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## final solution: DEVELOPER BULLDOZES RESIDENT

By Carol Fondiller

On Friday, January 21, at approximately five p.m., canal resident Steve Alpert was knocked down twice by a tractor with a bulldozer attachment driven by developer Alex Mlikotin of Solar Systems.

Mr. Alpert saw the tractor going the wrong way down Dell Ave. He called out to the driver of the vehicle, Alex Mlikotin "Wrong Way!" Mlikotin ignored Alpert's advice and hit him with his tractor. Alpert got up and Mlikotin hit him again. Stunned the second time, Alpert lay still, and Mlikotin moved on, without stopping to ascertain if Alpert needed help.

When Alpert talked to the police they did not want to come to the canals and interview him. Instead Alpert had to go to the station. It was decided that even though Mr. Alpert did not get the license plate of the vehicle or the model, the police would talk to Alpert and Mlikotin.

Though Mr. Alpert asserts that Mr. Mlikotin did not stop to see if he needed assistance, the two officers of the Venice division of the Los Angeles Police Department did not even take Mr. Mlikotin down to the police station for questioning on possible hit and run. Mr. Alpert quoted one of the officers as saying "if he (Mlikotin) really wanted to hurt you with that thing, he could have killed you." Mr. Alpert says the officers told him he might have a civil suit against Mlikotin, but they felt that since Mlikotin showed them the tractor that was involved in the incident, there was no criminal intent. The attitude of the police Department towards Mr. Alpert, a canal resident renter was in marked contrast to the solicitude shown towards

realtors, developers and land speculators. In one instance, the police drove a realtor, Mr. Hettig to his property when he evicted a tenant. In another, when the realtors were picketing the canal residents because the residents were fighting the incursions of intensive developments, the police came along to act as protection for the picket line. Most recently, in September of last year, The Venice Division of the LAPD threw a cordon around the canal area. This police action was precipitated by a community event, the Canal Festival. The festival was organized to focus on the fact that 21 lots in the canals were on the regional Coastal Commission Agenda for development. Mlikotin of Solar Systems owns 18 of the 21 lots.

After the obsequies and the symbolic burial of the Canal Festival which had degenerated in the past years as a show case for the wares of light industry counter culture, the police, who were strongly opposed to the festival broke up the wake that was held after the funeral. A battalion of the LAPD driving motorcycles, paddy wagons, walking in military formation over the Dell Ave. bridges, and police copters flying overhead, told the crowd to disperse. The police beat up and arrested one man in his front yard. They arrested about 8 other people in the children's play ground area for failure to disperse. Most of the charges were misdemeanors and were dropped by the time the cases got to pre-trial hearings. However, the people who were picked up were handcuffed booked and jailed.

Mr. Alpert is one of a group of renters and homeowners who want the canals to remain a mix of people of all incomes and lifestyles. This group has made the

going difficult but not impossible for Mr. Mlikotin and the Resident and Non-Resident Canal Property Owners Association to realize their goals of building outsize luxury one-family homes that dwarf the existing frame cottages.

In December last year, one of the final acts the State Coastal Commission did was to facilitate and expedite the destruction of the canal community. They denied the appeal of several renters, resident homeowners groups, and the Venice Town Council and granted permits to build with conditions such as setbacks and height limits. The pro-development forces have been most vociferous in voicing fears of reprisals by the long term canal residents, whom they refer to as radicals, outside agitators. Many times while those opposed to the high development, high-line luxury homes have been speaking in front of the Coastal Commission, they have been interrupted by cat calls, booing and name calling by those protectors of the American Way, members of the Resident and non-Resident Property Owners Association. At times members of the Canal Area Town Council have been verbally and physically abused. But the police seem to find themselves powerless against protecting canal residents who oppose speculation against the large land developers.

The two officers who dealt with Mr. Alpert's complaint surmised that there was no intent because Mlikotin could have killed Alpert if he really wanted to. They do not seem to understand that many canal residents, renters and homeowners alike have been victims of harassment, threats of bodily harm, nuisance arrests by speculators and would be speculators. While most of these actions are not fatal,

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between Sweet William and "Sour Grapes"?  
A WAY TO SAVE FREER POOR VENICE:  
THE GORN SOLUTION

In July 1975 in Los Angeles Magazine Ray Bradbury wrote "Why 1984 will not arrive on schedule". In the Dec. 29th Advocate Charles Reich, author not only of the Greening of America but who has now come out as gay in a new book The Sorcerer of Bolinas Reef said with two associates that the cultural revolution of the sixties (while being strangled by every monied anti-personalist interest left in the old death culture) has not died but in a sense only gone underground. In the middle of it all Peter Marin (of the occasional Sat. 7p.m. KPFA, 90.7 FM, "Connections" program has said in a recent Mother Jones that this (as in William Blake's Jerusalem) is the time of the hard work of the Harvest of what Blake calls at the end of his other incomplete work THE FOUR ZOAS "Intellectual War for the New Jerusalem"

Rick Davidson's article in the January BEACHHEAD is a true legitimate part of that work; and the beginning (hopefully) of the kind of thought and exchange that should have begun in the Beachhead instead of endless "hip" Novel reminiscences at least a year and a half ago.

In spite of gross inhuman "economic" class and other problems it is my contention following upon the theme first developed by Bradbury for Los Angeles and Ocean Park That a True modern "media oriented dialectic materialistic and surrealist (read SUPRA Real equals genuine physical generality oriented not absurd in current usage)."

That Free Venice does still exist and does exist for a specific survival purpose not only for simply the U. S. (as Bradbury says of Los Angeles) but for the entire evolution of basic mammalian freedoms on the face of this globe.

I propose that somewhere between Greening Old fashioned total socialist revolution and despair still lies a new radical non-violent cultural revolutionary solution: one for which Venice if it can hold out just a little longer may exist to teach both the U. S. and much of the rest of the world.

If the problems of Venice with still a small semi free multi cultural base cannot be solved (we must convey both to ourselves and those in power) how will either the economic or the common free Democratic alienation growth problems of any part of U.S. culture be solved much after the year 2000 or even the year 1978 (let alone Bradbury's '84)?

For want of a better term I call my radical middle solution THE GORN SOLUTION. After a program that just happened to be on STAR TRACK just after I read Rick's article on the Wednesday of late December of the last of "BILE CENTENNIAL YEAR" (as an old Semiole who never surrendered wrote in a year go to AWESAKE NOTES).

Here are two primitive beings, Captain Kirk

and a large comparatively low but physically unstoppable intelligent Lizard star ship captain known as a Gorn fighting it out on the surface of a strange planet put there as a sort of "violence control" experiment by funny Shavian angel beings with about four thousand year life spans.

Kirk (perhaps our hero) saves the day and stops time with essentially four things: diamonds, gunpowder, an aiming tube, and compassion.

It is my contention that the Marina-Tax-Land-Show-Profit complex is our slow but

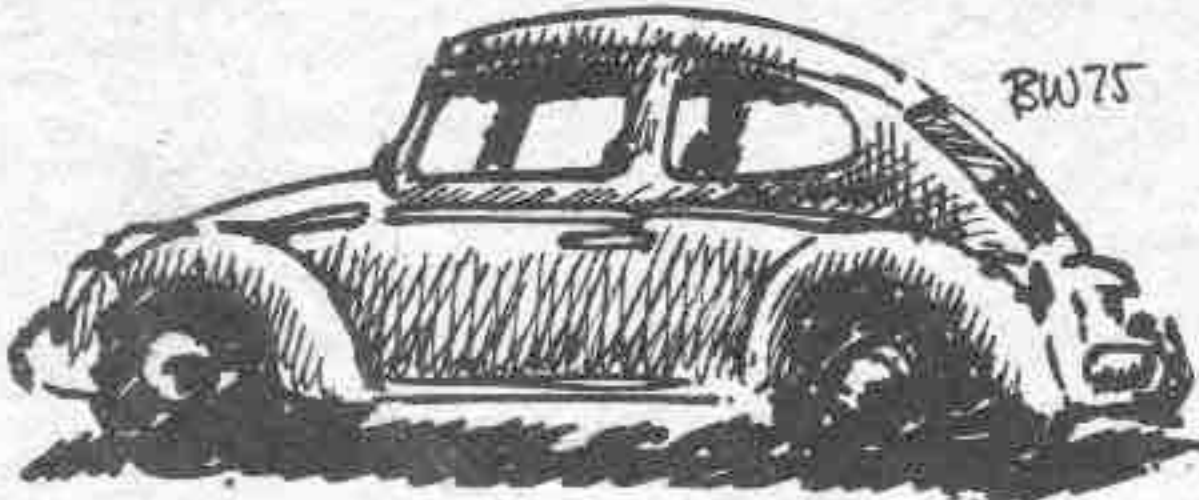
apparently unstoppable GORN and the problem is exactly the same: Live or die all we must assume is the one thing Kirk is given: If arranged in at least an essentially new or different way: All the materials to defeat the GORN if recognized and properly assembled in time are right "under our noses".

Kirk made a simple ancient gun. In modern America we have essentially a problem in which Blake's mental war must soon begin to replace physical: It is my contention that we do have the elements and are in fact nearly half way to the goal: matter itself according to Shaw evolves by desire and analogy this article has its weaknesses but follows the same kind of radical life and death "synnecetic" search at the basis of all growth and drama.

What diamonds we have for ammunition are in fact all the free poor creative cultures of Venice: from retired internationalist Jewish elders to poor beats, sixties hip people who are often radical creative artists on welfare. Feminists are radical women who have over the years contributed less violent, more fully intelligent personalist and human ways of inter-relating for radical human low budget social change. Many or actually most of the people traditional U. S. Marxist ideologs have dared to dismiss as "the Lumpen Proletariat..." The Gunpowder is roughly Rick's high and low earning working class which includes all of Max and Dorothy Weiser's taxpayers.

But two more elements are needed one is an "aimer" which I hope can still be the Venice Town Council. But without a new birth of compassion and a search for essentially new media: which I propose already exist fully within the cultural boundaries of Venice: the gun barrel to aim at the Marina monster (a godzilla which in the largest sense is only in Jungian sense another side of ourselves which in the past has come to each non anarchist group almost immediately with any use of Police or money power. We cannot assemble the elements in time.

I think Rick is right that it is the good old cultural pot luck solutions that will bring us together, and I dare to propose that an historic example in Venice of the type of cement to bring us all together already exists and it was exactly the period of the Free Nude Poor Peoples Free Beach: cultural revolution only a few Reichians and reactionaries who always tell you what they are really afraid of, like Chief Davis, saw clearly the first time. I propose that our assembled "gun" to very carefully aim at our Marina money power is nothing less than our own Town Council radical but non-union Free Venice movie of the nude beach period. R movie done for as near free as possible. By our own talent like for example a carefully controlled Toney Bill and the Yonemoto Brothers, Glitters and me, old Jews, beach people. At least half of any profits to go to buy communal owner apartments. The Nude beach as it really was, while it lasted, a small non violent cultural revolution effecting even young third world kids directly. The movie itself an excuse to reopen the beach, but this time with more directed publicity. Venice with the Fox and Nuart and media art and film people has all the ingredients not only to survive but start a new type of non violent growth humanist cultural urban generational revolution throughout the U. S. A.



## A.V.A. SHOW OF PAINTINGS

A.V.A. the Association of Venice Artists, represented by seven of its members, is presenting a show of paintings at Celia Landis' Auratorium Gallery, located at 1027 West Washington Blvd., Venice. The show opens with a reception on 29 January at 6 p.m. and will run till 1 March.

The artist are: Adrienne Prober, Joe Proietti, Brian McKinney, Phil Jarvie, Chris Paine, Jarmila Maranova, and Ron Pusich.

## LETTERS TO THE BEACHHEAD

Dear Friends,

I was very happy to see your recent article on Leonard Crow Dog, and quotations from Akwesasne Notes. Doubtless, you know of the Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk case in Ventura County. They badly need community support and help in financing their legal defense. Any publicity you could give their cause would be appreciated.\*

Thanks for any help you can give.  
Sincerely,

Renee Harold, member  
Native American Solidarity Committee

\* (The following information was contained in a flyer distributed by the Native American Solidarity Committee. For more information call 660-9676).

"Two Indian men, Paul Skyhorse and Richard Mohawk face life in prison for a murder they did not commit. On October 10, 1974, a Los Angeles cab driver was murdered. Three persons - not Skyhorse and Mohawk - were arrested at the scene of the crime with bloody clothing and the driver's personal property in their possession. These three individuals were granted immunity to testify against AIM members, Skyhorse and Mohawk, who were arrested a week later in Arizona. It appears that the FBI is heavily involved in the frame-up of these two AIM members."

NOTE: A contented dog will not commit breaches of the peace by unbridled braying.

Dogs bark for many reasons: Being hungry, lonely, left out, locked in, horny, itchy, spooky. Improperly provided for animals bark overmuch, and amid our ever shrinking living space, increasingly menace the domestic tranquility, while their "masters" breach the peace. Please assist the humans cause of quietude as you improve your style in your new role as dog trainer.

When you leave the house: Put down that bitch's tit, some wolfable chow. And a large unspillable H<sub>2</sub>O. Close windows to the street. Isolate dog to rooms away from adjacent apartments. If outside, build a fence rather than tie on a rope. Or best, cut loose to surveil the neighborhood. Rarely do most dogs do other than lie about their own odor zone territory. If your dog barks to get in, you have a social obligation to bring them inside. Otherwise, master the training command "Quiet."

It helps if the beloved owner will personally command their barker to be silent. The preferred command is "Quiet!", calling out their name sometimes confuses the dog, especially if you use their name as well to mean "come" and "get off the sofa", (rather than the preferred "come" and "down".)

Yours for a barkless environment,  
By Phil Chamberlin

Dear Beachhead contributors,

We work as a collective and we gather together at least two, sometimes three Saturdays a month to read manuscripts.

It isn't fair to turn in manuscripts after the deadline (unless of course its news that happens after the deadline i.e., Coastal Commission decisions, police harassment, Camel sellouts).

It does not give us a chance to meet and talk together to make decisions about your articles which we do want! But, quit procrastinating and turn 'em in ON TIME! Our next deadline for the March, 1977 issue is: February 19. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 504, Venice, Ca. 90291.

Thanks - The Free Venice Beachhead

P.S. Always keep a duplicate copy of your material in case it gets lost.

Dear Carol,

Every month after I finish reading the Beachhead I have an inclination to write and congratulate you and the collective staff on another fine issue. I can usually overcome it but your review of Sweet William's Venice of America was so droll I can delay no longer - and I kind of liked the book. Thanks and keep on Printin'.  
Charles E. Bloomquist



# DEMOLITION DERBY IN THE CANALS

By Carol Fondiller

When is a house not a house? When it's in the Coastal Commission Zone and under 1900 square feet. Reed Monroe a.k.a. W.R. Monroe, a.k.a. William R. Monroe a.k.a. Diamond Crest Homes (He has several permits on the agenda under these aliases) has with the help of the staff of the Regional Coastal Commission has turned a house into a vacant lot without one bulldozer turning up the land. Mr. Monroe has gotten his application to build on the Consent Calendar. No public hearing.

The staff said the house was too small (under 300 sq. feet) too old (60 years old) And would have to rent to more than it was worth (what else is new?) The staff decided since the house was under 300 square feet it did not constitute a house and could be treated as a vacant lot. The matter will be heard by the regional Coastal Commission on February 7 at the Torrance City Hall.

## save the B-52

By Phil Chamberlin

Analysis of the most recent Bureau of Labor Statistics study of the US economy dispels the firmly embedded assumption by both proponents and opponents of the military budget that spending for war goods has, at least, the practical effect of creating jobs.

One billion dollars spent on each of several key defense sectors results in an average of only 75,710 direct and indirect jobs. This figure falls far short (by 32.6%) of the average 112,363 direct and indirect jobs created in selected areas affected by increased personal consumption following a tax cut.

Early this year the Chase Economic Associates (a subsidiary of Chase Manhattan Bank), studied the economic impact of the B-1 bomber program. The Chase conclusion is similar to other studies which view defense spending

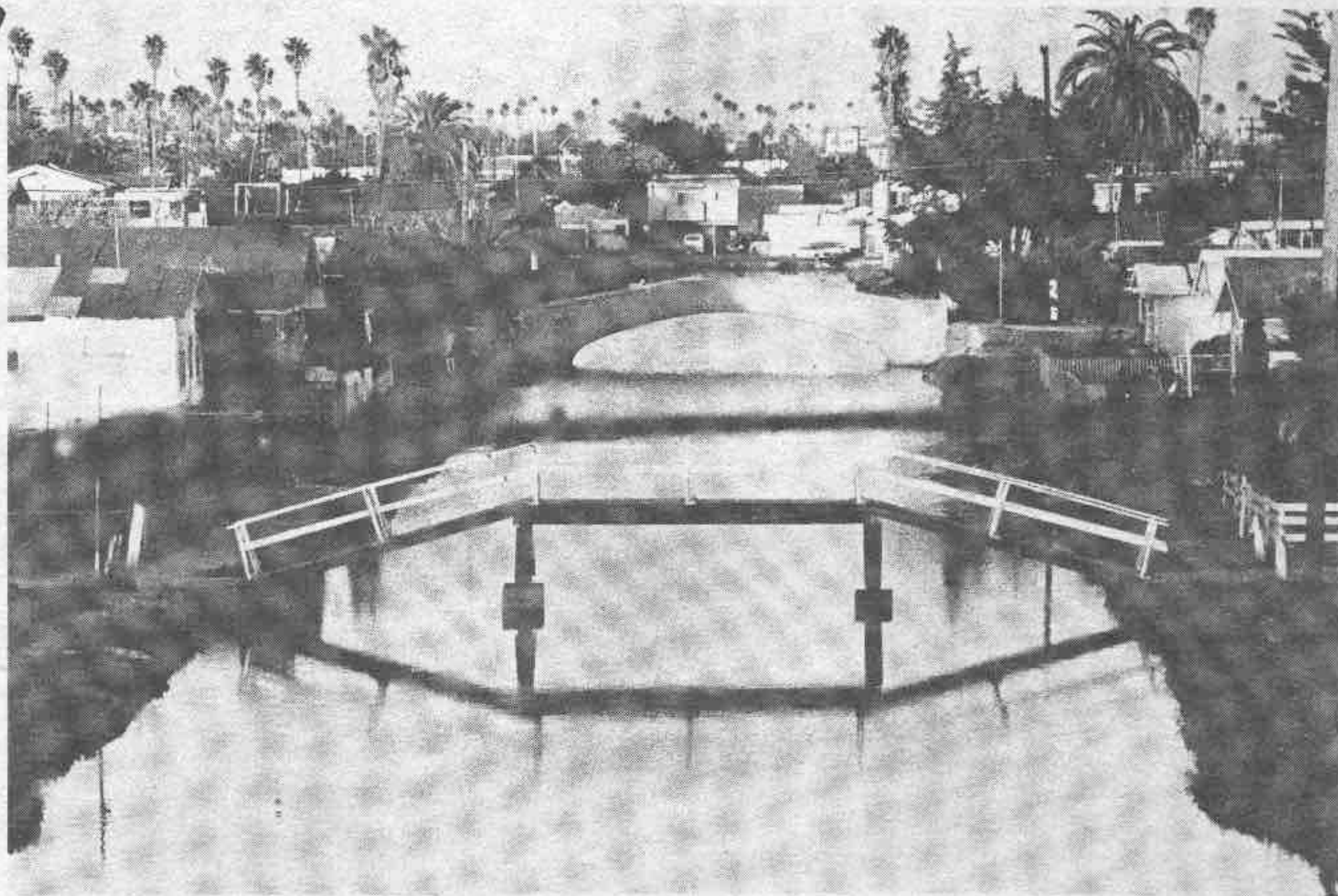


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# A LOOK at the NEW COASTAL COMMISSION

By Moe Stavnezer

It's a new year and we have a new Coastal Act and new regional and state coastal commissions. But the new coastal law, like Proposition 20, is only a mechanism for preserving the coast and its many communities. It will require lots of citizen activism to insure that it is forcefully implemented. It may, in fact, require more people to be involved because 1) we have to watch our city council which is already actively involved in subverting the law and 2) the boundaries of the coastal zone have been expanded to include all of Venice east to Lincoln Blvd. and now includes all of Oakwood. Those of us who want to preserve the present Venice community were fairly successful at the old coastal commission. We must be even more effective with this commission if Venice is to have a chance to survive.

The early part of this year will be crucial for us. This is when the L.A. government and developers will be (and already are) trying very hard to subvert the intent of the new law. We can expect them to apply to the commission for urban exclusions - a loophole in the law which allows local governments to be excluded from the permit process of the coastal commission. The new law also allows cities to take over the permit authority of the regional commission and the City of L.A. has already expressed its intention to exercise that option. That will mean that the city will be able to regain almost total control over all development in Venice. And to me that means the situation before there was any kind of coastal protection law all over again. Can you imagine that a city agency would turn down any application to develop property in Venice? The State Coastal Commission must also adopt first interim and then, after 3 months, permanent regulations. At their first meeting, January 13, they partially adopted the interim regulations and unfortunately for us, they seem hell bent on expediting their meetings at the expense of public participation. Close attention will have to be paid to the way the regulations really work so that we can make a strong case for improving them if necessary.

On the brighter side, and this may sound strange in view of the above comments, both the State Commission and the South Coast Commission seem better and stronger than the old ones. There are some good holdovers from the old State Commission and some excellent new people - especially Naomi Schwartz (appointed by the governor) and Lois Ewen (appointed by the State Senate). Judy Rosener and Rim Fay are now both on the State Commission. The South Coast Commission is also improved with

people like Ruth Galanter, who was very active before the old commission, Rochelle Braly, a long time coast watcher, and Mel Nutter of the Sierra Club as new members. Returning are Margot Feuer, Rim Fay and our favorite L.A. Councilperson, Louis Nowell (as chairperson, no less). PACE the coastal group which worked so hard for passage of the Coastal Act (the Venice Town Council is an affiliate member of PACE) did very well in its endorsements for the commissions in Southern California. In fact, of the six people PACE recommended for the South Coast Commission, only one (namely me) did not get appointed!

In 1977 we'll see how this group of people deals with many issues which can decide the future of Venice. Probably most important is a procedure that's a new wrinkle in this law, the creation of local coastal plans (a euphemism for plans). The city must formulate and submit to the commission a plan for each of its coastal communities. This plan must conform to various standards and criteria set forth in the Act. In the case of Venice that local coastal program will probably be based on the Venice community plan which should be undergoing public hearings in the community within a couple of months or sooner. It's not a bad plan as of now but it could certainly stand a good deal of improvement. So watch and attend the hearings when they happen because they will be very important in determining the immediate future of Venice.

If you are interested in getting involved in coastal commission activities or learning more about the coastal law please call me at 822-4725 or call the PACE office which has an answering service 475-3888.



as a whole. In 1980, a year of projected high B-1 spending, the Chase study found that the B-1 would create fewer jobs than an equivalent housing program, public works program, or even a tax cut.

A replacement for the B-52 will not be needed until 1990. B-52's have not been growing obsolete, but have been constantly modernized. Furthermore, more than ample deterrence is already in place in the thousands of warheads now launchable from submarine and ICBM sites. Do not let the military snatch away from the people that proposed 100 billion dollars. Exempt the military percentage of 54% from your income tax, and from your phone bill, federal excise tax. Between now and June, Carter has to decide whether to produce the B-1, and or how many. Right now he is calling for an input from the populace. So provide him some.

STOP THE B-1 --- SAVE THE B-52  
To talk about it, call 399-0029;

## FEMINIST THEATRE GROUP IN FORMATION

We are looking for women to form an experimental theatre group to train for a minimum of three months before performing. Training will consist of a weekly session to meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 11 p.m., a monthly theatre-therapy marathon, and some outside assignments that may vary from reading to rehearsing with another person, to meeting in a leaderless session to make music together, or to learn a skill from another person.

Improvisation will be the basic technique. No legitimate theatre experience is necessary. Our goal is to develop a performing collective which will contribute experimental gut theatre to the local women's culture. The fee during training will be nominal. For further information, phone 450-4514.



# LEARY'S SPACE CASE

by Sue Scott

He wore white with pale stripes accenting his open neck sport shirt. Grey wispy hair and a wide Mr. Clean smile made up the rest of Tim Leary's appearance on January 14, 1977 at the Culver City Memorial auditorium.

But Tim Leary's personal life, his position in the drug culture or metaphysical spheres past or present are not the subject of this article. Instead I choose to deal with the subject of Leary's lecture, namely space migration and the many questions it poses. His speech was well paced and built on a foundation of recent political and historical events and the near future when relocation to space will probably occur.

He spoke about the first radiation leak at Hiroshima, and optimistically about the great changes of the '60s, their ramifications in the '70s and the widespread growth throughout the planet, culminating in paving the path for leaving earth and settling in space, the last frontier. Leary says free enterprise aimed at space migration will be formed by 1990.

There are scientists currently embarked on mapping blueprints for space structures. Plans are being formed to house colonies of people in huge cylinders, the materials for which will be found and used in space. For example, asteroid bodies and moon soil are two materials Leary mentioned will be employed.

Any group of people could conceivably construct their own cylinder in order to migrate to their piece of space. If, as Leary says, space cannot be owned by the governments, a group of suburbanites could build a cylinder with golf courses and piano bars. Or imagine a commune cylinder with opium dens, hot mineral baths and no government. Sounds a bit like the sci-fi fantasies of Rod Steiger? May be. May be not. One of the interesting questions, of which there are many to come out of this space migration concept, is, what would happen if people were really left to their own devices; to form whatever sort of government they liked. Would they continue with matriarchal or patriarchal societies as in the past, with a more liberated format of course, or would anarchy finally have its day? And if so, it would be interesting to see how a non governmental society survives and thrives.

## BOOK REVIEW

*Through the Wall: Prison Correspondence,*  
by Ethel Shapiro-Bertolini;

Edited by Andrew Richter. Peace Press; \$5.95.

In 1972 novelist and Venice resident Ethel Shapiro-Bertolini sent copies of a book she'd written as an anniversary present (her own anniversary) to 300 inmates of prisons across the United States. The response was more than thank-you notes; it was an avalanche. Along with short stories and poems written in prison, and all sorts of requests for help and advice, came many dozens of letters all asking the same thing: that Mrs. Bertolini not break off the connection with the sending of her book, but that she keep up correspondence.

She did, until three years and hundreds of letters later she was forced to break off by ill health. By the time she ended she had collected in her cartons and file drawers a penetrating inside picture of some of the realities of U.S. prison life. The result is now another book, published last month by the Peace Press -- *Through the Wall: Prison Correspondence*, edited by Ethel Shapiro-Bertolini and Andrew Richter (\$5.95 in paperback).

Mrs. Bertolini was more than just a dutiful pen-pal. In her letters she is warm, motherly, irascible, stubborn, affectionate, opinionated, passionately involved and intensely personal. *Through the Wall*, then, is not just a chronicle of prison complaints; open personalities get tangled with each other in these letters, and it's all the more real because it isn't fiction -- we are reading other peoples' mail.

"Eddie" (not his real name), who by the age of 30 has spent most of his life in institutions, is drawn by the correspondence into setting down his story. He traces his progress through foster homes and juvenile halls and into prison with intelligence and humor. He describes those who were indifferent or cruel to him, those who were compassionate, and himself, without self-pity or self-justification. His first experience with sex was dramatic. On parole to a foster family, 16-year-old Eddie is seduced by the young wife of his host. He

Along more metaphysical lines, I find it mind boggling to conceive of a limitless frontier unbounded by infinite space and time. As Leary says, gravity pulls us down right into the ground and six feet under, so it makes sense that living without it could double our lifespan. But even if we live longer, will inner realities evolve as a result of space migration? Perhaps we can't wait to solve the problems on earth before leaving it. Anyway, maybe no problem is ever solved but rather evolved. Will living in space help to evolve them, or is movement to space an act of evolution itself? Could traveling to outer space carry our humanness to a better space to explore the space inside? I guess the only way to find out for sure is to go there.



Change is the key to Leary's thesis about space migration. All life must undergo change in order to survive and to evolve. Change occurs through movement. Just as during the great migrations of the past, the exodus from Europe to America in the 15th century and the expansion westward across the U.S. to California. These migrations created great changes in the lives of the early pioneers. Having to brave a new world fraught with dangers, facing major upheavals in their lifestyles and family relations made them heartier stock.

Leary says that we are smarter as a result of all this confrontation with the harsh realities of the wilderness. Especially those of us who settled in California. Europeans and easterners who stayed behind are not as smart or as adaptable. So we are able to deal with future shock, but then we probably invented it. And because we are smart, i.e., clever, aggressive and adaptable; does this mean we can create the best of all

possible worlds? Of course, Leary did give due warning at this point in his lecture, that his words should be taken with a grain of salt.

But his thing about change and adaptability, "mutation" as he calls it, reminds me of Ashley Wilkes and his explanation to Scarlet O'Hara after the civil war and the birth of the new south. Ashley was a Southern gentleman, honest, kind and intellectual--and used to living the easy life of a plantation owner. He just couldn't adjust to living in a different world than what he was accustomed to. Is this what will happen to many of us during the next great migration? Will earth end like Ashley's world, and become just another era, gone with the wind? I sometimes feel drawn towards Ashley's world, in the nostalgic past or a fantasy future, and I also like oceans, palm trees, vine covered houses and all the other earth paraphernalia. I wonder how I will adapt to living in huge cylinders in space. But perhaps earth will be uninhabitable by then anyway.

Tim Leary posed intriguing possibilities. Could his movement toward space be the ultimate escape, or is it truly a chance to live longer, more economically, and flow with the tide of evolution by changing to a totally new environment fraught with danger and excitement?

Being a part time cynic, I always find allure in the dreams and schemes of full time optimists. The cry of optimism is perhaps a sedative or panacea, its cry is maybe like the cry of Ulysses' sirens, or possibly the cry of the soul to be whole, to find its natural opposite in positive thought and action, meaning movement towards rather than against.

As for Timothy Leary, it has been said that he is a lunatic, that he rattled on his friends, he turned on a generation of freaks, plus potential suicides and sensitives. But whatever may be the truth about Leary, or whatever you personally believe, the ideas he presents on space migration did not originate with him. They come from other sources and these are the sources to explore. For further information on space migration, write to L-5, 1610 Park, Tucson, Arizona. For information on how to obtain a copy of Leary's new book, *Exo Psychology*, write to Starseed/Peace Press, Inc. Box 188, Culver City, Calif. 90230

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and she arrange times to be with each other, until one day the husband and his brother walk in. "I believe I could have explained to his satisfaction," Eddie recalls dryly, "except for the fact that Gloria had to open her mouth just at that moment. She told Bill that she didn't love him anymore, that she loved me instead and that she was going to divorce him and marry me. This, of course, was not really the best thing that Gloria could have said at the time; especially when her husband had a loaded rifle in his hands." While the brother talks Bill into putting down the gun Eddie is hustled back to the institution. End of the affair.

Just as the reader is drawn into all this Eddie apologizes to Mrs. Bertolini; he now has a literary agent who has instructed him not to give any more of his story away free. Eddie says goodbye, and that's it -- our acquaintance with this personality is broken as abruptly as if he'd been arrested from our midst.

The thread of Ronnie K. Irwin runs through most of the book. Irwin (his real name) was a Michigan Black Panther arrested on an FBI "COINTELPRO" frame-up. He is still fighting to get free. He opens his correspondence with Ethel Bertolini with a haughty stiffness, acknowledging his reluctant vulnerability to anyone willing to write him. At the time Mrs. Bertolini had been a member of the Communist Party for nearly half a century (she has since been expelled), and the first letters are on the distant level of politics and Marxist ideology. As the months pass, though, Irwin develops an affection for Ethel's blunt humanity, and she gives more play to her motherly instincts, until she is able to offer to buy for Irwin's young son a present that Irwin himself can't afford. Irwin rejects the offer with a proud but brotherly explanation of Black culture.

As Irwin's political thinking develops with a clarity born of desperate circumstances it comes more and more into con-

flict with Ethel's revisionism. The reader feels the wrench of a severed friendship, then, when an exasperated Ethel abruptly breaks off correspondence -- "there's little possibility of us seeing eye-to-eye . . . Were I more energetic (I really mean healthier physically) I probably would have stayed with you longer, but as of now I must bow out and use my energies in other ways." (But friendship overcomes ideological differences, and sales of this book in Michigan are now being used to support Ronnie Irwin's defense.)

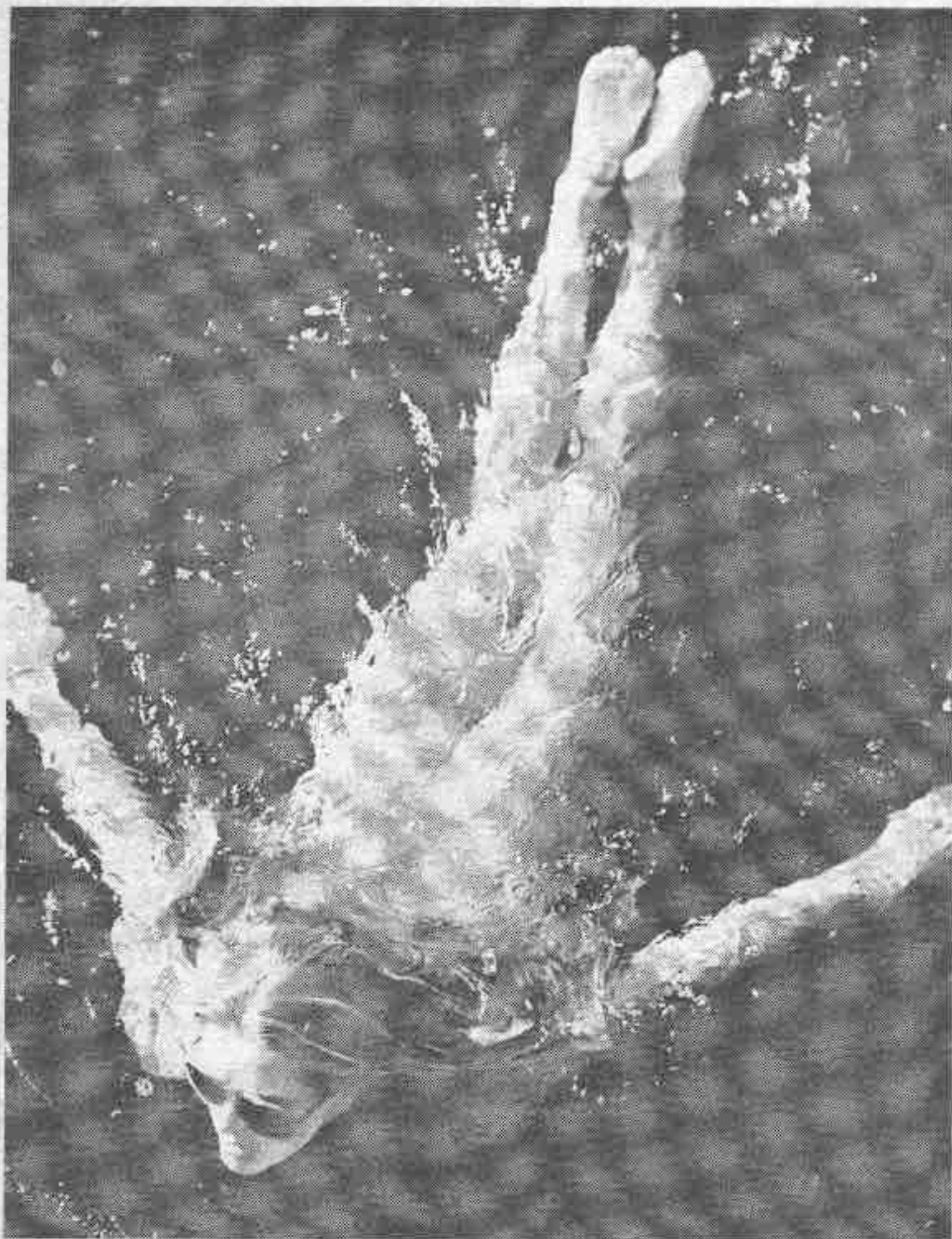
The characters in the book are up-front and immediate; the genial hustlers, the panic of a paranoid locked into solitary confinement. One prisoner ends a dialogue with a pin-up on his wall and shifts to a pithy and subtle explanation of the dialectical relationship of culture to Black liberation. A Black child condemned to death in Louisiana tells the story of his frame-up by torture, all the more terrifying because it's told in exactly his own words.

The book is seriously flawed by the absence of any correspondence with women -- all the prisoners are men, giving the impression that only their issues are significant, and eliminating the questions of the special oppression of women. But both Mrs. Bertolini and editor Andrew Richter say that a real attempt was made to establish correspondence with women prisoners, but none answered. Richter, who worked in the prison support movement in New York state, said that in his experience the political consciousness of male prisoners was almost completely missing among the women. This seems quite strange to me; perhaps people who know more about the prison movement than I do could comment on it.

It has been said before, and truly, that to know the real character of a society one should look at how it treats its prisoners. This gripping and very personal book offers us a frightening window into the true nature of the society we live in.

-- BOB WELLS





Canal woman Mary Jane Kwan takes to the water.  
Photo by Rick Sinatra

BULLDOZER (continued from page 1)

they are terrifying. The late Ms. Myrtle Wilson was instrumental in eviction proceedings against a family who ran a re-cycling center. Ms. Michelak was responsible for driving truck gypsies off the vacant lots. There have been retaliatory rent raises and evictions, not to mention threats of physical violence. Unfortunately, the bulldozing of Mr. Alpert by Mr. Mlikotin happened on a Friday. Most of the agencies that could have helped Mr. Alpert were closed for the weekend.

However, there might be something the LAPD can do to halt Alex "Mad Man" Mlikotin. It seems Mr. Mlikotin was driving his tractor the wrong way. In spite of their reluctance to prosecute him for hit and run, they might have to issue him a ticket.

Oh well, it's the intent that counts.

Note: One of the officers' names was Cunningham - at this time I do not know the name of the other.

THERE IS A COMMITTEE FORMING  
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CALL. 396-6876.

## Downtown redevelopment

Lewis McCammon

On October 28, 1976, hundreds of renters and homeowners packed the L.A. City Council chambers to voice their vigorous opposition to Mayor Bradley's \$750 million downtown "redevelopment" rip-off.

Nevertheless, the City Council voted by a very narrow margin to continue with the "redevelopment" scheme and to deny the people a chance to vote on it.

Massive opposition to the Bradley-supported plan has come from many social sectors. Organizations going on record demanding that the public have the right to vote on the rip-off include: the Peace & Freedom Party, the Coalition for Economic Survival, the Venice Town Council, the Tenant's Rights Coalition, Seniors for Political Action, the California Housing Council, 11 homeowners' associations, 14 Democratic Clubs, the CDC Urban Planning Committee, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, and the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA, AFL-CIO) Board of Directors, the California Teachers Association, the L.A. Community College Board of Trustees, 21 local chambers of commerce, and numerous other organizations. Mayor Bradley opposes letting the people vote on the plan.

### HOW THE RIP-OFF WORKS

Under a complex "tax increment" financing formula, rents and property taxes everywhere in the County will go up by an increasing amount each year to compensate for the hundreds of millions of dollars diverted to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the downtown project.

The CRA will use most of the money to buy up downtown areas and demolish the existing structures, uprooting many long-time residents of the community. It will then sell the land far below costs to private construction companies to build high priced apartments, stores and office building to bring rich people back to live, shop and work downtown. The CRA has already promised some land to the owners of the ARCO Towers.

The money diverted to the CRA is money taken away from schools (hence the UTLA position), and needed public improvements and services in all other areas.

Over the 20-year life of the project, backers of the scheme admit, you will have to pay many hundreds (and perhaps thousands) of dollars in increased rent and property taxes. Renters know that apartment owners raise the rent with every property tax increase--hence the Tenant's Rights Coalition position.

### WHO BENEFITS ?

Wealthy downtown business interests are the beneficiaries -- not the people. Commercial properties like the 62-story United California Bank Building, the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, the new Broadway Department Store, the Occidental Life Insurance Company building and the over \$15 million worth of downtown properties owned by the Times-Mirror Co. (publishers of the L.A. Times) in or adjacent to the redevelopment area will skyrocket in rental and resale value -- at your expense.

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And the 1st of each month  
Every year  
There - after.

### "(All That's just Jive)"

Venice is neat  
(she said)  
Empty wine bottles  
Ex - cons  
Ex - junkies  
Ex - speed freaks  
Pot heads  
V.D.  
Lots of foxes  
(Lots of bears too)  
Poets (of course)  
Artists  
Musicians  
Bullshitters  
Free monthly newspaper  
Culinary delights  
Lots of pretty sunrises  
Lots of pretty sunsets  
What are you doing in Venice?  
What are you doing in Venice?  
Hanging out.  
Of course.  
(You know)

## POETRY

BY JERRY HARRISON

### "Saturdays Bad Head"

I don't want anymore drugs  
I don't want anymore strangers  
All I want is John Coltrane  
And he ain't here  
No drugs  
No strangers  
No cocaine  
Just Trane  
And  
Trane  
Ain't  
Here.

### "Down One"

Reliving  
The  
Last  
Time.

Blue house  
Green house  
Since you are pleased  
With green  
And I am pleased  
With blue  
It will be better  
If you paint your house  
Green  
And I paint mine Blue.

MAKE ME BEAUTIFUL

By Bob Greenfield

In this tarp the dame sits & dances  
on this same chair  
we held intercourse  
she dressed in silk  
her legs like lips  
subtle  
she curves words over tongue  
her face smiles  
she turns pages rapidly  
a wonderful mouth.  
her tongue seems to be like her fingers  
slender  
she says  
let's go for a ride in the car  
any place  
puts her fingers on my mouth  
and says write  
I need a poem  
her fingers fall on my shoulders  
I feel them on my chest  
what is this  
she says  
death & rebirth  
my whole life  
make me beautiful

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP THE RIP-OFF

Two more votes are needed to bring the issue to a vote of the people -- but these votes will not be easy to get because of the pressure and money from the banks and other downtown interests. Four City Council members who voted for the rip-off and against letting the people vote on it are:

David Cunningham	937-7515
John Ferraro	485-3337
Pat Russell	822-2582
	485-3357
Zev Yaroslavsky	278-0840
	485-5013

Call them at the office phones listed and demand that they change their vote and put the issue on the April ballot. Yaroslavsky broke his pledge to support a public vote.

Others supporting the rip-off and opposing the people's right to vote, besides Mayor Bradley, are council members Robert Farrell, John Gibson, Gilbert Lindsay, Louis Nowell, and Artheur Snyder.

Opposing Mayor Bradley, and supporting the people's right to vote on the issue, are council members Ernani Bernardi, Marvin Braude, Donald Lorenzen, Peggy Stevenson, Joel Wachs and Robert Wilkinson.

If you don't write or call your council member now, you will have to pay hundreds of dollars for extra rent and taxes for the banks and ARCO later.

Lewis McCammon is treasurer of L.A. County Peace & Freedom Party.  
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ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI--ZZZ-big-knee-eff Brr-jehz-zhin-skee. Say it over and over again. After the third or fourth try you should be able to combine the first two syllables of the last name--Brrjez-zhinskee. It is a name you must master, and fast. But if after the tenth try you still can't get it, just stick with Dr. Z, that's what his friends call him, and the symbolic meaning will become readily apparent. Zbigniew Brzezinski is the next Henry Kissinger.

Dr. Z is the architect of the Tri-Lateral Commission (TLC) formed 1973. There are many who say that Jimmy Carter, or James Earl Carter, the 39th President of the United States, is a product of this international conspiracy. (Japan and Europe being the other two sides.) It is too simplistic to leave it at that.

Carter is not a freak who charmed America, nor was he accidentally followed by Fritz Mondale, Harold Brown, Secretary of Defense; Cyrus Vance, Sec. of State; W. Michael Blumenthal, Sec. of Treasury; and Dr. Z, National Security Advisor--by far most important cabinet posts. All these men are brothers in the TLC. Other top names put forward, George Ball, David Packard, and Paul Warnke, were also Tri-Lateral Commission members.

Note: in 1972 J. Carter led the fight at the Dem convention against the nomination of George McGovern. Carter worked for his friend, Robert Strauss, Dem Party Chairman, who, two years later, appointed the lame-duck governor as bag man for congressional elections. Carter traveled the country, evangelizing for a new age--an age of unity under Jimmy Carter.

One should be wary of those who simply dismiss the Tri-Lateral as a Rockefeller, etc. enterprise. There is no doubt that it is another manifestation of the ruling class--but not a unified ruling class.

The following article, published prior to the election in 'The Georgia Straight,' Vancouver, Canada, begins to tell the story. The names of the members should tell the rest. Missing are the names of Angorelli of FIAT, Morita, President of Sony, and the other Japanese and European ruling elites. Dr. Z is in charge of the whole operation worldwide.

As every serious student of the Jimmy Carter symbiosis quickly saw, there was more to that notorious Playboy interview than the fatuous revelation that Jimmy likes women as a whole...

There was that unobtrusive little time-bomb of a paragraph quoting his campaign manager, Hamilton Jordon; "If after the inauguration you find a Cy Vance as Secretary of State and Zbigniew Brzezinski as head of National Security," said Jordon, "then I would say we failed. And I'd quit."

"But that's not going to happen," Jordon added. "You're going to see new faces, new ideas. The government is going to be run by people you never heard of."

Time magazine, which had been merely irritated by their Jim Boy's flashing his gender, was actually "startled" by what it called Jordon's

"considerable political naivete." In a curiously candid partisan footnote to its account of Jordon's naivete, an obviously mightier and better informed editorial hand asked impatiently: "Why embarrass such men as Vance and Brzezinski, advisors to Kennedy and Johnson (he omitted Humphrey '68) and experts on whom Carter is leaning for advice?"

The editorial hand was indeed mighty and well-informed for it was the hand of Hedley Donovan, Editor-in-Chief of Time Inc., and brother illuminato of Cyrus R. Vance, Zbigniew Brzezinski, James E. Carter and Walter F. Mondale in the Tri-Lateral Commission.

What Donovan was really saying to Jordon was, "Listen, you bloody idi-

ot, who do you think invented Jimmy Carter? God?"

And he was no more than right, but let us go back to the beginning.

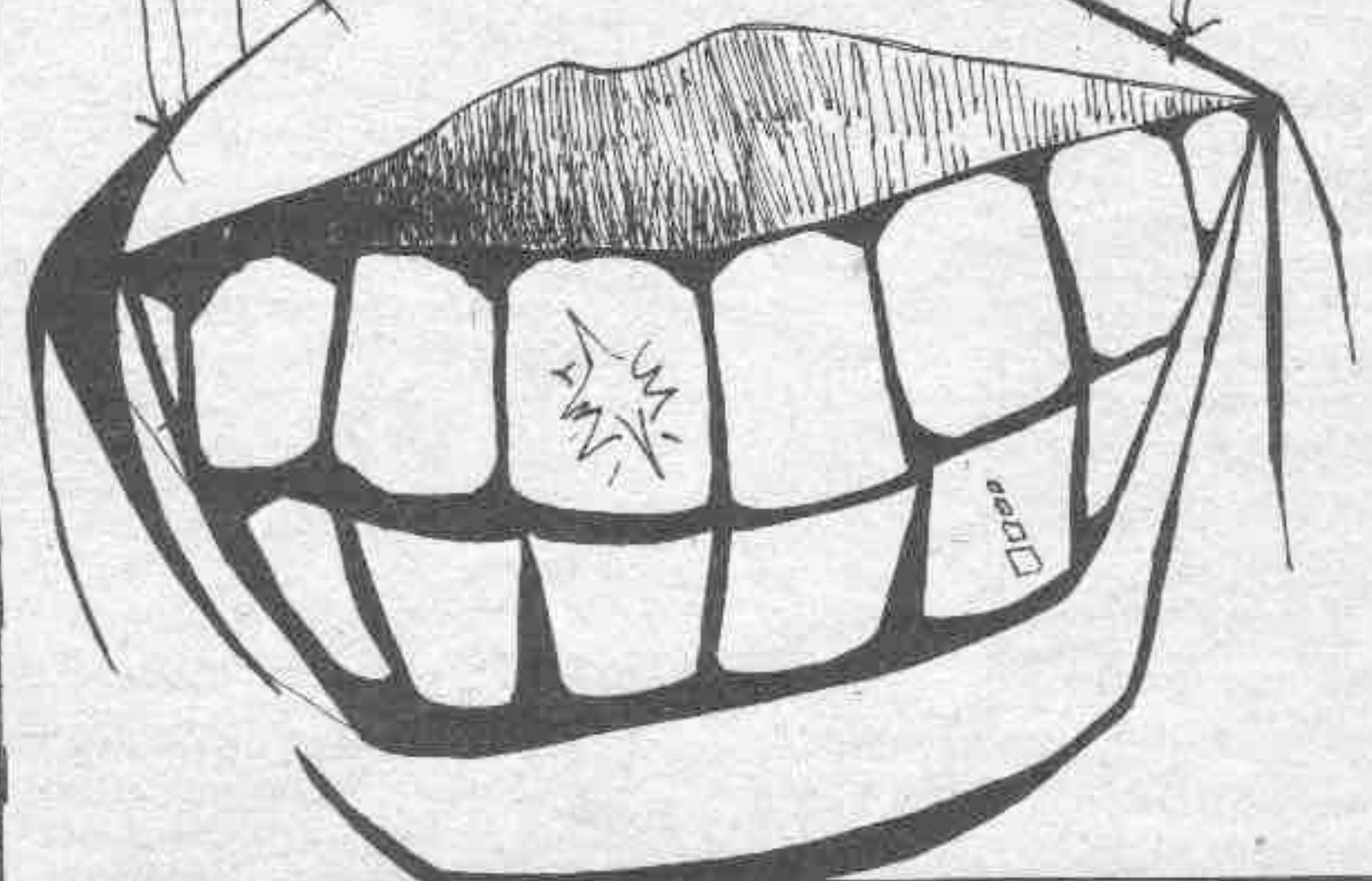
SYMBIOSIS: Permanent union between organisms, each of which depends for its existence on the other.

The symbiosis of Jimmy Carter is the Tri-Lateral Commission, the elite Corporatist brainchild of none other than that Polish-Canadian-American political scientist, Professor Zbigniew Brzezinski himself, known to his friends and herinafter as Z.

The mere existence of Dr. Z is ample evidence of the fact that aficionados of the Conspiracy theory of history do not have to invent characters to cast their scenarios.

Take Over

PULLING jimmy's STRINGS



**"If you find a Cy Vance as Sec' of State and Dr. Z as Head of National Security, then we failed. And I'd quit."**

**Hamilton Jordon**

What is known of this contemporary genius is sufficient by its essential scarcity to qualify him for the role of "The Man From Nowhere" ala Marat, Danton, Robespierre.

There is even a discernable similarity between the superficial biography of Dr. Z. and Dr. K.

refugee to Montral in the 30s; graduate of McGill; Director of Research Institute on Communist Affairs; Prof. of Government at Columbia Univ.; Member of the Policy Planning Council in the State Department 1966-68; foreign policy advisor to the Humphrey campaign 1968; Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; consultant to the Rand Corp.; friend, confidant and consultant to the Rockefellers and Rothchilds...need one go on?

But above all, both for himself and others, Dr. Z is the self-appointed prophet of what lesser minds like John Kenneth Galbraith's dubbed The Post-Industrial Age, but which Dr. Z., with his cybernetic flair for neologisms, ushered in as The Technocratic Age.

He first unveiled his concept for the more general public in January, 1968, in the British literary/political magazine, Encounter, edited by the poet Stephen Spender...who woke up one miserable morning to find that even he and Encounter were being secretly financed by the CIA. Just one of those coincidences that characterize our time, that's all.

The only true way to appreciate the full significance of the Tri-Lateral Commission as manifested in the membership list is to know and grasp Dr. Z.'s concept of the Technocratic Age, which can be studied in his 1970 book, "Between Two Ages" (Viking Press) as well as in much else of his prolific writings.

Dr. Z. claims to be making "order" out of the present day chaos, as Hermann Hesse perceived it in Steppenwolf, "when a whole generation is caught...between two ages, two modes of life, with the consequence that it loses all power to understand itself and has no standard, no security, no simple acquiescence."

Like an alchemist of medieval times trying to make gold out of lead, Dr. Z. has been trying to make a golden dawn of the future out of the midnight of the present, though he is by no means a "Futurologist" but a very practical political scientist.

Dr. Z. sees the nation state, the old ideologies, nationalisms, economics and possibly, though not necessarily the religions as at best moribund, if not dead.

The essential "art" of the present

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is to anticipate the future by developing a strategy for it that is flexible enough to accommodate the unpredictable.

(Brzezinski's "art" has taken the traditional Atlanticist or Yankee Alliance one step further towards control of the Capitalist world. Jimmy Carter's election was a key step in the Cowboy-Yankee War.)

By 1972, Dr. Z had forged if not the strategy itself at least the tool with which that strategy might be shaped and directed—the Tri-Lateral Commission.

Being a scholar in real power, he went to its fountainhead, the Rockefeller-Rothschild convergence, just as Machiavelli went to the Borgias, for permission and patronage whereby to realize his great thought.

As night follows day, the rest fell into place: Big Business/Big Labor/Big Government - or rather the first two more or less and the last perhaps.

The West is still considered, more or less, a multi-party Democracy. Given the impossibility of gospelizing all of the people all of the time, Dr. Z decided to gospelize some of the people some of the time, namely the Democratic Party, of the United States. Why America?

In his Second Treatise on Government, John Locke wrote, "...in the beginning all the world was America." Dr. Z. believes that today too, all the world is America. "America is the first to experience the social, psychological, political and ideological dilemmas produced by man's sudden acquisition of altogether unprecedented power over his environment and himself.

"The success of America in building a healthy democratic society would hold promise for a world still dominated by ideological and racial conflicts, by economic and social injustice," says Dr. Z.

So while the Tri-Lateral Commission under Dr. Z's directorship built its footings in the Big Government centers of Europe, Japan and North America, it concentrated on the main tactic of taking over the U.S. Democratic Party, coopting, grooming and building a financial base for a leader of its choice, and winning power for itself in the White House.

Jimmy Carter is not by any means his "own man" but a creature of the Tri-Lateral Commission.

To understand how much that is true, recall the great "drama" of choice which Carter dragged the party and the nation in his selection of a vice-presidential partner on the ticket, who turned out to be in the end none other than Walter F. Mondale, his fellow member of the Tri-Lateral Commission. Hence the scorn of Hedley Donovan of Time Inc. for the considerable political naivete of Carter's campaign manager in saying that Dr. Z and Cyrus R. Vance will not be the key centers of the Cabinet.

## Carter's Black Maids



### Working for peanuts

by Greg Cornell  
Reprinted from THE MILITANT

Plains, Ga.—Interviewing Jimmy Carter's maids was hardly the story I had in mind when I set out to talk with blacks in his hometown here.

But almost every other black woman I found turned out to be a maid from Carter's childhood, or a maid he hired after he married and settled down, or a maid working for him now. Some are old, born in the last century. Others are young, born in Plains after WW II. All, without exception, are poor. In a town with few jobs, being a maid for the Carters has been one of the few available sources of income for black women. The other one has been Carter's peanut-processing plant.

At the end of Carter Street in Plains, there's a dirt road. Along that road there are a number of black homes. It could be Appalachia, and a million miles distant from Jimmy Carter. But it's only a few blocks.

The houses have been patched and repatched. There is a vegetable garden in front of one house, and there I meet Ruth and Emma Harvey, sisters. Ruth Harvey, 63, was a maid for Carter and is also a veteran of his peanut plant.

"I'm barely making it," she says. "The thing makes me so depressed. I used to be working, but now I'm not. I can take in sewing, but my sewing machine is broken and I can't afford to get it fixed. I'm hoping," she says, "they'll raise my Social Security check."

Ruth Harvey says she took care of Amy, Carter's youngest daughter, before he was elected governor. She spent several days after Carter was elected caring for Amy at the governor's man-

sion. When she went to work for the Carters in 1966, she was paid \$12 for 20 hours' work.

The year before last, Ruth Harvey worked in Carter's peanut plant. Her take-home pay was about \$65 a week. "It wasn't much," she concedes, "but all we were doing was picking up peanuts." Harvey says her food these days comes mainly from her vegetable garden. She doesn't eat much meat.

Emma Harvey, like her sister, is hoping for an increase in Social Security. She also worked for the Carter family, in the 1940s and early 1950s, sorting peanuts. At that time the pay was \$17 or \$18 a week. But tough times of the past are not her main concern now. With children growing up in Plains, her worry is for jobs. "I wish they'd build some factories around here," she says. "We need work so badly."

The word out of Plains, however, is that jobs are not primary on Carter's mind. He wants to keep the town residentially zoned to preserve the rustic down-home image he has cultivated.

Knowing Jimmy Carter and having worked for him hasn't elevated Jewell Wiley's living conditions. Wiley, 59, paused by the side of the road with several other black women to talk to me.

In the 1950s and early '60s, Wiley was a maid for Carter. "I worked four hours a day," she recalls. She was paid one dollar an hour. "It was minimum wage," she says.

Today Wiley is unemployed. She was laid off more than a year ago and has been unable to find work since. She says she is so poor she can't afford food stamps.

Carter's maids—all black—seem to be everywhere. Two houses up, there's Rosie Marshall Kitchen, born in 1890, who took care of Jimmy Carter when he was growing up. Several blocks away, in a cluster of homes that form a dilapidated federal housing project, I knock on six doors and find two former Carter maids and one current maid, again all black.

Mrs. Gladys Jackson, 59, comes to one door. She says she worked six years for Carter in his peanut plant in the 1950s, earning \$25-30 a week.

Across the street, four black women are sitting on a small cement porch in front of their brick home.

"Any of you know Jimmy Carter?" I ask.

A woman looks up. "I cleaned house and ironed for him," says Oveda Jackson. She is 29 years old. "I was 18 then. It was my first maid's job."

"How much did you earn?" I ask.

"I don't remember," she says.

"It wasn't much, I'll tell you," says Emma Montes, Mrs. Jackson's mother.

Montes used to work for Carter also—sorting peanuts. Two years ago she was not rehired when someone else was employed in her place. "That wasn't Mr. Jimmy's fault," a woman standing in the doorway says.

"Don't say Mr. Jimmy," says another one. "It's out of style."



by Alan Wolfe, excerpted from In These Times, Jan. 12-18, 1977

"If after the inauguration, you find a Cy Vance as secretary of state and Zbigniew Brzezinski as head of national security, then I would say we failed," said Hamilton Jordon, Carter's key aide, last summer.

Rarely has an administration failed, by its own standards, even before assuming office. Carter has just become president and he has already broken—just about every progressive promise he made during the campaign. Populism is out, and the Trilateral Commission is in. The appointments made by Jimmy Carter reflect the greatest domination of the federal government by Wall Street since Herbert Hoover.

Carter has, in a word, appointed a member of the commission to every important post in the government save one—the director of the Office of Management and Budget. And even Thomas Bertram Lance has his connection: his dear friend J. P. Austin of Coca Cola is the member of the commission responsible for bringing Jimmy Carter, as they say, "aboard."

The point, however, is not to attach the commission, but to understand it. Can we really be surprised that Carter would turn to Wall Street when Kennedy followed exactly the same process at the start of his administration? The real question is why the commission was the only place for Carter to turn, and the answer is that this is one of the few elite organizations around that is making a serious attempt to understand what is happening to the U. S. and what can be done about it.

The commission is a response to the crisis of the '60s/ Three extremely important developments took place during that decade, now overshadowed by Watergate. The first is that the U. S. position in the world declined; the second that demands by groups at home for state services reached the breaking point for a capitalist society; and the third is that the economy entered a period of protracted difficulty. Only the Trilateral Commission—certainly not Reagan or the old line New Deal Democrats like Humphrey—have fashioned a response to this triple threat.

## Promises Promises

In the minds of the commission, the U.S. is no longer capable of ruling the world system by itself. Economically, the advanced capitalist nations, in their analysis, have become more and more intertwined, so that the actions of one affects them all. This alone suggests the need for greater cooperation among them.

Carter has turned to the commission because there is nowhere else to turn. In his campaign he called himself a populist, but also courted the favor of these men. He cannot continue to do both, and one should realize that he has made a fundamental choice. We owe him respect, perhaps, for making his decision so early, for he has made our decision that much easier.

By deciding to go all the way with the Trilateral Commission, Carter has told blacks and working class people who made his election possible what he thinks of them. There is no question that it was these folks and not the bankers who elected Carter and he has responded by rubbing power in their faces. He is not even making an attempt to mystify the power with kind words. After two decades of economic mismanagement, political scandal and increasing illegitimacy, Carter has cast his lot with the mismanagers, corrupters and illegitimizers. His gall is phenomenal, but in truth his only two options were to do what he did or be a real populist, and the latter was never a serious option.

If these were normal times, then Carter, like Kennedy, would have kept the myths alive for two or three years before disillusion set in. Instead—since innocence can normally be lost only once—he has killed them within a couple of months. By doing so he has thrown the ball to us. It is clearer than ever that popular control over corporate power can only come from mass pressure from below. The Trilateral Commission has won state power and will use it for its own ends. It is up to the popular movement, to the left, to organize popular power for its own ends. In his own way, Carter has invited us—almost defiantly demanded us—to do so.

Across the street, a middle-aged black man reads the newspaper on his porch.

"Do you know Jimmy Carter?" I ask.

"No I don't," the man says. "But my wife does. She's his maid."

Lillian Pickett comes to the door. "I've been working there since about 1966, four years before he was governor," she says. She now works at the Carter house "whenever I'm needed," she says. During the primary campaign, it was about eight to ten hours a week.

"With them away so much, there's not much to do," she says. Her duties included keeping the house clean, washing the clothes vacuuming the rugs, and looking after the flowers. Mrs. Carter, she says, pays her wages and gives her most of the instructions. Occasionally, Carter tells her what to do. "He'll say, 'Lillian, what about pressing these pants for me,' or 'What about pressing this shirt,' or 'What about hanging up these pants.'"

Like everyone else who works for Carter, she gets the rock-bottom wages.

When Mrs. Pickett was first hired by the Carters, she worked about a 17 hour week and took home a weekly check of \$15. Now she earns \$2.10 an hour. She also works for Carter's mother, Lillian, who has been portrayed as a genteel person who represents the height of decency. Lillian Carter pays Lillian Pickett a flat five dollars for four hours' work.

The Pickett family has few dollars to spare. "We just get by," Lillian Pickett says.

By now my surprise has worn off. Carter, it seems, is used to having black women pick up after him. I begin to think Carter owes a lot to the black women of Plains, Georgia. They have kept his house clean, his parents' house clean, and sorted his peanuts.

If this were the 19th century, Plains would be Mr. Jimmy's plantation. I'd be writing about chattel slavery.

But this is the 20th century, and Plains is Mr. Carter's company town. What we've got here is exploitation, capitalist-style. Plains is an "ethnic purity" town. The whites—250 of them—are clustered near Highway 280 and to the north of it. The blacks, who number 350, live on two patches: either on Carter Street and another connecting road south of Highway 280, or in a housing project on Graham Street.

It is necessary to point out that most blacks I interviewed like Jimmy Carter—or at least say they do. I don't know what—if anything—Carter thinks of them. In his autobiography, *Why Not the Best?*, Carter describes his life and how he became famous. Not once does he mention the black maids or other black employees.

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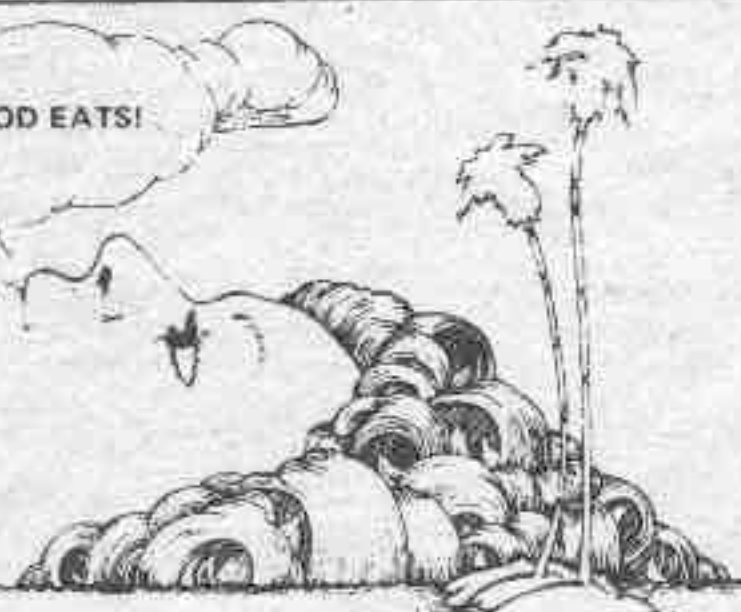
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The Feminist Healing Arts Cooperative is located at 1301 Main St. in Venice (corner of Westminster, rear entrance). For information about the Women's Self-Healing Weekend or the Cooperative, please phone 450-4514, 399-5247, or 396-8897. For information about the L.A. Men's Collective or men's pot lucks, call 396-3391. Fees for the weekend are \$20/weekend, \$10 1 day/ \$5 1/2 day, Sat. Pot-luck/free.



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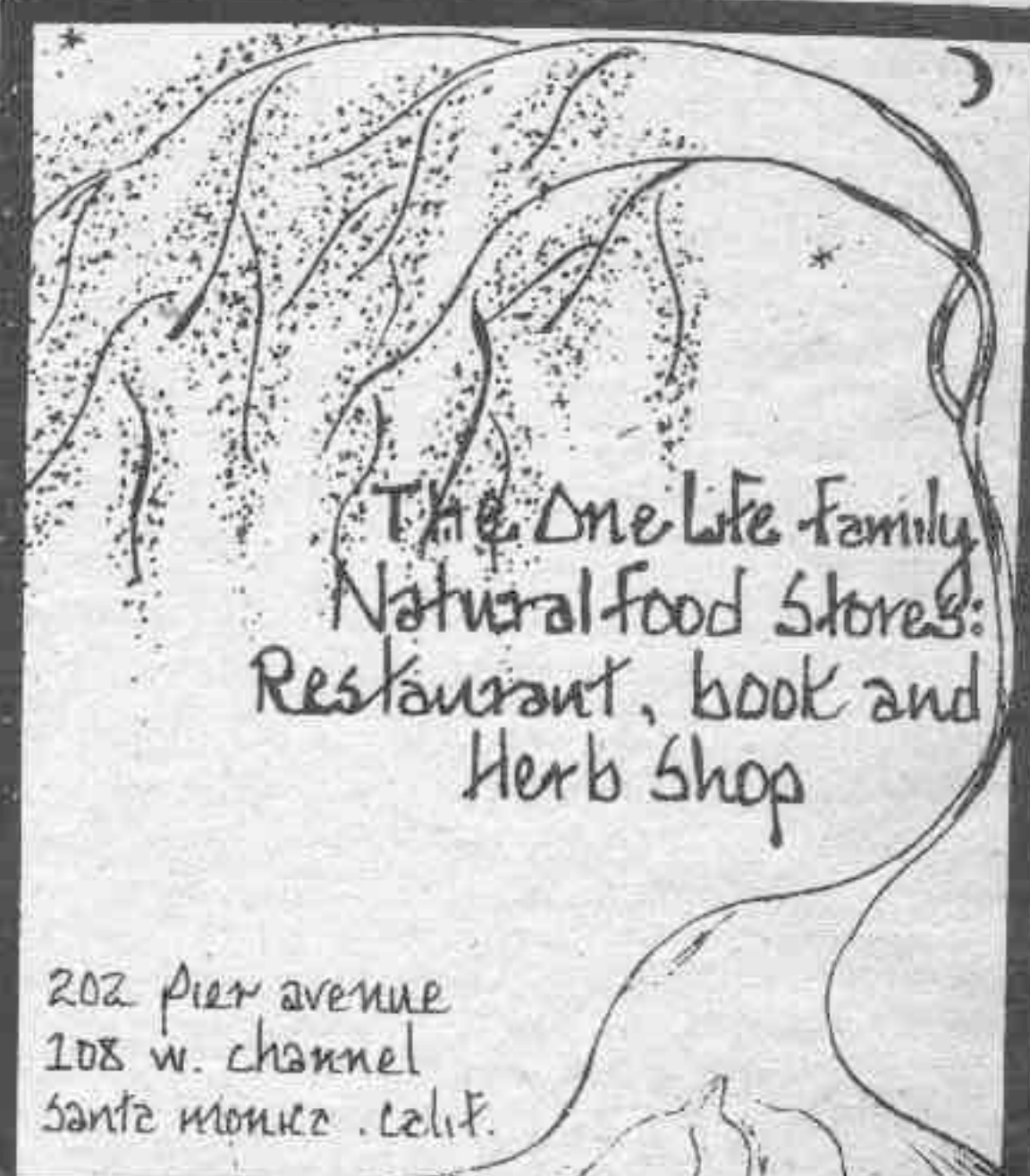
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## UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AXED

On October 17, the California State Employment Development Department cut federal extensions in unemployment benefits in half. This cut-back was triggered by statistics that say unemployment among workers covered by unemployment insurance in California has dropped below 6%.

Two years ago when it became apparent that the government apparatus would have to come up with something to pacify the growing number of people out of work, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1975 was enacted. This act allows up to 26 weeks of additional benefits when the rate of unemployment among workers covered by unemployment insurance is 6 percent or higher. (Regular unemployment benefits last for only 26 weeks.) However, when this figure drops below 6 percent in any state, Congress determined that the weeks of extra benefits would be cut in half in that state. If the unemployment rate should fall below 5 percent, the benefits would be discontinued completely. This is going to happen in March of 1977 anyway, because the entire program will be discontinued at that time.)

Although the government says that unemployment among insured workers has dropped, in actuality, it has not. What has happened is that thousands of the unemployed have exhausted all claims and have been dropped from the rolls, as if they no longer existed. Unemployment is not down; it is up. It is no coincidence that unemployment insurance is being cut at the same time they are slashing the food stamp program, welfare, and all kinds of other social services. Our economic system is in a state of crisis, and we, the working people both employed and unemployed, are being forced to bear the brunt of this.

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---Lt. Dan Cooke, spokesperson for Chief Ed Davis, L.A.P.D. (Los Angeles Times, 1/17/77).

These statements, made last week, are astounding considering the statewide acceptance and support of California's new marijuana law and the release of a nationwide survey that directly contradicts what Lt. Cooke says.

NORML (National Organization for the reform of Marijuana Laws) has recently released a summary of the latest nationwide survey concerning drug usage patterns and attitudes. The most significant finding of the current survey is that the overall drug patterns in the country have leveled off. The rates in all categories of recreational drug use appear to have reached a plateau. Apparently, those who want to use drugs, use them, and those who don't want to use them don't, regardless of the law currently in effect in a particular jurisdiction. In a sense, the drug consuming market may have reached its natural saturation level. So the continuing use of scare tactics and the predictions of some officials (especially in L.A.) that "drug abuse" is an ever expanding problem, appears unfounded.

The Survey is part of an ongoing project funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, with surveys taken periodically by the response Analysis Corporation of Princeton, New Jersey. This latest sample included face to face interviews with 2590 adults and 986 youths (12-17) taken between January and April, 1976. The data reflect a rather modest 2.3% increase in the numbers of adults who have experimented with marijuana and a similarly modest 3% increase in the percentage of persons aged 26-34 who report being current users. Otherwise the figures appear remarkably consistent with those gathered in 1974. For example, the numbers of current marijuana smokers in the general population remain constant at 8% (13 million). Also, alcohol and tobacco usage has remained consistent since 1974. In fact, among youth, both tobacco and alcohol usage has dropped 2%.

The Los Angeles Times article (1/17/77) in which Lt. Cooke was quoted also contained statistics proving that California's new marijuana law has saved many people from having criminal records as well as saving the court system and law enforcement agencies considerable money.

Statistics released by the State Justice Department show that since the new law took effect (1/76), overall statewide marijuana arrests (including arrests for cultivation, possession and transportation) declined by 39.7% among adults and 10.5% among juveniles. Concurrently, Kenneth Budman, Drug Diversion Coordinator for the Office of Narcotics and Drug Abuse said that under the new law, marijuana law enforcement costs for adults declined from \$7.6 million for the first 6 months of 1975 to \$2.3 million for the first 6 months of 1976, reflecting the decline in felony arrests. He also said there was a significant decrease, of about 80% in court costs because most people caught with an ounce or less prefer to pay the fine instead of going to court.

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## RUSSELL HUSTLES LAND USE RUSTLE

By Carol Fondiller

It seems that Pat Russell wants to get the city of Los Angeles into the land speculation game.

According to her press release, January 14, 1977, Councilwoman Pat Russell called for an ordinance that would establish a trust fund to receive monies from the sales of city properties in the Venice area. Funds from the trust would be used to provide parking and open space, and to improve city owned properties and rights of way in Venice.

Speaking before the city's Board of Words, Russell stated, that the sales of such property "will return the land to the tax rolls and provide revenue to meet the city's needs." Most of the 105 parcels became city property through tax defaults.

One wonders why Ms. Russell would want to risk the same thing happening again, especially in these monetarily unstable times. Perhaps Ms. Russell isn't aware that there is a way to insure stability in Venice. Maybe it never occurred to Ms. Russell to use some of the land for low income housing.

The voters of Los Angeles might have paved the way for such an act. In 1973, Los Angeles passed a referendum on public housing. The referendum authorized 10,000 units for the elderly not to exceed 2,000 in each Councilmanic district, when Federal money was available. It is, and just think, land wouldn't need to be purchased, because the city already owns it. None of the allotment of units have been built in Russell-land (The 6th District). The City Housing Authority can buy land to build on in Venice, according to Martin Naiman multiple unit coordinator of L.A. County for HUD (Housing and Urban Development). He gives priorities for housing grants. His telephone number is 688-5849.

Ms. Russell has urged the City Attorney to present the ordinance as soon as possible. Some of Ms. Russell's constituents might like to urge her to act as soon as possible to get low-income housing not only for the elderly, but low-income families also. This would insure the economic mix of Venice which makes such a large contribution to Venice's uniqueness. Public officials love to hear from the public. Let your opinion be known as soon as possible. Call Ms. Russell at 485-3357 or 822-2582 or better yet, write her: Councilwoman Pat Russell, Room 260, City Hall, Los Angeles, 90012.



PLASTIC PARFAIT?

Thanks to the Food and Drug Administration, ice cream packagers have never been required to list the artificial ingredients mixed into the majority of commercial ice cream. These chemicals are often used as flavor substitutes, because they're cheaper than using the real thing.

Instead of vanilla, most companies use Piperonal, a chemical used commonly to kill lice. Instead of pineapple, they use Ethyl Acetate, a chemical often used to clean leather. And instead of cherry there's Aldehyde C17, a chemical used in manufacturing plastic and rubber.

(LNS)

### Uh-1 and Uh-2 and URP!

A study in Germany has concluded that modern classical music can make musicians ill, perhaps even more than rock music.

Two German researchers say the music of Stockhausen, Henze, Berio, Webern and other modern classical composers—music which is filled with dissonances, loud bangs in unexpected places and irregular rhythms—is causing nervousness, headaches, insomnia and depression among many of the musicians who perform it. The study found that 72 out of 93 members of a classical orchestra which plays the modern tunes reported being nervously affected by concerts.

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### CELEBRATE THE VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

The Association of Vietnamese Patriots in the U.S. plan to celebrate the Lunar New Year by holding two events to which Americans, curious about what has happened in the Socialist Peoples Republic of Vietnam since Saigon became Ho Chi Minh City are invited.

On Friday, February 4, slide shows and films will be shown at the Book Store in Ocean Park, 2915 Main Street, Ocean Park at 7:30 p.m. FREE.

On Saturday, February 12, the Association of Vietnamese Patriots in the U.S. plan to celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Vietnamese Community in Los Angeles. American friends are invited to enjoy vietnamese poetry, song, dance, films and food. Admission is \$3. at the Sen Shin Temple, 1336 W. 36th Place, L.A. The program is in Vietnamese, but there will be people to tell the American friends who are there, what is going on.

### WE'RE OUT TO GET US AND THEM!

The DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) can be directly linked with the para-military death squad AAA (Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance) which has been responsible for as many as 5,000 murders since 1972, according to reports made by The Solidarity Committee with the Argentine People.

As reported in Counter Spy Magazine, the man responsible for organizing AAA was Jose Lopez Reya, former Argentine Social Welfare Minister and power behind the Peron Regime. While exiled in Spain, Reya was recruited by Robert Hill, then U.S. Ambassador to Spain, and a suspected C.I.A. agent. When Hill was assigned as Ambassador to Argentina in 1973, Lopez Reya became Welfare Minister. Hill and Reya arranged for the DEA to enter Argentina in order to establish a program to "wipe out drug traffic in Argentina." Reya claimed while on television with Hill when they signed the U.S. Argentina Anti-drug Treaty, that the "anti drug campaign will automatically be an anti-guerrilla campaign as well." The DEAs has over 400 agents operating throughout Latin America.

### SEVEN MILLION CALIFORNIA HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY NEW WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

There are seven million households in California - 4½ million private homes and 2½ million rental units. Every one of these households could be affected by a new California law which became effective on Jan. 1, 1977, according to the Calif. Committee on Household Workers' Compensation Insurance. On that date the law extends workers' compensation benefits to a whole new segment of the working population who may be injured while on the job. These employees - part-time and casual workers - have not been afforded this protection in the past and Calif. is one of the first states to put this extension of benefits into law. Calif. residents who hire anyone to do any work around the house or garden, for however little time, will be held financially responsible to provide benefits if the employee is injured while working. All reasonable medical care is covered. Rehabilitation costs will also be provided and employees receive a portion of lost wages, up to a maximum set by the California Legislature. Additional payments are made for permanent disability, such as loss of sight, and if an employee dies as the result of injury, payment can be made to surviving dependents.

Certain liability insurance policies can include this coverage for as little as \$5 per year but householders should not assume they automatically have this broadened endorsement. The responsibility for any employer exists, regardless of the availability of insurance payments, so a check with an insurance agent, broker or company representative is in order.

### HOT BLOODED DINOSAURS AT THE VENICE LIBRARY

Noted Paleontologist Mark GALLUP will present an illustrated lecture on Hot blooded dinosaurs at the Venice Library, 610 California Avenue on Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. FREE. Everyone welcome.

There is also a continuing film series on Saturdays, 11 a.m. for yourn children 5-8 years. The Venice Library also has audio-visual equipment for use by community organization. For further information contact Rosalind Goddard, branch Librarian 821-1769.



### EAT MORE VEGETARIANS

By Tomito

The cloning of "Free Venice" has been attempted! That sidewalk sambo's by the sea is quite an interesting experiment from the lavatories of the larger speculators. Whether or not it is financially successful is not their objective at this time, for the land value itself is a solid investment security. New rules and regulations are now being instrumented and enforced as '77 enters February, perpetuating the flow and importation of visitors these warm winter weekends to slum brunch along the boardwalk. The cafe hosts a new breed of junkie which will replace those familiar faces who, struggling with personal pain while cleaning up from time to time, will be dispensed with as easily as styrofoam cups. In their place, sitting on the benches you now occupy, paying double the rent for the apartment you are now already paying too much for will be this new cult.

Instead of downers, dimebags, and ripple, they will be snorting cocaine, smoking \$135. a lid dope while figure skating to and fro the recently ripped off "old fruit tramp cooperative." There they will preview the fascist flavors of pre-packaged over the counter plastic organic now being readied for the new '77 health fad season.

Why is this enterprising junta now occupying the premises of a cooperative that belongs to the community? The same reason the pagodas will be evacuated. Progress is our most commercial product. As the silver strand transition enters the first stages of its transmigration this summer, background music will be supplied by boardwalk fools as they lend picturesque and quaint gestures to the visiting image vampires with their nikon dildos. Pedigreed show dogs will again shit all Saturday and Sunday while the local pups will be arrested on Monday.

I said it when the A.V.A. was trying to look important, artistic and famous with their "Sunday Art" last summer. "The quickest way to alter the culture of this community is to exploit it commercially. Remember the Haight '68, remember the Venice '76."

The canals are not over. The curse has just begun. Eat more vegetarians.

And to those who so patronizingly reviewed last years "Garage Sale", your reviews were worse than the footage.

Maybe Sweet William is a prophet.



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