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Marge Buckley

"The DA's office belongs to the people." With these words, Marge Buckley announced that she will run for District Attorney for Los Angeles County.

Marge says, "The DA is supposed to protect the people and keep the politicians honest." She charges that the office has been used to protect the interests only of the wealthy and powerful, that the victims have been the people - Black, Brown, Young, Poor, Worker, Gay, Women. She intends to reverse the process and prosecute those who oppress and prey upon the people.

At a press conference, Marge gave specific examples of the kinds of situations she would investigate and prosecute:

The Board of Supervisors ignored 1964 and 1969 grand jury reports of misuse of monies in the office of Baldo Kristovich, Public Administrator, who handles all the moneys of people who die or who cannot handle their affairs. She promised to investigate the lack of interest shown by the Board of Supervisors.

The heads of the City Planning Commission and the City Planning Department buy land in the boondocks and then announce that the new international airport will be located there. The City Council whitewashes the affair. Marge promised to reopen and investigate the entire matter.

For years people's complaints about police harassment and brutality have been falling on deaf ears. The police have nullified the U.S. Constitution on the streets. Almost daily we hear of shootings and killings by the police of "suspects", particularly in the ghettos and barrios and in the poor white communities. She says, "While the LAPD whitewashes the Hollywood Division, the vice squad spends the people's money in bars to harass and entrap gays." She would investigate and prosecute the violence of the police and sheriffs.

Another important investigation will concern the prosecution of the Bobby Kennedy murder case, and the roles of the Board of Supervisors, Police, and DA's office. Thomas Noguchi was pilloried by the County Administrator in an effort to indirectly discredit his autopsy report. The Sirhan gun was never tested by the ballistics expert.

"There's something wrong in many places. It's about time for the DA's office to prosecute the real enemies of the people."

Two Women Bring Good Government



"Mother, what is a Feminist?" To think about her own affairs
"A Feminist, my daughter, As men don't think she oughter."
Is any woman now who cares

— Alice Duer Miller, 1915

Health Council Gets Money

Here is good news! The Venice Health Council has won the first round. It did receive \$50,000 as promised from the Northeast Valley Corporation funded by OEO to initiate comprehensive health care programs for Venice, Santa Monica and Mar Vista. The council does show signs of life and promise and is interested in hearing complaints from the community as well as good words. Call Addie Edwards on this, 821-1769.

At present the Council is seeking headquarters, office space out of which it can organize the community to get better health services for it. A community coordinator and a community organizer will have to be chosen to further the work of the council. We hope that persons having the best qualifications and the interest of the community at heart will be selected, whether from Venice or not. Being a buddy of someone on the Health Council should not be the way to elect spokesmen of our community.

Ultimately the Venice Health Council should represent something big and fine in terms of helping the poor of our community get better health care; that is if it stays together and is not turned around by people out for their own good only. The Council has been elected by the people of Venice. It is truly grassroots and should stay that way.

Its tentative long range plans include medical training programs, for lab technicians, nurses aides and nurses, testing for sickle cell anemia and a full day care health service as

soon as more money and equipment is available.

We not only wish the Council well in their important community role but we all will have to lend them a hand. Write to Venice Health Council, 615 6th ave, Venice, if you want to help.

Venice Women's Center

Several weeks ago, women on the West Side met to discuss the possibility of setting up a Women's Center in the Venice Santa-Monica area. It was decided to call a general meeting so that all interested women could be involved in planning how the center will be set up and what needs it will serve. Possible uses of the Center could include drug counselling, welfare rights counselling, a meeting place for women's groups, and a place to rap with your sisters.

But the Center will not become a reality without the suggestion, support and fund-raising of the women in this area. Attend the general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 1:00 in the Venice Pavillion and, hopefully, we will bring this all together.

The first planned fund-raising event for the Center will be on Feb. 12. From 10:00 am to 4:00 there will be a garage sale at 2306 Ocean ave in Venice. Our brothers, in support of us, will have a men's bake sale at the same location. Contact Pat (821-2889) if you wish to contribute to the garage sale, and Bob at the same number if you wish to help out with the bake sale.



Shirley Chisholm

Shirley Chisholm: Unbought and Unbossed. Is there a hope for Undirty Politics?

"Ninety-eight pounds and nine feet tall," was the way Shirley Chisholm was introduced to a packed convention center rally sponsored by the National Organization for Women on January 14.

Shirley Chisholm is the newest candidate for the democratic nomination in the race for the presidency.

Throughout her long political career - better than 25 years - during which she served on the New York State Assembly and currently as a member of the US House of Representatives, Shirley Chisholm, a strong black woman, has been noted for speaking her mind.

This rally was no exception. In her speech the former Bedford-Stuyvesant school teacher demonstrated how she gained the reputation for being "unbought and unbossed" - also the title of her autobiography.

"Perhaps the hour has arrived in our country when there's a need for women to run for political high office. And that is not to say I'm against men.

But then who says that high political office, even the presidency, should be the exclusive domain of only one segment of this society? It would be wonderful seeing some other kind of person being president."

Ms Chisholm addressed herself to those would-be supporters who fear the futility of casting a vote in her favor.

"This may be the real beginning of the implementation of the American dream on its highest level.

"If we are not able to win the nomination, for the first time in the history of this country, if we can go to the convention, we'll have the power of a coalition of forces, women, blacks, the young, that have never had a chance before."

Shirley Chisholm described her tour across the states and the "problem areas" of the nation.

"I've seen poor white children in Kentucky and West Virginia hardly able to stand because of malnutrition, their faces old beyond their years. . .

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Community Happenings

People's Legal Friend Fired

Marge Buckley, who successfully defended her right to run for office and still remain director of the Venice Legal Services Offices in 1970 has again been fired. Marge, who has been director of the controversial poverty law office since September of 1967, is appealing her dismissal. Charles Jones, executive director of the Legal Aid Foundation claimed there were no political reasons for the firing, that she was being fired for lack of supervisory skills necessary in his new strong centralized program. Marge says, "That's bull _____. Last February, Tom Mack, regional OEO director told me the office would be closed unless Ken Cloke and I were fired. I refused to quit, so funding for the office was cut off and it was merged with the Legal Aid on June 1, 1971. I was supported by the previous deputy director who himself came out of a community office. He understood that successful poverty community work involved attacking the sources of oppression, which often meant local and federal government agencies as well as the rich and powerful. The government agencies scream when a government-paid lawyer attacks them. 'Activist' lawyers are replaced."

One year ago, F. Caducci, head of OEO in Washington, leaked a story to Evans and Novak, nationally syndicated columnists, that the Venice office, and all Neighborhood Legal Service Offices in the country with it, was being closed because of the politics of the Venice office, and specifically because of Marge and Ken. The LA Times refused to run the article because it was "libelous" of Marge and Ken.

The politics Washington found distasteful were people's politics. Ken Cloke was involved in representing "Support Our Soldiers", military organizing and draft counselling. The entire office staff, including Marge, has been active in controversial issues:

Venice Canals defense, police harassment, the Chicano Moratorium, landlord-tenant problems, the Tucson grand jury investigations. Marge had run for state Attorney General in 1970 on the Peace and Freedom ticket. She said, "The policy of removing control of the poverty program from the people continues. When the poor demand more, the rich have to get along with less and the government has to give up some of its power. 'Activist' community people who are involved in these programs are

North Beach Master Plan

The LA Planning Commission made a decision on Jan. 6th concerning the alternative plans for North Beach.

They could either do nothing, delay, rebuff the staff's studies, or give the community an opportunity to prepare its own plan for the North Beach area. Actually, all these occurred, depending on your point of view.

The commission majority (Armstrong, Diller, Hill) could have legally initiated the process of zoning rollback hearings where changes have been proposed by various community interests or the planning staff.

This planner believes they didn't take action because it would require a 6 month freeze on all high density apartment construction in the North Beach.

Now the community and the North Beach owners and residents have the opportunity to prepare a People's Plan

that can include a new zoning plan, appropriate densities and height limits, alternative traffic patterns, pedestrian walkways, and other ways to make a more livable environment.

Now is the time to face up to the fact that all the North Beach cannot be highrise, or low density; that no one will pay for widening the Speedway and Pacific; that high density on small lots and narrow streets will not work; and that low and moderate income housing must be included in the plans or further delays and hardships will occur.

The Venice Community Planning Office is prepared to serve as a resource for all community groups concerned with developing a plan that solves the problem of density vs. traffic vs. livability. The Planning Office is in the NAPP center, 1101 W. Washington Blvd., 392-5425.



La Causa Youth Center has established a reputation for success in its second year of operation. All participants in the program were in contact and exposed to the various social services that community agencies and organizations offer. These groups refer students for tutoring. Many presentations before agency staffs, parents, groups, schools and organizations have been made by La Causa participants.

La Causa Youth Center was excellently welcomed and given an affirmative endorsement by the schools on its objectives. Student referrals and educational materials, aside from cooperation from the teachers and counsellors, was supplied by the schools. At the end of the school year of 1971, La Causa Youth Center acted as a referral and placement center for many school youngsters seeking summer employment in the various summer projects in Venice and the surrounding communities. Last summer 350 teenagers were employed.

Venice community leaders and advisors, and the young people assisting in this program can not do the job that must be done without private financial support. Our funding ends in June. We must have contributions to keep La Causa open this summer. We are appealing to everyone, and especially the merchants in this area, to support the summer program of jobs for young people.

Send contributions to Ray Martinez, La Causa Youth Center, 346½ Rennie ave, Venice, 90291.

Help For Your Head

Do you have a crisis troubling you? Are you concerned about some temporary stress in your family, with your child, at work, with friends? The Benjamin Rush Center for Problems of Living offers immediate help through expert counselling around any life situation concerning you. Help is available on a walk-in basis (no appointment necessary) by coming to our offices at 1426 Main in Venice.

Intake hours are:
Monday - 9 - 11 am
Tuesday 12 - 2 pm and 5 - 7 pm
Wednesday 1 - 7 pm
Thursday 12 - 2 pm and 5 - 7 pm
Friday 9 - 11 am

The Center offers individual, family and group crisis intervention. Fees are according to your ability to pay and no one is turned away. We welcome your calling for further information 392-4906 or coming in to talk.

The Free Venice Switchboard (Phone 821-6101) is open again at the Peace and Freedom Party office. The Switchboard refers people to groups who can provide abortion counselling, draft counselling, legal help, medical help, etc. The switchboard could use volunteers to help man the phone. Call 821-6101.

**THOSE WITH PROBLEMS WITH
IMMIGRATION (LA MIGRA)
CALL 399-7737 AND ASK FOR
BARBARA.**

replaced by less effective "professionals" from corporations and large law firms who are anxious to win "legal victories" for themselves, and who have no contact with the poor."

Marge is replaced by Stan Price, white male director of Housing Opportunities for the Westside Elderly. With Marge's firing there are no longer any women in major executive roles anywhere in the country in Legal Aid.

Chisholm cont'd

I've seen the conditions of Indians on the reservations . . . I've seen the distended bellies of black children in the Mississippi delta, I've seen the malnutrition of Chicano children across the country . . . and I've asked myself, 'Why do I see such things in this country?'

"The trouble is that, although we've had representative government, the powerful interests in this nation control your elected officials - 'he who pays the piper calls the tune' "

She points out how women make up a large segment of the world's population, and in earnest she continued, "How often I've wished to have women in the legislature to help me carry on a debate - to carry on this fight to conserve the most important resource of this nation - its people . . ."

"Let's save the children! I firmly believe until I'm proven wrong, if we had more women in positions of decision-making in this country, we would not see some of the scenes I've just painted for you."

There was a pervasive feeling of having witnessed more than a political appeal. There was a very faint, but persistent, hope that one might put a new construction on that shop-worn cliché - "The American Dream"

— Italia Tania Rutter



The Venice Food Conspiracy is an alternative to buying food in the supermarkets, where people come together once a week to apportion the necessary jobs for food ordering, buying and distributing. The advantages: better food at better prices through community co-operation.

If you want to join, or are just interested in coming to a meeting, they are held every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at 31 Breeze (organic produce), Cumberland Film Co., above the Fox Theater on Lincoln (inorganic produce), 441 Sherman Canal (dairy), and 1781 Washington Way (dry goods).

Cooperation among food conspiracies makes a limited start this month through joint buying of some organic staples.

Topanga food coop will join with three westside groups in ordering and packaging of grains, oils, etc. Conspiracies in Sunset Beach and Highland Park will probably join later. The groups are also exploring ways to operate a joint Warehouse.

There are now 20 food conspiracies in the LA area, and they are getting it together at a regular inter-coop meeting on the first Sunday of each month. The next conference is at VanNuys on Feb. 6.

The senior citizens living in the vicinity of the NAPP office at 1101 W Washington, will be forming a new club with the assistance of Doray Chase. There are plans for social outings, indoor programs and arrangements where senior citizens could help in the community if they are interested and able. Come into the office and register. ABSOLUTELY FREE to the community is the service of making out your income tax. This will be done by students of Valley State College who have been trained by the Dept. of Internal Revenue. Every Saturday from 9-4 until Apr. 15.

Classes: come in and register! English for Spanish speaking persons, Spanish for English speaking persons offered only in the daytime.

A hearing was held Thursday Jan 27 to determine if the Free Venice Food Conspiracy should pay three years back business taxes. The decision was postponed pending further "research" by the city. Food Conspiracy attorney Marge Buckley argued that the Conspiracy was the equivalent of a family buying food together. A city official responded that this couldn't be so, since markets in the area report that their business has fallen off.

The editors of the Beachhead report that they feel like they're in a family when buying at the Conspiracy, but the city is not a disinterested party in the dispute. Guess who gets all those back taxes?

Hombre de Venice Atacado

Man in Venice Attacked



Un día en la primera semana de Enero, uno de Venice caminaba al lado de su lugar de negocios cuando grito algién, "Tu! Pare! Ven Aquí!" Y pronto la mano del gritador le agarro a la muñeca y torcio so brazo a las espaldas. Otro hombre quien estaba a la esquina del edificio agarro el otro brazo con una mano y su garganta con la otra. Los victimas de la victima se acercaron corriendo y estaor al punto de intervenir en lo que se parecia un robo violento, pero se retiraron cuando vieron que uno de los atacadores poseio una pistola en funda.

Que haria hecho Ud. si estuvo Ud. alla? Correr para llamar la policia? Pues, los amigos bien supieron los costumbres del barrio Venice. No se apresuraron al

telefono, porque adivinaron quien los hombres fueron. Lo conoce Ud?

No fue novedad en Venice que la policia no se identifican; no fue novedades que el policia del torcer-brazo bato la victima tanto en espalda que cuando se libero una hora despues, estuvo en dolor continuo y pude caminar apenas; y no fue novedades que tan pronto que se libero, sus amigos debieron llamar una ambulancia para llevarle a Marina Mercy Hospital.; nada nuevo que no se cargo la victima para nada y no se aresto.

Que fue de novedades fue que la victima tuvo el valor de quejar con la asistencia de una licenciada local, Marguerita Buckley (quien es candidato popular de District Attorney)

Ella ha hecho una queja formal con la policia. No es posible que hay una averiguacion independiente y imparcial? No. La policia no lo permite.

Los amigos de la victima creen que la ataca podria tener relacion con el hecho que la victima, Calvin Grien, trabajaba todos dias en La Causa Youth Center donde ayudaba los jovenes y adultos a hallar sus identidades Chicanos y volver sus costumbres vicias a cosas provachosas.

Si son Uds. Interesadtos en la queja de Calvin y quieren Uds. ayudarle, o quieren Uds. juntarse con otros Chicanos para mejorar la vida del Chicano, Ilmen "La Causa" 392-5348, o vengán a 1043 Washington Blvd.



One day in the first week of January a member of the Venice community was walking beside his place of business when someone yelled, "You! Stop! Come Here!" and almost at the same instant the hand of the speaker grabbed him by the wrist and twisted him into a hammerlock. A second stranger who had been standing by the corner of the building grabbed the victim's other arm with one hand and his throat with

the other. The victim's friends came running out and were about to intervene in what appeared to be a violent robbery, but backed off when they saw that one of the attackers had a gun in a shoulder holster.

Now what would you have done if you had been there? Run to call the police? Well, the friends knew very well the ways of the Venice streets. They didn't race to the phone because they had guessed who the unidentified strangers were. Can you?

It was nothing new in Venice that the police officers with the hammer-locked punched the victim so hard in the back that when the victim was released an hour later he was in constant pain and could hardly walk. It was nothing new that, as soon as he was released, his friends found it necessary to call an ambulance and take him to Marina Mercy Hospital. It was nothing new that no charges were brought against the victim nor was a formal arrest ever made.

What was something new was that the victim had the courage to complain. With the help of local attorney, Marguerite Buckley (who will be running for District Attorney), he has filed a formal complaint with the police department. 'Why can't there be an impartial outside investigation,' you ask? No. The police wouldn't allow it.

The victim's friends figure the attack might have had something to do with the fact that the victim, Calvin Grien, had been working all day every day at La Causa Youth Center where he helped young people and adults to find their Chicano identity and turn their self-defeating habits into constructive channels.

If you would like to help with Calvin's complaint to the police or if you are interested in improving the life in the barrio, call La Causa at 392-5348, or come to 1043 W Washington.

La Huelga — The Strike

100 capesinos de Imperial Valley Santa Maria vienen a Los Angeles cada fin de semana para refozar el boycoteo de United Farm Workers aquí. Se juntan con 45 del cuerpo lleno para boycoteo en condados de LA y Orange. Juntos con la fuerza mas grande de boycoteo jamas.

El boycott se dirige contra 9 vineros de Napa Valley (Martini, Krug, Sebastiani, Kornell, Korbelt, Weibel, Mondavi, Beringer) estas empresas megan a negociar con sus trabajadores organizados de vinas. Luchan contra el sindicato con despidiendo trabajadores favorables al sindicato y batan organizadores de el. Las casas de los campesinos son notorias. El campo de Luis Martini consiste en carres viejos de ferrocarril. El de Beringer es tan miserable que ya se condenaron algunas cabanas.

El blanco del primer fin de semana (Enero 8 & 9) fue Trader Joe Pronto markets, una cadena de 19 tiendas de vino especial. La eficaz de esos dos dias junto con picket cada dia de la semana convincieron a Trader Joe Pronto que luchando contra los compesinos es una lucha a perder. Despues de perdiendo 8000 clientes, Trader Joe elimino el vino esquiro.

Los fines de semana segunda y tercera, a 30 Ralphs Markets se hicieron pickets. Un total de 10450 clientes expresaron solidaridad con los campesinos con negrando a comprar alla. Hemos esperando que esta demonstracion tocara a los corazones y los mentes de los jefes de Ralph. Todavia no hay aviso de ellos.

Estos fines de semana aumentan la solidaridad entre campesinos, boycotadores y defensores. Los campesinos de Imperial Valley y Arizona trabajan con acuerdo sindical en campos de lechuga. Ofrecen estos fines de semana al boycott para sus hermanos y hermanas todavia no protegidos con acuerdos. Los campesinos de Santa Maria son en huelga de lechuga. Aunque no han ven-

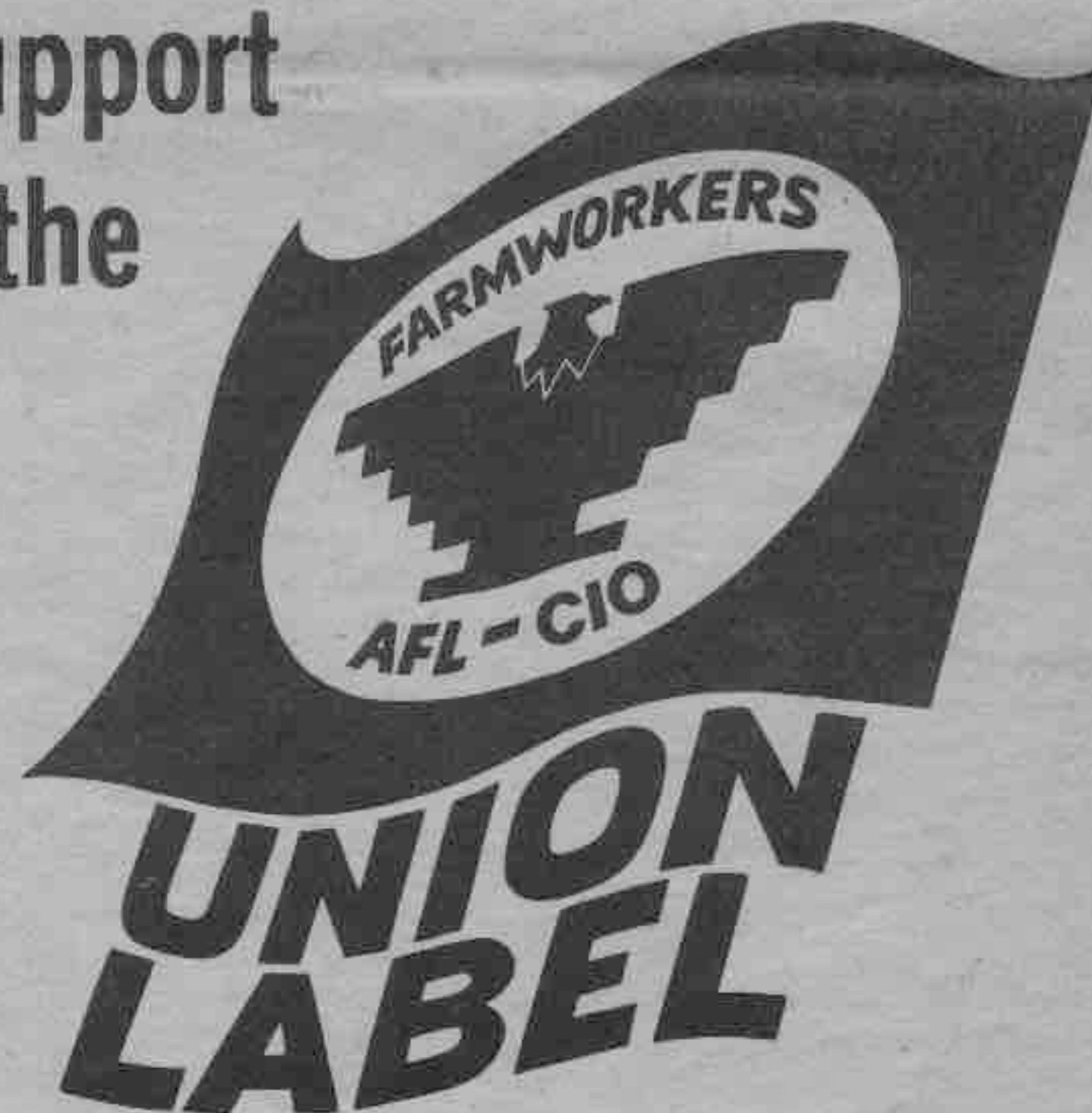
cido todavia en su propia lucha, estan trabajando mucho para el boycott en vino para ayudar los trabajadores de Napa Valley a ganar los beneficios de acuerdo sindical. Para nosotros en el boycott, a trabajar con estos senores y senores es una inspiracion. Y decimos a todas cadenas de tiendas como Ralphs y Safeway que siguen poliza contra campesinos, "Sentiran Uds. el poder de esta fuerza nueva unidad en su bolsa" Unidos ganaremos! Viva la Causa!

Necesitamos apoyo de la vecindad para promover estos fines de semana. Necesitamos personas con carros para guiar piqueteros a y de las tiendas; dinero y comida para las campesinos cuando estan aqui. Si quieren Uds. ayudar, hagan contacto con Dale van Pelt o Tasha Doner a la oficina de UFWOC, 389-8136. Si quieren Uds. conocer lo que pasa en la accion campesina, juntense a la reuniones vivas de la vecindad los Sabados a las 7:30 pm a "All People's Christian Center" 807 E 20th street, Los Angeles.

One hundred farm workers from Imperial Valley and Santa Maria are descending on Los Angeles every weekend to strengthen the United Farm Workers boycott staff in LA and Orange counties. Together they constitute the largest boycott force ever.

The boycott is directed against nine Napa Valley wineries (Martini, Krug, Sebastiani, Kornell, Korbelt, Weibel, Mondavi, Beringer). These companies refuse to negotiate with their organized vineyard workers. They fight the union by firing employees sympathetic to the Union and beating up Union organizers. Their farm worker housing is notorious. The Luis Martini camp is made up of old railroad boxcars. The Beringer camp is so miserable that some of the shacks have already been condemned.

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The target of the first farm worker weekend (Jan 8 & 9) was Trader Joe Pronto Markets, a 19 store wine specialty chain. The effectiveness of those two days, combined with the weekday picketing, convinced Trader Joe that fighting the Farm Workers was a losing battle. After losing 8000 customers, Trader Joe removed the scab wine.

The second and third weekends, 30 Ralphs Markets were picketed. A total of 10,450 customers expressed their solidarity with the Farm Workers by refusing to shop there. We had hoped this show of commitment by the farm workers to their cause would reach the hearts and minds of Ralphs executives. To date we have no word from them.

These weekends increase the solidarity between farm workers, boycotters and supporters. The workers from Imperial Valley and Arizona work under contract at lettuce ranches. They volunteer their weekends to the boycott on behalf of their brothers and sisters not yet protected

by contracts. The farm workers from Santa Maria are lettuce strikers. Though they haven't yet won their own struggle, they are working hard on the wine boycott to help the Napa Valley workers win the benefits of union contracts. For those of us on the boycott, working alongside these men and women is an inspiration. And to all the chains like Ralphs and Safeway whose policy is against farm workers, we say, "You will feel the power of this newly merged force in your pocketbooks." UNIDOS GANAREMOS -- VIVA LA CAUSA!

We need help from the community to sponser these weekends. We need: people with cars to drive pickets to and from the stores; money and food to provide for the farm workers while they are here. If you will help, contact Dale van Pelt or Tasha Doner at the UFWOC office, 386-8136. And if you want to know what's happening in the farm worker movement, join us at the spirited community meetings held each Saturday at 7:30 pm at the All People's Christian Center, 807 E 20th, LA.

Winding Up The War ?

It's been nearly 11 years since the first Green Berets were sent to Vietnam, and still, nearly every day, there is something about the war in the news.

But the kinds of things you see in the news have changed. The news used to be about search and destroy missions and body counts.

Now you hear two things. One is that the war is "winding down", troops are being withdrawn, and it's all over but the shouting. The other is that the bombing raids now are the biggest in the history of the war, or any war.

Just on the surface of it, that doesn't sound straight, when you look at it close, all the loose ends do add up to something, but not to what Nixon's been saying.

One thing Nixon says is true. Troops are being withdrawn. There used to be more than half a million ground troops. By spring there are supposed to be less than 100,000.

That's still a lot of soldiers. When will the rest be withdrawn? According to the president, never. The policy of "winding down the war" requires what

Nixon calls a "residual force." That means that Nixon wants to leave tens of thousands of GIs in Southeast Asia



for years to come.

When Johnson sent 100,000 soldiers to Vietnam, we all thought he was starting a war. Now that Nixon is going to leave that many over there, we're supposed to believe the war is over.

How does Nixon expect to win a war with less than 100,000 men when he couldn't do it with 500,000? To the policy-makers that's a question of strategy.

For years the strategy was based on American ground forces. But the U S Army was not defeating the Vietnamese. Instead, the presence of foreign soldiers turned hundreds of thousands of them away from the Saigon government, the US Army became demoralized, and most Americans back home ended up being against the war.

That put Nixon in a bind. On the one hand, the strong economic interests that originally started the war wanted it to continue. But Nixon knew that most of the people opposed the war. He needed a new strategy that could continue the war, and still make it look like the war was ending.

Withdrawing some ground troops makes it look like the war is ending. Then how can he continue the war?

The new strategy is based on air power and sophisticated electronic equipment. There are still 1000 US airplanes based in Indochina, and at least two aircraft carriers with more than 80 planes on each.

During the last few months when the war has been winding down, the rate of bombing has been 50% higher than the rate on all fronts in World War II at any time.

Behind all the talk about winding down the war, Nixon is trying a new way to maintain American control in Southeast Asia.

Actually there is no reason to think the strategy will work. All the years of bombing have never effectively reduced the military capability of the Vietnamese armed forces.

The reasons for this is something the US war-makers won't admit. Most Vietnamese, to a greater or lesser extent, actually do support 'the other side', and see the US and the Saigon government as their enemies.

The new strategy isn't winning the war, but it has taken a high toll of Vietnamese lives.

Over the years millions of Vietnamese people have been killed, and millions more made homeless by the bombing. The new electronic equipment is supposed to pinpoint population centers for bombing raids. As a result, village after village is being destroyed; killing civilians is easier under the new strategy than it was for Lt. Calley.

The next time you see in the news that the "war is winding down", remember that it's a trick, and not the first that a president has tried to play on the American people.

If someone told you that in a country the size of California there were 100,000 foreign troops, taking 30 casualties a week, and that they were using 1000 airplanes to drop 74,000 tons of bombs each month, you'd probably think there was a war going on. There is.

Women and the War

Women and the War is a group of Women who have been in the Women's Liberation Movement who are trying to reach women concerning the connection between the fight for Women's liberation and the fight to end the war in Indochina. They are considering a possible consumer's boycott of one of the corporations engaged in war production. People interested should call the Women's Center, 937-3964 and leave a message.



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Illegal War Tax

The 10% Federal Excise Tax on your phone bill nets the government over \$1.6 billion a year to spend on murder and destruction. The telephone excise tax which gained Congress's approval in 1966, was proclaimed specifically to support the Vietnam "operation", an undeclared illegal war. We can help end the war by showing mounting opposition to it by withholding the revenue the government needs to wage it.

Citizens in Northern California have set a precedent for resistance. In the form of a lawsuit (with an injunction to restrain the government from collecting the telephone tax) they are in the process of trying the federal government in court to finance a war when no war has been declared. We in Southern California are beginning a court suit, and urging all telephone subscribers to join the case. The suit will also serve as an educational vehicle for us to learn about our tax system and the war.

To find out how to withhold your war tax, call People for Peace and Justice (Westside) 395-7612 or the Free Venice Switchboard, 821-6101.



Si tiene Ud. dificultades con La Migra, llame "Barbara" tel. 399-7737 (Oficina de NAPP) o viene a 1101 Washington Blvd. Si no hay respuesta, vaya Ud. a C.A.S.A. - 2714 W Pico, LA, tel. 737-1269.



City Stomps Our Recycling — Starts Own

The City of Los Angeles is planning to start a recycling center in Venice, as part of a six-month pilot project. The center will open February 12th at the Sewer Maintenance Yard, 3233 Thatcher Av, with hours 9 am to 5 pm, Saturdays only. The Center will accept glass, aluminum and steel cans, and plastic milk bottles, but no newspapers. The center will be staffed solely by City employees.

The City's project has been criticized by some L.A. area recycling groups. It has been charged that the City has not made adequate use of the experience of volunteer recycling groups. Some people have even said the project is doomed to failure.

Israel Feuer of Ecology Action in West L.A. called the City's project "Johnny-come-lately tokenism," though he commends the City for its interest in recycling. He said, "In view of the experience of volunteer groups, it represents no advance. The City is attempting in a half-hearted but better financed fashion to do what volunteer groups have been doing for over a year." He said the City project needs a long-term commitment to recycling so that people can depend on a center's continued existence and volunteer groups can shut down.

The *Beachhead* certainly encourages people to participate in this project. But we must ask just how deep runs the City's concern with cleaning up the environment. Posters will be proclaiming, "Mayor Sam wants you. Join the Saturday Reclamation Corps." This is the same mayor that stopped the separation of garbage by households, and once accused environmentalists of being against "progress."

While the City Administrative Office was planning recycling centers, the De-

partment of Building and Safety has been harassing Free Venice recycling centers. Most recently, a small neighborhood center in the Canals has been cited. The City is trying to claim that a mere three cans constitute a "reclamation center" like the plants in Central L.A., and is therefore not permitted in a residential zone. The citation also claims that the recycling center is not permitted under the Venice Canal project legislation currently being challenged in the courts.

The City seems unwilling to give the recycling center the legal status of garbage cans, though this would be a simple move. We all know that many apartment buildings have more than three garbage cans, and a recycling center could hardly be more objectionable. The Government is prone to making statements that their idol called the Law must always be obeyed. In reality, the Government selects which laws are enforced against whom. For instance, anti-pollution laws are not enforced against polluting corporations.

Seen in this light, the City's motives for starting recycling centers appear purely political. The project was planned in close cooperation with the public relations firm for the glass container industry. The City seems to be saying that Industry is doing its part, and now the consumers have to come through.

In fact, corporations, and not individuals are responsible for pollution are wastage of resources. The glass container industry makes crap and brain-washes people into buying it. The eventual aim of recycling must be the abolition of the glass container industry. The City's program smells like a public relations scheme designed to divert people's attention away from the real culprits in the environmental crisis.

Wind Down The Prisons

Letters from Prison to the Beachhead and its friends in response to our appeal to our readers to send correspondence to our brothers behind bars.

(To La Causa people)

Friend T,

From information I received here at max., I feel a tremendous love for everyone who became conscious of my plight and took an active role to eliminate or expose the conspiracy against me which in turn is against all of us.

Since the beginning of December after I was arrested by Venice and then Santa Monica, I knew a trap was being formulated. In Venice they tried to incite me into a fight, in Santa Monica they asked how come I was not deported to Panama. When I said I was a citizen, they said it was best I take a one way vacation.

The conspiracy between the Dept. of Correction and the Venice PD is to eliminate leadership. I expected something to happen to me for the last three weeks I was out, but not in this manner. In a way this is like preventive detention to keep me separated from everyone so the complaint I filed will fall apart or else justify their actions, in another way. I know you know most of this, but it's good to bear in mind that we must struggle together.

tu amigo,
Calvino



Luis Talamamatez

Dearest Friend D _____

Greetings! This letter will acknowledge receipt of your considerate letter. It found me well in spirit although the present environment is still pretty much under the heaviest restraints and strictest security I've ever had before. Therefore I find it still fortunate that I am able to write to you

Your letter took me completely by surprise. It's a good feeling to know one hasn't been entirely forgotten by the home folks one grew up with. How is your carnal C ____? Give him my best. Ese, I'd like to see what the old neighborhood looks like still. Any of the old folks around? I've forgotten what many of them look like. First chance you get, send up some snaps of the home boys and home girls.

Hay, many people feel very impressed that my barrio has got itself together behind me - communal struggle is what it is all about. En el poder del pueblo ay fuerza!

Meanwhile, keep it together and bear with me if I delay writing some time. Until then.

Luis Talamantez



Venice Free People,

I am sending my warmest greetings and love to all of you. I received your card today, it really was a very good trip. I do enjoy hearing from people outside. In fact, can't seem to get enough of it. Nothing really very nice is happening up here right now.

I think it is good to have someone out there to call, write or rap to. Because inside a man becomes bitter about many things. I hope that I'm still on your mailing list.

There is going to be another party in the future and I hope that some of you can make it. I'm sure that you'll learn a lot about Soledad and the type of men it is turning out on the world. We need you I need the human race!

I hope to hear from you soon

Your brother,
Terry

Terry Dawson
A-879
Terry Dawson
A-87595 Soledad Central
Soledad, California 93960



Larry Spain

Andrea and friends,

Your greetings and concern are acknowledged and my sincerest regards are returned. It may not seem that our paths will meet, but I, as an inconsequential being, ask you to keep the faith in my example, in my sole principle to serve, and when the night of the present runs into the inevitable dawn, our accomplishments, our lives, the people of us all will sing true freedom.

Venceremos,
Johnny

Johnny Spain is a Black brother imprisoned in the Adjustment Center at San Quentin. The San Quentin six, Luis Talamantez, Hugo Pinell, Willie Tate, John Larry Spain, Fleeta Drumgo and David Johnson, are on trial now in San Rafael for plotting with George Jackson for his escape. All the defendants are brought into the courtroom in chains. They will be railroaded to their death if they don't get support from the outside. They were forced to accept court-appointed lawyers.

Prison News

In Sacramento, the Adult Authority voted to upset the indeterminate sentence. At long last! Is this the beginning of breaking the absolute power prison authorities have over prisoners? We doubt it. The prison system is, and will continue to be, if unchallenged, a power which looks on prisoners as unworthy human beings.

Therefore, it feels it can do with prisoners what it wants. Sentences, even if known to prisoners, are largely punitive and evidence of racial discrimination in sentencing is strong. Nevertheless, Adult Authority in California may be coming to the realization that they'd better loosen up the reins a bit. After all 55.7% of male prisoners in California (Dept. of Corrections figure) are there for robbery, burglary and narcotics. To be totally abusive and repressive against such minor criminals is stupid. Especially since prisoners have begun to fight the antiquated prison system when they learned they had nothing to lose but their chains. . .

But Manley J. Bowler of the panel from Los Angeles voted for keeping the indeterminate sentence. He said the prisoner today is a different human animal. "We're getting the scrapage of the bottom of the barrel." What Manley J. Bowler means is that prisoners are learning to fight back and that's why they are confined as "troublemakers" to solitary cages in adjustment centers.

This is the story of Luis Talamantez, and that of the other San Quentin six. Luis entered prison for narcotics which if actually was using, was an escape from the racist society he lived in. He was then convicted of robbery (why did he not have enough money to live on - if he did steal?). He is still there after eleven years because he "doesn't cooperate".

Today he is charged with conspiracy to murder San Quentin guards, a charge which is totally fabricated. Friends must help save his life by writing to the authorities at San Quentin. Address: Tamal California, 94964 and send money to his Defense Committee at 1245 Virginia st, Berkeley, Calif. 94702.

Answer to Crime

Crime in the streets is increasing. Rapes burglaries and muggings are what we are talking about. The FBI says crime has increased by 99% since 1960. Well, what has happened since 1960 to cause the increase? It is the Vietnam War. It is the pouring of billions of dollars into a war while neglecting the needs of the people at home. It is the complete destruction of a peace-time morality and a focus on killing. It is the mystique of masculine power - the Machismo - mixed with racism that exists in American aggression in Vietnam and in the ghettos of America.

In the ghettos, like Venice, the dope menace brings crime in the streets to the fore. Drug addicts have to steal to support their habit. Veterans sent to fight Communism in Asia, are home with their drug habits and no jobs. Speed has pushed the rape figures up, and rape charges were always a good way to frame Blacks and Chicanos. The unemployment rate among the young and poor means frustration and despair. Sixty cases of overdose deaths in Venice among the young last year (that are known). Kids in school are popping pills because they can't relate to school and the whole scene of an empty hip culture.

In order to deal with the epidemic, we need to take a good hard look at the problems which are oppressing so many people in this country. We need to take a look at the prison system, which is an academy of crime. We need to see how justice works in favor of the mafia and the rich, to understand why the prisons are full of the poor. We need also to examine the ways of the police.

Police Chief Davis says that crime in the streets is caused by the lenient court system, turning the criminals loose. (A criminal to him is one who steals when he's hungry, but not the 200 big corporations who don't pay income tax) And what is his remedy for the crime epidemic? More police.

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Press Burns

On January 9th, the Peace Press at 2732 La Cienega Blvd., was destroyed by fire. For three and a half years the Peace Press has functioned as the major movement printing outlet for Southern California. The Press began in 1968 to provide the literature for the Resistance and S.D.S. Several of the printers felt that this service, if expanded, could serve a wider range of movement politics. The Press staff grew, attracting people with widely divergent political backgrounds. By working at subsistence wages the Press was able to print cheaply for over 200 different movement groups and set aside money to payoff new equipment.

In the past year though, the Press has been hit by \$8000 in burglaries, several rip-off accounts and the fire. At this point the Press has lost all of its equipment. Thanks to beautiful



Peace Doesn't

community support the Press is still printing. Ken Stone of Stone Publication has allowed us to crash at his building on 5784 Venice Blvd. Using his equipment the Press has lost only one day of work. Others have responded with money, equipment and help in cleaning up our burned out office.

The situation remains critical however, and we need continued help to survive. If you feel the Press has been valuable to the community, then please join us as we attempt to rebuild. We need printing equipment, supplies, a new location and money. We will try to raise more money through donations and benefits. The first benefit is a midnight screening of Genesis IV at the Los Feliz, 1822 N. Vermont, on Feb. 19th. If you can help contact us at 838-0032.

Wounded Vets

The Veterans Administration in West LA is in the process of evicting over 1200 patient members who were being cared for and living at the extended care hospital. These patients are being evicted with so little notice (5 days) that the hardships and anxiety are unbelievable. The VA alleges that the reason they are acting in such a manner is that part of the installation is unsafe. We do not argue this point, only the manner in which the VA has seen fit to deal with the patients. They are sending some as far away as Temple Texas and without the consent of the patients.

The VA has been found to be on top of a large oil deposit that may be worth a large amount of money to Alladin and Occidental Oil who own the rights to it. Or it may be that land speculators would like an opportunity to build some high rises on the choice land.

We are not sure why the VA is doing what it is, but we do know we are going to do everything in our power to stop them. The Venice Legal Aid office has started legal proceedings, and the Cal-Vets group and the patients have begun to demonstrate and publicly air their complaints. Call California Veterans Movement for information 451-9281

Venice Service Center

People in the community have expressed dissatisfaction with the cutoff of services at the Venice Service Center. The state Service Center at Lincoln and Rose did start out as a place where people of Venice went for every kind of information, legal help and welfare needed by the poor and powerless. The Community Board of the

Service Center which is made up of representatives from some of the anti-poverty programs, and from the Police, did talk about the matter that the Center is now a job application and screening agency. The only jobs, almost, that they have in the office, are the jobs occupied by the staff, with control by people from outside the community.

Police Spy Uncovered

It was the summer of 1971 and Bob Navarro came to La Causa Youth Center to apply for a job. La Causa was doing tutoring of young Chicanos and carrying on programs for young people out of school for the summer. Navarro passed himself off as a college graduate who was interested in working with young Chicanos. And he was hired.

Although Bob Navarro fooled some people in the Chicano movement of Venice for a short time, this Judas was unmasked as an undercover agent at the Chicano Moratorium rally in East Los Angeles. But before this happened, there were suspicions aroused when it

was proved that he was lying about his work application. Actually, the school Bob Navarro graduated from was the Police Academy where he is wanted only to be used against his own people as an undercover agent.

Bob Navarro walked the picket line at EYOA. But he was afraid of being found out under that Fu Manchu moustache and long hair. He knew that the police were trying to discredit the Chicano movement in Venice, and for a few pieces of silver, he was ready to serve against the cause and against his own people.

Since Bob Navarro has been caught as a traitor against his people he has tried to take on a new identity. He shaved his moustache and got himself a crew haircut but put on those hippy eyeglasses. He won't fool anybody. He has a slimy purpose. Cuidado amigos, he may offer you a cigarette, a drink, or even a joint, and he is dangerous. This agent is 5 feet 9 inches tall, of medium build, drives a gray Volkswagen and speaks a miserable Spanish.

If you find this character sneaking around Venice, pass the word around, por favor.



Bob Navarro
Police Agent

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468 Howland Canal
for other centers call, 821-6101

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Draft Counselling
73 Market St., Rm. 2, 399-5812,
Mon. - Thurs. 8-10pm. Volunteers
needed.

California Vets
1508 2nd St., S.M., 451-9281.

Youth Clinic
Free clinic - 905 Venice Blvd. nr.
Lincoln, 821-3484. Mon-Fri only.
Counselling, indiv. 2-10pm Medical,
4:45-10pm.

Drug Abuse Clinic
Free - 1806 Lincoln at Superba.
392-4114, No police ties. Mon-
Fri only. 8am - 9:30pm

Lavender People
823-2236 or 390-2385

Welfare - Food Stamps - Job
Information - Venice Service Center
Lincoln, near Rose, 392-4811.

N.A.P.P.
1101 W. Washington - forming a
Tenants' Union. Call Dorothy
Johnson, 399-7737.

Legal Aid
1711 Pacific, Mon-Fri, 9-5pm.
392-4177

Law Collective
1140 W. Washington, 392-3929.
People's legal rights and hassles,
and classes on law.

Legal Switchboard
Bondsmen, advice when busted, 24
hrs. Call 6 Mother.

Abortion Referral 392-4163

Women's Center
1027 Crenshaw, 937-3964,
Venice Group - 821-2889

HitchHikers International
399-RIDE - Free Travel Switchboard,
396-6227 for free hints on travel.

Do It Now
463-6851 for emergency drug abuse.

Venice Library
610 California, Mon-Fri 1-9pm,
Sat 9:30-1pm. 821-1769.
English as a second language class

*The Westsides only continuing open
air Art Mart, the Santa Monica co-
operative Artists and Artisans Fair, will
be operating on a different schedule in
a972. Instead of taking place every
Saturday, the show will be held on the
third full weekend of each month -
both Saturday and Sunday. The show
is at 2021 Barrington (West LA between
Olympic and Santa Monica) from 9 am
to 7 pm.*

*Interested artists and groups should
contact Court McWhinney at PO box
81, Malibu Ca, 90265.*

Phone: 396-6551

Crime

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Similarly the Nixon-Agnew crowd make political capital out of crime in the streets. Congress has been called upon to vote hundreds of millions to make the cities "safe", but when Nixon talks of spending money for taking care of people, his talk is of cutting the budget.

The government says it is trying to stop the flow of heroin into this country. Yet the CIA in Laos export the stuff and local pushers pay off the men in the station house.

We need a group of recovered and strongly dedicated ex-addicts to set young drug-addicts straight, to show them that stealing from each other is no solution to the problem.

Indian Struggle

On the twenty year fight of the Indian Nations of the Medicine Creek Treaty to retain their fishing rights in the State of Washington:

*You are weary
and your steps grow
slower*

*You pray for strength
and you think of
the little ones*

*For them you fight and for them
you gave the promise of freedom
And for them you will die.*

*Look ahead my brother
let the dream of liberty
sustain your spirit
And you will laugh at the enemy
once more
For your arrow is ready.*

Many Indians are coming up for trial for defending their ancestral land in the Pitt River country in California and in the Tacoma area of Washington. Write to the Indian magazines if you can support them:

Indian Magazine
box 311
Gerserville, Cal.
95441

Food Stamp Info

This chart tells you how much you have to pay for your food stamps if you live in the 48 states and DC. Find your family income and family size; you will pay:

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\$0-20	\$0	0	0	0
20-30	1	1	0	0
30-40	4	4	4	4
40-50	6	7	7	7
50-60	8	10	10	10
60-70	10	12	12	13
70-80	12	15	15	16
80-90	14	18	19	19

you will get in stamps

\$32 60 88 108

They figure your income by what is left over after paying rent and medical bills. It's best to take a rest receipt and proof of income when you apply. It's better not to own a car.

Dime

*Todos sabemos los sufrimientos del Chicano
y el culpable de nuestro ser estado
nos robaron los derechos y nuestra cultura
que para nosotros siempre fue sagrado*

*se robaron la tierra donde nacio mis padres
y me dijeron que era ciudadano americano
americano, yo me pregunte?
si soy un vivo indio Mejicano*

*contra mi fuerza de voluntad
al escuela me mandaron aprender ingles
para que comprendiera la sentencia
que me dava el juez*

*con esfuerzo las lagunas de los ojos me quitan
para estar consciente de las injusticias
y fracasos que pasan
por eso con orgullo y felicidad
con mi Raza y por mi Raza siempre luchare.*

Jose (Chapo) Escobedo



Tell Me

*We know the sufferings of the Chicano
and the theft of our ways has been
those who have stolen our rights and our culture
those things which we always held holy*

*They have taken the land my fathers were born on
and I heard it was done by an American
I said, American?
and I who am living a Mexican Indian*

*Against the force of all of my feelings
They sent me to school, to learn English
so that I might then understand the sentence
that the judge reads to me*

*tears leap from my eyes in powerful streams
as I become conscious of all these injustices
and the troubles that come
and for this with pride and with solidarity
always I will fight with La Raza and for Ma Raza.*

Jose (Chapo) Escobedo

Letter to the Editor

Brother - I see you do believe in free speech. So I've made a few comments on this paper and the articles in it (writer enclosed a Beachhead with notes). I've read yours, now let's see if you're liberal and open-minded enough to read mine. The trouble with most radicals and communists is that they only want to hear their own propaganda. No one else has any rights but them. In a real 'Free Society' this should work both ways and protect the rights of every citizen. You paint only one side of the picture in your paper. From one who would rather be "Dead than Red"! I've lived in several communist countries. I know if the commies ever took over here, people like you would be the first ones to be shot, or else you'd keep your mouth shut and do what they told you

to do. No free speech, no welfare - either work as slaves or you don't eat. You work where they send you, and live where they tell you to live. Of course there is no unemployment, the people work for their communist slavemasters at the wages they decide to pay. No strikes or demonstrations there - guns and soldiers settle all strikes!! I saw the rape of Poland and the slaughter of those who tried to resist. Wake up man, before it happens here to all of you.

— A loyal American —

[Ed note: The Beachhead is dedicated to giving the problems of the poor people in Venice a voice because other papers don't print the truth. We often criticize the establishment, but our criticisms are about concrete things,

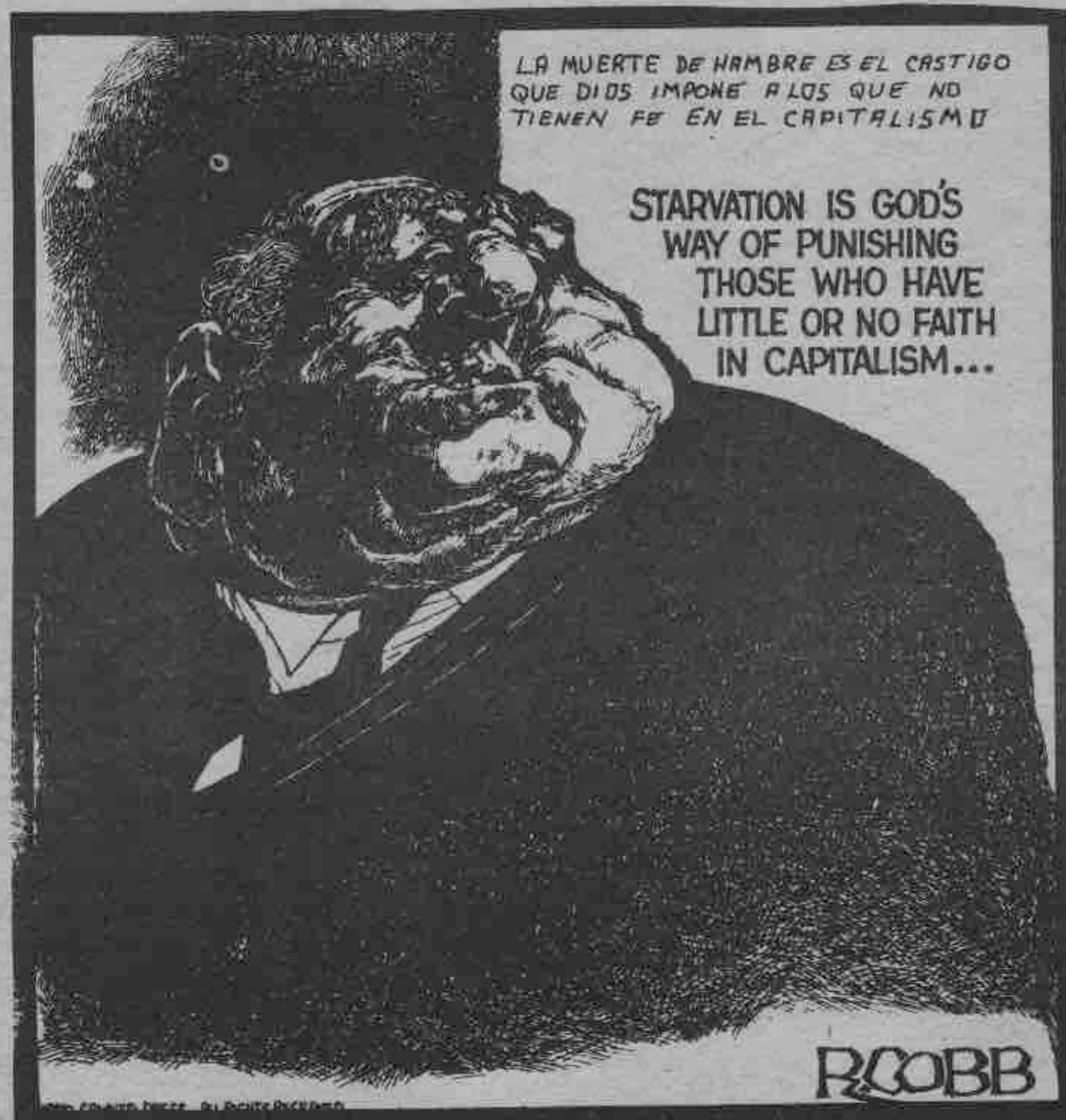
and we have never advocated a party doctrine. The writer seems to think that when we attack the government for not providing welfare or supporting strikes that we are communist. Yet he says that communists do the opposite. Actually, the US government has stopped many strikes with soldiers and the state government is even now trying to stop welfare payments. If hysterical people call us commies for being for more humane prisons and benefits for the unemployed, who is for free speech and who is against it?]

We regret that we are unable to print all the letter we have received because of space limitations. Do keep writing!

Bikes on the Beach

The question of a bike path along the Venice beach and a tram car was shelved temporarily. Councilman Marvin Braude insisted that community input be there when additional study is made of what should be done. Councilman Edelman made the motion that community input be assured in the plan for the improvement of the Venice oceanfront.

At a workshop that was held at the Venice Pavillion on the 23rd of Jan., many views of what the Venice beach should have in the way of a bike path was expressed. Some people just didn't want anything done to the oceanfront. Some wanted a bike path right by the sidewalk so the pedestrians wouldn't be hurt. Then there were all sorts of elaborate designs for the bike path. Most everybody turned thumbs down on a tram car riding on the sand. The next workshop on the beach uses will be on Wed., Feb 2, at the Venice Pavillion at 8pm.



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