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FREE TO VENICE RESIDENTS



birth trauma

by Randy Watsek & Bob Wells

This is what happened.

Shawn Slavin was pregnant, and to realize all the beauty of the coming of their first child she and Terry decided on a natural childbirth where Terry would be at Shawn's side, to comfort her and to share the experience. Shawn would not be given anesthetics, since she and Terry, and many other people believe anesthetic at childbirth has detrimental biochemical effects on both mother and baby.

On the afternoon of Feb. 3rd Shawn and Terry went from Venice to the UCLA Clinic Hospital. At first Terry was allowed in the labor room, but when it came time for Shawn to be wheeled to the delivery room an older doctor came in and ordered Terry to go to the anteroom. Terry went outside and hunkered down against the corridor wall. He saw his wife wheeled out of one room and into another behind a closed door. He stayed in the hallway to be as near to her as he could.

Inside, Shawn was drugged under anesthesia for the delivery.

During the delivery the older doctor, Dr. Welham, came out and said to Terry, "Man, I thought I told you to leave."

Terry pointed out that he was not intruding or interfering, and said he felt it was his time and place to be as close as he could to his wife until childbirth was over.

A few minutes later a security guard ordered Terry away. He said the police would be called, and that they would beat him. When Terry gave him the same reply, the guard went inside the delivery room to ask Dr. Welham what to do.

Some time later 5 uniformed cops and a plainclothes torpedo came down the hall. While they were yanking Terry to his feet and handcuffing him, a nurse came out and said a baby had been born - nothing more. The police knocked Terry off balance and dragged him down the hall by the handcuffs. As they were getting in the elevator the nurse ran up and said the baby was a boy, and everything was all right.

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PFP candidate a WINNER ?

The Peace and Freedom Party is finally going into an election where there's a real chance it might win.

This is the at-large election for Santa Monica City Council coming up next April. Jack Hampton, Peace & Freedom candidate for State Treasurer in last year's election (he got 125,000 votes -- 3 times the statewide P&F registration), has filed with 20 others for 3 contested seats on the Santa Monica council. There is no runoff -- the 3 candidates with the most votes get the jobs. (There's also a half-term 4th seat with separate voting.)

Santa Monica P&F figures that 2 slots will go to incumbents, with the 3rd seat up for grabs. Jack got 1,100 votes in Santa Monica last November -- roughly 3 times the number of P&F registrants there. With this base, and with P&F volunteer support from outside Santa Monica, Jack may have a head start for that 3rd open seat.

Anyone who would like more information or would like to contribute time or money to Jack's campaign should contact Ethal (396-2575) or Van (475-3495).

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

by Don Lubin

The FREE VENICE FOOD COOP is an effort of the people to form a food distribution organization which brings community members into more personal contact with each other rather than isolation; uses relationship of cooperation, trust, and love rather than selfishness, suspicion, and exploitation; aims at providing ourselves with what we need at lowest cost rather than imposing profit-making middlemen; and allows us to make our own decisions about food, taking this power away from giant control-hungry institutions.

The coop now has weekly distributions of fruits and vegetables (organic and inorganic) and dairy products. Staples are available monthly: flours, nuts, oils, dried fruits, brown rice.

New members are charged a \$5 deposit so that weekly orders need not be prepaid. Prices are cost plus 5%. No one is making any money except what we all save. Each member is expected to do his share of the work, whether book-keeping, packaging, storekeeping, or driving a truck.

Since we have become too large to function well as one group, we have split into three cells, each with its own area of responsibility. There will be monthly gatherings of the entire coop.

If you would like to join, go to whichever cell you like at 7:30 any Tuesday evening. After orientation, take part in the regular meeting at 8.

The cells meet as follows:

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dairy, etc. 468 Howland ave.

For information, call the SWITCHBOARD (399-2302) or Don (392-7225).

And if you have fruit trees or a garden which produces more than you need, or if you know of other coops we should get in touch with, please let us know.

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CALIFORNIA PFP RATIFIES PEOPLES' PEACE TREATY

People To People Treaty Of Peace

BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SOUTH VIETNAM AND NORTH VIETNAM

PREAMBLE

Be it known that the American people and the Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the names of the people of the United States and South Vietnam but without our consent. It destroys the land and people of Vietnam. It drains America of its resources, its youth, and its honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth. In rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism and discrimination against people based on color, class, sex, national origin, and ethnic grouping which form the basis of the war policies, past and present, of the United States government.

TERMS OF PEACE TREATY

1. The Americans agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam, and publicly to set the date by which all U.S. military forces will be removed.
2. The Vietnamese pledge that as soon as the U.S. government publicly sets a date for total withdrawal they will enter discussions to secure the release of all American prisoners, including pilots captured while bombing North Vietnam.
3. There will be an immediate cease-fire between U.S. forces and those led by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.
4. They will enter discussions on the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops.
5. The Americans pledge to end the imposition of Thieu-Ky-Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to insure their right to self-determination and so that all political prisoners can be released.
6. The Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections. All parties agree to respect the results of elections in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops.
7. The South Vietnamese pledge to enter discussion of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of those South Vietnamese who have collaborated with the U.S. or with U.S.-supported regimes.
8. The Americans and Vietnamese agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia in accord with the 1954 and 1962 Geneva Conventions and not to interfere in the internal affairs of these two countries.
9. Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war and resolve all other questions in the spirit of self-determination and mutual respect for the independence and political freedom of the people of Vietnam and the United States.

PLEDGE

By ratifying this agreement, we pledge to take whatever actions are appropriate to implement the terms of the People to People Treaty and to insure its acceptance by the government of the United States.



This is to certify that on _____, 1971, _____ has signed a treaty of peace with the people of Vietnam. This treaty was adopted by the PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY at Isla Vista, California, February 13-14, 1971.

The Peoples Peace Treaty reproduced here was negotiated recently by representatives of the National Students Association with representatives from North and South Vietnam.

At its statewide meeting in Isla Vista on February 14, the California Peace and Freedom Party ratified the treaty as official party policy and resolved to circulate it throughout California. Among the treaty signers at Isla Vista were nine Venice PFP activists, including John Haag, who introduced the motion to ratify the historic document.

The meeting also decided to organize a nationwide radical party. Headquarters of the national organizing committee is the Venice PFP office.

The treaty printed here is your copy to sign and display. The Venice PFP will be circulating the treaty in petition form in the Venice area.

To get more copies of the treaty and to help with the signature drive, write to Venice PFP 1727 W. Washington Blvd., Free Venice, Calif. 90291 or call 392-8975. Open PFP meetings are held at this office every Wednesday at 8pm.

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SUNDRIES AND GROCERIES

IRON MOUNTAIN A REVIEW

by R. Dranow and P. Armerding

As the war in Southeast Asia contin-
ues and expands, as armed conflicts
continue to arise around the globe,
the question of war or peace becomes
increasingly relevant to our lives.
One of the books at the Venice library,
Report From Iron Mountain On the Possi-
bility and Desirability of Peace,
(published in 1967), deals with possi-
ble U.S. government planning for peace.
The editor (or author?) of the book,
Leonard C. Lewin, claims to have recei-
ved a copy of this "secret" report
from one "John Doe," a member of the
"Special Study Group" which allegedly
wrote the report.

There was a great deal of disagree-
ment when the book was first published
as to whether it was a "leaked" copy
of a real government report, as it
claimed to be, or whether it was a
hoax. This question has never been
settled.

In any case, the supposed authors
of the report were a special group of
businessmen and professionals gathered
together by the Kennedy administration
for the purpose of realistically exami-
ning the problems that "permanent
peace" would cause in the United Sta-
tes. The group was to recommend a plan
to enable our government to deal with
peace. After 2 1/2 years of secret
meetings the group issued this report
which so disturbed "John Doe" as to
shake him into exposing it to all the
people.

In their study, the group got very
heavy on the non-military or social
functions of war and/or war readiness.
The group concluded that "permanent
peace" would threaten the survival of
existing U.S. socio-economic systems.
The idea of permanent peace was judged
both utopian and crackpot. The real
mind-blowers in the report are recom-
mendations for the government to main-
tain the stability of the system now
provided by war if peace were forced
upon it. They decided that a system
of slavery to control the minorities,
the dissidents, and other uncontrolla-
bles, systems to maintain adequate num-
bers of poor and sick, and a system to
control population (through deliberate
gross pollution of the environment?)
through the routine elimination (mur-
der) of "optimum" numbers each year;
and many more; would be necessary to
stabilize the nation if peace happened.

This all becomes most disturbing as
we reflect on government action in the
four years since the book was publish-
ed. Is the U.S. planning for peace,
or perpetuating war? If the Report
From Iron Mountain is really a leaked
government document, then the ghost of
Hitler may be marching in our midst,
and the war-monger may be insignifi-
cant when compared with the planned de-
mon of "peace".

EDITORS' NOTE

IRON MOUNTAIN was not published yester-
day. It was published four years ago.
Then it was noted, no action or reac-
tion, just noted (a book review or two).
What does this lack of response to
IRON MOUNTAIN represent? Ignorance?
Apathy? What was the "good Germans"
response to Nazism, to their govern-
ment's invasions in 1939, to the con-
centration camps? More up to date,
what about our government's invasion
of Laos last month? What was our re-
sponse? How far along the road to be-
coming "good Americans" are we?

Wilson Farrell
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VENICE

bread and roses carol fondiller

Venice's own White Elephant, the
Venice Pavilion (that flying saucer-
looking building at the foot of Wind-
ward) will be used for the first time
in its graft-ridden history by the peo-
ple of Venice to put on plays for the
people of Venice. Since the oil well
revenues have been allocated for Parks
& Recreation only, the City has seen
fit to put a roof over the once open-
air theater. It leaks, the acoustics
were bad, but a gallant little group
of theater buffs got together, held
tryouts, stuck up styrofoam to improve
the acoustics, and behold! "Major Bar-
bara" by George Bernard Shaw will be
the Venice Free Theater's first produc-
tion.

This timely, relevant comedy of the
Arms Race vs. the Human Race will open
Feb. 19, and will be free, but donat-
ions will be gratefully accepted to
cover the costs of royalties, costumes,
posters, etc. Curtain time is 8 P.M.

Further activities, to which all in-
terested members of the community are
invited, are:

-- Children's Theater, to be perfor-
med by children, 9 am to 12 every Sat.
at the Pavilion (adults are needed as
audience only).

-- General meeting every Sunday,
12:30 pm at the pavilion, to discuss
goals of the Theater. Everyone is in-
vited.

-- Drama Workshop at 8:15 pm every
Tuesday at the Pavilion - even if you
aren't interested in acting it's a gas
to learn mime improvisation and explor-
ing space with your senses. Please
come!

For further information call Mardee
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George (396-6016). If no answers, come
and rap and help - it's your theater
too, if you want it to be.

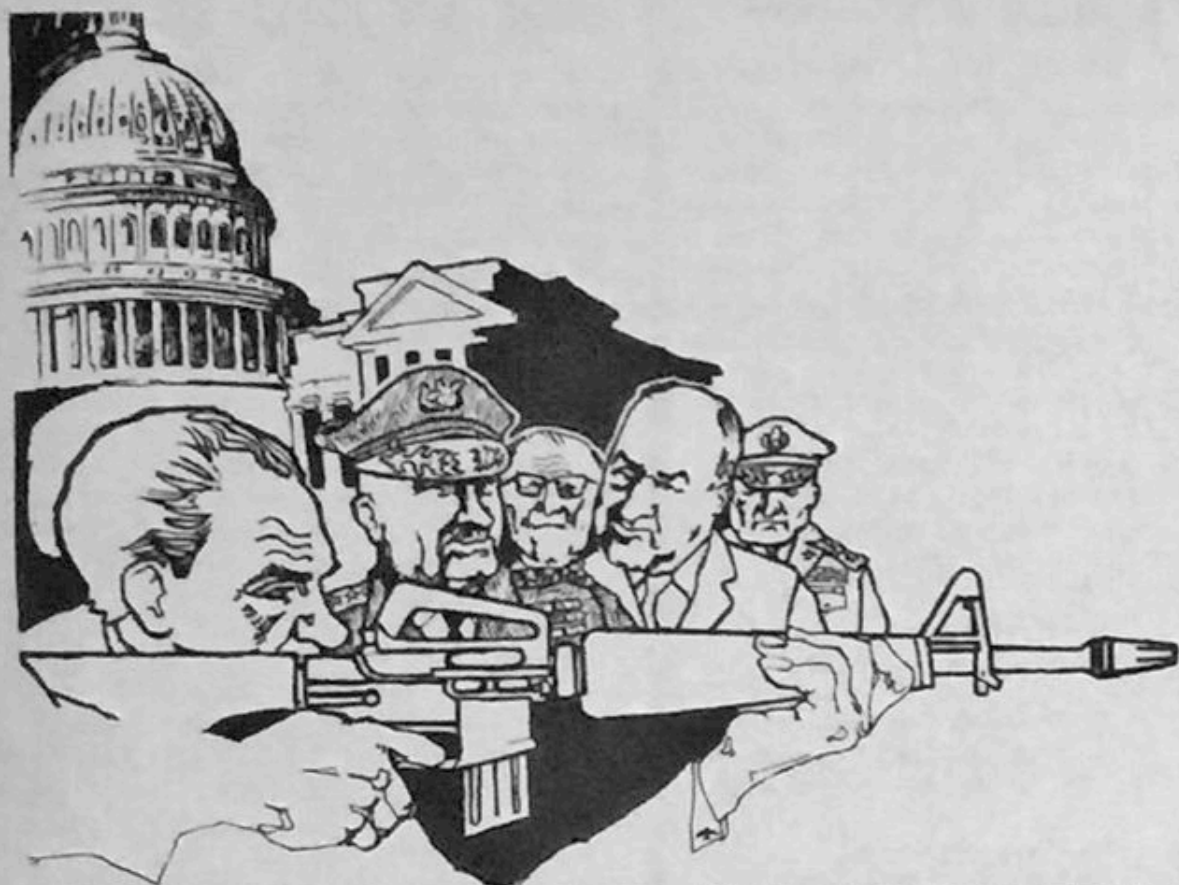


The Players

birth trauma continued from 2

(They named him Sol.)
Still dragging him by the handcuffs,
the police took Terry Slavin outside
to their car, where he was kicked,
kneed, punched, hit with clubs, and
had his head ground into the sidewalk.
A cop smashed his face into the trunk
of the car and said now he liked his
face better. The police mocked him
and degraded him all the way to the
station, where they booked him for
"disturbing the peace." Five hours la-
ter he was released. The charges were
dropped.

Dr. Welham told Terry later that at
the time he was more concerned with
maintaining his authority than with
bringing Sol Slavin into the world.
He said under the same circumstances
he would do it again.



WINTER SOLDIER INVESTIGATION

by David Schulman

A bunch of long haired, pot smokin freaks showed up in Detroit over the weekend of Feb. 1-2. They talked about calling people "gooks"; offing unarmed women, children, and old people; shooting up and burning villages; throwing people out of helicopters; and, now and then, gang raping women and leaving white phosphorus grenades in their vaginal areas.

They were all veterans of Vietnam from all services and branches with a few officers to boot. These ex-GI's, once a part of America's expeditionary force in Vietnam were in Detroit for the Winter Soldier, an investigation into war crimes in Vietnam, sponsored nationally by Vietnam Veterans Against the War and locally by Support Our Soldiers (SOS). What came down during the three days of testimony, where 100 Vietnam vets described some of their experiences, showed without a doubt that My Lai was not an isolated incident. That United States military policy demands war crimes in Vietnam to fight the armed uprisings of the whole Vietnamese people. In that kind of war there is no separation between soldiers and people.

At almost all of the atrocities discussed officers and/or

Senior NCO's (sergeants) either participated in or were present. What the investigation showed was that the blame for war crimes cannot be placed on Lt. Calley, individual GI's, or a couple of officers, but rather on the highest military and government circles.

After the first day of testimony, something more happened. Some of the vets began talking about the causes of these war-crimes. They began to liken calling the Vietnamese "gooks" in Vietnam to calling black people "niggers" at home. They saw how the military played on their racism to think of the Vietnamese to be less than humans and therefore easier to kill. They talked about how the military reinforced their thinking that a woman's only place was on her back in bed. And how the Vietnam war was really an extension of our whole sick society and not just the creation of a few power crazed generals.

When it was over Senator McGovern and Rep. Conyers were calling for a congressional investigation on all the testimony given. Whether anything comes of it remains to be seen.

Vets interested in getting together should contact Support Our Soldiers 396-6325.

CHICANO MARCH

by Calvin Gurin

As a member of Bala and a latino I participated with my carnales y carnalas (brothers and sisters) in the Venice Chicano Moratorium March for Justice and the rally at Belvedere Park.

At the start of our march there were approximately 80 of us; we maintained this number or more throughout the march. Our ranks were made of property owners and renters, a full mixture of our latino community expressing their human and constitutional rights.

When we arrived at the Venice police station to notify the police of our awareness of their criminal activity in our community, the police countered with cameras as if we were doing something wrong. We know by experience the "police process"; we expected this process to happen in some way. By the time we reached Culver City we discovered two police agents within our march with "weapons", seemingly with plans to disrupt our non-violent march giving their co-workers reason to brutalize us with clubs and gas.

We policed our own march.

Under these extreme circumstances, carnalismo showed its true light; we stayed together for the three day march to East Los Angeles yelling "Viva La Raza," and "Chicano Power," in the spirit of tierra, justicia y libertad. In each community we marched through we were greeted with new members, smiles, waves, and refreshments. Our determined marchers marched without violence and the rally was held without violence.

January 29, 30 and 31 will go down in our history as three days of victory in terms of a new non-violent alternative to deal with, and unmask police brutality, poor housing, high rents, the educational process and the negative image placed on our culture. Although this has been distorted by the mass media and the police because they can only relate to vested interests, La Raza knows better; the community know better. Our next march and rally will be larger and again non-violent, on our part. The police and the press are not going to divide La Raza.

CONSTITUTION VOID ON VENICE BEACH ?

On February 4, the Parks and Recreation Commission held its second public hearing on a proposed park ordinance which if passed would include the following regulations:

"Except as specifically authorized by written permit issued by the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners, within the limits of any park in the City of Los Angeles, (this includes Venice Beach, Westminster Park and Oakwood Playground) no person shall: (partial list)

1. "Sell or offer for sale any merchandise, article or thing of any kind or nature whatsoever..."
2. "Play or utilize any sound amplifying system except within or upon an area set aside for such purpose by the Board."
3. "...post, place or erect any bills, notice, paper or advertising device or matter of any kind;"
4. "Enter or remain in any park between the hours of 1:00 AM or 5:00 AM."

In another section the ordinance states that

"No person or group shall hold, conduct or address any assemblage, meeting or gathering of persons, or make or deliver any public speech, lecture or discourse or take

part in any public debate...in any park in the City without a written authorization granted by the Board or its designated representative."

There was a small gathering to protest the ordinance - outspoken were Grace Simon, president of Citizens to Save Elysian Park; Rick Davidson from Free Venice and Peter Young, attorney with Venice Neighborhood Legal Services. Without exception the speakers attacked not only the legality of the ordinance, but also its real purpose. (Do you think the Commission would refuse a permit for a Mayor Yorty benefit? How about an anti-war rally?) Only Peter Young's attack of the ordinance for its absolute and total disregard for the rights supposedly guaranteed us by the U.S. Constitution caused the Commission to postpone passage of the ordinance and "take it under advisement."

The City's attempt to deny our freedom of speech and right to assemble cannot be ignored. The Free Venice Organizing Committee, Venice Neighborhood Legal Services, and the BEACHHEAD are following the actions of the Commission. Somewhere down the road, however, it may require the action of all People to defend our rights.

ALMS FOR A RESURRECTED WINO

"for drink is a form of suicide
wherein the partaker returns to a new chance
at life . . ."

from Counsel, by Charles Bukowski

Venice...Menace? Paradise?
I have been here once or twice.
Broken heart, broken dream
crayon or pen,
Venice I am home again.

The water's sound is all around.. in Venice.
(The bathroom floor is flooded more in Venice.)
Broken pipe, water type, real tragedy.
Venice, you are home to me.

The dogs eat hash, get stoned...and crash in Venice.
I crashed here too, while passing through, my Venice
Broken heart? Broken dream? crayon or pen?...
Venice I am home again.

Sesame

A Sesame Song

This is a rallying cry
There is no other way
Just to paint the scene now
Is substance of another day.
Idle muckers called city fathers
Euphemistically
Have decreed
The usual greed concealed
In hypocritic terms
They merely wish to uplift
The Venice canals
That's their Trojan horse
And they don't come bearing gifts
Twenty six million is the squeeze
From our pockets, you bet
But if beauty of scene
Were their noble dream and desire
We would light the fires and dance
However
Beautified buildings and dressed-up canals
Are not meant for the poor
Their plan will sweep
The poor, the disinherited, the dissenting
from the scene
Give them an inch to their design
They will take the body
A clever ploy
This master plan
To disposses us
And once you see it
You just shout no
And together get ourselves together
Like an army
That fights for its territory
Defends its right to life
And Fight.

Rachel Draxow

Goddam idiot.
I can see your stiff shadows.
I can see your songs crawling
out from behind a rock.
You resurrect
yourself and give the wind
your whiskers.

You bastard of villages
and red clay.
Red baby-dolls dance
from behind your eyes.
Dance and puke and
stumble forward
to bow in your breath.

If you approach and ask
I'll give you a penny.
Alms for the red baby-dolls.
Alms for the resurrected wino.
Idiot!
Dionysus-of-the-idiot!
In another world I'll
touch your hair.

Lynn Shoemaker

SANDPATCH AND BROKEN WALL

Sandpatch and broken wall,
Bright sunlight, broken brick --
Gat-toothed town beside the ocean
Where To Be blows past To Have
Like a whiff of fog around the corner.
Cracked pane, still scrap of curtain --
And at its edge, rampaging always,
Tumultuous,
Inevitable --
A surf like white lions --
Venice.

Robt. Wells



Theresa Sandison

PUKE THE LITTLE DUKE by PUBLIUS

When last we left our Duke, he was, so to speak, in the jaws of fate. More specifically, the jaws of Retch, a rabid dog, or particularly, his left buttock was; and the rest of him was sunk below the waters of Clap Canal, nose first. Imagine the scene. Feisty Freak, Marvin Mooch, and Hanna Hype, who happened be passing on their raft, after a futile attempt to save our Duke, were forced to give him up for lost. To worsen his predicament, Feisty Freak, in a vain attempt to dislodge Puke from his muddy tomb, or any rate, the hold of Retch, whose yellow, slimy, cruddy fangs were inches deep in the withered and emaciated flank of the aforementioned portion of royal Puke anatomy, swung his pole a mighty turn, striking him a blow on his RIGHT Buttock, and opening a wound a foot or so long, from which what blood that remained in Duke's decimated carcass, began gushing out in geyser-like spurts. Was this an accident of fate, or perhaps did Feisty Freak still harbor some conscious or unconscious hostility to our Puke, the Peoples's Duke, for fucking him over? (see Puke, the Little Duke, part III, Sept. 1970 BEACHHEAD, or see LIFE, June 18, 1964, or REDBOOK, March 19-39, or forget it). We can only conjecture. For who can know the heart of another? Yet the result was as it was, whatever he intended, which was, as fate or circumstance would have it, further worsening his situation. For at that moment, a swarm of horseflies, drawn from their usual haunts by the smell of royal blood to collectively assemble upon his person (or that portion of his person). Puke could well have screamed in pain, but for the fact that he could not scream, or talk, or utter any sound at all, nose deep in mud, although he made a most strenuous attempt to anyhow at least, give audible vent to his suffering. But all that he could manage was a kind of gurgling noise which produced a stream of bubbles up to the surface. But wait! Oh, joy, Puke fans. All is not lost yet. At the same time and concurrent with the attack of horseflies, there was another Puke and his desperate situation, was now moving toward him. Fortune, or the Gods would grant to Feisty and his friends another chance to save him. As the raft approached what could be seen of Puke, Feisty Freak, Marvin Mooch, Hanna Hype, and Scab, a tabby cat of neuter sex who had jumped aboard down stream in pursuit of a rat who shall remain nameless but is also aboard, (more of that anon, pet lovers...) decided on a rescue plan and made ready. At that moment, hard upon the stranded bulk of what was once a royal Duke, still unascended Puke, the gasp of pain which he had managed to emit, transformed into a single trail of bubbles, burst to the surface. Observing this, Marvin Mooch was wont to comment thusly, "The bugger's had it." Marvin, were the truth known, spoke with some authority, for in his other life he had been Marvin Mink, a submarine corps officer. The others, knowing this, deferred to his judgement; and the raft continued on without stopping. All of this, however, was not entirely without incident, for Hanna Hype who was very nearsighted, attempted to read a sign that they were passing on the bank of the Canal, but leaned too far over the side and fell overboard. The sign read: KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, POWER TO THE PEOPLE. She was plucked from the drink, but by that time the raft was far downstream, and even Feisty couldn't read it, had he tried, which he didn't.

As for Puke, what can be said that has not been said? IS THIS THE LAST OF PUKE? Be sure to read this column in the next tantalizing issue of the BEACHHEAD!

shut out continued from back

had been at City Hall, which said that according to Officer Charles E. McClain, Rick had taken the time off his own wrist watch, while the time on the lobby clock was several minutes later, and after noon. NEITHER RICK NOR HIS FRIEND HAD A WATCH.

The City Attorney offered no sworn affidavit from Officer McClain, and officer McClain was not present for questioning. Had Rick's attorney the opportunity to cross examine Officer McClain and other city officials under oath and under penalty of perjury, it may have been possible to show, on the part of all of them, or some of them, complicity and conspiracy to keep Rick from running the election. Judge Stillwell denied Rick his day in court to present evidence and most important, to cross examine witnesses.

RICK PLANS TO APPEAL THAT DECISION!

It's the same old story. Two years ago 200 Venice residents were locked out of a public hearing at City Hall. They had come to protest the City's plan for the Canals.

Last April three Oakwood residents were arrested for trying to inform the City Council of intolerable and continuing police misconduct in their community.

On Nov. 16 Rick was arrested for trying to present a community sponsored alternative to the City's Plan for the Venice Canals.

Now the only candidate from Venice, the only candidate who opposes the destruction of our community, the only candidate who is supported, not by the interests of property, but by the people who are being victimized by those interests, has been denied even the right to run for public office.

What kind of choice is there now in April?

the house passed inspection!

The Community House is alive but struggling. (We're still in debt and need money to pay the rent). The house has been almost completely restored and has recently been given approval for occupancy by the Building and Safety Department. We just made the deadline -- when the inspector came around for the final check one of the electricians had to stand inside the wall and hold two wires together.

A Free Venice Food coop is operating now at the building - meetings are Tuesday at 8 pm. A Free Venice switchboard communications center, with information about medical, legal, employment, day care, counseling, and other resources in L.A., has also been started - volunteers call 399-2302. Other activities planned or developing include a pre-school playgroup (call Judy at 821-2889), a community library and a weekly lecture/discussion series on a wide range of topics.

The Community House is open every day from 10 am till midnight. Come on over. Bring your instruments. (Bring your problems, too - maybe we can help) There's always coffee and sometimes a nosh. Everyone's welcome.

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THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS

A place for animals to receive good care, regardless of the finances of the people who have them, is a matter of public health and life. At least a vaccination and animal care counseling service should be started and, if funds permitted, more services could be offered. Sharon Gold intends to get one started. She's already informed the Southern California Veterinary Medical Association of her intentions. She's presented a written proposal to the Board of Examiners in Sacramento and has discussed the project with several local veterinarians. So far not much luck. It looks like the people are going to have to go it alone, as usual. Anyone who would like to help please call Sharon at 823-5536. **POWER TO THE ANIMALS!**

Stan Roberts is Past-President of the Venice Civic Union, a right-wing property owners group - for years he's been trying to "clean up" Venice by getting rid of "undesirables" - beatniks, hippies, longhairs, Blacks, Chicanos.

Now Stan is coming on with a new gig - he wants the people of Venice to chip in \$3,600 beyond his pension so he can lobby at City Hall for the reactionary interests in Venice.

Thirty-six hundred dollars!!? It looks like, with the "desirable" speculators moving in on Venice, Ol' Stan can't afford to live here any more than the rest of us.

Gee, Stan, if you'd listened to FREE VENICE you might be living comfortably in a well-built low-income residence without danger of astronomi-

cal rents forcing you to move out of your tacky little shack.

What will be your reaction when Ol' Stan hits on you for Spare Change, Brother?

Reuben is looking for a place to open a FREE ORGANIC RESTAURANT. He would like a place up to \$150. Please keep an eye out. Call Reuben at 399-6887 or call the FREE VENICE SWITCHBOARD at 399-2302.

The bakery outlet at 405 Ocean Front Walk, near Dudley, was almost closed last month. The King David Bakery on Fairfax felt the outlet wasn't making enough money and decided in January to stop the operation. The old-timers of the ocean front look to the bakery for their traditional kosher baked goods, and the place is a community focus for the whole P.O.P. end of the beach. Losing it would have been a blow to the community morale. Fortunately the King David people changed their minds for the time being, and the bakery is still open.

Remember the Free Venice Art Festival? Every weekend two summers ago Venice artists and craftsmen brought their photographs, paintings, leather crafts, hand made dolls, wood carvings, jewelry, macrame, all sorts of far out stuff to the arches where the Gas House used to be. People got together; freaks and straights, locals and tourists, young people and old timers, and, of course, those ever present Peace and Freedom registrars. Good raps--good feeling. Let's do it again. Anyone interested call Ken at 821-2889.

Peter we miss you

Venice is missing a unique place. For those of us who enjoy a few beers, a place to relax, or a place to dance ourselves to exhaustion, it's a sad day. Peter's Bar has closed down and there is no replacement. No bar anywhere could compare. For even those who "hate bars" Peter's was a haven. Peter, we miss you.



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SEXIST JUDGE TURNS FASHION DICTATOR

Venice, you wouldn't believe it! When Rick Davidson went on trial Feb. 17 in Municipal Court for "disrupting a City Council meeting," Marge Buckley, his attorney, appeared in court wearing a simple black slack suit. Judge Dittmar's eyes met dead center as he yelled "Go home and get dressed in something suitable as female attire or I'll give you five days in jail!" Marge left only to return with a staff of women attorneys ready to set the old judge right. He ran. After the humor passed they went on to trial.

While Marge was zonking Judge Dittmar, a flying squad of subpoena servers from the Free Venice Organizing Committee - beards, long hair, headbands, Free Venice buttons - was over at City Hall putting the City Council up against the wall - before the afternoon was over every one of the 15 members of the L.A. City Council had been summoned into court to be examined in Rick's trial. At one point Councilman Wilkinson, ambushed by process-servers in the City Hall cafeteria, confirmed the suspicions of many people in his District by denying he was a member of the City Council.

The playbill for Rick's trial is as follows:

EVENT: City's Version: City of Los Angeles Vs. Rick Davidson
Reality: City Hall against FREE VENICE

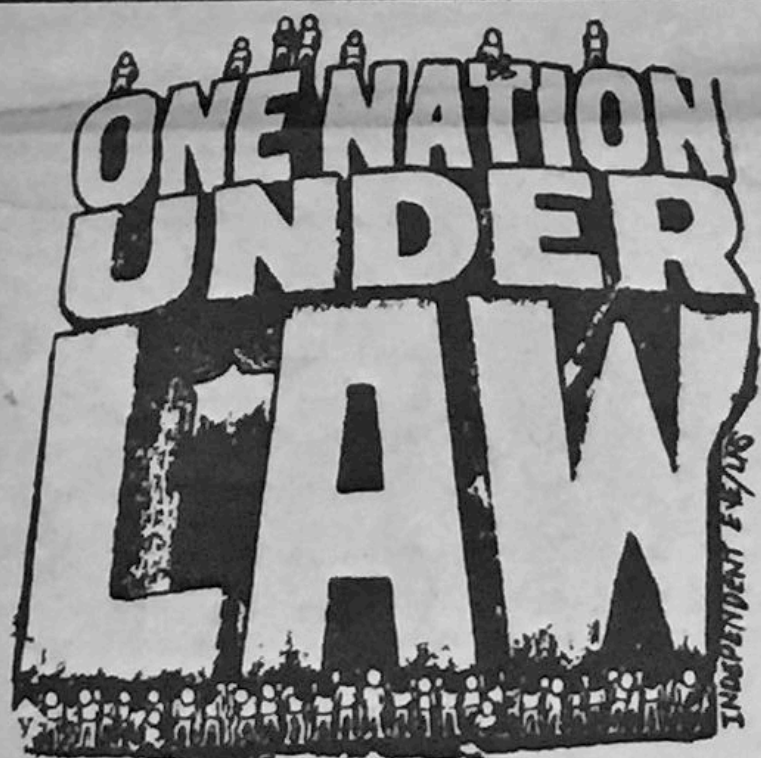
CHARGE: City's Version: Disturbing a public meeting
Reality: L.A. City Council prevents over 75 Venice residents from speaking against City's plan to destroy the Venice Canal community.

DATE: City's Version: February 23rd, 1971
Reality: Until community control exists

PLACE: City's Version: Division 17, Los Angeles Municipal Court
Reality: In the streets

RESULTS: City's Version: "If they don't shape up we'll lock them all up"
Reality: You can't jail the revolution

CONCEPT: City's Version: If colonization is good enough for Nixon in Vietnam then it's good enough for "Travellin' Sam" in Venice
Reality: Venice symbolizes the need for URBAN LAND REFORM, U.S.A.



The Concentration Camp Law

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POVERTY LAW

by Marge Buckley

Venice Neighborhood Legal Services is trying to be a community law office. This means that the attorneys spend most of their time relating to community organizations and working on problems which affect the community as a whole. Hopefully, this will help to bring about some meaningful change and alleviate poverty problems; but realistically, law suits can not restructure the system which creates and maintains over 30 million of its citizens in poverty. Most important, a community law office is based on the premise that changes take place only when people organize to demand such changes and that its role is to support such people's organizations.

The Venice office presently has a staff of 5 lawyers, 2 secretaries and 2 part-time receptionists. All of the lawyers have special areas in which they work.

Diane Wayne has been working on school and juvenile problems, representing both Venice High and Morning-side students. She presently is working on the problems of people in prisons. Tom Diamond, the landlord-tenant expert, has several suits on appeal challenging the unfair eviction statutes which let people be put out of their homes for no reason, and which gives them only 3 days to answer a Court summons, just 1/10 the time allowed in any other type of suit. He also is working with the community to develop an action to eliminate the "tracking" system which channels Black and Chicano youngsters out of education and into low-paying, dead-end jobs. Peter Young had been very active in police problems, but it is now obvious that the law is ineffectual in dealing with police malpractice and brutality. So, he currently is working with the Welfare Rights Organization in Venice, a vital area, especially now that Reagan and Nixon are attempting to cut welfare and turn it over to the states with no federal supervision. Peter is also working with volunteer attorneys and Ken Cloke on freeing the "Venice Five". Ken has specialized in military law. He has written a manual on that subject and helped organize a panel of volunteer attorneys to take servicemen's cases. He is now working on the problems that veterans have with the Veteran's Administration. Marge Buckley is the Director of the office. She has been active in medical problems of the poor, and most importantly, in the Save the Canals fight, including representing the community in its legal fight to repair and maintain the Community House on Howland Ave. All the above has been possible because of the sustaining members of the staff: Doris Conners, Jane Gordon, Diane Grabowski, and Carol Owens.

The necessity of dealing with community problems has become apparent when you realize that the federal government has funded only enough lawyers to handle approximately 5% of the cases of poor people who need legal assistance. To help take care of individual problems, two law student programs have been developed. One is located at the Venice Service Center, 324 Lincoln Blvd. Students are available without appointment five days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The other is at our office, 1711 Pacific Ave. Students are there from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Admittedly this is not enough. But don't blame the Legal Services office. Write your Congressman, Nixon, OEO and demand that more attorneys be made available.

RICK DAVIDSON - SHUT OUT

Elections for City Council are upon us again, and Pat Russell's 6th District seat is one of those coming up for grabs. On January 11, three people filed as candidates; Pat Russell, Frank Small, and Rick Davidson.

Russell and Small, both from the Demopublican Party, represent the same old interests, have the same old positions, and use the same old tricks and rhetoric to create the illusion of choice when none, in fact, exists. Both support airport expansion at Westchester's expense. Both are advocates of the freeway mania which is strangling L. A. and wiping out poor communities all over the City. Both support the City's plan to destroy Venice for a West Coast version of Miami Beach, and, more specifically, the Canal Community for a private yacht harbor.

Rick is a member of the Free Venice Organizing Committee and Peace and Freedom Party. He's been active for three years in the fight to prevent the destruction of Venice. He's an architect, concerned about and knowledgeable of the urban crisis which is shaking not only Los Angeles but all of America. Better planning, however, is not enough. Rick knows that the only solution to the problems destroying the United States is a total poli-

tical and economic restructuring which returns decision making power and control to the people effected by those decisions.

January 30th, a Saturday, was the last day for candidates to file nominating petitions at the City Clerk's office. The deadline was 12 noon.

Rick and a friend arrived at City Hall and were clocked in at the main lobby guard desk at 11:55 AM. After being held up by an identification check they got to the 23rd floor as the City Clerk's door was shut in their faces. Rick was denied permission to go in and file his petitions. When they protested the Clerk told them all they could do would be to take it to court.

The following Wednesday Rick and his attorney, Marguerite Buckley, went into Superior Court to ask Judge Parks Stillwell for a writ of mandate compelling the City Clerk to accept Rick's petitions. In the Judge's chambers they learned that the hour on the main lobby check-in sheet had been changed from 11:55 AM to another time after 12 noon. The City Attorney had an informal memo from the guard's superior, C. C. Terrell, dated four days after Rick

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appeal denied



david & teri surrender in W. L. A.

On Sunday, January 24, five Venice residents were returned to jail in Tucson, Arizona. The "Venice 5", Pam Donaldson, Karen Duncan, Lee Weinberg, David Scheffler and Teri Volpin were taken back to serve out contempt sentences arising from their refusal to testify before a Federal grand jury in Tucson. The grand jury is allegedly investigating Weathermen activities in the Tucson area.

They had been released from jail on Dec. 29, pending a decision on their appeal for reversal of their contempt sentences. The appeal argued that the questions asked by the grand jury are overbroad and infringe on the witnesses' rights of freedom of speech, political association, privacy, and activity, but delved instead into a broad range of political activity in the West Los Angeles area. Their appeal was denied by the 9th Circuit Court on the grounds that the appeal was an attack on the grand jury system and therefore unacceptable, and that the issues raised were frivolous. An appeal is now being made to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The defendants were never notified of the denial of their appeal. Three of them; Lee, Pam and Karen, were un-

expectedly seized by federal marshalls and FBI agents from their Venice homes. The following morning, January 20, a support demonstration of 75 people, was held when Teri and David surrendered themselves to federal marshalls at the Federal Building in West Los Angeles. (see photo)

It is absolutely necessary that people understand the purpose of this and other grand juries which have recently been convened around the country. They are taking powers far beyond investigation into particular alleged crimes and abrogating supposedly "inalienable Constitutional rights. These grand juries are being used in an attempt to intimidate all of us who are interested in fundamental social change. They are using their subpoena power, the power to jail, and the threat of indictment to try to stop our activity. We cannot allow that to happen. We must stick together and expose the grand jury system for what it is, a witch hunt, an attempt to cast the blame for the evils of our society upon those very people who are struggling to eliminate those evils.

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