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by Steve Clare

Two years ago the Los Angeles Planning Dept. cranked out the Master's Plan for Venice. Last year that plan was approved by the L.A. City Council. It was the first of a series of 86 community plans, which when all completed will be pieced together to form the General Plan for all of Los Angeles.

According to the L.A. Planning Dept., the purpose of the Venice plan is "...to provide an official guide to the future development of the community..." But what kind of development do they have in mind?

Area I (Oceanfront)

1. high density residential zoning
2. widening of Pacific Avenue into a major highway
3. development of a Windward Avenue Mall
4. zoning out the industrial land bounded by Main Street, Pacific, Sunset and Thornton

Area II (Oakwood)

1. an assessment district to widen streets
2. zoning out the industrial land bounded by Main Street, Rose, 4th Avenue and Brooks to permit building high rises

Area III (Canals)

1. transformation of the Venice Canals into a private yacht harbor with access to the sea.
2. razing the existing dwellings in the Canals and replacing them with single family town houses

Area IV (Barrio, not Oakwood)

1. high density zoning
2. street widening and openings to accommodate the projected high density

Area V (Peninsula)

1. an assessment district to transform the present walkways into streets for improved access

Master's Plan or People's Plan?

The City projects a population of 82,000 people for Venice by 1990, 73,000 to live in multiple dwelling units. Valuable industrial land which could be developed to provide work for local residents is being removed (a bit too unsightly for those who will be able to afford the view). Streets are to be widened and improved all over Venice to service the new residents. And NO provisions to insure that all this development does not displace the low and moderate income people who now live here.

Venice is to become a high density, high income, commuter and leisure oriented beach resort. The Canals and the Oceanfront will be the first to go (with the direct help of the city), and Oakwood will follow naturally in due time. Blacks and Chicanos will be the first to go, as they are generally the groups least capable of absorbing the increased rentals. Poor, but relatively more affluent, whites will follow as their budgets are stretched to the breaking point. All for the sake of profit, all at the expense of people.

Master's Plans are generated by bureaucracies, behind closed doors, in buildings miles from the areas being planned for. People's Plans are made by the people living in those areas, in living rooms, schools, in parks, on the streets, anywhere that people gather, by everyone who wants to help.

Master's Plans are concerned with property and the money that can be rung from it—taxes for the City, profit for the "owners." They are physical plans, land use and zoning maps, which encourage the most lucrative development an area can support, regardless of the consequences for those who live there. People's plans are concerned with life, how people live and how they relate to one another and their natural environment. They are social plans for building vital and satisfying human communities.

Master's Plans are the Plans of the enemy. People's plans are our plans.



Off The Land Speculators

Can you see those land speculators buzzing around Venice like vultures these days? They're about to zoom down on our heads if we don't take action soon. Their plot to sell and buy and buy and sell land here in Venice for high rises on the Oceanfront is in full swing. The C.F. and F. Corporation is pushing for grabs and has been for a long time, particularly in Oakwood.

The inference from all this land-grabbing is plain. Black people, Chicanos and poor whites, senior citizens and unemployed youth are about to be shunted out of Venice if they don't put up a strong fight. Even small homeowners see the handwriting on the wall and that's why they have entered the fight with the City Planning Commission.

What kind of action could we take at this time to stop their institutionalized violence? The North Beach Resident Property Owners Association is asking for letters from Venice residents to Commission President David S. Moir at L.A. Planning Commission, City Hall, 90012. We ask that we make the letters strong with your indignation. You want to know why the people of Venice can't plan their community. Yes, we are in favor of a zoning roll-back but we also want to plan the improvement of our own community. Also write to Elizabeth Armstrong, Stanley Diller and Neal Petri. They are the other commissioners on the Planning Board. And although they are Yorty appointees who can't stand "dirty" Venice, they'll have to bet the wrath of the people who live in Venice. The artisans, the poor artists, the senior citizens who live along the oceanfront and have lived there for decades,

do not wish to leave. *Speak Up, People* or you'll be wiped out. The Scharfs and the Kurt Simons sit like vultures, waiting for our carcasses. Write those letters *Before* January 6, 1972; that's the final day for the commission's decision. *Happy New Year!*

What's In A Name?

If you have been looking for Howland Canal where our community house is, and you have been lost, you can call it a plot or a dirty trick. Either way, it adds up to the same sneaking dealing, changing the good old American name of Howland to Capri without consulting the canal people. After all, they only live there. And besides why was it changed and whodunit?

The people of Howland Canal weren't asked if they wanted to go Mediterranean and harbor their yachts in the Capri Ct. Canal. No, they weren't consulted in the matter at all.

Who the culprit of the name changes on the canals is an easy guess. All those fat cats who are members of Yacht Clubs are the ones who are trying to push the present Canal people out of the area. Changing the name is to these cats as subtle a hint as they could give to those they wish to dispossess. But the people on Howland and the rest of the canals plan to stay no matter what names some strangers wish to give the canals. The canals belong to the people. When are they going to learn that?

As the Beachhead goes to press, the people have painted the original canal names over the "city's" new canal names.



Photo by William Seavey

Things Are Happening



Community House Court Settlement

Free Venice groups have agreed to a temporary out-of-court settlement of a court case in which the Free Venice Community House property, 468 Howland Av, was cited for activities supposedly not permissible in a residential zone.

The recycling center on the property had been charged with "storage" of cans, glass and newspaper. Public assemblies held on the property were also cited as being out-of-zone, despite provisions of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting such assemblies. The City also threatened to cite the Free Venice Food Co-op distributions held at the Community House.

The out-of-court settlement made reduces activity at the Community House to uses more in keeping with a residential neighborhood. The Free Venice Ecology Community agreed to reduce the number of barrels and bins in their recycling center. The Food Co-op agreed to confine food distribution activity to the inside of the house. The City will permit small-scale public assemblies in the yard once a month. If there are no substantial complaints in a month or so, the City will not prosecute.

Many people feel that this case represented political harassment of Free Venice groups because of the part Free Venice has played in fighting the Venice Canal Project, meant to turn the Canals into a private yacht harbor for the wealthy. In a separate case, the Food Co-op has been charged \$210 dollars for back taxes stretching back to before the Co-op was formed.

The Co-op is now distributing food at three different locations so that the Community House distribution can be held totally inside. The cold and early dark of Winter had been making outside distribution increasingly unpleasant. Many Co-op members had also felt that the increasingly too large distributions reduced the sense of cooperation and intimacy they had previously felt.

The Ecology Community will be setting up smaller centers near people's homes. Instead of having one central recycling center, recyclable materials will be taken to the Westside Environmental Center behind the Co-op Market on Barrington Av. If you would like a few recycling cans outside your home, call Milton at 821-5281 or David at 392-7225.

Health Council

The Venice Health Council expects to receive a 50 thousand dollar grant from the Northeast Vally Cooperation which is funded by the OEO. This is to get the Council started in coordinating health services planned for the community.

The Family Planning Center maintained by the Venice Health Council at 316 Lincoln is desperately in need of volunteer help. The monies promised haven't come in yet. The center is open from Mondays to Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. Persons who can give time once a week or even one hour per week are very welcome. Doctors, nurses, receptionists and all those who can make themselves generally useful in a family health center, please contact Michael Coffey at 392-3430.

New Medical Center

At Hampton drive, corner Electric, in Venice, there will be a new medical center open to serve all people. So says the administrative assistant, Abelardo de la Pena. Nobody who needs medical attention will be turned away. For those who cannot pay medical fees, there will be a screening test to determine the person's ability to pay. Fees will be determined on the basis of the family's net income as is done at the UCLA Medical School. Free to women is a cancer detection test of the uterus and breasts, to men, there is also several free cancer detection tests.

Med-i-cal and Medicare cards will be accepted. The clinic will operate from Mondays through Thursdays during the daytime hours as a start. Call 392-7722 for more information.

Food Conspiracy

Forty-four members of 16 groups attended the second conference of Southern California food conspiracies, held in Santa Monica on Dec. 4. Almost every co-op in the region was represented.

A major topic was ways of providing "organic" meat, fish and poultry; i.e., natural protein that has been exposed to the minimum of hormonal and chemical interference. Examples of direct action include the Topanga co-op, which is grazing its own range-grown beef, thus avoiding the commercial practice of adding stilboestrol hormones to produce artificially high fattening rates; and Echo Park-Silverlake, which is exploring the use of meat imported from New Zealand, where law forbids the use of hormone food additives, food coloring, etc.

Joint buying to gain lowest prices was further examined: representatives of the Barrington Co-op Market offered a proposal for buying some products through Associated Co-ops, San Francisco, and another suggestion for buying some products through the huge Certified Groceries group was put forward.

Data on truck operating costs was examined, following up a suggestion for a co-op trucking route.

The working of a co-op store in North Oakland was discussed. This retail store is operating with the direct labor of co-op members, and it may become the focus of the first joint cooperative effort in Southern California. Arrangements are being discussed to provide Oakland with honey, fish, and produce, in return for access to grower-supplies of dried fruits.

A third conference will be held at Topanga in January.

by David Tracy

Lavender People

The Lavender People is a group of Gay activists attempting to create a sense of Gay community and identity. We are working to off oppression, create alternatives to the existing Gay environments, and help each other in the struggle to "come out" as Gays in an uninformed and often hostile society. Some of our current workings include: weekly Gay rap sessions; uncovering and negotiating to change any discrimination practices in hiring of Gays; contacting bar owners about whether or not, and why, Gay people are forced to refrain from common behavior, such as holding hands, that is commonplace among our "straight" brothers and sisters in bars; and raising funds to open the Gay Community Center, where we'll be able to meet, talk, read, and dance in an open and non-oppressive situation, have self-defense and Gay-related classes, and involve ourselves in other activities of Gay Liberation. We call ourselves "Gay, Proud, Unafraid, and Defiant".

We have adopted the following statement of purpose, that you might understand us better. "The Lavender People seek to combat persecution of Gays, and to liberate the Gay human from this society's sexist beliefs and practices. We denounce the subhuman status and destructive definitions this society generates about homosexuality. We are working to establish social, cultural and political alternatives, and we encourage Gays to

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New Women's Center

On December 4, a group of women from eight or so different women's groups which meet on the Westside got together to discuss plans for the new Westside Women's Center. A building has not yet been chosen for the Center, but it was agreed that the Center should be located between Ocean Park and Venice Boulevards, walking distance from the beach, but not in an area dangerous for women.

When the Center is established, all kinds of things will happen there. We will have a coffeehouse for women which will open two or three evenings a week. On different days different sisters with special backgrounds will be available for counseling and rapping with women who call or drop by for coffee. Everyone had agreed on the importance of having a Welfare Rights worker one day to advise recipients (and women who are wondering if they're eligible but afraid of going down there) on welfare law. Another day will be for women with drug problems.



Naturally the Center will be used by Women's groups for their meetings, will have film showings, and lectures of importance. We plan on a small liberation school to start— maybe four or five classes. We agreed that one room should be set aside with toys and

cribs so that women could leave their children while at meetings. It was felt that to try to have a full child care program at the Center would be too ambitious, at least for now.

What is now needed to make all these great ideas become reality is money! Sisters, its going to take about \$700 to open the Center and keep it going until the programs can raise money.

We decided that each Women's group would plan one small fund raising event, like a cheese and wine party, a buffet supper, or a garage sale and that a central committee of volunteers will plan two major fund-raising events, one a film showing of a major film and another an evening of entertainment by (hopefully) some well-known women performers and poetry readings by some local women poets.

Sisters with any suggestions for raising money or any other— Call Pat or Hope, 821-2889.

Free Louis Talamantez

Al lado de la bahía de San Francisco, murallas grises se levantan de la playa - San Quentin. Sección B dentro del prision se conoce el "Adjustment Center". Es una sección de seguridad máxima donde todos prisioneros son aislamientos. Tiene la intención de empujar los prisioneros a locura, y se reserva más para líderes negros y Chicanos de los prisioneros. Se permanecen en el centro, año después año hasta se llevan el proceso sobre cargo alguno de conspiración. Generalmente este quiere decir el castigo de muerte por jurado blanco y gringo.

Esto es la cuenta de Luis Talamantez, no obstante no se ha llevado a proceso sobre el cargo más recientemente. Tenemos que poner el grito en el cielo para librar Luis Talamantez y los otros hermanos con quien se procesara - Hugo Pinell, Larry Spain, Fleeta Drumgo, Willie Tate y David Johnson. No, no podemos esperar para el anuncio de los verdugos.

Luis, a la edad de 12, fue encarcelado en "California Youth Authority". El tiene ahora 28 años y estaba en cárceles varios para muchos de los 16 años pasados. Luis Talamantez es un víctima del programa a mantener los pobres Chicanos, negros, asiáticos y Indios Americanos en cárcel cuando el gobierno no puede manejar sus rebeliones justos. Luis es un hermano de la raza quien sabe la violencia y injusticia del sistema prisionero. Y porque la lucha contra ello, los oficiales del cárcel quieren aquietarlo.

En 1965 Luis fue declarado culpable de robo (sin armas) y se dio 2 fallos de cinco años hasta perpetua, según el fuero viciado del fallo interminado de California. Y en 1970 cuando Luis peleó con 2 otros prisioneros, fue lo único declarado culpable y recibió otro fallo perpetuo. Si esto no es sobrematar, que es?

En 1971 después del muerte de George Jackson, los hermanos de la raza, Pinell, Talamantez y los otros 4 fueron cargados con 5 cuentas de conspiración para fugar del prision. Se bato mucho a Hugo Pinell y se atormentó a Luis Talamantez.

No tenemos nosotros en Venice cuidado para los prisioneros de la raza y sus hermanos negros? Claro, Talamantez es de nuestro barrio. Pero además, él, con los otros, representan el más gran sufrimiento que los pobres deben sentir en la vida, sufrimiento que no es necesario, si el sistema prisionero de veras rehabilita los jóvenes confusos en vez de volviéndolos en criminales degradados y inhumanos.

Debemos luchar con los prisioneros para justicia.

Luis Talamantez Defense
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Dos tipos de clases se ofrecerán en La Causa Centro, 1043 W Washington Blvd., si hay bastante personas que son interesados y hacen interesados. Una clase es sobre el fuero acerca de derechos de la calle, que hacer cuando esta arrestado, y que hacer si se molesta en corte y de la policía. La otra clase tratara con socorro primero para sobredosis de drogas, alimentación y salud. El maestro es entrenado en estas cosas y es de B.A.L.A. Llame 392-5348 para otra información.



Along the San Francisco Bay, gray granite walls rise from the shore— San Quentin. B section within the prison is known as the Adjustment Center. It is a maximum security section where every prisoner serves in isolation. It is meant to drive the prisoners insane and is reserved most often for Black and Chicano leaders of the prisoners. They are warehoused in the center year after year until they are brought to trial on some conspiracy charge. This usually means the death penalty by an all white jury.

This is Luis Talamantez's story although Luis hasn't been brought to trial on what they have charged him with most recently. We must raise the cry to free Luis Talamantez and the other brothers whom he goes on trial with, Hugo Pinell, Larry Spain, Fleeta Drumgo, Willie Tate and David Johnson. No, we can't wait for the announcement of the executioners.

About Luis— at age twelve, he was committed to the California Youth Authority. He is twenty-eight now and has been confined to prisons for most of the past sixteen year. Luis Talamantez is a victim of the racist plot to keep poor Chicanos and Blacks as well as Asians and American Indians in the prisons when the establishment can't cope with their justified rebellion. Luis is a La Raza brother who knows the violence and injustice of the prison system. And because of his struggle against it, prison authorities are trying to silence him.

In 1965, Luis was convicted of robbery (not armed robbery) and was given two five year sentences to life under the vicious California Indeterminate Sentence Law. And in 1970 when Luis was in a fight with two prisoners, he was the only one convicted and given another life sentence. If this isn't the system of overkill, then what is?

In 1971 after the death of George Jackson, La Raza brothers Pinell and Talamantez were charged with five counts of conspiracy to escape the prison as were the other four brothers. Hugo Pinell was severely beaten and Luis Talamantez was tormented. Do we in Venice have any concern for the La Raza prisoners and their Black brothers? Sure, Talamantez came from our community. But more than that. He together with the others represent the greatest suffering that poor people have to experience in a lifetime, suffering that wouldn't be necessary if the prison system really rehabilitated young confused kids instead of turning them into degraded, dehumanized criminals.

Donations for defense are urgently needed. Send yours to 1245 Virginia st, Berkeley, Ca 94702. (415) 524-1914.

We Must Struggle With These Prisoners For Justice!

Luis Talamantez Defense Committee of Venice

Venceremos

Two kinds of classes will be offered at La Causa Youth Center, 1043 W. Washington Blvd, if enough people express interest and sign up. One will be on law, dealing with street rights, what to do when arrested, and how to act when hassled by the courts and police. The other class will deal with first aid in drug overdoses, nutrition, and the body. Teacher is trained and is a B.A.L.A. member. Call 392-5348 for further information.

Chicano Community News

B.A.L.A. (Barrio Alianza Latino America) tiene una junta nueva. Los miembros nuevos son David Olivera - jefe, Chino - Vice-jefe, Calvin Grein - tesorero, Sra. Castro - secretaria, Marta Rodriguez - Sargenta de Armas.

La junta nueva de B.A.L.A. no consiste solamente en los miembros que eran activos en el barrio Chicano, pero también los que son listos a trabajar para unir todo el barrio Chicano de Venice. Planean a desarrollar ideas y cursos nuevos para dar el barrio Chicano movimiento.

B.A.L.A. reúne los martes a las 8 pm a La Causa Centro de Jóvenes, 1043 W. Washington Blvd. Todos Chicanos y Chicanas son bienvenidos.

Hay un problema de drogas en Venice desde muchos años. Estas drogas se empleaban como instrumento para oprimir la raza. Las drogas amortiguan la mente de nuestros niños y hacen egoístas de ellos. B.A.L.A. siempre se preocupaba con todos de la raza, especialmente con los jóvenes. Para ayudar los jóvenes con sus problemas de drogas, B.A.L.A. fue a Venice High School para sugerir que hagamos un programa de sabiduría en drogas. Queremos decir a los estudiantes que hay programas que ellos pueden usar en Venice y en otros partes. Tenemos que tratar con este malo.

B.A.L.A. y P.R.C. (Programa para Prevenir, Referencia, y Con sejo) ofrecieron a trabajar con los estudiantes junto con UMAS, organización de los estudiantes Chicanos. Queremos desarrollar conocimiento acerca de peligro de drogas per medio de películas, charlas con profesionales Chicanos, y literatura.

A causa de burocracia, nuestro programa no se aprobo todavía. Pero esperamos que los padres y estudiantes de Venice High demandaran y apoyaran nuestro programa para empezar educación en drogas.

B.A.L.A. (Barrio Alliance of Latin Americans) has a new board. The new members are David Olivera - Chairman, Chino - Vice-Chairman, Calvin Grein - Treasurer, Mrs. Castro - Secretary, and Marta Rodriguez - Sargent-at-Arms.

B.A.L.A.'s new board is not only these brothers and sisters who have been active in the Chicano community, but those ready to work to bring the whole Venice Chicano community together. They plan to develop new ideas and directions to set the Chicano community in motion.

B.A.L.A. membership meets every Tuesday at 8 pm at La Causa Youth Center, 1043 W. Washington Blvd. All Chicanos and Chicanas are welcome.

Venice has had a serious problem with drugs for many years. And these drugs have been used as a tool to oppress our people. Drugs numb the minds of our niños and make la gente selfish. B.A.L.A. has always been concerned with all of La Raza with special interest in the young people of our barrio. To help the youth with their drug problem, B.A.L.A. approached Venice High with the suggestion that we do a drug awareness program. We want to tell the students about the drug programs available to them in Venice and elsewhere. We MUST DEAL WITH THE EVIL.

B.A.L.A. and P.R.C. (prevention, referral, counselling program) offered to work with the students together with UMAS, the Chicano student group. We want to develop drug abuse awareness through the use of films, raps by Chicano professionals, and literature.

Because of red tape, our program has not been okayed yet, but we hope that parents and students of Venice High will request and support our effort to get a drug education program going.

Don't You Know It's Xmas

1971 Was a Great Year, Folks

In case you have forgotten to count all your blessings, we are here to remind you.

Our beloved President kept threatening to end the war in Vietnam. The process is called Vietnamization and it works by remote control from the skies, B-52s, and from the land with South Vietnamese killing North Vietnamese, Cambodians and Laotians while American G.I.'s do the death tallying.

Since the war eats up most of our budget, and since we have had more paper money thrown into circulation, we have been blessed with one of the worst inflations in many a year. And that brought a wage freeze for American labor supposedly meant to curb the inflation. Count your blessing if your wages aren't frozen.

Someone told Tricky Dick to get rid of foreign competitors and so he slapped tariffs on their goods. But then the foreign competitors turned around and said, "We're the same to you." And thus the U.S. cut itself off from many foreign markets and that meant more unemployment. The worst kind of unemployment in many a year. Count your blessings if you have a job and you have stopped taking coffee breaks because the boss is looking crossed-eyed at you. Yes, that whole wage-price freeze got Meany of the AFL-CIO so mad he almost had a heart attack but recovered when he got his pay raised to \$90,000 per year. Count your blessing; you don't have Meany's hospital bill to pay.

And when former secy. of Interior, Walter Hickel got sacked out of the Nixon Braintrust for squealing on how the big corporations pollute the ocean and air, no old friends intervened to save him. Nor did those wishy-washy liberals in Washington fare too well in trying to stop the Amchitka atomic blast from taking place. Count your blessings that we didn't have an earthquake or tidal wave brought on by that huge underground blast.

Yes, 1971 was a great year with wars sprouting all about us in India and Pakistan, in Northern Ireland with the Irish Republican Army fighting the imperialist British Army. And the crisis in the Middle East threatening to break out full scale. Communist China joined the United Nations and has given the U.S. and Russia a Chinese tongue lashing. Something she must have been saying for twenty-one years.

At home, we have racial confrontation flaring even in our backyard.

San Bernadino had to close its schools down because hatred between whites and blacks became violent. And the blood of Attica spilled and chilled the entire world making more people aware of the foul prison system in America.

In our own community, fat cats have managed to cut some of the anti-poverty programs and stir up dissension between Blacks and Chicanos, resulting in an EYOA walkout.

Then there is renewed attack against the community with threat of a master plan.

What's in store for us when the calendar turns to 1972? More of the same which means more struggle if we are to make basic changes in America to better the lot of the people. The Key to the solution is *Unity* of all forces working toward that end. On toward closing ranks in '72.

Send Some Real Xmas Cheer

The following is a list of the names and numbers of some of our brothers in the Adjustment Center in San Quentin Prison. It is our hope, and the hope of our brothers in prison, that you will take a few moments of your time to send each and everyone of them a Christmas greeting this year. They are only allowed to receive on Christmas present from one designated person, but they are allowed to receive as many Christmas cards as are sent to them. A lot of these men have nobody on the outside to write to so consequently not only will they not receive a Christmas package, but possibly not even a Christmas card.

We urge you, we implore, we beg you to try to make their Christmas season a little more bearable by taking the time to send them a letter expressing your support and solidarity. We can assure you that a Christmas message from you will make each of these men happier than you could ever imagine. We thank you.

The envelope should be addressed as follows: Prisoner's name

P.O. Box (Number)
Tamal, Calif. 94964

Robert Soto - B27222
Bernardo Duran - B29279
Hugo Pinell - A88401, Soledad, Calif.
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And Happy New Year

In the Spirit of Christmas

In the blessed spirit of brotherly love pulled out of the drawer once a year, the District Attorney offered the busted Cal Vets a Christmas package. (In the last issue of the *Beachhead*, we reported how the LAPD busted the anti-war Vets at their Oct. 26th demonstration *After* they had dispersed and had traveled away from the site of the demonstration.)

Two of the courageous vets were found guilty out of the seven. The two had to enter a plea of guilty, guilty of doing what? Oh well, does it matter? It all seems ridiculous and yet it is a revealing bit of double-dealing, all to make the LAPD look good in the face of their bungling to harass and pun-

ish honest-to-goodness protest against the Vietnam War by those who know what the hell the rotten mess is doing to American young men, their families, the entire country and the Vietnamese people.

The price of protest comes high but protest we must lest we are all ready to live on our knees.

In the Spirit of Christmas, Karen Duncan of the Tucson Committee was summoned once again back to Tucson to its Grand Jury. The case of the Tucson is being revived. Until now, Karen Duncan and Pam Donaldson have refused to talk to the grand jury. Their idea is *not* to cooperate with conspiracy traps. Right on.

Venice and the Master's Plan

The battle for our Venice community continues! To some the war is over. But battles lost or won don't always determine the final outcome. Example: The Venice Canal Project is in the courts and realistically is dead for another two or three years (perhaps the City will now consider Free Venice's alternative plan for the Canals, \$5.5 million vs. the City's \$25 million).

More recent events are as follows: According to the Los Angeles Times (22 Aug '71) Nancy J. Leathers, senior city planner, stated that the Venice Community Plan "will undergo a thorough re-study by the community and city planners alike following a series of recent planning developments." Mrs. Leathers went on to say that a community group will be chosen to help the department.

In response to the above mentioned pronouncement, an Ad Hoc Venice Planning Committee is in the process of being formed. The Committee is open to any Venice resident that agrees with the principle that any future plans for Venice should include its present residents.

The Committee has hired a planner and staff (through a grant from UCLA) to assist the community in developing plans for Venice. As a sub-group, a Conference Committee has been formed to create a National Design Conference to be held in Venice.

Any Community Committee by its nature must be a coalition of various self-interest groups within Venice... the Ocean Front, Oakwood, Canals, local business and the like. It is hoped that all of us realize that the common bonding force is the threat of our extinc-

tion.

Ideas as to how to save Venice vary in the Ad Hoc Committee. Some feel that by developing a good plan and presenting it to the City Council, that will do the trick. Others feel that the need for national attention would help explain Venice's problem as not completely unique, but rather symbolic of urban America. Thus, the need for a national conference. Whatever your thoughts, join the Committee and share them with others, working to save the present community of Venice. For information, call 396-6876.

rick davidson

Lavender People

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utilize these outlets for individual and collective creativity and expression. There is a need for Gays to collectively fight our oppression.

We demand an end to the behavior resulting from false ideas: political and religious persecution, social and employment discrimination, and economic exploitation of Gay communities and their inhabitants. We demand the right to relate to one another in any manner we choose, as free human beings, and we encourage the developing of a Gay identity through private and public assertion of our pride and rights." For more information, call Lavender People, 823-2236, 390-2385, or write Box 994, Venice.

New Year — New Political Campaign

Forty delegates representing the California Peace and Freedom Party attended a Dallas convention over the Thanksgiving weekend. The convention was to invite third parties from across the U.S. and adopt a structure and strategy for change in America.

The new party is called the People's Party and it is made up largely of the old Peace and Freedom Party and the New Party. However, the convention stressed that state and community organizations in the national party have autonomy. This is in keeping with the philosophy that each individual ought to have maximum control over matters affecting his life.

Dr. Benjamin Spock was selected as the stand-in candidate for President. He pointed out at a meeting in Santa Monica that even if the Democratic Party selected someone like McGovern for President, the People's Party would have to carry on. Dr. Spock spoke of the character of the Democratic Party representing big business and therefore they could not be the political instrument whereby basic, fundamental change could be affected in America. Spock's running mate is Julius Hobson, a black man.

Those interested in working for the People's Party and the primary elections call Peace and Freedom, 821-5281 or Long Beach P & F, 437-8776.

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Calendar

MONTHLY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29 - Lecture on Alternative Marriage Styles. At the Women's Center, phone WEREWOG.

MONDAY, JAN. 3 - "History of the Movement" at N.O.W. Center. 7:30.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4 - Free Venice Staple orders due.

Orientation for new and old Women's Center Staff.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5 - Women and the War meeting. 2:00.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6 - Meeting of the City Planning Commission to decide on the proposed zone roll-back in the Beachfront area. Call 392-3607.



SATURDAY, JAN. 8 - Meeting of L.A. area food conspiracies in Topanga Canyon. Call Milton, 821-5281.

Women's Center, Intergroup council. 1:00.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JAN. 8 & 9 - Peace and Freedom Party State Central Committee Meeting, in Chico, Calif.

SUNDAY, JAN. 9 - "Get on the Self-Help Clinic Trip" Slides and Lecture. Women's Center. \$2.00 donation, \$1.00 for students. 8:00.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11 - Crenshaw Women's Center is 2 years old!

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12 - "Women of Africa" lecture. Louise Derman speaking on Guinea, Peggy Nelson on South Africa. 50 cents donation. 8:00.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14 - Film: probably The Holy Outlaw on Rev. Daniel Berrigan. Call 395-7612. 8:00.

Shirley Chisholm Rally at L.A. Convention Center. 8:00. \$1.00 donation.

Films: Modern Times and The Great Dictator starring Charlie Chaplin. Benefit for Save Our Soldiers, at the Long March, 715 Parkview, phone 384-3856. 9:30.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15 - Lecture on Workers and Peasants in the Chinese Communist Party. Joe Morewood of San Francisco Newsreel, just returned from China. 8:30.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16 - Women's Liberation School Enrollment. 1:30-4:30.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JAN. 21 & 22 Film: El Chacal Del Nahueltore. Chilean film on the destruction of people's personalities under Neo-colonialism. At the Long March. 8:30.

SUNDAY, JAN. 22 - Speaker seminar, at the Women's Center. 12:30.

MONDAY, JAN. 23 - Movie: Salt of the Earth. 7:00 and 9:00.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27 - Lecture: Women's Liberation in New York. 8:00.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

VENICE DRUG COALITION Meeting, 904 Pacific (at Brooks). 3 p.m. Monday.

BAILE FOLK LORICO Classes held by CSO at Broadway School. High School Students, male and female. 823-9254. 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

RAPS ON BIRTH CONTROL, VD and just plain sex at the Venice Youth Clinic, 905 Venice Blvd., 821-3484. 6:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

LEGAL COUNSELING at the Venice Youth Clinic, 821-3484. 7 p.m. Monday.

CO-OP ACTION COUNCIL Meeting on co-operatives in Urban Areas, above the Co-op Market, 2021 Barrington Ave., West L.A. 7:30 p.m. First and Third Mondays.

WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP Weekly Strategy Meeting. 7 p.m. Monday.

PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE (Westside) at the Santa Monica Unitarian Church, 18th and Arizona. 395-7612. 8 p.m. First and Third Mondays.

HATHA YOGA Classes. At Earl Newman's Prints, 1725 W. Washington Blvd. Donation requested. 821-5119. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

LAVENDAR PEOPLE Meeting, 829 Palms Blvd., Venice. 390-2385. 7:30. Tuesday.

ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY Free Collective Meditation at 100 Dudley. 8 p.m. Tuesday.

BARRIO ALIANZA LATINO-AMERICANOS (BALA) Meeting, La Causa Youth Center, 1043 W. Washington Blvd. 8:00 p.m. Tuesday.

FREE VENICE FOOD CO-OP Meetings: Staples - 1781 Washington Way. Dairy - Call Barry 821-0108 or Jim 821-4892. Gardening - 116 Breeze Organic Produce - 31 Breeze. Inorganic Produce - 620 Lincoln, above the Venice Fox Theatre. All meet 8:00 p.m. Tuesday.

ANANDA MARGA YOGA CLASSES at the Venice Pavillion, Windward and Ocean Front Walk. 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

VENICE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY meeting, 1727 W. Washington Blvd. 8 p.m. Wednesday.

OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD BUYERS CLUB 399-1248. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Thursday. Not Christmas week.

FREE VENICE SWITCHBOARD Meeting 1727 W. Washington Blvd. 7 p.m. Thursday.

SANTA MONICA PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY. 1833 Euclid. 8 p.m. First and Third Thursday.

MOTHER'S CLUB MEETING at Ocean Park Community Center, 245 Hill Street. 399-1248. 8-12 noon. Friday.

FREE VENICE FOOD CO-OP distribution. Organic Produce and Gardening cells - 1781 Washington Way.

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LAVENDAR PEOPLE POTLUCK DINNER For reservations and information, call 823-2236 or 390-2385. Sunday.

YOGA SOCIETY POTLUCK DINNER, vegetarian. Ananda Marga Yoga Society, 100 Dudley. 5 p.m. Sunday.

WESTSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER meeting. Upstairs at the Co-op Market, 2021 Barrington Ave., West L.A. 478-3429. 4 p.m. Sunday.

WOMEN'S CENTER Open Rap Session. 7:30 p.m. Friday.

WOMEN'S SELF HELP CLINIC. Women's Center, 1027 S. Crenshaw, 937-3964. 10 - 12 a.m. Saturday.

SISTER'S COFFEE HOUSE, Women's Center. 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

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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

Save Our Trees

Sy Epstein

A group of local citizens banded together to stop workmen from cutting down the branches of a huge 400 year old Bay Fig Tree on Neilson Way near Hollister.

When I had arrived about noon, a small group were keeping their vigil to help save the tree. An order was given to climb into the tree. Thereupon, that tree had the vigilance of youth on a platform built into it.

Police began arriving at 1 p.m. and soon there were more police. I was asked to leave under threat of arrest. And Officer Blanchard climbed the tree to spray mace into a man's eye, inflicting upon him intense pain. Another man was dragged down from the tree and his arm twisted brutally. The rest of the people in the people in the tree were hauled down and put in police cars. A youth of 15 was frisked and when he ran across Neil-

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son Way, the police grabbed him and dragged him to a police car where four big cops twisted his arms and legs, tying him up and throwing him on top of a prisoner in the police car.

Tom Sewell, president of The Venice Historical Society, managed to remain in the tree. The fire department then arrived with a hydraulic ladder to remove him. Sewell was arrested. The workmen who cut the tree down were booed

The group, Environmental Communications, called the action to save the old tree in Ocean Park. They need our help to fight the busts. All assistance, financial or any other, bring to 62 Windward Ave.,

Venice, or call 392-5071. Their fight is our fight. Their trial is on January 10th at the Santa Monica Courthouse. Be there! Show your support, edit. comment:

Trees are necessary for everyone's oxygen supply. But when they interfere with property and profit, would you expect politicians and police and their society to work to save the trees? Who will keep us safe from the deadly pollution in our environment? It is we ourselves.

HOLIDAY GOURMET DISHES

RATATOILLE

a Middle East dish good enough for a shah

1. One large eggplant cut into cubes or slices
2. Two green peppers cut into wide strips
3. One bunch of scallions, chopped
4. Two cloves of garlic
5. Two tablespoons of olive oil

Cook these very slowly in covered pan. Less if you like texture. More if you like mush.

After a short while add tomato paste or sliced tomatoes, salt, basil and pepper.

Mix with cooked brown rice or lentils. Yum - a dish like no other!

GARBANZO BEANS

a dish from Puerto Rico

Soak beans overnight. Cook slowly till tender and not mush.

In separate pan:

- 1 chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1 cup tomato paste
- 1 chopped bell pepper
- 1 cup Swiss chard or cabbage shredded

Combine all ingredients and cook slowly. Mix with garbanzos. Great dish but don't overeat!

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RECORD REVIEW

by Jimmy

Charlie Haden - Liberation Music Orchestra, Impulse AS 9183
 Rahsaan Roland Kirk - Natural Black Inventions, Root Strata Atlantic SD 1578

These are two exciting and intense jazz albums, very different yet both related to the political and cultural revolution. Charlie Haden is one of the finest young jazz bass players. He is playing currently in the Ornette Coleman group.

Haden brought the Liberation Orchestra together after hearing the Spanish folk songs embodied in the revolutionary songs of the Spanish Civil War. His players are all New York jazz musicians of high repute, Gato Barbieri, Mike Mantler, Don Cherry, Carla Bley and Dewey Redman.

The first side of the record uses the two most exciting songs of the film, "To Die In Madrid" and the arrangement of same by pianist Bley. The orchestra does free playing and improvisation that comes to oftentimes a melancholy yet stirring musical combination which the Spanish songs lend themselves to. One can almost feel the struggle of the Spanish Loyalists against the Fascists.

The second side of the record is Haden's beautiful song for Che and Ornette Coleman's "War Orphans" with Haden playing a lyrical bass solo. The orchestra does its unusual improvisation here again, tuning in Carlos Puebla, Cuban folksinger, singing "Hasta Siempre".

From a different cultural and historical period is the Root Strata album with Rahsaan Roland Kirk, one of the finest jazz musicians around. He talks about the music of the black people and how it was stolen and turned around to become the Glenn Millers instead of the Coleman Hawkins and countless other black musical geniuses never recognized.

His sounds are beautiful and truly reflect his black experience. His tribute to Coltrane to Ellington and LaTouche brings alive the moving music of the black ghetto. It's "Daydream", "The Ragman", and "The Junkman Ran from the Businessman" etc.

Both records are a must for anyone into jazz. The music and musicianship are tops. And the minds where it was put together were for creativity toward building a better world.

Welfare Reform

Recent court decisions have knocked holes in the welfare "reforms". Many poor people were dropped from Welfare because the "reforms" required step-fathers to support children of others, and because many working parents with low incomes had their welfare terminated. The courts decided the "reforms" were in violation of Federal Law. Other parts of the Law are under attack in the courts.

Welfare clients who have been declared ineligible in the Welfare offices might be wise to appeal or reapply for Welfare. It would help considerably if there were a strong Welfare Rights Group in Venice to help do this in an organized way.

Buyers Beware

There is a disease going around these days that seems to be affecting people seriously. This rapidly spreading plague has reached epidemic proportions. Its prime victim is the health enthusiast, that certain type who heralds his body as the quintessence of health while proclaiming to all what the right way to live is. It is meatless or sugarless or milkless or eggless or grainless. And lots of Vitamin C for everything.

As one can readily see, attitudes, interest and awareness of better nutrition is on the increase, all to the good. But a menacing evil still exists, the circulation of myths and half-truths as well as the cheating business of charlatans. People come to rely less on their own intuitional sense and more on the opinions of so-called experts. All sorts of false claims of this or that product in ads do influence some people. Particularly, do those suffer from poor health fall prey to all kinds of gimmickry in food and gadgets to prepare same.

This dilemma of people who seek good health and are besieged by business interests to buy this and that end up with all kinds of products that are neither therapeutic nor of any value. Since more people begin to understand the worthlessness of many processed foods, they often turn to what they are convinced are wholesome, natural foods

Verbal Rape

by Hope and Toni

Say you are going to Windward Ave. to buy a pack of cigarettes, and once again in your position as a woman in this society you are subjected to some type of remark, such as — "Say Momma, How about" Supply your own obscenity.

That sisters, is Verbal Rape. Usually we ignore it, but do we really? Or do you find that your whole body stiffens, your eyes stare straight ahead and the day is a little grimmer? Does it make you feel that you, your body and your whole being has been and is being used as a commodity. But still we accept this situation. When exposed to this degrading and dehumanizing verbal barrage, we silently walk by. But why? Because women have been conditioned to be sweet and passive, and to look upon verbal and visual rape as a compliment. It isn't feminine to tell a frustrated, fearful male to "drop dead." We don't even know if this is the proper response. However, all women in Venice face this problem singly, never thinking to talk about it with other women. We seem to accept it, as we do the weather, assuming it is similarly beyond our control. We have mixed feelings about how to handle this situation, but perhaps if we, as sisters, got together to discuss it, we could come up with a solution.



to replace the artificial ones. Take as an example, all the candy bars made out of carob referred to as "organic candy" and the "organic cookies". Naive people pay high prices for these foods which don't give the body much nutrition either.

How many of us bother to learn what happens to the food we eat and how it affects our bodies? How does it sustain us each day and affect our thoughts and moods? Do we understand that most food products with the exception of good wheat breads, fresh fruits and vegetables are to be classified as deteriorated matter. And once deteriorated matter is ingested, it causes all kinds of maladies affecting the digestive organs.

As mature adults, we need to act with our own reason and not be gullible pawns of the health food industry and the phony health experts cropping up everywhere. Be on the alert for the profiteers in the health food industry. Buyers beware!

by John Ottaviano

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About Prisons And Prisoners

Prison News

We are in touch with a number of prison organizations who are on to the serious task of attempting to reform prison conditions. The American Friends Service Committee is one such group which has contacted us for support and participation in planning a citywide Prison Conference for some time in the coming months.

The Coordinating Council of Prisoner Organizations based in Northern California is at work on some legislation affecting prisoners. They are concerned in the main in reporting and working with all possible groups who wish to challenge existing Nazi-like prison practices.

The Student Research Facility at Berkeley, California, is seeking all kinds of letters, writing, poetry and music of prisoners. They are planning to tape and broadcast this to other prisoners. The lessons of Attica resounded around the world. But too many prisoners are in isolation, shunted by the larger society as if they were lepers. Anyone in Venice who receives letters or writing from prisoners and wishes to share these with the rest of us, could contact us at P.O. Box 664 and we in turn could pass them on to the Berkeley group.

Brother Terry Lee Dawson has been transferred from Chino to Soledad. His address is A-87595-Central and he would welcome correspondence from *Beachhead* readers. Needless to say, his transfer to Soledad is punitive and that's the way the authorities in the prison system handle those who rebel against ugly prison conditions. In Terry's last letter to the *Beachhead* he wrote that he is doing drawings and writing poems of his prison life and dedicating it to our paper. And that's what Terry means when he writes, "They can cage me all they want, but they will never be able to cage my mind." For those who understand that Terry should hear from more people in Venice to keep his spirits high, write to: Terry Lee Dawson

A-87595-Central
Soledad, Calif. 93960

POGROM

sounds screaming shilling chilling the soundless jail of this horrendous (U.S. dying in the none existing just (soul's on) got my blackass in the bomb-bardment of sick movies news T.V. books of penal code is killing my blackass

having to deal with the vile oriented (no) minds that attempt fiendishly to pound the soul into their pernicious brainwashing labyrinth world of bars concrete that's saturated with time my blackass knows it's

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all Amerikka's a concentration camp cries as thy VIETNAMIZED rise from moma's apple pie fools saluting another year of Amerikka the beautiful with the bitter taste of mangling death

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STEVE WADE
Brother in Prison

ONE MORE THEN

One More then No More

arms of needle holes me to damn tight(ly) struggling to seek (aint No) refuge in a subculture of my sub. . . sub . . . sub subliminal dwelling in a basement of bloody needle holes that sucks-in-the-poison. . . of my blood means for one more fix of death (betty's soulhouse was trampled on by a bag of ghetto curses it was somewhat chilly the way it nodded her into her small world of school's out) veins shed not a tear . . . just pity (me) nodding from just one more jolt . . . then no hope . . . one more that leads to no more . . . no more life at all . . . (god saves blue chip stamps) the body cries . . . just one more shot as the keepers of the kept close the cell doors that thunderously roars your life to an end . . . to die in a closet of steel . . . ending your scene of the world outside that was never sharing your bed . . . of just one more. . . cause you don't understand me (world i defy you with one more fix one more shot of farewell to life . . . then NO more

Steve Wade