of participatory
democracy, brave enough to try and fail
(sometimes) and fight, sometimes, with one
another, but most of the time for one an-
other.

Yes indeed it must be terrifying to
Mr. Bishop and his macho minions. Let's
see, how did he say it? "These rare and
exotic...things that go on in the name
of the Town Council," that freakiest of all
organizations in which "normal" people,
that is normal in dress, occupation and
outlook, are able to live in the same
community with the poor, the quirky, the
kinky, and work with them.

Mr. Bishop was wrong about one other
thing. The Town Council is not a "tiny
minority of the Community"; it is a col-
lection of many minorities within the
community, who, despite their differences
are working to save that community.

"E Pluribus Unum" No, Mr. B. that's
not Red Chinese writing; that's Latin
for "out of many-one".

Police Blimps



The city of Tempe, Arizona, after a 6 month experiment, is recommending that police departments across the United States be equipped with blimps. Tempe police used a blimp instead of a helicopter to hover over "high crime areas," after claiming that copters make too much noise and warn criminals that they are being watched from the sky.

Tempe police chief says that blimps proved to be a logical substitute for police helicopters. The Goodyear Aerospace Co., the makers of the blimps, say that, contrary to popular opinion, they are not easily shot down. The company says the lighter than air ships are constructed so that several bullets fired into their bellies merely causes them to float to earth very slowly.

(ZNS)

F.B.I. GIVES FILES TO I.T.T.

(GPF) The FBI is reported to have turned over confidential information on anti-war activists to the ITT corporation.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that the FBI admitted in a Philadelphia federal court that it supplied ITT with surveillance information on a group known as the War Resisters League. The league, a non-violent anti-war group, had staged a protest in front of ITT's New York offices in 1972.

The FBI-ITT exchange was disclosed as a result of a suit brought against the FBI filed by the War Resisters League. This is the first known instance where the FBI has admitted in court to supplying data from its confidential files to a privately owned corporation.

The FBI documents indicate that the bureau provided information prior to the demonstration during which thousands of tiny parachutes made up to look like toy battlefield sensors were dropped on Park Avenue sidewalks.

(Info from Zodiac News Service)

CONGRESSPERSON SUPPORTS SPYING

Congressman Supports Spying to Preserve U.S. Life-Style

"It is pure damned foolishness for the American people to expect to be told everything that is going on in the government. There are some things, such as spying, intelligence gathering processes, and the like, which ought to be of no concern to the American people...."

In this uncertain world with so many nations vying for world power, and especially with the proliferation of atomic secrets to any Tom, Dick, or Harry nation, we've got to continue spying operations on all foreign governments.

When we must co-exist with communism and fascism the world-over, the U.S. cannot afford to sit back and fantasize that all other nations believe in the U.S. style of freedoms and utopian live and let live philosophies."

Editorial entitled "Responsible Press" from the Tribune-Courier of Ontario, Ohio, which was read into the Congressional Record with a straight face by Rep. John M. Ashbrook (R. Ohio)

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RALPH NADER

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is not the easiest person to accomodate when he is on the road.

During a recent California lecture tour, Nader surprised officials of one college by refusing to ride in a limousine offered him. Nader, instead, asked for a pre-1970 American built sedan which he felt was less pretentious and safer.

At a restaurant, Nader set aside his salad until the waitress could determine if the lettuce was organically grown and union-picked.

And finally, Nader demanded another hotel when he learned he had been booked into one controlled by I.T.T.



SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Independence Controversial

The People's Bicentennial Commission, a group opposed to commercializing America's 200th birthday, has produced and sent out one minute television spots to television stations around the United States.

An estimated 145 major stations have already aired the spots, but some stations have found them subversive. One station's public service director, writing in the media magazine Access, described the one minute message this way: "It was an inciting spot...for another revolution."

Another TV program director said she viewed the spot with a "disturbing reaction." She wrote that "One got the impression that it was urging 'burn, baby, burn'." NBC-TV in New York found the message "contained elements of potential controversy." What is this controversial spot all about? It features Hollywood actors George Burns, Jon Voight, Robert Vaughn, Quincy Jones and others in a dramatic word for word reading of the Declaration of Independence. (ZNS)

DEATH BEATS "BEAT" BARD

One of Venice's Beat Era (1950's) publicist Lawrence Lipton died on Wednesday, July 9. Lipton was 77.

A poet and novelist, Lipton's most famous book, The Holy Barbarians, was a luridly written, factual account of the "Beat Generation" in Venice. Lipton was active in trying to repeal pornography laws. For many years he wrote a column for the L.A. Free Press called Radio Free America. He had lived in Venice since the 1940's.

ALL SUBMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER'S
BEACHHEAD MUST BE IN NO LATER
THAN AUGUST 16th

PHILADELPHIA TEA PARTY

(LNS) Five hundred elderly people staged a Philadelphia "tea party" June 13 to protest new federal regulations that will make it more difficult for the elderly to receive government sponsored services.

Carrying homemade placards and waving small American flags, the protesters dumped bags of copies of the new rules into the Schuylkill River.

The new regulations will require detailed financial disclosures from all elderly people who wish to take advantage of such social services as senior citizen centers, counseling, and homemaker services. Passed by Congress at the end of 1974, the provisions are scheduled to go into effect in October.

"It means that when we go into a senior center even just to say hello, we'd have to sign our lives away, in plain words," said one elderly woman in the Action Alliance for Senior Citizens, the group organizing the protest.

Under the new regulations, dubbed the "means test," applicants must answer four pages of questions about their financial state, including their income and whether any member of the applicant's family has ever received federal assistance. Verification of all information is required.

"The means test is a clear invasion of privacy charged Frank Bradley, head of the Action Alliance. "It asks us to rat on our relatives. It digs into our personal finances. It assumes that we are chiselers.... We fear that it is an entering wedge to destroy the program (of senior social services) entirely."

Even the Adult Services Division of the City's Department of Public Welfare, which will be responsible for enforcing the new federal rules, supported the protesters.

U.S. SENATORS URGE ARMS SALE TO CHILE

(LNS) - One hundred House members and 14 Senators have signed a letter sent to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger urging that the U.S. lift its ban on arms sales to Chile.

"Chile today has a government which provides more freedom than exists in most of the countries of the world at the present time," wrote Senators Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) and Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) in their Senate "Dear Colleague" letter to Kissinger.

The letter made no mention however of an Organization of American States Commission of Human Rights report which investigated Chile after the September 1973 military coup and found "violation of due process, nonexistence of freedom of expression, thought or informations, denial of the freedom of association ... and the abolition of all political rights" not to mention the use of "torture, inhuman pressure and treatment" on people critical of the regime.

Of the 114 who signed the letter, 28 were members of the House Armed Services Committee which first heard the reports of CIA "destabilization" of Chile prior to the 1973 coup, and hastily suppressed them.

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It's The Real Thing

-- ZNS --

A British magazine has published a possible solution to the world food crisis that is not likely to win the "Uncan Hines" stamp of approval.

The publication "The Ecologist" which describes itself as "The journal of the post industrial age," carries a suggestion from two civil engineers that human excrement be reconverted into food. The authors of the proposal write: "Work in this laboratory with human feces has demonstrated that after homogenizations followed by steam sterilization at 15 lbs per square inch for eight hours, then oven drying at 100 degrees centigrade and final cooking, the result is not unpalatable."

The report: "It is known that dry feces contains about 6% of total nitrogen or more than that present in many lean meats...When famine threatens, human feces properly prepared may have some dietary merit."

NOT THE REAL THING

There's good news for tomato lovers: the US Dept. of Agriculture says that tomatoes may soon taste like tomatoes again. A recent Dept. survey of US consumers found that Americans ranked the tomato dead last among available food products. The trouble, the survey found, is that tomatoes look and feel like the vegetable they are supposed to be, but they have become virtually tasteless in recent decades.

The tomato's trouble started when growers began breeding tomatoes for their looks and shelf-like qualities, apparently forgetting about the taste. The USDA now reports that scientists at the University of California and of Florida are currently trying to figure out "what makes a tomato taste like a tomato." When they discover this, the dept. says, "the old fashioned taste will be bred back into the modern vegetable."

(ZNS)



ASPIRIN SMASHING

Although aspirin is generally known to be one of the safest of drugs, it's often found to cause bleeding in the stomach and intestines. Martin I. Blake, Ph.D. of the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy reported that bleeding was found to start where undissolved aspirin touched the gastro-intestinal walls. On the basis of these findings he asserts that aspirin should never be swallowed whole but should be chewed thoroughly and taken with plenty of water or crushed and stirred into a glass of orange juice.

Food Conspiracy

GAY MOTHERS WIN CUSTODY

(GPF) In court cases in two different states, lesbian women have been granted custody of their children.

In Washington, the court refused to limit two women's right to publicly speak out about their lifestyle and sexuality, and ruled, as a matter of law, that homosexuality per se is not a proper basis for denying custody to a parent. The women were being sued by their husbands. The prosecution charged that the two women living together as a family were unfit parents on the basis of their lesbianism. They have written a book, made a movie, given interviews and appeared on television and radio.

In a separate case in Boston, a lesbian woman was granted custody of her youngest daughter because she proved she was interested in the child's welfare. Now that custody has been won on the evidence, she feels that "someone could write a strong enough brief so that even a non-sympathetic judge would be in error not to give custody on the grounds of lesbianism."

POISON-LESS PEST CONTROL

(LNS) Grow It Safely-Pest Control Without Poisons, a new handbook by Stephanie Harris and the Public Citizen's Health Research Group in Washington, D.C. explains why pesticides have failed and puts forth a method of pest control based on a firm understanding of a balanced eco-system and a combination of methods; cultural, biological, mechanical and chemical, in order to achieve an equilibrium between the pest and its natural enemies. The 48-page book also describes many non-chemical pest control techniques and how to implement them.

Grow It Safely is available for \$1.50 from Health Research Group, 2000 P. St. NW, Suite 708, Washington, D.C. 20036

Try A Little Oxygen

A navy surgeon in Long Beach has come up with an apparent miracle drug that seems to enlarge breasts, improve I.Q. and memory, cure baldness and reverse senility. Capt. George Hart of the US Naval Hospital

in Long Beach says that the name of the wonder cure is Oxygen--ordinary Oxygen.

Hart has been specializing in treating severely burned patients with Hyperbaric Oxygenation Therapy. The therapy involves pressurizing patients in a pressurized container of oxygen, similar to the treatment applied to a diver with the bends. The doctor has found, however, that all sorts of cosmetic side effects commonly occur, including a rapidly improved mind and memory, new hair growth and even an end to impotency.

(ZNS)

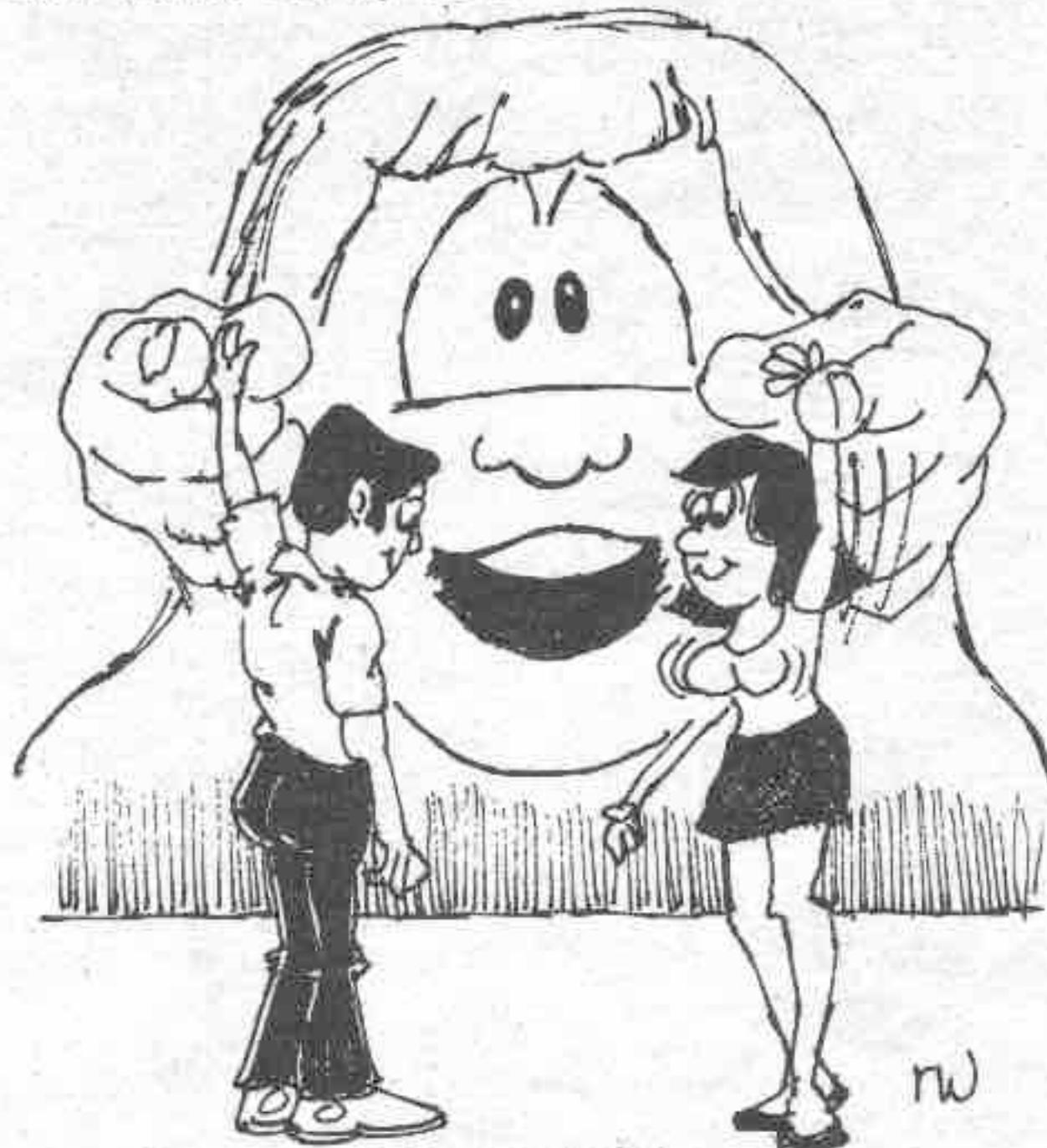
GROWING UP, ABSURDLY FAST

(CPF) The toy industry has done it again: a doll that grows through puberty to maturity, instantly, before your very eyes.

"Growing Up Skipper" is Mattel's Mondo Bizarro sweepstakes for dolls that distort even further any child's already confused view of human biology.

"G.U. Skipper" comes to you a flat-chested, curveless girl child. But with a single rotation of her left arm her waist narrows, she grows three-quarters of an inch taller, and two breast-like swells erupt where, before, there was nothing.

All this, of course, is in direct violation of the laws of nature. Everyone knows real girls grow to physical maturity and womanhood by rotating their right, not their left, arm.



...AND NOW WATCH KEN GET BIG...

INTERN'S DIVORCE REQUEST REFUSED BECAUSE WIFE WOULDN'T GET ADEQUATE COMPENSATION

New York (LNS)--A Tulsa, Oklahoma doctor still in training, recently requested a divorce from his wife, stating as one of his reasons that his wife's lack of college education would prevent him from rising in the medical profession.

His wife had worked to put him through medical school instead of going to college herself. The judge hearing the case refused the divorce request saying that the man was "afflicted with what is commonly known as 'chuck the wife' syndrome." The judge pointed out that a divorce would come at a most opportune time for the doctor since he is still being paid relatively little and any assessment of his earnings at this time would not give his wife adequate compensation for her work.

Cockroach Protest

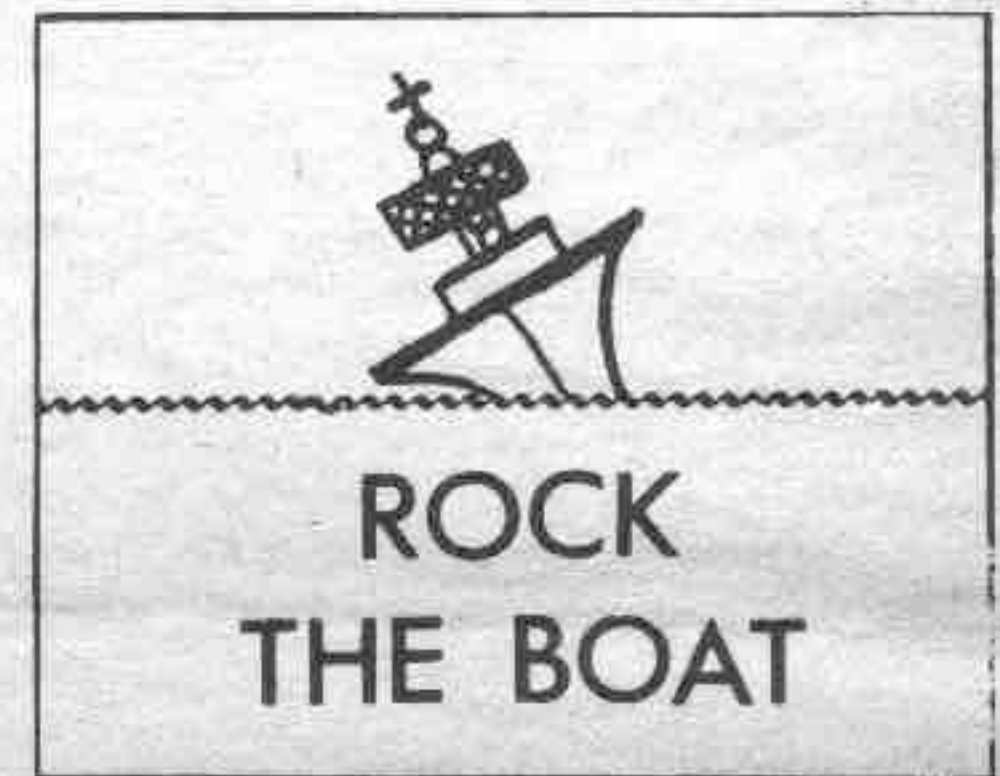
If your landlord is bugging you about the terms of your lease, you might take a hint from apartment house tenant, Joseph Pfaff of Little Ferry, N.J.

Pfaff, enraged at his landlady's refusal to allow him to keep a dog, decided to inundate his apartment with 2,000 cockroaches, so as to leave it in the same condition as when he rented it. To obtain the roaches, Pfaff placed an ad in the local newspaper asking for roach contributions.

The reaction was overwhelming. Before he stopped answering the phone, eight potential roach contributors promised him a total of 60,000 roaches.

TOO MUCH TOO SOON

Some folks think that babies who begin eating solid foods at an early age get the best start in life, nutritionally speaking. Dr. David M. Paige of the Department of Maternal & Child Health at Johns Hopkins University believes that a premature beginning of baby foods may lead to trouble--such as obesity, in later life. In a study of 130 babies, Dr. Paige found almost all the infants were being fed in excess of the recommended requirements, mostly because of early introduction of baby foods. He went on to say that at about two months, babies' nutritional needs are well met by milk or milk formula. Other foods may be an economic burden to parents as well as long-term biological burden for junior.



Numbers Tyranny

(Berkeley Barb)

Any interest wealthy enough to pay for information can obtain your social security number. For instance, any credit bureau, hospital or bank in numerous communities can call your employer and get your number. There are other, even easier ways.

What are the remedies? There are many. First and foremost, the citizen must reserve to himself up to a dozen numbers. One exclusively to retirement, (Social Security). A separate number for IRS; a separate one for military. One may be for insurance, motor vehicle and State purposes. The remainder for credit; generally one number to each creditor.

For legal numbers one applies on Form SS-5 (5-74) at the Social Security office. You can also apply for multiple legal numbers by giving your "pen name"; make sure it's legally registered beforehand. The government, the Social Security Administration, cannot prevent you from obtaining legal numbers although it tries to brainwash applicants into believing that one number is all anyone ever needs and that only one number per person is legal.



EMMA VISER DEFENSE COMMITTEE

On July 13 a combined JoAnne Little-Emma Viser day was celebrated in Venice's Oakwood Park.

Linda Bragg, Lois Webb, The AZZ-Izz Jazz Ensemble, Egyptian Sun and Mozambique all volunteered five hours of sounds.

The Emma Viser Defense Committee has called for more support, dollars and cents. You can send your donation to 617 Broadway, Venice, Calif., 90291.

History of Drug Traffic

(reprinted from the US-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER)

Opium has had a long history in China. It was first introduced to the country in the seventh or eighth century by Arab traders as a medicine. By 1620, however, Portuguese traders off the coast of China had introduced its use as a luxury habit. But because opium was relatively rare and therefore expensive, it affected only the well-to-do--primarily young men of wealthy families, among whom it was regarded as a status symbol.

This all changed in the 1770s, when England conquered India and Burma. Britain needed large sums of money to colonize these two vast tracts of land, and opium was the answer. Taxes levied on the product brought in the much-needed revenue, while British merchant ships carried it to the most convenient market: China.

As more and more addicts were created, Emperor Tao Kuang of the Ching Dynasty became alarmed. He ordered that Canton, the only port then open to foreigners, be closed to all opium traffic. But British captains evaded the edict by smuggling opium into China with the help of local pirates. Opium presently became so widespread that by 1838, officials in Kuangtung and Fukien were notifying the Imperial government that nine people out of ten in these provinces were addicts. The emperor responded by naming as High Commissioner to Canton a most extraordinary man, Lin Tse Shu. Lin was given strict orders to rid the country of opium; he took this mission seriously, and the British found his obstinate rectitude most exasperating.

After confiscating and destroying the opium stocks and pipes being sold by Chinese merchants, Lin pressured all merchant ships in the harbor carrying the drug to deliver their opium stores to him. Although these stores were publicly disposed of, this did not restrain the British as he had hoped. One tension led to another, finally erupting in the war of 1839 to 1842, called the "Opium War" by the Chinese merchants. Lin pressured all merchant ships in the harbor carrying the drug to the war's purpose was to teach the Chinese a lesson in free trade.

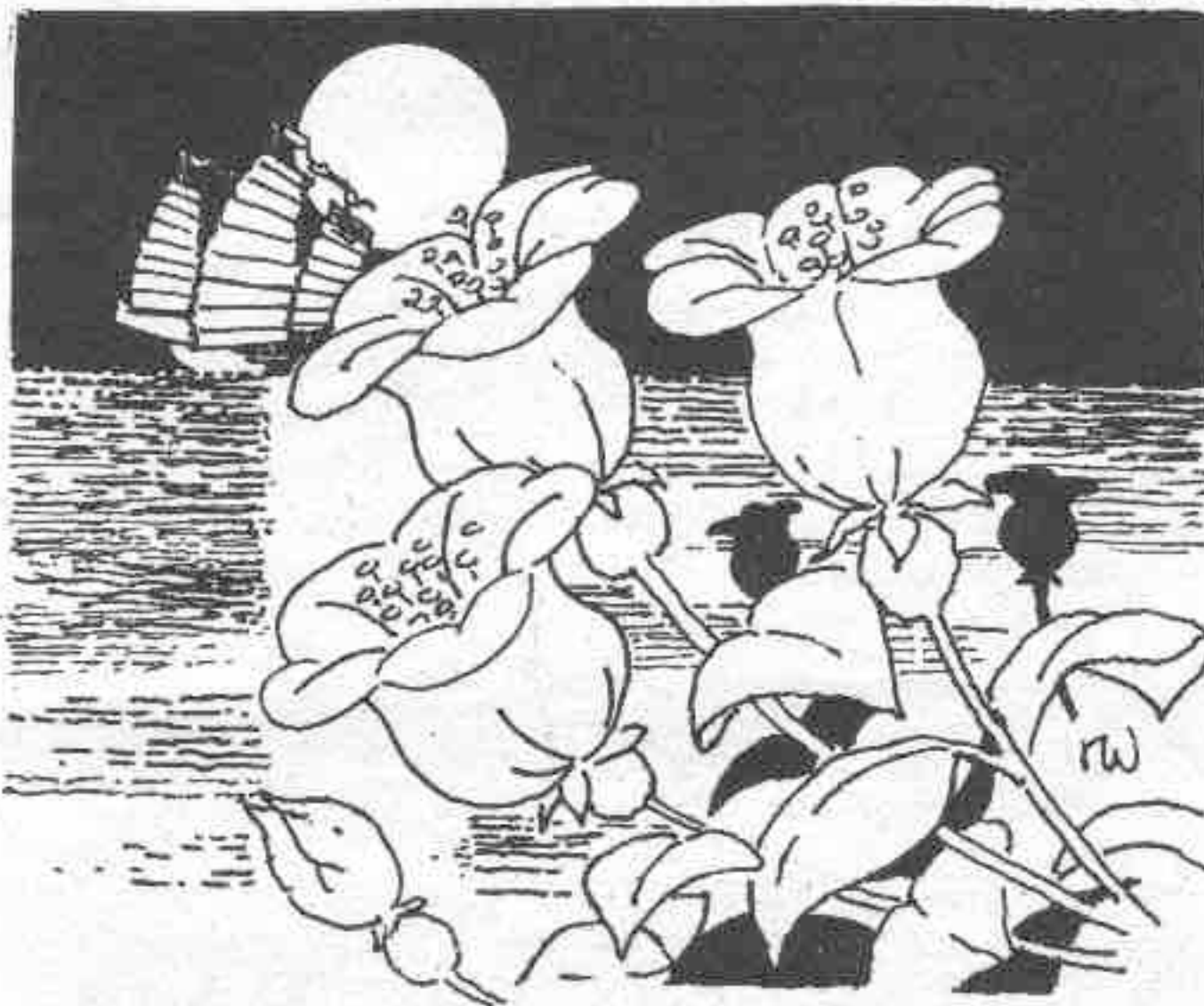
Just what kind of trade was meant was obvious from the swarm of opium boats which followed the Royal Navy upstream to Nanking, where the Ching Dynasty was forced to sign a treaty opening China to trade. Peace had barely been concluded when the opium boats began to hawk their ware: "Opium is on sale very cheap at Sui Shan--an opportunity not to be missed."

A second Opium War (fought from 1856 to 1858) removed the final restraint on drug traffic, and by 1880, China was importing more than 6,500 tons of opium a year. She had also begun cultivating the poppy herself. In the early 1900's, her crop had increased to more than 22,000 tons a year, making her the world's foremost opium producer.

With the fall of the Ching Dynasty in 1911 and the growth of drug addiction in China, criminal elements began moving into Shanghai's foreign concessions in great numbers. Since extra-territorial rights granted the western powers were still in operation, Chinese living in these concessions were subject only to that particular concession's laws.

Among the many groups to exploit this situation was the Green Gang, which occupied the French concession and conducted its vice operations undisturbed by the French government. A Green Gang member named Tu Yueh-sheng eventually unified all the gangs into a syndicate trafficking in drugs. Tu came to be known as the Opium King, and was one of the three bosses who were referred as the Big Three.

The Green Gang syndicate was a thriving organization in 1927, when Kuomintang troops and Communist contingents marched north on an expedition to rid the country of warlords. On his approach to Shanghai, Chiang Kai-Shek, who was anxious to rid himself of the Communists, contacted Tu Yueh-sheng for help. Tu responded by recruiting thousands of Shanghai's underground. When the workers' unions closed down the city in a massive strike to honor



Chiang's victory, the thugs swarmed out of the French concession and fell on Communists, labor union members and innocent bystanders alike. Thousands were slaughtered in bloody massacres throughout China.

After gaining control of China, Chiang continued his association with the Green Gang. He enlisted the Big Three as honorary advisors to his government, and named Tu Yueh-sheng a major general in the army. The drug traffic went on unabated not only in China, but as far away as the United States where Shanghai heroin was being distributed by the Mafia.

In 1937, when Japan launched her invasion of China, the Kuomintang retreated to Chungking in Szechuan Province. Although to all appearances Chiang and the Japanese militarists were at war, a great deal of trade took place between the invaders and the Nationalist Government; much of this traffic involved opium.

Japan had made opium the base of her revenue in the occupied territories. Chiang (with the help of Tu Yueh-sheng) supplied the drug to Japan. Vast fields of red, pink and white poppies covered the foothill districts of Szechuan and Yunnan provinces, and great opium shipments traveled down the Yangtze to Shanghai, or over the Burma Road to Southeast Asia.

After the Japanese defeat, civil war between the Kuomintang and the Communists resumed. As the Communists swept south to Shanghai, the Green Gang and other criminal syndicates fled to Hong Kong; the Kuomintang escaped to Taiwan. The People's Republic of China was founded.

By this time, there were literally millions of addicts in the country. The new

government immediately set about solving this monumental problem. Peasants were persuaded to plow under their opium fields and sow wheat or rice instead.

Neighborhoods were mobilized in a massive educational program. The street committees which governed the neighborhoods held study groups in which the evils of opium and heroin were discussed. Families of known addicts were educated not to blame their addict members, but to encourage them to seek help. Addicts themselves were impressed by the fact that they were not expected to shoulder the blame for their addiction, since they were victims of foreign governments and enemies of the people. After their cure, they were given training and then placed in paying jobs. Many of them were hired by the government to work with other addicts.

At the same time, pressure was placed on the dealers. Those who surrendered were accepted by the community, re-educated, trained for meaningful work and given jobs. The rest were packed off to prison, and the worst offenders were executed. By 1956, the People's Republic of China had virtually eliminated its drug problem.

From time to time, the Taiwan press has accused the People's Republic of China of smuggling opium across the border of Yunnan province into Southeast Asia. Such accusations are particularly curious in light of the well-publicized fact that most of the opium traffic in these countries is carried on by the remnants of the Kuomintang forces. Fleeing across the border at the time of the Civil War, these forces have expanded opium cultivation and monopolized the traffic, until now they are known as the opium barons of the region.

As for any smuggling from Yunnan, the Shan tribesmen of the Burma Hill countries--who know all the mountain trails--deny this vigorously. The Shans are rightist pro-Western tribesmen who are so anti-Communist they have been employed as spies by the CIA. Between 1962 and 1967, they penetrated deep into China's Yunnan province on espionage missions. They report that legitimate agricultural crops are now being grown in places where formerly there were extensive poppy fields. But of poppy cultivation, they saw not a trace.

Back in 1839, in a letter to Queen Victoria which was never sent, Commissioner Lin chided: "...so long as you do not take it (opium) yourselves, but continue to make it and tempt the people of China to buy it, you will be showing yourselves careful of you own lives, but careless of the lives of other people, indifferent in your greed for gain to the harm you do to others; such conduct is repugnant to human feelings..."

More than a century later, the ethical standards of the upright Commissioner have been put into practice by the People's Republic of China.

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Co-Op Bans Aerosols

Berkeley's Co-op stores "banned the bomb" announcing that sale of all aerosols with fluorocarbons would be banned from sale in their stores by December 30, 1975. Co-op Board President Jane Lundin said the board wants the producers in industry to be responsible for finding alternatives to the aerosol container. Fluorocarbons are reportedly dangerous to the atmosphere and spray cans are dangerous to lungs and skin at times. They can also be flammable.

Co-op will push alternative products and ways of packaging. For instance, Windex still comes in the old hand pump bottle as well as in aerosols. These bottles are also refillable therefore an aid to the trash problem.

Industry is not giving up easily. "We are beginning to see the start of a massive public relations campaign by the aerosol industry in the form of nationwide advertising, board member Linda Akulian reports. "These advertisements have so far included defensive and blatantly misleading statements. For example, A recent full page Du Pont ad states that no serious damage is expected from ozone depletion for at least three years, by way of justifying its demand for a moratorium



on fluorocarbon restrictions. The ad ignores the fact that the continued use of fluorocarbon propellants over those 3 years will probably result in further damage at a later time.

Worst horror story of all involves Pam, a product that greases pans by means of an aerosol. Pam reportedly has caused the deaths of over 125 children and young people over the last several months, Akulian said. "The kids have apparently been sniffing the stuff."

Ecology Action worked with Co-op in developing the aerosol position. Co-op, with 12 Bay Area stores, is the largest consumer-owned business in the retail food industry in America, with nearly 80,000 member families. Local outlets in the chain have set up a hot line for information about aerosols.

From Berkeley Barb

OREGON OUTLAW AEROSOL SPRAY

Oregon has become the first state to outlaw the sale of aerosol spray cans which use fluorocarbons--most hair sprays, deodorants and insecticides--because of mounting scientific evidence that aerosol use is damaging the earth's ozone layer and may already be increasing skin cancer.

The federal Environmental Protection agency has since announced its concern about serious aerosol damage to the ozone's ability to screen out ultraviolet rays from the sun, and ban fluorocarbons soon. Research indicates that it takes 20-30 years for effects of fluorocarbons to reach the stratosphere, with irreversible results.

A few days after the federal agency's announcement, Sen. Packwood introduced congressional legislation modeled after the new Oregon law, which takes effect March, 1977.

Available figures show that about half the world's fluorocarbon use takes place in this country.

Packwood's bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Hatfield, would require the EPA to enforce the nationwide ban. It also directs the EPA to develop regulations preventing leakage of fluorocarbons (Dupon calls theirs Freon) from refrigerators, air conditioners and other theoretically self-contained systems, and to study possibilities for controlling other sources of atmospheric fluorocarbon pollution.

Corporate interests can be expected to an extensive campaign against federal interference in aerosol sales which amount to about 3 billion annually.

--Win--Normon Solomon

TOURISM & TERRORISM

By Red Bird

While palefaces gawk at the granite faces at Mt. Rushmore, Indian people at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota are being subjected to a state of siege by the F. B. I. Everyone knows that two F.B.I. agents were dusted on the reservation. The media saw to that news getting out. But everybody does not know that the F.B.I. presence is a violation of all existing law of a sovereign land which has its own police force according to the Sioux Peace Treaty of 1868. But in actuality, the Dept. of Interior runs a puppet government on the Reservation very similar to the former Thieu regime in Southeast Asia. But why were the F.B.I. agents sent to the reservation?

According to Clarence Kelley of the F.B.I., the agents had no warrants for any arrests. It was to be a routine investigation. Investigation of what? Since Kelley has declared that his agents have been sitting in Rapid City since Wounded Knee because the Indian is violent and violence prone, we can see that the F.B.I. was looking for an incident to come on the reservation to smash A.I.M. The attacks against the American Indian Movement on the Pine Ridge Reservation have been numerous since A.I.M. was well organized here with much support from the Oglala Sioux. There have been at least one dozen unsolved murders of A.I.M. sup-

porters in the last few months. Russell Means, the leader of A.I.M. had been shot in the back in an altercation with the local B.I.A's, the goon squad as it is better known.

Now the attack against the A.I.M. legal office has flared anew in Rapid City. On Saturday, July 12th, vigilantes shot into the office in Rapid City intending to injure and frighten the legal workers. The very same day, "brave" vigilantes shot into the tents pitched for Indian women and their children near the legal office. The Indian men are in the jails waiting the hand of the convening all-white grand jury who as Kunstler has said is on a fishing expedition in seeking victims for the dusting of the two F.B.I. agents. But if we are to call ourselves a civilized society, we must allow lawyers to defend those accused. Then why does not the F.B.I. track down the vigilantes who intimidate and harass the lawyers, shoot up the cars so that mobility is destroyed? Yes, if we are a country of law, why are the courts and legal offices in South Dakota unsafe for lawyers of Indian people? We must conclude that there is a dual system of justice in our land and those victimized are made to appear as the criminals. But can we just sit by and wring our hands and just condemn the injustices without acting? The OglalaSioux people live under horren-

dous conditions. (See the July 11th issue of the Free Press for a description of the living conditions on the reservation.) Housing consists of shacks without electricity or running water, tuberculosis rate, the highest in the whole of America, high unemployment and the highest suicide rate for young males in the whole of America. Is it a wonder that the Sioux called A.I.M. to help them organize? After repeated petition to the U.S. government for redress of their grievances and the government giving them a deaf ear while the puppet regime held the Indians down by terror, the people of the reservation have begun to fight. But then the government socked them with court trials and more court trials. There were hundreds of defendants on all sorts of warrants and subpoenas. Outsiders who believe in civil rights could help fight for justice for Indian people by sending bread to their defense office:

Oglala Legal Defense Committee
Box 2307
Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701

Also, lawyers and legal worker volunteers are needed but they must have guts. This is a tough fight as it was in the South of the Sixties. Call (605) 348-5846 or 348-4393 for more information about volunteering for the work of the legal office. An old car is needed as a donation and observers are invited to the legal office.

Artificial Light Affects Health

The current issue of Human Behavior magazine reports that some kinds of artificial light may have profound effects on our mental and physical health.

The report cites research of photobiologist John Ott of Sarasota, Florida. Ott's research over the past few years has demonstrated that, among other things, standard fluorescent lights may cause or aggravate hyperactivity in children, affect sex determination in animal reproduction, influence tumor development, and even lead to tooth decay.

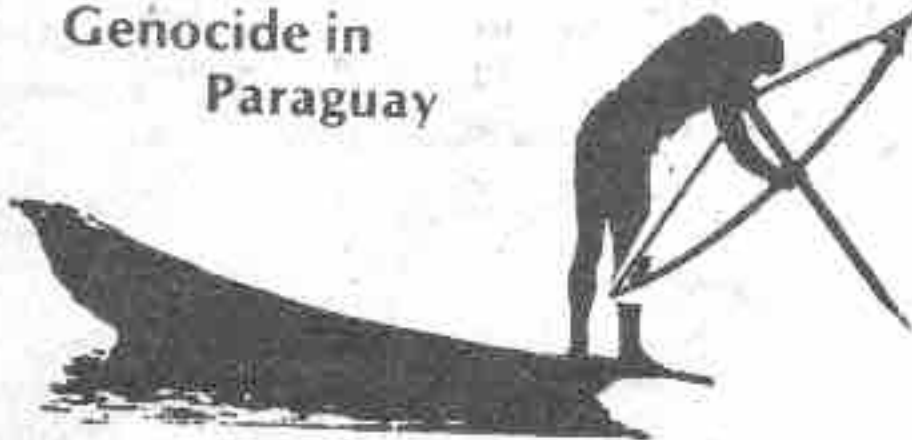
The problem with fluorescent light, he says, is that it doesn't contain the ultraviolet rays that come from sunlight. Last year Ott conducted research among Sarasota schoolchildren in two different classrooms--one with fluorescent light, and one with improved fluorescent light that supplied ultraviolet rays. The children in the room with the improved lights, he says, "had one-third fewer dental caries than the students in the classroom with conventional fluorescent lighting."

Ott says that lighting may turn out to be more important to dental health than fluoridation of water.

In other light-related research Ott has discovered that colored lights, particularly pink light, has a profound effect on sex determination in animals and fish. In one experiment, 80 percent of the fish born under pink lights turned out to be female.

The magazine reports that several lightbulb manufacturers "are making concerted efforts to downgrade Ott's research", because to admit it would require costly changes in marketing plans.

Genocide in Paraguay



One of the last primitive Indian tribes of Paraguay--the Ache--are being systematically slaughtered and sold into slavery, with apparent U.S. complicity, according to protests before the United Nations.

According to various European anthropologists who have lived among the tribe, the Paraguayan government has periodically dispatched military units into the jungles with orders to kill all uncooperative

Aches, and to bring others out to be sold into slavery as prostitutes and agricultural field hands. The Director of Indian Affairs, Colonel Infanzon, is said to be a well known trader in female slaves himself.

According to German anthropologist Mark Muenzel, about half of the tribe was slaughtered between 1968 and 1972, and only about 800 to 1200 may still be alive.

Official protests of the situation have been lodged with the United Nations Subcommittee Against Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in New York.



LUNCH WITH A CRUNCH

(CPF) The Jesuit fathers of San Ignazio de Loyola School in Orure, a town in the mining district of Bolivia, have discontinued breakfast and lunch programs for the children there, after discovering that the food provided by the US contained sterilizing agents.

projects; the need to review the street system and its relationship to regional transportation; the infrastructure and public utilities; housing density on the Marina Peninsula; the need for implementation procedures to be included in the plan; the canals; location and nature of industrial sites; street widenings and their ramifications; the need for more up-to-date information of traffic flow in and through Venice; and last but certainly not least, the need to revise basic assumptions about the future of the community based on the new, revised lower population projections.

As you can see, a lot of ground was touched upon, primarily with the idea of bringing up concerns. Few of these matters were discussed in depth, and no decisions were made on issues in this context. They will all be re-examined later as plan elements are being developed.

At the July 1st meeting, several other matters were discussed. CAC member Laura Harrison offered a motion to recommend that the Abbot Kinney residence should be preserved as a Historical Monument. This was approved, with Ms. Harrison assigned to communicate this feeling to the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Board.

Eleanor Dufay led a discussion of the Silver Strand streets and sewers project, finally moving that the CAC support the project EIR before the Coastal Commission.

The motion failed with a 6-6 vote, though Discussion leader Arnold Springer had neglected to remind the CAC that it takes a two-thirds vote to override a prior decision of the committee. The CAC had previously voted to oppose the Silver Strand project at this time.

Mo Stavnezer offered a motion opposing a proposal of the Marina Del Rey Planning Committee to open thoroughfares between the Nixon Freeway and Admiralty Way and Admiralty Way and Washington Street. The motion aroused heavy discussion, much of it concerned with the CAC's lack of adequate information on traffic in the Marina area. The vote was 3-4-3, defeating the motion.

In administrative matters, the committee voted 9-2 to dismiss Sam Prell from membership after his having missed five consecutive meetings. New appointees were announced by Councilperson Russell's deputy Sharon Kaplan, including local entrepreneur Tom Sewell and senior citizen representative Lydia Uribe, plus Fred Camacho from Councilperson Braude's district.

The Venice CAC meets every first Tuesday and third Monday of each month at Venice City Hall, 681 Venice Blvd., and everyone is welcome. As you might gather, there's plenty to talk about, and your thoughts and ideas are necessary to the future of this community.

C.A.C. DIARY

By Jim Bickhart

The June 16 and July 1 meetings of the Venice Community Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee were devoted to the sometimes tortuous but generally revealing process of continuing to reassess the existing Venice Community Plan adopted in 1970. Various CAC members (Jim Bickhart, A.D. Williams, Eleanor Dufay, Alan Emkin, Cathy Sullivan, Mo Stavnezer) presented their opinions on the state of the old plan and its applicability to the present Venice.

During the course of the discussions, the following topics were mentioned: performance zoning and spot zoning as a substitute for zoning entire neighborhoods for one strictly defined use; the definition of "transform" as it applies to the future of Venice; education; housing; sanitation; commercial endeavors; streets; the desire of most Oakwood residents to remain in Venice; the need to see what, if anything, planning can do about crime and drug problems; the need for housing rehabilitation money in the community; the effect of property taxes on community stability; the need to change Pacific Avenue's designation from secondary highway to regular surface street; the on-going Silver Strand and Anchorage Street Assessment District

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The New American Movement, in doing investigation for its Community Economic Rights Center has found that a person is disqualified for unemployment benefits only if s/he "voluntarily quits" or is fired "for cause."

A person is not disqualified if s/he quits "for good cause". Reasons for quitting regarded as "good cause" include: 1) Unsanitary working conditions 2) Employer imposing duties outside scope of employment 3) Substantial reduction in wages (in past cases a 20% reduction is regarded as substantial, a 10% reduction isn't) 4) Job is detrimental to health (evidence from doctor required) 5) Substantial transportation difficulties (more than one hour each way to work).

Not regarded as quitting "for good cause": 1) Going to school 2) refusing to work certain hours (unless there is "compelling reason" which is open to interpretation of unemployment bureaucrats) 3) Marital or domestic reasons 4) Pregnancy (although if a woman quits for pregnancy reasons, has her baby, and then

can't get her job back, she becomes eligible) 5) Leaving to find a better job.

Firing "for cause" includes: 1) Substantial breach of duty which is detrimental to employer, such as, habitual absence or tardiness, false statements on application, drunkenness, fighting, theft, personal appearance, if "bad" personal appearance is detrimental to employer. The unemployment code says that these acts would be "good cause" if they are in willful or wanton disregard for the rights of the employer."

All of the above situations are open to interpretation. The unemployment codes are full of references to what a "reasonable" person would do, but what "reasonable" means is subject to interpretation.

If a person is disqualified for these reasons, s/he may become eligible again if s/he gets another job, earns five times her/his weekly benefit amount, and is laid off.

The current ruling on teachers receiving unemployment for the summer is that a teacher who was on contract for the previous year and has a contract for the next year should be eligible.

For further assistance, contact the Community Economic Rights Center, 1102 W. Washington Blvd, 399-9553.

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Alaska, Maine and Colorado have enacted similar legislation in past two months, all modeled after the successful civil fine law which has been in effect in Oregon since 1973.

The new marijuana law will take effect in California on January 1, 1976.



By Walter Sullivan

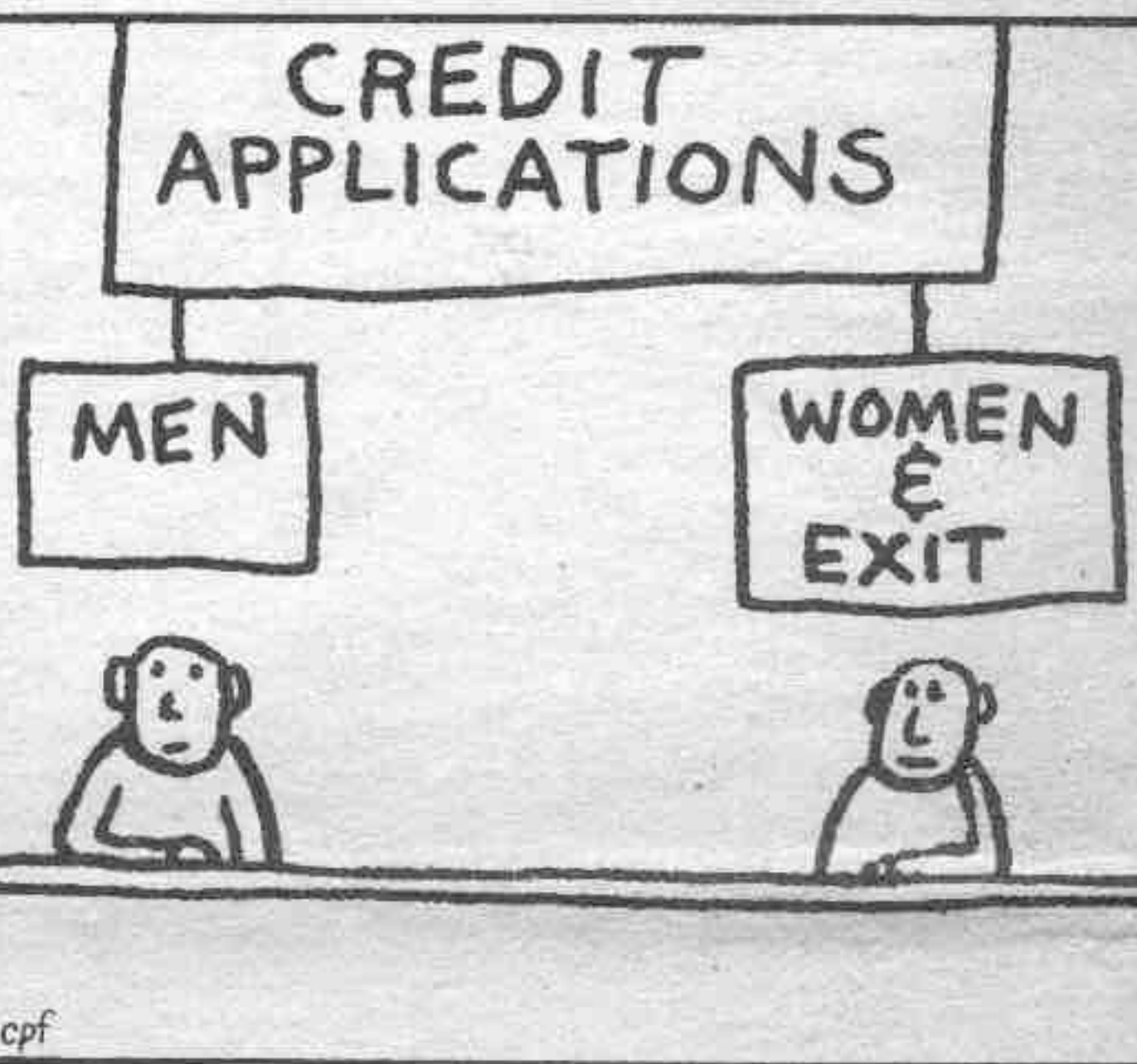
A federally contracted study of marijuana smoking in Jamaica, where the consumption by heavy users is said to be 10 to 25 times that of their American counterparts, has failed to confirm any serious adverse effects.

The only significant difference found between smokers and nonsmokers was that among smokers there was a slightly higher incidence of hypoxia, or reduced delivery of oxygen, to tissues by the bloodstream.

It was suspected however, that this may result from the use of tobacco, which is customarily mixed with the marijuana by Jamaicans.

The study was done for the Center for Studies of Narcotic and Drug Abuse of the National Institute of Mental Health. It was directed by Drs. Vera Rubin and Lambros Comitas of the Research Institute for the Study of Man at 162 East 78th Street in New York. Participating as well were the University of the West Indies and 35 physicians, psychiatrists, other specialists and staff members.

They agreed that smoking the herb can bring about certain bodily changes but said the significance of those changes was uncertain. "Since these studies of intensive, long-term marijuana consumers have



MARIJUANA? IT'S ALMOST LEGAL.

ISN'T IT?



No. Nothing is ever "almost legal." Especially marijuana. Last year alone 420,000 people were arrested for marijuana offenses. Of those, 90% were for simple possession.

But now a growing number of Americans are thinking seriously about changing the present marijuana laws. In fact, some laws have already been changed. The state of Oregon has successfully decriminalized the personal use of marijuana. The American Bar Association, The National Council of Churches, Consumers' Union and The National Education Association have urged other states to do the same. An inevitable chain of events has begun. Become part of that change.

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Photos of Venice July 4th parade wanted for photo layout in Sept. Beachhead. If you took photos (black & white or color negs) or know anyone who did, please call John Haag 396-0267, noon to 8 p.m.

FDA EXECUTIVE TAKES DRUG COMPANY POST

(LNS)--The revolving door between industry and government never seems to stop turning. Robert Sheffield, who is in charge of products surveillance for the Food and Drug Adm., is moving to Sterling Drugs Corp., one of the firms he is supposed to monitor. Explained Sheffield to a reporter, "I'm looking for more of a challenge."