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## Venice Planning Conference

On June 16, 17, and 18 the Venice Planning Conference was held. The conference was an examination of the of a community continually struggling for its own survival. It was an attempt by the Venice community to discuss ways in which a community can attempt to gain control of its own community affairs.

The conference opened Friday night with a film. Titled Sandizuda, the film was about a community in Japan faced with extermination due to the construction of an airport. What the film showed most clearly was the people's complete determination to defend their homes at any price or by any means.

On Saturday morning, there was a film on community design centers, after which the conference was divided into four workshops: Drugs, Community Plans, Legal Problems and Housing. A total of about 175 people participated, and many new ideas and much new information was discussed.

The Drug workshop made a plea for total community participation and concern as being the only way we can stop the flow of hard drugs in the community. Venice has the highest drug use rate in the entire state, and it was stressed that only by people participating in a comprehensive rehabilitation program can the flow of drugs be stopped. It is clear that this will have to be done by the people, since the authorities have continually shown their unwillingness to attempt to deal with the problem. Anyone interested in helping can contact the Venice Drug Coalition at 392 4151.

Out of the Legal workshop came some possible ideas which if implemented would make community control easier. One was the decentralization of L.A. into a burrough system similar to the one in N.Y. There is a provision in the L.A. City Charter for just such a plan. Another was forcing the city to allow the community to use the many empty lots in Venice for parks, playgrounds and low-cost housing.

The Community Planning workshop came up with a 7 point plan for further action for consideration by the Venice community. These points were:

- 1) Rolling back beach zoning from high to low density
- 2) Challenging the uncontrolled Marina
- 3) Creating a historic mall at Windward and Pacific
- 4) The development of neighborhood design studies
- 5) Public use of vacant city lots
- 6) The establishment of more low-cost housing
- 7) The improvement of traffic and parking problems

## HELP BUILD OUR FIRST COMMUNITY PARK

FOR SEVERAL YEARS RESIDENTS OF THE CANAL AREA HAVE PETITIONED THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO MAKE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED THE NEED FELT BY ALL THE COMMUNITY FOR MORE PARK AND RECREATION AREA. THE CITY HAS CONSISTENTLY IGNORED OUR NEEDS, AND IS NOW THREATENING TO SELL ALL THE PUBLIC OWNED LAND IN THE AREA. WE FEEL WE CAN NO LONGER RISK THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF OUR CHILDREN WHILE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WASTES TIME AND MONEY ON PROJECTS WHICH DO NOT DEAL WITH OUR NEEDS AND WHICH ARE ULTIMATELY DOOMED TO FAILURE. WE URGE EVERYONE INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF VENICE TO MEET WITH US ON SUNDAYS AT 1PM TO HELP WITH THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF OUR FIRST COMMUNITY PARK - AND TO PLAN FOR THE USE OF ALL THE PUBLIC LAND IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS.



Anyone interested in furthering these goals should contact the Venice Planning Office 392-4525

The housing workshop focused mainly on the problems of obtaining low-cost housing for Venice. There was some discussion about trying to get both city and federally funded housing, but this was criticized because the total amount of housing available is only about 300 units, way short of the community's needs. Also a major problem in trying to get low-cost housing is that the banks "red-line" certain areas, like Oakwood, which means that within the red lines no loans will be given. Rent control, which the City of N.Y. has had since 1950, was also stressed as necessary in the fight to save the community.

On Saturday afternoon, strategy games were held. In these games, a possible situation was created by the participants playing each role, and then the situation is acted out. The purpose is to give the participants understanding and insight into all the sides and complexities of a problem. The situation created that of a City Council proposal to construct a Marina right through the heart of Venice. The L.A. City Council, speculators,

minority groups and radicals were the different roles which people took.

Although there were some problems due to the fact that people could not play the roles of city councilmen and speculators realistically, the games were still enjoyable and gave some insight into all aspects of the problem of defending the community.

A film on woman's struggle, a talk by Tom Hayden about cultural genocide in Vietnam and an urban fashion show completed the activities of the conference.

On Sunday a general discussion and criticism session was held. Some of the criticisms were:

There were not enough blacks, chicanos and elderly at the conference.

That too much energy was being given to working through government agencies, agencies of the same government that wants to turn Venice into a Miami Beach West.

That unity should be stressed more, as being necessary for community survival, and people should not allow personal ego trips to obstruct group unity.

In all, the conference certainly was a success. Close to 200 people participated, and most of them left the conference with the feeling that they had learned something about the problems involved in uniting the community against those who wish to destroy it.

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## Community Park

The Canals will soon have a park. Canal residents have begun construction of a community park on a city-owned lot at the corner of Dell St. and Sherman Canal. A large sign expressing the intentions of the people to build the park and their dissatisfaction with the City's neglect of the area has been erected at the corner. Possible uses of the park include a levelled area for volleyball, a playground and sandbox, a sheltered area with benches, and a lawn.

The City Council is now entertaining a motion to sell all un-used lots in the Canal area as surplus land. This park will be not only a pleasant recreational facility for the people of Venice, but a clear demonstration to the city government that we can and will make good use of our vacant land.

If you are interested in assisting with the construction or maintenance of the park, phone 821-5421.





# Women & Their Bodies

HOW I LEARNED TO LOOK AT MY  
CERVIX AND LIKE IT

or

HOW TO BE AN ABORTIONIST AND  
MAKE A MILLION

How many of us have ever looked at our own cervix, or even know what the cervix is? How many gynecologists have ever asked us if we wanted to know or see? No, the gynecologist, usually male, is hiding behind a sheet—a sheet which separates us from our own bodies. But the Women's Movement is changing all this! And we on the West Side are helping to change it. In Self-Help clinics we learn to examine ourselves. With the aid of a plastic speculum we can observe our own cervix, we can check for vaginal infections, and above all, we can learn about our own body! We can learn what a gynecological exam should include so that we aren't ripped off any more. Come in and let us turn you on to your own body. Join us at a Self-Help clinic or come in during Clinic hours.(see below)

How many of us have stopped taking the pill and have not been told by the doctor that we may miss several periods? And, as a result, how many of us then thought we were pregnant? And what about the woman who started taking birth control pills after childbirth but who wasn't told she might have irregular periods for a while. Because of the irregularity she thought she was pregnant and stopped taking the pills. She did become pregnant. After she stopped taking the pills! Or the woman who had an IUD inserted from which the usual string had been removed so that she was unable to check if it was in place. It apparently did not stay in place and she, too, became pregnant. How many more stories can we recount? How many abortions would have been unnecessary with

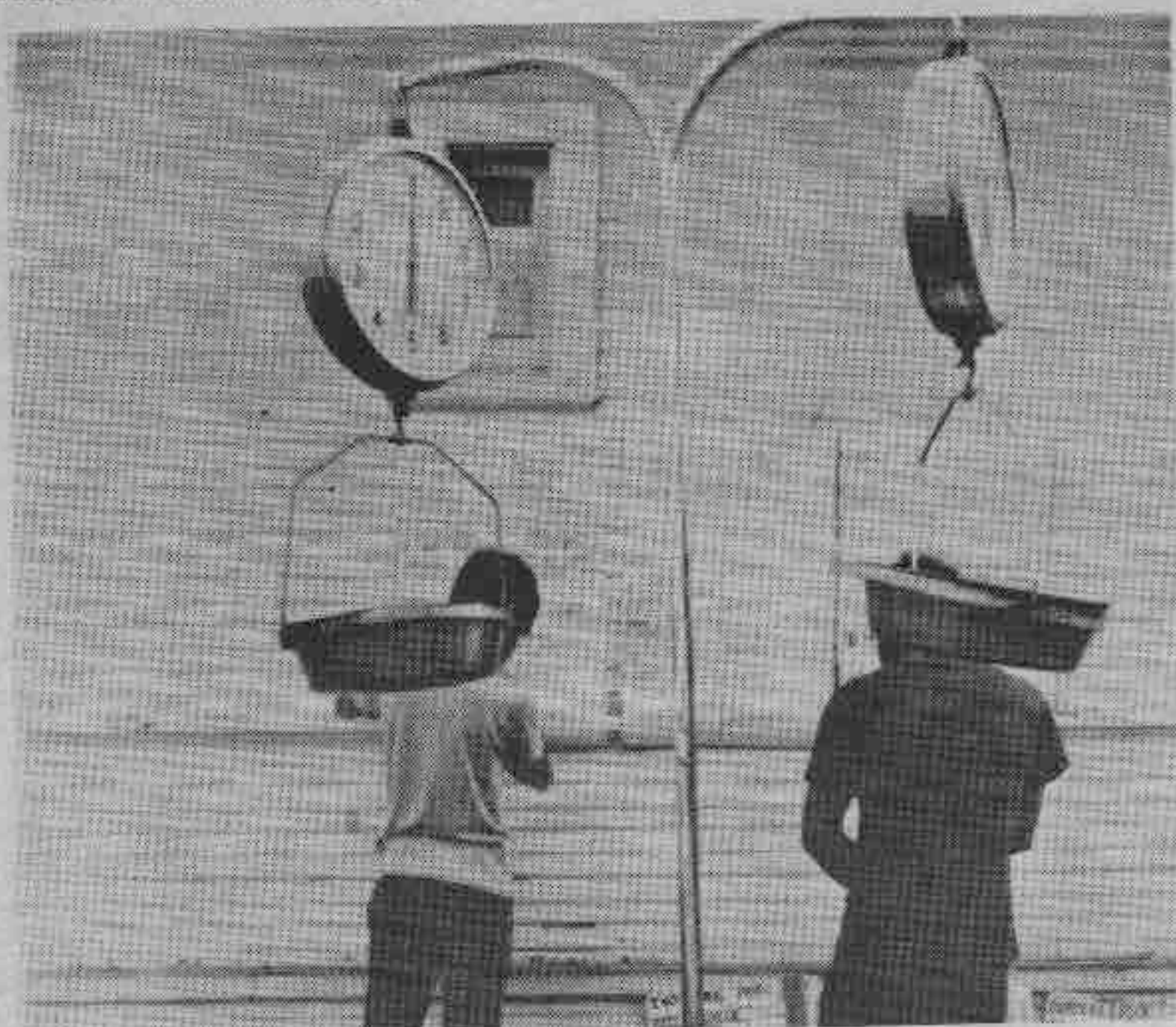
accurate information and proper care? For that matter, have abortions been performed on women who were not pregnant?

And what of the abortions? Now safe and simple procedures can be performed in less than ten minutes for women who are under 12 weeks pregnant. A procedure that could be done in a doctor's office, and that shouldn't cost more than \$25. But, according to California law abortions have to be performed in a hospital. A new rip-off of women! Abortions can cost anywhere from \$130 to \$700 for early termination (up to eight weeks). In the Women's Movement we are trying to find doctors who use the best methods, treat women with respect, and charge the minimum price. And, we counsel women. They will know what to expect. They'll be able to talk to feminists and to women who had an abortion and can prepare them for the procedure. Women who will stay with them in the hospital and who will provide support and comfort and make sure they get the best care.

At the Westside Women's Center we can do preliminary pregnancy screening, make abortion referrals, and also counsel women who want to have a full term pregnancy. We can help women obtain MediCal for an abortion. Come see us first!

Clinic hours: Tuesday, 2 to 6 p.m.  
Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Saturday, 12 to 4 p.m.

Call for an appointment. 823-4774  
218 S. Venice Blvd.



## Food Conspiracy

Our experiment with prepacking produce seems successful: more work to prepare, but much simpler distribution and far less confusion.

We're having another major reorganization. We're forming work teams for all the necessary jobs, so time won't be spent each week hassling who will do what: at this point we know the jobs well enough and we can build this into our structure. Some members have formed their teams already. We figured that with our full membership of 250 people, only one four job a month per member would be needed.

Other adventures have been suggested. Shall we all chip in and buy a farm? Be as free of agribusiness as we are of the supermarkets? Have guaranteed organic food and a place to get out of the city? Jack at 396-6684 wants to.

We no longer get Alta-Dena dairy products each week. The savings were to small and refrigeration was a hassle. We are still getting various other cheeses at 60-80 cents per pound. Organic produce may become unavailable also if more help isn't obtained.

The Westside Co-operatives staples buying group has three new members: California Institute of Arts Co-op, Los Angeles Natural Food Co-op, and the Divine Light Mission.

We need organic produce. If your garden has a surplus, call Gail Williamson at 826-5985. She will arrange to buy it from you at inorganic wholesale prices.

Meeting places are being revised. If you would like to join the co-op, call 821-6101 for information.



## Women's Center News

A Westside Anti-Rape Squad has been formed.

In Case of Rape call:

Westside Women's Center  
823-4774  
If no answer, call  
399-5785

We can accompany you to the police and hospital if you wish to go, give you information on legal first aid, medical information, moral support, or anything else we can do.

Whether or not you choose to report a rape to the police PLEASE report it to the Anti-Rape Squad. The only way we can begin an active program to help prevent rapes is to know the method of operation of the local rapists.

### Pregnancy & Abortion

The Westside Women's Center, 218 S. Venice Bl is now offering pregnancy screening and abortion counseling. If you think you're pregnant and want help either with termination or full-term pregnancy counseling, there are people here to help. Call 823-4774 for an appointment or come in Tuesday 2-6 pm, Thursday 10 am- 2 pm, or Saturday noon to 4 pm.

### Family Planning

The Venice Family Planning Center 1501 Pacific (at Market) is now offering free vasectomies for those who cannot afford the regular low price. The center also provides birth control pills, IUD's diaphragms, and abortion counseling. We speak Spanish. Hours M-F 9-5, Sat 9-1. Phone: EX2-4147.

### New Hostel

The Westchester YMCA, 8015 S. Sepulveda Bl (two miles north of L.A. Airport) has opened a youth hostel that can accomodate twenty-five people. The hostel is open 9 pm- 12 midnight, and guests must be out by 9 am. There is a \$1.00 charge, which includes use of YMCA facilities. For information, call Jeff Luke or Dave Kibby at 776-0922. The Westside Women's Center, 823-4774, arranges crash housing for women.

## Venice Welfare Rights

Members of the L.A. County Welfare Rights Organization (WRO) have held two meetings in Venice to date. The object of these meetings is to establish an active Welfare Rights office for the west side.

Among those present at the meeting held in the Venice Legal Aid office were representatives from NAPP, the Venice Food Conspiracy, Venice Legal Aid, the Westside Woman's Center, and organizers from WRO including L.A. County vice chairwoman Theresa Wilkins.

It was unanimously decided that a Welfare Rights Organization is sorely needed on the westside and that a membership drive be organized immediately. All residents interested in joining, helping, or using the WRO are

urged to attend the first general meetings to be held at the downstairs meeting room at the Venice Pavilion. There will be an evening meeting at 7 PM on July 18 as well as a daytime meeting at 3 PM on July 21. Any additional information can be obtained from the Venice WRO at 392-4177

The Legal Aid Office has donated the use of an office, telephone and office equipment. It is anticipated that WRO will train volunteers to provide Fair Hearing assistance, Eligibility information for all forms of welfare including foodstamps, S.D.I. and Old Age Security programs as well as action to insure good welfare administration.





# Primary Election Analysis

## Local Races

While big money proved its effectiveness in the campaign against Proposition 9, its role in local races was less apparent. Major candidates in a race all receive large donations, with many capitalists donating to more than one candidate in order to hedge their bets. James Hayes, running for the Fourth Supervisorial seat, and Joseph Busch, running for District Attorney, both were forced into runoffs, despite well-financed campaigns. Black liberal Yvonne Brathwaite defeated Billy Mills by a surprising margin in the 37th Congressional District. Mills, who had the support of developers and land corporations, was much better financed.

Because of increased Democratic registration on the Westside, a group of three liberal candidates whose districts run through Venice have a chance of unseating the Republican incumbents in November. They are Roger Diamond, author of Proposition 9 (60th Assembly District); Cathy O'Neill (25th State Senate District); Mike Shapiro (28th Congressional District.). The Peace and Freedom Party candidates running in these races could have a substantial effect on these races. The Peace and Freedom ticket will be gay liberationist Len Evans for Assembly, Ben Perrick for State Senate, and Jack Hampton for Congress.

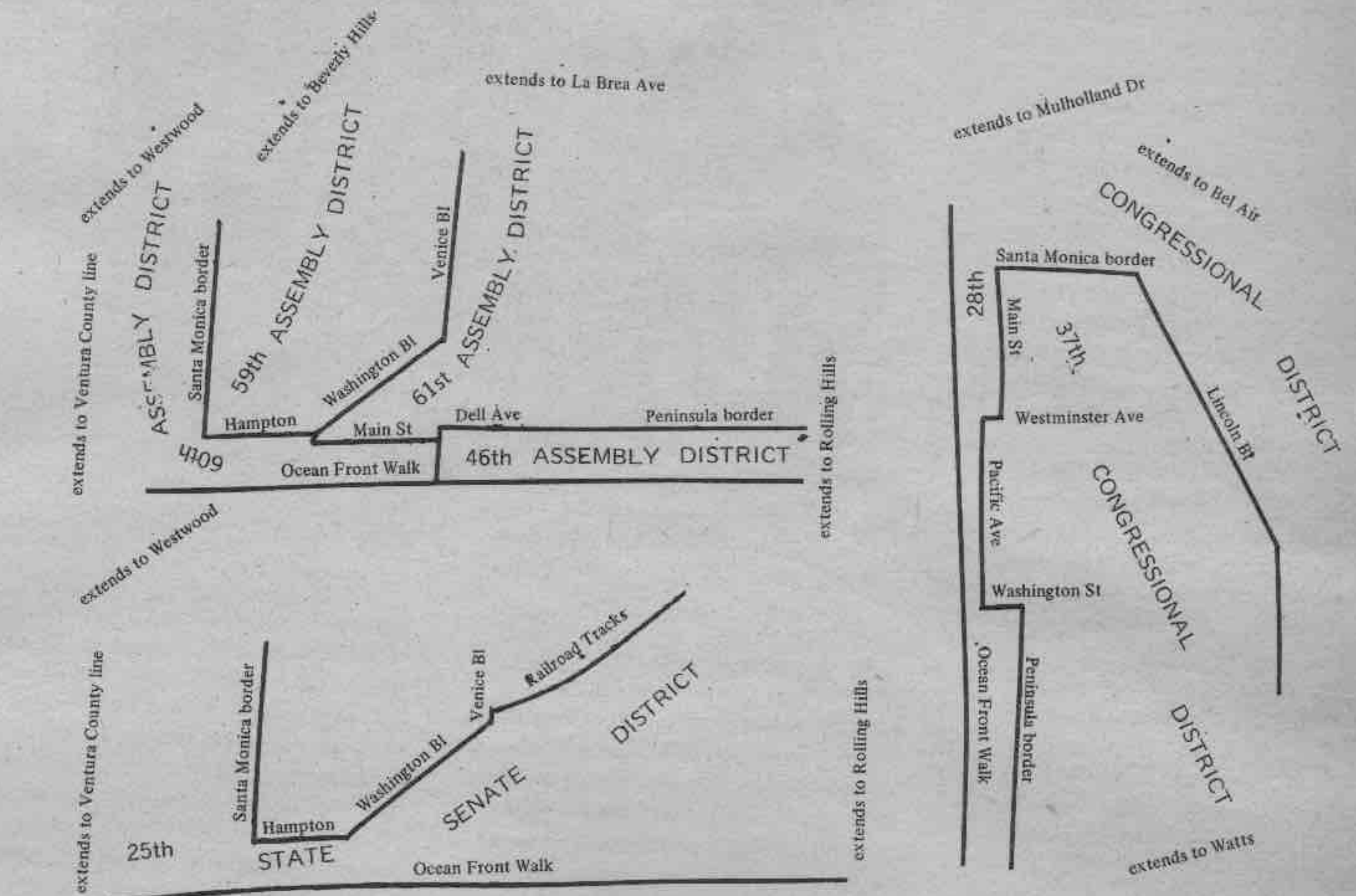
Peace and Freedom candidates will do little to effect the outcomes in the other Venice races. Anita Stephens (46th Assembly District), Eric Garris (61st Assembly District), and Milton Takei (59th Assembly District) are all running in races where the incumbent is assured of victory because of high registration in his party. Long-time Venice organizer John Haag is running against Yvonne Brathwaite, who will have no trouble winning the 37th Congressional District seat, because of the high Democratic registration in this brand-new Black district.

## Calif. Primary

Well, the primary is over and the results are in. But what happened and why still remain questions of importance. George McGovern, the candidate of peace and change, won, but at the same time Proposition 9, an attempt to start cleaning up our dying earth, was soundly defeated 65 to 35 percent. The people voted for "change" on the one hand, yet against it on the other. Why? Possibly an examination of past events may give us some insight.

On May 1, the California poll released a poll of California voters, in which 73% of the people who had heard of Proposition 9 and 54% of the total electorate were in favor of Proposition 9. Throughout the month of May, large oil companies and other large corporations spent many millions of dollars on a mass TV, billboard, and newspaper campaign, so that by June 1, the tide had taken a complete turnabout and the people then opposed Proposition 9 by almost a 2 to 1 margin. Within one month big money (Standard Oil, Mobile, Gulf, Union, etc.), through the Whitaker & Baxter public relations firm and use of the media, had "changed" the minds of California voters.

The campaign put on by Whitaker and Baxter was completely based on fear and totally unfounded, yet was incredibly effective. They predicted yellow fever epidemics, power blackouts, massive unemployment and stoppage of commercial transportation. In reality, Proposition 9 would have created jobs, because of the need to change over machines and factories so that they would no longer pollute. The yellow fever mosquito is virtually unknown in California and there is ample power around for many, many years to come.



## Marge Buckley

Marge Buckley, the people's candidate for L.A. County District Attorney, pulled 8% of the vote country-wide, but did much better in Venice. She gathered 25.4% of the vote in Venice as a whole, and was the high vote getter where the 25th State Senate district crosses Venice, with 34% of the vote. She ran well in the Canals and the Oceanfront, gathering over 50% in several precincts, with a high of 63% in Oceanfront precinct number 1245. She was able to push her opponent Vince Bugliosi far to the left. Bugliosi can be expected to move back towards the center in the runoff election Marge helped to create.



Proposition 9 would have put controls over pesticides, fuel content, industrial smog emissions, coastal oil and gas drilling, conflicts of interest on regulatory boards, and put a five-year ban on the construction of new nuclear power plants. All Proposition 9 would have done to the economy would have been to cut into the high profits of Big Business.

All the while the People's Lobby (creators and promoters of Proposition 9) were desperately trying to make ends meet, George McGovern was waiting in money. A group of 35 rich "major" contributors have formed the "Woonsocket Club" with their goal being to raise \$35 million for McGovern by November. According to Henry Kimmelman, chairman of the club and owner of the Virgin Islands Hilton, the club is a "vehicle for giving major contributors special recognition and occasional special exposure to the recipient of gifts." Max Palevsky (Xerox Corporation), L.A. Vice-Chairman of the club, has already given \$101,000 in cash and \$30,000 in a loan to the McGovern campaign.

It seems apparent that in the elections that are of importance, big money with access to mass media exposure is of greatest influence and control. It remains to be seen whether McGovern, if elected, could institute any real changes that might step on the toes and cut the profits of the big money that put him in office.

## Marijuana Initiative

The California Marijuana Initiative (CMI) has secured a place on the November election ballot. This measure would eliminate State penalties for possession and cultivation of marijuana for personal use by persons eighteen or over. Sale of marijuana would not be affected. A total of 540,000 signatures were turned in state-wide, which easily qualified the initiative for the ballot. 5,000 signatures were collected in the effort coordinated out of the Venice Peace and Freedom Party office. Venice PFP also looked up the precinct numbers for 17,000 signatures.

CMI is expected to bring young voters to the polls in great numbers, thus enhancing the chances of all progressive candidates. Young voters have traditionally had the lowest turnout of all age groups. The main CMI office is currently working on voter registration—they are setting up deputy registrar of voter training classes. Anyone interested in helping should call Don Lubin at 821-6101.

Fair Campaign Practices

In Santa Monica, a group of activists calling themselves the Committee for Fair Campaign Practices is running a municipal initiative to reform procedure for the election of the members of the Santa Monica City Council. The group must get

7,500 valid signatures, but needs 11,000 just to be safe. They are hoping to get the required signatures by the end of July. The idea is to put the measure on the November ballot or if that fails to force a special election.

The initiative measure, if passed will put limits on spending and contributions; will limit contributions to only individuals and openly chartered political groups; will prohibit anonymous donations; will require complete and explicit campaign financial disclosure, as it relates to business in or with the City.

The measure would *not* limit expenditures made *on behalf* of a candidate. However, there are strict reporting requirements for such expenditures. In effect the initiative merely provides for stringent reporting of campaign spending, but does not limit campaign spending. More radical members of the group wished to put limits on money spent for advertisements in behalf of a candidate but were overruled.

If you can help circulate petitions for this initiative in Santa Monica (You must be registered to vote at a Santa Monica address) contact the Committee for Fair Campaign Practices, 1720 Pontius Ave, LA, 90025, Phone 479-7656.





## RAMONA

## DALES DURO

Al tratar de regresar a sus trabajos en Ramona's Foods, 120 huelgistas fueron regresados; en la puerta el lunes, 5 de Junio. Carlos Torres, presidente de Ramona's Foods les dijo a los trabajadores quienes estan en el cuarto mes de la Huelga que mientras el viviera nunca les da volveria sus trabajos.

El sindicato de Teamsters Local 630 ordeno a sus miembros trabajadores de Ramona's regresar a sus empleos despues que La Commission Nacional de Relaciones Obreras (NLRB, National Labor Relations Board) publico UNA queja de practica obrera injusta en el primero de Junio. Los cargos que Ramona tiene que contestar en la reunion de La Commission Nacional de Relaciones Obreras (NLRB) del 18 Julio incluyen: (1) el haber amenazado a sus empleados con venganzas economicas, y especialmente la perdida de sus trabajos si no abandonaban la huelga, (2) solicitando a los huelguistas regresar a sus trabajos, abandonar la Union y formar un sindicato bajo la influencia de la compania, prometiendo que si lo hacian tendrian beneficios extras, (3) rechazar las negociaciones de buena fe y tratando de negociar directamente con empleados individualmente en vez de con la Union.

## NINGUNA GARANTIA

La razon por la cual la Union ordeno a sus trabajadores regresar a sus trabajos en Ramona fue porque al ser rehusados ellos tendrian derechos de cobrar los beneficios del seguro de desempleo y con esto la situacion economica se aliviaria para los empleados como para Union.

Ademas cuando los trabajadores pidian sus trabajos y Ramona los negaba el camino estaba abierto para que el NLRB declarar esto una huelga bajo una "practica obrera injusta," si esto pasa, los huelgistas tienen derechos a los sueldos caidos desde ese dia en adelante hasta que la huelga terminaba.

Pero no hay ninguna garantia de que el NLRB declare esta huelga una "practica obrera injusta." Para esto se necesita una accion especial por parte del NLRB.

Se debe decir tambien que aunque el NLRB sostenga unos de los cargos contra Ramona esto no quiere decir que los huelgistas estan mas cerca a ganar un contrato aceptable. La Union se puso en riesgo mandando los trabajadores a sus trabajos. Si Ramona hubiera re-empleado a todos los huelgistas, la huelga hubiera terminado alli, con nada de ganancia. Lo que se quiere decir es que haga lo que haga el NLRB, ganar la huelga todavia es un problema principal ahora como antes.

Claramente el unico modo de ganar a un patron tan terco como la Senora Banuelos (que es un contribuidor importante del Partido Republicano y una gran camarada del Presidente Nixon) va a hacer una huelga fuerte y un boicoteo con tanto exito que sera imposible para Ramona hacer negocio. Para alcanzar el nivel de militancia y organizacion necesario para esos fines, los miembros que forman la base de la Union van a tener que tomar una parte mas grande en el manejo de la huelga que antes. Y la Union debe de empujar mas que antes.

## LISTOS A...

La tactica de la Union pidiendo re-empleo parece tener resultado pero la cuestion es que vamos a hacer despues de esto.

La Union hizo mal en no permitir votacion cuando algunos de los huelgistas lo pidian en una de las juntas. Esto no es manera de solidarizarce.

La tactica de la Union se resulto en juntar a todos los huelgistas a la linea de picoteo otra vez. Y esto es lo mejor que se han hecho en mucho tiempo. Como dijo uno de los huelguistas, "Estando juntos podemos ver nuestra fuerza en la oposicion de Ramona nos hace mas firmes que nunca para ganar."

## MAS PRESION

El apoyo de los estudiantes de UCLA y de la Conspiracion de Comida de Echo Park para el boicot de Ramona ha sido efectiva en sacar del



CHICANAS DE VENICE LAVAN CARROS

de los negocios del Oeste de Los Angeles, en las areas de Echo Park y en UCLA. Pero para ganar la huelga se necesita la fuerza de la palanca de la Union para parar la entrega de los loncheros grandas (Courtesy Catering, Orange County Foods Services, etc.). Muchas de estas companias emplean a choferes de la Union de los Teamsters y pueden ser forzados a no cargar productos de Ramona. Si no mas la Union aplicaria su influencia sobre los otros locales de los Teamsters. Un trabajador Jose Riviera

hizo notar la importancia de los lideres al nivel de los trabajadores directos. Para que mantener la huelga viva. "La lucha todavia sigue. Ahora es mas de una cuestion de horas a sueldos pero algo de no mas ganar a Ramona, una compania que nunca nos ha dado nada. Muchos estan resueltos a quedarse afuera por el resto del ano. Todo lo que necesitabamos era un incentivo para seguir. La rehusa de Ramona a re-emplear los trabajadores nos ha hecho mas enojados que nunca y listos a pelear mas dura que nunca."

## VIA AVANTA

Via Avanta, significa "La via adelante" Por los 15 hombres quienes eran adictados a drogas y viven en la casa, Via Avanta de veras es la via adelante.

Todos los residentes reciben de jado drogas y ya toman methadone. Via Avanta los ofrecen cuarto y comida, psicoterapia y consejo, servicio social, ayuda legal & medical por 90 dias. Despues de 90 dias pueden participar en la programa de vivir afuera. Via Avanta tambien ayuda los residentes conseguir trabajo y escuela.

Ahora Via Avanta tiene 15 residentes. Cinco son personal trabajando allí: el director de programa (Marcellus Robinson), el coordinado de la casa (David Olivera), secretaria (Billy Bernard), representante de la casa (Hank Madrid), y cocinero (Jimmy Smith). Los otros residentes (de todos grupos etnicos vienen de mas de cinco sitios: Brentwood & Sepulveda VA Hospitals, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute LA Narcotic Program, State of California Narcotic Program & LA County Public Health Programs. No le dan methadone en la casa.

Aqui estan algunas estadísticas:

1. El edad promedio de los residentes es 37 años.
2. Los residentes son como policia en el barrio; dicen que habian menos crímenes por allá, hasta 38% desde que han venido, menos por allá, hasta 38% desde que han venido.
3. Ademas de los cinco quienes trabajan allí, 3 otros residentes han conseguido trabajo y bay 2 en escuela.
4. Pues, por los residentes de la Via Avanta, parece bien el presente, el futuro promete otro "paso adelante."

En el futuro queremos tener tres casas.

## Via Avanta I

La primera cuedar como la que tenemos ahora, tambien tendrá programa por los que esperen venir a la casa.

## Via Avanta II

La segunda casa será para parejas cuando los dos reciben methadone. Pueden tener hijos. Hacen lo mismo como la primera casa.

## LES PEDIMOS DESCULPAS

Por La traduccion que se publico anterior. La persona que tradujo lo hizo a mano y al pasarlo a la maquina hubo errores, pues La segunda persona no conoce el idioma.

## 24 - HORAS EMERGENCIAS DE DROGAS

Desde las lunes hasta las viernes PRC (Consejo de Prevencion y Refirir) tiene un servicio de evaluacion medical para gente que tomen dosis excesiva, mal viajes en LSD, y asi.

—NO POLICIA—NO FASTIDIO—  
Por informes y emergencias llama 392-5745 24 horas el dia.  
Por que no tenemos bastante dinero, gente, etc., ofrecemos este servicio solamente el lunes hasta el viernes.  
PRC  
605 6th Ave.  
Venice, Ca.

## FAMILY PLANNING CENTER

Ofrecemos Vasectomias gratis a la gente que no puede pagar el precio bajo regular en el Venice Family Planning Center, 1501 Pacific (y Market). Tambien tenemos pastillas de prevenir concepcion, IUD, diaframes, y ayudamos a conseguir abortos. Hablamos espanol. Abiertos el lunes hasta el viernes 9 am—5 pm, El sabado 9 am—1 pm. Tel. 392-4147.

## SERVICIOS EN VENICE

CONSEJO de SERVICIO MILITAR  
Liberia Papa Bach  
11317 Santa Monica Blv.  
GRU-BERG

## AYUDO LEGAL

1. NAPP 1101 W. Washington Blvd.  
lunes, martes, mier 6:30-9: PM  
399-7737
2. 1607 Pacific Ave. (2 piso)  
59

392-4177 lunes- viernes 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

## AYUDO de DROGAS

1. PRC 6th Ave. y Sunset 392-5744
2. Clinica de Drogas 1806 Lincoln  
2 PM-10-PM 392-4114
3. Ex-abuse (24 horas) 392-2873
4. Coalicion de Drogas en Venice  
825-0486, 392-4151

## CLINICA LIBRE

905 Venice Blvd. 4:30-10 PM 821-3484  
problemas medical, consejo de servicio militar, hablamos en grupos

## CHICANOS

Organization de Servicio al Barrio  
823-9254

## CLINICA de DENTISTA

392-4125

## clinicas de drogas

## TIENE PROBLEMAS DE DROGAS ?

NO SABE ADONDE IR ?  
QUIZAS PODEMOS AYUDARLE  
CLINICA de DROGAS de VENICE  
1806 Lincoln Blvd.,  
Venice 392-4114  
8 AM-9:30 PM  
lunes hasta viernes

- \* hablamos, grupos de consejo y consejo individual para gente que usa drogas, ha usado drogas, padres...
  - \* medicaciones para que sea mas facil a botar la drogas
  - \* refirimos a otras programas (hospitales, casas de botar drogas, casas de media via, methadone...)
- AYUDA GRATIS\*\*\*NO POLICIA SECRETO

## NOTICIAS UFW OC

Los campesinos han comenzado el boicot de lechuga despues de ocho meses de negociaciones inutil con los rancheros de lechuga. Los campesinos piden el apoyo de sus hermanos. Altravez de los Estados Unidos y Europe representantes de la Union de Trabajadores Campesinos estan organizando un boicoteo como el que gano contratos para los

trabajadores de la uva hace dos anos. En Los Angeles esta comenzando con juntas de grupos pequenos y organizaciones para discutir lo que ha pasado en el mi

movimiento campesino durante los pasados dos anos y como cada comunidad puede participar en el boicot de lechuga. Los campesinos han visto de nuevo el poder que hay cuando la gente trabaja junta! No tenemos dinero para publicidad lujosa.

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# Lockout At Ramona's

( This article is taken from the current issue of PICKET LINE, a paper which carries L.A. rank and file labor news)

120 striking workers were turned back at the gate on Monday, June 5, when they tried to return to their jobs at Ramona Foods. Carlo Torres, President of Ramona, declared to the workers, "whose strike is now in their fifth month... that they would never get their jobs back as long as he was alive."

The Ramona strikers had been told to go back in for their jobs by their Teamster Local 630 officials after the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) had issued an unfair labor practice complaint against Ramona Foods on June 1.

The charges which Ramona will have to answer at the hearing set for July 18 include: 1) threatening employees with economic reprisals, especially loss of their jobs, if they didn't abandon their strike; 2) soliciting striking employees to return to work, abandon their union, and form a company union; and promising them extra benefits to do so; 3) refusing to bargain in good faith and trying to deal directly with individual employees instead of the union.

## NO GUARANTEES

In sending the workers in, the union reasoned that if Ramona refused to give back their jobs, they would be able to continue their strike, and, in addition, now be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. This would take some of the economic pressure off the employees, as well as the union.

Furthermore, when the workers asked for their jobs back and Ramona refused them, they opened the way for the NLRB to declare their strike an

"unfair labor practices strike". If this happens, the strikers will be eligible for full back pay for every day of their strike from now on.

Nevertheless, there is no guarantee whatsoever that the NLRB will declare this an "unfair labor practices strike". This would take special action by the NLRB.

It should also be said that even if some of the individual complaints against Ramona are upheld by the NLRB, this will not necessarily bring the workers any closer to winning an acceptable contract. The union is taking a real risk in having the workers apply for their jobs. If Ramona had taken all the strikers back, the strike would, in effect, have ended, with nothing gained in the contract. The point is, that no matter what the NLRB does, winning the strike still remains the main problem, today as much as before. Clearly the only way to beat so pig-headed an employer as Mrs. Banuelos (who is a key contributor to the Republican party and a good friend of President Nixon as well as Treasurer of the U.S.) would be to build so strong a strike and so successful a boycott as to make it impossible for Ramona to do business. To reach the level of militancy and organization which will be necessary to do this, the rank and file will have to take a much greater part in and control over the strike than before. And the union should encourage this more than it has.

## ON GUARD

The union's tactic of reapplying for jobs seems to have worked, but the question is, where do we go from here? The union was wrong in refusing to allow a vote on going back in when some of the workers asked for it at the meeting last week. That is no way to build solidarity. The union's action did bring all of the strikers back down to the line again, and that's the best thing that's happened in quite a while. As one striker put it, "Getting all together again we can see our own strength and out opposition to Ramona, so we're more determined than ever to hold out and win."

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## MORE PRESSURE

Support from UCLA students and the Echo Park Food Conspiracy for the Ramona Boycott has been effective in shutting off Ramona products to some businesses in West L.A., the Echo Park area, and at UCLA. But in order to win the strike, the leverage of the union is necessary to stop the large catering services (Courtesy Catering, Orange County Food Service, etc.) from purchasing from Ramona. Many of these companies employ Teamster drivers and can be forced to stop carrying Ramona food, if only the union would apply pressure on the other Teamster locals.

One worker, Joe Rivera, emphasized the importance of leadership within the rank and file in keeping the strike alive. "The struggle is still going on. It is not just a matter of hours or wages but of beating Ramona, a company that never gave us anything. Many are willing to stay out for the rest of the year. All we needed was incentive to keep us going. Ramona's refusal to take the workers back has made us all even angrier and ready to fight even harder than before."

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## ANGELA CON'T

Angela Davis is free. Or as free as any black woman can be under a racist, sexist, imperialist system. And George and Jonathan Jackson are both dead-murdered by the same people that wanted to legally lynch Angela.

But what of the hundreds of thousands of other political prisoners in the U.S.? When Angela began working on the prisoner issue, she always reminded people that her concern wasn't just for the Soledad Brothers, or Huey or Bobby, but for all political prisoners, victims of an oppressive society.

The establishment took Angela away from us. We made them free her and thought we had won. We must remember why she was taken in the first place. She was taken because of her cry, "Free all political prisoners!" The real victory shall only come when her cry is taken up as our own.

Eugene Debs, a socialist organizer, said more than fifty years ago: "While there is a working class I am in it. While there is a criminal class I am of it. While there is a soul in prison, I am not free." Neither is Angela. Neither are we. Free all Political Prisoners!

# Farm Workers

The Farm Workers have begun the lettuce boycott after eight months of futile negotiations with the lettuce growers. The workers are appealing to their brothers and sisters for support. All across the United States and Europe representatives of the United Farm Workers are organizing the same kind of boycott that won contracts for the grape workers two years ago. In Los Angeles, the boycott is beginning with meetings for small groups and organizations to talk about what has happened to the farm worker's movement during the past years and how each community can take part in the lettuce

boycott. The farmworkers have found have power! We can't afford billboards and a public relations firm. We are depending on you. Could you invite a few of your friends in so that we could talk about the boycott? The boycott in Los Angeles and the Union's full time workers (who live on striker's wages-room and board and five dollars a week) need as usual everything you have to offer-furniture, cars, food-but most of all your help and support. Please don't buy iceberg head lettuce. If you can hold a meeting at your house or have any questions, call us at 734-3784 or 733-8202.

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## VENICE POETRY WORKSHOP

The Venice Poetry Workshop, which celebrates its third birthday this spring, continues in full force. Under the co-direction of Joseph Hansen and John Harris, poets from all over Southern California meet every Wednesday at 8:30 PM in Beyond Baroque Center to read and criticize their works. Open to the public. No charge



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## Letter Carriers Picket

The National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO, Branch 1611, along with members of the local community have been walking an informational picket line in front of the Venice Post Office. The members of the community and the letter carriers wish to show their concern for the deterioration of postal services since the establishment of the United States Postal Service.

The closing of window services and stations in the community on Saturdays greatly inconveniences the working members of the community. Special delivery messengers have been eliminated in the Venice Post Office. Carriers assigned to regular routes are performing this function, and consequently there is an impairment of both special delivery service and regular mail service. There is a delay in all forms of mail service.

Management is drastically cutting the budget for postal services despite the increase in postal rates. Even though there is a great deal of growth in the community and this calls for increased service, management has cut the budget by 10% in this community and in all postal installations across the nation.

A shortage of regular carriers had previously existed in the Venice Post Office, and since the institution of a national hiring freeze this situation has been greatly aggravated. Because of the lack of regular carrier service to all parts of the community, people are not getting the quality service a postal service should

provide. At the outset of the freeze the Venice Post Office was short at least ten regular carriers and even attempts by local management to fill more vacant positions have still not gained a full complement of regular carriers for the community. A regular carrier provides quality service to the public and the shortage of such positions short-changes the public in the type of mail service it deserves. *Carrier positions being vacated by early retirement programs or resignations are not being filled.*

Instead of seriously competing with private delivery firms to increase business volume, the U.S. Postal Service is decreasing business volume and decreasing service to cut costs. National and regional policies aimed at decreasing costs are not only impairing service, but are also violating negotiated agreements between letter carriers and management. Grievances by letter carriers concerning these contract violations cost the Postal Service unnecessary added expenses. Management's policies are arbitrarily changing working conditions and putting undue pressures on letter carriers.

There has been a deterioration of morale among letter carriers. The grievances procedure is a long, drawn out process which is not responsive enough to carrier complaints in terms of immediate results. Pressures from top management upon local officials in turn causes a greater burden upon local letter carriers. Relations between letter carriers and local management have become strained.



# UCLA Political Repression

Some five weeks after the anti-war demonstrations at UCLA on May 9-11, police officers have begun arresting certain individuals connected with the protests. About forty-five warrants were issued, but as June 21, only eight people have been picked up.

The charges were typically minor offenses, such as obstructing traffic, disturbing the peace, and maintaining or committing a public nuisance. Strike leader Dan Hopsicker was arrested on a total of nineteen counts. All were arrested at night after business hours, to make the raising of bail more difficult, which was generally set at \$500 (very high for minor offenses).

The people known to have warrants out for them appear to be mainly members of the steering committee of the strike, such as Robert Kneissel, and other easily identifiable people like Marxist scholar Ira Sohn. Oftentimes, those arrested at demonstration have been people to inexperienced to avoid the police. By using this new tactic, the police hope to prosecute demonstration leaders, and other involved political people.

It is believed that the arrests were made at the instigation of the UCLA administration who helped identify demonstrators. The L.A.P.D. has admitted the extensive cooperation of the

university police. About the same time, fourteen students were suspended from UCLA, and SDS was kicked off campus. SDS people were able to find out, after a week, that they had been guilty of the improper posting of notices. The administration, to cover its tracks, also suspended the McGovern campaign's student group for the same reason, though the primary election had already passed.

Nobody contacted by the BEACHHEAD, including legal people, knows of any previous instance where demonstrators have been arrested on such minor charges so late after the fact. By waiting until after school let out, the

administration prevented anyone from mobilizing student support for those arrested. Disturbances were touched off near UC Santa Barbara in June 1970 because word was leaked prematurely about seventeen people indicted for the burning of a Bank of America branch at Isla Vista earlier that year. The police may also want to create an atmosphere whereby people will fear that if they participate in a protest, they will be subject to arrest much afterward. Witnesses for the defense of those arrested have been intimidated by officers who attempted to identify them in photographs of the demonstrations.

As the BEACHHEAD goes to press, arrangements are being made to surrender people not yet arrested, in order to halt further

harassment. Some people think that the police are not actively searching for those named on the warrants, so it is not necessary for people to turn themselves in. However, they would be arrested anytime they were checked out for outstanding warrants, for instance if they were stopped on a traffic violation.

There does not seem to be any good reason why the UCLA administration chose this time to institute such political repression. This year saw many attempts to mobilize students on campus, but all met with limited success. A defense committee has been formed to combat campus repression. Call 821-2889 for further information.

There has been a great shortage of attorneys to defend people arrested in connection with recent L.A. County protests, as well as a general lack of support. Anyone knowing of any lawyer who could help, or who want to support the various defendants should call the National Lawyer's Guild at 380-3180.

For sixteen months Angela was locked away. The establishment kept this black communist off the streets and out of touch with the people. For sixteen months the energies of hundreds of movement people were tied up in her defense work. The work was vital, but it kept them from other organizing tasks. The trial cost us over half a million dollars that could have been used for bail for hundreds of other prisoners, GI coffeehouses, etc. Angela said it best when she said, "A fair trial? There shouldn't have been any trial at all!"

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## Working With Prisoners

The work of the community group, the Venice Prison Group, has come to a grinding halt. We used to visit Black and Brown prisoners in CRC, who were supposedly shut up for drug abuse. However our group saw that society's repression of the poor comes down particularly hard on people of the Third World (Asia, Africa and Latin America). We talked of the American system of oppression and the role drugs played in it. We brought relevant literature including the *Beachhead* and discussed it. We made promises to carry out small errands and did so.

The Venice Prison Group carried out this work for a year, attending prison conferences to make contacts and gain direction. But the most important function of waking up the community to this work failed. A wise man said that men are products of circumstances and upbringing and therefore changed men are products of other circumstances and changed upbringing. Men's circumstances are changed precisely by men, and the educator himself must be educated. The problem was to educate the community to the significance of this work, to educate ourselves in the process. But instead, essentially the same people and only a few of us kept up this gargantuan task until we grew tired and discouraged, the education incomplete.

Where had we failed? Hadn't we publicized our work sufficiently? We did hold one community forum with two prisoners present and we met in the Venice Library. The people there manifested interest but many were unable to make the prison visits in the afternoon or the mornings. Did we then need to keep with those interested to work out other tasks besides the visits? We appeared once before the Venice Drug Coalition to gain their support but all we got from them were congratulatory comments on how

great the idea of visiting prisoners by a community group was. Almost every issue of the *Beachhead* carried our articles on prisons and our call.

We learned a great deal from our work. We saw how the prison authorities feared us; how they hassled us each instance we asked for visiting time. Obviously then, we must have had a salutary effect on the prisoners from the prisoners point of view. Once when our visit was being delayed and messed with, some of the prisoners formed a committee and went to see the superintendent. The visit was granted pronto but a spy was assigned to sit and record all that was happening. We saw that we helped stimulate reading and discussion of vital topics around Black Culture and liberation. And we brought a warm feeling of solidarity which the prisoners really dug on.

But despite it all, we grew tired of the weight of the burden only a very few of us carried. We cannot be the leaders of the oppressed in the prisons. Leadership for this must come from the ranks of the prisoners. But they do need our assistance and warmth and encouragement if they are to work to tear down the institution that dehumanized them beyond belief. Prisons are the most open, brutal sector of the state's violence, changing men to brutes and not rehabilitating them. If we are to help change men and women, we must work to change the circumstances of their lives and that means getting them out of prisons. That means getting Ruchell Magee out and thousands like him. Is there anyone out there ready for this work? Write *Beachhead*, Attention: Venice Prison Group, P.O. Box 664, Venice, Ca 90291 and let's see if we can get more arms to carry the burden.

## Angela

Angela is free. The San Jose jury which contained only one Chicano and no blacks listened to over one hundred prosecution witnesses, and still took only thirteen hours to return a verdict of not guilty of conspiracy to commit murder and kidnapping. Angela's defense presented scarcely a dozen witnesses, but that was enough to make the truth known.

Her vindication stems from several sources, both in the courtroom and on the street. First of all, by representing herself as co-counsel, she was able to indirectly refute the state's vilification of her as a fanatical, hysterical female. (If the trial were started today, she would no longer be able to help her own defense. The establishment slipped a proposition on the June ballot that made it illegal for anyone other than an attorney to represent themselves in a criminal trial. The example of Angela and other political prisoners taking a hand in their own defense has forced the government to tighten the gag around defendants.)

The tremendous support Angela had from the people all over the world put great pressure on Reagan to maintain the appearances of a fair trial. But the people in California provided more specific help as well. Movement people dug up background information on every member of the jury panel in San Jose. They fought the state's attempt to insure a guilty verdict by moving the trial to a reactionary area. The support paid off.

Many of the jurors hugged Angela as they left the courtroom after the verdict. Five of them attended her victory party. One juror gave the clenched fist salute to her in the courtroom, in a gesture he called "a symbol of unity with all oppressed people." The times are changing. The days are over when the establishment can waltz into court, tell any outrageous lies they care to, and get a rubber stamp jury to lock up black revolutionaries.

Angela is free. But the victory, no matter how important, no matter how joyous, was a very limited one. Reagan wanted her dead. He didn't get what he wanted, but he got a lot.

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# Hitchhiking Ban Asked

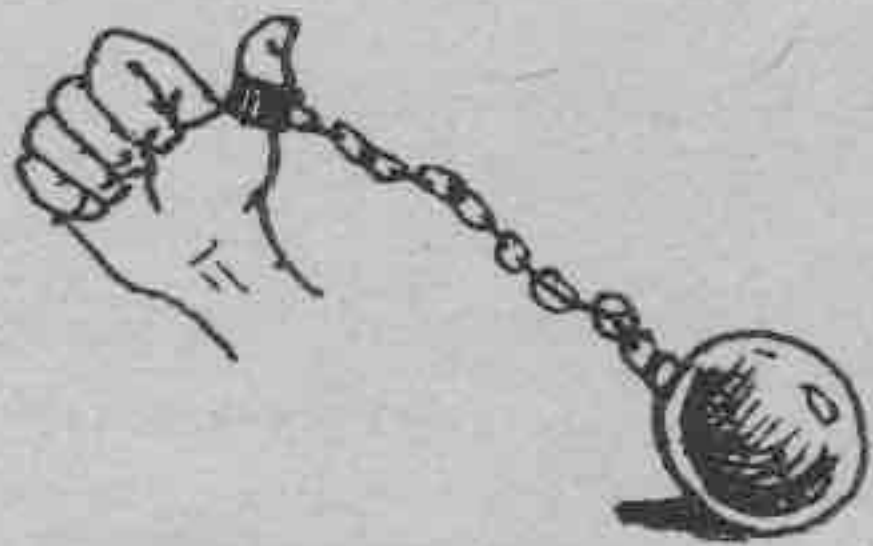
On June 28, the Public Works Committee of the LA City Council instructed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance which would outlaw hitchhiking completely in LA City. The committee also asked that penalties for drivers picking up people be included. The committee rejected a proposed ordinance which would have outlawed hitchhiking for minors only. A new Public Works Committee hearing on the matter is scheduled for July 17 at 2 pm in City Hall room 340.

According to state law, the City Council has no jurisdiction over matters pertaining to traffic regulation on highways. However, according to the City Attorney, the Council can designate the proposed ordinance as a "health and safety measure." The organization pushing the ordinance is The People's Protective League, which is made up of irate, though well-intentioned, individuals who want the ordinance as a protective measure. Many of these people are parents whose sons and daughters have been molested, raped, robbed or even murdered while hitchhiking, so their actions are understandable.

Los Angeles is on the verge of an ecological disaster. Automotive vehicle exhaust fumes make up much of the smog content in our L.A. air (choke!). We really do not need more autos. Hitchhiking is a viable alternative to more ecological crimes. Two or three or four or even more people riding in one vehicle is less wasteful than four vehicles for four persons.

The Los Angeles "rapid" transit system is, to say the least, inefficient. From downtown L.A. to the beach takes half a day, after innumerable transfers. To travel to various sites in the City, the bus system is time-consuming and expensive. Possibly, a lot of people living in the inner city might be denied access to the beaches or surrounding mountain areas because of the ordinance.

Many of us who do not own vehicles depend on this mode of transportation to go about our personal business, go to work, travel long or short distances. The supporters of the ordinance maintain that many hitchhikers and drivers who pick them up harbor malicious intentions and that you can never be sure who is going to harm you or rob you. (Paranoia!) This is just the sort of attitude we should be trying to outgrow.



Instead of outlawing the practice and making hitchhikers criminals and penalizing kindness, the council should be trying to make hitching safer. As we have said often and say once again, "Hitchhiking is not the cause of crime in itself. The root lies in a corrupt, stifling, degenerate economic-political system and lower consciousness which conditions individuals to commit crimes."

The Hitchhikers International Coalition is an organization dedicated to making hitchhiking safer, faster and more efficient. Currently we are concentrating our efforts to defeat the proposed ordinance and its one or two possible amendments.

We need ideas to contribute to a positive hitchhiking safety program. For information, call: Hitchhikers International Coalition, 399-RIDE.

# The Lord Of The Rings

The Great Rings, the Rings of Power, were forged by the Elves in a past age of the world. We might say today that the wearer of one of these rings had "magical" powers, but that would not be strictly true, for the rings were probably not at all mysterious or supernatural to those who understood them.

"But they were not made as weapons of war or conquest; that is not their power. Those who made them did not desire strength or domination or hoarded wealth, but understanding, making, and healing, to preserve all things unstained." The makers of the Elvish rings were betrayed by Sauron the Great, the Lord of the Rings, who forged the Master-ring, the One Ring of Power, which he could use to rule all the rings, and thus use their power to enslave the entire world.

*One Ring to rule them all, One ring to find them,*

*One Ring to bring them all and in the darkness bind them.*

Tolkien's trilogy, "The Lord of the Rings" is the tale of the Great War of the Ring, Sauron's last attempt at world conquest. Sauron attempts to recover the One Ring which he lost in years past while his enemies engage in a desperate struggle to destroy the Ring, thus ending the realm of Sauron forever.

To this writer, the Ring Trilogy, despite its imaginary setting, clearly speaks of this world and contains many lessons for the struggle today. Many interpretations are possible—anti-Facist, anti-Communist, pro-Feudal.

In the modern world, science and technology are the equivalents of Rings of Power. However the good intentions of scientists and engineers, their work is brought together by corporations to be used as weapons of conquest and repression. The One Ring which rules them all is Capital—money used to expand one's holdings and increase production. The ultimate solution to society's problems can only come from the destruction of the One Ring, and the downfall of Western Capitalism. Those nations of the Third World which are trying to forge their own rings of power would have a care, lest they follow in the steps of the Soviet Union, and become themselves like Sauron.

In the Ring Trilogy, the overthrow of Sauron was exacted at a fearful price: the destruction of the One Ring meant also the waning of the other rings of power, which had created many good and beautiful things in the world. The fall of Capitalism could also mean the end of much of the positive effects of modern technology, so people should be at least prepared to give up some of their creature comforts. "None may live now as they have lived, and few shall keep what they call their own."

Tolkien clearly has a great love for the past—his history of the Ring constantly looks back to even more glorious ages. He dislikes industrialization, whose machines have laid waste to the landscape he loves. The movement for social change in this country also strangely harks backward, and not only because young people share Tolkien's naturalistic inclinations. People have discovered the poverty of the nuclear family, and are attempting to recreate in collectives and communes the larger extended family of old. They have discovered that working and creating with one's hands is more satisfying than any goods mass production can provide. In food conspiracies, people buy cheaper and more wholesome food distributed through the labor of many, rather than food packaged by machinings.

## Direct Charge Co-ops.

A group of people who are members of the Co-op Market, 2021 Barrington Ave., West L.A., are considering starting a "direct-charge co-op" which is a grocery store, for members only, with wholesale prices. At present, anyone can shop at the Co-op Market, but members get a rebate if the store makes any money. A direct-charge co-op has the appearance of a conventional store, which makes it different from a food conspiracy, which can operate out of a garage or other temporary quarters.

Over the past five years, direct charge co-ops have sprung up in over thirty cities and towns in Eastern Canada, and in a few places in Western Canada. Large families have saved as much as \$10 on their weekly food bill.

The costs of heat, light, wages, depreciation, taxes and other expenses in the operation of the co-op are estimated in advance and divided on an equal basis among the members. For example, if it costs \$1,000 per week to operate the store and it can accommodate 500 members families, each family's share of the operat-

ing cost is \$2 per week. This is called the "service fee", and is paid weekly.

The capital costs, such as land, building, equipment, and initial inventory, are calculated in advance. These costs are absorbed through the sale of shares to each member.

The merchandise is stocked on the shelves and in the display cases the same as it is in a conventional store, and the shopper goes around with his or her cart selecting the items desired on a self-service basis. Some co-ops have used volunteer workers, but this feature generally has not lasted very long.

The group at the Co-op Market has come up with three alternative plans:

- 1) Rent a small shop, thus starting a new store,
- 2) Convert the existing Co-op into a direct-charge co-op, or
- 3) use a portion of the Co-op Market for a direct charge co-op.

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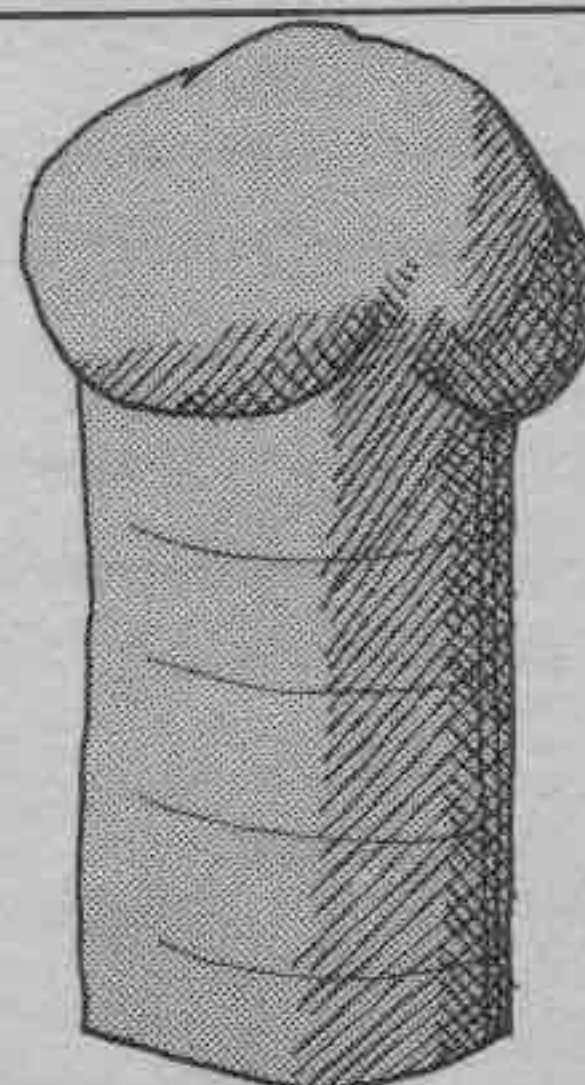
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# Pentagon Papers

## THE ISSUES

### ALL PAPERS TO THE PEOPLE

by John Kincaid

Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo are being tried for actions that led to the publication of the secret Defense Department study of the Vietnam War known as the Pentagon Papers. Ellsberg faces 115 years in prison, and Russo faces 35 years.

### ESPIONAGE

Ellsberg and Russo are not charged with giving away secrets about military weaponry or current strategy. Nor are they charged with violating any law making it a crime to release classified information—because there is no such law. Instead, the government is using the Espionage Act in a new way.

The Espionage Act says that the disclosure of classified information is a crime only when military secrets are involved and when the people who disclose the information intend or have reason to believe the disclosure will injure the US or benefit a foreign nation. Knowing that Ellsberg and Russo wanted to help the US by making the Pentagon Papers public, the government has carefully excluded any charges about their intent. The government argues that certain subsections of the Act make it a crime to disclose classified information regardless of the motive.

Since the leaking of classified information for political purposes is a frequent government practice, the defense has argued that the prosecution of Ellsberg and Russo is selective and discriminatory. No one has ever been prosecuted for leaking such information. In fact, President Johnson received a million dollars for leaking material from the Pentagon Papers in his memoirs.

### THEFT

The government is also using the theft statute in an incredible new way. The theft law has always applied when the government suffered permanent or substantial loss of tangible property. At first, the government charged Ellsberg and Russo with stealing the Pentagon Papers. But when it was pointed out in court that no theft of government property occurred because the government still has the Pentagon Papers, the prosecutor reinterpreted the indictment to charge that Ellsberg and Russo stole the information contained in the Papers. The government claims that it owns the words and their arrangement on the pages of the Pentagon Papers! In this way, the Justice Department hopes to use the courts to change the theft law into a new new repressive information control law which Congress has repeatedly refused to enact.



The Pentagon Papers trial is one of the most important of this century. At stake are issues related directly to international aggression and domestic repression.

Since no one has ever been prosecuted for doing what Dan Ellsberg and Tony Russo have done, and since no specific laws have been broken, it is clear that the government is using the trial to shore up its secrecy system and intimidate others who may also wish to liberate secret information for the American people.

By narrowing the issues to technical legal arguments, the government is making every effort to prevent the defense from challenging the legitimacy of the war and the system of government secrecy that helped get the US involved in that war. By avoiding the "intent to injure" clause in the Espionage Act the government hopes to prevent the defendants and their lawyers from discussing the legality and morality of the war, Presidential powers, the whole system of government classification-secrecy-lies, First Amendment freedoms, the public's right to know, Presidential deception of Congress and the people, and outright Presidential manipulation of public opinion.

The Pentagon Papers belong to the people and they must be read and converted into organizing tools for ending the war. The Papers show clearly that the war on Vietnam is aggressive and in violation of Constitutional and international law. They also give the American people the evidence needed to understand the lies and deceptions that still continue under Nixon.

To insure that the issues raised in the trial will be widely communicated and understood, the Pentagon Papers Peace Project has been organized. The Project will produce and distribute educational material about the war, the Papers and the trial, and help others organize around these issues. The Project is located at 125 W. Fourth St., Suite 612, Los Angeles, California 90013—tel. (213) 489-4250. Inquiries, participation, and contributions are welcome.

## Save Our Coast

The California Coastal Alliance was also successful in its attempt to place a "Save Our Coast" initiative on the November ballot. This measure would create a state coastal zone conservation commission and six regional commissions that would be required to prepare a coastal conservation plan and submit it to the legislature. The members of the commissions would be mainly City Councilmen, County Supervisors, plus "public representatives" selected equally by the Governor, the Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly. Several establishment politicians have backed this initiative, including some Republicans.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**FREE VENICE SWITCHBOARD**  
821-6101

**DRAFT COUNSELLING**  
Valley Peace Center, 7105 Hayvenhurst, Van Nuys— 787-6925. (73 Market closed down)

**LEGAL AID**  
1. NAPP, 1101 W. Washington Bl., M T W 6: 30—9 pm, 399-7737  
2. 1607 Pacific Ave (upstairs)— 392-4177. M—F 9: 30 am to 3: 30 pm

**DRUG HELP**  
1. PRC (crisis) 6th & Sunset— 392-5744  
2. Drug Clinic, 1806 Lincoln, 2 pm— 10 pm, 392-4114  
3. Ex-Abuse (24 hours)— 392-2873  
4. Venice Drug Coalition— 825-0486 392-4151

**YOUTH CLINIC**  
905 Venice Bl, 4: 30— 10 pm, 821-3484  
draft counselling, group therapy

**VIETNAM VETS AGAINST THE WAR**  
1508 2nd st, Santa Monica, 451-9281  
821-9171

**WELFARE & FOOD STAMPS**  
1. 11390 W. Olympic Bl, 478-5511  
2. Welfare Rights, RE2-8122, 731-5095



**WOMEN'S CENTER**  
218 S. Venice Bl— 823-4774

**ABORTION REFERRAL**  
936-7466, 823-4774

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MON: 7:30 Self-help clinic  
TUES: 2-6 PM pregnancy screening by appt  
THUR: 10-2 PM pregnancy screening by appt  
FRI: 8 PM Good time social hours

**LAVENDER PEOPLE**  
396-2246. Gay Liberation, guerilla theatre

**HITCHHIKERS**  
1. Rides & Riders: 931-HELP, 821-6101  
2. Information: 399-RIDE

**JOB INFO CENTER**  
316 Lincoln— 392-4811

**VENICE LIBRARY**  
610 California Ave, 821-1769  
M—F 1—9 pm, Sat 9: 30 am— 1 pm

**FAMILY PLANNING CENTER**  
1501 Pacific Ave (at Market)  
EX2-4147

**BENJAMIN RUSH CENTER**  
Help for your head— 392-4905

**CHICANOS**  
Community Service Organization (CSO)  
823-9254

**UCLA DENTAL CLINIC**  
392-4125

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## Health Council

The Health Council has received its long-awaited grant of \$50,000, and has commenced spending it. Of seven applicants for the position of co-ordinator, we have chosen Marilyn Montenegro, who has previously worked for the Venice community at the Service Center. Council president Michael Coffey, who has been working consistently for the Council since October, is second choice, and an attempt will be made to increase the grant sufficiently to hire both on an equal basis.

Next we need a secretary and an office. The secretary, who must be bilingual English/Spanish, will run the office for one year for \$7,000. The office should be in central Venice, and not much over \$100 a month. Send any information to Dorothy Johnson at NAPP 1101 W. Wash. Blvd., Venice 90291, or call her at 399-7737.

The Council is planning a weekend discussion of community health care problems on July 21-23. Arranged primarily for members of the Board of Directors, the conference may still have openings for other community participants. If so, transportation and lodging will be provided. Ask Linda Mandel at 829-2911 (ext. 236) or 392-4114.

Venice Health Council Board of Directors meetings are regularly on the fourth Wednesday of the month, that is July 26, at 7:30 PM at NAPP, 1101 W. Washington.

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