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The Right To Good Health Care

Community Health

Healthwise our community in Venice is in bad shape. But it is no worse off than other ghettos around the country. And in one way it is better off in that we have in our community a nucleus of knowledgeable and caring persons who aim to help bring good health care services to Venice, some day.

The following pertinent facts on public health in Venice were obtained from UCLA students' reports and from various health agencies:

More babies die before reaching age one here than in any other community in West Los Angeles. Also more persons here have heart disease and circulatory problems.

The number of reported overdose deaths from drugs last year was sixty and the estimate (authoritative guess) of addicts for the use of hard drugs in the barrio and ghetto (Rose to California, Oceanfront to Lincoln) was thirty-five to forty percent.

Venice also has a unique problem in that addicts from Culver City, Santa Monica and all surrounding areas hang out here.

The number of alcohol addicts we suspect is higher than that of drug addicts. That's how it is in most dying American cities. And we suspect that malnutrition is the serious condition that affects both groups as well as many poor hungry kids and old persons in Venice.

This picture of poor health in the community that is the most densely populated on the coast of Los Angeles and the poorest in per capita income should not come as a surprise. Nor should the fact that the drop-out rate from schools of teenagers is 60%. Since they are the hardest hit by the unemployment crisis, and the war, they are the heaviest drug users.

36% of the Venice housing has been labelled substandard, but even sub-standard houses have been hit with rent increases. Rent has increased here by 48% since 1960. And practically no new housing has been built, except for the rich.

The population of Venice is about half non-white (Chicano, Black, Oriental, Indian) with the largest influx since 1945 being black. Many households are on welfare and 34% of these are headed by women. However the largest welfare caseload are of the old people. Venice has an unusual number of old people and this presents a special public health problem.

Our community takes on the perfect setting of a neglected ghetto, with unemployment, low incomes, dilapidated housing, crowding and dirty streets and alleys. Hand in hand with all this is the dramatic absence of adequate health care services for the people.

The Venice community of 44,000 persons has no hospital. You may summon an ambulance (call the Fire Dept.) to take you to the hospital at UCLA. It may be an emergency to you but it's not classified that way by UCLA. Also you may not



qualify as a pauper in which case you must pay through the nose. The same story for the Santa Monica Hospital. So you must turn to the USC County General and that's a long ways from home in Lincoln Heights. Taxi fare is \$12 if you have no car and hours of waiting when you get there.

There are only six private physicians for 44,000 people in Venice. That means one doctor per 7,333 persons while the national average is one doctor for 1,200 persons, and in Beverly Hills, 635 doctors for 35,000 persons. That's one doctor for 60 persons.

Predictably the Venice family doesn't have its own doctor but learns to relate to clinics:

1. The Venice Health Clinic at 905 Venice Blvd is run by LA County and is a daytime and evening institution. Daytime clinic is for care of babies and children together with pregnancy of women and birth control. The evening clinic is a youth clinic with doctors treating youth related diseases such as venereal diseases and unwanted pregnancies. The clinic is free. Vaccine shot against measles for all those between years 1 and 18 from 8 to 9 am.

2. The Venice Family Health Clinic at 316 Lincoln only operates in the evening from 6 to 10. It is staffed by volunteers. They deal with any complaint and make referrals if necessary. But what if your complaint nags you in the daytime?

3. There is a Family Planning Clinic at Pacific and Windward which helps women with birth control and diagnosis of pregnancy, referral for abortions, pre-marital counselling and sex education. Welfare patients get free service, all others pay

from 2 to 5 dollars. Some funds from HEW.

4. For the severe and extensive drug abuse problem that Venice faces, there are several agencies that are supposed to help. One is the PRC program (Prevention, Referral and Counseling) at 6th and Sunset. The other is the Venice Drug Abuse Clinic at 1806 Lincoln. To date 40% of those treated at both agencies were Chicanos, 30% black and 30% white. A special evaluation of these services will be made at a later date.

5. For problems in Mental Health there is the Benjamin Rush Center at 1426 Main. This is not a free service if you can afford to pay. This center also needs to be evaluated. It is run by an LA County Psychiatric group.

6. Venice has six private dentists (who can afford them?) and one dental clinic run by the UCLA School of Dentistry. Waiting lists for the clinic are long and work is slow and done by students. Clinic is not free to all. Located at Lincoln and Rose.

There is a new medical center at Hampton drive and it is a private endeavor run by a group of doctors known as the Beverly Hills Doctors. Here in Venice they call themselves the Venice Community Health Center and it aims for pre-paid medical care. Since not too many persons in the community know exactly what they are doing, who the doctors are or when they are there, we will have to report on this group in a separate article.

We can conclude that the Health Care services in a community of 44,000 persons beset by some serious health problems is inadequate, to say the least. They may also be substandard in terms of good health goals but that will require some checking. In any case the public health situation of Venice requires the efforts of a strong community action group to begin to set things right.

Venice Health Council

The Venice Health Council is a truly representative group of Venice people who give their time without pay to oversee the health care facilities in Venice and worry about and work on the health problems that all of us have here. Black, brown and white minorities are all represented and there is a balance among professional health people, representatives of groups, and concerned community people. Women are well represented.

Of course the Health Council is not paid by the government to do its important job. The government always wants to have its own people make the decisions about what programs are important for

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La Salud de la Comunidad

Acerca de salubridad la situacion en Venice no esta bien. Pero no es diferente en otros barrios. Y en un modo, es mejor porque hay en nuestro barrio personas que cuidan esto.

Los datos siguiente se obtuvieron acerca de esto: de estudiantes en UCLA y oficinas publicas -

Mas bebes mueran antes de un ano en Venice que en otros barrios de West Los Angeles, y hay mas problemas de corazon y circulacion aqui.

Fueron 60 casos de muerte aqui de drogas sobredosis y el estimacion de uso de drogas fuertes en este barrio es 35 a 40 porciento. Tambien, hay un problema de visitas de adictos de otros barrios.

Creemos que el calculo acreca de Borrachera es mas que el de drogas. Y de veras hambre es un problema de estos adictos y muchos otros pobres en Venice.

Estos datos no se sorpreza para Venice. Ni que la salida de escuela para estudiantes jovenes es 60 porciento. Porque son ellos victimas de la guerra y de desempleo, mas que otros, son victimas mas de drogas.

36% de casas aqui son subnormal, pero sin embargo hay un aumento de renta de 48% desde 1960. Y casi no casas nuevas se construyeron, sino para los ricos.

La gente de Venice es una mitad non-blanco y muchos reciben bienestar, y de estos 34% no tienen un padre. Lo demas de bienestar son viejos y esto hace un problema de salubridad muy grande.

Podemos decir que necesitamos mejoria de esta situacion, y tenemos que cambiarla solamente con accion de una organizacion fuerte de la gente del barrio.

Nuestro barrio tiene un conjunto de problemas de desempleo, ingresos bajos, casas desreparadas, calles sucias, drogas y salubridad mala.

Vamos a ver que es la situacion de servicios en salubridad:

El barrio de 44000 no tiene ningun hospital. Para ir al hospital, hay que llamar el departamento de fuego para ambulancia a UCLA si no es Ud. indigente, hay que pagar mucho. Es el mismo en Santa Monica Hospital. Lo unico es ir al hospital general del condado en Lincoln Heights, y si no tiene Ud. carro, el taxi cuesta \$12, y tiene que esperar hora despues hora alla para ayuda.

Hay solamente 6 medicos para 44000 personas aqui. Hace un medico para 7333, y la norma nacional es uno para 1200 y hay uno para 60 in Beverly Hills. La mayoria en Venice debe ir a un clinico.

Hay los clinicos siguientes aqui:

1. Venice Health Clinic, 905 Venice Blvd, dia, tarde y noche
2. Venice Family Health Clinic, 316 Lincoln Blvd, noche
3. Family Planning Clinic, Pacific y Windward, dias
4. Benjamin Rush Clinic, Market y Main, problemas psicologial
5. Venice Drug Abuse Clinic, 1806 Lincoln, dia y noche
6. Dental Clinic, Lincoln y Rose
7. Centro Medical (nuevo), Hampton drive. No sabemos hasta ahora todo acerca de este. Vamos a reportar en porvenir.

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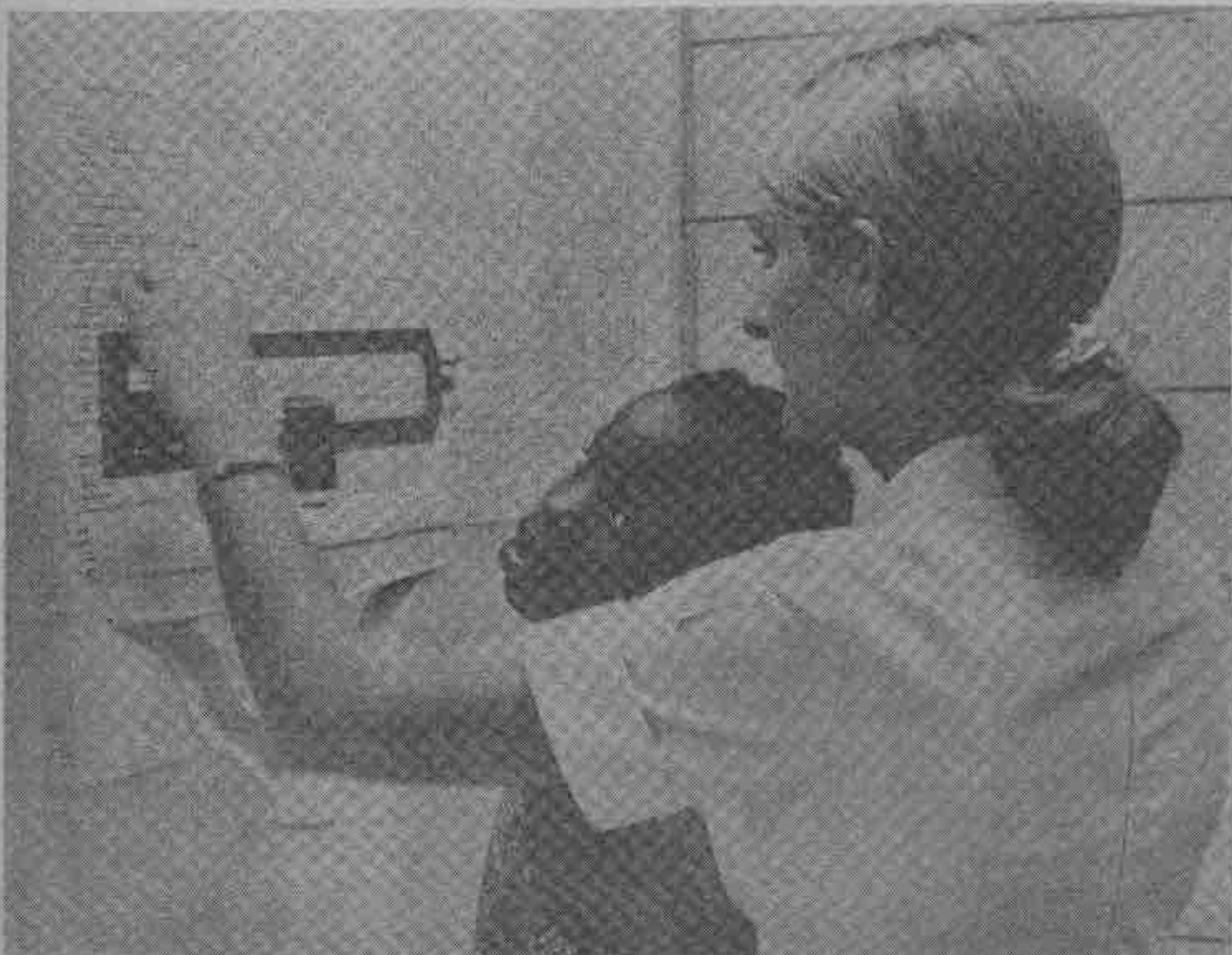
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Ed Davis

Sisterhood Is Growing

The meeting held at the Venice Pavilion on Feb 5 was a success. Over sixty women came to show their interest and add their energies to the creation of the Westside Center. The meeting started off with a discussion of what had been accomplished so far and the women attending the meeting added their ideas of what the center should be and what services it should provide and what it meant to them. It was agreed that the new center will be a meeting place for women's groups, provide drug counseling, welfare rights counseling, show



films and provide lectures, have a small liberation school, carry some women's literature, have a room where children could play during events and so on. Also discussed was the possibility that once the center is going, interested women would combine their energies to get a child care center into operation at a location other than the women's center.

It was the consensus of the women attending the meeting that the center would be for women only. However, men would be invited to attend special filmings and lectures. Women could be able to go to the center and rap with their sisters in a coffee house atmosphere whenever they wished.

The responsibilities for the smooth operation of the center will be placed in the hands of six coordinators selected by drawing the names of willing women out of a

hat. Each coordinator will have this responsibility for three months and each month two new coordinators will replace two experienced ones who have served for their three months.

The biggest job is still ahead, that is raising enough funds to get the center started. It is hoped that all the women's groups who the center will serve will do some sort of fund raising be it a film showing, a party, or whatever they feel they want to do that will raise money. Any women willing to donate money or become a monthly sustainer are invited to do so and may send a any donations to Pat Leuchner, 2801 Dell, Venice 90291 (821-2889). If you have an idea of what sort of fund raiser you can do please contact Marci (392-1147) or Susan (396-4828). The hunt is on for the building that you feel will make a good location for the center. Contact Linda (392-1679) or Veronica (275-2190).

FILM SHOWING—
"SALT OF THE EARTH"
MARCH 18, 7:30 & 9:30 PM
201 OCEAN FRONT WALK

A film about a Chicano workers struggle in a copper town in the Southwest. This film was made in the early 50's and most of the parts in it are portrayed by actual workers who participated in the strike. As the strike continues, wives, who have been getting stronger and more aware of themselves pick up the picket sign and walk the picket line after a court order prohibits their husbands from doing it.

Chisholm Caucus

The Shirley Chisholm caucus of the Democratic Party forces did meet in Venice at the Broadway School on Saturday, February 13 to elect delegates to the Democratic convention. One hundred persons attended and women from women's groups were distinctly in the majority. The people involved in the Shirley Chisholm campaign are optimistic that the Democratic Convention may nominate Shirley Chisholm to run for the vice-presidency since supporting a black woman for President is too big a step for most Americans today, they think. Those who wish to volunteer to get this campaign working can contact the headquarters at 8590 Pico Blvd, 659-0943.

necessary for them to live.

The following table compares typical prices of the Free Venice Food Conspiracy with Lucky's prices for the same week:

	Conspiracy	Lucky's	
apples	10c	23-35c	a lb
head lettuce	10c	38c	a head
bananas	8c	12c	a lb
tomatoes	13c	29-35c	"
split peas	10c	17c	"
pinto beans	20c	21c	"
garbanzo beans	35c	41c	"
corn meal	11c	16c	"

Apartment Building Burned

A few days ago the huge apartment complex that was under construction near the post office burned causing \$100,000 damage. It could have been arson.

Last November the Beachhead ran an article exposing the building as being too expensive for the current residents. Even for a one bedroom rent is too much for a family on welfare, and lovers of pets and children are not allowed. The only thing Venice people will get from the building is higher rents because of tax increases.

Not that Venice does not need housing. Many of us live in houses the city calls substandard. Many of us are crowded. A new apartment is just what many of us need, at least if they were bigger. Unfortunately the builders don't give a d*** about what we need. High rents mean high profits and when the developers run out of open land they start tearing down the houses we live in so they can use the land over again to make more money. They start with the oldest houses - where the people have the least money to move.

The history of Venice for the last ten years is the history of poor people being pushed around by the rich. The most recent big example is the forced moving of the dozens of people in Trailer City on Washington street because the landlord wanted to build high-rise office and restaurant buildings. It took some of these people months to find another place.

The poor aren't poor because they want to be, either. The reason we can't afford those pretty new apartments is because we have been squeezed all our lives: our wages go for overpriced food, overpriced rent, overpriced doctors, overpriced doctors and overpriced taxes. The reason our wages aren't any higher is because our racist bosses won't hire us for top jobs because our skin is colored. Or else our parents didn't have the money for a fancy private school, or because we had to go to work before we finished high school. And do you think our children are going to get a better deal?

The land speculators don't stop to think who owns the land, anyway. I call

them land pimps because they make somebody else do the work while they take the money. They say that they are the ones that should decide what happens in Venice because they are the taxpayers. Well, where do they get the tax money from? The renters of course. The renters are the ones that pay the taxes. The renters are the ones that pay the mortgage too. The landlord puts down a few thousand, and after that the renter pays it all, plus a little on the side for the fat cat. But they don't ask the renters when it comes time to tear down the old house, or when they set the rents for new apartments. The land pimps take the cream and give the orders.

The building that burned was not the first in Venice. When the Trailer City people were forced out, a bulldozer was burned. A year ago a place a Westminster and Pacific went up and there have been several others. It's the same thing black people did in Detroit, Watts and Newark. When people get too frustrated, when their backs are against the wall, they fight.

The trouble is that burning that building won't do much good. They are just going to build another one there. The insurance rates will go up, but that only means the land pimps will have to put up a place where they can charge even more rent. Probably the police will get to hire some more officers, too.

Worse than that, burning a building makes any community group that is fighting for the rights of poor people look dangerous. People aren't going to pay any attention to a group that tries to make changes if they think all such people are crazy bombers.

Besides, the whole problem is not that they're building an apartment building. What is wrong is that poor people can't live there. If we can ever get a community group together that has some strength, we could make sure that anything that goes up we could afford. If all the renters in Venice belonged to a tenants' union, for example, we could force the land speculators to charge fair rents, and get the city to help finance low income housing. They could use some of the tax money we pay.

Venice Skills Center

The Venice Skills Center is located at 5th and Vernon streets in Venice. There about 100 people come every day for eight hours to learn a skill that will make them economically self-sufficient. Not only that but they are paid a subsistence salary while going to school.

The Skills Center is operated by highly trained teachers from the LA City School Dist., who have chosen to give up their secure jobs to teach in Venice in a program where funding is never certain and where they have had to do without a job for up to three months waiting for money to come through.

At present there are courses in office machine repair, auto body repairing, auto mechanics and multi-clerical. In previous years there have been courses in TV repair, nursing and welding. Participants in the course are paid \$55 plus \$5 per dependant plus transportation. At the present time there are about equal numbers of black, brown and white students.

People interested in applying for these course should apply to the Venice Service Center. You must have at least a 5th grade education and come from disadvantaged circumstances to qualify. You may have to wait several months to get into a course, but there are openings continuously since as soon as a student reaches the desired skill level they graduate immediately, regardless of how long they have been attending classes. Even those who begin with no skill, however, graduate after 9 months.

The Beachhead considers the Skills Center to be a very effective program for adults in Venice. We think programs like these should be available to everyone, and that they should be able to offer courses leading to many kinds of careers and professions. The government could afford to build a lot of skills centers with the money it spends on bombs for Vietnam. However the government never sees it that way. There are more bombs being sent to Vietnam and funds for the Skills Center have been cut to about half of what they used to be.

Some mostly food co-op people are renting some use of the Ritz Bar, 1355 W Washington Blvd at California, hoping to make it a gathering place for Free Venice, food coop and other friends. So far we've got good cheap food daily noon to night, Breeze cell distributes on Thursdays and special events on Monday nights. Come by and see us.

So far we're Don Lubin, David & Lindsay Tracy, John Greene, Anita Stevens, Karen O'Donnell, Ton O'Connor and Paul Donn. Call us at homes or 3999058.

Bikepath

In a community bikepath workshop February 2, "various points of view came together, a cross section of young and old," according to Ken Norwood, Venice advocate planner.

"It was a great example of decision-making on government matters. Local people did a better, more thoughtful job than the professionals from the Department of Parks and Recreation. It was beautiful to see consensus in a non-structured community forum."

Norwood said the meeting resolved the issue of the bikepath north of Washington Street and preferred to postpone any decision on the proposed tramway, but "the controversy still rages over the bikepath south of Washington." Here the owners and developers oppose a bikepath. "They think the beach is their own private front yard," Norwood scoffed. Peninsula tenants, however, generally favor it.

Out of the community talks came several strong supporters from the straight political arena. City Councilman Marvin Braude supports the north-of Washington path; and on February 4 the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter voted to support a 12-foot wide bikeway adjacent to the existing one north of Washington and adjacent to property lines south of Washington (plus a pedestrian walkway). The Sierra Club also called for relocation of the proposed tram service to Speedway or Pacific Avenue.

The Sierra Club's resolution was a direct outgrowth of the February 2 community workshop. Ms. Cecile Rosenthal, conservation chairman of the Angeles Chapter, has a home in Santa Monica and a child at Venice High School. She feels comfortable in speaking for the Venice community: "We represent a broad community view," she says of the Sierra Club's work on beach development.

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Get Food Cheaper Than Markets

Food Conspiracies are able to get food at cheaper prices than one could get at markets. They can do this by pooling the needs of a large number of people, which makes it possible to buy from wholesalers and suppliers in large quantities at wholesale prices. Usually all members work in the Conspiracy and no one is paid. Also there is no store owner taking a profit and making a living off the people's needs. Many conspiracies get their produce from the Central st market in downtown LA, and these prices are much cheaper than those in stores. Staples are obtained through smaller distributors and because of this savings are somewhat less. So in general Food Conspiracies help by giving people more control over the things

Sus Derechos Legal



Prisoners under Youth Authority do not have the rights of adults in State Prisons, such as the right to buy and receive newspapers, mags and books.

Calvin's Day In Court

The poor and "their" public defenders plead with the judge and the judge keeps asking, "do you have money in the bank; do you have real property; do you make Money Money Money? If so, how much?" He pinpoints your place in the economic orbit, in the division of classes, uncovering you as poor and propertyless and in mere specific terms, powerless and at the complete mercy of the courts.

The judge's cheeks roll as he prefaces his sentencing with, "in the name of justice." Justice for whom? And the cops, "witnesses for the people" sit filling their seats arrogantly, their hip clothing, bushy moustaches meant to bring their Law and Order presence into oppressive motion in the hip world with less friction. They look down their masculine noses and wisper obscenely as two women prostitutes enter.

Young hip lawyers plead for their young clients caught smoking marijuana. Suspended sentence and

\$65 with one year's probation. (Feed that probation machine, so voraciously hungry.)

Calvin in prison garb is brought into court. He looks pale and saddened as if this is his last day of judgment. One month in prison can do that to you, especially when your prospects for beating the prison system sucking you life's blood is slim. The narc and cop quickly come to attention when Calvin enters. They stop their wise aleck laughing. They had been waiting all day for this moment, and are ready to jump like tigers at their prey. Out come the folders with their "evidence" on the arrest to put Calvin in the deep freeze. (He had crossed a Venice street at night and they claimed he wasn't walking right. In case you didn't know, Big Brothers check how you walk the streets and with whom.)

Alas and alack, one of the arresting officers does not appear in court to tell "his story." That messes up the case for Law and Order. The judge doesn't like what

is happening and the young prosecutor "representing the people" gets uptight, too, as the defense lawyer moves to dismiss.

Oh no, that wouldn't do. That would be letting someone off easy, someone they wanted to harass and silence for his activity in the Chicano movement. Five days in the county jail, says the judge. And how much more time before their appetites are sated? No, no, the judge doesn't want to listen to that pushy narc who thought he could take the place of the cop. The cop and the narc stomped out of the courtroom swearing. Had justice triumphed that afternoon? No, justice would have been served if the harassers instead of the harasses went to prison. But as it turned out, injustice came down only a bit more lightly on poor Calvin's head.

To date, Calvin has served five days, but was transferred to another prison for violation of parole. Here is another example of how the prison system does the dirty work when the courts don't.

Drafted Illegally

After turbulent six year struggle with the Selective Service culminating in a felony conviction last fall, Venice resident John Maybury is taking the draft to the Supreme Court.

In July 1970 he returned to LA from Europe where he had helped organize a peace conference. Shortly thereafter he was arrested for failure to report for two preinduction physicals. After two days in County Jail John was free on \$10,000 bond and immediately retained ACLU attorneys Martha Goldin and Alan Saltzman.

Despite having a physical in April 1970 by the US Army (NATO) in Brussels, John was accused of missing it (as well as one in 1969). NATO's delay in sending a report gave the draft board an excuse to initiate prosecution.

At the trial John was acquitted of the 1970 count, but held guilty for postponing the 1969 physical. In 1969 his draft board had accepted his excuse and sent him a new order-to-report, indicating that he had acted within the law.

Three appeals court judges heard the evidence and decided John's use of draft regulations constituted "a history of evasion." They chided him for "exhausting the patience of indulgent authority."

It is up to the Supreme Court now to rule on John's two main arguments:

1. Lawful avoidance by-the-rules is not evasion. It is a basic right of the registrant to avail himself of

whatever means of delay and appeal exist in draft law.

2. A Government agency must be consistent. For example, once a draft board embarks on a certain course of action (in this case, approving transfers and postponements), it must follow through. It may not revert course and, after-the-fact, make previously-approved conduct into a crime.

The significance of these arguments to administrative law, due process and constitutional rights should be apparent. John's success will benefit thousands of young men by setting constructive legal precedents; conversely, if the present verdict goes unquestioned, thousands can be hurt by "bad law."

If you are interested in supporting John, please give what you can. He has already spent \$1,750 and will need at least that much more to get the case before the Supreme Court. Contributions may be sent directly to Saltzman and Goldin (earmarked "for Johnny Maybury"), 6430 Sunset, Hollywood 90028.

For the time being John is a relatively free man. The trial judge, perhaps to assuage guilt feelings, suspended a 9 month jail sentence and put John on 2 years probation. To pass the time John has been commuting to Newhall and working on The Signal as a reporter. But he learned recently that he and the other young staff writer were being laid off in a major editorial shakeup shifting the newspaper politically to the right.

Prisoners' Rights Removed



Last year the California prison system adopted an open correspondence policy whereby prisoners could correspond with any person. Now the Department of Correction has ruled as of Feb. 1st that prisoners of Folsom and San Quentin could correspond with a maximum of ten persons only. And only those whom they knew before entering prison. These persons must be approved by prison officials.

This is censorship of the elementary rights of prisoners. This is also a way of trying to suppress the work and correspondence of prison groups. The Venice Prison Group protests the abridgement of freedom to those on the outside who wish to communicate with prisoners and to the prisoners who need to reach out before they are crushed.

If this measure is allowed to go unchallenged, it will be little time before all the prisons will institute mail censorship. Therefore, we urge you to write in protest to Raymond Procunier, Director of Corrections, Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

El Marzo 4, 1972 los siguientes llegaron a ser leyes en California:

1. Acaba el ley que requiere que medicos y hospitales hagan reportes a la policia cuando tratan a adictos de drogas.
2. Da a menores arrestados el derecho de hacer 2 llamadas por telefono despues del arresto, 1 llamada a un abogado, y el otro al padre, pariente o empleador.
3. Tiempo cumplido en carcel del condado, antes de la conviccion de crimen, se cuenta como parte del fallo.
4. El mismo tocante a crimenos menores.
5. La Junta de Prisiones debe establecer normas minimas para todo el estado de condiciones de salubridad y saneamiento. Se requiere inspecciones cada 2 años.
6. Cuando un acusado se entrega, el juez debe notificar a el, que tiene el poder el corte a demandar el regreso del premio.
7. No se puede arrestar un borrachon para borrachera publica si hay un centro de tratamiento de borrachones, donde se debe retenerles, pero para no mas de 72 horas sin permiso.

La legislatura adopto el siguiente proyecto de ley, pero el gobernador Reagan lo nego:

Permitiendo jovenes en carceles para jovenes y en los del condado, el derecho de recibir libros y periodicos, y el derecho de corresponder con abogados en confianza, y de retener sus escritos. Escriba al Gobernador acerca de esto.

As of March 4, 1972, the following bills passed by the California legislature become law:

1. Removes the requirement that doctors and hospitals report to the police when treating drug users. This will allow doctors to treat drug users in free clinics and community medical facilities.
2. Grants arrested minors the right to make two phone calls after being taken into custody, one call to an attorney and the other to a parent, relative or employer.
3. Time served in the county jail before a person is convicted of a felony begins with the time person served before sentencing.
4. When a person has been in jail awaiting trial on a misdemeanor, he will receive credit against his sentence for the "dead time" served before sentencing.
5. Board of Corrections must establish state-wide standards of health and sanitary conditions in city and county jails. Biennial inspection called for.
6. When a defendant is surrendered, the court must advise that defendant of its authority to order the return of the bail premium paid.
7. An alcohol abuser shall not be arrested for public intoxication where there are detoxification centers where the alcohol abuser should be kept, but not for more than 72 hours involuntarily.

The legislature passed the following bill twice in a row but the governor vetoed it: assuring those in juvenile hall and youth authority and county jails the right to receive books and newspapers, the right to correspond with one's lawyer confidentially and to one's own manuscript. Write to the governor about this one.

We are happy to report that our Assemblyman Alan Sieroty together with fourteen other legislators have protested the ruling.

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!
WRITE THIS LETTER NOW --

"I support the California State Senators and Assemblymen, as well as the United Prisoners Union, in their protest against the restrictive mail regulations taking effect at the California State Prisons in San Quentin and Folsom ..."

Direct your Correspondence to:
Raymond Procunier, Director
Department of Corrections
714 P St., Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Walter E. Craven, Warden
California State Prison at Folsom
Box W, Represa, Ca. 95670

Ronald Reagan, Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, Cal 95814

Louis S. Nelson, Warden
California State Prison at San

San Quentin, Ca. 94964

Nota de Salud

Lleve su niño a County Health Clinic, 905 Venice Blvd (cerca de Lincoln) si su chico no tuvo sarampion. Se dan vacunaciones libre contra sarampion.

Lunes-Miercoles-Viernes
8 a 9 por la mañana
821-3484

Cast A Net For Snoops

"Attorney General Mitchell has argued that the Federal Government may eavesdrop on anyone it believes may be a threat to the national security, without any form of court permission and without necessity for disclosing the results to any defendant," wrote Tom Wicker.

The President and Attorney General have no authority to use electronic surveillance, without court warrant, against citizens in so-called national security cases — ruled Federal District Court Judge Damen Keith of Detroit.

In April '71, the Federal Court of Appeals in Cincinnati agreed—the Government may not wiretap domestic groups suspected of subversion without advance court approval.

In the case of the Harrisburg defendants (5/71) the Government contended that Sister Jagues Egan could not raise the question of unauthorized wiretapping, but should be forced to testify before the Grand Jury because she had been granted immu-

nity. Third Court of Appeals pointed out: "If the Government becomes a lawbreaker it breeds contempt for the law . . . To declare that the Government may commit a crime in order to secure the conviction of a criminal may well bring unfortunate retribution." Sister Jagues' right was upheld but the Government appealed.

Defending his unbridled wiretap procedures, Atty. Gen. Mitchell, speaking to the Nat'l District Attorney's Assoc. (6/71) said that the Administration was trying to restore courtroom balance through greater use of wiretaps. "The preoccupation with fairness for the accused has done violence to fairness for the accuser."

President Nixon, disturbed that court decisions are undermining his Executive policies on detention, wiretap and SACB, is, at this time, proposing candidates for Supreme Court Judges who are in agreement with his "judicial philosophy."

Fred Graham, of the NY TIMES

The American Civil Liberties Union issued a report in December of 1971 concluding that government's electronic eavesdropping for that year had been highly extensive as well as expensive, but ineffective.

Tens of thousands of persons whose politics are distasteful to the government were tapped and bugged. This took place on a local, state and federal level. But the millions of conversations listened to and the number of arrests which resulted—all this didn't produce very many convictions. Are they paranoid?

In Venice, the use of informers

eavesdropping and surveillance hasn't really tackled the prime criminal activities in the drug scene. The big pushers are still at large and the supply of drugs in the community is plentiful. Then whom do the Narcotics Squad spend their time on? They try to harass the Venice Food Conspiracy. They go after the activists in the Chicano movement. They hassle the Black youths on the street.

Are they really interested in catching criminals or the victims or the criminals? Are they fearful that there is an element in Venice who is interested in cleaning it up?

Venice Beach Oil Steal

Innocently, I pedaled my bike into the gray cinder-block compound next to the Venice Pavilion and approached a hard-hat.

"What is this?" I asked.

"A Mobil oil pumping station," he said and walked away.

The place had always mystified me: no identifying signs, high walls, locked gates, monopolizing a huge one-acre chunk of beach-front and blocking off the view to the sea.

The long discovery process began on a PBX holding pattern, then a tired woman's voice rasping: "This is just the Mobil answering service. You'll have to call back next week."

Before trying Mobil again, I dialed the City of Los Angeles out of curiosity. At Venice City Hall the switchboard operator had not heard of Venice Beach or the well. She transferred me to an affable, slow-talking gentleman somewhere in the bowels of administration who proved equally vague.

I gave up on the City for the time being and "let my fingers do the walking" back to Mobil. Once inside their vast maze of extensions, subsidiaries and buck-passing hierarchies, I experienced total telephonic constipation. Mobil's first line of defense is the dense, impenetrable mass known as "operator mentality."

It means: Pass the caller to somebody, anybody, quick, before he can get any information out of you.

All I asked for was general information about Mobil's Venice Beach plant. The question buzzed around the wires to West Coast Pipelines, Right of Way, Public Relations, Exploration and Producing. The phone went dead twice in the midst of complicated transfers, requiring a call back to the main number and starting the chain of insanity all over again.

Mobil's people were either incredibly ignorant or incredibly cagey. Those few in-the-know stiffened when I asked for information about the plant. "Why do you want to know? Who are you with? What's this for?"

The entire situation suggested to me that oil companies keep a lot of secrets. By design, most employees are in the dark, while a few superiors know it all and are uptight-defensive about it.

At last, however, I got through to a reasonably coherent official

in Public Relations, Ed Fulham. He told me that the Venice well feeds into a pipeline under the Marina which eventually hooks up to the main line to the refinery. But Fulham was very short with me, especially after I said I was a freelance writer. Then he complained about not having the time to go into detail and palmed me off on the City. The contact this time: Ed Spalding, Petroleum Administrator.

Spalding turned out to be direct, open and friendly. No preliminaries, no credential screening, just the facts, man! But he had a hard sell. He said the city receives \$10,000 in royalties monthly, an amount which has decreased slightly every year since 1965 (when the wells were drilled) due to normal depletion.

Mobil paid L.A. \$1.65 million for drilling rights in 1965 and since then has paid roughly \$700,000 in royalties. Every cent goes into a special fund for beach development (commerce, navigation, recreation), Spalding asserted. Every improvement of Venice Beach since 1965 has been made possible thanks to Mobil Oil.

When the drill rig originally went up, the City required Mobil to disguise it as a lighthouse. Navigators learned to steer a course by it and the community was more-or-less appreciative. Other conditions set by the City: palm trees, grass and NO signs. Nothing was said, however about covering the hideous cement walls with ivy or community artwork. Worse, the community was never really given a choice between an unspoiled beach and oil (prosperity?).

Prosperity? Indeed. It's a good question. Production figures are confidential. How much oil comes out of Venice to be sold back to us by Mobil? How good a deal is it? Only Mobil really knows the answer.

In a certain sense the City has given away part of Venice to a corporation. But all, not part of Venice belongs to the People.

The South Vietnamese government gave away 12,000 square miles of land along the South Vietnamese coast for oil exploration to Mobil, Gulf and Amoco. Are we part of the same Vietnamization plan?



Yardley Jones in THE TELEGRAM, Toronto

Food Co-op Harassed

Within the past few months, the city of Los Angeles, through various harassment tactics, has been trying to close down the Free Venice Food Co-op. At first the city issued a citation to the co-op saying that the co-op owed three years of back taxes to the tune of \$210. This dated back to even before the Venice co-op's existence. The city also has threatened to tie in the Venice co-op distribution from the Community House to a citation that said that distribution from there was improper since it is a residential zone. The fact that the Free Venice Co-op is known as a non-profit buying club didn't stop the city from making threats.

The back taxes charge was heard in front of the Los Angeles Board of Review and the Board ruled that since the Co-op is not a business, it does not have to pay taxes. So far so good.

During the cross examination of the taxes complaint, the Co-op learned that it is the large local food markets that had brought the pressure against it to the city. The markets had claimed that the Food Co-op detracts taxable monies from the city and couldn't the poor city use the money?

So the city continued to harass the co-op. A building inspector came to one of the distribution points and put up a sign, "cease and desist selling food from an improperly zoned place." This message was also sent to the landlady who is too fearful of fighting City Hall. So, the Food Co-op had to move.

At the same time, law enforcement units were alerted to bring down their strong arm tactics upon the Co-op. Several undercover cops came to the same garage at night to ask what was being sold. No dialogue took place. They left threatening further citations. The following morning another undercover agent re-

turned to the same garage and demanded to see it opened up. He did not have a warrant and he did not see the inside of the garage. While all this was going on at one place, a different distribution center was visited by uniformed police. This time there was no need to guess who was harassing and terrorizing whom. They ticketed two cars for being unattended in the alley, even though one of the owners was standing right there. The third distribution center was also being watched by the police.

Why is the Free Venice Co-op being harassed? The answer lies mainly in the threat that the food co-op poses to the large food markets and their loss of profit. Also since Venice is a poor community with the strong need for good, inexpensive food, there is the danger that the co-op will become a very strong, independent organization. Strong independent organizations run by the people in the interest of the people are always a threat to government. And since business and government work hand in hand, the co-op expects to be hassled and is prepared to fight to win.



Welfare Millionaires

by Paul Danis

One of the great myths of the welfare system is that people on welfare are getting rich off the system. Nixon especially enjoys the song, "Welfare Cadillac"; exactly how a welfare mother in Mississippi, for example, living on \$59 a month payment can afford a Cadillac is never explained in the song. But, it is true that some Americans are getting rich.

Here are some examples of the real welfare millionaires:

John Wayne receives \$218,000 a year in farm subsidies. Wayne, in the words of Rep. Glenn Anderson, has long been, "a vocal critic of the welfare program" but has himself "turned to the federal treasury to supplement his income."

Sen. James Eastland of Sunflower Co., Miss. got \$164,084 last year in farm subsidies. Sunflower Co. farmers were overall given \$9.1 million in subsidies, one of the highest county totals in the nation.

The leader in the farm subsidy program in 1970 was J.G. Boswell of California with a \$4,429,484 payment. Louisiana's Sen. Russell Long pushes some \$300,000 each year through the oil depletion allowance loophole.

Gov. Ronald Reagan said he did not need to pay his taxes for the last several years because the money was sunk in cattle ranches.

President Nixon's friend, "Bebe" Rebozo, paid the president \$2 a share for Nixon's holdings in a Florida Real Estate corporation after Nixon was elected president. Rebozo paid everyone else \$1 a share. Rebozo explained, "He was president and we thought we ought to give him a fair price."

Lockheed's profiteers ran up a \$2 billion cost overrun on the C5A and the plane can still barely get off the ground.

Defense contractors made an average rate of profit of 56.1% on 146 contracts studied by the Government Accounting Office.

Lyndon B. Johnson, shortly after he left office, had 6500 rolls of government owned toilet paper shipped to the LBJ ranch.

Veterans

The displacement of over 1,000 veterans from the Domiciliary at the West LA Veterans Hospital is done. The reactions from the vets, the community, the employees etc. did not even slow them down. The vets had no say in the move.

The vets have moved all across the country to places like White River, Oregon, and Temple, Texas. Many had friends and family in L.A. Most of them liked the weather. The VA did not care.

The VA has always been thought of as a benevolent organization to vets but recent actions have shown that they are just the opposite. The VA is just another bureaucracy that deals with people expeditiously rather than honestly.

We feel that there is the possibility that the VA worked in collusion with certain large corporations who may have strong financial reasons for wanting people to be moved. Occidental and Alladin Oil Cos have both extracted oil from the land under the hospital.

Right now we do not have the answers but a lot of people who never questioned the "program" before have begun the process of reevaluating the VA and the people who run it.

Innocent People In Jail

POLITICAL PRISONERS

The Conspiracy to Save Lives

It was good to hear the strong words of resistance to the War from Father Daniel Berrigan released from the Danbury prison recently. "We resist because we must; because we cannot even be passive cooperators in the exploitative program of a racist, sexist, imperialist society. . . . Our main work is not to define resistance but to create it."

Father Phillip and Daniel Berrigan have been in prison for their actions against the Vietnam War. These unusual Catholic priests have set an example of fearless resistance and action against the War Machine. We applaud their courage and join their followers in condemning the repressive plot of government in its attempt to silence the revolutionary priests by accusing them of planning to kidnap Kissinger. The government is using a known informer and criminal type as its main witness against the Harrisburg 7.

Those who wish to join in helping to free Father Philip Berrigan and the other six defendants in the Harrisburg Case can contact the House of Hospitality at the Berrigan Resistance Center at 605 N. Cummings in East L.A., 90033. 264-8144



Father Daniel Berrigan served time for anti-war actions.

Angela Davis

We react with horror at the cave-man terror tactics used by some pettyfogging school administrator in expelling the sons of the farmer who put up bail for Angela Davis. And how the farmer's wife and her five sons had to go into hiding for fear of their lives. These are shades of Nazi Germany right here. The kids were beaten up by their school mates for what their father did. And the school with its lessons in "democracy" and its inculcation of the slogans sung in the Star Spangled Banner every morning, "and the land of the free and the home of the brave" makes a mockery of it all. Who is free in this land? Doesn't the U.S. Constitution guarantee bail rights in the Bill of Rights to all? And that means communists, anarchists, Jehovah's witnesses, monarchists or whoever. In this "land of the free" why are fascist minded school administrators allowed to poison the minds of school kids? Why couldn't the school make of Angela Davis being granted bail a practical lesson in the workings of democracy? It is incidents like these in Raisin, California that reveal the racist nature of America and the injustices Angela Davis and her people suffer.



And not so well publicized is the trial of Billy Dean Smith, a black private from Watts who is on trial for murder also. Stationed in South Vietnam in Bien Hoa on March 15, 1971, Billy Dean Smith is supposed to have exploded a fragmentation grenade in the officer's barracks. The army has a record of over 200 cases of fragging in Vietnam. With no evidence against Smith other than his hatred of the war and a grenade pin of the wrong size in his possession, Billy Smith has been returned to the U.S. to stand trial for murder. According to his captain, Smith was unenthusiastic about dealing with the "enemy." The young black private hated the racist Army and its racist officers. And unlike the treatment being accorded Lt. Calley, Billy Dean Smith expects the military to try to hang him. There is a Billy Dean Smith Defense Comm. at 6430 Sunset Blvd. Suite 521, Hollywood, Calif. 90028, 466-8226. They need help.

The Pentagon Papers drama will switch its setting to the courtroom where Ellsberg and Russe will be tried. This sometime in May.

And while our national leaders drool words of peace, those who really oppose the war vigorously become its victims, the political prisoners.



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Clean Environment Act

A major battle is shaping up between polluting corporations and the People over the Clean Environment Act, which is an initiative measure that will be on the ballot in June of 1972. According to a "secret plan" submitted to the Chairman of the Board of Standard Oil Company, the polluters plan to hire a public relations firm to fight the Act. The campaign against the Act would be spearheaded by a front group of conservationists, academicians, labor spokesmen, and leaders of the Democratic Party, with the corporations

in control behind the scenes.

The Clean Environment Act is a wide-ranging measure threatening many corporate interests. Among other things, it: (1) Phases lead out of gasoline by 1976 (2) Shuts down polluters getting too many variances (licenses to pollute) until they install standby pollution control equipment (3) Bans new offshore and coastal oil drilling (4) Imposes a five-year moratorium on new nuclear power plants (5) Tightens controls over DDT and other even deadlier poisons.

The People's Lobby, the organ-

ization behind the ballot measure, believes that elected officials will do little to solve our environmental problems. They are attempting to by-pass the Legislature through initiatives and lawsuits. They are trying to combat the inevitable publicity campaign against the Clean Environment Act by reaching small groups in the period before the election, and exposing the role of the giant corporations in fighting the measure. They are also attempting to raise advertising money to help counteract the \$2 million already pledged by the cor-

porations.

For more information, contact the People's Lobby, 3456 W. Olympic Bl., L.A., phone 731-8321.

WESTSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

The Westside Environmental Center, which runs the recycling center behind the Co-op Market, 2021 S. Barrington, West L.A., is starting a new program designed to acquaint the community with the activities of different groups in the L.A. area.

This free service will begin the weekend of March 11th and 12th with Zero Population Growth conducting their public interest teach-in. The following weekend, March 18th and 19th, the LA Free Clinic will be at the Center to explain and discuss their activities. Pet Pride will make their presentation on March 25th & 26th. The programs will all run from 10am to 4pm in the north parking lot of the COOP Market. For further information, call 478-3429.

Letters

Dear Editors:

I have been away from the peace movement for three or four years. The main reason for this is that drug was too busy tripping out on drugs. I think this has probably happened to a lot of people. If half the drug users could quit and get involved, we might have a chance to end the War. I guess I'm against all drugs now, but mostly because it's too easy to cop out and avoid reality. When you're stoned you can rationalize anything. Anything seems possible when you're high, but it's all in the mind. People who sit around and get stoned never get around to helping anyone else. As Pete Seeger said: "Demonstrations are a drag, besides we're much too high." It is only through effort, through work, that the possible becomes actual. I just don't want to spend a lifetime getting high. When you're high you just avoid the fact that you're avoiding reality. Reality is Vietnam. The war was there before I started taking drugs and it's still there now. I feel as though I've been bowling up on Sleepy Hollow, and just woke up, twenty years later.

Sincerely,
Teri Johnson

STAFF BOX: Don, Doug, Ed, Frank, Jeff,
John, Lynn, Milton, Pete & Rachel



When will the "establishment" decide to help the sick and clean-up our environment?

Joanne Light

Health cont'd

Venice. Many of the decisions about how healthy the people in Venice should be are made in Washington, and you better bet Blacks, Chicanos and women have little representation where the money really is hidden.

There is no reason why the people in the Health Council cannot administer all the health facilities available to Venice people. All the members are community people and they know what the problems are. There are experts in the health field who know more than any

So you people wonder what's going on under the Beachhouse. Here it is...
Hobo Zabadak

A non profit organization dedicated to loose knit power systems. Structured to give no one man the final say. Dedicated to free flow music and morals (no such thing). It struggles to keep itself going. The charter members so far are James Stanly Jerry Core Erwin Scott and Richard. Chartered members occasionally meet and new members taken on. Soon the thirteen positions will be filled and then only associate memberships will be offered.
Super Scooper

government bureaucrat.

Instead the government had to give money to this or that group depending on how well the group can write a proposal, not on how well the group can use money or make people healthy. Often the group that knows the most influential people can get advanced notice about money that will become available and apply for it and get it before a group of really community people get a chance.

The government also has to know what kind of people are operating the programs they fund, make sure they aren't too radical or say anything bad about the government. Finally, grants only come for a certain period. Whether a project gets refunded has little to do with how good it is. Money comes if the Democrats or Republicans taking over happen to like the funded group's leaders. If there is a war we have to do with less health care. If the government wants to give a lot of money to Lockheed or Boeing so the rich owners don't lose money, then we have to do with fewer doctors in the community.

The whole idea of the free clinic came from the people of Venice and similar people all over the country. The government never takes ideas for spending money on poor people, the people have to yell and yell to get a small benefit.

We in Venice can yell a little louder if we all get together behind the Venice Health Council. Meetings are at the NAPP Center, Washington and Westminster on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30.

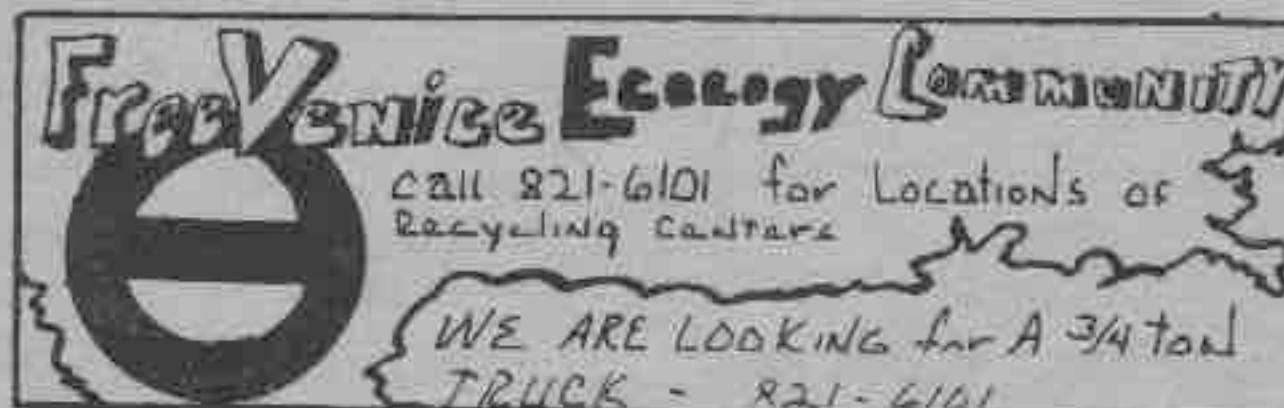


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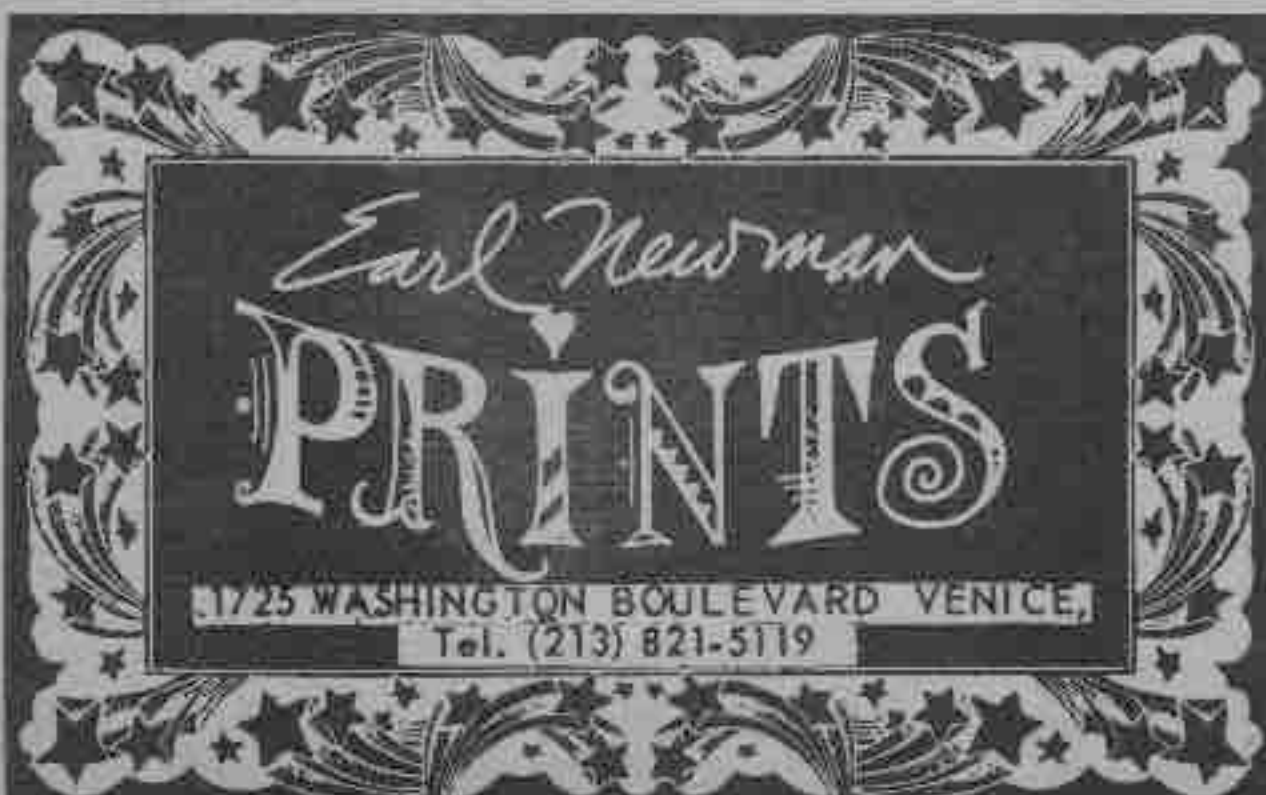
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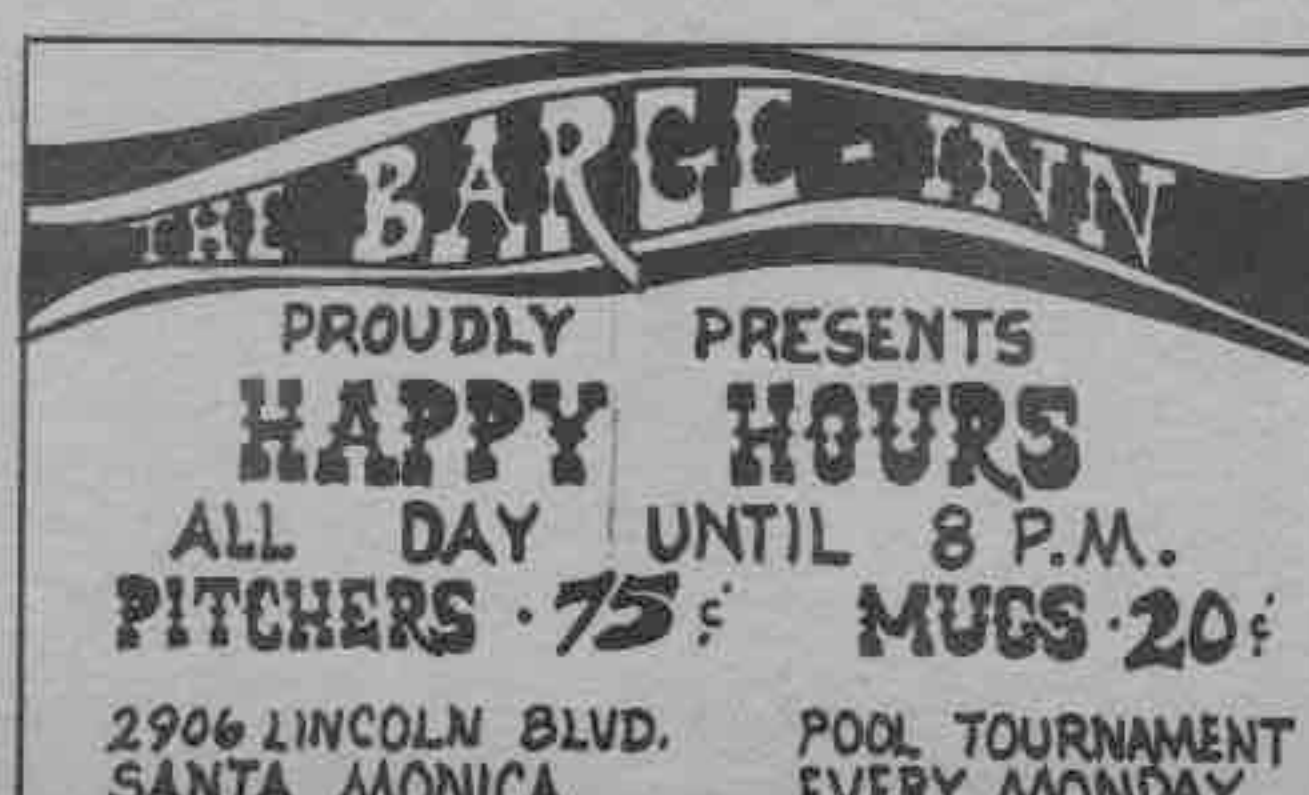
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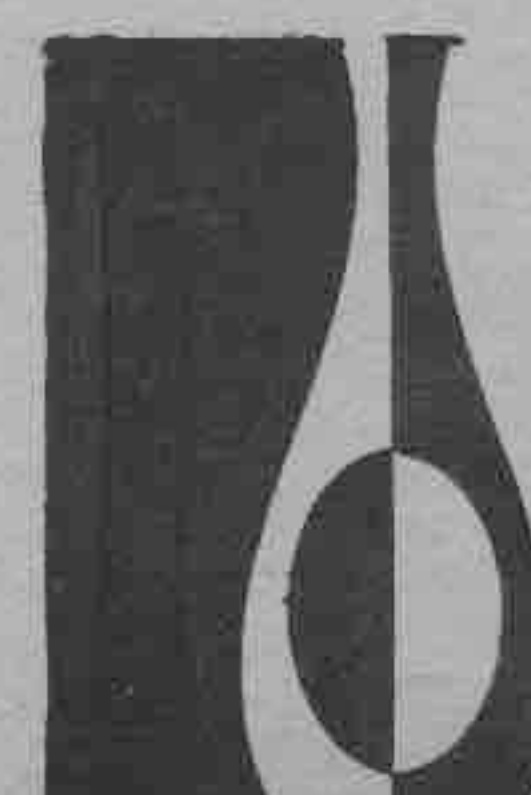
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Weekly

Venice Drug Coalition meeting at the Venice Library 3pm Monday

Drama Classes at the Venice Pavillion, Windward and Ocean, kids 3:30pm, 6pm for adults Tuesday

Raps on Birth Control, VD and just plain sex Venice Youth Clinic, 821-3484, 6pm M-W-F

Co-op Action Council meeting on co-operatives in urban areas, above the Co-op Market, 2021 Barrington, WLA 7:30pm 1st and 3rd Monday

People For Peace And Justice (Westside) meeting at the Santa Monica Unitarian Church, 18th and Arizona, 395-7612 8pm, 1st and 3rd Monday

Crisis Group Venice Youth Clinic, Call Denise, 821-3484, Monday nights.

Guitar Classes Venice Pavillion, 3:30pm kids, 4:30 adults

Hatha Yoga Classes Earl Newman's Prints, 1725 W Washington, 6:30-8 Tues donation

Lavender People meeting 829 Palms info: 823-2236, 7:30pm Tues

Free Venice Food Conspiracy meetings Tues 8pm East Venice - 2505 Oakwood Canals - 441 Sherman Canal Oceanfront - 31 Breeze Santa Monica - 620 Lincoln, above Fox

Free Collective Meditation Ananda Marga Yoga Society, 432 B Colorado, SM 8pm Tues info: 392-1307

Santa Monica Peace and Freedom Party meetings 1st and 3rd Tues. 399-7663

Gay Street Theater call Gardner 396-2462 straights welcome Wednesday

Yoga Group kundalini, Venice Library, 6pm Wed

California Veterans Movement 1508 2nd st SM, 8pm Wed, 451-9281

Venice Conference Committee meeting to plan a nationwide summer conference dealing with urban problems in Venice

Venice Peace and Freedom Party meeting 1727 W Washington, Wednesday, 821-5281

Poetry Workshop beyond Baroque, 1639 W Washington Bl, 8:30pm Wed 396-6551

Yoga Classes Ananda Marga Yoga Society Venice Pavillion, 9:30am Sat 392-1307

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"Venice Beach is not a prime natural beach, but it's the best we've got," she said affectionately. She fully supports the club's decision to join other Venice people in opposing mid-beach bikepaths proposed by the City.

Meanwhile the City is hastily reconsidering its idea of running a cement swath down the center of the sand. They have met a concerted and determined frontal effort by different community and ecology interests to stop this project.

Monthly

Sat Mar 11 - general meeting of the Westside Women's Center discussion on possibilities for buildings, Venice Pavillion, 1pm Pat 821-2889

Sat & Sun Mar 11 & 12 **Zero Population Growth** will explain their activities to the public. 487-3429 North Parking Lot of Coop Market 2021 Barrington 10am 4pm

Sat Mar 11 - Rummage Sale **La Causa Youth Center** 1043 W Washington to raise rent and utility money for summer 10am 392-5348

Mon Mar 13 - Venice Ad hoc Community Planning Committee at the NAPP Office 1101 W Washington, Ken Norwood 392-4525

Tue Mar 14 - Silent Films 7pm Venice Library 610 California

Tue Mar 14 - **Community Service Organization (CSO)** meeting at Stoner Playground (WLA) 7:30 823-9254

Sat Mar 18 - Film **Salt of the Earth** Israel Levin Center, 201 Oceanfront Walk Benefit for Westside Women's Center \$1 or \$1 1/2 donation 7:30 & 9:30

Sat-Sun Mar 18-19 - **LA Free Clinic** will explain their activities to the public, north parking lot of the co-op market, 2021 Barrington 10-4 478-3429

Mon Mar 20 **Justice In The Courts** a report from the Angela Davis and Harrisburg 6 trials. 1260 18th st SM 8pm 395-7612

Tue Mar 21 - Silent Films Venice Library 7pm

Wed Mar 22 - Lecture **Dawn of a New Age** Ackerman Union, UCLA 3564, 4:30 Yogi Cidrapananda

Fri-Sat Mar 24-25 - Film **The Blood of the Condor** Peace Corps sterilizing Bolivian women Long March 715 S Parkview 384-3856

Fri Mar 24 - Sat Mar 25 - Sun Mar 26 **Yoga Retreat** with Achary Cidrapananda Avadhuta 392-1307

Sat-Sun Mar 25-26 **Pet Pride** will explain their activities 2021 Barrington 10-4 478-3429

Sun Mar 26 **Fishing Derby** Venice Pier 8-15 years old noon 399-2775

Mon Mar 27 Venice Ad Hoc **Community Planning Committee** 1101 W Washington, Ken Norwood 392-4525

Sat Mar 28 - **Teen Beach Doubles Volleyball** 13-17 years 399-2775

Sun Mar 29 - **Big Easter Egg Hunt** Venice Pavillion noon 399-2775

Sat-Sun Apr 1-2 - film **The Murder of Fred Hampton** Long March, 715 S Parkview 384-3856 8:30

Wed Apr 12 - **Venice Health Council** meeting, 1101 W Washington, 7:30

Sat Apr 15 **Tony Russo** speaks on the Vietnamese people and his upcoming trial slides of Vietnamese history 395-7612

SOYBEANS

They are a high source of protein, higher than that found in meats. The soybean originated in ancient China and is quite popular there today. Soy sauce and a number of soy derivatives are not as nutritious as the simple soybean itself. For those on a vegetarian diet, the soybean is a must and for those who wish to try a very good meat substitute, these recipes will assist you.

SOYBEANS

4 cups sprouted soybeans
3 tbs. soy oil
1 green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped olives
Sauce: 2 c. tomatoes,
2 tbs. honey,
vegetable salt.

Onions, peppers, and olives are lightly browned in oil and cooked with soybeans for 22 min. Beans & sauce are combined & heated before serving.

VEGETABLE-SOYBEAN LOAF

1 cup raw carrots (grated)
1 cup soybeans (cooked)
1 cup raw beets (grated)
1 onion
1 green pepper
3 tbs. soy flour
1/2 cup wheat germ
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1 tsp parsley

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Women's Day

International Women's Day had its beginnings on March 8, 1857. It was then that women garment workers in New York City demonstrated for shorter hours and more pay. They were clubbed and arrested.

Years later, the women were organized in the Ladies Garment Workers Union and they renewed their struggle for economic and political equality. They marched on March 8, 1908, for legislation against child labor and for women's suffrage.

Thereafter, it took generations of courageous women with actions around the world to make March 8 an international day for celebrating women's common cause for freedom. In 1945, after the defeat of Hitler and his Nazi hordes, the Women's International Democratic Federation was formed. They met in Paris, 900 of them from 42 countries. They designed March 8 as International Women's Day and that day is known around the world and respected ever since. It gets more attention in other parts of the world that the United States where the good fight for liberation originated. Although too many American women aren't conscious of the history of the liberation struggle, many, many women are seriously involved in women's liberation.

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The Struggle Then & Now



Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass Aug. 4, 1857

"... Those who profess to love freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its waters. The struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what people will submit to, and you have found out the exact amount of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them; and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or with both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress..."

How To End The Vietnam War



About a month ago Nixon went on nationwide television and made a big splash with his new peace plan. Newsmen followed it for a while, then dropped it. The Peace Plan was a flop.

The failure of the Peace Plan to bring peace is no surprise to Nixon. He knew when he offered it that it would be rejected. In the plan, Nixon offered to withdraw ground troops from Vietnam, which he says he's been doing anyway. He said nothing about the air war, or US bases in other countries in Indo-China. In fact he is increasing air and naval forces in Southeast Asia.

What Nixon really said was that if the Vietnamese agree to stop fighting back, the US will agree to continue bombing. He asked for official permission to bomb their country. Then he pretended to be surprised when they said no.

If Nixon knew that the Vietnamese wouldn't accept the plan, why did he make such a big deal of it?

Nixon knows that most people are against the war, so he's been promising to end it. He also knows that the businesses and financial interests responsible for the war in the first place still have a stake in Southeast Asia. He's tried to continue the war and at the same time make it look like he's not continuing it. The "Peace Plan" was part of his solution to this problem.

The one good thing about the "Peace Plan" was the part about troop withdrawal. But the proposed withdrawal doesn't have anything to do with Nixon's good intentions. What's really stopping the ground war is the fact that a large number of American GIs have in effect refused to carry out the war.

When the war first started, when nobody knew very much about what was going on, most of the soldiers followed their orders. But after several years of experience with the war, their attitudes

toward the war and the military changed. In the civilian world that change has been easy to see. It's happening in the military too.

Now that we are being told that the war is ending and we know it isn't, we have the feeling we are being lied to. The GIs who are still being sent over to carry on the air war in Southeast Asia also feel they are being lied to and used for something they don't want.

They began to disobey orders, avoid combat, publish and distribute papers, organize demonstrations, and even "frag" gung-ho officers.

When Nixon began withdrawing troops, he didn't do anybody any favors. He wasn't trying to end the war. He just admitted that GIs didn't trust him any more than anyone else does and were taking things into their own hands.

So when Nixon offered to withdraw troops, he offered nothing at all. The grunts, the soldiers in the field, had already dealt with that.

In January, active duty air men and women organized petition drives and demonstrations against the war at five bases in the US. On each of the four aircraft carriers off Vietnam, sailors have publicly refused to accept assignment to Indochina. At base in the Pacific, people have refused to load bombs onto planes.

Nixon's tried and tried to trick people into believing that the war is ending. He's shown that the only voice the people have is the kind of voice the GIs have voiced. They didn't go ask Nixon to stop the ground war. They made him. He won't end the air war if we merely ask him to.

We know asking won't work and we know voting won't work. The only way to start getting some power back into the hands of the common people is for each of us to think about what needs changing around the place where we live and the place where we work, and then get together with some other people and change it.

Nixon went to the People's Republic of China posing as peace maker. But the war is in Vietnam. Why didn't the peace-maker go there if he seriously wishes to make peace, if he wishes to seriously stop the stepped up air war that is going on this very second? (A 15,000 ton bomb dropped on Vietnam while Nixon was visiting China. This is the largest bomb in U.S. Arsenal).

America has complete control of the air over Vietnam and has already destroyed the countryside with massive bombings. Four Million South Vietnamese are in refugee camps. And large scale American ground forces are now sitting useless in the cities.

So what does Nixon offer in his peace plan? A deal that will not be acceptable to the Liberation Army of North and South Vietnam. Why? American corporations have it too good in Vietnam, long term oil leases, a new plant for Ford, cheap labor.

What was Nixon's deal? A cease fire for the release of American prisoners and withdrawal of American troops at no given date. (Remember that many American ground troops are superfluous now). But the American advisors were to remain and the 7th fleet remains to carry on and aid the South Vietnamese in their air warfare. This Nixon swindle of trying to get the Vietnamese to lay down their arms for the above stated conditions didn't work. The Viet Cong knows also that as long as the Thieu gang remains in power, there will be corrupt, tyrannical and vindictive measures taken against the National

Liberation Front forces. 120,000 political prisoners are in Thieu's prison this very moment.

In a trail of blood, Nixon went to China shook the hand of Mao and tried to make some bargain. For whose benefit did he go to China? For his own re-election (he can't offer an end to the war and he can't patch up the ailing economy at home). and also for the American corporations who want business out of China. These corporations will contribute substantially to Nixon's election campaign. Nixon the man brave enough to walk into the den of Chinese lions... and subdue them....

And as we sit and listen to the TV and the radio with commentators suddenly telling us how clean China is, how beautiful her people, how well fed and clothed, how the health of her people have greatly improved under socialism, how honest Chinese people have become and how self-sacrificing we have to rightly ask ourselves, why are they telling us this now. Why have the Chinese communists suddenly become the good guys? Will our government go to any length to try to use them against the Russians?

Let's get things straight. We applaud peaceful relations and trade between our country and Communist China. But if this is to be used as a piece of deception to lull us into thinking that the Vietnam War is over - we will cry out against this Nixon trick.

Also when Nixon promises Communist China to withdraw American troops from Taiwan as tensions ease and promises Nationalist China that he wouldn't forsake his commitments, do we see the same old Tricky Dick.

A Waiting Sound of a Winter Wind

I heard the cry of a desperate voice
A wailing sound of a winter wind
I saw her glassy eyes
Was she dying?

She told me
She's a dope fiend
Ten years for it in prison
Ten years out of her twenty five

They hooked her like a design
in a rug
They wove her into a desperate fact
She begged me
not to look at her with chastising eyes

The needle in her arm's her lover
reds her morning meal
The prison the best place to get high
You don't have to run

It was her hole in the wall
For ten years, holed up
And the vital statistics
Was she counted dead or alive?

Was she classified incorrigible?
Should they have kept her another ten
To dry up that desperate voice?
That moaning sound in a winter wind -
forever moaning.

- Luci

Opium in Court

Earth Magazine is working with San Francisco attorney Ron Leachman in preparing a suit against Air America, a Southeast Asian Airline started by the CIA. The suit will allege negligence on the part of Air America and its Board of Directors for allowing its facilities to be used for the trafficking of opium from the fertile triangle of poppy fields in Laos, Burma and Thailand.

Mr. Leachman would appreciate hearing from any returned veterans or civilians about heroin traffic in Southeast Asia. You can reach him through Holly Reppert at Earth Press (415) 989-4300, Earth Magazine, The Agricultural Bldg, The Embarcadero at Mission, San Francisco, Ca., 94115