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## WHO'S PLANNING YOUR FUTURE?

by Lance Diskin

(L.A. Chief of new Venice Community Plan calls current life style "foolish")

"Venice could be characterized by overcrowding, by blighted housing, deteriorating canals, by inadequate transportation. In addition there are a number of social indicators which describe the area: high infant-mortality rate, alcoholism, crime, drug-abuse, social disease, and a high unemployment rate. All of these factors are substantially higher than the city-wide averages and indicate major psychological and social dislocation in the Venice community. To protect and preserve this type of life style is foolish." --Charles Zeman, Chief L.A. City planner for the new Venice Community Plan--

"Highly diverse and integrated - by age, income, role, race; a coastal lifestyle perhaps unique in the Los Angeles area ... distinctive ... undergoing tremendous development pressures ... The Old Venice area, including the Canal area, shall be considered a unique coastal zone and the old pattern of canals and streets and existing life style shall be protected and preserved from future pressures of development." --Preliminary Staff Report on Appearance and Design, South Coast Regional Coastal Commission --

"Past and present Venice represents an opportunity which says that people from all walks of life should have some choice in finding a place to live, some voice in their political and economic futures some positive influence on the quality of their environment without forever crusading in the effort to fight off those forces of society which would - if given the slightest opportunity - ignore human values and condemn the less affluent the minorities, the elderly, the alternative lifestyles to reside in one form of environmental degradation or another while places like Venice are cycled into oblivion." --The North Beach Planning Task Force --

So what's with all this stuff about "foolish life style" and "major psychological dislocation" and "unique coastal zone" you ask. And who's Charles Zeman and why should I give a damn what he says? Well, my friends, Chuck Zeman is the man chosen by the Los Angeles City Planning Department and approved by Pat Russell to head the restudy of the Venice Community Plan. He's a man who will have a profound and lasting effect on the present and future Venetian community. And it seems from his attitude and statements

that he considers Venice to be a crime-ridden slum inhabited by addicts, winos and unemployed V.D. victims. At least that's the way he chose to depict Venice when speaking before the Proposition 20 Coastal Commission on August 2nd. The Coastal Commissions (both regional and state) are the last line of defense against unplanned exploitative urbanization of the Venice community, and in response to the Commission Staff's recommendation that Venice be "preserved and protected from future pressures of development" he said that protection and preservation of our life style would be foolish. Nice guy to be the head of the Venice Community Plan, right?

If you perhaps are 1.) slightly upset, 2.) angry, 3.) enraged, 4.) infuriated or 5.) just plain pissed, there are a number of things you can do. You can contact Pat Russell by phone at L.A. City Hall (485-3357) or Venice City Hall (822-2582) and tell her what you think of Mr. Zeman. Or you can write her a postcard or letter at: 200 No. Spring St., Room 261, L.A. 90012. Perhaps you may want to call or write to Calvin Hamilton, Director, Los Angeles City Planning Dept. at 200 No. Spring St., Room 561-C, telephone 485-5047. Of course there's more to be done than can be suggested here. The City Planning Dept. is planning for Venice, The Coastal Commission is planning for Venice, The Traffic, Street Maintenance, and Public Works Departments of the city are planning for Venice, Pat Russell has appointed a citizens advisory committee and they will be planning for Venice, and there are even grass-roots community groups in North Beach, the Canals, and the Peninsula that are involved in planning the future of Venice.

The people of Venice will build the Venice of 1976 and 1980 and 2000 either by their action or their apathy. The degradation of the Venetian living environment can be slowed and halted while a residentially-controlled future evolves. If you want to devote some energy to getting people involved in determining the future of Venice, visit or join the North Beach Planning Task Force which meets Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. at the Israel Levin Center or ask your Neighborhood Council representatives about planning groups in your area. If there isn't one, start one. If we don't do it for ourselves, it will be done to us by the many others who don't know and don't care about our community. Who's planning your future?

## 6TH ANNUAL VENICE CANAL FESTIVAL SEPT. 29 noon to dusk

Dear Neighbor:

The first Venice Canal Festival was conceived in 1969 in the fight to save our canal community from being wiped out by the "Progress" of real estate interests and the plan to create a private residential marina.

The continuing purpose of the festival is to visibly demonstrate that we have here a community worth preserving and that the canals themselves constitute a public recreational resource that should not be taken from the people.

On the day of the festival we want our neighbors to see who we are, what we do, and to share the pleasures of the canals with us.

We invite all artists, craftsmen, performers, cooks organizations, individuals who live in Venice to join us again in celebration.

The purpose of the festival is not to sell commercially made wares or to make money, but to celebrate our community and to share what we ourselves do and make. We invite people to have a good time and to help save an endangered species, the residents of Venice.

For information call 823-7452 or 821-7113



## BEACH DRUMMERS BENEFIT SEPTEMBER 7TH

By Elizabeth Sunny Sky

A person geographically far from Venice could have had our community in mind when he described the "Briarpatch Society" as "people learning to live with joy in the cracks...doing or seeking Right Livelihood...willing to fail young, concerned with the sharing of resources and skills with members of an ongoing community... and part of a subsociety that is more committed to learning how the world works than to acquiring possessions and status." (D. Raymond, Portola Institute).

Among Venice people who might be described as living in the Briarpatch are its musicians, and four of them are currently facing possible imprisonment, essentially because they are Briarpatch musicians.

The four (Michael Rivera, Sandra Charlton, Rosa Buboni and Arnie Solano) were arrested on May 24th on Ocean Front Walk while playing drums and dancing at the Breeze Avenue pagoda. Families, friends and community people raised bail for them, and preliminary court appearances were subsequently made, with all four trials set for the first week in October.

The four, being briarpatch poor, desperately need financial help for their defenses and with a little help from Venice brothers and sisters, have put together an evening of music, food and wine to help create a defense fund.

Community support for these people has figured in the attitude of the D.A. toward the cases, and it's clearly a factor in the defendants favor. The benefit will be on September 7 at the Church in Ocean Park. While getting it together, it started feeling like it is past time for some communication (other than musical) between drummers and the rest of us. What follows is, I think, a message from the Briarpatch.

### "UNNATURAL INSTRUMENTS"

By Michael A. Rivera

The title stems from a statement Chief of Police Davis made to the T.V. media a short time ago, when he blatantly accused the rise in crime, violence, and perversions at Venice Beach on the conga players of Venice.

As a conga player myself, and a newly moved in member of the community, I would like to make an attempt to clear up some of the misconceptions and fallacies that trail my fellow drummers.

The conga players of Venice are also community members of Venice. We enjoy playing drums together for various reasons: a. practicing, b. learning from each other, c. playing with other musicians, d. and plain jam session playing. My personal opinion of my fellow drummers is that they are in fact excellent drummers. There are included many congas (women players) who play very, very well and also play professionally. Conga players come from Griffith Park and as far

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# FORCED STERILIZATION

Reprinted From SISTER

When the story about the coerced sterilization of two black children, Minnie and Mary Alice Relf of Montgomery, Alabama, became public, many people began to wonder what was behind such a criminal action... why 12 and 14 year-old black girls? Why was it done with HEW money? A small group of us decided to investigate further, and we began to realize that the story of Minnie and Mary Alice was just the tip of an iceberg, one part of a pattern of systematic sterilizations of women being carried out in every part of the country. It soon became apparent that in nearly every Third World Women's publication the issue of forced sterilization was a major concern. We realized that while we in the white women's movement have struggled for reproductive freedom through birth control and safe abortion, we have been unaware of the ways in which these reforms are being used against poor and non-white women. These are some of the facts we discovered:

\*In 1973 in Aiken, South Carolina, an obstetrician by the name of Clovis Pierce sterilized 18 women on welfare, 16 of them black. The nurse from his office told reporters: "The policy of Dr. Pierce's office is, was, and always will be that any woman with two or more children and on welfare will have to submit to voluntary sterilization if she wants to be taken care of here." She neglected to mention that Pierce was the only obstetrician in the entire county who would take Medicaid patients. (*Newsday*)

\*In 1965 in Hempstead, North Carolina, Nial Ruth Cox was sterilized at the age of 18 after she was classified by a physician as "a mentally defective Negro". This was done under an involuntary sterilization law which authorizes the operation for people who are "feeble-minded, epileptics, moral degenerates, or chronic sex offenders". She agreed to a temporary sterilization after a welfare worker told her that otherwise her mother, brothers and sisters would be eliminated from the welfare rolls. Ms. Cox, now a nurse's aid in New York, is filing a suit challenging the constitutionality of such laws.

\*The Health Research Group documented the cases of 12 black women treated at Baltimore City Hospital who "were given sterilization permits to sign literally minutes before the Caesarean section (and sterilization) was to be carried out... none of the women had expressed an interest in sterilization previously." (*Newsday*)

\*At Boston City Hospital, when a 36-year-old Portuguese welfare mother came in seeking a sterilization the doctor decided to do a hysterectomy. When he was asked why he chose a hysterectomy rather than a tubal ligation (a much less dangerous procedure) he replied, "We want this teaching experience for our residents. She's 36 and doesn't need her uterus... if we do a vaginal hysterectomy, we can tighten up her vagina—her husband will like that." In discussing the operation with a translator, it was discovered that the woman was under the impression that she was having a tubal ligation, did not want a hysterectomy, and had not been informed of the relative dangers of the two operations. (*Second Wave*)

\*The acting director of the OB/GYN department at a municipal hospital in NYC stated: "In most major teaching hospitals, it is the unwritten policy to do elective hysterectomies on poor black and Puerto Rican women, with minimal indications, to train residents. At least 10% of GYN surgery is done on this basis. And 99% of this is done on black and Puerto Rican women." (*Newsday*)

We were struck by the fact that in nearly every case we read about, the women were almost always poor and usually non-white. We have found repeated evidence that these sterilizations are not isolated abuses but are part of a large-scale government program of population control. A *Newsday* study has disclosed the following:

\*"The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, since 1968, has been financing the 'voluntary' sterilization of minors..."

\*Recent charges of sterilization abuse in Montgomery, Ala., have prompted the federal government to draft policy guidelines. However, the proposal would not effect adult 'voluntary' sterilization cases... The department continues to finance such cases even though it is the area where most charges of abuse... have been cited.

\*Growing evidence indicated that some big-city hospitals subject lower income women of minority groups to unnecessary sterilizations for the sake of either (1) providing training for young surgeons, (2) preventing welfare mothers from having additional children, or (3) collecting the additional fees that some of the operations bring.

\*The director of the Office of Population Affairs... of HEW, Carl Schultz, estimated that the number of sterilizations financed may be between 100,000 and 200,000 for last year alone." (*Newsday*)

\*In Delaware, a Senate committee recommended that welfare mothers with two or more illegitimate children should be sterilized. (*Asian Women*)

These population control programs are not limited to domestic use; they are international in scope. The same men who brought us the Vietnam War, chemical/biological warfare, napalm and Watergate are the major proponents of world population control:

\*In July, 1971, Nixon made a statement on population control that called for the Secretaries of State, Commerce, HEW, AID, and the Peace Corps to increase family planning efforts abroad. The House Foreign Affairs Committee was urged to double its \$50 million a year expenditure for population control abroad. (*Asian Women*)

\*In Puerto Rico, U.S. AID sterilized 1/3 of all the females of childbearing age in less than a decade.

\*In India, the U.S. has a program in which transistor radios are offered to men who agree to vasectomies. Five and one-half million sterilizations have been done. (*Asian Women*)

When a woman "consents" to sterilization after she is threatened with having her family cut off welfare unless she agrees, this is forced sterilization. When a woman is not given proper gynecological care when something is wrong and the disease progresses to such an extent that a hysterectomy is the only treatment, this is forced sterilization. When a child is judged mentally defective, sterilized, and not told of the operation, this is forced sterilization. For those who think that fascism ended with the Nuremberg trials of the men who were willing to go to any lengths to build a blond, blue-eyed master race, it is worth hearing doctors who speak of the need for "fewer, better babies" as they sterilize poor and Third World women. And if any lesson is to be learned from the experiences of these sufferings of humanity, the consequences of the crime of silence should be the most significant.

Sources: *Asian Women*—c/o 3405 Dwinalle Hall, UC, Berkeley, Calif. 94720  
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## BIO-MEDICAL WARFARE

by Barbara Allen

Some Los Angeles women have been investigating locally and we've found that forced sterilization is going on here. Third World and poor white women are the targets of a 'hard sell' sterilization campaign funded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare at local hospitals and clinics. These women are also being used as guinea pigs by racist doctors experimenting with new techniques and those who need the experience of performing hysterectomies and tubal ligations.

In talking with women who were patients at L.A. County-USC Medical Center we've found some shocking examples of women being sterilized against their wills. One woman was given a consent form and told, 'sign this' while she was on the delivery table having a Caesarean section. She didn't know until after the operation that she had 'consented' to a tubal ligation (permanent sterilization). A Spanish speaking woman who was sterilized wasn't told that the operation would be permanent. Dr. Bernard Rosenfeld, who is undergoing residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at L.A. County-USC Medical Center said, 'Hardly anyone is given informed consent opportunities when it comes to sterilization.'

It's not surprising that a government that poured tons of bombs and chemicals on the Vietnamese and trains Brazilian police to torture and murder their prisoners would develop a program of forced sterilization as part of its 'solution' to hunger and poverty. The U.S. justifies its massive domestic and international population control programs by saying that poverty and hunger are caused by over-population rather than by the rich imperialists who are enormously wealthy precisely because they have exploited and robbed millions of people in the world. Greedy capitalists would like us to ignore the fact that in China, with its population of 786.1 million people, hunger was completely eradicated in less than 10 years after the revolution.

When fascist doctors deny women control of our bodies by sterilizing poor and Third World 'economic undesirables' they are participating in this program of world wide population control. Birth control, abortion and sterilization will be liberating for all women when WE rather than the government, make the decisions. We must speak out loudly against the medical and legal atrocities which are being used against our Third World and poor white sisters. We must demand an end to forced sterilization and racist, sexist population control programs.

Watch for an announcement next month about our plans for action.

Indians of Oklahoma Challenge Federal Sterilization Program

By Ishi Houmah

Indian women of Oklahoma have long wanted to challenge the federal government for its racist policy and specifically, for the practice of enforced sterilization of Indian women. This has gone on for too long.

When Dr. Connie Uri visited Oklahoma this summer, she became aware that something was rotten there. Indian women approached her at a Pow-wow to speak of the corrupt and deadly practices at the Indian hospital in Claremore. She promised to return at a later day when testimony could be heard with more care and consideration.

Dr. Uri returned in August to Claremore and to her astonishment found that word of her arrival had spread to neighboring Indian communities who had grievances. More than 400 Indian women and men had come, circling a large tipi and waiting for their turn to give testimony and support for the action. For four days and nights, women and men told horrendous tales of butchery by the Indian hospital run by the federal government. Mysterious deaths, young women receiving post-partum sterilizations, hysterectomies, tubes tied for minor internal complaints, and young men receiving vasectomies instead of sound contraceptive advice. In July of this year alone, on eight female surgery days, 52 Indian women were sterilized, the director of nurses reported when Dr. Uri questioned her. Dr. Uri realized she had uncovered a nazi-like factory at the hospital and she called the Justice Department.

Indian "social workers" had been hired to tell Indian women to quit having babies. Indians in Oklahoma are so goddamned poor, some sell themselves and their people for bread. The doctors had more than a hand in this, it would seem. Some told the Indian women it was better that they stopped populating the world.

Sterilization of women is a method of extermination when it is coerced. It is racial genocide when it is forced upon Third World women and in particular, upon Indian women who are special targets because the federal government is hellbent to ldp the giant corporations grab Indian land. STERILIZATION is a subtle form of murder of a people. No case merits instant and immediate sterilization procedures without review, Dr. Uri says. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is very well supplied with taxpayers' money to the sterilization program. We must pressure Congress to delete this money from the budget, the Senate for an investigation into the racial genocide of Indian people, the President who claims he is against all excessive spending.

It was the wind that gave them Life:  
It is the wind that blows from our  
mouths that gives us Life  
When this ceases to blow we die.

In the skin at the tips of our fingers  
We see the trial of the wind.  
It shows where the wind blew when  
our ancestors died.

—Indian Song

Song of the Earth Spirit.

It is lovely indeed, it is lovely indeed...  
I, I am the spirit within the earth...  
The feet of the earth are my feet...  
The legs of the earth are my legs...  
The bodily strength of the earth is my bodily strength...  
The thoughts of the earth are my thoughts...  
The voice of the earth is my voice...  
The feather of the earth is my feather...  
All that belongs to the earth belongs to me...  
All that surrounds the earth surrounds me...  
I am the sacred words of the earth  
It is lovely indeed, it is lovely indeed.

Navajo Chant



# Prisoners Prisoners Prisoners

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By Donna Hansen

Many people have requested information on prison. Time and again I've given them statistics money aspects --the cold facts. I simply cannot ignore the greatest injustice of imprisonment -- human lives wasted and destroyed. All around me, sisters slash their wrists and pound their heads into brick walls. In my own gut I feel the anger (first mistaken for hate) towards the pigs. I too feel the hopelessness, the complete oppression inside these walls that mutilates all but the strongest souls. My sisters matter! Not money, not percentages--PEOPLE matter. Hasn't anyone got the guts to look at the people in prison? Begin with me.

My family was typical--sterile, undemonstrative people. At 17 I began a life of my own and (in order) got raped, got sexually "promiscuous," got married, got divorced, tried suicide, and ended addicted to chemicals. My body and mind craved chemicals to ease the pain. But, oh God, the pain-killer became the pain. I lost myself.

I killed someone I loved dearly. There are no words for the torture of that awareness. I was ready to die and so I surrendered to the police. Then began the nightmare anew.

Numbered, stripped, searched, teeth counted and sprayed for "bugs," I began the 6 month wait for trial. During that time I saw my attorney three times. I saw a psychiatrist only once, for approximately 1/2 hour. Mostly I waited to die--I was so physically ill I truly thought I would die but I was afraid to ask for medical help. The clinic at Sybil Brand Institute has a "chamber of horrors" reputation. The emotional crippling was yet another agony. And above all FEAR.

Finally came my trial. I was kept awake, cold, hungry, and livid with fear for two weeks beforehand--taken on "dry runs" which means that you are run through exhaustive trial routine but never get inside a courtroom. I was really too tired to care what happened when I did get in the courtroom. I just wanted to be warm and get some sleep. I felt sub-human sitting there in a torn dress and barefoot. (I will always be grateful for the kindness of one of my sisters--she gave me a blue wool shawl as comfort in the winter rains.) It was over in 2 days. Guilty of murder--five years to life in prison.

Again numbered, stripped, searched, only now I am civilly dead." The prison merely makes out a "body receipt" upon my arrival. Prison is: hoarding food, slave labor for low or no wages, intimidation by the pigs, children adopted away under Section 232 of the Civil Code, an abundance of drugs (despite the fact that 77% of us used drugs and committed crimes as a result,) being kept incommunicative with the outside world--visits, mail, phone calls are censored and can be terminated anytime, at institutional convenience. The indeterminate sentence keeps us wondering how many years we will be here. The loneliness eats at your gut and you begin to vanish.

Some women become children in their heads due to the dependence on the pigs. Some become bitter, hostile bitches. Some (most) become apathetic--they deafen their ears, blind their eyes, and empty their heads of everything. That's rehabilitation for you.

There are a few who make it. People who learn to survive in prison and retain dignity--hang onto reality--they grow. I am such a one. I want to be heard, seen, felt by the people in the free world. I've made a commitment to work to free people from the societal straight jackets inside these walls.

But right here, right now my sisters go on and on "doing time." Most of them have forgotten why they go on. So, they/I need alternatives. Work furlough, educational furlough are two such alternatives. We can work it out on paper but we need people like YOU to help. A letter, job opportunities, ideas would help. Can you care? If so, write to me (my address is below) or contact the Long Termers Organization at California Institution for Women, Frontera, California, 91720. By helping in these programs you could give hope to the thousands of men and women in prison in California.

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by Donna Hansen-Inmate at C.I.W.

Problems within prisons apply equally to men's and women's institutions, although there is one special torment for women inmates--child custody. 38% of the women in prison lose custody of their children permanently.

Section 232 of the Civil Code is used to declare children adoptable without parental consent. The most common grounds against women in prison:

1. Pleading guilty to a felony which automatically makes her subject to Section 232.

2. Conviction of a felony can result in deprivation of custody even though such deprivation is in violation of the 8th amendment, forbidding cruel and unusual punishment.

3. Abandonment due to non-communication and/or non-support, in total disregard for the clumsy institutional procedures for visiting and incredibly low wages of 7 cents to 20 cents per hour.

4. Parent disability due to drugs and/or alcohol, although according to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 800, parents so disabled lose custody for only one year and not permanently. (77% of the women in prison had problems with drugs and/or alcohol.)

5. Foster home placement for a 2 year year period can focus the courts attention on the inability of the natural mother to re-establish a normal home. Because of the indeterminate sentence it remains unknown how many years a woman will be incarcerated. This question can leave her children adoptable.

It should be noted that the inmate-mother must pay all the expenses in order to appear in court at her children's custody hearing. This is a hardship as many women in prison cannot afford to pay for a Staff escort, pay transportation

costs, meals, etc. Such inaccessibility of the Courts is often mistaken for disinterest.

The stigma attached to women inmates is another cause for the devastation of the mother/child relationship. Nowhere is this stigma more evident than in the discriminatory attitude of foster parents of the children. Many foster parents are excellent, but too often the inmate/mother will not know her children's address. Too often, letters to her kids are not answered; and half the inmate/mothers see their children only once every three months.

Change is needed inside and outside the prison. Within the institution we hope to expand the existing family visit program, whereby inmates can spend weekends together in "apartments" with their families. We currently have only 3 apartments on the grounds for a population of over 700 women. A home furlough program would be very beneficial; as would legal responsibilities imposed on foster parents in regards to correspondence and visiting. Also we look to use an existing law, Section 3401 of the Civil Code which states: "If a woman received by or committed to said institution have a child under 2 years of age or gives birth to a child while an inmate in said institution, such child shall be admitted to and retained in said institution until it reaches the age of 2 years." Better yet, have the child care center on the outside, thus allowing the strengthening of the natural mother/child relationship and providing great incentive for the women to remold their lives in a healthier environment.

Our biggest task is to break down the walls of distrust and non-communication with "society". Through community oriented programs we seek to prove ourselves as women and mothers.



CALIFORNIA INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN

California maintains one prison in the state to house its approximately 740 women prisoners. The women live at the prison, near Chino, in cellblocks called "cottages" and work at various jobs including heavy labor in the prison garment factory at wages ranging from six cents to twelve cents an hour.

In early fall of 1973 a cellblock called the Intensive Programming Unit (IPU) was opened. While all prisoners are required to participate in "therapy" groups, IPU used total isolation from the rest of the population, day-long groups led by totally untrained personnel, and behavior modification techniques as an integral part of the program. The result was an escalation of arbitrary repressive measures against women considered "management" problems by the administration. An inmate strike, other inmates' opposition, and opposition from the community forced the prison administration to water the program down drastically.

A common claim made by corrections officials and prison administration regarding use of behavior modification and psycho-surgery on prisoners is that these techniques are used only on volunteers who have given consent. The terms "volunteer" and "consent" carry the connotation of choice and alternative; in reality there is no choice available for a prisoner whose daily life is under the arbitrary control of guards and other staff with whom she has daily contact in the prison. The parole board is a second arbitrary power wielded over individual lives which makes the issue of volunteering and consenting an absurdity within the confines of a prison.

Now it has come to various people's attention that the prison administration at CIW is planning to open an adjustment center in the near future, possibly as soon as next month. There is almost total secrecy about the new unit. Various inmates and others report the installation of padlocked gates in the corridors of one cellblock and the installation of special glass. It is expected that the administration's cover for these changes will be to say that special expensive educational equipment will be housed there, but one staff member says emphatically that this is not true.

Information suggests that the people who may be placed in the new cellblock are "management" cases, women who actively resist prison oppression, some gay women, and perhaps some Long Termers (women whose sentence is over three years). It appears that the center will be similar to those in men's prisons and that there is money for its construction in the Department of Corrections budget for fiscal 1974-75.

Given the reasons for the failure of the last attempt to establish such a special unit last year, it is important not to permit the prison administration to operate in secrecy. We need to contact the prison to express opposition to this new unit, to oppose behavior modification within the prison, and to try to get any other details about the program. Here is what you can do to help:

1. Call CIW at (714) 597-1771 and ask for Mr. Antonuccio. He is the acting superintendent (warden) while Virginia Carlsen is on leave. If you can't get through, leave a message and call back. Be persistent, and anticipate a hostile response.
2. If you have a title such as doctor, lawyer, psychiatrist, etc., use it.
3. Stress that the information you have comes from the staff.
4. Express opposition to the cellblock and to the use of behavior-modification.
5. Keep a record of any answers and information you might get. Experience has shown that it is fruitless to get into arguing the merits of behavior modification with the administration -- they have already decided on using it and will only be dissuaded when they are convinced that the public will not tolerate such methods.

The Prisoners' Support Group, which is coordinating opposition to the new unit and to the repressive methods in use at CIW would appreciate learning of any new information or of any responses you might receive. You can contact us at 413-2776.



IMAGE CALLED JOHANNA

## PRISON POEMS BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

### TO MY COMRADES IN SAIGON'S PRISONS

Comrades of the tiger cages  
we've shared that moon --  
its face scarred by  
the devil's barbed wire

Celled in pools of dung and piss  
eats silenced in terror  
by the drowning screams  
of those next to us

Torn at midnight from the blackness into blinding light  
ravaged by questions for  
which there are never answers

But the years are for passing  
and days are lessons well learned --  
the seasons ripen fertile fields --  
the mind becomes a razored plow.

Time made us Uncle Ho's dragons  
sharpening talons on cement walls --  
our struggle will tear open the gates  
for the land awaits our re-building.

I've dreamed  
dreamed so often of  
you taking  
me into  
your amber  
mouth...  
softly  
softly  
like the  
grapes of  
autumn.

### POEM TO OUR SISTERS

let them know  
there are women  
making this  
revolution...  
not just a  
cunt used when  
needing comfort  
or a  
keeper of house  
clothes and  
babies  
a worker like  
you or I --  
with  
a gun or typewriter  
who can kill  
as well as  
kiss with her tongue  
in your mouth.



# the rockefeller gang

The nomination of Nelson Rockefeller for the vice-presidency provides the Left with a chance that must not be missed. Before we can take power over our own lives, we must understand that that power has been stolen, and by whom. There are no thieves more powerful or more vicious than the Rockefellers.

The personal fortune of the Rockefeller families has been estimated at up to ten billion dollars. This amount is equivalent to the net worth of all the Blacks, Chicanos, Indians, Puerto Ricans, and 40 million of the poorest Whites in the United States put together. And the Rockefellers' power is greater than their wealth. They have created an empire around themselves which is larger and more complex than Alexander the Great could have dreamed of. Millions of people work for them; their empire has spread to every corner of the capitalist world. The empire includes the world's largest banks and military-industrial corporations and its arms grip deep into the federal government. The empire, which once centered on the Standard Oil Trust, has long since multiplied and diversified into a mammoth conglomerate producing and controlling almost everything imaginable.

The Rockefeller dynasty began with John Davidson Rockefeller (1839-1937). J.D. Rockefeller learned the principles and practices of American business from a father who had made his money selling patent medicine: The Renowned Dr. William Rockefeller's CANCER CURE. Standard Oil got its start as the largest refinery in Cleveland, and from there it grew rapidly. J.D. was a genius of sorts and used his intelligence and money and his politicians and police to either buy up or destroy his competitors. Soon he had created the Standard Oil Trust and, in the process, become the richest man in the world. He was obsessed by a fear of dying, and ordered hospitals built in all his mansions. Young mothers were hired to breast feed him. He died at age 99.



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J.D. Rockefeller's son, John Davidson Rockefeller II (1874-1960), carried on the tradition into which he was born, but without much distinction. He is best remembered for the massacre which took place in Ludlow, Colorado, on the twentieth of April, 1914. J.D. Rockefeller II had amassed extensive coal and iron holdings in the Colorado Rockies. He paid the miners less than \$700 a year and forced them to live in company houses and to shop at the company store. The mining camps were patrolled by armed guards and infiltrated by company spies. In 1913, 9,000 miners went out on strike. They demanded union recognition, better pay and working conditions, and an end to the prison camp system. J.D. Rockefeller II refused to negotiate with workers whom he described as "contented". Instead he brought in Texas and West Virginia gunmen, the Colorado State Militia, the National Guard and the Cavalry. On April 20, 1914, his army attacked. Armored cars charged through the tent villages of the striking miners raking them with machine gun fire. One camp was burned to the ground. Dozens of men, women and children were shot or burned to death. That winter the cold and starving miners who survived gave in to J.D. Rockefeller II.

J.D. Rockefeller II had six children, five boys and a girl. The girl he married off to a rich MAN. But his empire went to the five boys: Nelson, Winthrop, John III, Laurence, and David. Who are these Rockefellers?

The most famous, Nelson, our soon-to-be vice-president, was named after one of his grandfathers, a senator. He was raised and groomed to become a politician. He attended Dartmouth College where, despite poor grades, he was voted "Most Likely to Succeed". Nelson was given several high positions with the State Department. He became the first Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs; then he became Under-secretary of State and a special advisor to the president. He became a member of the two most powerful groups in the federal government: the National Security Council and the president's cabinet. In 1953, Nelson ran for governor of New York, a post he has held continuously until this year when he stepped down (apparently) to prepare himself for the job of president. Over the years, the Rockefellers have spent more than \$27 million to assure the success of Nelson's campaigns. Nelson is a liberal.

Nelson's older brother, Winthrop, seems to have had an unusual share of idealism. Violating all Rockefeller traditions, he served in the army during World War II where he became a lieutenant colonel. He then decided to become a common oil worker, a scheme which fell through because the animosity of fellow-workers forced him to hire round-the-clock bodyguards. In the end, he gave up and became an executive at Mobil. In 1962, Winthrop ran for and was elected governor of Arkansas. He is remembered for the way in which he ran the state prison system. Torture, shock treatments, and beatings were common. Prison labor was hired out to local plantations. And prisoners who misbehaved began to disappear regularly -- until one official began to investigate and found the bodies of the missing prisoners buried in the penitentiary grounds. Winthrop fired this official. In 1970, Winthrop was defeated in his bid for a third term as governor and three years later he died. Winthrop was a liberal.

Another brother, John David III, is chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation, a tax shelter for the family's billions which poses as a philanthropic organization. Among the Foundation's major concerns is the funding of mass sterilization projects in Third World countries like India and Puerto Rico. (As of 1965, 34% of the women of Puerto Rico had been sterilized -- many of them against their will.) John is also the chairman of the National Council of the United Negro College Fund, and chairman of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and a Trustee Emeritus of Princeton; and he sits on the boards of 32 other organizations. Like all the Rockefellers, John is a liberal. He has just written a book touting the youth movement of the 1960's entitled Revolution in America. It is rumored, however, that he does not refer to same revolution that others of us have in mind.

Perhaps the least colorful of the Rockefellers is Laurence. Laurence is in charge of the Rockefeller money and chairman of Rockefeller Brothers, Inc., their holding company. He is responsible for many super resort hotels in Hawaii and the Caribbean, and he has involved himself in the manipulation of relatively small high-technology corporations which produce computers, radar equipment, and hydrogen bombs. Laurence is a liberal.

The youngest brother, David, is almost certainly the most powerful man in America. Besides ruling

the world's most powerful bank, the Chase Manhattan, which dominates both national and international business, David is also chairman of the board of Washington's most powerful "lobby", the Council on Foreign Relations. He is president of the board of overseers of Harvard University, chairman of Rockefeller University, chairman of the Museum of Modern Art, chairman and founder of the Council for Latin America, past chairman and founder of the Executive Peace Corps, director of the Rockefeller Center, the Embarcadero Plaza, the Urban Coalition, the University of Chicago, and far too many more to list. David is also a liberal.

The power of the Rockefellers, however, does not come so much from the positions that they hold, but rather from the immense multinational corporations which they control. (Note that "control" doesn't always mean "own". Often, ownership of less than 50% of the stock of a corporation guarantees control where most of the remaining stock is held by relatively small disorganized investors.) What are the corporations then that the Rockefellers control?

In the food industry, they control Borden worth \$1.2 billion, C.P.C. International worth \$1 billion, and Amstar (makers of Domino Sugar) worth \$400 million. They control Kimberly-Clark (makers of Kleenex and Kotex) worth \$1 billion, and Allied Chemicals worth \$1.6 billion. In utilities, they control Con Edison worth \$4.8 billion, and Consolidated Natural Gas worth \$1.3 billion. Anaconda Copper is theirs too, worth \$1.5 billion. They also control one of the world's largest corporations, one of our most complete monopolies, AT&T worth \$54 billion. They control IBM valued at \$9.5 billion. Among airlines, they have Pan Am (the Imperial Airlines) worth \$1.8 billion, and Eastern worth \$1 billion. They control American Express -- \$6 billion. In the insurance field, they lay claim to Equitable, a \$15 billion corporation, and Metropolitan Life worth \$28 billion. In the oil field, they control Standard of California, Standard of Indiana, Standard of New Jersey, Mobil, Amoco, Arco, Esso, Enco, Exxon, Humble, American, Sinclair, Chevron, and Marathon. The total value of the oil companies is over \$50 billion.

The Rockefellers' control of the oil industry (and the government) goes a long way toward explaining the energy crisis, which drove competing independent oil companies out of business and increased profits by 30% or more. The Rockefellers have also used the recent crisis to lay the groundwork for exploitation of new forms of energy. Coal, oil shale, and uranium sources have been bought up and are being developed at a rate consistent with profit margins. The Rockefeller oil monopoly thus threatens to become a monopoly of all available energy sources.

It is money, of course, that fuels the Rockefeller empire; and so it is that the giant corporations listed above are only the outer circle of what has come to be known as the "Rockefeller Group". The inner circle, the heart of the empire, is made up of their six New York banks: the Schroeder Bank worth \$250 million, the U.S. Trust Company of New York worth \$500 million, the Seaman's Bank worth \$1.1 billion, the Bank of New York worth \$3.5 billion, the Chemical Bank worth \$12.6 billion, and finally the Rockefellers' personal bank, the most powerful bank in the world, the Chase Manhattan worth \$25 billion, with branches throughout the world. Altogether, the Rockefellers control 60% of New York's banking and 20% of America's.

All this power brings with it a measure of responsibility, and the Rockefellers have not been found wanting. In the field of patriotism, although they usually don't fight America's wars, when their country is in need and duty calls they are there -- with missiles, submarines, radar, tires, bombs, and other expensive and deadly items to sell to the Pentagon. Each year, the Rockefeller corporations rake in billions selling us the most powerful death machine in history. In Vietnam, for example, as IBM's electronic battlefield signaled planes powered by Thiokol jets to drop Automation Industries bombs, tanks fueled by Standard of California pounded away on the ground, and Pan Am flew our soldiers in and out of the country.

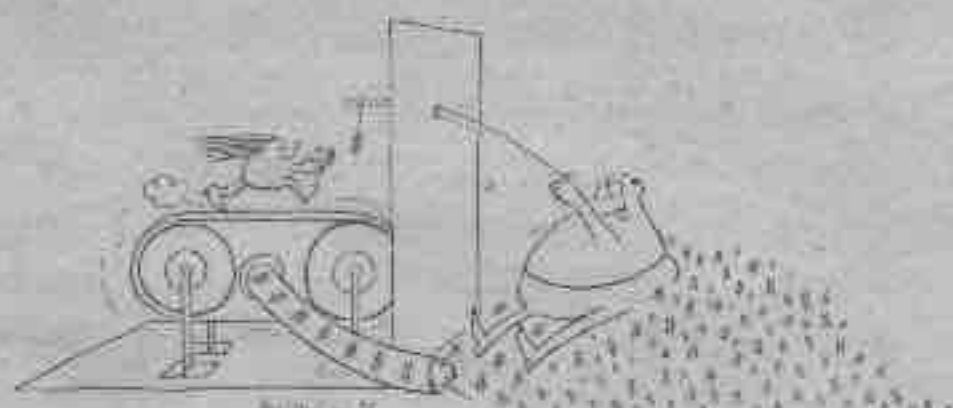
Rockefeller patriotism is rivaled only by their concern for education. They built Chicago University. The State University of New York at Buffalo is now Rockefeller University. Immense Foundation grants have been made to Columbia, Harvard, Cornell, Notre Dame, Brown, Princeton, Yale, MIT, and many others. It is only natural, of course, that they should have a voice in determining the educational policies of these schools where budding scientists, executives, and government officials can learn the intricacies of their trades. And since the philanthropic Rocke-





feller Foundation pays for so much research it is only right that they should decide what gets researched.

The Rockefellers also have an interest in our main sources of information, the mass media. Primary control comes through selective use of their corporations' advertising funds. But in case that's insufficient, they maintain an influential presence at CBS, on the New York Times, and in Columbia Pictures -- and there are numerous magazines, publishing houses, and recording companies as well. For the Rockefellers, freedom of the press means creating a bourgeois fantasy image of success and happiness that is far beyond the economic reach of most Americans and then trying to convince us that we can achieve that success and happiness through the purchase of a deodorant, an electric can opener, a color TV, another car, brighter laundry, and a fresher smile. Every item we buy puts more money in their pockets. For the Rockefellers, freedom of the press also means creating a favorable image of their profit and death machine, that as little information as possible gets out about the people's resistance to their empire, that the basic assumptions of capitalism and imperialism, of white supremacy and male supremacy go unchallenged.



Geographically, the Rockefellers' center of power is New York City where their six banks are located. They also control or heavily influence its museums, libraries, churches, universities, stores, bridges, tunnels, cultural centers, utilities, airports, etc. etc. They have even bought an interest in the Yankees and the Mets. The Rockefeller related real estate companies and all their corporations and institutions own nine billion dollars worth of Manhattan or one fourth of all real estate on the island.

From New York City, their tentacles reach out through New York State where Nelson has spent the last fifteen years consolidating his power over the people through the introduction of new tax laws that penalize the poor and safeguard the rich, through new police laws like "stop-n-frisk" (allowing a policeman to stop and search anyone on the street), "no knock" (allowing a policeman to enter someone's home without knocking) and "no sock" (making it a felony to resist arrest), and new, more liberal bugging laws. Symbolic of the Rockefeller reign in New York State was the massacre at Attica. On September 9, 1971, two thousand prisoners at Attica State Prison, rebelling against the horrors of their lives, seized thirty guards as hostages and took control of most of the prison. They demanded an end to racist oppression by the warden and guards, and an end to inhuman living conditions; they demanded decent food and medical care, freedom of religion, and amnesty. As negotiations broke down, they asked to speak to Nelson Rockefeller. Nelson responded with an ultimatum ordering the prisoners to return to their cells. The prisoners refused. As one said: "We have come to the conclusion after close study, after much suffering, after much consideration, that if we cannot live like people, then we will at least try to die like men." Nelson's State Police attacked with helicopters, tear gas, M-16's, shotguns and rifles. They left 43 people dead; 11 of them were hostages.

The Rockefellers' liberal concern for human life is reflected most clearly, however, not in New York or even the U.S., but rather abroad where imperialist corporations have robbed Third World nations of their rich natural resources, have made the people work their own land and mines for subsistence wages, and have exploited these same people as a market for the U.S. culture of hair spray and television. Standard Oil, to pick one example, is not only the largest company in America; it is also the largest company in Iran, Venezuela, Arabia, Indonesia, and Colombia; it operates in every country in the capitalist world. The Rockefeller banks operate in, and often dominate, every non-socialist country. And other family-controlled corporations like Anaconda Copper, ITT, Armco Steel, Pan Am, IBM, Borden and CPC International have major commitments outside the U.S. All in all, the Rockefellers control more than one half of all U.S. private investment in Africa, Asia and Latin America. To rule more effectively, they have divided the world among themselves. Nelson has become an expert on Latin America and speaks fluent Spanish; John takes care of the Far East; Laurence watches over Africa and the Caribbean; and David presides over the whole empire.

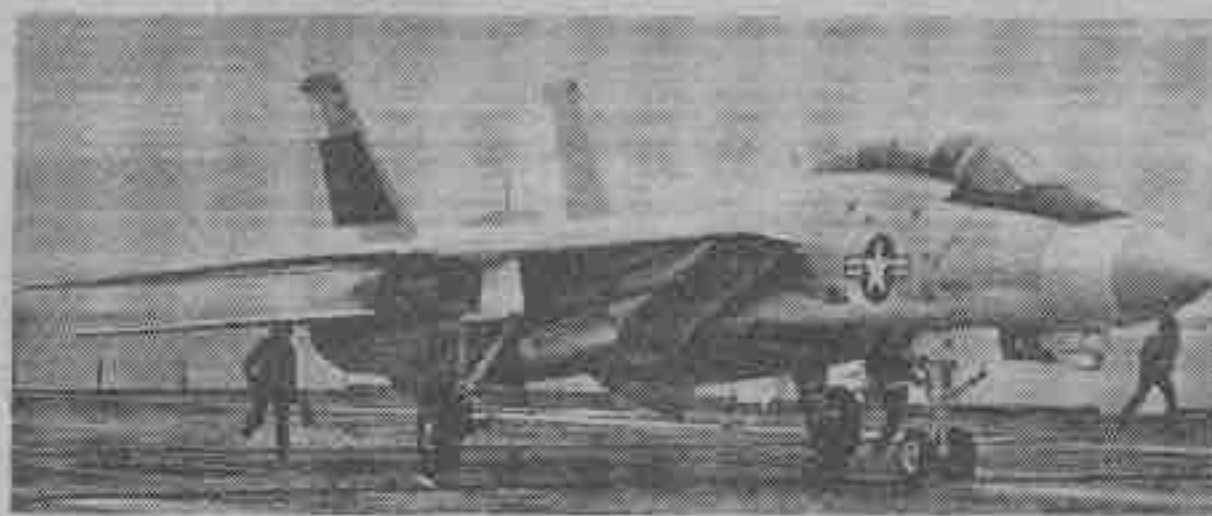
A measure of Nelson's popularity in Latin America came in 1970 during a "fact finding" tour. In Venezuela, the government was forced to cancel his visit after demonstrations that erupted into street fighting with rocks and

pistols. In Costa Rica, large protests were mounted. In Honduras, one person was killed in rioting. In Panama, the National Guard was called out to break up demonstrations. In Colombia, a 20,000 man special security force was called out to stop rioting. In Ecuador, ten people were killed by police and Nelson's car was nearly overturned by protesters. In Bolivia, he was confined to the airport by demonstrators and forced to leave the country three hours after his arrival. In Chile, his visit was cancelled because of strikes and demonstrations. In Argentina, nine Rockefeller-owned supermarkets were bombed and one demonstrator was killed in a nation-wide general strike. In Uruguay, a G.M. plant was burned to the ground. In Paraguay, there were massive protests. Only in Brazil, the most repressive country in Latin America, was Nelson's visit peaceful because Brazilian police, famous for torture and summary executions, had imprisoned thousands of "potential demonstrators" prior to his arrival.

Opposition of the people has never been a problem for the Rockefellers. They are skilled manipulators of raw power and have bought off the ruling elites of most Third World, non-socialist countries. This can be done by outright bribery or be the funding of pet projects; it can be handled through U.S. government programs with innocuous names like the Agency for International Development or Food for Peace. With less tractable countries, the Rockefellers have more than once had recourse to the CIA, the most secret and most dangerous part of the federal government. The CIA hires over 200,000 employees and spends billions of dollars a year. The Rockefellers have always had a strong influence in the CIA. Allen Dulles, its former ruler, was a top Rockefeller lawyer before he took the post. And his successor, John McCone, came to the CIA direct from Standard Oil of California. Here is a partial list of casualties:

Iran. A CIA led coup replaced Premier Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953 when he began nationalizing oil companies. Mossadegh was replaced by a former Nazi; and right after the coup Standard Oil and friends were deeded Iran's vast oil reserves.

The Congo. One of the richest countries of Africa this prize was under detailed study for Rockefeller exploitation. In 1960, Nelson suggested a Korean type "police action" to free the Congo from "Communist clutches" because Patrice Lumumba had expelled the white U.N. soldiers stationed in his country and nationalized foreign industry. The CIA moved in, beat, tortured, and killed Lumumba and replaced him with Joseph Mobutu. While Lumumba had been organizing the liberation struggle in the Belgian Congo, Mobutu had fought with the Belgian army and worked on a French newspaper. He immediately set about killing thousands of his opponents. The Rockefellers moved in with all their major banks. Pan Am took over the local airline and built several hotels. AT&T built a subsidiary. Esso began prospecting for oil, and Standard of In-



diana went into copper. They also invested in the country personally, buying huge interests in the Congo's copper company, textiles, pineapples and auto and aircraft manufacturing.

Indonesia. In 1964, the Rockefellers learned simultaneously that Indonesia had the largest single oil reserve in the world, and that Sukarno, "The father of modern Indonesia", in spite of their generous gifts, was becoming a communist. Henry Kissinger, Nelson's personal foreign affairs advisor, was immediately set to work (with the cooperation of the Ford Foundation the Rockefeller Foundation, the CIA and several U.S. universities) developing and implementing an economic, educational and military program with the conscious design of overthrowing Sukarno. At that time, Indonesia had the largest communist party in the world outside of Russia and China. After the military coup in 1965, the Rockefeller-trained people took over and began the assassination of between 500,000 and one million communists and leftists, a task that took almost a year. The blood from this coup is on the hands of the Rockefellers, the CIA, and the universities who plotted and profited from it. In 1969, 23 companies, 19 of them from the U.S. were deeded the rights to explore and bring to market the oil reserves that lie beneath the Java Sea.

Chile. On September 11, 1973, the Chilean military overthrew the nation's democratically elected government, assassinated its president, Salvador Allende, and set about the extermination of 20,000 students, peasants, and workers. Allende had nationalized the Anaconda (A Rockefeller corporation) and Kennecott copper mines, and was clearly moving to nationalize ITT (A Rockefeller corporation). In 1970, ITT had



financed Allende's opponent in the presidential election and after the elections had cooperated in the creation of economic chaos and the planning of a military coup. This was revealed by secret ITT documents made public in March, 1972. ITT had also offered the U.S. State Department a million dollars to finance anti-Allende activities. Following the successful coup in 1973, the copper mines and other nationalized institutions were returned to their former U.S. owners.

There have been other right-wing, CIA-directed coups (Guatemala in 1954, Brazil in 1964, Greece in 1947 and 1967, Cambodia in 1970 and Bolivia in 1971) that are not so easily laid at the door of the Rockefellers. But when one considers the extent to which the Rockefellers control U.S. foreign policy, it is difficult to avoid their share in the guilt. We have already mentioned their control of the CIA.

The Rockefellers also control the State Department. Dean Acheson, Truman's Secretary of State, was a top Rockefeller lawyer. After him came John Foster Dulles, another Rockefeller lawyer and president of the Rockefeller Foundation. When Dulles died, Christian Herter, who had married into Standard Oil (his son is a v.p. at Mobil) became Secretary of State. Next came Dean Rusk, another president of the Rockefeller Foundation. And now we have Henry Kissinger, a Harvard professor and formerly personal advisor on foreign affairs to Nelson Rockefeller.

More sinister than their control of the CIA and the State Department is their domination of the Council on Foreign Relations. The Council on Foreign Relations, often billed as the most powerful lobbying group in Washington, may well be the major governing body in the U.S. Many people have called it the shadow or invisible government. It is composed of leaders of the CIA, the F.B.I. the Joint Chiefs of Staff, newspaper publishers like the Hearsts, outstanding liberals, atomic scientists, Rockefeller Foundation officials, governors, senators, corporation executives, bankers, United States presidents, economists, multi-millionaires, top government officials and others. It's made up of the 1,400 most powerful white men in the U.S. plus a handful of token integrators. Eisenhower, Kennedy and Dick Nixon are past members of the Council on Foreign Relations, and their boss, the chairman of the board, was and is today - David Rockefeller. The acknowledged purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is to staff the federal government and to plan foreign policy. Ever since World War II, it has been planning the future of the world - economically, politically and militarily.

Such is an outline, at least, of the wealth and power of the Rockefeller dynasty. That wealth and power does not belong to them, but to the peoples of the world from whom it has been robbed. To understand them is, in great measure, to understand ourselves. The power over our own lives will never freely be returned to us. We must take it in our hands.



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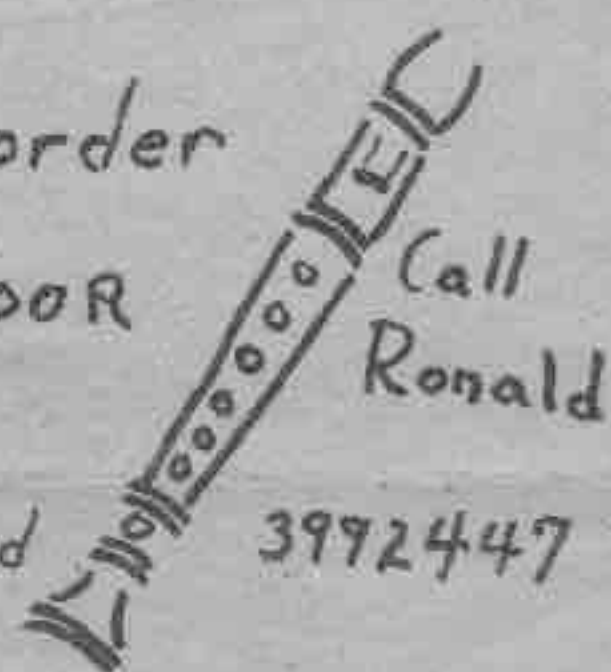
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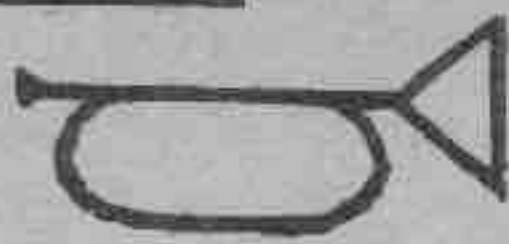
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### BLACKS

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### WOMEN'S SWITCHBOARD 388-3491

### FOOD CONSPIRACY

The Free Venice Food Con-  
spiracy meets every Tuesday  
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2nd and Hill, 8 pm. For  
information, call 396-7040

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lective, Karen (397-7142), Steve  
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### ALCOHOLISM SERVICE CENTER

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### VENICE COMMUNITY MED- ICAL CENTER

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478-3429 open 7 days/wk, 24 hrs

### VENICE HEALTH COUNCIL

1306 W. Washington Bl  
392-6752

### CHILD COUNSELING CENTER

392-7995

### COMMUNITY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

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## BEYOND BAROQUE

Soprano Daisy Kim, along with Lenora  
Warkentin, flute, Mark Byrd, guitar, and Kathryn  
Kersen, viola da gamba, will perform at Beyond  
Baroque Center Friday evening, September 13th,  
at 8:30. Featured will be Bach songs for guitar  
and soprano, and works by Handel, Mathew Locke  
(1630-77) and other composers of the period.

Charles Gullans and Robert Deutsch will read  
their poetry at Beyond Baroque Center Friday  
evening, September 20th, at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Gullans  
is on the English Department faculty at UCLA and  
Mr. Deutsch is in the English Department at Calif-  
ornia State University at Northridge.

Two San Luis Obispo poets will read their works  
at Beyond Baroque Center, Friday evening, Sep-  
tember 27th at 8:30. Glenna Luschei is editor of  
the literary magazine Cafe Solo, publisher of Solo  
Press, and a member of the Literature Panel of the  
National Endowment for the Arts. Reading with her  
will be James Peterson, faculty member of the De-  
partment of English at the California State Poly-  
technic University at San Luis Obispo.

Beyond Baroque Foundation  
1639 W. Washington Blvd., Venice

Admission is free and the public is invited.

Very Venice's own

### VENICE CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY GROUP

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resources (a unique departure from in-  
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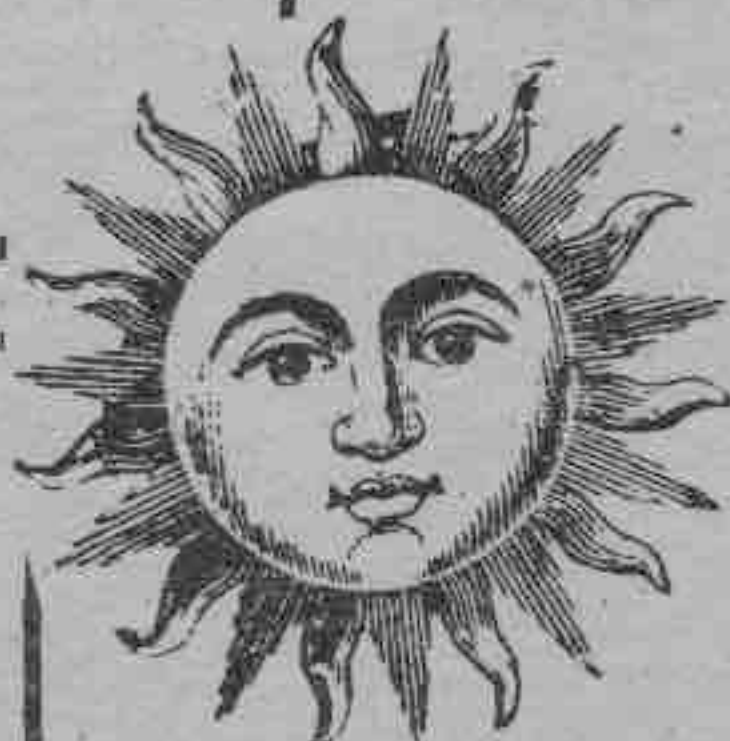
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LINDA at 396-4941, or CAROL  
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If you know of any or would like to help, call  
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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A woman may use her maiden name  
(or any other, for that matter) regardless  
of her marital status. Under the law, a  
woman may change her name any time  
provided the change is without intent to  
defraud. She has the right to use her  
maiden name when registering to vote,  
applying for a driver's license, or attempt-  
ing to obtain credit.

Legislation permitting the use of the  
prefix Ms. in voter registration goes into  
effect Jan. 1, 1975. AB 765, Kapiloff,  
permits the choice of Miss, Mrs., Ms. or  
Mr. for all voters. Identifying the sex is  
a requirement for the registration affidavit.

## MILK

Nearly 1/4 of California adults can't  
digest milk and unfermented milk  
products. Experts agree that nation-  
wide whites show a 10 to 20%  
lactose intolerance, while it is  
70% for those of African descent.  
An authority on the subject, Nor-  
man Kretchmer, has written in both  
Scientific American and Natural His-  
tory magazines, that there is as  
high as 90% lactose intolerance  
among Chinese, Thais, Taiwanese,  
Eskimos and Andean Indians. (Lac-  
tose is the sugar found in milk).  
Many adults, especially those in  
the above ethnic groups, lose the  
capacity to digest lactose: insuf-  
ficient rennin (an enzyme) to break  
down the complex lactose molecules.  
Result: nausea, diarrhea, flatulence.  
Kretchmer calls the big drink-milk  
campaign "ethnic chauvinism" and  
points specifically to the enor-  
mous milk wastage in the school  
lunch program. Certain minority kids  
cannot digest milk. He urges wider  
use of readily digestible lactose-  
free milk or fermented products  
like yogurt and cheese.

### RECYCLE !!

Glass - tin - aluminum - cans - newspaper

Church in Ocean Park  
(parking lot)

### TWO OUT OF THREE AIN'T

BAD..... The United Nations reports  
that the Bible has lost its traditional  
ranking as the most translated work of  
literature in the world.

A 1971 study by UNESCO, the  
most recent U.N. study on worldwide  
translations, shows that V.I. Lenin's  
works have far outdistanced the "Good  
Book."

The U.N. says that Lenin's  
writings were translated into 381  
languages and dialects, compared to 215  
translations for the Bible; in third place  
were Karl Marx's writings, with 148  
translations.

Near the bottom, but listed by  
the U.N., were the works of Dwight D.  
Eisenhower. Ike's writings were  
translated into three languages. (ZNS)



# VENICE TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

B.E. Trees

The Venice Town Council met in August and dealt with many issues which affect both the current and future lives of Venice Residents.

The Venice Town Council (VTC) Committee on Senior Citizen Housing and the residents of the Kemper Apartments reported on the substandard living conditions and huge rent increases in the apartments. The residents were on rent strike after negotiations with the building's new owner, Joey Baker, had broken down. The Council voted to support a demonstration against Joey Baker Realty, to start a telephone barrage to his office, and to support the residents with non-violent, physical resistance to any eviction action against them. (Negotiations have since produced a settlement agreeable to the residents.)

A Community task force was set up to work with the Canal Area on a Community design plan for that area. The plan is to be presented before the Coastal Commission as an alternative to the plan presented by the L.A. City Planning Department. The Community Plan will be presented for VTC approval at the September 4th meeting, and is to be presented before the Coastal Commission by Canal Area representatives on September 16th.

The Holiday Inn has requested a zone variance from the City which would allow construction of a 300 unit hotel in the Venice area. A motion was passed that the VTC send a letter to the L.A. Zoning Administrator opposing the variance, as previous studies in connection with the proposed Marina Bypass have proven that increased traffic, such as would be caused by this new building, will have a detrimental effect on the Venice Community.

The issue of the two low cost housing bills, SB1633 and SB1634, which were facing veto by the Governor, was discussed. Peter Rinehart, Field Representative from Assemblyman Sieroty's office, urged the VTC to support these bills in view of our Community need for low cost housing. The Council unanimously passed a motion to send public opinion telegrams to Governor Reagan in support of the two bills. (However, the bills were vetoed.)

A motion was passed that the VTC request the City to reschedule hearings on the bike path to the Venice area at an hour which would allow working people to attend.

A group of Vietnamese students were present to appeal to the VTC for support in their struggle to remain in the U.S. Their visas had been cancelled because of their opposition to the war and they now face deportation. The students

said that they face torture and death in the hands of the Saigon government, and yet they are unable to obtain political asylum because of the alliance between the two governments. The Council moved to send letters to U.S. Government officials asking for support for the students.

A motion that the VTC sponsor a committee to study the possibilities and needs for a Food Co-op, Community gardens and soup kitchens was referred back to the neighborhood area meetings for discussion and volunteers.

Questions sent back to the area meetings at the last VTC meeting resulted in the following actions. 1. Residents in the part of Venice outside the council district presently comprising the VTC areas will be invited to form new areas and elect representatives to the VTC; this to be implemented through the office of Councilman Braude.

2. The VTC adopted a resolution with respect to Councilwoman Russell's suggestions for changes in structure and procedure of the VTC that, a.) Ms. Russell "...or one of her staff be present at every VTC meeting, briefed to answer questions and in other ways maintain a ready informal link and, b.) the establishment of a special liaison committee is rejected in favor of maintaining working contact through the extant task forces..."

VTC members reported that their meeting with Assemblyman Sieroty was a positive first step toward establishing working relationships between the Venice Community and State officials.

Mr. Rinehart was present to discuss a proposed meeting between the VTC and George Beattie, a state expert on low cost housing. Mr. Sieroty's office will be working closely with the VTC to help make the state more aware of the needs of the Venice Community.

The Council moved to invite Mayor Bradley to a VTC meeting to express his views on Venice and to hear the views of the Community.

And, a Coastal Commission meeting was announced in which City Engineers will attempt to obtain a permit for the work ALREADY DONE on Canal Street. (Red Tape, anyone?)

The VTC will meet again on Wednesday, Sept. 4th at the Israel Levin Center, 201 Ocean Front Walk, at 7:30 P.M. A delineation of neighborhood areas and a schedule of meetings accompany this report. Council issues come from the area meetings, from Community people working toward self-determination for themselves and for Venice.

## VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

Area I - Peninsula : west of Pacific, south of Venice Bl. Meets every 4th Wed. (Oct. 23rd) 7:30 p.m. to 10 at Anchorage School  
Call 392-2113 or 392-1594

Area II - North Beach: west of Main, Venice Bl. to Santa Monica Border. Meets every first Mon. (Oct. 7) 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 at Israel Levin Center, 201 Ocean Front Walk  
Call 396-0267 or 396-3616

Area III - Canals: south of Venice Bl., east of Pacific, west of W. Washington Bl. Meets every first and third Tues. (Sept. 17 & Oct. 1) 7 p.m. to 9 at Anchorage School - call VC1-9596

Area IV - Oakwood: north of California, west of Lincoln to W. Washington Bl. Meets every third Wed. (Sept. 18) 7 p.m. to 9 at Broadway school bungalow. Call 396 -2801

Area V - East Venice: south of California, west of Lincoln to W. Washington Bl. Meets every fourth Wed. (Sept. 25th) 7:30 to 10 at Cover D'Alene school. call 821-1430 or 821-1489

Area VI - Central: north of Venice Bl, east of main, west of W. Washington Bl. Meets last Thurs. (Sept. 26) 7:30 p.m. at Short Walk Community Center, 1102 W. Washington Bl. call 821-1774

Venice Town Council (all areas) meets every first Wed. (Sept. 4 & Oct. 2) 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 call 822-2582 to check on location of October meeting - we may be moving to Venice City Hall  
September meeting at Israel Levin Center



## canal plan

On September 16th, members of the Venice Town Council will make a 45 minute presentation to the Coastal Commission of alternative design proposals for the Venice Canals.

The proposals will range from suggestions for the waterways and landscaping to street changes to reduce through traffic, to a string of parks on some or all of the 22 city owned lots in the Canals area. The presentation will also treat the socio-economic structure of the area, based on the many pieces of legislation available for preservation and restoration of historically and culturally unique areas, and on the charter of the Coastal Commission itself which gives the Commission the responsibility to preserve and protect unique community diversity where it exists. Material has been received from conservation groups throughout California, endorsing the Canals area as an endangered ecological preserve. The Canals are on the migratory flight paths of several endangered species, and the year round home of unusual and protected marine life.

The proposed presentation will be shown to the Venice Town Council at Israel Levin Center on Sept. 4th, for approval of the Council and for the Community to come and see this one of a kind opportunity for the people of Venice to share their ideas and planning skills with an official State Body. It is hoped that the Coastal Commission will take into account the presentation when the final drafts of the plans for the Coastal areas are drawn up. Venice has already received several favorable mentions in draft reports, and the Coastal Commission staff is very receptive to the ideas of the Venice Town Council.

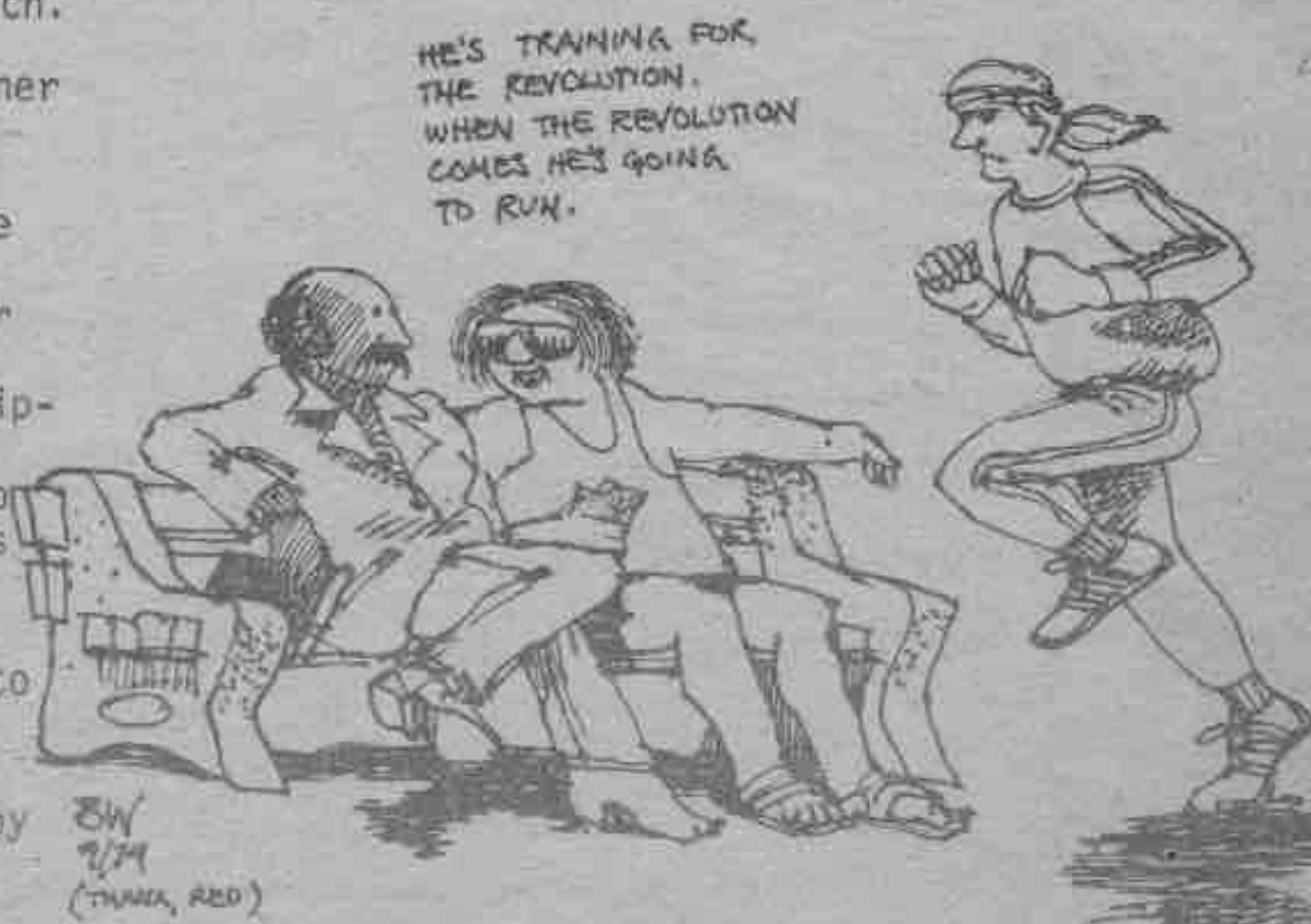
Come to the Coastal Commission hearings Sept. 16th, and support the struggle of the Venice Town Council.

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The drummers have been blamed by some establishment people for the perverts that showed up at Venice Beach recently and I would like to comment on that. When I first started playing drums here, I would see many familiar faces over and over again and I finally realized that there was a family here. Along with the conga players, there were saxophone, trumpet, guitar, flute, tamborine and maraca players. There are belly and modern dancers who dance along with the playing. Unfortunately though, there are occasions when people show up (definitely not from Venice) who misinterpret what they hear and see. They take the women's dancing for some type of invitation, and the music as some type of excuse for a big party. They get overwhelmed by the sights and sounds and proceed to act a bit foolish, but these situations, when on a small scale, can always be handled by the drummers and friends. THEN CAME NUDITY TO VENICE BEACH. It is our opinion that if anything almost caused complete havoc out here it was the public advertising of Venice Beach as a nude beach. With the nudists came the news media (Big Brother was really watching this time), and with the news media came the thousands and thousands of people that otherwise add up till then had never heard of Venice Beach.

When you see and hear the drummers and other musicians playing on the boardwalk (usually by the pagodas) even though they have a platform by the rocks, ten times out of ten it's because it's too windy and cold to be out there, and a drummer's fingers simply will not warm up under those conditions. What people should realize is that requires very much concentration, discipline, and very good timing ability. There was a famous conga player by the name of Chano Pozo who once said, "It's not authentic, unless it's skin on skin." A conga player suffers pain in his fingers and hands, and it is his devout love for the drum that brings him or her back to play and practice day after day and hour after hour. We have no studios in which to practice and play, and we do not mean to bother and annoy the public, but we must practice somewhere. Peace and better community understanding.



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as Cabrillo Beach weekend after weekend. They want and enjoy very much to play and have jam sessions with us here at Venice. On one weekend we played with two of Hugh Masekela's conga drummers. To me that is a big compliment coming from one musician to another. It other words people, Venice is where it's at. The hippest musicians are here and I say this humbly. Quite a few of us also sit in with groups on week day nights and weekends. So when I say to you that this is serious business to us I mean that sincerely. You see, we too, like the rest of the world, get hungry, and we like all of you, need to eat.

Women from Venice were harassed on the boardwalk. Incidents with the musicians increased one thousand fold. Instruments were stolen, the dancers were harassed to the point that they've stopped coming out to dance. I personally was told by would be drummers to get off my drums and let these would be drummers play and then would watch them treat people's instruments as if they were toys. Venice for the musicians came very close to a living nightmare overnight.

I don't have anything against people wanting to sunbathe in the nude, for I truly believe in live and let live, but I did believe that advertising Venice as a nude beach was foolish. It was during this period that Chief Davis made his comment on the happenings here at Venice beach. Musicians are not fighters and musicians both. It takes too much time and studying to be a musician and fighting is a completely different bag. As a percussionist I must play at least one hour or two a day, just to keep my timing and to stay in tune with my instruments. As for the dancers, they are still leery about coming out and performing like they used to.