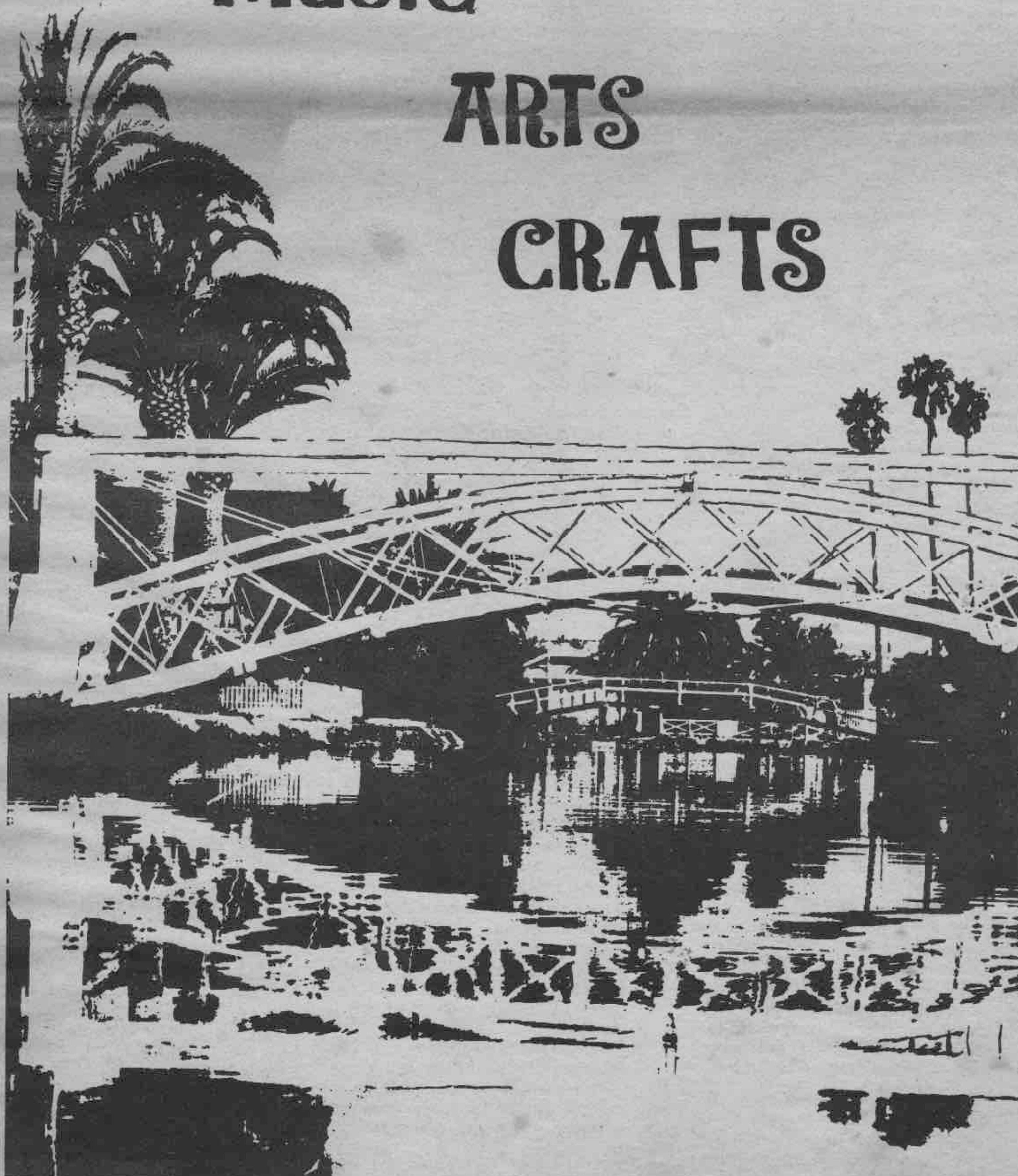


FOURTH ANNUAL VENICE CANAL FESTIVAL

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Allright! How Super! Our 4th! Many of us remember our past Canal Festivals. The first one we thought would be our first and last festival. The second one was the same. Number three had more but doubtful, hopes for a fourth— and here WE ARE!

This year the festival is all day Sunday, September 17th. Starting at noon going into the night. Arts and Crafts, Theatrical and Musical performances going on all day. Community dinner at 7:30 pm with films afterwards.

HELP is needed on the festival: food (prepared or ready to eat from package or can) and juice— lots of it needs to be donated for the dinner. Also, paper plates forks, cups, napkins— we need any of these items OR donations of money to get the utensils.

The portable toilets cost us money and we need any amount of donations (from a nickel to \$50.00) to pay for the toilets.

We need people to help set up the dinner (about 6:30 pm) and to help exhibitors set up in the morning (10 am).

IF you can help— PLEASE call Mary-Jane at 821-5118.

The canal festival has been held each year as a day of expression of our life in Venice. 1969 saw a mellow community gathering, not too large a crowd. 1970 and 1971 saw much larger crowds, more exhibitors and performers.

Among the different artistic exhibits there are political booths. Politics have played a very major share in canal life.

The LA City Council Master Plan, put together for the canal area by masters of destruction and promoters of poor design was supposed to have ousted most of us living here, for a private development at public expense— it did in fact oust many people and condemn their houses. But this plan has been defeated— no near feat!

The Master Plan cannot get through as planned. Obviously, changes WILL happen. Hopefully, along with nature, we will decide the what, how and why of changes that do take place on the canals— not absentee landlords and ruthless realtor developers.

The canal festival then is among all our creative personal expressions— an expression of survival on a high level in the midst of the beast . . . in order that the beast not follow us and our children everywhere we go.



CONGO DRUMMERS AT BEACH

MEN'S LIBERATION

What is Men's Consciousness Raising?

Men's Consciousness Raising lies somewhere in the area of group therapy, group encounter, or sensitivity training. While it resembles all of these it is none of them, for its focus is social and political. Born as a companion movement to Women's Consciousness Raising, it is an attempt by men to discover new ways of relating to themselves, to each other, and to women. Through understanding, compassion, and group supportiveness, men can begin to shed their layers of ego-protection, to recapture joy and feeling, and to eliminate exploitativeness in their relationships.

Why is Men's Consciousness Raising Necessary?

In our society, men are taught to be hard, aggressive, competitive, and ruthless. Our relationships with women, and with other men, tend to be exploitative, ego-serving, and game oriented. We lose our capacity to feel, we learn to exploit, manipulate, and use others. We oppress women, robbing them of their potential and individuality; as a result, we lose our own freedom and capacity for living. The oppressor is also the oppressed, trapped in his own oppressive role as much as his victim.

The results of our competitive, Capitalist, profit-oriented society are visible everywhere. The holocaust in Southeast Asia, the poverty

and despair of the ghettos, the relegation of women to second-class status, the hatred and brutality toward Gay people. For men to be effective in the restructuring of society, they must overcome their racism, their chauvinism, their ingrained drives for financial success. Thus, they must learn to trust, to feel, and to accept themselves and others. In a C.R. group, men can begin to learn the meaning of brotherhood, to break out of their alienation; to openly admit, discuss, analyze, and criticize their racist, chauvinist, exploitative patterns, and begin to change.

The Experience of a C. R. Group

Having been in a men's C.R. group for several months, I have begun to experience the feeling of liberation which comes when the need to maintain the "macho" role is removed. As with all types of endeavor, a C. R. group is no panacea, cure-all, or magic potion. It is a struggle, and a long, hard, intense, and painful one. Whether it will be successful, either for me or as a social movement, is almost impossible to tell. Perhaps it is not valid even to speak of "success" that itself being a carefully-taught term of our society. We do not know where we are going, we do not even know for sure where we are. We know only that in our present roles, we oppress and stifle ourselves and others, and we know that we must change.

CANAL PEOPLES PARK

In July, some canal residents decided that the city lots on the canals should be used for the people of the canals. There are twelve city lots.

John Heller, canal resident, took the responsibility for calling Pat Russell's office (our councilwoman) and informing her, ahead of time, of what he and others were going to do to the city lot on Sherman Canal and Dell Av—build a park.

The attitude from her was not one of hostility, nor of blessing, but saying, virtually, "I see, well, we'll try to handle the complaints in a way that doesn't destroy your park or equipment."

On July 9, there was a park meeting at the lot. July 16, several people did some work on the park. Maryjane had soaked the land with water donated by Reik, living next to the lot. Gene Richards moved some trees onto the lot. Gary did the one man tilling with John and Alice's tiller. John Heller and Tim and quite a few other men moved equipment onto the lot—swing set, climbing bars, sand box frame. Not the least important was the huge black and white sign John Heller painted; stating *what* we were doing—building a park: *how* we were doing it—energy of the people in the area: *why* we were doing it—the people need and want a park.

Many complaints (evidently) came in to Pat Russell's office. Pat called John and asked if it was possible for us to choose another lot, any of them, and that the city would take down the equipment and sign, putting everything next

door to John Heller's.

We were to get any city canal area we wanted and funds from \$10,000 to \$15,000 from the city, to build a park. The maintenance would have to come from the residents of the area.

Originally, we chose—those people who came to meetings held on the park—the two lots on the eastern corner of Howland Canal and Dell.

The day after we chose the lots, Pat Russell and her deputy Kent Brownridge came down to the canals to talk with us and answer any questions. Also, that morning all the equipment was taken off the Sherman Canal lot, by the city, and stored at John's. That was August 16.

August 18, we found out, via Pat Russell, that we can't have the newly chosen lots—for the city has planned to put a water pump station there.

Now two lots on Linnie Canal and Dell have been chosen since that time. We are told that the motion, for the park and its funds has been drawn up and should have gone before the city council prior to Labor Day.

Whether or not the voting has occurred, we don't know. My feeling, and that of others, which has been told to Pat and Kent, is that it should take the city no longer than one month—from the day of the equipment being moved to the day of the beginning of the new park (with passage by the city council).

Some people want the park started *before* the canal festival—some by the 18th which is the day *after* the festival.

We have tried trusting the city, again,

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821-6101

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

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

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

YOUTH CLINIC
905 Venice Bl. Medical help: 4: 30—10 pm also draft counselling, group therapy

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

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

WOMEN'S CENTER
218 S. Venice Bl—823-4774
ABORTION REFFERAL
936-7466 823-4774
FOOD CONSPIRACY
For information, call 821-2889 or 399-8410

GAY ACTION COALITION
392-3324 or 628-6472

HITCHHIKERS
931-4357

JOB INFO CENTER
316 Lincoln—392-4811

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

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

BENJAMIN RUSH CENTER
Help for your head—392-4905

CHICANOS
Community Service Organization (CSO)
823-9254

UCLA DENTAL CLINIC
392-4125

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Friday (Viernes) 1-5 PM



with the experience of our lives telling us *not* to trust it. IF the city doesn't come through on our park, we'll simply move the equipment back and begin again.

This park is a major movement, but we did have tow parks in the past . . . one on Howland and Grand a few years ago, and one at the community house on Howland and Eastern Canal. Both of those were seemingly defeated by pressure on the owners of the lots not to allow such things on their property.

The city lots on the canals are for the people who live here, a park is only one use, other things are needed and wanted. Hopefully, the park will be a precedent setter for our use of the city lots. Most hopefully, it will be a very lovely, efficient park.

If you'd like to help, call or write Pat Russel, in City Hall, downtown LA and let her know of your support of the park being built immediately. When you call her, if you can't speak with her,

speak with Kent Brownridge, her deputy, AND look for notices of meetings concerning the park. Call 821-5118 or 821-5421 for information concerning meetings.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

VOTE YES ON 19
California Marijuana Initiative

VOTE NO ON 22
Anti-Farm Workers Initiative

VOTE YES ON 20
"Save Our Coast" Initiative

VOTE NO ON 17
Death Penalty Initiative

If you've moved, you must re-register

Deadline: October 8

To help register people, call 392-4591 or 829-3432



Venice Community Playgroup

We are a number of mothers who decided to get together because we felt isolated, and the need to cooperate. We are concerned with giving our children the opportunity to gather with other children and share common experiences.

We recognize the need for our children to grow up in a community which would emphasize mutual assistance in the struggle for survival. And as we are the community, it is reasonable that we take action for the creation of what the community badly lacks.

Desiring the realization of a child care program, volunteer staff from the Women's Center in Venice, and volunteer mothers, took the initiative to start a playgroup early in July, which began meeting two mornings a week. Another mother took the initiative to start a weekly meeting with all the mothers involved. Here our issues and goals are discussed. We understand that there are many more playgroups thus functioning all over Los Angeles which are instigated by the various Women's Centers.

We want to serve the Community by opening a full-time Cooperative Child Care Center, supervised possibly by per-

manent staff. The present age of Playgroup children ranges from one to three, but varies. The mothers rotate their turn to watch and direct the activities now operating three mornings a week. Mothers and children who come for the first time are not required to help, but to observe the whole morning.

We have adopted a ceremony of beginning and closing as part of our program, which consists of holding hands in silence for a minute, followed by a children's song. This way, we feel that we are contributing to building a stronger Community spirit in accord with the oneness of life.

We are glad we are able to use one of the mother's backyards, and will continue to do so until we find adequate housing and yard.

We need money to accomplish this goal, and we hope that our "Garage Sale" will raise enough money to secure at least the first two months rent.

If you know of any possible place we could rent, or wish to contribute financially, or participate in the Venice Community Playgroup, please contact Daniele at 392-8586, or Sharon at 391-7939.

Food Co-op Conference . . .

Food Co-ops around the country are starting to get together to share ideas and resources. Last month in Rochester, New York, in an old firehouse leased by the Genessee Co-op, 120 people active in Co-ops in 20 states shared a weekend,

food, and ideas. The Common Market of Madison showed a movie they made about themselves. The Clean People Soap

Company of Minneapolis announced that they are making a liquid detergent resembling BASIC-H at less than half the price. Regional caucuses were established

to pursue local interco-operation, one relating to a warehouse in Philadelphia and another centering on Pittsburg. A co-operative insurance plan was proposed, wherein co-ops agree to help each other out in catastrophes.

A communication network was created, in which each of 15 regions of the country is covered by one person. The communication co-ordinator for co-ops in California and Nevada is:

Don Lubin
Free Venice Food Co-op
31 Breeze Ave.
Free Venice, Ca. 90291



DRUG HELP PROGRAMS

Rampant in Third World communities and tolerated by officials, drug abuse is at present a major factor in keeping poor people in a helpless position. Across the nation, more and more community groups are realizing the importance of a successful fight against drug abuse in their community. In East L.A., community groups have taken strong action against heroin traffic, and have in turn been the target of much harassment from law enforcement authorities. Here in Venice, there are a number of organizations which are combating drug abuse, two of which are being presented in this issue.

VIA AVANTA

"Via Avanta," in Latin, means "The Way Forward." For the 15 former heroin addicts currently living in the house, Via Avanta really is the way forward.

All residents have recently been detoxified from heroin and are now maintained on methadone. Via Avanta offers them room and board, psychotherapy and counseling, social service, legal aid, and medical care for 90 days. After the 90 days, residents can participate in the out-participant program. Via also helps residents get jobs and get enrolled in school.

At present Via Avanta has fifteen residents. Five are staff members: The program director (Marcellus Robinson), House Coordinator (David Olivera), Secretary (Billy Bernard), House Representative (Hank Madrid), and Staff Cook (Jimmy Smith). The other residents, of all ethnic groups, come mainly from five sources: Brentwood and Sepulveda VA Hospitals, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, Los Angeles Narcotic Prevention Program, and Los Angeles County Public Health Program. No methadone is dispensed at the house.

Via Avanta has a Residency Screening Committee for selecting applicants. Applicants meeting residency requirements and passed by the committee must sign a Residents Contract, whereby applicants agree to abide by the following rules:

1. No narcotic use or activity.
2. No alcohol brought into or consumed in the house.
3. No violence or threats of violence at the house.
4. That four hours daily will be used to seek employment or to enroll in school.
5. To share responsibility for the duties of the house and follow all house by-laws.

The Future

The future plans for Via Avanta involve an

expansion of the original house to a community of three houses.

Via Avanta I

House I would retain the original program concept of providing residential support (maximum 90 days); psychotherapy and counseling; educational, recreational and vocational programs; out-participant program for ex-residents. In addition, Via Avanta I would provide a holding-center program for those individuals who are on a waiting list and are about to receive methadone treatment.

Via Avanta II

House II would be designed to accommodate couples, with or without children, who are both receiving methadone. Program would be the same as above.

Via Avanta III

House III would establish a program for those individuals who wish to detoxify from methadone maintenance. Residential and psychotherapeutic support in house III would be given for a period of 3-6 months.

Should an effective, longer-acting, non-addicting substance be found, House III would also develop programs to accommodate individuals on maintenance of the new drug.

All three house will also participate in a broad training/education community outreach program. This education program would provide information regarding drug abuse, methadone and methadone maintenance to professionals working with addicts, businessmen who could be potential employers, and community residents.

TUUM EST

"Tuum Est" (Latin for "It's up to you") is another group which is playing an important role in dealing with hard drug use in Venice. Founded in August, 1970 by Jesse Pratt and his associate Candy Latson, this drug rehabilitation center has grown to a community of nearly fifty people occupying four houses along Vista Place, with an office at 108 Vista Place.

SELF RELIANCE

The goal of Tuum Est is to help addicts in becoming self-reliant individuals, able to function on their own in society. Pratt and Latson are both ex-addicts who were cleansed of the heroin habit at Synanon. Many of the techniques used at Synanon in the fifties and early sixties are still used at Tuum Est. There is group therapy, work around the house for all residents, constant supervision of newcomers, and a family-like atmosphere. Synanon, however, maintains that "an addict is never cured" and counsels its members to stay inside the foundation's tightly-structured society. Tuum Est, on the other hand, is determined to put its members back on the street as "self-reliant" individuals. "The idea I bought and the idea that worked for me is cleaning up a drug addict and getting him back on the street," said Tuum Est founder Pratt.

PROGRAM

An addict's progress in Tuum Est consists of three phases. First, living and working inside the Tuum Est community. One works on who or what he or she is, and tries to develop a more healthy life-style. Second, one lives in the group and works outside. Finally, the ex-addict lives and works outside the group.

Therapy includes thrice-weekly encounter groups aimed at bringing down the defenses behind which the addict has hidden, as well as daily discussion-seminar groups on a more intellectual level. Although Pratt believes that people with a first-hand knowledge of the streets and drug addiction are the most qualified to help addicts, UCLA experts advise all aspects of psychotherapy.

Some selected statistics follow:

The average age of residents at Via is 37.5 years.

The average length of drug use of Via residents was 12.3 years.

The average amount of jail time for drug use was 7.5 years.

Via residents "police" the surrounding area it is estimated that crime in the immediate neighborhood has dropped 38% since Via's inception.

The average minimum amount of money needed daily by ex-addicts at Via was \$50. This means that each man had to steal \$150 in merchandise daily in order to realize that fifty dollars. Combined, this amounts to a minimum of approximately \$821,250 yearly.

Small wonder the community feels Via Avanta is a good investment.

Besides the five staff members, three other residents have found jobs and two are enrolled in school.

And so to "Via" residents, the present looks good, with the future promising another "step forward."

ON BEING A MOTHER



As the mother of four small children I am asked over and over again by a great variety of people how I keep my sanity—how I do the things that interest me, care for the children, and remain so calm. I myself was equally puzzled by women who had one or two children, led chaotic lives, and seemed to have no time for anything but child care. Recently I realized where the difference between us lay. They subscribed to the myth of motherhood. They saw themselves existing to anticipate and answer the demands and needs of their children. They could not stand to have their children out of sight for more than a few minutes and had to be focusing attention on them constantly, cajoling their children to need them more and more. They haunted a happily playing child "Johnny, would you like something to eat; do you need to go potty; be careful; here, you must be tired, let mummy carry you." And on and on until I as an onlooker wanted to scream, "leave that poor child alone." But alas, I know they have nothing else—or at least think they have nothing else.

The myth of motherhood is a horrible trip which is laid on all women and children in this society. None of us is going to be truly liberated until we have exposed and destroyed this myth.

Women are led to believe that they can and will find fulfillment in child-bearing and child-rearing. They are impressed with the idea that child-raising is woman's only valid occupation. They are encouraged to impose their will on their children in the most tyrannical fashion in order to mold the child so that they may feel a sense of accomplishment in what they have produced.

Each generation of mothers begins with the assumption that their children have more potential than they themselves had and that it is up to them, the mothers, to force the realization of this potential or suffer a terrible sense of failure. In reality the imposition of one person's personality on another cannot help but have unpleasant consequences. As Germaine Greer puts it, ours is a "culture which insists upon mother-domination as a prerequisite for character formation." The child's attention must be weaned away from exterior reality onto an introverted relationship of mutual exploitation which will form the pattern of his future compulsions." Some sociologists describe the role of the mother as that of "breaking the will of the child."

As women have come to have less and less meaningful work to perform in this society, as they have had more and more time to de-

vote to bringing up children, and as Freudian psychology has emphasized over and over again that the child's formation is the result of his mother's care, women have become increasingly obsessed with the idea of pouring all their energy into being "a good mother." A "Good Mother" is dedicated to the task of motherhood because it is her primary and perhaps her only source of fulfillment. According to myth, no sacrifice of individual talent, intellectual development, freedom, ambition, or personal joy is too great to make in the quest to be a good mother. But, as Germaine Greer says, "when children are falsely presented as to women as being their only significant contribution, the proper expression of their creativity and their lives' work, the children and their mothers suffer for it."

From my own observation of mothers and children I have discovered that mothers who are "devoted" to their children tend to have demanding, dependent children who are very difficult to be around, while mothers who very probably would be labeled indifferent tend to have independent, straightforward little human beings. Of course, it should be obvious that they must be indifferent without being rejecting and without feeling guilty about not living up to the myth of motherhood.

What a fine thing it would be if the only people who had children were those who felt no particular need for them, rather than those who have children to fill the voids in their lives.

What are the alternatives to the sort of oppressive mothering that we see everywhere in our society?

The kibbutz style of child-rearing, now in the process of its third generation, has proved a viable alternative to our method. Perhaps it has some disadvantages in that the individuals raised this way have a strong dependence on the group and do not relate as well in one-to-one intimate relationships. However, this seems a small sacrifice in light of the exceptionally high rate of mental health.

Knowledge of this sort of upbringing and the positive results for both mothers and children should make American mothers realize that group upbringing, communal living, good day-care centers, etc., can in fact offer their children a far healthier environment than the nuclear family. It would serve us all well to concentrate a great deal of effort to learning about and developing good alternatives to our present system of bringing up children. The latter can only continue to be a disaster for both women and children.

I believe with Goethe that a child is like a flower for which we must provide the most advantageous circumstances and then let it be to flourish.

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

The Midnight Special Bookstore has been in existence for two years to provide literature for the Venice community. About four months ago we made the decision to expand the store into a distribution network for L.A. and surrounding areas.

We see this network as an important service that we can give to people. Our access to a much larger audience will increase the outreach of radical publications. The service we can provide for the city of L.A. will include a structure for communication between groups and organizations (i.e. distribution of leaflets, papers, etc.) We will also be able to provide better service to other radical groups and stores.

The decision to build a distribution network involved a major change in the nature of the store. A lot of work went into planning the network: contacting publishers across the country, publishing a catalogue, and gathering lists of bookstores to organize routes which are now in operation in Long Beach, Pasadena and the San Fernando Valley, Downtown, Hollywood and S.L.A., and W.L.A. Since we go by car it insures the initial personal contact and development of working relationships. At present we distribute to forty stores and numerous groups.

The stores we serve are movement, countercultural, regular and campus thus reaching a larger audience.

We would like to move to greater efficiency and financial solvency, which necessitates a large amount of capital. Some of our needs for capital are transportation for distributing, packaging, and mailing, the production of the catalogue, and room for storage, as the bookstore is no longer sufficient.

In addition, we see an increasing necessity to pay subsistence wages to enable a few people to devote full time to the store and make our political work a means of survival. Our time is also involved in a radio show on Mon nights at 8 pm on KPFF with Venceremos and the Student-Worker Action Committee and a store at the Ash Grove which is usually open four nights a week.

We feel that these new programs are politically important, but in order to carry them out we need a great deal more money. We are putting together several fundraising events: one of these is a birthday party dance, September 25 at the Ashgrove, 8162 Melrose, L.A. at 8 pm. We hope to see you there and at our store, 1335 1/2 W. Washington Bl, Venice, 392-7412

GET A JOB!

The Job Corps could represent something new in your life. You can be trained for a job that is interesting and well paid. You can learn to read and write better English, necessary to gain economic sufficiency from your job. Furthermore Job Corps will give you spending money while you're training. You can choose the type of training you like and learn at your own pace. Job Corps will also help you find employment after your training. For more information please contact the Venice Service Center, 326 So. Lincoln Blvd., Venice, California, 90291 Ph 392-4811

Art Exhibit

The Beyond Baroque Gallery, 1639 W. Washington Bl, Venice, Phone 396-6551, will be featuring a Jack Hirschman exhibit of Glyphic-graphic works, grimoires, kameas and collages. The exhibit will open with a public reception on September 24 from 7 to 10 pm, and will continue through October 24. The hours will be Mon 12-5, Tues through Fri 10-5 and Sat 10-2.

GAY ACTION

The Coalition for Gay Action is building a mass demonstration on December 2, around the following demands:

1. An end to all laws governing sexual behavior between consenting persons.
2. An end to discrimination against Gays in all areas: jobs, housing, child custody rights, treatment by police, courts and prisons.
3. Release of all persons held in prisons held in prisons and mental institutions for victimless sex acts.
4. A right to life style, including rights to legally recognized marriages.

To help organize the demonstration, come to the meetings, Wednesdays at 745 S. Oxford (near Western and 8th St) For information call 628-6472 or 392-3324

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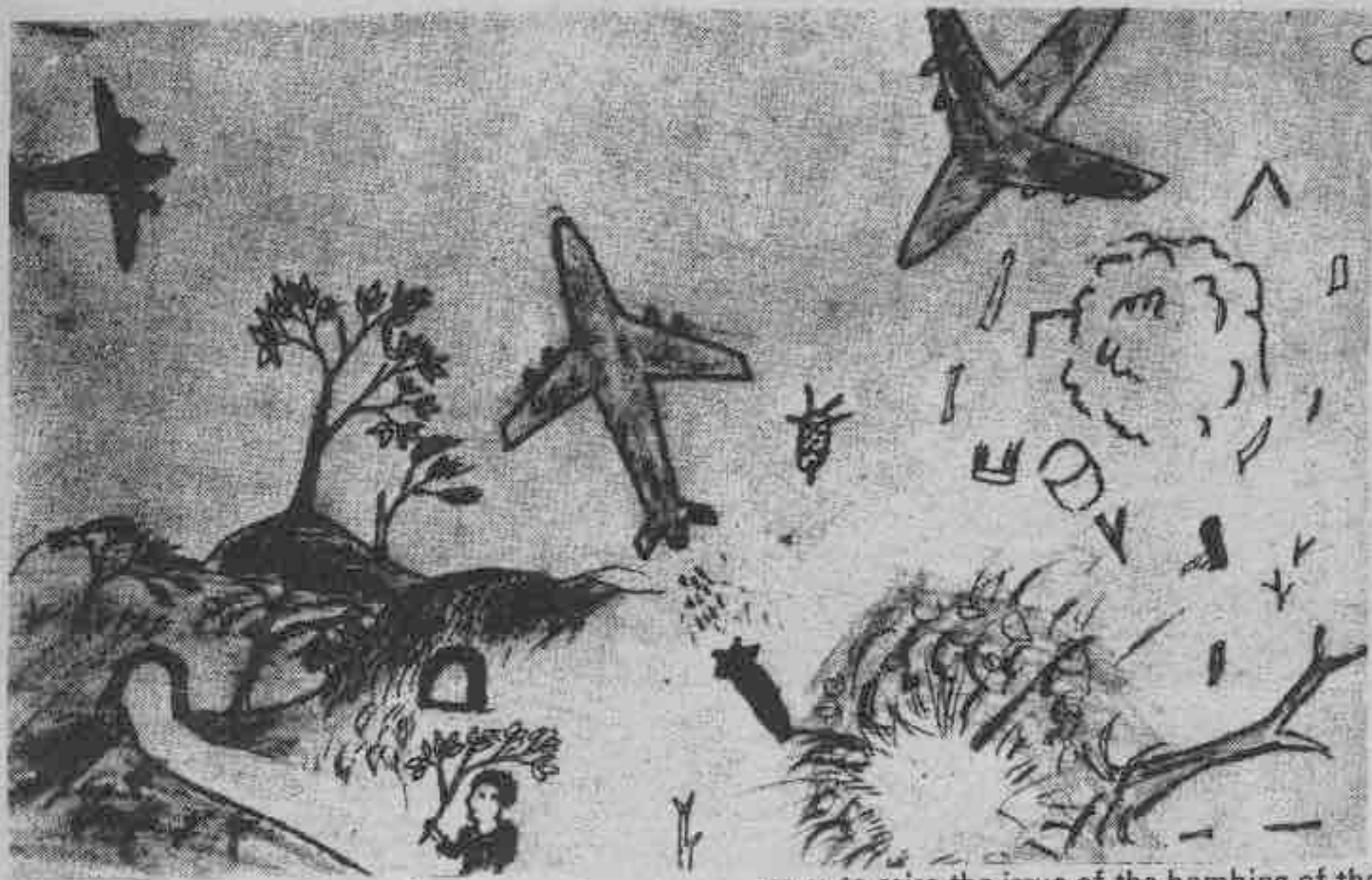
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Indochina Peace Campaign



We have just entered what is the most hopeful and at the same time the most dangerous phase of the vicious Indochina War. Over the next few months we Americans will have our first real chance in years to actually stop the U.S. government's assault on the Indochinese people. In these same coming months, authorities with no restraint on their power will be tempted to commit grave escalations in Vietnam, that could kill upwards of a million people and expose our country once again to the possibility of nuclear attack.

Free Venice has joined with other grassroots local organizations and Movement groups across Los Angeles, Southern California, and the rest of the state, and nationally throughout the states with key electoral power in the presidential election, in an intensive Indochina Peace Campaign. This campaign is parallel to and independent of all presidential campaigns.

We believe that when we make Indochina the paramount election issue, exposing government lies that they are ending the war and providing the true facts, people will see that a vote for Nixon is a vote for continued murder.

We believe McGovern will probably keep his promise to end the war if elected. But as Tom Hayden said in the L.A. Times, when we are asked in later years what we did during the genocide of 1972, it will not be sufficient to say we waited until November to vote for a candidate, or even to say merely that we worked in a political campaign. Our moral and legal obligations—our compassion and respect for the Vietnamese people—require more. Even if McGovern is elected, the U.S. and Saigon governments can commit terrible and irreversible atrocities before he takes office. And McGovern himself has a proven tendency to get soft on the war unless he's kept under constant pressure by the people.

The Indochina Peace Campaign will help provide some of that pressure. Free Venice is moving block by block through all the neighborhoods of Venice. We are presenting the Indochina Information Project slide show at people's homes, which graphically describes the effects of the American assault on the Vietnamese people and their culture. We are going door to door asking people to sign a petition calling on McGovern,

now, to raise the issue of the bombing of the dikes (which would drown or starve a million people), to raise the issue of the nuclearization of the war, and demanding that McGovern take steps now to save the lives of the 100,000 political prisoners in the prisons of the Saigon dictatorship. We are going into the neighborhoods with photograph exhibits, movies and talks by Vietnam veterans against the war, special art exhibitions, guerilla theater, appearances by authorities on Indochina, and every other kind of witness and evidence to bring the true story to the people before November.

The Vietnamese have built up a culture of resistance through thousands of years of assault from invaders—assault from the Chinese, from the Mongols of Kublai Khan, from the French and Japanese, and now from the Americans. The communities of Venice are under assault from the same business-political power structure that's attacking Vietnam—they use B-52's there, bulldozers here. The object in both places is the same: they want to destroy our communities and remove our people for the most obvious and despicable of reasons—to make more money. Venice, too, like Vietnam, is developing a culture of resistance.

Free Venice is a people's organization, and to bring the truth on the war into the neighborhoods we need your help. If you would be able to work with us in your spare time for two or three weeks (or more), or if you can help us out with some spare change to print leaflets—or if you want to know more about us or our information on the war—please call the Free Venice Switchboard, 821-6101, and leave your name, address, and phone number—one of us will call you back or come by.

Anti-war pressure from the American people has already forced one President to retire from office. The pressure of the people has forced both houses of Congress to cut off funds for the war. The pressure of the people has sent a former U.S. Attorney General to Hanoi to tell us that "enemy propaganda" is true. The pressure of the people has forced one U.S. party to offer us a candidate who promises to end the war. If our 1972 Indochina Peace Campaign can push the war back up where it belongs as the No. 1 issue, the pressure of the people can finally bring this vicious experience to an end, and in the meantime restrain the U.S. government from committing vast new atrocities in Vietnam.

YES ON 19

The campaign for Proposition 19, the California Marijuana Initiative, has begun. Proposition 19 needs volunteer help, money, and endorsements from respected people. To be victorious, the campaign must 1) get users of marijuana to register and vote 2) convince non-users of how much the marijuana prohibition is hurting them, not helping them.

Proposition 19 would eliminate state penalties for possession and cultivation of marijuana for personal use by persons eighteen or over. Sale of marijuana would not be affected, so there would be no tax on sales.

The initiative recognizes the responsibility of the government to enact criminal penalties for harmful acts committed under the influence of marijuana. However, studies have indicated that, for experienced users, grass does not lower either mental capacities or driving ability.

The President's Commission on Marijuana has found no casual relationship between grass and violence, crime, sexual depravity, drug addiction, hard drugs, brain damage, chromosome splitting, or insanity. Marijuana is certainly not as harmful as two legal drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

Legalizing possession would save millions wasted on arrest, prosecution and

jailing. Estimates of the cost of enforcing the California law have ranged as high as \$100,000,000 per year. In 1970, of 11,117 marijuana felonies disposed of in superior court, 16.1% were for sales, and 77.2% resulted in convictions. 21.3% of all 1970 felony arrests were for marijuana. Out of this 21.3%, only 10% were for other than possession.

Little attention was paid to marijuana until the mid-1930's. At that time, a group of former alcohol-prohibition agents began issuing statements claiming that grass caused crime, violence, insanity, etc. An example of an advertisement circulated:

Beware! Young and Old— People in All Walks of Life! This [picture of a marijuana cigarette] may be handed to you by the friendly stranger. It contains the Killer Drug "Marijuana"— a powerful narcotic in which lurks Murder! Insanity! Death!

The Marijuana Tax Act was passed in 1937. Medical and scientific evidence was ignored, but major attention was given to oilseed, birdseed and paint industries' need for the hemp plant, from which marijuana comes. With hard work Proposition 19 will be able to reverse this historical trend against marijuana. To help, call 381-5071.

DOPE ON POT

While I agree with the psychedelic generation about the absurdity and injustice of our criminal laws relating to drugs, I am not an apostle of the "turn on, tune in, drop out" mystique. I recognize that drugs can be an evasion of responsibility, and that there is no simple chemical solution to all the psychic, social and political problems of our time. My own program would be: Turn on to the life around you, tune in to knowledge and feeling, and drop in to changing the world for the better. If that course could prevail, the adventurous young, no longer haunted by the anxiety and anomie of the present system, would probably discover that love, comradeship music the arts, sex, meaningful work, alertness, self-discipline, real education (which is a lifelong task) and plain hard thought

are bigger, better and more permanent highs than any chemical can produce.

But meanwhile, I must protest— I will continue to protest— against the bureaucrat who stands with cocktail in one hand and cigarette in the other and cries out that the innocent recreation of pot smoking is the major problem facing our society, one that can be solved only by raising the penalty to castration for the first offense and death for the second. He would be doing the young people—and all the rest of us— a true favor if he forgot about marijuana for a while and thought, a few minutes a day about such real problems as racism, poverty, starvation, air pollution and our stumbling progress towards World War Three and the end of life on earth.

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PAPERBACKS

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH SCANDAL

The Environmental Protection Center of Inglewood has released a study of occupational health services in California which indicates that the state's workers are not being adequately protected from hazardous work conditions. The study charges that eight of California's ten industrial counties are violating the California Health and Safety Code.

The Health and Safety Code requires that counties employ different numbers of full-time health professionals, depending on the population of the different counties. San Diego and Alameda counties are in total violation of the law by not even having occupational health departments. Los Angeles County has no full-time Occupational Health Physician, though by law it must employ ten health professionals, including an Occupational Health Physician. Said the study, "An inadequately staffed occupational health department cannot possibly insure the safety of 900,000 working people."

The study also states, "Recent technological advances and industrialization have increased the degree of hazardous exposure to a plethora of substances in nearly all occupations. Today the average factory worker is exposed to fumes, dust, chemicals, gases and other foreign substances that heretofore have been thought to be relatively inert with respect to health impact. Every day we are discovering new threats from old and familiar materials found in our industrial society."

Despite the increased need for safety, Health and Safety laws are being poorly enforced in California. In 1971, Inspector-Engineers of the Division of Industrial Safety issued 280,884 citations of unsafe conditions, throughout the state. Despite 750 deaths on construction sites alone, in 1971 only seven (7) citations were prosecuted all as misdemeanors. Lockheed Corporation was fined a mere \$500 for the Sylmar Tunnel explosion of June, 1971, in which seventeen workers lost their lives. The N.A. Artukovich Company, which has been allowed to dump dirt on the Venice Blvd medial strip near the beach, was prosecuted for a faulty back-up alarm on a "rig" (charges dismissed).

The *Beachhead* views the study's findings as not exceptional; rather they point out a general condition in American society. Once again, liberal legislation supposedly designed to protect ordinary people has turned out to be hogwash. No matter how much fanfare goes with the launching of a law, it will do no good if it is not enforced.

We find the law being violated by public servants charged with implementing the law. Corporations are allowed to get away with unsafe conditions with violate the law. We are told that the Law is holy, and *must* be enforced; but that apparently only applies to the poor and powerless that fill the jails of America.



\$200 for MURDER

BROOKPARK, Ohio (LNS)—Jesse Crowder never got to see the reports of Ford Motor Company's record setting profits for April, May, and June of 1972. Ford executives boasted earnings of \$282.8 million up 43% from the same period last year.

But he might not have cared, either.

Jesse Crowder, 29, fell to his death through the foundry roof at Ford's engine plant on May 30, 1972. He was the fourth worker killed at the engine plant during the first half of 1972.

According to the U.S. Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), "The employer failed to furnish employees on cupola No. 7 on May 30, 1972, a place of employment free from recognized hazards that were likely to cause death or serious physical harm to its employees in that it failed to provide a work platform and means of egress which were safe and adequate."

OSHA holds Ford directly responsible for three of the four deaths.

Ford was fined \$200 by the government because of Jesse Crowder's death.



GRAYLINE is NOT open!

If it seems that tourism has been off the last week or so because you've seen fewer sightseeing buses, do not despair for the hotel and restaurant owners. Buses for the Grayline, Inc. are not on the road because of a strike by Grayline drivers since Thursday, July 13. Since the months of July and August are peak tourist months, Grayline's sightseeing business is being hit hard.

The bus drivers, members of Teamsters Local 640, hit the bricks over two outrageous proposals by the company in contract negotiations. The employer is demanding that the drivers become strike breakers by crossing any picket lines set up by other unions at locations where tourists are driven. This open attitude on union solidarity is completely unacceptable to the workers at Grayline.

ILLEGAL SCAB DRIVERS

Management drivers have not been examined. However, the Highway Patrol, though informed, refused to enforce the law because "it didn't want to get involved." PICKET LINE is awaiting the usual swift firm action by Law and Order Reagan to protect Greyline passengers.

So if you see a Greyline sightseeing bus in the lane next to you, give the poor scab room—he's just learning and nervous at having to cross militant Teamster picket lines.

Also at issue are the length and expiration date of the contract. The company wants the contract to end in September 1975 when their coffers will be full from the peak tourist months. The union wants to retain the midsummer date, so that they will not be completely helpless in the next negotiations.

PAY BOARD WON'T CURB MILLIONAIRES

Millionaires got hefty pay boosts last year. Here are a few examples:

- * Roche, who headed General Motors, raised his pay from that corporation by 219 per cent to \$838,750. Other income helped him eke out this pittance.

- * Poor Henry Ford II got less than a quarter million jump in his pay from Ford Motors to a mere \$702,000.

- * Borch, chairman of General Electric, got a raise of \$115,000 to bring his pay to \$450,000.

- * Union Carbide's chairman Wilson climbed to \$263,333 for the year.

- * ITT's president went up from \$766,755 in 1970 to \$812,494 in 1971.

These are all leading citizens, actively fighting inflation, so you can rest assured they will not lavish it on street beggars or their domestic servants or engage in similar inflationary activity.

These cheerful figures are taken from that sedate journal *Business Week* of May 6 which devotes several pages to listing similar success stories. In its summary by industry it estimates that executive remuneration in 1971 exceeded

the 1970 figure by the following percentages:

Autos and parts	56.7%
Transportation	27.9%
Electrical equipment	25.5%

These exceed the 5.5% ceiling the Pay Board has assigned for wage increases. But where did you think what-you-could-have-got-but-didn't-get went?

On May 8 the Pay Board voted six to Fitzsimmons to lop 15 cents off the 70 cent hourly increase wangles by East and Gulf Coast longshoremen. On the same day they ruled companies cannot put wage increases into escrow to hand out after wage controls end.

The Pay Board complains that it isn't holding that 5.5% ceiling for non-millionaires. Settlements in the first three months of 1972 averaged 7.8% per year. In the construction industry first quarter boosts ran to 13% but these were from boosts negotiated before November 15 when the industry's own set-up for wage control was told to abide by Pay Board standards.

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Farm Workers

On election day Nov. 7 the people of California will vote on Proposition 22 the so-called "Agricultural Labor Relations Initiative". The lettuce growers, the Farm Bureau and other right-wing agribusiness interests who are sponsoring the proposed law present the measure as a new and better way of solving farm labor disputes in California agriculture.

But any objective examination of the law will expose its real purpose: to destroy Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers union and make it a crime for farm workers - most of them Chicanos, Blacks and Filipinos - to organize into a union of their own in California. Proposition 22 accomplishes its goal in the following ways.

Proposition 22 outlaws the farmworkers boycott. It would take from farm workers their most effective non-violent weapon - consumer boycott that millions of Americans have supported over the years by not buying grapes and now by avoiding all iceberg lettuce. The law makes all secondary and nearly all primary boycotting a crime punishable by one year in prison or a \$5,000 fine or both. But it does not apply only to agricultural workers. If a housewife, in the privacy of her own home were to urge her neighbors to help the farm workers by boycotting



lettuce, she would be liable for the jail term and fine.

Proposition 22 abolishes the right of the farm workers to strike. Growers would receive automatic 60-day injunctions, without hearings, against strikes or the "threat" of a strike, from local Superior Courts - the same rural courts that enjoined the 1970 Salinas lettuce strike. Few if any seasonal jobs last for 60 days.

Proposition 22's so-called "secret ballot" election process to determine union representation would disenfranchise the vast majority of migrant and seasonal farm workers - the workers most in need and most likely to vote for Cesar Chavez' farm workers. The law says elections, "SHALL BE SET AT A TIME WHEN THE NUMBER OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES DOES NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT EMPLOYEES..."

On a ranch with 10 full time year-round workers but 100 seasonal or temporary workers 90 workers would be denied the right to vote.

Proposition 22 was qualified for the ballot through the use of fraud and misrepresentation. Many of those who signed the initiative petition were told it was for Cesar Chavez

and the farm workers' union and that it would lower food prices.

For seven years farm workers have suffered and sacrificed non-violently so that they could hold their heads high in a union of their

own. The agribusiness establishment has fought them every inch of the way with hired guards and police dogs, imported strikebreakers, illegal court injunctions, money and sordid political influence. Now agribusiness seeks to use the law of the people of California to rob farmworkers and consumers of their most sacred constitutional rights. Proposition 22 must be recognized for what it is: a rich man's law against a poor people's movement.

CALENDAR

MONTHLY CALENDAR

SUN, SEPT 17 - Venice Canal Festival. afternoon. Info: 821-5421 or 821-5118
SAT, SEPT 23 - Beachhead meeting for people wanting to continue the paper, 2801 Dell Av, 11 am, 821-2889.
SAT, SEPT 23 - Demonstration at Sybil Brand. Info: 823-4774
SUN, SEPT 24 - Public reception for Jack Hirshman exhibit, Beyond Baroque Center, 1639 W. Washington Bl 7-10 pm, info: 396-6551.
MON, SEPT 25 - Midnight Special birthday party. Dance at the Ashgrove, 8162 Melrose Av, 8 pm, info: 392-7412
THURS, SEPT 28 - Movie: "Salt of the Earth" Venice Library, 610 California Info: 821-1769.
WED, OCT 4 - Glenn Ferriswheel jazz ensemble. free. 7:30 pm, Venice Library, 610 California. Info: 821-1769.
THURS, OCT 5 - Beyond Baroque "At Home" 7-9 pm, coffee, gallery exhibit, meet staff.

Family Planning

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

VENICE DRUG COALITION, meeting 1140 W. Washington Bl, call first, 392-4151. 3 pm Monday
DRAMA WORKSHOP, Venice Pavillion, Windward & Oceanfront, 399-2775, Adults. 6:30 pm, Monday and Wednesday
CREATIVE DANCE CLASS, Venice Pavillion, Windward & Oceanfront, 399-2775, Children ages 5-7, 3:30-4:30 pm, Monday
RAPS ON BIRTH CONTROL, VD, and just plain sex. Slides included. Venice Youth Clinic, 905 Venice Bl, 821-3484 6 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
WOMEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING Westside Women's Center, 218 S. Venice 823-4774. 8 pm, Monday
PRE-SCHOOL DANCE CLASS, Venice Pavillion, Windward & Oceanfront, 399-2775, Children ages 3-5, 10-12 Tuesday.
YOGA CLASSES, Venice Library, 610 California, 821-1769, 6 pm, Tuesday and Thursday.
FOOD CONSPIRACY meeting. For location, call 399-8410. 8 pm, Tuesday
CREATIVE MOVEMENT CLASS, Venice Pavillion, Windward & Oceanfront. Parents and children. 3:30-5 pm, Wednesday
COALITION FOR GAY ACTION 745 S. Oxford. Meeting to plan Dec 2 demonstration. Info: 628-6472 or 392-3324
POETRY READING at Beyond Baroque Center, 1639 W. Washington Bl, 8:30 pm Wednesday.
ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE Venice Library, 610 California, 821-1769. Babysitting provided, 9 am Thursday
CREATIVE MOVEMENT and body awareness class, Venice Pavillion, Windward & Oceanfront, 399-2775, 10-12 Friday.
GOOD TIME SOCIAL HOUR, Women only, Westside Women's Center, 218 S. Venice Bl, 823-4774, 8 pm, Friday
PREGNANCY SCREENING, Westside Women's Center, 218 S. Venice Bl, 823-4774, 12-4 Saturday

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BEACHHEAD DYING !

People of Venice; The Beachhead, a Free Community Newspaper, Put out by volunteer labor, has been in existence for two years. During this Period there have been many times when there were a lot of people, energy, and input going into the making of the paper, with much community support; Recently this type of support has disappeared.

The paper began as a kind of large size leaflet for the Free Venice Movement. The paper has since improved in quality (we feel) but the Free Venice Organization has disappeared; Different community groups still use the paper as a substitute for a leaflet, but have virtually no other input into the paper.

For the past few months a group of five people have been doing all the work except for the writing of a few articles and some distribution; During these months we have had no feedback which would tell us whether the community likes, cares about, or even reads the paper.

Three members of our staff presently work 40 hours a week, and one other member works part time. Also, we all have other political commitments that consume much of our time. We have reached the point where we no longer have the time or energy to publish the Beachhead. The staff still feels that the Beachhead is a valuable asset to the Venice community. If it is to continue however, the Venice community must take it over and put it out, for we as individuals can no longer do it.

The staff will help a new group of people who wanted to continue the Beachhead in any way possible. We are providing a place and time for interested people to get together; all those interested should come to 2801 Dell ave. (821-2889) at 11 A.M., Saturday, September 23.

The Beachhead Staff