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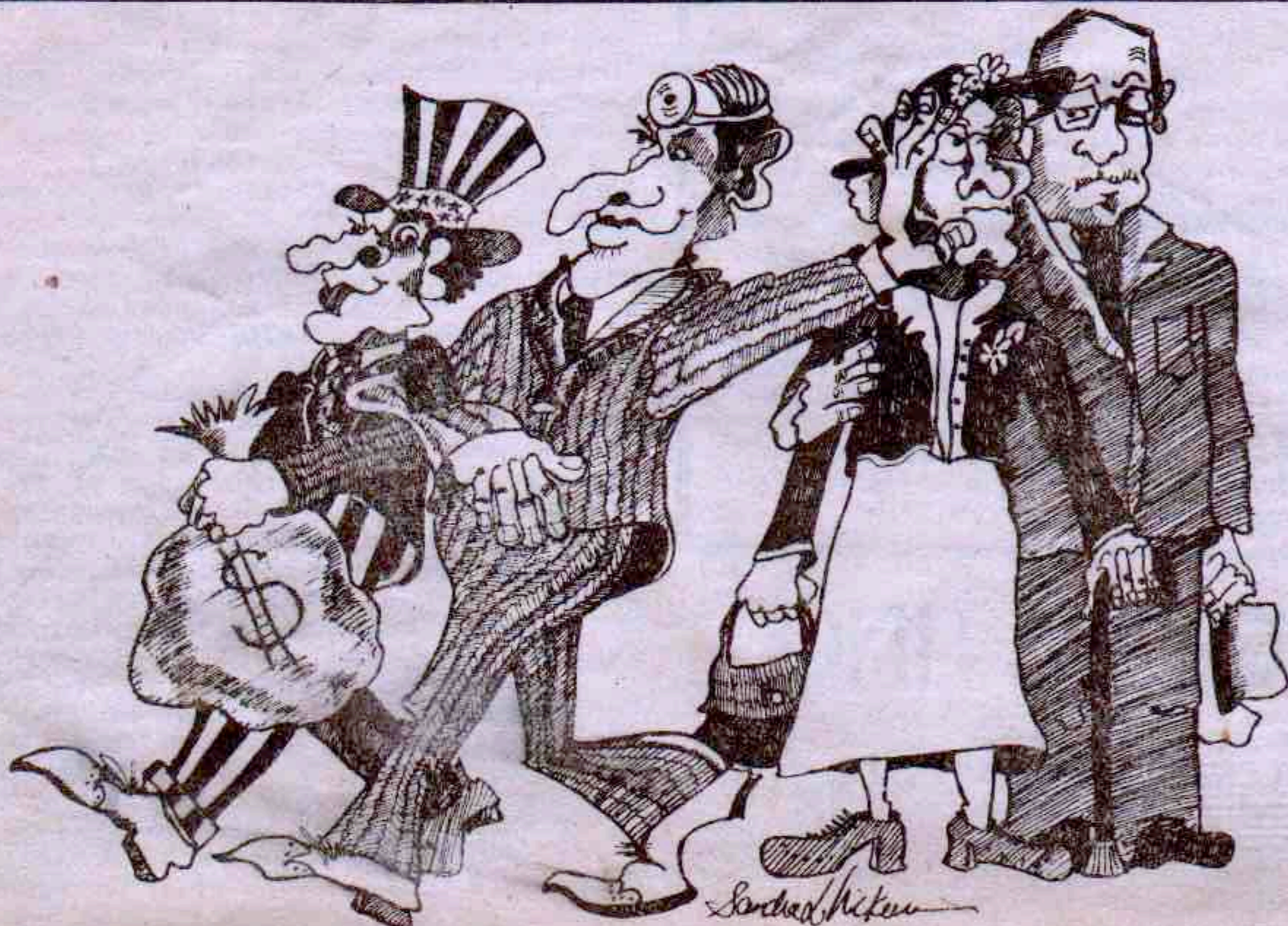
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Painful Prescription

DON'T GET SICK IN VENICE

The conservative majority on the L.A. Board of Supervisors, led by Schabarum, has made drastic cuts in the county run health system.

The board has approved budget cuts of \$56 million in the health care system. This sum results in elimination of some vital services or significant cuts in others. For instance:

The county will close 8 health clinics including the Culver City clinic. In 32 other clinics ambulatory care will be eliminated. The clinics involved dealt with 460,000 patients last year--the

Venice clinic is one of the 32.

Many other services will be entirely eliminated including all outpatient prescriptions, all medical social work services and all nutritionist counselling.

Renal dialysis, TB clinics, chest clinics and others at the county hospital system will be completely axed.

The County Health Alliance has organized to oppose these cuts. If you're interested in getting involved or more info, please call the Alliance at 627-7064 or 582-7371.

Press Release:

From the County of Los Angeles West Health District July 15th

The Culver City Health Center, 4150 Overland Avenue, will be closed as of July 31, 1981 due to budget reductions in the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Health services currently offered at Culver City Health Center will be offered at the Yvonne B. Burke Health Center at 2509 Pico Blvd. in Santa Monica or the Venice Health Center at 905 Venice Blvd., in Venice.

Health Services offered in the evening at the Venice Health Clinic, 905 Venice Blvd., will be discontinued beginning August 1, 1981. There is no more Federal funding for the program.

Most services now offered in the evening clinic will become available at the Yvonne B. Burke Health Center at 2509 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. The hours will be from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Residents should call the Burke Health Center, 829-2911, for information about the kinds of health services to be offered, the location of the services and which require appointments. Information about those services that are free and the methods of payment for those services that have a charge is available on request.

Venice day time staff will continue to offer clinics for immunizations, prenatal care, tuberculosis screening and treatment and care for venereal diseases. There will be help with all communicable diseases including hepatitis, rashes, head lice. Clients should call for hours of the different services at the Venice Clinic, 821-3484.▲

By Sally Obermeyer

The County and Federal process of belt tightening has deleteriously affected the Venice community with the curtailment of services at the Venice Health Center, 905 Venice Blvd., in the daytime clinics and closure of the evening or "Youth Clinic", effective August 1st.

While the changes will initially create confusion and necessitate much redirection of patients, the long range effects will be felt for many years to come. In addition to clinic cut-backs, social work, health education and nutrition services are being eliminated, thus erasing preventive programs at a time when they will be most crucial.

The Venice Health Center has been a mainstay in the community over the past years while the population has changed from middle class and youth oriented to one that is largely Hispanic. As the needs have increased and changed the staff have been sensitive and responsive to the patients and have been able to offer comprehensive services in a single facility.

Patients in need of ambulatory care services will now be directed to the Burke Health Center, 2509 W. Pico, Santa Monica (829-2911). In addition to other clinics already being crowded there, the referrals will create hardships for patients who have, for example, been able to walk to the health center along with their children and who will now have to pay for expensive public transportation.

Also, patients who work during the day will no longer have access to the Youth Clinic's ambulatory care, family planning, V.D. gynecology, pregnancy testing (and subsequent referrals and

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Shall We Make Do With Nothing

If libraries disappear, we will still have to pay taxes. The following information is from a flyer at the Venice library:

Save Your Library

The library budget has been cut 8% from the 1980/81 level. Community branches will be open about 29 hours. They are open about 33 hours now. They were open about 38 hours in 1980, & about 48 hours in 1979.

All community branches will be open 5 days a week instead of 6. About half will be open on Mondays: about half on Saturdays.

55 full time equivalent positions will be cut in addition to the 100 full time positions already eliminated.

About 20 librarians will be laid off. We've already lost 26.5 librarians.

Only community branch service is taking serious cuts. Why???

Protest nights & Saturday cuts. Mondays are the busiest days in branches.

Visit & call your local council office -- tell them you want ALTERNATE cuts or a refuse collection fee!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If the public cares, the council acts.

For further information: call 935-9468

What Does This Mean For The Venice Community?

The Venice Library is now closed on Tuesday & Thursday nights. Effective September 1st we will be closed on Saturdays. We will also lose the following staff:

- Addie Edwards, Community Representative
- Ken Feder, Young Adult Librarian
- Marlene Joyner, Children's Librarian
- Gerald Drake, Clerk
- Sybil Blazej, Clerk
- Joy Clayton, Clerk

S. E. Mendelson

Freak Out and Touch Someone



photo by P. Kelly

Ralph Nader testified on behalf of consumers at a legislative committee hearing about General Telephone on Tuesday, July 28, declaring, "Poor service from an entrenched, protected monopoly can be one of the most frustrating problems consumers face." Article on page 10

Letters



Dear Beachhead-

We're all in this together, damn it! Let's not DIVIDE and GET CONQUERED!! We must focus on our similarities and strengthen ourselves, not take the easy route and point out our differences and remain apart!!!

What the hell am I talking about? OK, sorry.

I'm referring to one small paragraph in your front page story of your July issue: "EAT ME, I'M V.O.P."

The paragraph is the 6th one and it subtly puts a thumbs down on Co-opportunities (sic) and consequently gives V.O.P. a little extra thumbs up; the old "put down the competition so as to put yourself ahead" routine. I mean let's quit this shit!

Now: refer to my opening paragraph and you'll see what I'm all "het up" about! (het up?)

Anyways, Co-opportunities has done a DAMN good job for a bunch of years and is still struggling to provide us people with low priced good food for all our tastes. Ya' know, I'm no one special, but I live in Big Bear City and to be a part of Co-opportunities and the hard-working people who make it up is so important to me that I keep my membership up even though I only shop there once every month or two! And I ain't no rich cat either. I'm a free lance carpenter living in an old cabin near the woods!

SO PLEASE FOLKS, let's pull together! Thank you much.

In earnest,
Peter Parks

If you passed the corner of Westminster and Ocean Front on Sunday afternoon, July 12, you may have seen a sign announcing a block party on Horizon between Main and Riviera. In spite of the sign, or maybe because it said "free", only a few obvious tourists took a quick tour up the block and split. Instead it was a mellow scene of Venice homeys partying hearty with the help of extemporaneous music by local musicians. The heartwarming sight of old friends reuniting, new neighbors being greeted, and general good vibes and comradery made us feel we were in the heart of the Venice we have known and loved so long, away from the commercial clamor of the boardwalk on a Sunday afternoon. Muchas gracias to the people on the block for giving such a beautiful party.

Terry Vestal

Beachhead:

About N. Petrova's letter in the June Beachhead titled "Getting Away With Murder" here are two "poor white boys" and a blind dog from Venice, the young guy from New Jersey and the middle aged guy and the dog from Venice raised. Their only fault is being poor. They drink a great deal but neither of them has hurt anybody unless it was for self-preservation. The older dude is very sentimental; the younger one laughs a lot. Both have great respect for human life.

They are all happy and relieved that their brother, Beep, is off the critical list and that another member of their home team did not suffer serious injury when they were shanked in their sleep on July 2nd by a rootipoo who did not belong in Venice.

Could these be the results of a letter like that, full of misrepresentations and lies? We belong in Venice but we don't know about N. Petrova.
Anonymous

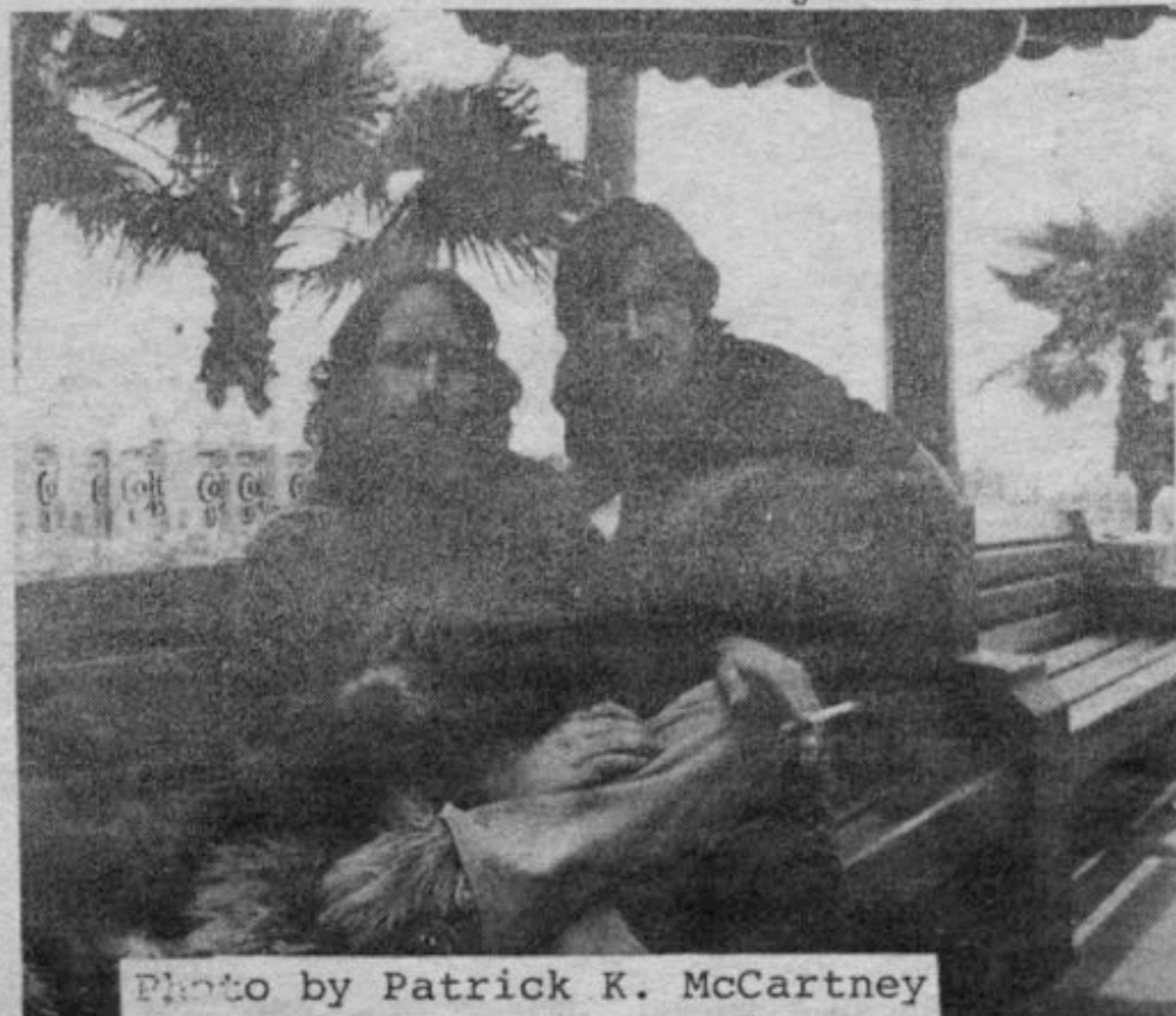


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COASTING

by MOE STAVNEZER

Its a new ballgame at the Coastal Commission. The regional commissions went out of existence at the end of June and the state commission now must process all coastal permits--except those still handled by the City of L.A. The first So. Calif. meeting, held in L.A., under the new rules was a 4 day, 14 page agenda extravaganza.

Three Biggies For Venice

On that agenda were 3 appeals from Venice brought by various groups that included the Coastal Committee of the Town Council, Breeze Av. Neighborhood Assoc. & Navy St. Estates. A number of individuals, including Morrie Rosen, joined in.

Two appeals were on Ocean Front Walk. The Haskins project, at OFW & Breeze Av., was a big success for the community. We got a well designed, fairly small, low density commercial building. But the big plus is the parking--the developer will replace 100% of the residential parking in the subterranean floor of the new structure. This decision sets an important precedent for all future development on OFW.

The second appeal concerns a Tom Safran proposal at OFW & Navy St., just north of the Levin Center. It started as a basically senior, low income building-70-odd units, then reduced to 36-units with 6 condos, then 12-units & 16 condos now 7 low income units, 16 condos & a restaurant. This was the first stage of the appeal & all the community people agreed on a building that would provide 30-or-so low income (probably family) units and replacement parking similar to the Haskins precedent. The final vote will take place in a month or two.

The 3rd appeal was not so good. It involved an amendment to the conditions imposed on an earlier permit for a condo conversion on the Peninsula. The applicant was supposed to provide 4 units of affordable housing. But due to bad advice from the coastal staff, the applicant was able to simply donate land--in Oakwood--to the City Housing Authority which will build (we hope) 4 units of rental housing for low income people. The Coastal Committee wanted the developer to build or, in line with the guidelines, to donate land for 8-units. We lost.

On the Ocean Front

Maybe you've noticed Ron Rocco's building going up on OFW in the 300 block. Rocco, who avoided an appeal by the Coastal Committee a couple years ago by agreeing not to convert to condos, is seeking a permit to convert to condos. His application was recently approved by the City Coastal Unit. The new permit allows him 2 residential and 1 commercial

venice is not losing its grass

To the citizens of Venice. (citizen - inhabitant of a city.)

Hi gang.

Right now I'm hearing some live Uncle Bill's Blues drifting through the open window from the Boardwalk bench below.

I think it's time some people got recognized. Our county supervisor - Dean Dana - got the lead out and not only repaired our ocean-front lawn sprinkler system, but also replaced the timer which has not worked in two years, so now the lawn is being watered automatically. (Now, if they will pull periodic routine maintenance on the system, and just mow once in a while, our ocean park will be out of the woods - so to speak.) Anyway, a big, tentative "FAR OUT" to Dean Dana.

Also "FAR OUT" to the Breeze Ave. Pagoda Gang, who appear to be lightening up on the community at-large as well as doing a good job of cleaning up after themselves. Far out.

A very large "FAR OUT" to the Los Angeles Police Dept.-Pacific division in general and Beach Patrols in specific, who are doing an admirable job of protecting us from ever-present dangerous criminality. I don't think that this community has ever enjoyed better relations with our police and I don't think we've ever had a better bunch of guys serving us. Far out!

One full-page "FAR OUT" to the Free Venice Beachhead - the voice of Venice, which for years has given us access to ourselves and our own resources in guiding the destiny of our community.

Finally, to every seen and unseen person who in his or her moment gives, & helps make Venice "what it is"...FAR OUT!

Randy Brook

Dear Beachhead,

Thank you for running an article on "Anti-smog wars" in a recent issue. (June 1981, p8) Enclosed will bring you up to date.

In summary, the City began (prematurely, I believe) its campaign to have the whole thing dismissed as frivolous. They also pointed a finger at my late filing of a portion of the case.

I raked them over the coals. If they run government the same way they handle this case, no wonder we have smog.

Sincerely,
Jim Richards

Editor's note: Jim has filed a class action suit against the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the United States Government for evading their duty to abate air pollution and claims that because defendants have not eliminated air pollution, they should be ordered to adopt an air pollution plan or be held liable for damages. The judiciary has sustained demurrers filed by the defendants; Jim has appealed. The defendants have moved to dismiss the appeal. Jim has filed an opposition to the motion to dismiss. Film at 11.

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condo which cannot have a restaurant with seating (he doesn't have enuf parking!). The Coastal Committee will appeal.

Sacramento Doings

Many coastal bills are still around in the capitol and none of them are very good. Most important is, to Venice, SB 626 which removes housing from the Coastal Act. The bill will be heard in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on August 11th or 18th. Please write or call our Assembly member, Mel Levine, to voice opposition. He's on the Resouce Committee. His district office number is 277-5228, the address is 9581 W. Pico Bl. L.A. 90035. ●

Sadie & Bill



By Elizabeth Elder

On August 23rd (see Community Events) the Venice community and friends will say goodbye to two of us whose tireless work and dedication to people's causes is a tribute to the human spirit. Sadie Doroshkin and Bill Tomkin are relocating at Sunset Hall in Los Angeles.

Their personal history reads like a veritable history of progressive movements in this country.

Both of them came from poor working class immigrant families in New York; Bill was born there, Sadie arriving at the age of 10. Both went to work at an early age.

They met in a class at the School of Marxism in Manhattan and soon developed a relationship. Bill used to take Sadie home to Brooklyn after class and ride the subway back to Manhattan. A few months before the stock market crash of 1929 they were married, both being already very active politically. (Bill was one of only two people in his machine shop before W.W.I. who refused to buy "Liberty Bonds" from his employer, maintaining when asked that the war would do nothing to benefit the people.)

When the crash came and 60 million workers were laid off, Bill helped to organize some of the first unemployed councils to try and get relief for those out of work. March 2, 1930 a march of 110,000 people in N.Y. and marches in other cities began the struggle for unemployment compensation and social security which was finally won in 1936. Bill and Sadie were there. She brought home the bacon and organized an office workers union in N.Y., while Bill organized the unemployed, and later, when the pinch of the Great Depression eased some, in the C.I.O. movement he worked to organize industrial workers.

Bill went to work at a machine shop in Brooklyn and was one of the founders of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Union, still called that today. Meanwhile, Sadie, a woman it is difficult

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to imagine idle, was hard at work in the community.

During a period when many blacks, especially young men, were being framed in Southern courtrooms, Sadie and Bill worked to free them. The Scottsboro case and the case of the Martinsville 7 are two of the more widely known of these.

Along came W.W.II, the "war against fascism". Sadie recalls the rise of fascism in this country in the late 30's. In a chilling parallel to the current situation in the U.S., the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi Party were on the rise as well as Father Conklin and his "moral majority" group, which, Sadie notes, was not as well financed as the Jerry Falwell group today. There was an organized fascist movement here and a huge fight against it, which Sadie and Bill, of course, were involved in. They tried to alert people to the danger, and when the anti-fascists made their stand in Spain, Sadie and Bill got support for those who went from this country, notably the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, to help the loyalist forces.

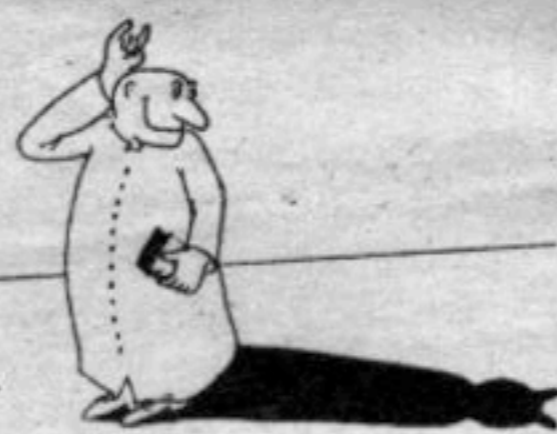
Sadie became the office mgr. for the International Workers Order, a coalition of 16 progressive national organizations. The group provided insurance & sick bene-



Well, it's been months and hellz been a poppin! First things first. With the Red Revolution in Santa Monica we hear that the local paper will change its name to, - you guessed it - The People's Outlook. A Times ad for Santa Monica condos trumpets: "Live in Exciting Santa Monica". What's so exciting about having your condo expropriated by some impoverished renters?

The commercial building on Ocean Front Walk and Westminster across from the Lafayette is finally in escrow. Guess who? Why, the one and only man who would be king!

Speaking of kings, in one about to be dethroned? The Sidewalk Cafe lost its initial application to pave a parking lot on Horizon for its patrons. Some residents of Horizon, many who have no parking for their cars and have them towed away regularly, complained that it would lower the quality of their street. One absentee owner said it would hurt his property value. Imagine that. Will the Sidewalk be closed? Will Christmas celebrations be especial this year? Look for the latest dreck in future Defeat columns.



fits & a cultural & political program to its 162,000 members. Sadie helped to build a youth movement in the I.W.O. and in 1948 they sent her to California to be Executive Secretary of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order, with 5,000 members in this area. Bill continued his union activities.

With the 50's and McCarthyism, they were caught up raising bail & defending people being tried under the Smith Act. And Bill was very busy, since there were many strikes during that period.

In the 60's they both worked in the peace movement. Sadie, since 1953, was the So. Cal. manager of the Peoples World newspaper, a job she did until 1969. She was at the 2nd meeting of Fight Inflation Together, a group started by Ruth Yanatta

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We have it on good authority that the Treasury Dept and local Assessors office are looking into certain real estate transactions in Venice. Seems a large number of big deals have taken place



during the past several years and funny money may be involved.

The scheme goes like this. A wad of clean money is put down on a piece of commercial property. Price appears to be no object. Then the new owner does a little fixing, announces he will be spifing up the place, and hustles up a huge second mortgage which he gets because he has paid an inflated price to begin with. The

second is consolidated with the first and paid off with funny money over 30 years. The clean bucks are used to make other investments, and so on, and so on. Treasury is wanting to know where this funny money comes from and what the connections are. We have heard from the winds that the Mafia may be involved. They have some definite leads.

Fifty years ago this month the I.W.W. placed nitroglycerin under the pilings of the old Venice pier. John Renals, looking for money under the pier, found the terrible vile and dropped it off the end of the pier. A huge explosion damaged 17 pilings but the incident was hushed up by the Kinney Co. because of fears for the tourist trade. The Wobblies were gunning for Thornton Kinney and a host of Venice Trustees and police, whom they alleged to be members of the KKK Klavern on Rialto. The latter were having a strategy meeting at the Bathhouse regarding a demonstration planned for Inglewood. Ah, Venice!

West Washington Blvd. is slowly being converted into a first class commercial entrepot by the ambitious entrepreneurs cum real estators.



There's only one new building but a lot of conversions of older homes and apartments to commercial uses. And none of them have the required Coastal permits. At least we think they don't,

and think they're required. And the Building and Safety Dept in West Los Angeles knows that they have to have such permits but doesn't give a damn, and the residents will soon have no place to park around Cabrillo and points west but are just too dumb to do anything about it and sit around blissing out.

The Charmers TeaHouse building is slowly being vacated by its elderly tenants and owner mas is not filling vacancies. If it becomes untenable, then there's no affordable it and it won't be replaced. Then the building can become commercial without any hitch. It's possible because Mr. Christmas outbid all contenders for the parking lots on either side of Windward Ave. So, he can now provide commercial parking for his TeaHouse venture and virtually any other commercial use he wishes. Looks like Christmas will beat the Town Council on this one. We wish the gentleman from Vancouver all the best against the VTC marauders. ☆



GOV'T GUILTY VETS EAT

by Christopher Toussaint

The remaining three Vietnam veterans ended their two-month old hunger strike victoriously on July 18 in Washington, D.C. after meeting with congressional chairman and members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee resulting in the formation of a Vietnam Vets Caucus and continued funding for the 91 storefront counseling centers for the next 2-3 years.

One of the final three hunger strikers, Tom Paster, Treasurer of the Veterans' Coalition, "feels confident they will follow through with their promises," but cautioned that "we will hold the hunger strike tactic in reserve" if the vets feel they are receiving only tokenism or lip service from the government. "Next time it will be water only from day one," he added.

The strike prompted the passage of several bills, including HR 3499 which Paster called "the first admission of guilt by the U.S. Government." It allocates \$9.1 million for hospital care and medical attention of veterans affected by herbicide Agent Orange. In addition, the number of storefront centers is due to increase by 50% as early as this September. Another bill, HR 3432, will extend job training benefits, but was watered down from the hunger strikers' initial demand for a delayed reentry program.

Also coming out of the meeting with Congressman Thomas Dasher and other congressmen on the Veterans' Affairs Committee was the formation of an Ombudsman Program, whereby representatives at VA hospitals will be appointed to arbitrate any problems that come between vets and the hospital "to alleviate the alienation that adds to delayed stress problems."

Paster explained that the real success of the hunger strike came in "raising the consciousness of the American people" to a problem which had grown into "a national emergency." He pointed to state level hearings to be held in Sacramento August 3 and 4 on delayed stress symptoms and other similar programs started in Texas, Oklahoma, etc. as important steps in continuing to focus the public's attention on the needs of the Vietnam veteran.

Venice locals, Steve Androff and John Abalos, the two other hunger strikers, have taken a much-needed R & R since coming back to L.A.

The Venice Outreach Center has begun a woman's rap group for wives of vets, girlfriends, and military women every Wednesday at 7 PM. Also, a new chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America is being formed at the center and will meet the last Saturday of each month. For more info, call 392-4124. ●

Last Mile for FIGHT FOR LIFE ERA

Saturday, August 22, hundreds of men and women dedicated to equal rights will march in a parade up the Avenue of the Stars in Century City to launch a full day of activities. The Last ERA Walk, sponsored by the National Organization for Women's Los Angeles Chapter, will start where the parade leaves off, with participants walking 10 kilometers (6 miles), raising money from collected pledges for each kilometer walked.

The day will culminate in a rally at 2:00 p.m. at which N.O.W. national president Eleanor Smeal will be the keynote speaker. She'll be joined by many celebrities, politicians, singers and musicians.

Funds raised by the event will be used for a media blitz in the key states still needed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. Thirty-five of the required 38 states have ratified the ERA. A spokesperson for N.O.W. told the Beachhead that only five or six key legislators have stalled ratification in three states needed.

As the deadline for ratification, June 30, 1982, looms closer, ERA observers see a neck-in-neck fight to the finish for passage. Here's how it looks:

Illinois: Because it takes 3/5 of both houses to ratify an amendment in Illinois, this state has not yet ratified. The vote would have passed eight times already by a simple majority. Both houses have been trying to change this rule.

Florida: The last vote was 20-21. Since the last election, an arch opponent was unseated from a key committee and a pro-ERA legislator has taken this seat.

North Carolina: Public sentiment could push this state over the edge, especially since North Carolina's governor recently made a public statement that his state would ratify.

Passage of this simple amendment to the constitution would give women their long-overdue right to equality before the law and would be a landmark event for women across the nation. If you wish to participate in this fun and fund-raising event, call N.O.W. at 655-5311. O

"I went all alone to a cellar on 30th St. It was dark and I was very frightened. The woman told me to get undressed and to lay down on a mattress on the floor. She gave me a drink of whiskey and operated on me. I paid \$300, which was a lot of money at that time. "Because I had an illegal abortion, I could never get pregnant again."

This story was told to me by a 65 year old widow: her illegal abortion was in 1934. The horrifying reality is that the same thing could take place in 1982.

On almost every political level, right wing zealots are busily undoing the work of the feminist movement to put women in control of women's lives. They are focusing on the abortion issue because it is highly inflammatory and because it fits neatly into their program to abolish vital public services and regulations; leaving people to fend for themselves, live or die.

The contradictions are obvious, but they don't deter the anti-abortionists. Senators Orrin Hatch and John East have championed the so-called Human Life Statute [S-158] which would extend the 14th Amendment to the fertilized egg, yet they are dedicated to the destruction of the Voting Rights Act. Boldfaced, they claim the mantle of Civil Rights while seeking to destroy them.

In the face of recent attacks, feminists are building broader alliances: tying Reagan's cuts, increased militarization, loss of civil liberties, and anti-feminism together. The Mobilization for Survival recently passed a resolution supporting Reproductive Rights; and they asked the Reproductive Rights National Network to join the anti-nuclear coalition.

In Los Angeles, the County Health Alliance is fighting the cuts in medical services by the County Board of Supervisors and they are making sure that their opposition includes visible public outrage and protest to the cutoff of abortion services at County Hospital.

The multi-faceted nature of the threat to abortion rights has necessitated a new kind of coalition work. As other movements recognize that the attack on abortion is a lynchpin in a general offensive against women and poor people, new activists are being brought into the movement for reproductive freedom. The influx of newcomers to the issue has meant that feminists are exploring many of the subtler questions regarding abortion in the effort to build a unified movement to demand abortion rights. The result is a stronger movement.

In conjunction with our organizing work, CARASA/L.A., the Committee for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization Abuse, is offering a series of public educationals to explore all the major issues of reproductive freedom. Our first potluck/educational was on the psychology, morality, and politics of abortion, and another educational on abortion is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 28th. Call CARASA at 399-2782 for more information.

We are also urging people to attend the next meeting of the County Hospital Advisory Board to protest the elimination of abortion services and training at County Hospital. The meeting is at 1:30 PM, Thursday August 6th, rm. 1729, County General Hospital. Call the above number to join a carpool from Venice. ▲

- Louise Sherley

Sadie & Bill continued from pg. 3 and other women, and out of which the Coalition for Economic Survival grew, with help from Sadie! Sadie helped form a Venice chapter of C.E.S. in the 70's. And she and Bill helped get the Peace & Freedom Party on the ballot in '68 and organized for it in East Hollywood, the neighborhood they lived in then.

Bill & Sadie were at the 1st meeting of the Venice Town Council and objected then to Pat Russell that there was no area council for their area east of Lincoln. Russell never formed one, since the area was in Braude's district. But Sadie & Bill were very active in the Town Council from then on. And they worked on the rent strike at the Kemper Apts., picketing & petitioning day in & day out. The Kemper strike, several years later, resulted in a very pro-tenant State Supreme Court decision regarding habitability.

Sadie & Bill were VOP-COOP members, too. In fact, just about any community organization with any sort of progressive politics they were either involved in or supported actively.

Folks as dedicated and resilient as Bill and Sadie are important to a community, especially a community like Venice that has had to fight for its existence. We will miss them and their fighting spirit. Adios, amigos cariñosos! ■

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White to Life

NEW YORK (LNS) - Arizona State Representative Jim Rattcliff, a noted "right-to-life" advocate, has conceded that he can see at least one situation in which abortion should be permitted. On a Phoenix radio program, Rattcliff recently allowed he would make an exception when a woman "is impregnated by a colored rapist." When the interviewer pressed him to explain the difference between rape by a Black man and rape by a white, Rattcliff, who describes himself as "a very religious man," replied only, "It makes a hell of a lot of difference."

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The Alliance for Survival has announced that they expect Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to be granted a license to operate the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant at any time after August 1, and so the large-scale land and sea blockade is imminent. People who plan to be a part of this last stand against the opening of Diablo are reminded that no one will be allowed to participate who has not undergone Alliance sponsored non-violent training for civil disobedience.

People who want to go to San Luis Obispo but have not been trained can call the Alliance at 399-1000 or 617-2118, for details and schedules.

HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI

36 Years of Fallout

by Peter Kelly

"As for the atomic bomb itself, I believe it is the greatest of all American inventions, and one of the imperishable glories of Christianity. It surpasses the burning of heretics on all counts, but especially on the count that it has given the world an entirely new disease, to wit, galloping carcinoma."

So said H.L. Mencken in the early years of the atomic age.

In 1981, on the 36th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the reality of the nuclear arms race is so serious, and so terrifying, that Mencken's sarcasm almost sounds like gallows humor. Serious, because the nuclear arsenals of the U.S. and Russia are large enough to destroy the world many times over, and because nuclear weapons are spreading among the nations of the world at an alarming rate. Terrifying, because the fingers on the button now belong to men like Ronald "I'm All American" Reagan and George "We Can Win A Nuclear War" Bush.

But, perhaps the most disturbing trend is the growing number of religious fundamentalists and right-wing spokespeople preaching the inevitability of nuclear holocaust, usually as the prelude to the Second Coming. Secretary of Interior James Watt, for instance, justifies his policies with his belief that, since there will be no future generations, there is no reason to preserve the environment.

This kind of talk is serious business. These doomsdayers are conditioning people to accept and even welcome nuclear war. All their talk and energy is empowering the idea of nuclear war. The next step is for the idea to become manifest, for nuclear war to happen.

In the face of the gathering darkness, the forces of light are still struggling to be seen, still proclaiming the message of peace, hope, and cooperation. Now it's time for all of us to find the courage to speak out, and to show our strength by joining together. We must empower the idea of peace.



I have been feeling desparate a lot lately, and so I'm very glad to hear about all the action taking place this year to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days. Fittingly, the first event was a public forum on Aug. 2nd, presented by the first victims of the atomic age, the atomic bomb survivors and the American vets who took part in the above-ground bomb tests of the late 40s and early 50s. They presented the history of their medical problems, and, in the case of the American GIs, the story of U.S. government and VA indifference.

Here is the calendar of events:

- THURS., AUG. 6 to SUN., AUG 9 - INTERNATIONAL FAST. Participate in a worldwide call for fasting.
- THURS., AUG. 6, 7 AM to 9 AM - PEACE BANNERING. Legal protest in front of Rockwell Corporate Offices, 2250 Imperial Hwy., El Segundo.
- THURS., AUG. 6, 4 PM to 7 PM - DEMONSTRATION at the WLA Federal Building demanding that Congress support disarmament.
- FRI., AUG 7, 7 AM to 9 AM - PEACE BANNERING, again at Rockwell.
- SUN., AUG 9 - LEAFLETTING - at churches and beaches. Leaflets can be had from the Catholic Worker, 632 N. Brittonia St., L.A.

The demonstrations at Rockwell are being organized by the L.A. Catholic Worker and Concerned Citizens for National Security. "We are continuing our focus on Rockwell because it is one of the largest military contractors in the country. It holds contracts for the development of the MX missile, the Trident submarine, and is the sole producer of plutonium triggers for all nuclear weapons in the U.S.", the organizers state.

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THE VOICE OF REVOLUTION

CISPES Interview with Mr. Victor Rubio, Official Spokesman for the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) of El Salvador in the U.S.

by Chris Conybeare and John Witeck
Liberation News Service

What position do you hold in the Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) of El Salvador? Prior to your present revolutionary work, what was your background?

I am the official spokesperson for the FDR in the United States. We do have ambassadors, but where we are not recognized yet as the legitimate government of El Salvador, we have diplomatic commissions, which are playing roles which are very essential to our struggle. I myself am an engineer. I am also a member of a member organization of the FDR, the Independent Movement of Professionals and Technicians. This organization includes doctors, lawyers, engineers, and other professional and technical people. The Front itself is very broad, as is indicated by our presence in it. I went to school in the U.S. but was born and raised in El Salvador. I left at age 17 to attend school in California, at San Francisco State, in the anti-Vietnam War days, and of course got involved. I then went back to El Salvador and resided there but came back to the U.S. later to work. Now I've been going back and forth over the past 5 years, doing what I can for the Front.

Could you give us a brief history of the nature and composition of the FDR?

The FDR was formed just over a year ago, on April 18, 1980. It was a culmination of many years of struggle, of mass organizations and political parties and combatants coming together in opposition to the Junta—the present, illegitimate government of El Salvador. Before the FDR formed, only the fighting organizations were represented and unified. Now the Bloc includes some 30 organizations plus the peasant organizations. FAPU, the working people's organization, had some semblance of coordination. But it was not till last year, with the collapse of the first Junta which came to power in October 1979, that all the organizations sat down and decided on a common course of action: unity and continued struggle through a unified front.

The FDR is truly representative of 80 percent of the people. It includes 143 trade unions, the two major universities, the organizations of professionals, mass political organizations which existed prior to the FDR's founding, and all the political opposition parties except for a small faction of the Christian Democrats led, of course, by Duarte. It is the broadest alliance of progressive forces in the history of El Salvador. It is very pluralistic; it includes workers, peasants, students, merchants, religious leaders, and professionals.

What is the relationship of the FDR to the Farabundo Marti Liberation Front (FMLN)?

The FMLN is part of the FDR. It represents the coming together of all the fighting organizations—the FPL (Popular Liberation Front), the FARN (Army of National Resistance), and the ERP (Popular Army of Revolution)—under the FMLN banner. The FDR's platform includes the consensus with the FMLN. It is a coordinated alliance.

Would you please comment on the role of the U.S. in El Salvador and the effect of U.S. aid and the presence of U.S. advisors?

The role of the U.S. in El Salvador goes back a long ways. Toward the end of the last century and the beginning of this one, El Salvador was becoming an agricultural country with the beginning of huge coffee plantations. The government expropriated land belonging to Indians and peasants and gave it to a very few families. This infrastructure was necessary for marketing coffee, which was done with North American and British capital. Later, diversification and light in-

dustry emerged on the economic scene, and El Salvador became a source of cheap labor and a field of investment. By 1950, foreign investment stood at \$20 million; by 1978, it reached \$200 million, before declining to about \$150 million recently, due to the present situation in the country. The impoverishment of the peasants owing to government economic policies and expropriation of lands led to the first phase of struggle, and with it the massacre of 30,000 peasants in 1932. The ruling oligarchy and military formed the necessary alliance for the repression of the peasants.

Many Salvadorean officers have been trained by the U.S. for over 30 years, at places like the School of the Americas in Panama. It's only recently that it has become massive—some \$67 million in direct economic aid last year, and over \$180 million, if you include the International Monetary Fund and Bank for International Development monies which are tied to the U.S. Massive military aid has brought increased repression. Since the people are more than ready to fight back, the government has adopted a policy of genocide against the civilian population, hoping as in 1932, that through genocide they can postpone their demise and break the people's spirit.

The U.S. has supplied 3,432 tons of military equipment and ammunition to the Junta this year. Over 11,000 were killed last year by the security forces, army and death squads, which work closely together. The Junta uses weapons of U.S. manufacture for their genocide. The murder last year of 600 persons at the Sumpul River has been dwarfed by the March 27 massacre this year of 1,500 people, burned alive in caves at La Sentada in Morazan Province, on the northeast border with Honduras. The Honduran armed forces participated in the massacre and returned those refugees who had managed to escape across the border to their executioners. This took place as part of a brutal military strategy called Operation Sandwich, the "entrapment of rebels between two lines of fire," between Honduran and Salvadorean army forces.

Could this Junta survive without this U.S. aid?

Without the U.S. aid, the Junta could not stay in power. It has no base of support, except in the oligarchy. The FDR includes everyone else. Repression made possible with massive U.S. aid is the only thing keeping them in power.

The Future Democratic Revolutionary Government

What will be the character of the Democratic Revolutionary Government that is being called for by the FMLN-FDR?

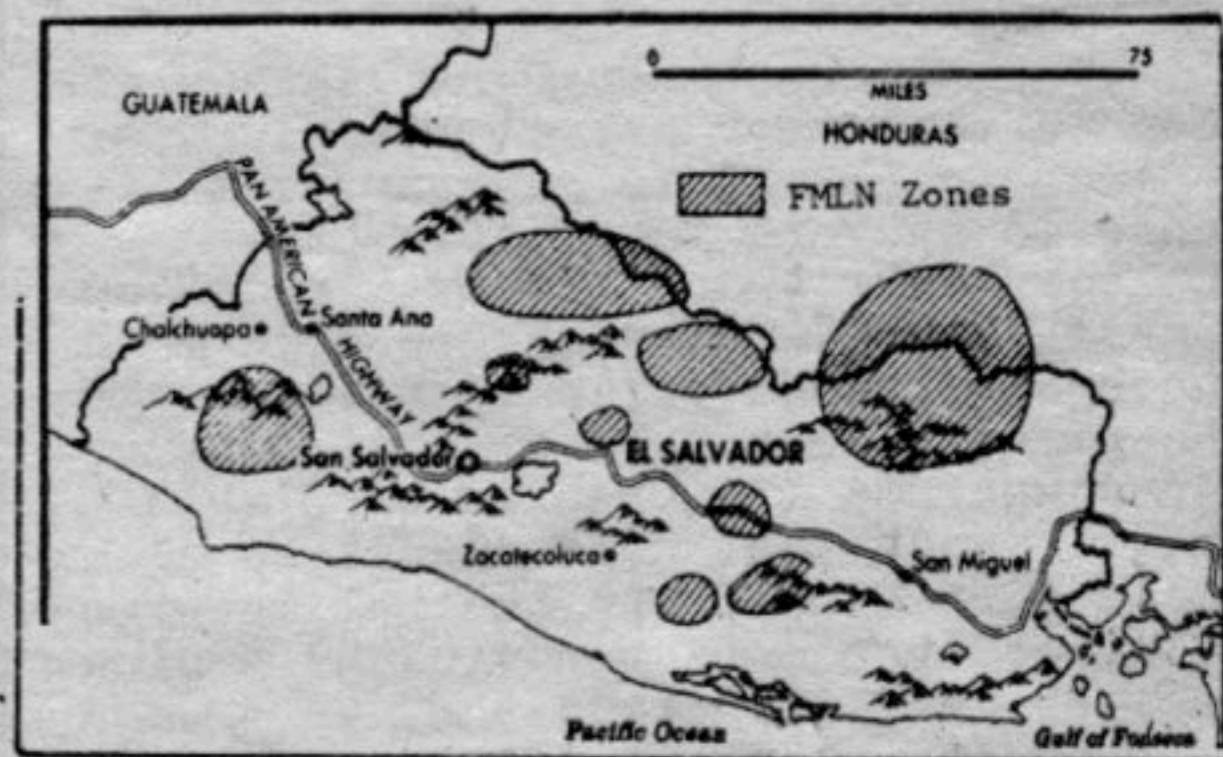
First of all, all organizations in the FDR got together a platform of changes they wish to see in society. We see our struggle will result in a government which will eliminate the conditions that now exist in our country, causing half of the peasant children to die before reaching age 5; a 90 percent illiteracy rate in rural areas; and a 46-year overall life expectancy in our country, which is even lower in rural areas.

Our government would allow children to be educated; it would undertake a better distribution of the land. Presently, 1.5 percent of the population owns 60 percent of the land. In 1881, 14 families were given the peasants' lands. Today, 2,000 families control 50 percent of our country's economy; the other 50 percent goes to the rest of the people. That means that 88 percent of the population receives less than \$10 a month! Given those conditions, all the organizations in the FDR feel the primary consideration must be to eliminate the oligarchy and its repressive apparatus, gain national independence from the U.S. and win true self-determination.

These positions don't label our kind of government. We see that private business will be allowed and stimulated to continue. We will also stimulate farmers and redistribute land from the oligarchy, but we will not necessarily have sweeping nationalization. We will



Farabundo Marti. Drawing from El Salvador Solidarity Campaign, London.



(Staff note: An interview with Mario Aguinada Carranza, one of the leaders in El Salvador of the FDR-FMLN, was too long to print in the Beachhead. It is, however, a more detailed and in depth picture of the situation in El Salvador at the present time. For a copy of the interview, write to the Broad Movement in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (MASPS), P.O. Box 38735, L.A. 90038. Enclose a long S.A.S.E.)

nationalize energy industries and communications industries like I.T.T.

The present economic system is bankrupt. The Gross National Income has gone down 2 percent in 1979, 12 percent in 1980, and I believe 19 percent so far in 1981. This decline happened despite \$190 million in aid last year, and some \$450 million this year. Nearly \$2 billion has left El Salvador over the last 2 years, and a lot of that \$450 million of the U.S. taxpayers' money will also make a bee-line to private Swiss bank accounts of oligarchs and generals. The oligarchs know they'll have to leave. There have been defections from the armed forces and even Orden (the right-wing paramilitary group.) There can be no making amends or reparations, even if the oligarchs were so inclined. So eventually they must and will leave.

A for our major task after victory, it must be improving the economic situation. That's a big problem. We have a freakish economy based in export crops, coffee, cotton and sugar cane. The people now in power don't care if the people eat. The democratic revolutionary government must worry about feeding everyone, and we won't be able to convert from these cash export crops to food crops overnight. There'll be a period of using the proceeds from these crops to redistribute them so that we can grow enough food for our people.

There have been comparisons between the role of the U.S. in S.E. Asia and its present role in El Salvador. What are the prospects as you see them for the increased participation of U.S. military forces?

I can tell you what increased U.S. military intervention would lead to. Just a short while ago, 250 National Guards of Puerto Rico were sent to El Salvador, and another 100 were sent to Panama, presumably to be trained there and then sent to El Salvador. If this type of intervention is escalated, it would become regional and another Vietnam would develop. We are confident we would win, but at a much greater cost in lives. Over 20,000 have already been killed. Ten times as many will be killed if the war becomes regionalized and prolonged. That depends on the U.S. government. That's why I'm here in the U.S. doing solidarity work. In the final analysis, the question of whether the U.S. will directly intervene is not up to us, but it's up to you.

News reports of massacres on the Salvador-Honduras border indicate cooperation between the military forces of both countries, and other reports indicate that Guatemalan military and para-military units have participated inside El Salvador. What are the implications for regionalized conflict in Central America?

There is a great deal of cooperation among El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. The media reported that U.S. envoy Bewdler's mission to El

Salvador was to investigate the murder of the nuns, but he actually visited Honduras to get that country to arrange increased coordination with El Salvador's military. The Honduran military forces have been actively oppressing our people and have been extremely hostile to refugees in the border area. The Honduran peasants, however, have aided our refugees, and now are facing stronger repression from their government. A good number of them are now joining our FMLN forces.

In Guatemala, under the Lucas government, 3 to 4 thousand ex-Samoza National Guards (from Nicaragua) are massed near the border with El Salvador. But the situation with Guatemala is different, since there is a higher level of revolutionary activity in Guatemala than in Honduras. Four armed insurrectionary organizations exist in Guatemala, and the government there has had its hands full repressing its own people, killing around 50 people a day. The Guatemalan revolutionaries are looking at the El Salvador experience. They are capable of coordinated actions and have recently conducted over 40 different actions over a period of a few weeks. The Honduran army does not have the same problem and is more able to participate with the Junta in the war in El Salvador.

The Reagan administration is counting on U.S. domestic opinion and the support of the international community for its policies in El Salvador, but has been very unsuccessful. The so-called "White Paper" they issued made everyone laugh at them. The U.S. is very isolated in Latin America on its policy, except perhaps for Venezuela and Argentina. The Reagan administration appears to be pursuing a policy of regional cooperation of military forces in the war, with Argentina, and maybe Chile and Brazil joining in a military invasion of El Salvador to put down the insurgency. Whether this will or can happen depends on various factors, but I suspect the people of those countries would not like it at all, and that the U.S. would fool nobody by this invasion, and would be condemned internationally.

The White Paper

Could you tell us more of your reaction to, and analysis of, the U.S. "White Paper"?

Only about 40 or so copies were released, so it's obvious that the Reagan administration has been playing it down. First of all, the White Paper's synopsis is that the Salvadorean revolution is the result of a group of communists internationally coordinated by Cuba, and ultimately by the Soviet Union, which has created the revolutionary conditions in El Salvador and is carrying on subversion against the "moderate centrist government" of the Junta. The Junta has

been attempting to mediate the conflict between contending ultra-left and ultra-right forces.

This is an obviously false and discredited point of view. The White Paper ignores the historical perspective of El Salvador. The Salvadorean people have been waging armed struggle for over 10 years, and have developed diverse methods of acquiring arms. One method has been that they manufacture their own weapons. Another way has been by capturing them in combat from government forces or through mass defections of soldiers such as what occurred in Santana when 180 soldiers defected, in December, 1980. Finally, arms can be purchased on the international market, through a wide spectrum of solidarity and support. For instance, the people of West Germany donate \$400,000 to our struggle, and one individual in France contributed a check for \$15,000. But does this mean France and West Germany are arming our struggle?

The long period of struggle and repression has led to our revolution, not an outside or imported force. The struggle was not created by outsiders. Our people don't have to be told they're being killed, exploited or oppressed. One truth is clear: U.S. intervention has contributed to the murder of the nuns, of the 6 members of the FDR, and of thousands of peasants. This U.S. aid is a fact; it is the one reality.

As for the White Paper's "facts," they are supposedly based on notes captured from guerrilla sources which were in possession of the government before Reagan came to power. But the notes do not support the allegations of the White Paper. For instance, the notes do say that an FDR leader visited socialist countries, but they also say he got a cool reception in Moscow, and that the popular organizations were worried about that reception's effect on the response of other socialist countries. Yet the White Paper does not mention this. Also, in the notes, it was revealed that the guerrilla soldiers were concerned about the lack of weapons. It said only 10 tons were received, but never indicates which countries they came from, contrary to the White Paper's claim. The White Paper is discredited and no longer used by the Reagan administration. They're now going back to the line of a centrist Junta, a moderate "civilian" government fighting extreme elements of both the Left and the Right. The people didn't go for their "war on communism" line.

Can you comment on the AIFLD (American Institute for Free Labor Development) strategy and the land reform program which was much acclaimed by the Carter administration? Is it likely to continue under Reagan?

Reagan's administration is not talking about land reform. Some former Carter administration officials are still

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Grey Panther Lament

please whatever gods there be
 save me from those zombie eyes
 that fix on me
 let me shriek my pain in vain
 let me go insane
 but before the curtain falls
 and I limp across
 life's last stages
 save me oh god
 from all contemporary
 lifeless sages
 protect me from the youth
 all by strange fires consumed
 no phoenix from their ashes rise
 and at my final gasp
 in nursing home
 or indifferent hospital bed
 obscenity in attendance
 can I still tremble at the thought
 of all those politicians
 stuffed vultures under glass
 and what their gods have brought

--G. Ridley

On The Beach

Put on your Cosmic Shoes
 and do a Tantric twostep
 softly to the shore
 the venice shuffle
 o'er shit and shingle
 thru condemned dwellings
 their toes in the sand
 that strain against
 the master plan
 Developers
 so misaligned
 who take the meat
 and leave the rind
 to those for whom
 no allowance is made
 when the price extracted
 is too high to be paid
 then a dance of death
 with dogs of doom
 by bloodstained sea
 'neath a jaundiced moon
 will surely change
 the piper's tune
 who soothes the
 melancholy crowd
 on a mindless march
 into the surf
 while the drummer who bops
 to a different beat
 can't walk on the earth
 that's under his feet
 without a fine
 or a forfeiture of time
 but should
 like a leming
 cast his corpse to the sea
 and it all comes down
 to you and me
 are you a developer
 or a developpee?

--Stefan--

MOTION

All those passing our table
 swift summer sidewalk cafe
 motion motion nightlight motion
 All those people
 carrying suitcases of shadows
 Are they moving passing
 or are we

by Emilie Glen

found in the journals of Stuart Z. Perkoff

dark Venice fat moon nite without any
 stars. drama in the alleys! Extra! Extra!
 poet found weeping behind garbage cans!
 Caught today as he wept his way thru the
 back alleys of Venice, Poet Stuart Z. Perkoff
 was arraigned today, and the district attny
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Oh! Ye who delight in the poetry of motion,
 Come into our surf-Santa Monica's Ocean.
 This surf we shall make so delicious for you,
 By emptying into the sea all the sew-
 age and stuff Santa Monica's plains
 Can collect from her cesspools and stables
 and drains.

Chorus: Oh! Come to the sewage provided for you,
 Your both in the ocean, besprinkled-
 Oh! Phew!

Homeopathy says that a millionth dilution
 Of poison is yet an efficient solution!
 An infinitesimal drop! Oh then say
 If a million gallons, poured into the bay,
 From the foul public sewer, can't poison the
 brine

Which people, who bathe in it, swallow like
 wine.

Chorus:
 The tide that throws back on the sand of the
 beaches

Big timbers that went out to sea, teaches
 The fact that we do not get rid of a curse-
 The germs of disease- but spread them the
 worse!

The slime that, when nitrified, adds to the
 tilth

Of the soil may be cholera! masking in filth!
 Chorus:

We who do not dispute it, as true to the letter,
 Small "trade" may be brisker, and "time's"
 rather better,

While building the sewer that runs out to sea!
 But is there a shadow of reason why we
 Should forget, that when Venus arose from her
 shell,

She did not arise to get out of a smell?
 Chorus:

It is easy to build the first sewer, like sinning;
 But taxed owners know this is only a beginning.
 When everyone quits us who wants a clean bath,
 Deep water Redondo, San Pedro, will laugh!
 And, if fishing continue to any extent
 Santa Monica's fish will add penance to Lent!

Chorus:

--Outlook, March 18, 1893

This ain't no
 classless society
 the beggar said
 as he drank
 his tea.
 The aim of all
 is to survive
 to sing some songs
 to stay alive.
 But the stories told
 to young and old
 say nothing of
 the poor like cold
 That rips at all
 who are alive
 and toasts martini's
 after 5:00.

Andrew Von Sonn

the devotional

don juan and galileo debated
 upon a philosopher's stone,
 and though they both spoke
 a different language,
 they finally agreed they were home.

hope danced with depression
 across a carpeted floor

and faith
 was into leather and chains
 and submission on death's door.

the lovers ate turtle doves
 and the cyclops ate a queen
 while forty wisemen ranted in the bathroom
 chanting multi-mystic
 dreams.

the time seemed so natural
 as if it were a voyeur's well trained pet,
 chasing all our future,
 knowing by sight, bad debts.

when morning came the police could
 not believe
 that don juan was
 impaled upon his lance
 and that galileo
 could not see.

i tried drinking, therapy, and just believing
 it was not so,
 but

the drunken angel
 wrapped around my chest
 giggled and said-

tell the snake nothing
 and god will never know.

by wf.h.

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SPIRULINA

Webster's Dictionary

spirula i.e. spirulina:

any of a genus (Spirula) of a small dibranchiate cephalopods having a many-chambered shell in a flat chambered shell in a flat spiral.

dibranchiate:

of or relating to a group (Dibranchia) of cephalopod mollusks including the squids and octopuses and having two gills, 2 auricles, 2 nephridia, an apparatus for emitting an inky fluid, and either and or 10 cephalic arms bearing suckers or hooks.

cephalopod:

any of a class (cephalopoda) of mollusks including the squids, cuttlefishes and octopuses, having a tubular siphon under the head, around the front of the head a group of muscular arms usually furnished with suckers, highly developed eyes and usually a bag of inky fluid which they can eject from their siphons.

cephalic:

of or relating to the head, directed toward or situated on or in or near the head.

plankton:

the passively floating or weakly swimming animal and plant life of a body of water.

mollusk:

any of a large phylum (Mollusca) of invertebrate animals (as snails or clams) with a soft unsegmented body usually enclosed in a calcareous shell; broadly: SHELLFISH.

calcareous:

resembling calcite or calcium carbonate especially in hardness; consisting of or containing calcium carbonate; also, containing calcium; growing on limestone or in soil impregnated with lime.

calcium carbonate:

found in nature as calcite and aragonite and in plant ashes, bones and shells and used in making lime and portland cement. It is a salt CaCO_3 .

portland cement:

produced by calcining to incipient fusion a mixture of argillaceous and calcareous materials.

lime:

a caustic highly infusible solid that consists of calcium oxide often together with magnesia and is obtained by calcining limestone, shells, or other forms of calcium carbonate - called also caustic lime.

calcite, CaCO_3 :

a mineral, consisting of calcium carbonate crystallized in hexagonal form and including common limestone chalk & marble.

calcium:

a silver-white bivalent metallic element of the alkaline-earth group occurring only in combination.

bivalent:

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Watt's On Second?

by GONZO

Well placed sources in contact with the Department of Interior inform us that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is in trouble with Secretary of the Interior James H. Watt. Apparently, Watt refuses to believe that USGS scientific age-dating techniques show the earth to be 4.5 billion years old. Instead, he prefers the 6,000 year age found by certain biblical scholars. It is not clear at this time if Watt will issue a decree ordering that the age of the earth be reduced by 4.49 billion years.

The implications of such a move could have a drastic impact in many areas. Consider, for example, the beleaguered Social Security System. If Watt is successful in lowering the age of the earth, insiders in Washington agree that Budget Director David Stockman may try to push congress to enact his somewhat controversial "calendar revision law."

The proposed calendar revision act would eliminate the decade of the 1960's. All persons born during those years would have their birth certificates altered to a 1970's date, making them 10 years younger. Therefore, they would reach retirement 10 years later, and thereby reduce demand for Social Security benefits.

According to informed sources, Stockman argues that the savings accrued from such a move could be used to finance much needed social programs such as the MX missile or the B-1 bomber.

Local school officials, however, have allegedly voiced concern over Stockman's calendar act: it would mean that the 1960's kids would be in school 10 years longer and therefore the schools would require more teachers and classroom space. Los Angeles School Board Member Roberta Weintraub was overheard saying, "While I'm in philosophical agreement with the calendar law, I must insist that Stockman abolish the 1950's, instead of the 50's"

Police chief Darral Gates agrees, claiming that Stockman's law would double the number of adolescents who might commit crimes. Gates is alleged to have said, "Even with the new electric cattle prods, attack dogs, choke holds, and nerve gas we can't keep these kids under control. Now Stockman wants to give us more! I'm with Roberta on this one."

The comments by Weintraub and Gates are rumored to have drawn sharp rebukes from several top cabinet officials including Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger. Sources say that Haig

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Well, this is our 21st year as a legal entity. Few of you might remember our happenings which commenced in Beverly Glen with Norman Rose, then graduated in the early Fifties to the Stone Brothers on Sawtelle Boulevard in West Los Angeles and eventually, The Temple in 1960, a concept which grew from the late Wallace Berman exhibit at the original Ferus (ferrous: wild, unmanageable, untameable) Gallery in the mid-fifties. Due to our space limitations, we are only able to service individuals, couples and small groups. However, we are still open to a miracle in the form of enough space to house our broader activities of dance, theater, art, films, poetry, literature, etc. And a library & memorial museum named for Pantale Xantos. And Childrens' workshops. And, and,

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muttered, "Pragmatizingly spoken utterances such as Weintraub's have no place in America. The 1950's are sacred!"

On the other hand, Secretary of Energy James Edwards is believed to be in favor of abolishing the 1970's. A leaked memo from Edwards to his staff states, "Let us remember that most of the nuclear power plants that are operative today were built in the 70's. If we abolish the seventies, then we could postpone the decommissioning of those reactors by 10 years!"

The White House is somewhat embarrassed by the controversy. Reporters calling for clarification of the issue have been met with a stoney, "we can neither confirm or deny the story." President Reagan may be asked shortly to intervene in the matter. It is expected that he might sandwich a statement in between his current horseback riding trip in California and next week's National Horse Show in Indianapolis.

In the meantime, the White House statement of last week was superseded yesterday by Haig's pronouncement which was declared 'inoperative' today by Vice President Bush whose action will be 'clarified' tomorrow by Weinberger.

All this raises a new and somewhat tangential question, "who's on first?" ■

1981: Year of the STRIKE

By Christopher Toussaint

1981 may well be remembered by future generations as the Year of The Strike. The power struggle between union and management in every industry is seeing a rapid escalation that threatens to drive inflation up, on one hand, yet curtail basic civil rights of the worker, on the other. And all the while detracting from the quality of the average American's way of life.

As if in a checks and balancing act, the major unions have rallied to take up the slack in fighting for health and safety requirements where, up to recently, the Federal Government has watchdogged industrial standards, to make sure those requirements aren't reduced or eliminated by productivity-conscious employers. Management has retaliated by holding out against pay hikes and benefit increases even in cases where company profits hit all-time highs.



the powerful Writer's Guild and the Baseball Players Assn., are going on the offensive, demanding a share of the decision-making process as well, formerly reserved for management. The concept of worker takeover of ownership has been tested in isolated spots around the country, most notably at Continental Airlines and one Pennsylvania steel mill. The Writer's Guild contract allows for their members to earn more if a production is a success for their employer. This incentive formula of giving laborers a piece of the action, although weildy, is a more equitable and profitable way of payment. Because it can be applied in any industry with a little imagination it may be the wave of the future.

But other unions, such as the Musician's Guild, Postal Workers, and Letter Carriers have been dealt severe blows and their members disallusioned. In the case of the Musician's strike producers went overseas to find their talent, a move that even now after the strike is hurting Guild members. The Postal Workers and Letter Carriers were thwarted by the U.S. Government's anti-strike clause and the Pentagon's threat of mobilizing 100,000 military troops to carry the mail, along with poor negotiating that resulted in a dismal 1 1/2% wage increase over 3 years. The contract still must be ratified but now that all of the pre-deadline militancy has been diffused it will probably be passed. Such is the risk every union must face.

But there are other risks too. Like collusion between the government and its contractors to do away with unions altogether. Three union activists at the National Steel and Shipbuilders Co. in San Diego were indicted for conspiracy to bomb an electrical transformer in an apparent frameup after organizing for safer working conditions at the shipyard (Beachhead, April 1981). Such union-busting tactics, although rare now, may become widespread depending on the outcome of the NASSCO 3's upcoming trial along with equally important Supreme Court decision now pending in the Karen Silkwood second trial to determine the basic freedoms of union activists under the Civil Rights Act, (Beachhead, July 1981).

TARNISHED IMAGE

On the other hand management isn't always the heavy. Teamster's pressure on small independent trucking companies has

been well documented and Mafioso ties to some unions is traditionally acknowledged by almost everyone. Even more predominate is the belief that unionism has hurt business by lowering standards of excellence, promoting nepotism and corruption, inhibiting automation, and interfering with general operations through over regulating.

To overcome this stained reputation, to overcome the rival union infighting, lackadaisical attitudes, and lack of solidarity unions must continually prove that they are vital to American business and their members are worth more than their



non-union counterparts. They just can't demand more money and benefits because they are "united" or to keep ahead of the cost of living. The only cost of living is suffering and death, think about it. Cost-of-living allowances may not cause inflation but they keep it going by admitting that its inevitable-- a vicious cycle that will go bust unless we reverse it soon.

The union leadership constantly must show management that they're no dummies, that they're willing to sacrifice, but they know that the success of any business depends on the happiness of the people who run it on all levels including labor. In the era of the impersonal multinationals and mega-conglomerates the union will, more than ever before, be the only effective voice the individual worker will ever get.

Management will have to resort less on sneaky intimidations, last minute "crisis bargaining", and outright failure to negotiate. They can't just hide behind their lawyers. If they expect to get the most productivity out of their employees they'll have to consider safety requirements first, then come down off their pedestals to prove through oratory and debate that they are truly worthy to be where they are--making the most money.

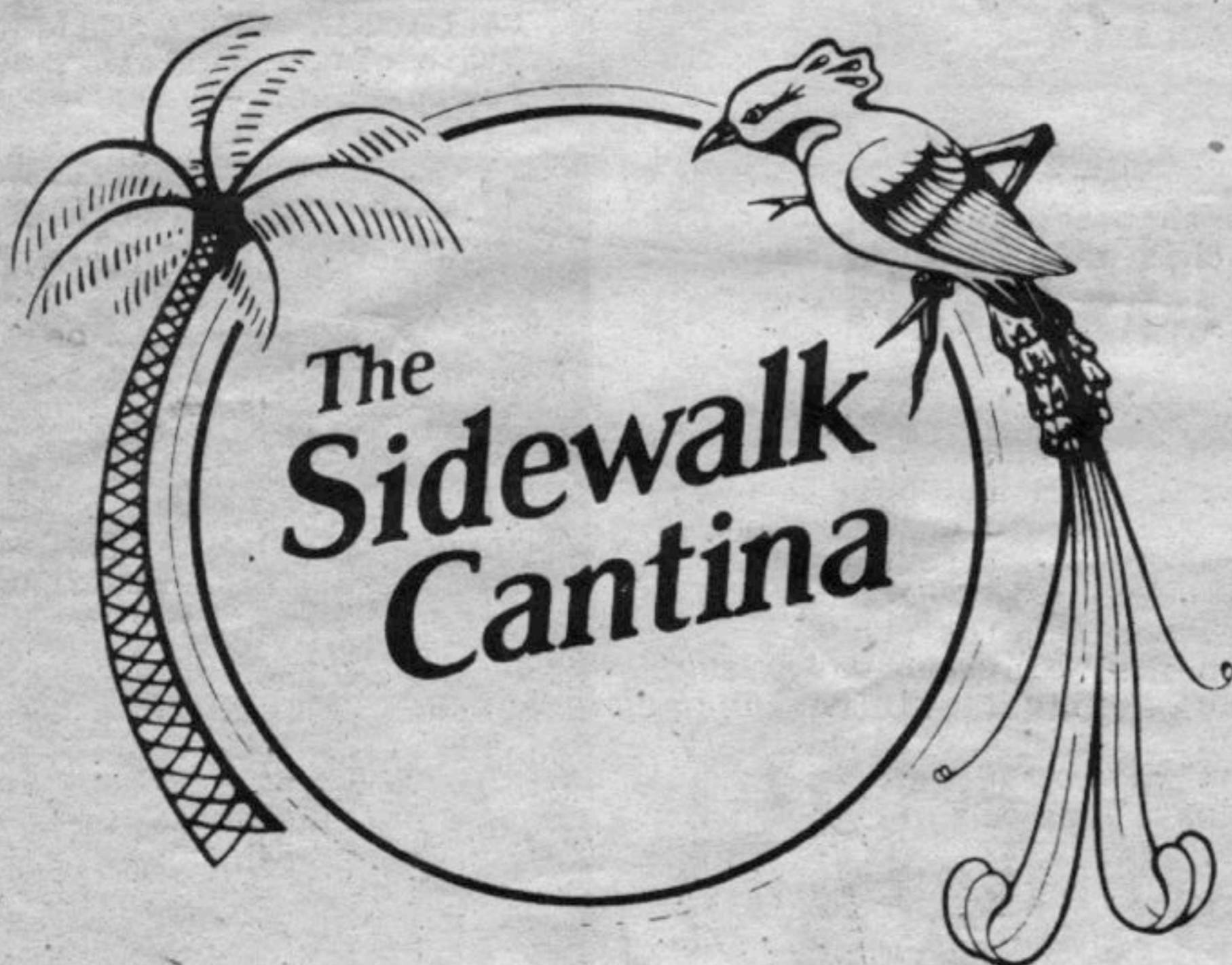
As Gloria Alred summed up in a recent Free 4 All TV broadcast on the subject, "workers and employers must learn to bargain in good faith." Without that we will surely find ourselves in a depression far worse than even our grandparents can imagine. ■



With the Reagan administration's emphasis on pro-big business, laissez-faire economics the next few years will see a battle fought like never before. If the employees don't organize effectively they'll lose everything they took for granted including many of their rights.

Some, like the anti-nuke International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, are not waiting around, taking a more politically outspoken route to see that their members are not exposed to unnecessary risks and have a choice in the outcome of their future.

Yet while most unions have been forced to take the defensive, some, like



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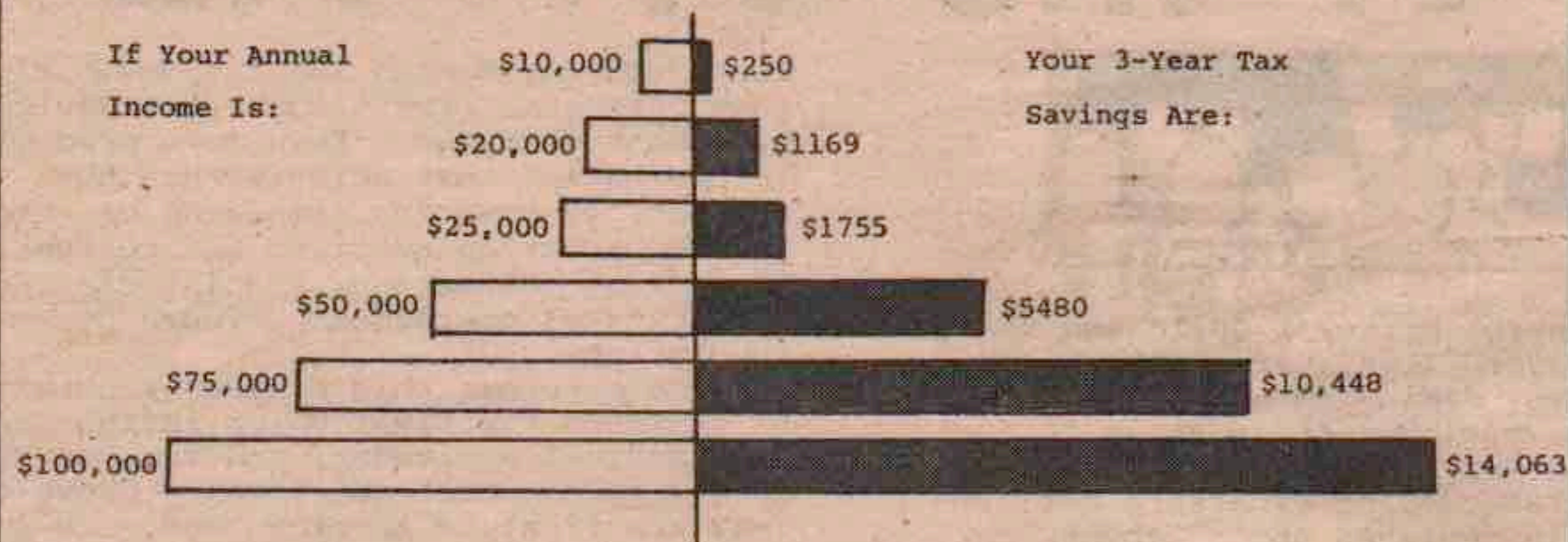
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REAGAN CUTS TAXES FOR THE RICH



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talking about the sweeping land reform program in El Salvador. But the fact is that only Phase I of the land reform was ever initiated, which amounted to less than 5 percent (and not 60 percent) of the land being expropriated. A lot of the expropriated land was used for army bases of operations, or was returned to previous owners by decree. Phase II was meant to be the more important stage, which would affect coffee plantations, plots of 1,200 acres or less. This stage has been indefinitely postponed.

From the beginning, the land reform was militarized. Many of those working with the Institute of Land Reform were killed; in fact, that was part of the strategy, to get leaders elected among the peasants and then to kill them as well as any peasants who were around—they were fair game. The land reform never took place.

As for the killing of AIFLD officials, recently two men, ex-Nazis, I believe, were arrested in Miami. I think this is nothing but a ploy to give credence to the propoganda about the "centrist" Junta taking action against the far right. Nothing could be further

from the truth. That's why even the Institute members are fleeing the country. All the publicity about the Junta denying the Right's bid for power and moving against D'Aubuisson is sheer fiction. D'Aubuisson's power remains intact; he is still a powerful force and commander of para-military squads, like the White Warriors' Union. It just was not expedient for Reagan to have him take over at this time. The U.S. must still have the thin cloak of civilian rule offered by Duarte's presidency. There has been no change in repressive policies and genocidal strategies, only lip service. In the first 6 weeks of 1981, 2,000 people were killed. 534 were killed in the first week of March, and 1,500 more were massacred in the last week of March.

The struggle in El Salvador makes the role of the U.S. military very clear. We agree that our struggle may have many important lessons. The way we in the FDR look at the situation, the greatest contribution we can make to the peoples of the world is to be successful in our revolution, to show that by solidarity and unity within our own country such things are possible. □

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counseling for abortion or prenatal care)

Services which will be continued during the day will be immunization, prenatal care, tuberculosis screening and treatment and care for venereal disease. There will also be treatment for communicable diseases.

The elimination of ambulatory care services however for the Venice Health Center will cause many patients to wait until a crisis arises prior to seeking care. For example, an infant with a prolonged cold and without medical attention may develop pneumonia and require costly hospitalization.

Also, casefinding will be affected. For example, very often cases of tuberculosis, communicable diseases, child abuse and other medical and social problems have been detected through ambulatory care and have received prompt and comprehensive attention.

In addition to medical services offered in the "Youth Clinic" patients have also been able to obtain crisis counseling for problems as battering, child abuse, marital problems, teenage pregnancy, alcoholism, drug abuse, sexual problems, and referrals for environmental problems of food, shelter, and other life-sustaining necessities. The numerous patients will be added to the over-loaded caseloads of other community agencies or will receive no help and result in further personal disorganization and crises.

Also closing its doors permanently is the Culver City Health Center which offered a full range of services to patients who are now advised to contact the Burke Health Center in Santa Monica for care. That closure will have similar impact for the Culver City community.

The remaining staff at the health center will do their best to make the changes in schedules and clinics as easy possible for community residents. However, one cannot help but worry about the future of the community. □

Dear Supervisor Dana;

As a new patient of the Venice Health Center, at 905 Venice Blvd., I was more than shocked to learn that the night shift medical operation is going to be phased out at the end of this month. I'm aware that there have been budget cuts for our State but also wonder if this planned action is a sensible way to solve the problem.

Many patients work during the day and only can see the doctors during the clinic's night shift. Another important point.....many local patients don't have the transportation to get to the "County" hospitals. You know as well as I that

these Health Centers have been vanishing like our National Bird, the Eagle. We need to keep this center in operation!

The Venice Health Center provides a very important function in our community and closing the night shift is a very unwise decision. Many persons are unable to pay the high costs of private medical care and without this health center many will delay their visits to the doctors because of financial reasons and it is possible that their untreated ailments could get worse and spread throughout the community.

Supervisor Dana - Please consider my appeal to you before going ahead with your planned action!

Very truly yours,
Ken Tuvman

Let the three members of the Board of Supervisors who supported these cuts know that you oppose cutting health programs:

- Deane Dana 974-4444
- Mike Antonovich 974-5555
- Pete Schabarum 974-1011

Write and tell them what you think:

Your Supervisor
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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH ALLIANCE is a coalition of organizations, individuals, and health professionals who have come together to fight the cuts. For information call: 627-7064, 582-7371, 385-5555 ext. 303 ■

FREAK OUT

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by Peter Kelly

Recently General Telephone (GTE) asked the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to approve a huge rate hike that would increase the basic monthly residential rate from \$6.25 to \$11.05. This is a 77% increase, with similar increases for other types of service.

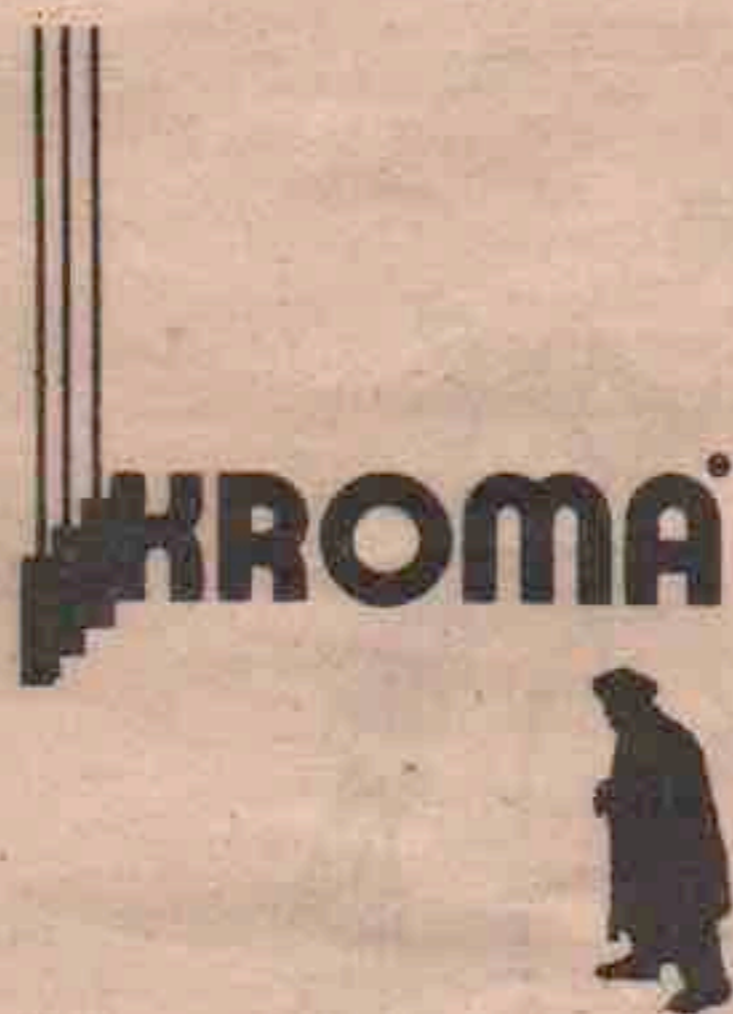
Aggravated and embittered by years of poor service, some GTE customers have responded with a vengeance. The consumer group CAUSE WEST has opposed GTE in the PUC hearings, testified before the State Assembly Committee on Utilities & Energy, and helped the City of Santa Monica conduct a GTE customer survey. This survey found that 84.4% reported the overall quality of GTE service to be "unsatisfactory", 63% that the line often goes dead after dialing, and 77% that there is often excessive noise or static on the line. Citing the survey, Kader commented, "Figures like these cry out for concerted consumer action to make this public phone utility something other than a public nuisance."

To paraphrase the phone company ads, "Freak out! Freak out and touch someone." Here are some suggestions on where to begin.

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FIRST LOS ANGELES CO-OP FAIRE

OCTOBER 4 SET FOR FIRST LOS ANGELES COOPS FAIRE

A historic Co-op event is brewing in Los Angeles with planning for the first Los Angeles Co-ops Faire underway. Co-operative Resources & Services (CRS) is the coordinating organization for this faire at the Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park. An eight person Steering Committee has been meeting regularly laying the foundation for what is likely to become an important on-going event in Los Angeles and serve as a model for co-op faires throughout the country.

Inspiration for the Faire occurred through the networking efforts of CRS. Members of the Steering Committee are: Lois Arkin of CRS, Robin Berger of SCCW, Mike Cluster of the Raisin Consciousness, Nydia Leaf of Co-Opportunity, Ed Lewis of People's Grains and Greens, Dave Magill of Peace Press, Michael Muterspaugh of CRS and Della Rosales of the County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks and Recreation. THE THEME OF THE FAIRE IS "COMMUNITY SELF RELIANCE THROUGH COOPERATION".

There are two major reasons for having the Faire: 1) to bring co-ops and cooperators of all kinds together to feel our strength and numbers and to delight in the variety of our co-ops, and 2) to promote the concept of co-ops with the general public.

Everyone's invited to participate in some way in the Faire to make it truly cooperative in practice as well as spirit. The Faire committee invites your co-op to join the dozens of others already signed up for the Faire.

Some of the groups you'll be joining with at the Faire are: The Southern California Cooperative Warehouse, R.E.I., Co-opportunity, Los Angeles Funeral Society, UCLA Housing Co-ops, The City of L.A. Community Development Department, The Los Angeles Community Design Center, Venice Ocean Park Food Co-op, The Consumer Federation of California, Parent Participatory Nurseries, The California State Department of Consumer Affairs, and many more.

There will be lots of well known co-op speakers like Jerry Voorhis and Derek Shearer. Bands and singers, dancers, and mimes all will be on hand to make and be part of the fun. While all that is going on, we will have a co-op film festival and on-site child care co-op.

If you're a member of a collective or a lateral management structure, you've got special problems shared with other groups in the L.A. area. Some of L.A.'s collectives are: Building Women, Co-opportunity, Free Venice Beachhead, Humanist Construction Co-op, Peace Press, Provisional Theatre, Songwriters Resources and Services, and CRS. We know there are more, so let us know who you are.

A second group that has a lot in common but few know of one another are collective households and apartment houses which function as co-ops. There are some very exciting possibilities that an incorporated collective housing association could make happen.

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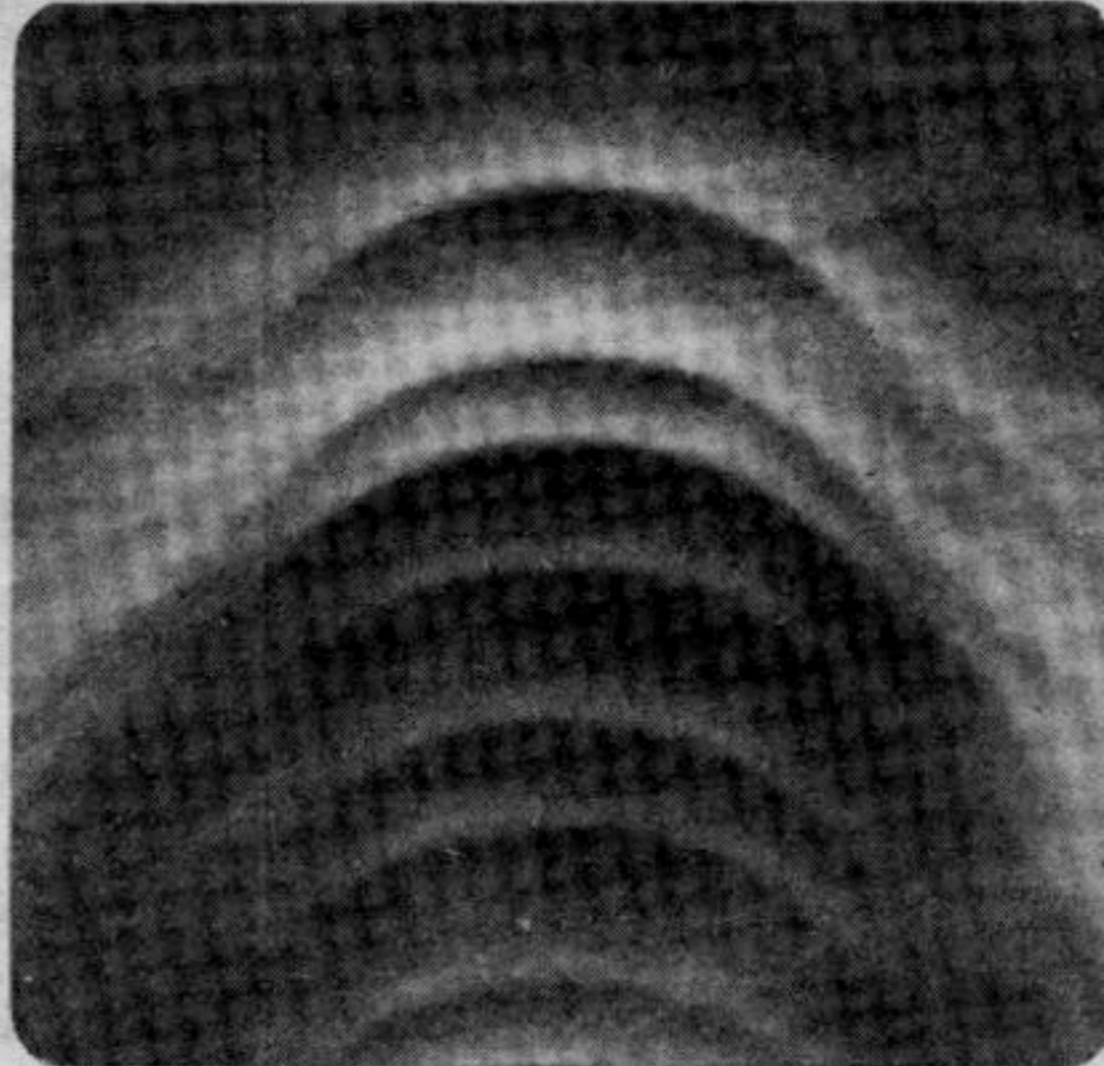
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Once again, Will and Jim, thank you for your contribution to our lives, and may the Comeback Inn continue to flourish in the future the way it has for the last eight years. Happy Birthday!

LEE UNDERWOOD
West Coast Editor
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"In these times of chaos and ill-health, a recipe is as beneficial an offering to Man as the most profound or poetic words."

- Michel Abehsere -

The following is a perfect recipe for these long hot summer days. For people who would rather not have any dairy products or sugar it is guaranteed to be the best substitute for ice cream or sherbert. All that is needed is a blender, a flat, shallow pan, and a refrigerator freezer.

- RHONDA'S BABY HIPPO -

- 1/2 cup apple juice (organic)
- 2 mangos (peel, cut, freeze)
- 2 bananas (peel, wrap in plastic, freeze)

Place frozen fruit and apple juice in blender and puree. Pour into shallow pan and freeze for 20-30 minutes. Then cut the mixture out of the pan and blend on a medium speed. Pour and serve!

The variations on this recipe are only limited by your imagination.

COMING EVENTS

On August 9th, the Comeback Inn will celebrate its 8th Anniversary with a variety of great performances from noon to midnight with such fine artists and groups like: Affirmation, Billy Childs' Trio, Arco Iris, Toni Marcus, Macaw, The Cross Current Duet, Ann Hughes, Toni Marcus, Mandala, and Underwater Traffic.

On Thursday, Aug. 13, 1981, starting at 6:00 PM in the garden of the Comeback Inn, there will be an informal session about **SPIRULINA** with representatives of Dr. Mills' Light Force Co.

Spirulina is a vegetable plankton which is by far more superior in quality to soybeans, yeast, cheese, fish, meat, eggs, and whole milk. It contains all 8 amino acids essential to human nutrition, along with chlorophyll and many other vitamins vital to your body's maintenance and good health.

This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about this incredible wonder food, and how you, too, can become part of the Light Force Company's distribution system. A special dish prepared with Spirulina will be offered for a minimal fee. Please call 396-7255 for further information.

August 30th will mark the Comeback Inn's first Venice Music-Art Festival featuring a spectrum of many Venician artists and performers. **Hith Martinez** will be headlining this event with his multi-media presentation of songs, poetry and slides of his paintings. This will be a reunion of some of the Inn's past performers coming together in celebration of free spirits.

No cover - but we welcome your contributions to keep original fusion alive and flourishing!

now open for lunch!

THE COMEBACK INN

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Include homemade Mexican Cornbread.

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GUACOMOLE & CHIPS \$2.50

HUMMOUS & CHIPS or PITA \$2.50

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MIXED NUTS \$1.50 TRAIL MIX \$1.00

BARBARA'S SESAME PRETZELS \$1.25

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MOTHER EARTH CHIPS (bowl) \$1.00

Sandwiches

with lettuce, tomato, onions, wheat, sesame seed bun, whole wheat, Mother Earth chips, tofu salad, parsley, sprouts and olive koshen dill spear!

AVOCADO TEMPTER 3.50

HUMMOUS FEAST 3.50

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Salads

Delicious Herb dressing and our Mexican Cornbread

VICTORY GARDEN *moderato* 2.50 *fortissimo* 4.25

A delightful array of fresh vegetables and greens.

TASTY TOFU SALAD 2.75 4.50

Wonderfully spiced, exciting textures!

VICTORY AVOCADO 2.95 4.75

Or if you prefer, with guacomole atop.

THE MAIN COURSE 2.95 4.95

A superb sprout salad ~ for vitality!

ATHENS GARDEN 3.50 5.25

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FRESH FRUIT BOWL \$1.75

JAZZY COMBO SALAD WITH OUR FAVORITE QUARTET! 2.95 5.50

GUACOMOLE HUMMOUS SALSA on side TASTY TOFU SALAD

Entrees

moderato *fortissimo*

SPANISH TOSTADA 2.95 5.25

Corntillas with chili beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions and guacomole.

FRENCH PICNIC 2.95 5.25

FRESH slices of ripe and juicy fruits with mellow natural cheeses.

SAVORY GINGER SIZZLE 5.75

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BANANA WALNUT BREAD 1.75

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HOME BLEND VANILLA YOGURT

carob chips 25¢ maple walnut granola 25¢ fresh fruit 45¢ 1.50

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Hummous Guacomole Salsa

Chili Tahini Cheese

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