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Venice Raided -- VDC Formed

On December 2 and 3 the Venice police and L.A.P.D. "metro" squad swept through the Oakwood community, arresting scores of Venice residents and hassling countless others.

The magnitude and scope of that assault, the ease and efficiency with which the Man was able to move among us, his disregard, in fact contempt, of our "inalienable" rights as human beings and citizens of this country, once again remind us of our impotency.

WE HAVE NO POWER.

All of our political maneuverings, demonstrations, community meetings, requests and demands have not changed one iota that ugly fact.

Clearly this problem can not be dealt with in a social vacuum. The political and economic interests which shape police policy and dictate police conduct must be challenged. Recruiting methods and requirements, geared to authoritarian, anti-social applicants, must be changed to attract men interested in social service not social control. We must work for control, community control, of the police and all their activities in Venice.

Until then, we must learn to protect ourselves from at least the grossest abuses they have and will continue to heap upon us. We must learn the art of legal and extra-legal self-defense. We must create structures to contain, if not control the Man.

The ACLU Complaint Center, located at 617 Broadway, is one such institution already operating in Venice. It's function is to attempt to provide legal council for victims of police malpractice and to file official complaints with the Los Angeles Police Commission. A community response to police oppression has been the recent formation of the Venice Defense Committee.

The Venice Defense Committee has as its goal the protection of all Venice residents from police malpractice.

The committee understands the inherently oppressive nature of any police department which operates in communities whose residents, uneducated, are without economic or political resources.

Further, it understands the role of such a department to be one of maintenance, not of law and order, but of the economic and political designs of estab-

lished power.

In Venice, we as a community stand in basic opposition to both those interests and designs; and the Venice Division, as an active agent of that power structure, is attempting to eliminate that opposition.

The Venice Defense Committee has been created to help our community survive and to protect, as it can, our citizenry from a hostile and alien force.

We have already begun intensive training in the law, the judicial system as it currently operates, and legal and extra-legal defense against police oppression. Dan Lund, an attorney with the National Lawyers' Guild, has helped us organize these classes (he recently organized and conducted a similar series for the L.A. Black Panther Party) and is providing lawyers knowledgeable in these areas to lead our discussion groups. After completion of our training, we hope to organize similar groups ourselves so that everyone in Venice will have the knowledge necessary to defend themselves from the police. We intend to publicize incidents of police harassment and brutality to make the press, elected officials, and the police of Los Angeles aware of their criminal activities and our efforts to stop them.

Our home base is at Neighborhood Legal Services, 1711 Pacific

ic Ave, where we are presently investigating and documenting individual cases of police malpractice. That information is being used as the basis for scores of civil suits against the police. These suits are being filed in small claims, municipal, superior and federal courts; and information about the procedures, costs, and appropriate conduct in court is also being provided to anyone who wishes to take such action independent of our own very limited resources.

The success of the Venice Defense Committee in these and other activities it hopes to undertake will depend upon the support, cooperation, and participation it receives from the Venice community. Anyone who would like to work with the Defense Committee and all those with legal problems or grievances against the Venice Police Department should contact us by calling 392-4177 or by coming to our office located at (but independent of) Neighborhood Legal Services, 1711 Pacific Ave. between the hours of 7PM and 12PM daily.

The Venice Defense Committee is not the answer; it is a response, a response by angered and frustrated Venice residents. The answer is power.

VENICE DEFENSE COMMITTEE



SOJOURNER TRUTH,
"THE LIBYAN SIBYL"

"That man over there say that a woman needs to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helped me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me a best place... And ain't I a woman? Look at me. Look at my arm! I have plowed and planted and gathered into barns, and no man could head me... And ain't I a woman? I could as much and eat as much as a man when I could get it, and bear the lash as well... And ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children and seen them most all sold off into slavery. And when I cried out with a mother's grief, none but Jesus heard... And ain't I a woman?"

Sojourner Truth: Speech before the Women's Rights Convention at Akron, Ohio in 1851.

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ENSE COMMITTEE office, 1711 Pacific Ave., Venice.

Venice PFP Reports

Members of the Venice Peace and Freedom Party are active in the effort to strengthen the California PFP in preparation for the 1970 elections.

While other Venice PFPers worked on Rick Davidson's campaign for City Council in the 6th District, Jane Gordon, John Haag and Jack Hampton attended a PFP conference in San Francisco over Thanksgiving weekend. The conference decided to hold a statewide Peace and Freedom convention in Long Beach, February 21, 22 and 23. The convention which will be open to all PFP members, will focus on platform and candidates for the 1970 election campaign.

Venice PFP members supported the decision of the California PFP to begin a statewide registration drive to increase party membership and activity. During two weeks of voter registration in Venice, over 50% of the voters who registered affiliated with the Peace and Freedom Party. Any one interested in helping to build the Peace and Freedom Party may attend the regular Wednesday meetings at 8 PM at 1727 W. Washington Blvd or call 392-4563.

The Venice PFP office is responsible for statewide PFP communications until the February convention. The November issue of Peace and Freedom News, which outlined some of the problems and possibilities facing the PFP in 1970, was published at the Venice office. 20,000 copies of the paper and 1,000 copies of a silk-screen poster designed for the PFP by Venice artist Bill Olive were distributed throughout California. We expect to publish two more issues of P&F News, release press statements and be the collection point in Southern California for PFP platform proposals. Jane Gordon is now recording information about possible statewide PFP candidates in 1970 and will report on available candidates to the February convention.

Venice PFP members are continuing their work in community activities which include publishing the Free Venice Beachhead and forming the Venice Defense Committee, which is training laymen to handle legal problems and complaints against police abuse. We are also working with other active Venice groups to write a proposal for a community-wide election to select a community congress.

During the past year the Venice PFP has devoted most of its energy to the fight against City Hall's attempt to destroy the Venice Community. We have fought against the Master Plan, the projected freeway and against police harassment. We have joined in the effort to unite the various elements of our community for self-preservation.

The 1970 elections will enable our candidates to bring radical solutions to war, racism, poverty and other social problems into local and statewide campaigns. If we are to have "Power to the People!", we must begin to reach and convince the people. Election campaigns are one way of reaching people. Join the campaign for Peace and Freedom.

by John Haag

ELECTION RESULTS

(In the December 2 special election for the L.A. City Council 6th District seat, Rick Davidson came in fourth out of five with 4.1% of the vote. In the precincts west of Lincoln Blvd. in Venice, Rick received from 10 to 30%. His comments follow.)

Davidson

The speeches are over; propaganda sheets thrown away; promises forgotten; votes counted and a winner announced; "Pat Russell elected to council seat." Is this all there is to election? Usually, yes, but not as far as I'm concerned--not this time and this place--not this election.

On election night I was asked "Will you concede?" My answer was, "No! as I see it, I have won. The other candidates have all had to deal with issues I raised. While their concept is not the same as mine, they were forced to talk about "community control" and that issue is still with us regardless of the election results. In running for City Council, I tried to raise issues by developing viable alternatives, as opposed to just being against something.

I also tried to get across the idea that a system to control politicians is more important than the qualifications of the individual running. I think the only safe political assumption to work under is that whoever is elected will be the worst candidate running. Then the ability of the constituency to control him will be seen as the real issue. If we had community control we wouldn't have to worry so much about the individual elected--he would be representing the people, not himself, and the people's needs, not the politician's needs, would be expressed. The communication between the people and their elected officials then becomes a major factor. This communication can be realized through the creation of community congresses.

Since the issues are still with us, those who participated in my campaign and I see our work still before us. To the degree that we believe in community control of community affairs we must work toward that goal. My campaign committee was an open ended group of individuals who were concerned with issues and saw my campaign as a vehicle to express those issues. Some of us plan to continue--continue to develop alternate solutions--continue to expose present day absurdities --continue-- We extend an open invitation to all those interested. Contact us at the campaign office at 1727 W. Washington Blvd. Venice, or call 399-7681. POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

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THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS

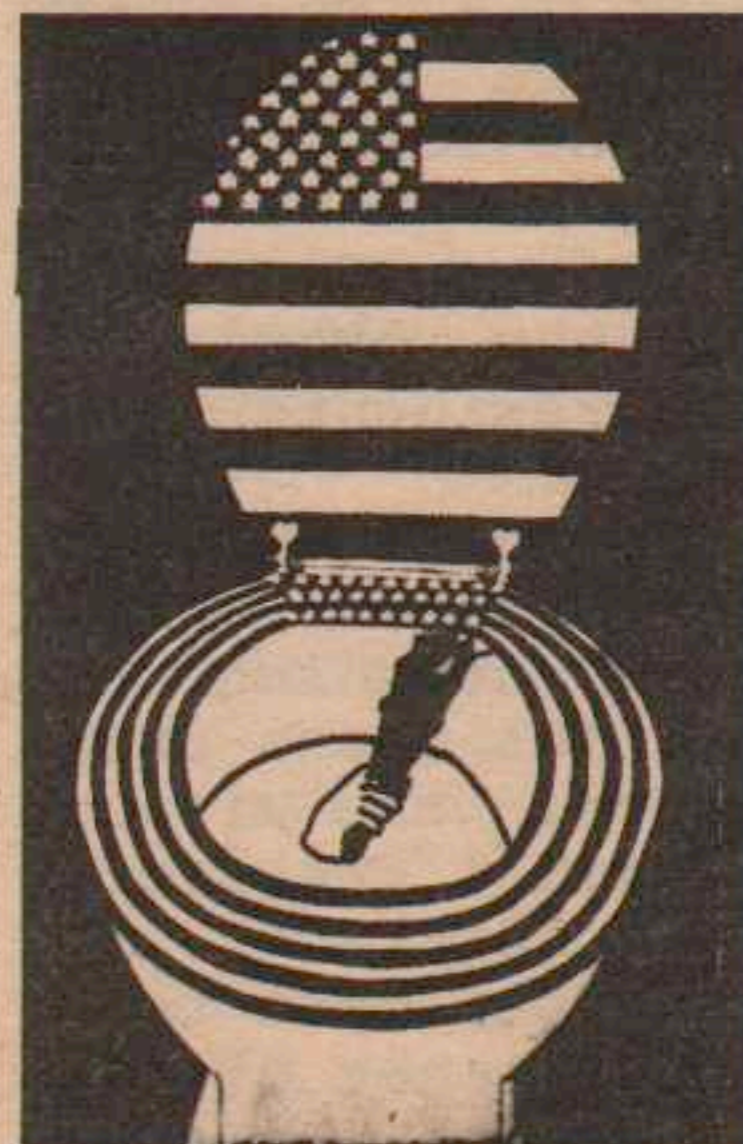
Rumors have been circulating that Captain Sillings and his blue meanies, along with certain "Civic" organizations, are trying to sabotage Community Activity Aides' funding. CAA, funded by United Way thru Neighborhood Youth Association, has been active in "cooling" the community to avoid confrontations with Venice's thick blue line. So why would the cops be so anxious to get rid of them? They couldn't possibly want police-community relations to get worse around here...could they?

Venice has been fighting high-rise for years. Fancy construction along the Ocean Front would force up property values and remove us from our homes. Brentwood has just recently started fighting. Against one high-rise Holiday Inn. Seems it would lower their property's value (so they couldn't make such a big profit, if they ever decide to sell). Marvin Braude is the Councilman for both Venice and Brentwood. For years he has opposed Venice residents in their fight against high-rise. But lo and behold, he has supported the Brentwood residents' clamor against their one high-rise. We can only conclude that Braude is the representative of only those parts of his district which fill his campaign coffers....How do you secede from a City Council district?

Our Brother paper, the SOURCE wanted to start a "policeman of the month" column, praising the fellow for good deeds done in Venice. They ran out of "praise" worthy material after one column.

Notice the article in the INDEPENDENT JOURNAL a few weeks ago? Mentions the fact that our local law enforcers are giving toys to tots in Ireland. However, they gave broken toy guns to some of our children...Guess they didn't want a plastic Irish Rebellion.

A beautiful, mini-skirted woman from Canada was walking on the Ocean Front Walk, when she was stopped by a squad car. A policeman got out and when he questioned her, found she was not a Venice resident, warned her of "criminal types" and "inferior to you" people who abound in Venice. He asked her out for diner but she declined, stating that she was going to marry one of the "inferior types."



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REGISTER NOW!

Who will speak for you this November? The Demopublicans will talk about applying band-aids to a dying system. Conservatives will talk about fewer social services and more police at higher prices. Liberals will talk about more but insufficient social services and more police. Both will tax working people to pay the bills.

Who will talk about the rape of our natural resources for private profit? Who will say that our grandchildren are being robbed of nature and life itself by a system of production that feeds the stock market at the expense of human survival?

Who will point to the national conspiracy to exterminate the Black Panther Party and to crush all dissent in the interest of business as usual? Who will speak for the young whose culture is under attack and whose lives are being channelled by schools and the draft into quick death in Vietnam and slow death in polluted cities?

Who will speak out for the right of service men to organize in their own interest or the right of women to live free of the subservient role allotted to them in a male-dominated society? Who will say that communities must control their police and take charge of their own affairs?

Who will expose the programmed inhumanity generated by our foreign policy, all levels of policing authority and the very government programs both liberals and conservatives wish to strengthen? Who will speak for the need of a liberating and relevant education available to all, complete health services, food and housing available to all?

Who will say during election time that the mere casting of a ballot will not do it, that the radical changes needed in our society can come about only through dedication and hard work -- by organizing for change all year round? Who will say that the system must change, not just the faces in office?

Republicans won't speak for you, neither will the Democrats. They are part and parcel of the economic and political system that is robbing and killing and dehumanizing us all--at a profit.

The only voice for real change in the 1970 elections will be the Peace and Freedom Party and its candidates.

If you want that voice, you will have to help. The PFP has no large contributors, no returns from patronage, no professional staff. We are only as strong as the efforts of our members.

Peace and Freedom is the only alternative to the status quo in the electoral arena. Join us and help us grow. Project your voice into the 1970 election.

Register Now!



Candidates Wanted

If you are willing and able to be a statewide candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, or if you know someone who is willing and able, Jane Gordon wants to know. She is recording information on candidate availability to report to the February PFP convention. Please send name, address and other relevant data to Jane Gordon, Venice PFP, 1727 W. Washington Blvd., Venice, Ca. 90291.

A statewide Peace and Freedom Convention and Celebration will be held in Long Beach over the weekend of Washington's Birthday, February 21, 22 and 23. The convention will be open to participation by all PFP members, either voters registered PFP or persons active with the PFP who are disenfranchised by California's election laws.

The convention will focus on the issues and possible candidates for the 1970 election. Convention planners hope that platform proposals will be directed to issues pertinent to the 1970 election. Potential PFP candidates for statewide office will be invited to speak to the convention. The convention itself will decide whether or not to endorse specific candidates. A tentative agenda for the convention appears elsewhere in this issue.

The time, place and other details of the convention were decided by a statewide conference of Peace and Freedom activists held in San Francisco over Thanksgiving weekend. The conference readily accepted the Long Beach PFP offer to host the convention and set the February date because of the three-day weekend which immediately precedes the period when candidates may file nomination papers (February 23 through March 20).

The registration fee for the convention will be \$5.

Although all PFP members may participate in the convention, a voting formula was agreed upon to balance possible heavy attendance from areas near the convention site. PFP members from each Assembly District will have a maximum number of votes equal to 4 plus one vote for each 100 votes (or major fraction of 100) received by Paul Jacobs in that district in the 1968 election.

For instance, PFP members from the 23rd Assembly District in San Francisco will have a maximum of 19 votes. Each person attending the convention from that district has one vote up to the maximum of 19. If more than 19 attend, they decide among themselves how to distribute the 19 votes.

Convention planners doubt that the formula will have to be invoked. They adopted it to encourage PFP members in areas distant from Long Beach to attend, knowing that their votes will count even with heavy attendance from the Los Angeles area.

A major problem facing convention planners is getting word of the convention to members in areas where no PFP activity now exists. Publicity will be generated from the San Francisco, Venice and Long Beach PFP offices. The help of PFP members in other areas is needed to get that publicity into local and campus newspapers, to radio stations and to members by mail and phone. If you will help in your area, write immediately to P&F News, 1727 W. Washington Blvd., Venice Ca. 90291 or call (213) 392-4563.

"don't mourn,
organize..."

REGISTRATION DRIVE - 1970

REPORT FROM

"Register Now!" has again become the slogan of the California Peace and Freedom Party, since the statewide conference in San Francisco over Thanksgiving weekend. The conference adopted without opposition a resolution to initiate and assist a statewide voter registration drive to increase PFP membership, stimulate interest in the February convention and get the PFP back on the streets.

Conference participants from Los Angeles, who introduced the motion, argued that political conditions now are analogous to 1967, when the PFP first registered 105,000 voters to win a place on the California ballot. They pointed to the major parties' inability to express the rising anti-war sentiment or to guarantee, as the Peace and Freedom Party does, that all members may participate in the selection of platform and candidates.

Although interpretations of the election laws differ, it appears that the PFP must get 2% of the total vote in one of the partisan races for statewide office to remain qualified for the ballot in 1972. When Paul Jacobs ran for U.S. Senate in 1968, he received 1.3% of the vote at a time when PFP registrations were about twice the present total of 34,000. In the 1970 election our candidates must expect to face the "lesser of 2 evils" syndrome that Jacobs did in 1968. By increasing our registrations from now until election time we increase the number of voters likely to vote for our candidates and we increase the number of potential campaign workers.

If we merely double our present registrations, we guarantee our ballot status in 1972. The election laws state clearly that a party with a number of registrations equal to 1% of the most recent vote for Governor is qualified for the ballot.

Recent voter registration experience contributed to the optimism of those proposing a registration drive. Last summer Venice activists combined voter registration with community activities. Of voters registered, 35% affiliated with the PFP while 45% declined to state a party affiliation. At UCLA this fall 25% registered PFP while another 25% declined to state.

In December Los Angeles activists began working on the registration drive. A letter was sent to 258 registrars active two years ago urging them to reactivate their registrar status. In Venice alone 35 PFP members are becoming deputy registrars, most of them for the first time. During the first two weeks after the San Francisco conference, six already active registrars reported a total of 97 registrations, of which 50 affiliated with the PFP. Many of those who registered Peace and Freedom were registering for the first time; some were living in other states in 1968 and heard of the PFP there or since coming to California.

In Los Angeles we ask those registering PFP to fill out an information form which gives us a record of name, address and

phone number as well as pledges of work and money. Several new registrants are becoming deputy registrars. The form also allows us to "register" persons under 21 or otherwise not eligible to vote.

The Venice PFP is planning a pilot project to involve those already registered. A PFP member will take responsibility for contacting each voter registered PFP in his precinct to tell what is happening in Peace and Freedom and to ask pledges of work and money.

The registration drive is concentrating initially on rallies, meetings and campuses. As our force of active registrars increases, we expect to cover shopping centers, libraries and other locations in the community.

Any registered voter is entitled to become a deputy registrar. Contact your county Registrar of Voters for details. Start recruiting for Peace and Freedom!

Candidate Data

The 1970 election in California will involve seven statewide partisan offices as well as all 38 U.S. Congressmen, 20 State Senators from the even-numbered districts, and all 80 State Assemblymen.

The statewide offices are: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General and one U.S. Senator. The Superintendent of Public Instruction will also be voted on statewide, but that office is non-partisan.

Candidates for each office must file nomination papers during the period from February 23 to March 20. The filing fee for Governor is \$982.00; for Attorney General and U.S. Senate, \$850.00 and for the other statewide offices \$700.00.

Candidates for partisan office must be registered in their party for three months prior to filing and may not have been registered in another political party qualified for the ballot for one year prior to filing. A Peace and Freedom candidate filing on the deadline, March 20, 1970, must have registered PFP by December 20, 1969, and may not have been registered Democrat, Republican or American Independent since March 20, 1969. If he was not registered at all before registering PFP (by December 20), there is no problem.

Peace and Freedom Party organizers and activists from ten counties met in San Francisco Thanksgiving weekend to plan a statewide convention in 1970. Between lively debates on the past, present and future of the PFP, the conference decided to hold a convention in Long Beach February 21, 22 and 23 and resolved to initiate a registration drive immediately.

Time and place of the convention were decided easily. The decision to open the convention to all PFP members was especially pleasing to those who had hoped for an open convention (as opposed to delegated) in 1968. A workshop on convention recruitment produced the voting formula described elsewhere in this issue and recommended a registration drive.

Disagreement continued all throughout the conference over the question of endorsing candidates at the convention. Those in favor argued that endorsement would produce candidates responsible to the party membership as represented by the convention and that an open primary lends itself to the candidate with the most money winning. Opponents of convention endorsement felt that all party registrants should be involved in choosing candidates not just those who have the time to attend the convention, that a choice in the primary would encourage PFP registrants to maintain their registration and that in any case endorsement could not (and should not) keep other candidates from running. The conference finally deferred action by leaving the decision whether or not to endorse candidates to the convention itself.

Discussion of candidates revealed that a majority of conference participants want "credible" candidates in 1970, that is, candidates whose names can appear on the ballot and who can articulate PFP positions. A motion not to run candidates was overwhelmingly defeated. A position paper from Riverside suggested that the PFP should run as complete a slate of candidates as possible to be a "strong voice after the 'glamorous' liberals are eliminated in the June primaries...one that will serve to mature the electorate and eliminate prejudices by accustoming the people to candidates dedicated to radical change and socialist ideals. Let our survival in 1970 set the precedent for growth into a national party on the left."

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Discussion of platform indicated that pollution of the environment, distribution of taxes, the economic squeeze on working people, rights of servicemen, subservient role of women and personal freedoms are likely to be major PFP issues in 1970. The conference passed resolutions in support of the strikers against General Electric, American Indian claims to Alcatraz Island and the "Chicago 8" defendants against federal conspiracy charges. The San Francisco office was authorized to prepare a petition to U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, that former President Johnson, President Nixon and other appropriate individuals be tried by a U.N. Tribunal for war crimes in Vietnam.

Not only was the conference productive, it was also solvent. Registration fees produced about \$100 over costs. The balance paid half the cost of this issue of P&F News.

Since the conference the San Francisco PFP reports that they are attempting to raise \$3,600 for statewide filing fees, of which \$900 is already pledged.

do-it-yourself

PLATFORM PROPOSALS

Any PFP member or group may submit proposals for the PFP platform in 1970. Convention planners hope that platform proposals will focus on issues related to the 1970 statewide campaigns and will outline specific program to implement general principles: not only what we want, but also how we propose to get it.

Only those proposals received well in advance can be guaranteed an adequate presentation at the convention. All proposals will be compared and condensed to the extent possible without change of meaning. A complete package of the advance proposals will be given to each person who attends the convention.

To insure enough time for your proposal to be processed, send it as soon as possible and **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7** to the San Francisco PFP, 50 Oak Street Room 505, S.F. 94102 or Venice PFP, 1727 W. Washington Blvd., Venice 90291.

A summary of proposals received by January 20 will appear in the next issue of P&F News. Requests to mail the complete package of proposals before the convention must contain a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Printing the proposals for the convention will cost money. Any contribution you send will help.

by John Haag

Rick Davidson ran every inch of the way in a non-partisan race for L.A. City Council. As a PFP-endorsed candidate he started out with a base of maybe 200 votes in a conservative district which includes only a small part of Venice.

Rick got 950 votes, 4.1% in a 5-way race. Pat Russell of Westchester won with 43% of the vote and over \$32,000 - according to her report. She was the only Democrat running and had organized party support.

Rick won on the issues. If Rick hadn't run, most of the issues wouldn't have been there: community control, city planning, police power, the war. He got all the candidates (except Small, the admitted no-issue candidate of the great silent bovine majority) talking about his issues whether they liked them or not, understood them or not.

Rick did a good job. He was a full-time candidate. Because the campaign came on suddenly, he had little help and even less money.

But there's another side to the story. Rick didn't start with 0 votes; he started with 200. PFP votes. Concentrated in a small area of the district where the PFP has been increasingly active for two years. In the 6 precincts west of Lincoln Blvd. in Venice, Rick got from 10% to 30% of the vote. The percentage is directly proportional to the intensity of consistent, open PFP activity for a period of two years.

In the precinct where Rick got 30.2% of the vote is the house where PFP meetings started in 1968. When Rick coordinated the PFP registration drive, he lived in that precinct. I was arrested earlier this year while posting PFP leaflets in that precinct.

In the other precincts Rick got 21.5%, 13.9%, 13%, 11.7% and 10.7%. 10% is respectable. 30% for a PFP candidate is impressive.

The PFP also has done a good job. Not a good job producing an instant campaign with no money (just try it sometime). But a good enough job before the campaign to get Rick from 10 to 30% in the more conservative southern part of Venice. The PFP works all year round in Venice.

Venice (pop. 41,000) will deliver between 1,000 and 2,000 votes to any PFP candidate on the ballot. We will print as many copies of campaign leaflets and tabloids as the PFP can afford. We will probably do more than that.

We have this capacity only because we have organized openly in the name of the PFP for a period of two years. PFP means community as well as peace and freedom in Venice.

Peace and Freedom hasn't won yet in Venice, but we're a force in our community, and that will be reflected at election time. What we are doing here can be done elsewhere, but only by hard work over a long time. The PFP will have strength in direct proportion to the effort you and I put into it.

by Rick Davidson

Peace & Freedom nominated Eldridge Cleaver for President for two reasons: First, he articulated the people's struggle better than anyone else. Second, the fact that he couldn't take office, if elected, symbolized Peace & Freedom's concept that change must come from every part of America - not simply by changing names in the White House. Change throughout America means education - meeting, talking and convincing the silent Americans of the realities of our struggle.

In running for L.A. City Council I learned many things that I would like to share. First, within the Movement there are those who work in electoral politics and those who don't. Each position is valid and valuable and we should not lose energy arguing with one another, but each of us "get on with it." Second, many new and different kinds of people, including conservatives, get involved in a non-partisan campaign. Third, in order to meet the silent majority you have to be invited...one real advantage candidates have.

In order to talk to "them", i.e., communicate, you have to turn them on through interest, fear, humor or whatever. In order to convince "them" you have to reach them through their individual, selfish interest, for example, offer viable solutions to their major problems. Then with earned respect, move on to what you think the major problems are. If you first talk about the war when they are worried about their kids being run over in front of their home - you've lost them. If you first talk about police when all they can see is the new freeway rolling over them - you've lost them. Therefore it's not that we don't talk about the war and racism, but it's the order in which we introduce the subjects. That is, if we are trying to reach new people.

My point is that non-partisan elections offer good platforms from which to talk to people. Since local problems make up many of the issues, the voter is more involved and desirous of being informed and also more open to valid solutions. Example: The people in Westchester, a conservative community within my councilmanic district, are becoming radical - not over the war, but over the fact that the Airport Authority and the city are controlling the future of their community. Following is a quote from a Westchester community newsletter: "The City of Los Angeles has told us, under oath, that it will destroy our homes and our health without compensation unless we can find someone more powerful to stop them. Are we in Russia - or Nazi Germany - or are we in the United States?" The seed of radical thought is a question. It is for those of us who know that this IS the United States of Fascism to offer our experience to fit with theirs in order to complete the picture for them.

I feel we must find out where they are at and begin there.



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Stepped on any broken bottles lately? Have you noticed that the new trash cans on the Ocean Front Walk have been burned? Are you afraid to go on Ocean Front Walk at night because of thugs, muggers and police? Have obscene threats and propositions destroyed your quiet thoughts and/or conversations? Have you been run off the Ocean Front Walk by motorcyclists?

It's a PLOT! THEY have failed to move us out by freezes on bank loans, lock-outs at City Hall, gerrymandering our district, and police harassment. THEY are now resorting to even filthier tactics! No Venetian would purposely desecrate his environment. Therefore, by careful deduction, there is only one conclusion that can be drawn. The perpetrators of these acts are not Venice residents. These are mercenaries in the pay of a combine of land speculators (P.U.R.G.E.) who are interested in seeing Venice become another Miami Beach. These agents are paid to harass the people who have not yet been chased out by police or high rents.

Like a pincer movement, the police and high rents squeeze the residents on one hand, and the mercenaries (C.R.U.D.) squeeze them on the other hand until they are forced out, leaving the area clear for redevelopment, i.e. high-rise and parking lots. These paid agents are imported from Iowa, West Texas, New York, Inglewood and Westwood. They are disguised as run-aways, students, and other transients "making the scene." The mercenaries in the pay of P.U.R.G.E., (Plastic Unhuman Repressive Greedy Entrepreneurs) have a secret society called C.R.U.D. (Crass Repulsive Ugly Degenerates) who are sworn to Cruelly Rape Undermine and Downgrade Communities marked for Urban Renew-

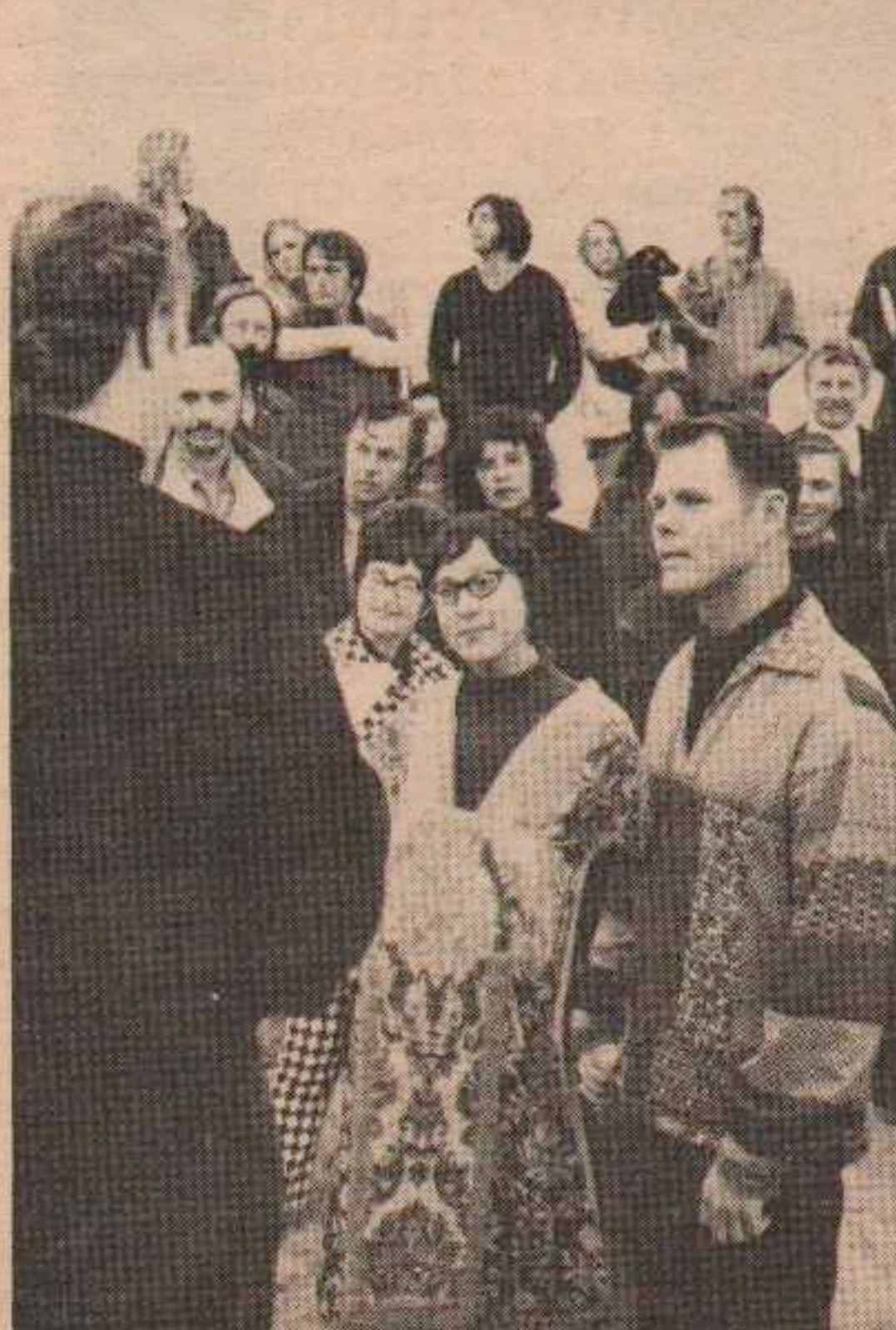
al. I don't have to tell you what those letters stand for. The residents, already besieged by organizational social worker types who tell them they can't fight the system, (a subsidiary of P.U.R.G.E.) invite an occupying army, the police in for a "sweep", thus giving them license to harass residents. Examples of P.U.R.G.E. and C.R.U.D. procedures may be seen in the history of North Beach, Haight Ashbury and Topanga Canyon.

The Police, in collusion with P.U.R.G.E. and C.R.U.D. arrest only residents. The C.R.U.D.'s having C.R.U.D. cards are released. When complaints are filed against the police, the police can say, "But we've had complaints from the residents."

How can we combat the creeping C.R.U.D.'s? Here are some suggestions. Naturally you are invited to think of your own.

1. Run in front of the idiots who pollute the Ocean Front Walk with their noisy noisome motorcycles and yell and scream. Make a tsimmiss!
2. Tell all C.R.U.D.'s who break bottles or otherwise litter our home that you know that they are part of the CONSPIRACY. Name your favorite conspiracy.
3. Tell all threatening and obnoxious type panhandlers to go back to Bel-Air where they came from.
4. Start rumors that the name callers and threateners are paid informers or plain-clothesmen.

In future articles, I shall expose the witting and unwitting dupes of P.U.R.G.E., such as The Camera Toting Peak Freak, The Horny Tailed CoolCat, and other elements of destruction such as the Collosal Cacophonous Distemper Dealing Un-Leashed Canine Cadre owned by C.R.U.D.'s and thier masters.



marge buckley & rick davidson married on the venice beach 13 december 1969

Statement of general principles, Peace and Freedom Party Founding Convention, Richmond, California, March 18, 1968.

- * Immediate, unconditional withdrawal from Vietnam. All peoples must have the right to determine their own destiny. End US military and economic domination abroad.
- * End racism. Self-determination for all minorities.
- * Replace the present economic system with one based on workers' control of the work place, on democratic social planning of the economy and on production geared to satisfy human needs rather than to make profits.
- * Guarantee personal freedoms: the right to privacy, personal religious and political beliefs, sexual freedom between consenting adults, abortion, use of drugs.

- * Return power in the cities to the inhabitants of the various communities. Place control of the police directly in the hands of the people.
- * Health care is a right, not a privilege based on income.
- * End military conscription. Support the right of servicemen to form their own organizations in their own interests.
- * End discrimination against women, both socially and occupationally.
- * Vote at age 18.
- * Education at all levels is a right. Transfer full power at the University level to faculty and students and at the lower levels to the community, faculty and students.

The basis of human dignity is the ability of people to make the decisions that affect their lives--to order their own private lives as they choose and to decide collectively with their peers on matters of collective concern.

The fundamental decisions which affect people's lives are economic decisions. The people have power over their economy only when they can make it work to fulfill their needs. But today in America the public institutions of government, by which the people might exercise such power, are the willing servants of an industrial state which, operating through millions of functionaries who are "only doing their jobs," manages the economy and thereby the lives of the ordinary people in the interests of expanding profit and continued national and world-wide domination.

Individual wage-earners are defined as inferior to the employers who manage them. Collectively, through unions, they are still subordinate to the people who buy their labor.

Black people as individuals are at the mercy of brutally racist police and subtly racist employers. Black communities are invariably governed by white power structures "downtown." The same holds true of other oppressed minorities.

Individual soldiers must follow even the most arbitrary orders of superior officers under penalty of court-martial. They are not allowed at all to organize themselves for redress of grievances, let alone to demand justification for a war in which they risk their lives.

The Democratic and Republican parties are the public expression of those who hold a disproportionate share of power in private life. The Peace and Freedom Party supports the efforts of the powerless to gain dignity by exercising some real control over their own lives: black people trying to organize their own communities, wage-earners who strike for their rights against their employers or in wildcat action against undemocratic unions, soldiers who refuse to commit acts that violate the dictates of conscience--all the people who stand up and resist.

The main task of the Peace and Freedom Party is to organize people to begin to gain real and concrete power over the institutions which control their everyday lives. One important way to accomplish this is to project into the electoral arena the voices of people fighting for human dignity, to make it clear that the demand for human dignity is at root a demand for power--and that the people will have this power only when we all can democratically assure that our economy works to fulfill human needs rather than to increase the power and profit of a small minority. The function of Peace and Freedom candidates is to act as the tribunes of Americans who have begun to fight back.



PROPOSED CONVENTION AGENDA

PEACE AND FREEDOM CONVENTION & CELEBRATION - LONG BEACH
(exact location to be announced)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Evening: registration and housing;
Rock Concert sponsored by Long Beach PFP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 8 AM Registration; caucusing (!?)
- 10 AM General Session to:
 - choose chairmen for all general sessions; adopt reports of committees on rules, agenda and attendance.
- Noon Lunch
- 1 PM General Session, to hear further reports on:
 - Legal electoral status of PFP;
 - Registration drive;
 - Fund-raising;
 - Media and publicity;
 - Candidate availability.
- 3 PM General Session on platform:
 - Report from platform committee and discussion.
- 6 PM Dinner with cultural revolution
- 8 PM General Session: Introduction of all possible statewide candidates. Each will have approximately 10 minutes for a brief statement.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9 AM General Session on platform - II; including proposals from floor (with 10% approval); discussion; adoption.
- Noon Lunch: to be combined with candidate-caucusing--
Geographical areas or political viewpoints can get together with potential candidates of their choice; look each other over.
- 3 PM General Session: Consideration of whether or not to endorse or select candidates; implementation if necessary.
- 6 PM Dinner with revolutionary culture
- 8 PM WORKSHOPS - for purposes of creating on-going activity around:
 - Fund-raising
 - Media and publicity
 - Organizing: Registration drive
Generating local activity
Building campaign committees

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 10 AM to 2 PM, or as long as needed: General wrap-up Session.
Reports on Sunday evening workshops;
If necessary, continuation of platform discussion.

advance registration

The Long Beach PFP has taken on the enormous job of preparing for a convention of unknown size. You can help by registering in advance. Clip and send this form to Long Beach PFP, 605 Redondo Ave., Long Beach, Ca. 90814.

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT _____ COUNTY _____

Please check one: I am registered PFP
 I am not eligible to vote

Enclosed please find \$ _____ toward my \$5 registration fee for the PFP convention. I (will) (won't) need housing by LB-PFP.

VENICE HIGH STUDENTS CHALLENGE ADMINISTRATION

Venice High School is getting it together. Students there, like students in high schools and colleges all over the country, are demanding change. The institution which structures and controls the lives of millions of young people does not serve their needs. It is oppressive; it is irrelevant. It is designed to close off, not open, the mind; to stifle, not encourage, creativity. It is designed to maintain and perpetuate the traditions of an effete society. The kids at Venice High are moving. The following are reprints of leaflets written by Venice High School students and circulated throughout that school.

The BEACHHEAD staff encourages and supports such activities and will assist these students in any way we can. This leaflet was passed out Friday, December 19, when an Airforce high-flyer was allowed on campus to recruit,

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MILITARY

1. You have the opportunity of killing 1,000,000 Vietnamese civilians in 4 years. You have the opportunity of killing 500 defenseless men, women, and children in cold blood.

2. You have the opportunity of making 4 million Vietnamese homeless in three years.

3. You have the opportunity of seeing your best friends killed in defense of a corrupt and dictatorial regime.

4. You have the opportunity of risking your life to insure that the Saigon generals will continue to enlarge their Swiss bank account.

5. You have the opportunity of surrendering all your rights to free speech while in the military.

6. You have the opportunity to speak on the campus of Venice High School--while an anti-war group encouraging resistance to the draft is being busted.

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

This leaflet was written by the Student Liberation Corps and will be distributed as soon as Free Venice gets it together enough to run it on the mimeo.

On November 24, 1969, Steve Sheppard and Shasta Hatter were suspended for distributing leaflets, legally, off campus. The charges were "disrupting the good and orderly conduct of the school." A law suit is being filed taking action against their unjust and illegal suspension.

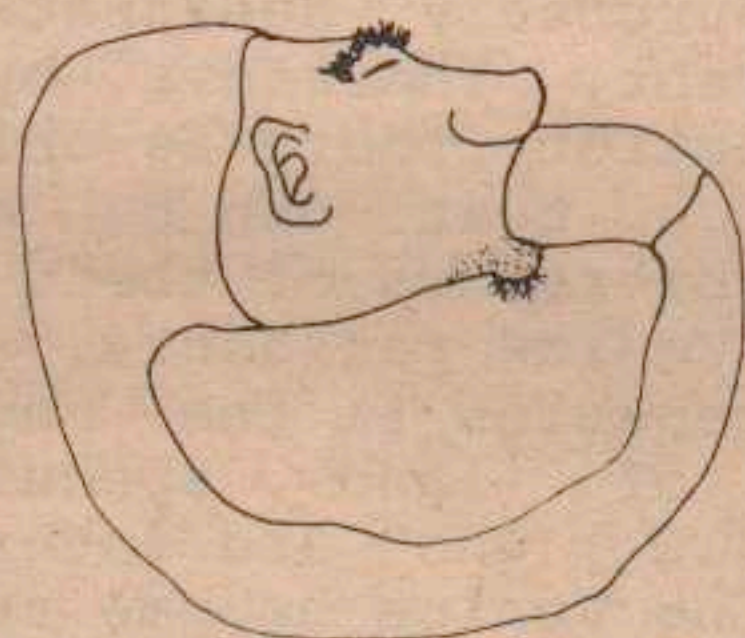
This is just one example of student oppression, and one way of challenging it. There are other examples, such as dress code imposed upon students, restrictions on free speech, press, and assembly, the tracking system which makes it impossible for students to govern their own destiny, to name a few.

On Monday, December 15, a revision of the currently imposed dress code was handed out to girls' P.E. classes, providing for pants and mid-calf dresses. Although this is a reform, it is

still a dress code. We are still being told what we can and can't wear to school, and we are still being treated as irresponsible and incapable of controlling our own destiny. The reform in the dress code is a form of tokenism, a pacifier to calm the cry of the students for freedom!!

We are required to pay \$5.00 in order to receive a school newspaper that has been heavily censored. Every piece of written material has to be submitted for approval by an adult in charge---not the students who read it.

On-campus clubs such as Stu-



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The Silent Majority

EDITORIAL

The Free Venice Organizing Committee, the Venice Peace and Freedom Party and this newspaper during the past year have opposed L.A.'s Master Plan for Venice and have advocated that any plan for Venice should be created by Venice Residents to serve the needs of our present community. Many different Venice organizations have joined in this effort.

Until recently all our energies have been concentrated on delaying the City's attempt to remove us; now work has begun on a new phase of action - that of creating a community planning organization which would involve the community in the planning process and relate to a staff of planners and technicians.

The work is at a preliminary stage: those involved feel that funds are needed to do an adequate job of organizing. Therefore, the first task is to write a proposal, describing plans for involving the entire community, which will be presented to possible funding groups, foundations, etc.

The community activists writing the proposal include representatives of Bay Area Latin Americans, Free Venice Organizing Committee, Israel Levin Senior Adult Center, Operation SER, the Venice Canal Neighborhood Association and Venice Community Improvement Union. Ideas brought up in preliminary discussion are drafted into concrete proposals by a small writing committee and then brought back to the larger group for final approval.

Briefly, the proposal will call for a community-wide election of representatives to a community congress. So far, few decisions have been made as to specific powers and duties of the congress or specific rules for the election. Members of the Free Venice Organizing Committee, who have been responsible for many constructive proposals in

dent Forum of Ideas and BSU and UMAS are also under the thumb of an oppressive administration. Instead of being exercises in democracy, they are examples of paranoia.

The time has come to stop fearing and start acting!! THIS IS OUR SCHOOL!! WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS TOO, ENTITLED TO THE SAME INALIENABLE RIGHTS GUARANTEED US IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!! The time has come to unite under the banner of freedom---let no man oppress us in our struggle for freedom!!

A funny thing happened on the Ocean Front Walk last week. Marv Braude, our beloved councilman, was bicycling down his very own bicycle path, when he was accosted by one of the beach front MILITANTS who asked him when the new bathroom would be opened.

Ol Marv rode on (but not right on) acting as if the beach front whities were full of what ol marv is full of ...

in other words kiddies

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT

these areas, feel that the proposal should include the following concepts:

The election should cover the parts of Venice affected by the original Master Plan--everything west of Lincoln Blvd. This area should be divided into some 25 districts of equal population. Each district should elect 2 representatives to the congress. Every Venice resident 14 years or older should have a vote.

District representatives must live in the district from which they are elected. Above all, they MUST be responsible to the people who elect them. This means consistently keeping people informed of new developments. It also means following the instructions of the constituency, as opposed to just passing off their own views as the views of the district. There must be fairly simple recall procedures to back up the community's right to real, responsible representation.

The congress as a whole would coordinate local district plans, supervise a staff of planners or planner trainees, provide community-wide publicity and take action on any community problems related to insuring the welfare of present residents. A community congress of elected representatives could be a powerful vehicle for united community action.

Before an election could be held, there would have to be a three or four month period of preparation. During that period literature would be distributed to every resident in the election area to acquaint him with the purposes and procedures of the election. By election day we could know all the district candidates, their responsibilities and where they stand on issues to be faced by the congress.

Watch this paper for further details as they become available. For information call 392-4563.