

Conspiracy Against the People - HEROIN

Venice is a pusher's paradise. It is a place where speed, heroin, narcotics are sold openly on the street and pushers don't get busted for it. The black and brown ghetto, with no escape from the curse of heroin have been afflicted with it for a long time. Drugs are big booming business with heroin selling at \$350 Per ounce in U. S., \$3 a vial in Saigon. The U. S. price is one middle-class kids could afford more easily than those in the ghettos. And middle-class whites are almost as heavily into heroin as those in the ghettos. So observes Dr. Jim Teague, consultant to the Venice Drug Abuse Program.

But ghetto youth gets caught more easily (is hassled and under close scrutiny) and ends up doing time in jail. It is a strange paradox, heroin being put in the ghetto with the nod of law enforcement but when it is used, the user becomes the criminal. It is a simple conclusion that heroin has kept the ghettos from exploding. And the Venice ghetto where addiction runs as high as 35%, is an example where heroin addicts have to rip off property in order to buy stuff but are quite passive in regard to the abuse that comes down upon their heads in the community. As one ex-addict and ex-convict explained it, "When I was juiced up, I didn't give a sh— what was happening. I didn't know there was a war going on or whatever. And I lived just to put the needle in my arm."

Heroin addiction is the symptom of a decayed, dying capitalist class destroying its poor. Together with unemployment, crowded housing, the destruction of family life and the moral fibre of the country, it is directly tied to the war in Indochina. Laos has one half of the world's supply of opium and its refineries for processing morphine into heroin are controlled by their government elite. Perhaps a good reason for the U.S.'s stay in Laos in addition to the fear of the spread of communism is heroin.

Many of the ghetto communities see only the pusher as the real culprit in the conspiracy against the people. He is the gangster of Mafia strain who is pimping off his people. His crime is visible, concrete. And they attempt to deal with him by cutting him down. But then before long, another pusher appears and another with the protection of law enforcement and their gangs. Stuff finds its way into the ghettos and the prisons, the very prisons doing "drug abuse rehabilitation."

Why not ask ourselves who gives the pushers the free hand to spread the stuff around? Who wants to see the young between ages 18 and 35 die of overdoses? Who wants to see the ghetto stay passive? Who wants to reap huge profits (over one million per day) by destroying others?

The conspiracy to have the poor, the young, the blacks and Chicanos kill themselves with dope is in full swing in Amerika today. The spectre of heroin addiction is haunting nearly every community (civilian and military). Crash programs for the curtailment of the fire are like drops of water.

The Vietnamese while under the colonial domination of the French suffered

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Guess what, mom, I'm in jail.

from the same kind of conspiracy. But there came a day when they understood that they couldn't get the French off their backs if they juiced up with opium. They had to chuck their pipes and fight like hell for liberation.

CRIMES WITHOUT VICTIMS

In this time of increasing antagonism and violence between the various classes in this country it is becoming difficult for the government to decide how to use its authority. To the nervous men who rule Amerika, often the new appears only a weapon of 'the enemies of law and order.' To the average person law and order is the sanctions of society against persons who are causing injury to others. But when the government itself is injuring untold numbers of citizens, — morally in backing violence in the mass media, economically in thwarting attempts by common people at financial independence, and physically in Viet Nam — then the meaning of 'violence' or 'injury' gets hazy. In what way does a pot smoking hippie injure people more than a GI in Viet Nam? In what way does a peace demonstrator commit more violence than a farmer who sprays his crops with poisons. In what way is the youth arrested for drinking a can of beer a worse menace than a heroin pusher who, it is common knowledge, is known to the police but remains free.

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VENICE DRUG COALITION

Taylor Nightengale

The Venice Drug Coalition has been in operation now for close to two years. Headed by Vermont McKinney, it has become a functional part of the Venice community.

The membership of the Venice Drug Coalition is not limited and is open to all community residents. Outside help is also welcomed. Members range from housewives to businessmen who are interested in the betterment of the Venice community.

The Coalition functions as the "spearhead" in seeking different and new ways to put some kind of control on the drug scene. The drug problem in Venice has been most heavy for a long time. The Coalition is trying to focus its attention on the use of narcotics, pills, weed, glue, speed, stuff, etc. Since its inception, the Venice Drug Coalition has been responsible, directly or indirectly for some important drug abuse programs serving the Venice area. These are Tuum Est (a therapeutic community), Methadone Halfway House, the Prevention-Counseling-Referral Center, Methadone Maintenance and Detoxification at the UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute and the Coun-

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CASE OF LOS TRES

Three Chicanos, Beto Ortiz, Juan Fernandez and Rudy Chavez were indicted by the Grand Jury on August 4, 1971 for the alleged attempted murder of a narcotics agent. The three men were involved in community affairs and had an anti-drug ideology. They had worked to end gang warfare, drug abuse, and to help their Chicano brothers and sisters to unite.

Los Tres were aware that drugs must be counteracted in the barrios because they serve to pacify the user. In their opinion, the person using drugs becomes concerned only with his own head, rather than with the brothers dying in Vietnam, being hassled on the streets, being out of jobs, and without decent housing.

In Los Angeles, it seems that the community people have been attempting to deal with the drug problem in a very direct way: eliminating the pushers. Recently seven bodies of pushers have been found. The narcotics agent was posing as a pusher when he was shot. For this attempted murder, together with other killings of real pushers, the L.A. Police Dept. found the excuse of framing community workers in the barrio. Send defense funds to:

LOS TRES DEL BARRIO
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Photo: Susan Levine, Levine-Tennen Photographers

On Sunday, August 29th on Indiana, there was a confrontation between black youths and police. Vermont McKinney, a black social worker in charge of a \$30,000 federally funded project on drug abuse, interceded on behalf of the youths. The police claimed there were bottles thrown by the youths at the police car. And that brought nine other cop cars, making that street hotter than Hades. One cop pulled his gun and pointed it around in Western movie fashion.

Vermont McKinney was handcuffed. After the police combed their penal code book for a charge McKinney was charged with refusing to obey an order

to disperse. The charge was dropped by the Los Angeles city attorney's office



Press conference: Vermont McKinney with Ray Martinez of BALA.

who said there was insufficient evidence to press the charge.

However, McKinney is calling for an investigation. He says it was a wholly unnecessary display of weapons.

In the interim of McKinney's bust and release, he had called a press conference. The reps of the press were a reporter from the *Evening Outlook* and the editor of the *Beachhead*. The reporter of the *Evening Outlook* sweated to justify a slanderous article written by him on the incident on Indiana St. He did finally admit that he took the story verbatim from the police blotter. McKinney

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The War Goes On

The fighting in Indochina goes on, in spite of all the talk about ending the war. The Nixon Administration has noted the unrest over the war at home that can be seen in the ever increasing demonstrations and in the political polls. The Administration has also noted the crumbling moral of American troops.

Nixon's response has been to continue the War with decreasing use of American troops. American planes continue to bomb North and South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia with Nixon's personal endorsement. American helicopters continue to carry South Vietnamese troops into battle. The assumption seems to be that Asian lives are expendable, while American lives are not.

A coalition of individuals and organizations on the Westside has been forming around the demand to set the date in 1971 for U.S. withdrawal from Indo-

china. This coalition, called People for Peace and Justice (Westside) presently includes the Peace Action Council, Venice Peace and Freedom, Santa Monica Peace and Freedom, Students' Liberation of Culver City, and others.

People for Peace and Justice has called a demonstration on October 13 as part of nation-wide Moratorium Day demonstrations. People will assemble at Palisades Park and march to Lincoln Park. Points along the march will be Rand Corporation, General Telephone, Bank of America, Santa Monica High and the Unemployment Office.

There will also be Veterans' Day demonstrations on October 25, A Student Strike on November 3, and further demonstrations on November 6. For further information, contact People for Peace and Justice, 1727 W. Washington Bl, Venice 90291, Phone 399-5715, 828-7074.

Unemployed?

The People's Committee for Full Employment is organizing nationwide at this time. The cost of living continues to rise, while it gets harder and harder to find a job.

If "they" think you're employable, you have to accept any job "they" offer you (even scab jobs) or lose all your welfare grants. Welfare people get 19% meal allowance. The largest unemployment (and depression hit) area is the Venice Area. So let's get together and discuss starting a Venice branch of the "PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT" to find solutions.

OUR COMMITTEE IS SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR A NEW EMPLOYMENT RECONSTRUCTION ACT OF 1971, WHICH PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. Unemployment compensation be made available to all unemployed who are actively seeking work, including farm workers, domestic workers, first-time seekers of jobs, and any other workers, not presently included.
2. The duration of payment of unemployment compensation is, from the moment employment terminates to the moment of receipt of the first paycheck on a new job. Payments shall be weekly, with no waiting period.
3. The rate of unemployment compensation shall be uniform throughout the states and based on the department of labor statistics, \$10,500 for a family of four.

4. Unemployment compensation shall not be denied because of illness, or loss of employment due to firing or labor disputes.

5. While we are fighting for full employment we say the Employment Reconstruction Act of 1971 shall be funded by federal taxation on corporate profits.

6. Workers shall not be deprived of benefits for refusing a job offer or referral by an employment agency for which a fee or reduction of wages is required.

7. We call upon President Nixon to keep his campaign promise to end the war now. All war funds to facilitate employment for all, in a peace economy.

8. H. R. 22 for a National Health Law. This act is imperative for the health of our nation.

There are six "area groups" that have already started to organize in the greater Los Angeles area, Watts, East L.A., Compton, Highland Park-Echo Park, Central L.A. (local Headquarters)—phone 748-1978; P.O. Box 39472.

Our Bay Area Branch has held its first meeting. Success of the Bay Area Branch of the Committee for Full Employment depends upon your cooperation. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 19 at 1101 W. Washington Bl, corner of Westminster (NAPP Office). Venice.

Full employment, not welfare, for those who can work!



The Thin Blue Line

Basic car plan time. kiddies! Every first Tuesday at 7:30 the Ocean Front Community is treated to a view of the thin blue line of Law and Order as they tell us about Burglary, Bicycles, Drugs, ... they had a fantastic flick starring Florie Fisher, an ex-convict from Synanon who told a bunch of New York City-ish school kids to, "Turn your friends

in ... Drop a dime on 'em if you see them just use weed!" The photography was better than average 1950 Army style documentary of the I-think-we-should-prohibit-the-use-and-sale-of-milk-because-some-milk-drinkers-become-child-molesters-heroin-addicts-etc. logic. But I digress. The basic car plan was instituted by former newscaster and ex-police chief Mr. Liberal himself, Tom Reddin. It was started in Venice in Feb., 1970.

The nine officers whose beat is the Oceanfront are on display for you to look at and enjoy.

The program (Remember this is Public Relations not community control, so don't ask relevant questions, you'll rattle the agenda which has been laid down for them by Police Chief Davis downtown) consists of a talk, film, discussion of the film, cookies, coffee and punch (non-alcoholic). Then general discussion. There's where you can score your points, but remember, a certain portion of the audience grows restive and hostile when one complains about certain police practices that only wrongdoers and wrongthinkers know about. Right?

The next meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the Venice Pavillion, Tues., Oct. 5.

The topic is Bunko. That means swindlers, though I doubt they'll include our landlord, Governor, Mayor, or Councilmen in that category.

Come on down and mix it up. There's always at least one story to bring tears and-or laughter.

by Carol Fondiller

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¡La Raza en Acción!

Se ha llevado a la oficina de Asuntos Internales del Departamento de Policía de Los Angeles la queja de 89 jóvenes del centro LA CAUSA. Un comité de investigadores fue al centro LA CAUSA para averiguar si las quejas son válidas. Veremos.

Martin, el director de LA CAUSA dice que lo que protestamos es la palabra mojados que nos gritó la chota Barbara. La contestación de Barbara el día del asunto fue exactamente así, "Si ustedes mojados quieren pleito vamos a ponerle". No mas con esta contestación de este policía le vamos hacer la lucha para que lo boten del departamento de policía, para que también lo pongan en welfare, porque no está bastante educado para trabajar en otro trabajo.

Todavía otro caso es de un grupo de jóvenes quienes pasaban casa por casa buscando trabajos cuando se enfrentaron con la policía. Con ellos los jóvenes llevaban aplicaciones indicando las necesidades de varias casas en nuestra comunidad "para trabajos". De pronto los policías ordenaron a los jóvenes que levantaron las manos contra la pared. A uno de los jóvenes le rompieron las aplicaciones y dieron una patada mandándolo a suelo. Estando abajo, el policía le volvió a poner otra patada. Los policías responsables de estas injusticias se llaman Van Etter y Johnson. Chief Davis nos escuchas?

Martin nos informo que Ray Martinez el otro director de LA CAUSA ha recibido un riñón y se halla en buenas condiciones en el hospital. Todas en el centro esperamos su regreso pronto. Estamos de acuerdo con los trabajadores de LA CAUSA y esperamos que recobre su salud pronto porque Ray es uno de los Chicanos de la comunidad que saben pelear. Nosotros del BEACHHEAD se juntan en esperando un regreso pronto para Ray.

LA CAUSA en 1043 West Washington Blvd. se prepara para el segundo año de operaciones en Venice. Jóvenes tendrán tutores para asistirles en sus estudios. Este otoño se ofrecerá una clase de español a los estudiantes Chicanos. Los profesores son estudiantes Chicanos de la universidad Loyola. Y como de costumbre se pasaron películas y tendremos discursos en la Historia de Nuestra Herencia y Nuestra Cultura. Este programa se comienza el primero de Octubre en LA CAUSA.

Atención padres de familia! Si sus niños necesitan ayuda en cualquier estudios, mandelos a nuestro centro. Mandelos también a los programas de nuestra cultura. El programa del año pasado tuvo buenos resultados. Los jóvenes elevaron sus calificaciones en sus asignaturas.

OIGAN OIGAN OIGAN

Todos los Sabados a las cinco en el canal no. 2 pasa una programa titulada "CHICANO". No se vaya dejar ver este programa.

translated by Martin



The case of 89 Chicano youths confronted and harassed by the police in the front of La Causa headquarters last month went downtown for investigation to the Police Internal Affairs Board. Two police officers came to La Causa to investigate the charges against Officer Barbera and then left with the intention of bringing the evidence from the interviews with the Chicano youth to Chief Davis' board. Quien sabe?

Yet another case is that of young Chicanos who were going from door to door in the barrio asking for jobs when they ran into the police. The Chicanos had a few job orders filled out, local people offering some small bits of work which is desperately needed by the young Chicano community. The cops put the young Chicanos up against the wall ripped up the job orders and kicked one young guy in the chest forcing him to fall to the ground. Officers Van Etter and Johnson were responsible for these acts. Are you listening, Chief Davis?

Martine who is taking Ray Martinez's place at the La Causa Youth Center while Ray is in the hospital tells us Ray Martinez has had a kidney transplant. He is doing well—considering. And everybody at La Causa is anxious to have Ray return well and soon.

Ed: We of the Beachhead staff, join the people of La Causa in awaiting the quick recovery of Ray Martinez, one of our good Chicano fighters in the Community.

Meanwhile, La Causa Youth Center at 1043 West Washington Bl, Venice (392-5348) is preparing for its second year of tutoring Chicano kids in their school studies. This fall, there will be a beginner's course in Spanish for Chicano kids taught by Loyola University students. And as before, there will be movies and talks on Chicano history and cultural heritage.

The tutoring program is to begin about October 1st at the La Causa Youth Center. Chicano parents, bring your kids to the center if they need some help with their school work. Bring them for the cultural programs. Last year's tutoring program helped bring up the grades and averages of the kids a whole lot.

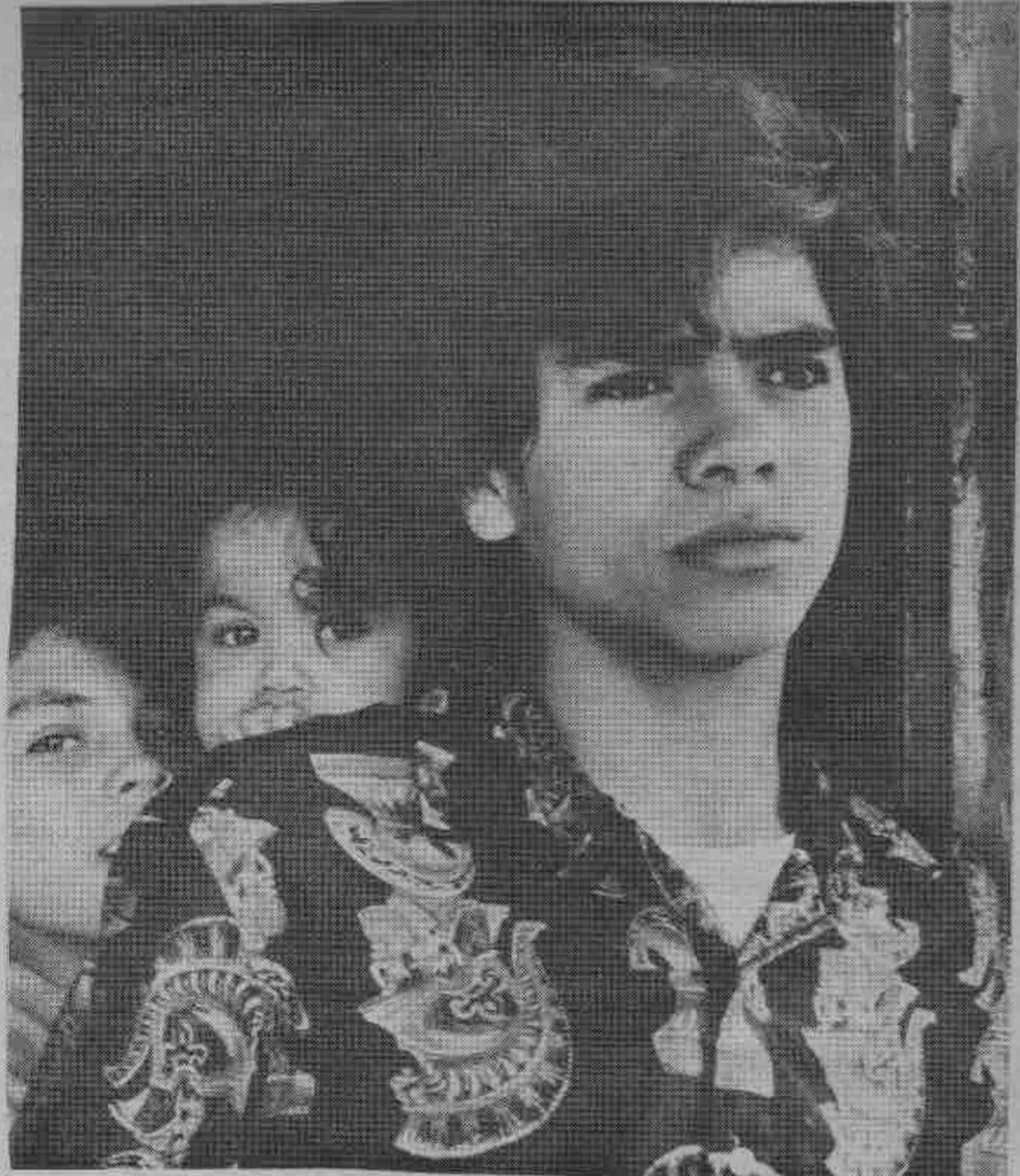
OYEZ! OYEZ! On Channel 2, every Saturday at 5pm there is a program called CHICANO. WATCH IT!

CHICANA FOR PEACE

The deep-going opposition in the Chicano community to the war in Indochina continues to find new forms of expression. In Santa Clara, Calif., Della Alvarez, a Chicana whose brother is the longest held prisoner of war in U.S. History, has formed an organization called "Families of POWs and MIAs for Indochina Peace."

A UPI dispatch, reprinted in Regeneration (Vol. 1, No. 10) said that Alvarez and her family were starting a new movement, and that she "was urging other relatives of war prisoners to join her family in calling for immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam."

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Venice Sisters and Brothers,

This revolution is not going to get anywhere if we continue to mess each other up. The establishment can just sit back and watch us destroy each other.

Rip offs of poor people has to stop. I doubt that the local bike thieves bother to consider what suffering they may be causing when they rip off a bike and sell it for \$15. But listen:

I am a welfare mother with a two year old. My bike was my only transportation. Without it, I can't get to larger markets so I have to shop at small stores which charge more per item. So now we get less food. Each Tuesday morning I would ride my two year old to the library to watch Sesame St. but we can't go any more.

Afternoons I would ride my baby to Windward St. playground. It's too far for her to walk and she weighs forty pounds so I can't carry her. We also used to ride to the Santa Monica Pier each Sunday for her to ride the merry-go-round. All these simple and inexpensive pleasures are lost to us now. Not to mention just riding which we both enjoyed.

My bike was a yellow 10 speed girl's American Eagle with double back baskets. I will pay to get it back. Our life has been cut in half because of its loss. It was taken from Safeway on Windward about a week ago.

I recently caught a grown man walking off with my daughter's little tricycle and other toys have disappeared from our yard. These toys are being stolen by adults not children. Come on now—need we mess up our own children because of greed? If you have to steal, couldn't you at least steal from the people who could afford the loss?

Linda Grant
27 Sunset 399-6635

I want to share a few thoughts with you on Welfare Rights. This is my fifth year of WRO work in L.A. County, Orange County, Honolulu and now Venice for three months. I usually work from my home, have had a storefront and building in the past. I am very tired but people still come through the door in need of help.

There is always a shortage of people to do WRO work because the problems of their own existence is many times overwhelming. Money for a phone, a building, paper, stencils, stamps etc., plagues a group. Transportation and busfare limits its abilities. In short, because we are on welfare, we are hampered. Dedicated friends donate paper and supplies. I don't "advertise" that I am here because I can handle just what comes to me from word of mouth.

Others need to help with some of the work before I can expand. A building in the area or some space in it devoted to just WRO (welfare rights organization) work would help. That is complicated enough by itself. The beach front people seldom relate to NAPP, so a WRO needs to be very local.

I do a lot of personal work in WRO, letters, visits, court appearances, meetings, dialogue groups, newsletters, etc. I understand the difficulty of organizing a WRO on a permanent basis. The people have to see value in what is offered them. Many people come for help with negative beliefs and attitudes, believing welfare is "easy," a game. So a lot of educating goes with the help. Reality is very important to make changes and WRO offers an area for both.

Beverly Edmon
People's Rights Org. 396-4179

PEACE and FREEDOM

The Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) is continuing its efforts to organize Left of Radical Third parties in all fifty states for the 1972 elections. PFP is part of a national coalition of electoral and non-electoral groups called simply, "The Coalition." People from Venice and Long Beach have been traveling to different states in order to help local parties get on the ballot. The Venice Office estimates that \$3000 a month will be needed for this effort.

A National Convention will be held this November 24-28 in Dallas, Texas. The convention will be open to all those accepting basic Coalition principles. Anyone will be able to participate in either committee meetings or discussions on

the convention floor. Anyone will be able to vote, but the votes from a given state will be weighted according to population and the amount of third party organization that has been done in that state.

The convention will select Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates and approve a platform. Tentative plans have been made for a national primary that would choose a shadow cabinet. This primary would be held after the Democratic convention in order to attract disgruntled Democrats.

Anyone able to help, financially or otherwise, should contact Venice PFP, 1621 W. Washington Blvd., Free Venice, Phone 396-6535.

REBELLION BEHIND BARS

We are seeing Vietnam flare up all around us in Amerika. We see it in the Soledad prison where George Jackson was set up and murdered. We see it in the racist killings in East Los Angeles where Ruben Salazar was murdered. We see it in the slaughter at Attica. Where victims of racial and class hatred fight to liberate themselves, they become Viet Cong.

per hour in many places), put us in the 'hole' (isolation) when we speak up, serve us rotten food and abuse us and beat us?" Are they trying to kill us or just drive us insane?

The instinct to preserve one's life is there in prisoners, too, Mr. Rockefeller. Though you look upon them as wild an-

THE PRISONERS' DEMANDS

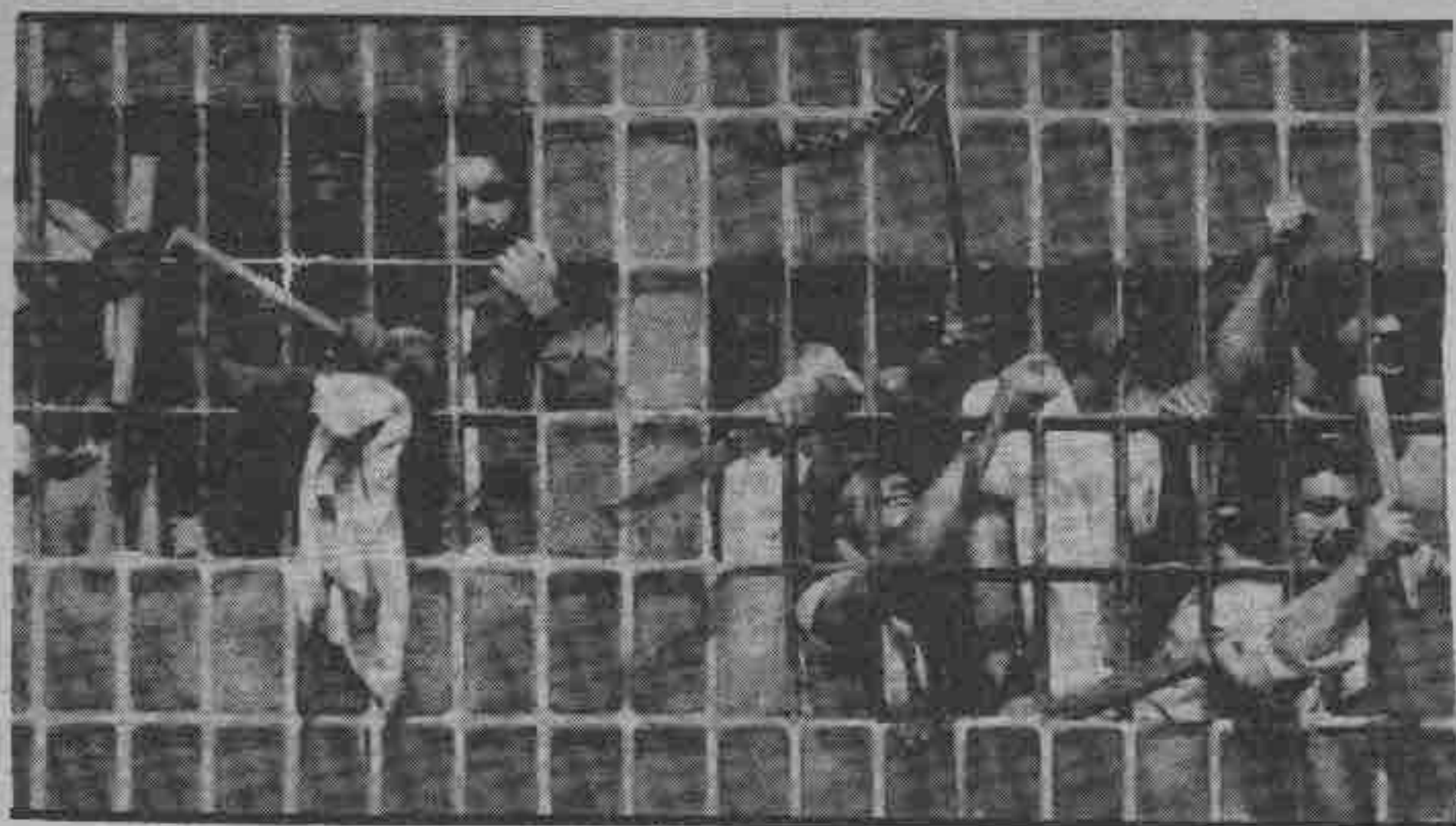
1. Better nourishing and prepared food.
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3. Better medical care.
4. Better educational facilities.
5. Better vocational training.
6. Abolition of censorship.
7. Right to political beliefs.
8. Unrestricted access to reading material.
9. Conjugal visiting rights.
10. Right to practice religion chosen.
11. Removal of the prison yard walls.
12. Removal of the warden.
13. Freedom to make contact with the outside world.
14. End of Prison Kangaroo Court.
15. Amnesty.
16. Transportation to a non-imperialist country.
17. No taxation without representation.
18. Planning Board of Inmates.
19. More realistic rehabilitation programs.
20. Release of Angela Davis.
21. Release of the Soledad Brothers.

*Abolish All Prisons And Jails!
Work To Indict the Rockefellers!*

Prisons have always been used to silence and destroy its inmates. But in Attica, the spirit of a Prisoners' Union had infected the prisoners. Is it so far fetched for men who are treated like animals to rebel? Talk in the media of prisoners' being stirred up from the outside, is a lie and an insult to the intelligence of prisoners. Prison authorities and the power structure would have preferred that the inmates of Attica be cowed, cringing and weak. But the authorities don't understand the dynamics of rebellion. Most prisoners had rebelled against the property laws of capitalism before they came to the prison. People of the ghetto to steal to survive. And when prison life degrades them further, the rebels become enraged beings. They talk amongst their fellow inmates. They reason, "Why do they pay us very low wages (16 cents

imals, convicted criminals who should curled up and died a long time ago, they did not kill the hostages. YOU KILLED THEM. You who are "clean" and "well-groomed" and have never been confined to a prison, are the law. You can choose not to listen. Had you listened to the prisoners' demands to remove the warden for his iron-fisted rules, forty-two men would not have died. Is any warden worth forty-two lives or is it a matter of viewing the Attica prisoners as the Viet Cong which you are determined to exterminate?

Rockefeller was not alone in his insane, cold-blooded, racist reasoning. Nixon applauded it. The media shared in portraying the prisoners as insane killers. Now we learn that it was Rockefeller's sheriffs and National Guard who carried through My Lai.



WESTSIDE HEALTH FAIR

For more than 60,000 low income families in Venice, Santa Monica, Mar Vista and Ocean Park communities, medical care is a major problem. They can't afford it and they need it most. There should be a comprehensive health center where good medical care is had at little or no cost. And it should be staffed with people who understand the problems of low-income families and can speak their language.

This proposal for a comprehensive health center where every and all kinds of examinations and treatment could be had, is made by the Venice Health Council, a citizens group. However, to serve the people, it should be planned

for and by the people. They will have to pressure the federal government for the funds. And the foundation work is to begin at the Westside Health Fair And Congress. There will be booths with exhibits and literature dealing with poor peoples' health problems such as sickle cell anemia and possibly tests given.

All this takes place at the Broadway School at 1015 Lincoln Blvd., Venice on Oct 3rd and 24th from noon to 6.

This is your opportunity to work with good health minded people to improve the health of all in the community. Serve the people!

Gray prison walls you stand so high and strong.

Gray prison walls you stand for right and wrong,

Gray prison walls the keeper of my dreams.

Gray prison walls the maker of revolutionary souls.

Tehachapi State Prison

Pentagon POW

Anthony Russo was sent to jail in Los Angeles last Monday when he would not become a prosecution witness against Daniel Ellsberg, the man who is said to have made the Pentagon Papers available for publication. Russo and Ellsberg were former associates at the war strategy planning Rand Corporation in Santa Monica.

I am proud to stand with Daniel Ellsberg in taking responsibility for making the Pentagon Papers available to the American people.

The Pentagon Papers were released to show America the kind of deception and malice that have guided the policy makers in Washington for years in the planning and waging of aggressive war in Viet Nam. This war continues and has been broadened by President Nixon to include all the peoples of Indo China.

The Pentagon Papers were released so that Americans could judge for themselves the morality of this war. This is the central meaning of our action. The misuse of power as recorded by the Pentagon Papers is closely linked with the same attitudes and misuse of power that result in social injustice at home.

I am being sent to jail without a trial. The Attorney General offers me the alternative of collaborating with him in his attempt to prosecute Daniel Ellsberg by testifying in secret before a Grand Jury. For me that is no choice. I would rather tell my story openly to the American people free of the compulsion of Grand Jury Subpoenas and contempt citations and not as a tool of the prosecution. Then if I am sent to jail, it will not be for committing a crime against society, but for advocating sanity and peace. My anguish with the war has grown in the last three years. Those years have been the most costly in terms of lives lost — both Indo Chinese and American.

The manipulation and management of public opinion revealed by the Pentagon Papers reached an all time high under the Nixon-Kissinger administration as is shown by the fraudulent policy of "Vietnamization" and the hypocritical use of American POW's as political pawns.

The Southeast Asian war is a harbinger of the future. Terminating American involvement is the vital first step toward making our sick society well.

DEATH OF A BROTHER

George Jackson was not merely a victim of racism, although he was certainly that. He was a victim, too, of the poverty and hunger and disadvantage that are not the lot of blacks alone in this richest country on earth. Its schools treated him with contempt. He was shot at age 15 by its violent lawmen. Its courts knew nothing better to do with him than to send him to its harsh prisons, where he spent a third of his life. There, and in his brief years on the streets of Chicago and Los Angeles—by his own account—he learned that "the jungle is still the jungle, be it composed of trees or skyscrapers, and the law of the jungle is bite or be bitten."

A talented writer, a sensitive man, a potential leader and political thinker of great persuasiveness, George Jackson was destroyed long before he was killed at San Quentin. There are thousands upon thousands like him—black and white, brothers all—who will be or have been destroyed, too. Until this wanton destruction of humanity in America is seen for what it is, it will go on, and consume us all.

Tom Wicker in the New York Times
Aug 24, 1971, p. 35

As I look around the country I see growing resistance to this war. Masses of American citizens now see the grown misuse of power. The community of resistance is growing, and Daniel Ellsberg and I have joined it. Others will do so in the future and help to expose the misuse of power and the manipulation of the people. Our determination to resist unlawful and immoral authority is enlarged and intensified.

Demand that your leaders explain their policies. Don't let them get away with murder.

It is time for a complete withdrawal of American combat troops — land, sea and air — from Southeast Asia.

It is time for America to take the lead in working for world peace and environmental survival. We will win. Celebrate life.



Book review

SOLEDAD BROTHER

George Jackson: Soledad Brother; the Prison Letters of George Jackson with introduction by Jean Genet.

George Jackson's prison letters must be seen for what they are, a manifesto, a call to rebellion. George Jackson, the man, was a beautiful model of the "new revolutionary consciousness" that is sweeping the nation's prisons today.

The book of letters articulate perfectly the road traveled by the author. First, the rather awkwardly written letters to his mother and father. Then, letters to his lawyer which are extraordinary as half poetry, half essay. And finally, his extremely sensitive and wise letters to an unknown friend.

From the letters we learn of Jackson's dead seriousness about his study habits despite the constant bombardment of nonsense from the prison's lunatic fringe. Even under constant harassment from one thing or another, Jackson never broke or gave in to racism or individualism perpetrated by prison authorities. The author carried a courageous consistency in his work to organize other prisoners around the concept that it was more important how you lived than how long you lived. That is, either you be a man and stand up to face the oppressor or at the first hint of danger, you shuffle away in total resignation in the typical neo-slave fashion of today.

George Jackson worked constantly trying to change his mother's and father's attitude toward his situation, and of course that of his brother Jonathan. To his parents, Jackson was trying to put across his newfound discoveries and especially from his father did he hope for his acceptance of some of the author's ideas on the liberation of black people. But Jackson ran into predictable conflicts due to his advanced stage of understanding of the present world situation plus his confinement in prison. This caused the author's father to question his son's sanity for Jackson's solution to the problems of racism, hunger and oppression totally awed his parents. Their lack of understanding of the black peoples' position in relation to the world situation of colored peoples under siege by the same MAN at first irritated him. Then the author decided to let his parents come along at their own pace.

George Jackson's letters probably affected his brother, Jonathan (now dead as a result of the San Rafael shoot-out), the most. Even though he was only seventeen, he had decided to dedicate his life to the freedom of the Soledad brothers. The book has also done a great deal in focusing people's minds on funky prison conditions, on the barbaric nature of the isolation cells, on the whole rotten racist penal system.

Through his book, *Prison Letters*, George Jackson's fiery spirit will live.



"I have a young, courageous brother whom I love more than I love myself. But I have given him up to the revolution. I accept the possibility of his eventual death as I accept the possibility of my own. Some moment of weakness, a flip, a mistake since we are the men who can make none, will bring the blow that kills. I accept this as a necessary part of our lives. I don't want to raise any more black slaves. We have a determined enemy who will accept us only on a master-slave basis. When I revolt, slavery dies with me. I refuse to pass it down again. The terms of my existence are founded on that."

from *Prison Letters*
by George Jackson

Crimes . . .

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250,000 and more young people are now doing time in jail in this country for marijuana. It is safe to say that the vast majority of them support all reasonable law and order. Most vote at election time, and not Communist but Democrat or Republican.

These young people of California are banding together to legalize marijuana. They need 525,000 valid registered voters' signatures on a petition to have the matter placed on the ballot in 1972. Contact: PROPOSITION OF TODAY COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 5505, Mission Hills, Cal. 91340. Also people are needed to gather signatures for the petition.



ANTHONY J. RUSSO

Pentagon Prisoner

Anthony J. Russo is in prison on Terminal Island. He has refused to cooperate with the Grand Jury investigating the public release of the Pentagon Papers. A group of inmates have joined him with a statement of solidarity with the brothers of Attica. It is also a protest against all officials of prisons perpetrating violence and a call for legal action against them. Anthony J. Russo has already spent 21 days in the "hole". He and his fellow inmates need our support. Let your anti-war, anti-brutality, anti-imperialist gorge rise and write to get direction on actions. Send donations to the Tony Russo Defense Committee, P.O. Box L-002, Los Angeles, Calif. 90272.

A Unique Event

Our Venice prison group which visits and meets with the Study for Black History Group in the prison at Norco has invited some of the prisoners to Venice. The Venice Library offered its space and efforts to make this a community family program. The prisoners who are confined for drug abuse wish to rap with the community about the use of hard drugs in the ghetto and how the community could help deal with the serious problem of drug addiction in Venice.

Time: Wed. evening, Oct. 6th at 7pm
Place: The Venice Library, 610 California (near W. Washington Blvd.), Venice
Bring your friends and your neighbors!

Press Conference

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challenged him for calling the incident on Indiana St. a street fight. Perhaps that was wishful thinking on the part of the reporter.

The exchange between McKinney and the reporter went back and forth about whether one or two bottles were thrown at the police car. But soon after, the people present spoke up. BALA read a petition they are circulating about the incident of the police in front of La Causa office last month when they stopped to accuse Chicano youth in a crowd of burglarizing the Peace and Freedom Party Office (see our August issue for the full story).

There was also a story told of how every Sunday night in the black ghetto, the police line up the young people they find on the street, shake them up, frisk them and demand identification. This same kind of harassment and arrests of Chicanos on suspicion of drunkenness or use of drugs are common occurrences in the barrio of Venice.

The story told by an older white couple who came to Venice to work amongst black youth for the St. John's Episcopal Church was the finishing touch to the shocking testimony of police violation of citizens' rights. The couple told how they were sitting in a station wagon clearly marked "CAA" (this stands for Community Action Aides and is a federally funded project for ghetto youth) when a police car pulled up and one officer approached the van with a drawn gun. The man and his wife expressed indignation at their treatment to the reporter. When they finally were able to communicate this to the reporter whom they were urging to write this up, they received the retort, "oh, we know of the hostility to the community."

"Hostility to the community" is a mild way of describing the abuse visited upon the citizens of Venice by their "protectors," the police. There is a long history of how law enforcement mistreats minorities. If all of us who suffer at the hands of the police could get together, we could police the police. This means getting the police to obey the law or stand trial by a citizens' tribunal.

Ed. note: Many people in the community would welcome a citizens' investigation of the numerous incidents of police harassment. We know too well that the police have a habit of exonerating themselves even in cases where there has been obvious misuse and abuse of power. We need only to think of the Ruben Salazar tragedy, the police shooting of two Mexican nationals and a number of concrete incidents in our own community to know that we need a Citizens' Control Board for the police.

the tucson inquisition

Legal maneuvering has stalled the Tucson grand jury investigation for the moment at least, and Karen Duncan and Pamela Donaldson are back in Los Angeles after yet another appearance in Arizona. Both women have consistently refused to answer broad-ranging inquiries, and have spent several months in jail for contempt of court before a new grand jury last spring.

The government represented by Susan Shea Lindley of the Justice Dept.'s "Red Squad" failed to institute new contempt proceedings and they have excused them for an indefinite period. The legal workers and the lawyers in the case have speculated that the delay is the result of a motion for disclosure of unlawful electronic surveillance to grand jury witnesses, they may be held in contempt for refusal to testify. The Justice Dept. is now appealing at least one of those cases to the Supreme Court, and it is probable that it will result in Pam and Karen staying free until a decision is reached.

In affidavits filed by the Arizona court, Pam and Karen asserted that they and their comrades have been under constant surveillance by the FBI for more than one year, that their homes and that of the lawyers' (including Legal Services in Venice) have been subjected to unlawful bugging and wiretapping. Pam and Karen have lived totally disrupted lives for more than one year now. They, like hundreds of movement witnesses across the country, have been unable to plan ahead and the threat of jail constantly hangs over their heads. Legal tactics can only delay the government's machinery.

Governmental reforms will not solve this country's injustices, but they do give us room in which to move. Write your federal legislators and the Justice Dept. to urge them to halt the new wave of repression the government has launched through the grand jury inquisitions.

Community Services Etc....

EMERGENCY NOTICE

October 1st, starts the new welfare reform act of 1971. All AFDC recipients will receive notices stating they could be cut off aid if they have excess outside income, stepfather's income, employment and/or too much personal property. In order to protect the rights of all poor people in this country, the California Welfare Rights Organization has set up a method to deal with the problem. Anyone who receives a notice should do the following things:

- 1) Contact the WRO Coordinator nearest you (listed below)
- 2) File a Fair Hearing through the organization.

Locations have been established in different communities in order to handle the fair hearing. These locations have the forms and will inform you of what is and what will be happening!

It is important that you link up with the local WRO through the WRO Coordinating Committee if you receive a notice. Time is an important factor because recipients only have 15 days in which to file.

Since Venice has no WRO, go to one of the following locations:

California Welfare Rights Organization
1442 East Florence
Los Angeles, Ca 90001
583-4991 or 582-8164

FOOD STAMPS

There is no change in the food stamp regulations at this time. Some changes are expected and those to be made by Congress or the Department of Agriculture. We will keep our readers posted.



AFDC FLAT GRANT SCHEDULE

Outside income such as social security, VA, child support and pay checks will be deducted from the flat grant amounts.

Family Size	Grant Amount
1 person(s)	115 per month
2 "	190
3 "	235
4 "	280
5 "	320
6 "	360
7 "	395

DAY CARE CENTERS

The Welfare Reform Bill of 1971 requires each county to provide day care services for former, current or potential welfare recipients who will accept or continue their employment or training. Everyone eligible for the AFDC program is eligible for day care services.

DRAFT

Draft Counseling at the Venice Draft Information Center, 73 Market St., Rm. 2, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-10pm, Sat. 1-5.

Call 399-5812. We need volunteers. Also draft classifications have not changed with the non-passage of new draft law.

HEALTH

Venice Free Youth Clinic, 905 Venice Blvd. near Lincoln, 399-7743, Mon.-Fri. 3-10. Sign-ups start at 3. Drug problems, V.D. and pregnancy plus psychological hang-ups, L.A. City Health Dept.

DRUGS

Free Venice Drug Clinic, 1806 Lincoln Blvd. near Superba. 392-4114. Mon.-Fri. 2-10. No police ties.

LEGAL AID

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

FREE TO WOMEN

The Women's Center, 1027 Crenshaw, 937-3965 or 937-3964. Legal and personal counseling 7-10pm.



The Free Venice Switchboard and the Free Venice Ecology Community need volunteers. The Switchboard is a referral service that turns people on to crash housing, rides, rentals, jobs, draft counseling, abortion counseling, etc. The Ecology Community needs help in recycling glass, newspapers and cans. Call the Switchboard, 821-6101, if you want to help.

Private enterprise has built for us an environment that will not allow all to live a healthy life. To add to the gargantuan problems of overcrowded cities, unemployment, racism, and pollution of air and water, we have devitalized food on the market. Yet eating nutritious food in right amounts and of the right kind and quality, is one of the basic rules for good health.

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by Linda Levine

- 1 cup soybeans, cooked and pureed
- 1 cup of brown rice, cooked
- 1 egg
- 1 cup of carrots, cooked and pureed
- 1 cup of peas, cooked and pureed
- 3 tablespoons nutritional yeast
- 2 tablespoons soy flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon basil
- ½ cup of ground nuts

Blend all ingredients, except nuts. Shape into croquettes or patties. Roll in ground nuts and arrange on oiled baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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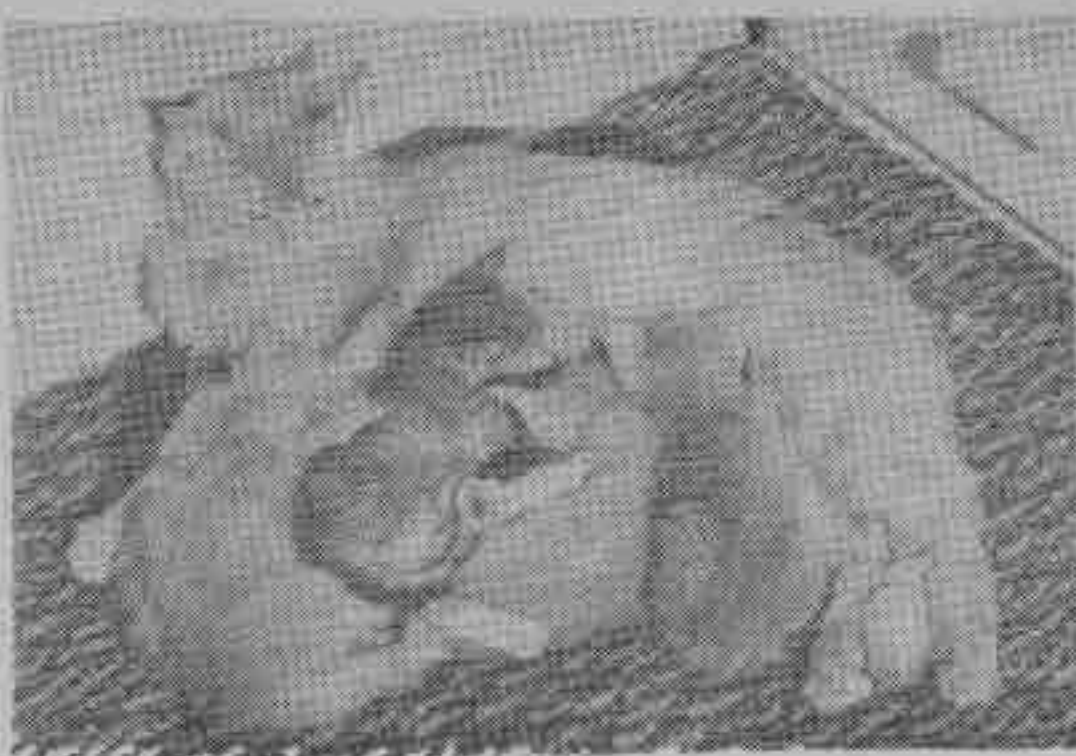
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Mon 6-8 pm
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Tues: Rm 5. 823-9254

Mon 8 pm

Beachhead Meeting, Venice Legal Aid,
1711 Pacific.

Mon 8 pm

Drug Abuse and Other Problems
Call 396-9470

Tues 8 pm

Parents' Meeting to plan a Venice
Pre-School. Call 396-9470

Tues 8 pm

Free Venice Food Co-op Meetings
31 Breeze, 468 Howland av. and

Tues 8 pm

Cumberland Mt. Film Co., above the
Venice Fox Theatre, 620 Lincoln.

Wed 9 am

Marxist Study Group, sponsored by
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5:30-7:30

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Thurs 9-12

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Thurs 9 am-5 pm

Men's Liberation Group—Call 392-8345

Thurs 8 pm

Ocean Park Community Center Food
Buyers' Club Pickup.

Fri 10 am

Discussion on Debtors and Consumers
Problems. Call 396-9470

Fri 4-7 pm

Mothers' Club Meeting. Ocean Park
Community Center.

Fri 8 pm

Free Venice Food Pick-up, 468 Howland av.

Sat 5 pm

Raps on Communes and Communal Problems,
Ananda Center, 618 Westminster av

Sat 7:30 pm-2:00 am

Free Films at the Women's Center—937-3964
TV Program—"Chicano" Channel 2

Sun 7 pm

Sisters' Coffee House—Womens' Center
1027 So. Crenshaw Bl, LA

Marxist Study Group on Imperialism,
2801 Dell av, Venice. Call 821-2889

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Oct 1&2 7 pm

Film: "La Hora de Los Hornos"
Thirteen notes and a prologue on the
Argentine situation. At the Long March,
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Venice Free Theater

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happens at the Venice Pavillion Friday
and Saturday 8 p.m. until Oct. 16.
Admission is free.

Randy Krivonik has a dance move-
ment at the Pavillion every Tues. at
7:30. Wear comfortable clothes.

Community House

On September 14th, Judge Johnson
of West L.A. rejected a plea by Com-
munity House attorney Martin Katz that
the City has no constitutional right to
prevent public assemblies or community
centers in a residential zone. Judge
Johnson granted a thirty-day delay while
his decision is appealed to a higher court.

The City has also claimed that the re-
cycling center and the Food Co-op's use
of the Community House property is out
of zone. Judge Johnson will again hear
pleas and set the date for the trial on
October 14th at 3: 00. In spite of every-
thing, the Community House has re-
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Hope Blacker

Women from our women's group are planning to join with other women's groups to picket the church of Christian Psychology on Main in Santa Monica. This church exploits and oppresses women with its twisted morality and sexist activities.

The fees for guidance (always from a member of the opposite sex) are \$10.00 for an hour and a half or \$20.00 for 45 minutes if your counselor is in the nude. They run sexist ads and guys think it's a brothel. They don't get to ball—just talk—but they've paid their \$20.00.

This church advocates the concept of the male as "the dominant principle of the universe" and that woman's primary function is to "receive the seed" and bear children.

When I questioned Kahuna, the ring-leader there, he remarked that I had too logical a mind "for a woman," that I should understand that my penetrator was only this long (he indicated the eraser tip of his pencil) while a man's penetrator was this long (his fingers spread to indicate the whole pencil) and that was why I could never understand the universe! Wow!

Many young, confused, stoned women wander into the church for help. I can't imagine where my head would have been had I been a lost, troubled teen-age woman on acid when I heard all this "advice"!

An 18-year-old woman came in there penniless, without a place to crash. She said she'd never worked. Kahuna told her that she should go down to Unemployment, that they'd give her money anyways. He also offered to give her a letter from the church, authorizing her to go door to door begging and told her she could give the church 20%.

We consider this church a menace to

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CAUCUS

The National Women's Political Caucus of Southern California is calling an organizing conference to spark women's action for the 1972 election. It will meet on Saturday, October 2, at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church at 2270 South Harvard Bl in Los Angeles. The conference will start at 9 am and will go on all day.

The organizers of the conference point to the need for more women in political office and in the bloodstream of America. Out of 435 members of the House, only eleven are women. Out of 100 Senators, one is a woman. Women must enter the ballot and deal with the problems of redirecting the nation from war to peace, with fair treatment of women in industry

members of the community, particularly women. We want this church OUT of our community! Sisters unite and join our picket line!

(For information call 399-6939).

and a host of other issues.

The Political Caucus came into being earlier this year with national figures like black Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, white Congresswoman Bella Abzug, feminist leader, Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem issuing the call urging women to unite and show their strength in the political arena. Support for the Caucus has come forth from black and white groups, trade unions, students' groups, women welfare rights and consumer groups, etc.

For fifty one years women have had the vote but they had either been brainwashed or apathetic toward the political scene so that they were silent or joined in the election of racists, sexists, war-makers and their ilk, leaving the political arena to the domination of men.

We have received news that Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm is possibly going to run for President of the U.S. in

'72 on the Democratic ticket with the powerful support of the Black Caucus and the Women's National Political Caucus. The Black Caucus is also considering running a white woman as vice-president. They would not rule out men candidates if they were anti-war and anti-imperialist. But they do see the combination of women and black people in politics as powerful forces such as the country has not yet seen. But then, the problems facing this country are so critical and of such magnitude that high powered forces like women are needed to try set it right.

Write to the National Women's Political Caucus at 589 W. Pico Blvd., L.A., Ca. 90019 for more information and pre-registration. Better yet, plan to attend.

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ty Health Department Drug Abuse Clinic. And all these programs are well coordinated.

But the Coalition's Community Education programs haven't been as well accepted by the community as the Coalition had wished. New avenues for community education are being explored. To have a really successful program, the full support of the entire community and the indifferent organizations in it are truly needed.

After being successful in obtaining funds for different drug programs, the Venice Drug Coalition can now start exploring different means of handling the drug problem and work with causes of addiction in our ghetto type environment. Some areas of focus may be: life styles, community conditions, employment, youth education, etc. Because we realize that drug addiction is symptom and not a cause, we are planning to deal with causes.

The Drug Clinic on 1806 Lincoln Ave, Venice, is free. Its hours are from Monday to Friday, 2 pm to 10 pm. We have rap sessions, counselling for users and ex-users, medications and referrals. Call 392-4114.

On Sunday, September 19, Venetians and their friends gathered to celebrate the Third Annual Venice Canal Festival. The canals were lined with the booths of local artists and craftsmen. Singers and musicians, rock folk, and classical, made music, and on a stage near the Community House guerrilla theater groups and puppeteers performed. The day concluded with a community potluck supper and films. On this day we celebrated our belonging to this unique community which is Venice, and reasserted our determination to preserve what is rightfully ours against the designs of city government and money-hungry landowners who would develop us out of existence if they could. Power to the people--
WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED!!!



Photo by Lon Engelberg

ANNOUNCEMENT

People who received parking tickets at the Venice Canals Festival for parking in the median strip on Venice Blvd. may have them cancelled at the Venice Police Station.

VENICE CANAL FESTIVAL