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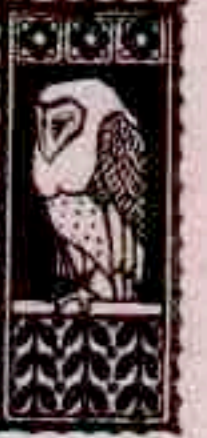
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Uncle Bill Crawford, well-known Venice Musician & Ocean Front resident, was attacked & seriously injured in a recent mugging. At press time he was convalescing well. The Beachhead wishes him a speedy & complete recovery.

## Beyond Baroque's Poetry



### To The Beachhead,

We know that all of us recollect events differently, but we found the Peter Kelly/Liza Braude account of Manazar's departure from Beyond Baroque to be nearly fictional. (June 1981 Beachhead)

George Drury Smith received a call from Peter Kelly the first part of May, saying that The Beachhead had received a "letter" concerning the firing of Manuel "Manazar" Gamboa as president of Beyond Baroque Foundation. Kelly asked if Beyond Baroque wanted to "defend" what it had done. Smith told Kelly that Beyond Baroque had made a statement and the Foundation had nothing to defend, but if Smith or someone at Beyond Baroque could see a copy of the letter, the Foundation would make a reply. Kelly told Smith The Beachhead could not show him the letter. That was the extent of the interviewing done at Beyond Baroque by the authors of the article.

The notion that Manazar was removed so that the Reagan Administration would fund

poetry is ridiculous. The fact is that Beyond Baroque like nearly every other arts organization will suffer severe grant cutbacks and needs public help.

Beyond Baroque has had Expansion Arts grants since 1974 and this is at least in part due to the ongoing multicultural nature of the programs. Certainly the Third World Reading series which Manazar initiated in 1980 was a good thing though there had been numerous minority poets before he began the series. Many of the Third World poets Manazar "brought" to Beyond Baroque and published in *Obras* were by no means making their first appearance with us. Some of the writers who were featured at Beyond Baroque prior to Manazar's program include Curtis Lyle, Ojenke, Otis O'Solomon, Alurista, Victor Valle, Carol Lee Sanchez, S. Diane Bogus, Wanda Coleman, Manazar, Amos Zu-Bolton.

The non-existence of a specifically named "Third World Reading Series" at Beyond Baroque right now is because Manazar did

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# EAT ME, I'M V.O.P.

We really do listen to our members and we really do care.

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## 2 OCEANFRONT LAWN DYING

To the citizens of the community of Venice,

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There is not space to go over the details, but what it amounts to is that the workers who should be taking care of the lawns (repair sprinklers, mow, edge, water and maintain the grounds) are simply not showing up. All that we're getting is a contracted crew showing up and doing 1/2 hour of paper and dog crap pick up (thank heaven for small favors) and disappearing. Consequently, until we can pressure the five employees and two supervisors assigned to our area into doing what they are already being paid to do, either WE care for the landscape along the front, or it will die out and a unique aesthetic community resource will be lost - permanently lost.

### WHAT TO DO.

1. It is fun, easy and gratifying to work on the grounds. If you live on or near the front and wish to help take care of your section, call me at the number listed at the end of this letter and I will get with you and show you how to turn on sprinklers and other nifty landscape-art-type things. Once we get that rolling we can think about neighbor-groups planting and maintaining flowers around trees and possibly small vegetable garden plots.

2. I've made calls at all levels and gotten a lot of concerned talk and no action. It is necessary to swamp the local and county offices with calls. If they get enough calls they will be forced to act. Here is a list going up the chain of authority. Beach Maintenance - Ben Nakaji - 392-4822. Administrator - Mr. Butler (out on injury, ask for Mr. Williams) 545-4502. Area Deputy - Mary Gray - 451-5911 X 291. Chief Deputy Bob Perkins (County Board of Supervisors - Supervisor Dean Dana) 974-4444. Also write complaints directly to DEAN DANA, County Board of Supervisors, Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple, L.A. 90012. Call and write - express your anger at the situation and your unwillingness to accept lying excuses. If I didn't have to work for a living I could maintain the whole lawn myself in a forty-hour week, regardless of what they tell you. They have enough manpower and time to do it; like I said, they are just not showing up. I have also talked to numerous newspaper and TV officials who said they would run a story on a community protest meeting, so inform me of your willingness to participate. That grass strip belongs to US, the members of this community. Let's don't allow them to destroy it through laziness and neglect.

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# MEDIAN STRIP PARKING PLAN

The following came to the BEACHHEAD as a news release from Councilwoman Pat Russell's office (dated 6/18/81):

"Today the City's Finance & Revenue Committee unanimously approved a motion which was brought into City Council by Councilwoman Pat Russell (6th District), to construct an off-street parking lot for public use in the Venice area of Los Angeles.

"The strip of land was originally intended for development of a transit center, but due to financial conditions, it is not feasible at this time. Both the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and the City's Bureau of Street Maintenance approved of an off-street parking lot development on the property, and hope it will alleviate some of the parking congestion in the beach area. 'Parking is at a premium in Venice. We are trying to ease problems related to the parking situation for the people who live in the area and for those who come to use the beaches,' commented

Russell.

"Funds for development of the parking lot are available from parking meter monies which were raised in the 6th Council District; the cost of the project will be approximately \$100,000. As soon as the necessary environmental documents are approved, construction of the parking lot will begin; the lot is expected to be completed in time for use during the summer beach season."

The press release did not mention the location of the proposed parking lot nor did it describe any details regarding the permits required etc. A call to Russell's office revealed that the city-owned land in the Venice Blvd. median strip (between Pacific & Dell Aves.) is the location.

I was unable to find out exactly where the City is in terms of the permits required. But I was told by Ms. Russell's office that they are shooting for a completion date of August 1st.

For more info call Carole Shapiro at the Westchester office; 641-4717.

## FREE VENICE BEACHHEAD

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### WHAT WILL THE HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT MEAN FOR US ?

Women who self-abort or obtain an abortion would be prosecuted for murder. Abortion providers would be prosecuted for murder.

Women who miscarry would be investigated to see if they caused the miscarriage.

Women could be arrested if there is probable cause to believe they will seek an abortion.

Women would be forced to carry to term a fetus with genetic disease or congenital defects.

The physical or mental health of the woman would be legally irrelevant.

Forms of birth control that prevent implantation of the fertilized egg, such as the IUD and the low estrogen pill, would be outlawed.

The anti-abortionists want to stop us from controlling our reproductive and sexual choices, hence our lives. What these people really want is to punish women for being sexual. Why else would they be demanding the elimination of birth control and family planning clinics? Laxalt and several other new right Congressmen have introduced what they are calling the "Family Protection Act" to cut off access to birth control and sex education to teenagers, and to legalize job discrimination against gays. In the past, these people have blocked laws providing shelters for battered women, subsidized daycare, and protection for abused women.

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# Baroque-n Promises

by Lynne Bronstein

I'm glad you have finally published an account of the mendacious actions of Beyond Baroque via a vis Manazar, *Obras* magazine and the Third World. However, I felt Beachhead readers should be informed that there is more to Beyond Baroque's snobbism than racism.

First of all, in addition to firing Manazar, BB also expelled the Venice Poetry Workshop which had met at BB for 12 years! Somehow one can't help feeling that BB was dismayed that the Workshop was being run by people who were not on BB's staff. Acting President Jocelyn Fisher also informed Dave Smith who had been running a film program and emceeing monthly open readings, that it "would be best he withdraw" from these activities. No new film program has been established; a new workshop "for serious students" has been started.

Secondly, my observation, based on years of attending BB events and hobnobbing with other poets, is that Beyond Baroque tends to shut out anyone (regardless of race) who isn't writing according to a certain narrowly defined aesthetic. At present this aesthetic seems to be that those who are not accepted by the high and mighty of the Los Angeles literary "scene" simply are not to be considered, no matter how great their number, venerable their experience, or loud their protests. For a lowdown on this attitude you can read BB Poetry Readings Co-ordinator Dennis Cooper's comments in the current issue of the literary magazine *Bachy*. Cooper's statement reads in part:

"I want Beyond Baroque to have the feeling of being a place where you can go to watch poetry being read as Art, not where you go to see someone in the neighborhood read poems and merely feel happy that they've expressed their feelings in a nice way.....I just don't want to make it a forum just for every Los Angeles poet who happens to decide they want to read there."

Cooper is incorrectly referred to in your article as a "Venice poet," but from this statement it should be clear that in addition to not living in Venice, he doesn't know Venice at all. He betrays his lack of knowledge of the neighborhood in which he presents his readings by dismissing as the "expression of feelings" the artistically rendered expressions of thought and feeling by poets who were active in the Venice poetry scene when Cooper was in grade school. A good example is Bill Margolis, a poet whose involvement with the Beat Scene, literary magazines, the underground press, and various reading series, stretches from the late Fifties to the present. Although Margolis is a nationally known and respected poet, he has not read at Beyond Baroque for at least five years.

Of course by neighborhood I also mean Los Angeles, and in regard to poets not known to Cooper (or not regarded as "important" by him), I also mean the poets who have to publish their own books, the Third World poets, the poets who write in more traditional forms, women poets -- Beyond Baroque presents about seven male poets for every female poet -- you can look at their schedules for the proof. While a wealth of local talent has been ignored, Beyond Baroque has presented poetry-lovers with "the best" in the shape of the best-known poets, the currently accepted "Masters" who, at their featured readings have read to audiences from their boring diaries, signed outographs, and plugged their new books. You can get to see the famous at B. Dalton too, of course.

And I could go on and on. Beyond Baroque's poetry newsletter, allegedly started for the purpose of offering reviews of books (especially small press books) instead wastes space on lists of certain "in-crowd" poets' influences -- which have included the National Enquirer and Talking Heads. A flyer for a recent BB reading advertised a poet from the Northwest as a "raunchy street poet" -- wasn't "street poetry" what Beyond Baroque was trying to save itself from by getting rid of Manazar? Beyond Baroque is now sending out brochures written in fluent Newspeak, hyping their new policies as if they had always existed, and trying to get money from the public to save themselves from the encroaching government cuts. They're offering several strata of Foundation Memberships based on the amount of money donated -- \$100 or more will get the donor "reserved seating" for all events. Like a box in an opera house. Well, there goes the neighborhood!

Beyond Baroque's real goal seems to be gentrification -- a shutting out of all people who don't have the money or the proper status in the literary hierarchy. Such an attitude is, in my opinion, contemptuous of human potential and does not deserve financial or emotional support, certainly not from the "neighborhood" so maligned by Cooper's remarks. When artists (or others) confuse exclusivity with integrity, we're in for big trouble. ▽

## BEYOND BAROQUE'S POETRY (Continued from page 1)

not plan one and did not notify the Board of Trustees until late March that he was not continuing as coordinator of the program and had made no plans whatsoever. (There is a four to five month lead time for programs due to scheduling and publicity.) Minority artists will continue to be featured at Beyond Baroque as they have been throughout Beyond Baroque's 13 years as a literary/arts center.

Contrary to the innuendos of the article, there was no relationship between the appearance of the second issue of *Obras* and the meetings which occurred between Manazar, James Krusoe and George Drury Smith late last year. George Drury Smith's concerns were only with Manazar's failure to take steps to raise funds through borrowing and soliciting contributions to meet a serious cash flow problem that arose in October due to delays in government funds, Manazar's failure in over a year as president to have launched a significant fund raising drive in the private sector, and low morale of the permanent staff due in part to Manazar's announcement that he would not stay on past December 1981, indicating a lack of commitment and making him in effect a lame duck president.

George Drury Smith suggested Manazar resign. Manazar fought the action but did eventually resign. The Board asked him to stay on as director of the Third World programs (which included being editor of *Obras*, coordinator of the Third World Reading Series and member of the Board of Trustees). Manazar resigned all these positions in late March.

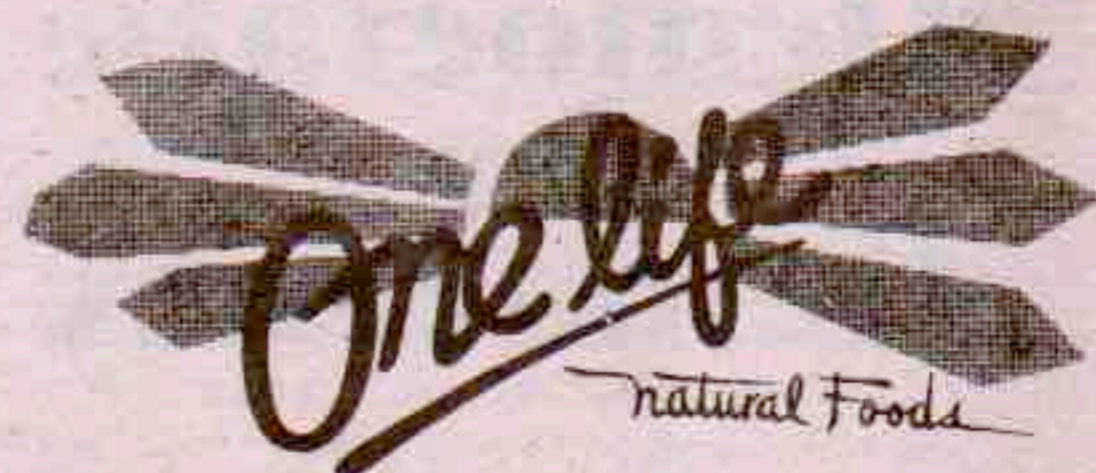
These are the facts concerning Manazar's departure from Beyond Baroque, facts which appear nowhere in the Braude/Kelly article which leans heavily on hearsay and innuendo.

We are distressed that the article appeared without solid research and interviewing and are angered at being labeled racists. ○

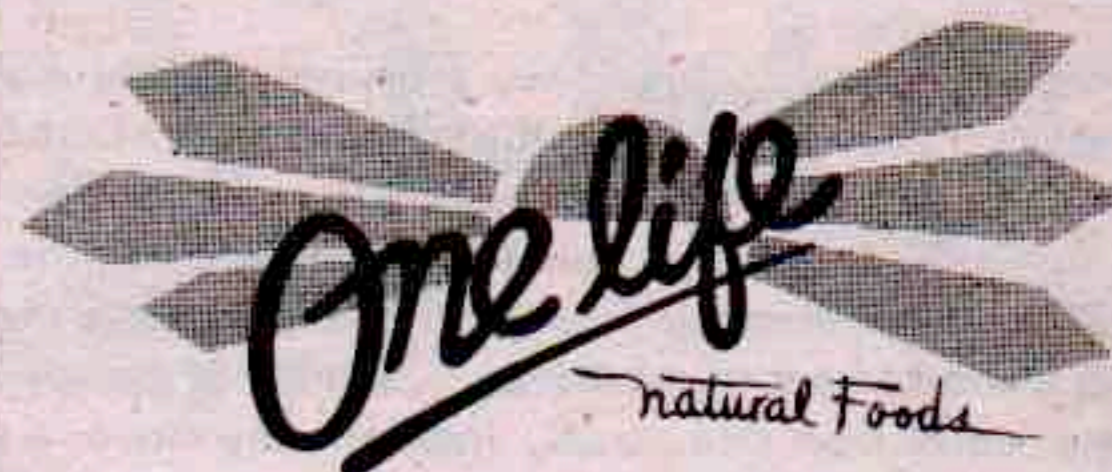
George Drury Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Beyond Baroque Foundation  
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### WOMEN'S PROJECT CLASS

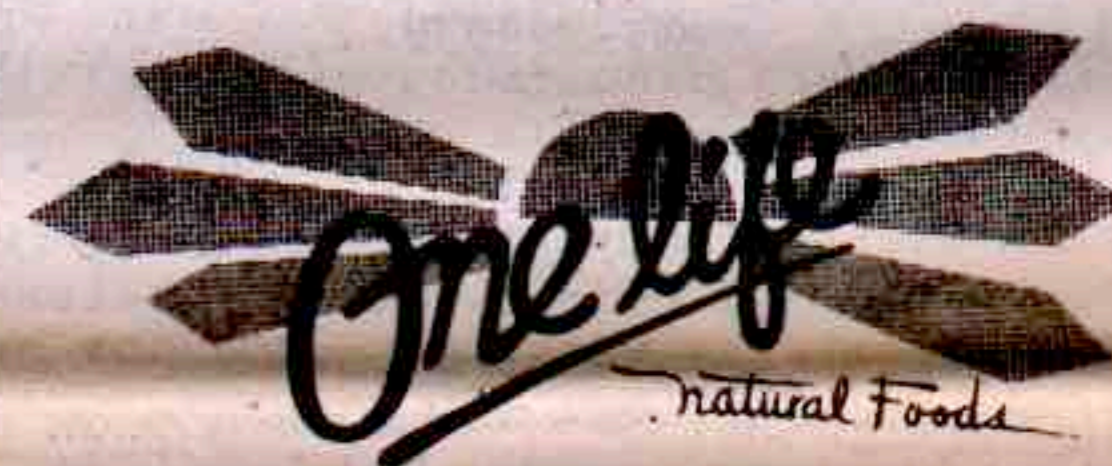
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# Democrats vs. Democracy

In 1962 the Prohibition Party lost California ballot status by having fewer registrants than the required 1/15th of 1% (ca 4,000) of the voting public. The Democrats in the Legislature immediately sprang to the defense of the endangered group and initiated a bill lowering that requirement to 1/20th of 1%. Twenty years later, the Democrats have introduced AB2131, raising the required number of registrants to 1/2 of 1% (ca 50,000), thereby eliminating the Peace & Freedom Party, which currently has 36,000 registrants. Howard Berman has led it as a caucus bill, meaning all Democrats pretty much had to support it. Only six Democrats plus all the Republicans opposed it and the bill passed the Assembly on May 22. It goes to the State Senate in mid-August.

What ties together these two, seemingly opposite principles; one encouraging and the other severely harming smaller parties? Apparently, nothing more or less than traditional, short-term political opportunism. The Prohibitionists drew votes from the Republicans, so the effort was made to keep them alive, whereas P&F presumably takes votes from Democrats, inspiring the move to remove them from the ballot.

Let us recognize that the Democrats have a very serious problem, but one faced by every party in a democracy... their victories are threatened. Bobbi Fiedler beat Jim Corman by only 800 votes, while the P&F candidate got 2,000. Next year's Senate race might be a cliff-hanger between Brown and Goldwater, while P&F'er Dave Wald is a proven vote getter and could make the difference. Perhaps the most threatening statistic is that since Jan, 1980, most Democrat districts lost Democratic registrations: Berman lost 4,000; Levine lost 2,000, and David Roberti lost 6,000. All other groups gained, while the biggest winner was "Decline to State" with a rise of 38,000 in L.A. County. Monthly Peace and Freedom has been gaining 500 registrants in that period statewide.

In November of 1980, the percentage of eligible voters who actually voted was lower than at any time since 1948, while the combined votes for independent and smaller party candidates was substantially higher. In light of these trends, as well as the obvious public dissatisfaction with politics as usual, the 1980's may see fundamental political realignment in the U.S., with increasing numbers of voters seeking ideas and candidates not those of the major parties. It seems clear that AB2131 is designed to hold things in check and to eliminate possible political competition. But these perceived gains for one party must be seen as chipping away at basic foundations of democracy. There is nothing in the constitution to stop either big party from eliminating the Libertarians next year, or making the path to ballot status for a new party next to impossible in the future. This poisoning of the electoral well also comes at a time of a growing threat of governmental repression of ideas and information, and contributes mightily to that threat.

Only four or five of the fifty states have ballot requirements as stringent as California's, which now requires a full 1% of current voters to register in, and form a new party. Those 75,000 registrants are not easy to come by and much more difficult to retain. Many people will register in a new party precisely in order to provide the public with the ideas of that party, but then return to their original party in order to have influence on primary elections. But in general elections, people demonstrate their desire and need for third parties, in that the number of votes cast for small party candidates almost always exceeds the number of registrants in that party. Dave Wald, P&F Senate candidate in 1980, got almost 200,000 votes, six times the number of P&F registrants. For many years, new parties have gotten ballot status only with a very large public demand of 75,000 registrants, but have retained status and access to the public with a much smaller number of true believers (5,000 or so). At a time when our society is obviously in need of new answers to its vast problems, we must not tolerate moves which deny these ideas legitimacy and public access.

The implications of this bill are complex and opposition is mounting from every side except that of the Democratic Party. This includes establishment forces who have a stake in the American public continuing to see elections as the very cornerstone of democracy. Jimmy Carter's concession during election day capped off a severe drop in the number of voters and has openly concerned them. Almost every major California newspaper, radio and tv station has editorialized against the measure, and impor-



## let them eat Agent Orange

by ROBT. WELLS

I suppose since the days of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War it's been customary to see any veterans in motion as part of the progressive movement. But I didn't see anything particularly progressive in the veterans' takeover of the Wadsworth VA Hospital.

The veterans' statement in the BEACH-HEAD said "we wait for President Reagan (President who?!) to meet and discuss why those who fought for their country have yet to be honored for their brave deed." What honor? What brave deed? Whose country? There was surely courage, sacrifice and death among the Nazi soldiers who crushed the Warsaw rising and "relocated" the survivors to the "strategic hamlets" of Dachau and Auschwitz. Is that really the point?

When the Vietnam veterans in the Winter Soldier hearings exposed and denounced what they had done in Vietnam they commanded the respect of all freedom-loving people by seeming to act against their own self interest, by being genuinely self-critical and repentant. I was disappointed and embarrassed for my friend Ron Kovic for crawling after the Attorney-General and begging, "Please,

tant organizations, such as Common Cause, have been attacking the bill. Here in Los Angeles, political groups most immediately affected by the measure have formed The Coalition To Defeat AB2131. They include the Peace and Freedom, Libertarian, American Independent, and Citizens Parties. They've been joined by the A.C.L.U., the National Lawyers Guild and D.S.O.C., the first organization actually within the Democratic Party to begin opposing the bill. The Coalition's immediate program is to branch out statewide and recruit unions, political groups, etc...any groups which view the bill as a danger to democracy. During July and early August, the Coalition will initiate a campaign of speaking to organizational meetings and to the public through the media. Pressure will be directed to the State Senate Committee on Elections and Reapportionment, which will consider the bill in August.

The passage of AB2131 means more than the elimination of one small party. It will constitute a serious violation of the right of Californians to express their politics through the ballot box. We must insist that our State Senators and Governor Brown not act on the basis of political expediency, but rather with the principle that every citizen has the right and need to choose from the broadest possible electoral alternatives. The voice of dissent is both a safeguard of democracy and often a voice of conscience. AB2131 must be defeated!

BeachHead readers can help defeat this bill in several ways: 1. Bring it to the attention of friends within Democratic Clubs and CED, and ask them to discuss the issue in their organizations. 2. Write a card or letter to the State Senate Committee on Elections and Reapportionment State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca 95814. 3. Write to any Democratic State Senator at that address. 4. Call them during the July recess at their local offices (David Roberti is Chair of that Election Committee and will not meet with the Coalition). 5. Sign the petition against the bill now being distributed by the Coalition to Defeat AB2131. 6. Call Linda Valentino of the ACLU at 487-1720 for a petition, a speaker, information or involvement, and 7. Call the various talk shows, as the issue begins to be discussed by them in August. ●

Ed Pearl, member of the Citizens Party.

Mr. Smith, please, please, President Reagan, won't you please meet with us and give us, give us, give us?" In this latest action at the VA these veterans are coming across as a narrow self-interest pressure group competing for cut-back federal funds against women without money who need abortions, against Black and Latino families who need aid for dependent children, against the bare necessities for education lacking in ghetto, barrio, and reservation schoolrooms. The veterans assert their right to this money on the basis of their "brave deed for their country" -- that is to say, on the basis of their service to U.S. imperialism. Sure, the politicians, generals, and corporation presidents who sent them to Vietnam are betraying them now. Imperialism is a bitch. But are these returned hit-men for imperialism necessarily more deserving of aid than the Third World victims of that imperialism? Not from my point of view.

There's a lot of talk about the effects of the herbicide Agent Orange on the veterans. Only one person I know of, Pentagon Papers defendant Tony Russo, has been talking about the effects of Agent Orange on Vietnam, which was drenched with the stuff. And he has been isolated by this veterans' movement. This air-dropped chemical killed vast areas of rice-producing land in Vietnam, sterilized mothers, aborted and deformed unborn babies, created epidemics of organ failure and cancer among the people in the fields, and was expressly intended to do so! The use of Agent Orange in Vietnam was a conscious act of genocide by U.S. imperialism -- an act of genocide that is still having its effects. And yes, if some of those effects spilled over on the soldiers who were there to take part in that genocide, the imperialist authorities were willing to accept that.

The U.S. government has resisted acknowledging its obligation to treat Vietnam veterans for Agent Orange because if it were fully and openly to do so, that would in effect be a confession of genocide before the world community, and would open the U.S. to demands for massive reparations to the nation of Vietnam (not to mention other countries, like Mexico, where "dope" areas, which are also rebel areas, have been soaked with genocidal chemicals).



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I must say also that these veterans, as a self-seeking movement based on their service to imperialism, are in a totally opposite category from the anti-imperialist freedom fighters in the prisons in Ireland: For these veterans to adopt the tactic of the hunger strike, so inappropriate for such a self-serving cause, shows no understanding and no respect for the Irish liberation hunger strikers in Belfast. It seems their understanding of the Irish movement goes no deeper than to see that it gets a lot of publicity, and so they're going to compete with Bobby Sands for space on page one of the Times.

Max Inglett of the Wadsworth vets said on television, "We're not just doing this for Vietnam vets but for all vets, including the veterans of future wars." I'm sure the pacifists would rather have had him say "We want to make sure there are no future wars." For myself I would have preferred to hear him say what the Vietnam veterans said during Operation Dewey Canyon III, when they threw their medals against the White House: "The next time this happens, we're going to be veterans of the other side." ●

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# ANOTHER CHAPTER for bookstore

When I first arrived in Los Angeles in the winter of 1979, I was unemployed, broke and more or less homeless. It was therefore quite natural that I would end up spending a lot of time in bookstores, lounging around until the manager threw me out.

One of the few places which never objected to my slothful state was the Bookshop in Ocean Park. There, in an atmosphere created by a huge skylight and posters from May 68 in France I was able to browse through Marxist literature, examine an international assortment of periodicals and, from glancing at the announcement board, find out what was happening in and around town.

It came as a bit of a surprise for me when I heard that the Bookshop was in danger of going out of business. After all, was this not now the "People's Republic of Santa Monica?" I had seen the last steps of the process by which this sleepy Republican town was transformed into a hotbed of left and progressive politics. The smashing victory of the Santa Monicans for Renters Rights slate in April made the bookshop's troubles seem somewhat ironic. Here was a symbol of the emergent people's community in Santa Monica faced with extinction just as that community had won its greatest victory.

It is precisely because of the Bookshop's commitment to community causes that it is threatened now. Typically, it is not outrage at shelves filled with Marxist literature or the leaflet-lined front window which may force the Bookshop to succumb--the bookburners are not yet in power--but the principled stand which the Bookshop has taken on such mundane questions as community control of development and rent control. These questions came to a head in the summer of 1979, and they lie at the root of the Bookshop's current difficulties.

In 1979 it seemed that Ocean Park's Main Street had been transformed overnight from a run-down commercial strip specializing in junk stores and the occasional funky bar, into a stained-glass covered, fern-infested strip of boutiques, boulangeries and "Brandi's" While this had a certain appeal--the unrestricted development had turned Main Street into a tourist haven--the result was wall-to-wall traffic, noise and parking problems and an uproar from Ocean Park residents.

Linda Garrett was the only Main Street merchant to take a stand in favor of a moratorium on commercial development. She also had strong ties to the organization which had chosen to make control of Main Street development a major issue--the Ocean Park Community Organization (OPCO). As a former member of the OPCO steering committee, Linda was strongly identified with controlled growth and rent control forces in Santa Monica. Her landlord, John Wilson owned roughly 1/3 of Main Street at this time and was decidedly "pro-growth." This served to make the Bookshop an ideal target for Santa Monica developers who were decidedly upset by residents assertion of the right to control the character of their own neighborhood.

After a series of hassles with John Wilson, and a couple of unpleasant incidents which included a near riot by Vietnamese refugees protesting the Bookshop's showing of a pro-Vietnam slide show, the Main Street developers succeeded in forcing the Bookshop to move from its prime location. The store's cause was taken up by the community in an astounding way. A benefit was held for the shop the weekend before it was to move to the current location on Pler Ave. Over 200 people showed up to demonstrate their support and enjoy a spaghetti dinner and film.

While this rousing show of good will helped get things off to a hopeful start, the relatively isolated location and the current recession have put the Bookshop in a bind. While community people still come to the Bookshop on a regular basis, the foot traffic which comes from being on a major street has been lost. The economic bad times have taken a bite out of the Bookshop and several other Main Street area businesses--at least two of which have vanished quietly into the night. The Bookshop is currently losing \$1000/month and it seemed that the June rent couldn't be met when a community meeting was held on June 8th.

## FREE SPYING ???

The CIA apparently has decided that the time is ripe for an all-out assault on the Freedom of Information Act.


The Washington Post reports that the agency has sent a report to Congress which proposes that the CIA be granted a complete exemption from provisions of The Freedom Of Information Act.

In past years, the agency has requested specific exemptions to keep its operational and technical files secret. But this year, according to The Post, the agency wants all of its records and internal documents exempted.

CIA Deputy Director Max Hugel argues in the report that requests under the act are hindering the agency's ability to "perform its vital mission." Hugel also alleges that the act has only rarely produced information of public interest.

Critics of the CIA sharply dispute this contention. They point out that the Freedom Of Information Act was the vehicle that revealed the CIA's illegal spying on citizens in the United States, and first brought to light the Secret Mind Control and Drug Testing experiments in the CIA's MK Ultra Program.

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but to find a suitable site for a coffeehouse cum community center to serve as a gathering spot for activist, artists and poets and would have some (as yet unspecified) relationship to the Bookshop.

The crisis for June is over---but the future of the Bookshop is still much in doubt. While there is much support and enthusiasm coming from community people, more help is needed. If you would like to work at saving the Bookshop, drop by and ask how you might get involved in one of the committees or call the shop at 396-3659 ●



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## DEFENDING WILDLIFE



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Defenders of Wildlife, national conservation group, say they will sue Interior Secretary James Watt if he does not rescind an illegal permit issued to a private Boulder, Colorado organization. The permit issued in May allows the taking of up to 6 wild peregrine falcon eggs from Colorado and the importation of peregrine falcon fledglings from Baja California. (There are currently only 30 breeding pairs of peregrine falcons in the Baja population.)

The bird, called the "King's Bird" and a favorite of falconers, is able to dive at 220 miles per hour and is the fastest animal on earth. It is on the most threatened list of endangered species, due in some part to the use of DDT, which severely injured many other species as well.

The Department of Interior apparently failed to consult the proper authorities under the Endangered Species Act before issuing the permit.

For more information regarding the wild peregrine falcon or about Defenders of Wildlife, write to them at 1244 19th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. ●

# THE PROPHECY CONTINUES

According to Hopi legend, passed on from generation to generation, it is that nation's central responsibility to protect Mother Earth by preserving the Four Corners (centered in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico) and to remain custodians of that mineral-rich reserve while war still stalks the world. Yet, as of this minute, over 6,000 Hopis and Navajos are being forcibly removed to a barren, uninhabitable area through the passage of Public Law 93-531. Unthinkably, these sacred lands are being mined to remove the valuable radioactive minerals, the water table is drastically being reduced through wasteful strip mining (at 1,110 gallons per minute), and the area is being contaminated by radioactive wastes.

Nuclear power begins with the mining, milling and enrichment of uranium ore. Perhaps because it is centered in the West and Southwest, far from politicians and policy makers, this hazardous part of the nuclear fuel cycle has received far less attention than it deserves. Not only are mining and milling a significant source of radiation exposure to the public, but the "front end" of the nuclear fuel cycle presents clear health dangers to workers. Deaths definitely linked to uranium mining and milling have occurred and are still occurring at epidemic rates.

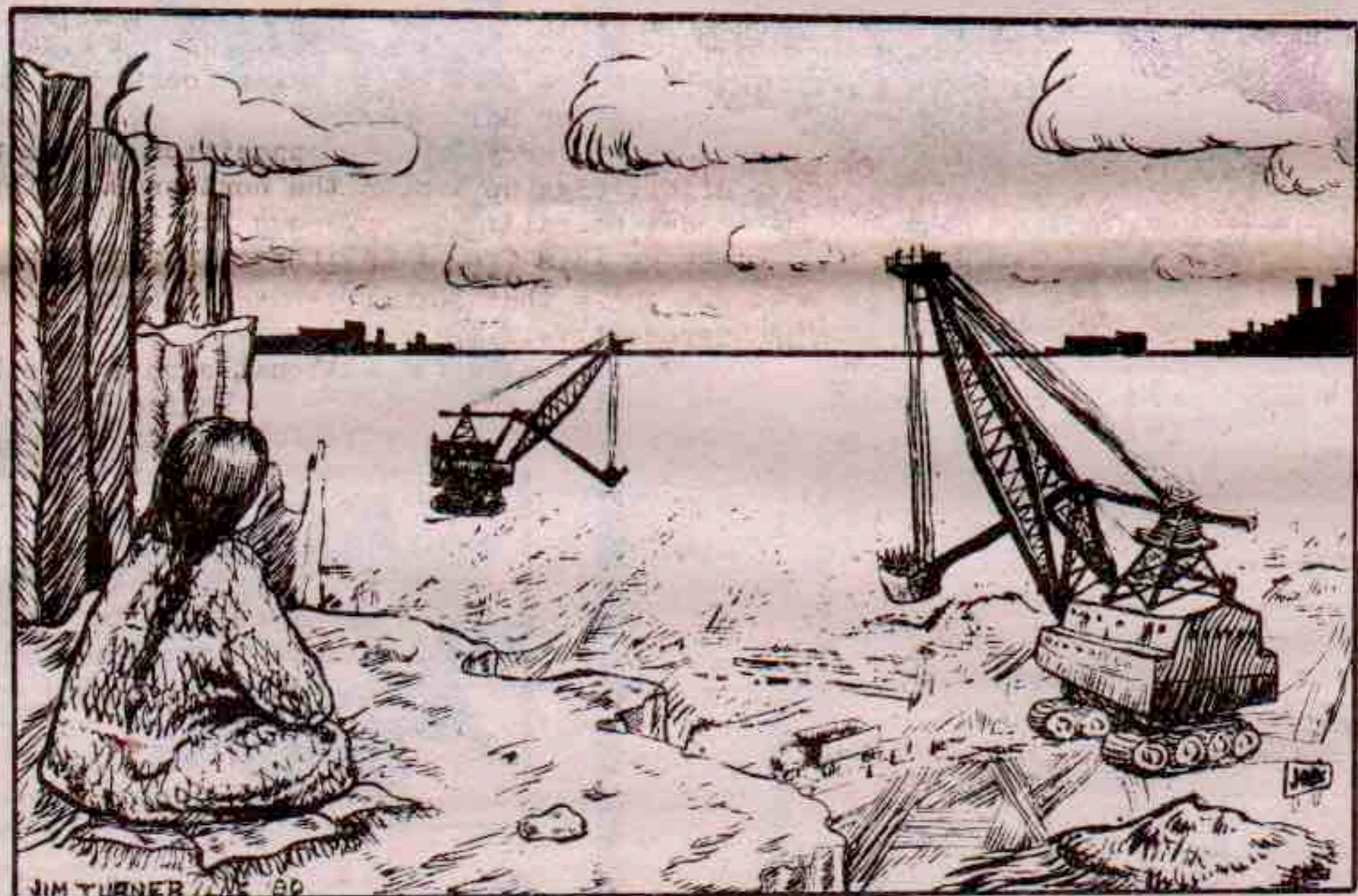
According to a Hopi prophecy dating back to that nation's origin as the 1st inhabitants of the North American continent, almost all life will stop on this, our planet, unless men come to know that everyone must learn to live in peace and harmony with Nature, the Mother of us all. Today as many of the Hopi prophecies of destruction and desecration have already come to pass, these prophecies take on profound meaning: the very survival of humanity and Planet Earth. For the Hopis live in a sacred place in the Southwest known to them as the spiritual CENTER OF OUR CONTINENT.

The traditional Hopi elders tell us: "Everything depends upon the PROPER BALANCE being maintained." They realize that if the mining and strip mining continue unabated, that if technology becomes a mindless god to this great country and remembers not the heart of Earth

Mother, that not only the Hopis will die, "... but all will disintegrate to nothing...time is very short."

It is human consciousness that must awaken to the dangers and demand the safety and protection of the Four Corners area and its people, currently the most vulnerable to annihilation in the entire world. Perhaps the imminent loss and destruction of the "heart of the Earth Mother" is our early warning system that it is a united "we" who must preserve the earth's stability to sustain the DELICATE BALANCE of power in the planetary grid structure. For it is a united "we" who form human consciousness.

Thus, if human consciousness is to be alerted, we of the human race must become instantly aware not only of what is happening but also to whom. For:



It is happening to all sensitive and compassionate individuals who feel their pain, and a responsibility for the ill-treatment of all Indian nations since North America first knew a United States.

It is happening to the Hopis and Navajos who, stripped of their pride as independent nations, will no longer have a home that will sustain life, and many of whom are already dying from radioactive poisoning.

It is happening to a planet, which, already polluted and suffering from irreverent use of its rich natural resources cannot withstand the final injury to delicate atmospheric and energy balances.

It is happening to the integrity and honor of a great nation which broke 371 treaties with Indian nations, and to respect once held for those corporations that have allowed human greed to violate their ethics.

Help repeal PL 93-531, which gives U.S. Marshals the authority to forcibly remove all Navajos and some Hopis. Contact: Quail Littlefield, 415 Spring St., Apt. 3, Nevada City, CA 95959 (916) 265-9522.

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## WATT REMOVAL

by S. E. MENDELSON

"On January 28, 1969, an oil well blew 6 miles offshore from Santa Barbara. Seepage continued for almost a month despite frantic efforts to plug leaks & the use of chemicals to repel viscous fluid. A slick extending 400 square miles accumulated, & some 16 miles of beaches were fouled. The State of California planned to bring suit against the Federal Government & several oil companies for \$1,060,000,000 for damage incurred...."

So read an item under "California" in the American Peoples Encyclopedia Yearbook of 1969 (the year Cleveland's Cuyahoga River caught fire & burned).

Now it is 12 years & many major oil spills later (though not in California thanks to a ban on drilling new offshore sites). An excerpt from an item in *Not Man Apart*, Friends of the Earth newspaper, reads:

"The Department of the Interior announced it will sell oil & gas leases in a 606,000-acre area off the central California Coast, despite strong protests from California Governor Jerry Brown & conservation groups. Leases for the 115 tracts offshore northern Santa Barbara & southern San Luis Obispo counties, called the Santa Maria geologic basin, will be sold May 28 unless lawsuits by the State of California & environmentalists to stop sale of the 34 tracts are unsuccessful.

"(The Santa Maria Basin is the southernmost of the controversial Lease Sale 53, which the Interior Secretary has now divided into two parts. Secretary Watt has said he will announce his decision on the second part of the lease sale -- four areas off the coast of northern California -- in late May or early June.)

"Last October, former Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, excluded these northern basins -- the Santa Cruz basin off San Mateo County, the Bodega basin off Sonoma & Marin Counties, The Point Arena basin off Mendocino County, & the

Eel River basin off Humboldt County -- after reviewing results of several years of study which determined that the environmental risk in development of the northern California areas was too great, considering the amount of oil expected.

"In testimony before a subcommittee of the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee in March, witnesses stated that California's tourist trade & 16 billion dollar-a-year fishing income would be threatened to obtain a twelve-day national supply of oil.

"Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), on behalf of Friends of the Earth, Sierra Club, Friends of the Sea Otter, & member groups of the Environmental Coalition on Lease Sale 53, filed its lawsuit April 29 in federal district court in Los Angeles. The State also filed its suit, making the same charges, that day. NRDC's complaint charges the Department of the Interior with ignoring environmental regulations, presenting erroneous evidence on oil drilling hazards, & failing to defer to Governor Brown's recommendation that the northern tracts of the Santa Maria basin be deleted from the sale.

"The Santa Maria basin contains valuable coastal resources, including breeding grounds for the southern sea otter, a federally listed threatened species, & the gray whale."

James Watt, Secretary of the Interior, the person President Reagan chose to protect our natural resources & environment, once said about being in the great outdoors, "I don't like to paddle & I don't like to walk." On a four-day motor-raft trip through the Grand Canyon, he found the first day "spectacular...exciting, thrilling....The second day started to get a little tedious. The third day I wanted bigger motors to move the raft out. On the fourth day we were praying for helicopters."

About Jerry Brown's opposition to the planting of oil rigs up & down the northern California coast he said: "Jerry Brown has the luxury of seeing this from a California perspective. I do not share that luxury. I see it from a national perspective...."

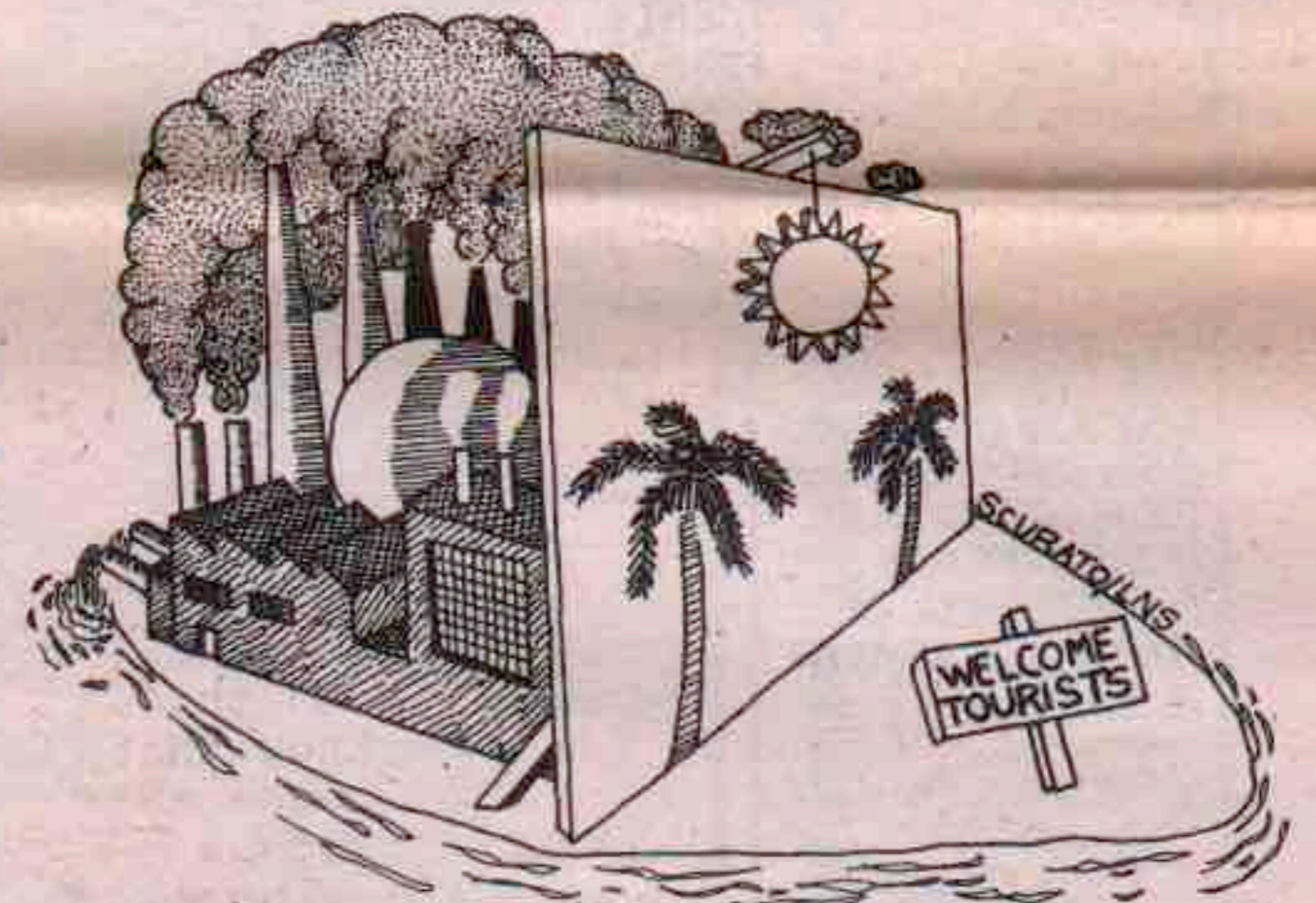
Now a twelve-day national supply of oil does not justify an oil slick on Venice Beach or any other part of the California coast. We cannot afford the luxury of watching Watt -- with his "national perspective" -- pollute our State. His flagrant callousness toward our natural environment merits his removal from the Department of the Interior. There is a petition for that purpose in this edition of the Beachhead for those of us who want to really get government & the oil companies off our backs. e



## Dunes-Buried

According to the Coalition for Los Angeles County Planning in the Public Interest (c/o Sherman W. Griselle, 10932 Hasty Avenue, Downey, CA 90241), the entire remaining El Segundo Dunes next to Los Angeles International Airport must be preserved and restored as a nature refuge. The Dunes are classified as Significant Ecological Area No. 28 in the Los Angeles County General Plan which calls for preserving the natural resources of the dunes in an ecologically viable state. Presently this ecosystem is close to extinction. Due to its rarity, and the specialization of the dunes plant and animal communities, the El Segundo Dunes have been closely scrutinized by scientists of many disciplines. This area is a remnant of a once vast coastal dune system and is the only known home of the rare and endangered El Segundo Blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*). Friends of the Dunes, (c/o Sallie Davison, 8129 Calabar Avenue, Playa del Rey, CA 90291) believe that the proposed golf course could be built elsewhere, especially by an extension of the current course. For safety purposes, the flight path of the west end of LAX was cleared of homes at a tremendous cost of \$53 million, and it seems unthinkable to destroy the dunes and reintroduce people into the danger area to patronize an extremely noisy golf course. The proposed golf course will cost \$5 million in public funds while the dunes can be restored for a pittance. Protest to:

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We firmly support the policies this country has developed for managing the protection of our natural resources; they need to be strengthened, not weakened. We risk losing our natural heritage unless Mr. Watt is dismissed. Please make his removal your highest priority and resist legislation embodying his policies.

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Return petitions to **Replace Watt, Friends of the Earth, 124 Spear Street, San Francisco, California 94105.** You need not fill the petition; gather as many signatures as you can.





# WAILING WALL POLITICS

by MOE STAVNEZER

Israel has finally stepped over the line. Its bombing of a nuclear reactor, 600 miles outside its own boundaries, has opened a door so frightening that it cannot be ignored by the world community.

For me a more personal battle, that has raged inside for many years, has been decided. As a Jew and a progressive, I have long been torn by Israel's military activity in, and beyond, the Middle East. The cultural connections with Israel, for any Jew, simply cannot easily be either dismissed or under-estimated for they begin virtually at birth and are a constant force thereafter. It becomes, quite literally, a matter of faith to always give Israel the benefit of the doubt. And for the most part I have done that. But I cannot continue to follow that path in the face of such a blatant act of mindless aggression against not merely Iraq but the world.

And shamelessly Israel has once again invoked the specter of the Holocaust to defend itself. Almost as if arranged by a master press agent, 5,000 survivors of Nazi concentration camps make front page news and practice "Wailing Wall Politics" to support Mr. Begin's aggression. How long will the world excuse atrocities in the name of an atrocity? How many more acts of careless militarism will we allow by a nation supposedly symbolizing peace and traditional values of humaneness?



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Israeli campaign poster.

Some will be seduced and argue that Israel had to do what it did in order to protect itself. That it had no choice & acted accordingly. I cannot buy that. It ignores many options open to Israel not the least of which was to force the U.S. to demand an inspection of the Iraqi facility. Given the attitude of the Reagan administration, it seems quite likely that the U.S. would have complied with such a request. Instead Israel resorted immediately to force. Instead of any attempt at invoking the force of law Israel bombed the problem out of existence. And in the process opened the door for similar acts of aggression throughout the world.

Imagine the reaction of the Jewish community here if the bombs had been dropped, for similar reasons, on an Israeli nuclear facility. Shock, horror and, of course, the Holocaust would have dominated the hearts and minds of every Jew in the country. Those feelings are appropriate for what Israel has done and the U.N. Security Council was absolutely correct in condemning that action, demanding compensation and urging Israel to comply with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty by opening its nuclear facilities to inspection.

I have long opposed the proliferation of nuclear power whether for weapons or such uses as producing electric power. The nationality of a nuclear bomb, or an exploding power plant, makes very little difference to the millions of lives that may be destroyed. Israel, with 2 bombs, put every one of us just a little closer to the possibility of such a disaster. In the name of its own survival, Israel has endangered the survival of the world by taking a large step toward nuclear disaster.

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Dear President Reagan,

We are writing to express our disagreement with your decision to halt delivery of four F-16 jets to Israel. We believe this is an incorrect interpretation of our Mutual Defense Assistance Agreement.

We believe that this action does not adequately take into consideration the legitimate security needs of the State of Israel. The Government of Iraq has long advocated the destruction of the State of Israel as a primary goal. Iraq's attack on its Moslem and Christian neighbor, Iran, is demonstration of its intention to militarily dominate the region. Furthermore, Israeli intelligence identified a heretofore secret installation in the nuclear site which was expressly devoted to the assembly of a nuclear bomb. In recent months, Saddam Hussein, the leader of the Iraqi government, stated his intention to liquidate the people of Israel by use of an atomic weapon.

Mr. President, we are sure that you will agree that the proliferation of nuclear weapons to countries that are unstable, irrational, and supporters of international terrorism is not in the best interests of the American people. In reality, the government of Israel's action in destroying the Iraqi capability to produce an atomic bomb was a service not only to the people of Israel, but to the world community.

We urge you to reverse your decision and to support the legitimate security needs of our best ally in the Middle East, Israel.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

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Israel is the only country in the volatile Middle East to possess nuclear weapons. Israel's government has refused to sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and has never allowed international inspection of its nuclear facilities. Iraq, on the other hand, has signed the Treaty and has allowed such inspection. Yet, based only on its own intelligence, Israel has made a decision, in bombing the Iraqi reactor, to stand outside the law and then belligerently tell the rest of the world to go to hell. Israel, and no one else, will decide what it will do with its weapons regardless of the implications for the rest of the world. And so this tiny speck of a country feels it can endanger millions of people all over the globe in the name of its national security which it alone defines.

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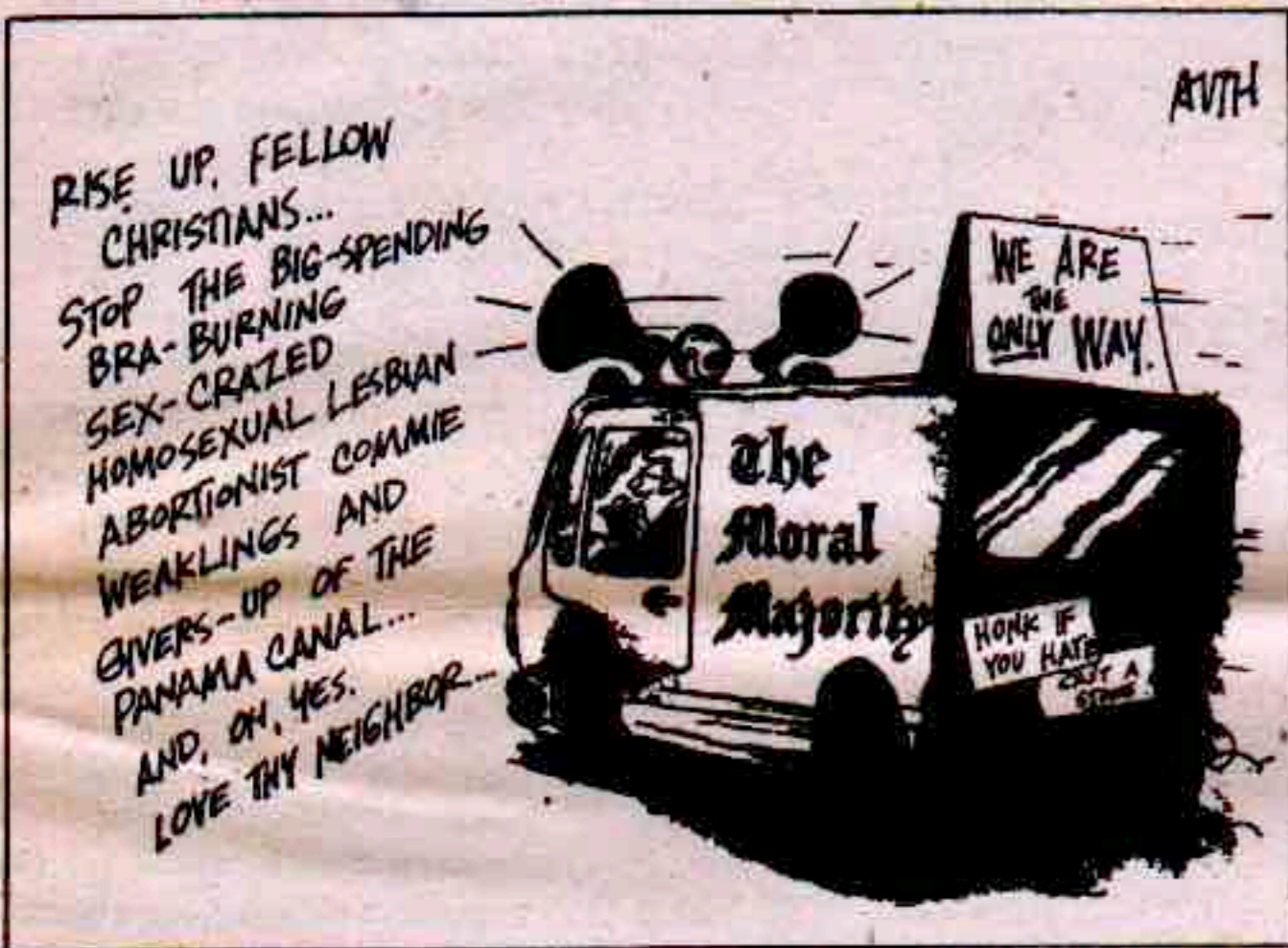
by JOE GUIB

"Equality or rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

On June 30th America began a countdown; a countdown for equality, for there is now only one year left to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

For women the importance of the issue should be all too obvious. Some 44 million women work outside the home, yet they earn on the average 59¢ on the dollar compared with men. Women head 49% of poor families, and themselves constitute 75% of poor Americans. Homemakers' economic contribution still goes unvalued, and only a handful of states have community property laws.

Aside from ERA's meaning for women, and its undeniable morality, there is cause for men to be concerned about its passage, too. As long as economic, political and social inequities exist we cannot expect women to contribute or share fully in our lives, public or private. With two worker families and couples the norm today, every husband and partner would realize a higher real income if women were paid their true market value. Until then we will continue to be regarded as "security" objects, a role which inhibits and stifles our own freedom.



Although men find tremendous satisfaction in family life, because of our traditional role as provider but not nurturer, we don't always spend as much time with our children as we would like to or should. As ERA would permit women the option to participate more fully in earning an income, so it would allow us more time to participate in child rearing. ERA would also prohibit the automatic granting of child custody to women, and would require such decisions to be based on parental competence. With women receiving equal pay and employment opportunities child support payments could be assigned more equitably, and alimony would be unnecessary.

A not insignificant number of divorces are attributable to the fact that men and women have different worlds of experience. Arbitrary divisions of labor, social roles and tradition tend to encourage separate interests and push partners apart, with the result that many come to think of each other as opposites with nothing in common but their children.

And there are other reasons. But

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perhaps not so obvious to us.

While we are certainly not oppressed we are (more so than women) locked into a rigid role; in effect we live in a straight jacket. A very definite image of what a man should be is thrust at us daily in the media and elsewhere: MACHO. Although most of us shun the more extreme example of this type we all emulate it to a degree. We are taught to hide our feelings, not to be dependent, to be the providers, the defenders.

Our roles are often lonely ones, with our only contact with other men being at work, where we are in competition with one another. Rarely do we let our guard down, and confide in others our fears and our weaknesses. Generally we shun close friendships, and in turn, in a most obvious sort of way, many of us condemn in violent terms effeminate and gay men, whom we fear and despise: but mostly fear.

Where does all this get us? Well, by taking things "like a man" we suffer on an average more heart attacks, high blood pressure, ulcers and early death. Women may attempt suicide three times more often, but by George, we succeed four times more often.

Not only do we hold in our emotional hurts, but we also hold in our physical ones as well. Men make 25% fewer visits to the doctor than women, but we suffer on an average a higher incidence of almost every major disease. So adept are we at tuning out our bodily signals that we quite often go from one day feeling just fine, thank you, to near collapse the next.

Well, as any thinking man can see, something is clearly wrong. Critics have often accused the Women's Movement of being without humor, and perhaps this is because what has happened to women hasn't been a joke; but neither has what has happened to men been a cause for humor. Those who would define the roles and "proper place" for women, would do likewise for us. Eventually sexism effects us all.

Current polls show that 60% of the public supports ERA. Over 500 national organizations with a combined membership of some 40 million are on record as supporting its ratification, and about 300 groups have joined in a boycott of un-ratified states. Opposition to ERA is, well, quite frankly Un-American!

Only three more states need to ratify in order for ERA to become the law of the land, however, none has done so since 1977, and those remaining are the least likely candidates. These include the solid south, the south of Selma, and Jackson State, Greensboro, and J. P. Stevens & Co.; the states of Arizona, Utah and Nevada, dominated by the traditional minded (and that's a polite term for it) Mormon Church; and the only un-ratified northern state, Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, where a 3/5 rule is in effect.

Political opposition comes from the usual crowd: The John Birch Society, The Moral Majority, and Phyllis Schlafly's STOP ERA. Also included, but seldom mentioned, is the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers whose reasons are not so much ideological as they are pecuniary.

ERA will not usher in the millenium or change society overnight, but it will establish a national standard and relieve women of the burden of litigating to obtain redress. It is a tool just as the Equal Pay Act or the Civil Rights Act are tools. ERA is symbolic of the Women's Movement, and its importance both in symbolism and fact shouldn't be underrated. Its defeat will allow

the Right to focus their energies on other issues and will send out a false signal to the nation.

If we want, as men, to be free to be ourselves; if we want equality for our sons as well as our daughters then in the time left til June 30, 1982 we should lend our shoulders to the wheel. Not as an exercise in self-actualization or from guilt because men have always oppressed women (things just turned out that way), but as a political act because ERA has importance for us, too. ■



## !YANQUI STAY HOME!

On June 3rd, the California Assembly passed by a vote of 41-38, a resolution which calls for the end of United States military aid to El Salvador until its government can demonstrate that it has the support of the Salvadorian people.

The resolution, AJR 26, is authored by Assemblyman Mel Levine and has received the support of numerous religious, political and community leaders in California.

"I am very concerned about the Reagan Administration's continuing policy of aiding the El Salvadorian government, especially in light of the suspected involvement of members of that country's national guard in the murder and rape of four Catholic nuns. Until the government of El Salvador can demonstrate a more fully developed concern for the human rights of its people, and the safety of American citizens within El Salvador, it would be inappropriate for our country to continue to provide military aid and advisors to El Salvador", Levine said.

Levine, who wrote his master's thesis on El Salvador during a summer there and who specialized in foreign policy and national security policy at Princeton University, expressed concern for the Salvadorian people and said, "While we should oppose American military aid to El Salvador until conditions have been met which insure fair governmental processes in El Salvador, we should support international efforts to obtain peace, stop the flow of arms, and insure that economic and humanitarian aid reaches the people of that nation." A motion to reconsider the resolution was defeated on June 4th and the resolution is now in the Senate Rules Committee. It has not yet been set for hearing.

Write to State Senators and Governor Brown at the State Capitol in Sacramento urging passage of this important resolution! ■

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## Who's In Control?

By Christopher Toussaint

Led by Chairman William Saxxon, the University of California Board of Regents voted 11 for, 4 against, and 3 abstentions to continue management of the Dept. of Energy-funded laboratories which design nuclear weapons for the Dept. of Defense. The vote which came June 19 was preceded the day before by 60 minutes of public feedback, with all 12 speakers presenting testimony against the 5-year extension of the contract.

Despite technical evidence which cited numerous contradictory clauses in the contract that indicated the University has no real independence over or control of the laboratories and yet the University may be held liable in the event of accidents caused by the labs, the Board squeaked over the 2/3rds majority needed to continue the extension.

The emotional evidence also did not seem to convince most members on the Board. Physicians and a radiation-poisoning victim pleaded the sanctimony of life and frailty of our ecosystem, not to mention economic system, to rounds of applause. The Religious Society of Friends was represented along with the American Friends Service Committee proposing peace conversion of the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore labs but to no avail.

150 protestors filled the Convention Center room and shouted outside before and after the vote which was held behind closed doors on the 19th. Governor Jerry Brown voted against the extension as did Regents Alan Goodman, Leslie Lurie & Yori Wada.

### IS THERE JUSTICE?

WE'LL SEE...

The Karen Silkwood Estate appealed to the Supreme Court on June 15 requesting a trial on the controversial second Silkwood lawsuit, charging executives and security personnel of Kerr-McGee with a criminal conspiracy to violate the rights of union activists. Furthermore, it charges corporate agents and four FBI operatives with a coverup of the illegal activities undertaken pursuant to this alleged conspiracy.

Civil rights violations include wiretapping, surveillance, harassment, interference with Freedom of Association with co-workers and the media, and interference with Freedom to Travel on interstate highways.

Previous courts ruled that Silkwood was not protected under the Civil Rights Act because she was not of ethnic origin, then, because she was not a passive union member but an active organizer.

Karen Silkwood died in an auto crash in 1974 and her body was found to be contaminated with plutonium.

The Supreme Court ruling may establish an historic legal precedent for free-speech groups because under the present rulings anti-union organizers are protected, but union organizers remain unprotected against civil rights infringements.

# Pontiac Bro's. Win!



"Our struggle has been a long and difficult one but we only see victory ahead of us...We fought racism! A one-sided battle with the odds against us. The people have given us strength to stand tall, and express to us in many ways that we are not alone.

As we hear the chants grow stronger ("FREE THE PONTIAC BROTHERS!") our victory becomes a victory for all people. Victory means that we will no longer sit back and watch our comrades get smashed by racism or a false justice. We will fight till all people are free from the injustice of this sick society..."

—The Pontiac Brothers

### PONTIAC BROTHERS ACQUITTED

Beachhead readers may recall an article about the Pontiac Brothers several months ago. At that time, the trial of the Brothers was just getting underway, after 6 months of jury selection.

May 9th, 10 of the 16 were acquitted of all charges after less than 5 hours of deliberation. Three weeks later on June 1, the government dropped charges against the 6 remaining Brothers.

The Pontiac prison rebellion happened in 1978. After 1100 Black and Latin prisoners rebelled against Klan guards and intolerable conditions, 3 white guards died. The government and prison administration used an 8-month lockdown, amounting to physical and psychological torture, to bribe or force prisoners to set up a case against 16 Black brothers on murder and conspiracy. The local media, all along through the end of the trial, tried to whip up racist hysteria charging gang revenge in the killing of the guards and denying the underlying political causes for the rebellion.

### THE STRUGGLE TO FREE THE PONTIAC BROTHERS

How did the Pontiac Brothers win in the largest civilian death penalty case in US history?

The 16 Brothers stood together in the face of the racist onslaught and resisted attempts to get them to break and turn state's evidence. They were willing to risk the electric chair in order to build a political offensive to pull apart the state's frame-up, to stand up for Black people's right to rebel, and to expose white supremacist terror that thrives in US prisons. Six of the Brothers declared themselves Pri-

oners of War and challenged the right of US courts to try Black people while the US makes war on their nation—the Republic of New Afrika.

The Pontiac Brothers worked with revolutionary Black organizations both inside and outside prisons. The New Afrikam Prisoners Organization (NAPO), the Republic of New Afrika, Arm the Spirit newspaper joined the Brothers in struggling to build an outside support movement that supported these Black political prisoners and POW's as an integral part of the Black Liberation Movement. Committees were formed in several cities across the US. Right here in LA, the Pontiac Brothers were supported by The Committee to Free the Pontiac Brothers, the National Black Human Rights Coalition, and others. This political offensive, which grew throughout the trial, forced all the weaknesses of the state's case into the open.

### FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS/P.O.W.'s!

This victory of the Pontiac Brothers is a victory for all Black people who are fighting against police murders, against the rise of Klan violence, and against state programs like the rise in the use of the death penalty (historically used to kill Black people). It is a victory for Black people's struggle to defeat US genocide and determine their own future.

While the Pontiac Brothers were acquitted, they are still in Klan-controlled prisons. They have been threatened by the warden of Stateville Prison because of the 3 Klan guards who were killed at Pontiac. White supremacist attacks on Black people, from lynchings in Mobile, Alabama to police murders in L.A., are more frequent every week.

With the growing hysteria about crime and law-and-order, there is more support among white people for more prisons, double-celling, longer sentences, and increased use of the death penalty. There is more support for the police, as the LAPD actively recruits women. All this plays a significant role in building repression and genocide against Black and Latino peoples.

White people who are progressive, who are concerned about defeating racism, need to give their support to those fighting to defeat imperialism's sick society. Our active support for the Pontiac Brothers made a difference. We need to support other freedom fighters like Geronimo Pratt and P.O.W.'s from the Black Liberation Army. We should support "ARM THE SPIRIT" and "THE NEW AFRIKAN", newspapers that support and spread

independence and freedom for Black, Puerto Rican, Mexicano/Chicano, and Native peoples. It is these struggles that are leading the fight to destroy this racist society. •

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# THEATER

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CLAUDIA CHAPLINE'S THEATER EVENT 1981 Workshop in Environmental Theater Process, led by the I.D.E.A. Company. August 7 - 9. An investigation of how movement patterns, symbolic objects, and a shared identity can evoke transcendent spiritual states. August 9, 8p.m. Free public performance. For reservations: (213) 459-4198

# FILM

DREAD BEAT AN' BLOOD, a film about revolutionary Black reggae musician/poet Linton Kwesi Johnson. Also showing, BODY AND SOUL, featuring Ray Charles, Mahalia Jackson, Aretha Franklin, and Billie Holiday. Fri., July 17, 7p.m. Marine Park Auditorium, 14th and Marine, Santa Monica. Benefit for "Arm the Spirit", Black prisoners' newspaper.

LUNCH AT THE MOVIES: On Thursdays From 12:30 to 2:00 every Thursday Clare Venice will present films to help folks deal with drinking problems. All welcome, bring your lunch. At 4072 Lincoln Blvd. Venice. Call Gordon Patterson for info: 822-8864.

REELING IN THE EIGHTIES: LOCAL FILM July 10 - Eight local filmmakers will present their films at the Church in Ocean Park (2nd and Hill St., Santa Monica). They range from Marie Consiglio's "Sand Springs", a visual poem to Native America (3 min), to Paul Deluca's comedy "Prushki, P.I.", about a laid-back private investigator (16 to Linda Jassim's "Fathers" a 25-minute look at what it means to be a father. The time: 7:30 p.m. The donation: \$3.00

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## POETRY

BOOK PUBLICATION PARTY: Little Caesar Press will host publication party. Friday, July 10, at 8 p.m. Band "Planet of Toys" will perform. Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd., Venice. Free.

GEORGE SAND BOOKS: July 12 - Poet composer Read Miller will perform several text-sound pieces. July 19 - Discussion/publication celebration. Discussion of Reflection: Henry Miller by Twinka Thiebaud, friend, confidante, companion of Miller. All programs Sundays at 4:30 p.m. Free. 9011 Melrose Ave. L.A. 858-1648

POET PHYLLIS KOESTENBAUM July 17- "oh I can't she says" will be the published work featured by the San Francisco poet and feminist. The time: 8:00 p.m. The place: Beyond Baroque, old Venice City Hall, 681 Venice Blvd.

INTRODUCING DAVID AND DENNIS July 7- Poets Dennis Cooper and David Trinidad will present a multi-media show of their highly acclaimed and widely published works. Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Free. At the Old Venice Jail, 685 Venice Blvd.

### POETRY IN THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE

#### JULY - Third World and American

5	Holiday - No program	
10	Holly Prado Chitra Silver Gina Valdez	American Bengali Nahuatl (Aztec)
19	Toni Guthrie  Tony Eaglesfield	Southwest American Indian Southwest American Indian
26	Austin Straus Wanda Coleman	American American

Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Free. With Parking, at the 5th St. Studio Theatre, 4157 5th St., L.A.

INTO THE ORIFICE OF YOUR CHOICE July 31 - Jack Skelley & Benjamin Weissman will take a literary excursion through the dark and light realms of sex and violence. The time: 8:00 p.m. The place: Beyond Baroque, Old Venice City Hall, 681 Venice Blvd.

## MUSIC

A PERFORMANCE BY HIRTH MARTINEZ July 24 - Martinez has recorded two albums of songs on Warner Bros. Records -- this is a rare chance to experience his work - songs, poetry, and prose - in person. 8:00 p.m. Friday at Beyond Baroque.

# COMMUNITY

Demonstration in support of Puerto Rican POW Oscar Lopez (trial for seditious conspiracy starts in Chicago that day): Federal Bldg., Los Angeles & Temples Sts., 4 PM, Tues., July 21. Film & Program on 83rd anniversary of U.S. invasion of Puerto Rico, Sat., July 25: for info call 823-4759.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on "Proposed Recommendations for Stimulating Housing Production" on July 7th (Tuesday) in the City Council Chambers. For more information on the subject of the hearing call 485-5394. For info on the time of the hearing call 485-5702.

AWAKENING THE AMERICAN CONSCIENCE July 12 - Max Inglett, vet and Wadsworth Hunger striker, will talk about the post-Vietnam syndrome and America today, and scientist Tony Russo will specifically discuss Agent Orange. With special music. Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 W. 8th St., Los Angeles

BOB AVAKIAN and TOM SNYDER Video showing of Bob Avakian on the Tom Snyder show. July 19, 7:30p.m. Marine Park Auditorium, S. M. Sponsored by the Committee to Free the Mao Defendants. For info: 384-3856

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RIP-OFFS AND CONFIDENCE GAMES Police Dept. film on variety of schemes being worked to sucker people for their money. Sunday, July 5, 8p.m. Singletarians - Unitarian Church, 1260 18th St. S.M. 394-4318

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR OWN DEPRESSIONS How to manage your "BAG" when it hits you, as it does all of us. Sunday, July 19th, 8p.m. Singletarians - Unitarian Church, 1260 18th St. S.M. 394-4318

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The use of special nutritious liquid foods or vitamins while fasting enables a clogged system to clear itself without feeling hungry or losing energy.

First we should clear the system properly through three days of pure fruit juice without taking any food except two tablets of Spirulina algae at each mealtime. The algae does not act as a solid food but actually works to purify the intestines through its chlorophyll content while supplying the full complement of amino acids necessary for healthy life.

Fasting is one of the best remedies available not only to the obese person but to anyone who has stomach troubles. It can also be used to increase our meditative and spiritual states of awareness.

Rejuvenation of body tissues and prolongation of our life was often the goal of ancient peoples through fasting. The practice was said to make the flesh of an older person as fresh and young as a child's. How does Spirulina plankton help in this process?

First we must understand that all healthy bodies create poisons in the normal process of living. These are the waste products of our cells and the unwanted parts of the foods we eat which are expelled by elimination. There are also many toxic materials in the modern foods we eat, the medicine we take, as well as the pollution in the waters and air, which pile up in the sluggish system through inactive elimination. The secret of good health is in an efficient elimination of waste.

One of the worst inhibitors of our eliminative system is our mind and its negative thoughts. A clogged mind will invariably clog the movements of the smooth muscle of the intestine just as a lazy mind will make our whole body inactive and heavy. If we do not get this under control we will not only die early but our body will be always loaded with toxic material which will affect the workings of our brain. Therefore always drink plenty of liquids not only while fasting but also as a regular practice.

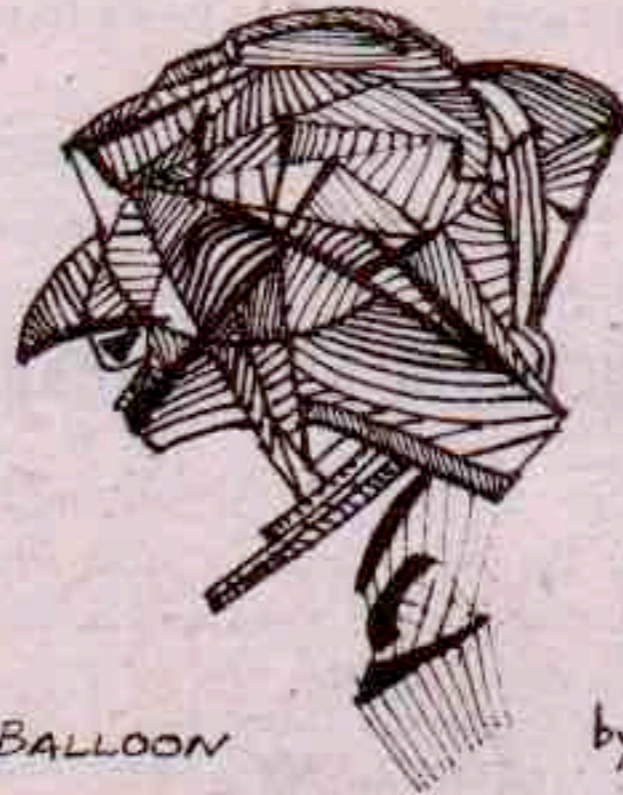
Toxic blood is passed through the special cells of the liver for clearing and since blood is the carrier of nutrients to all parts of the body and brain it is important to understand that the presence of pigments such as chlorophyll and the natural chemicals in the blood do affect the correct functioning of all other organs of elimination such as the bowels, kidneys, lungs, and skin.

When all these organs are in perfect balance the person remains in perfect health. Only when toxins cannot be handled by our eliminative system do the signs of ill health occur. There are always signs which indicate the start of disease or toxemia.

There is an inner intelligence acting on its own which attempts to bring on warning signs of disease so as to get rid of poisons accumulating in the body. Colds, diarrhea, fever, etc., are Nature's ways of eliminating toxins which cannot be removed by normal elimination. Automatically we do not feel hungry when the body intelligence wants to eliminate its accumulated toxins. Animals do not eat while sick. Therefore fasting with Spirulina, while providing the essential amino acids, not only helps Nature's own process but is the most efficient method of correcting imbalance!

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(from the book REJUVENATING THE BODY through fasting with Spirulina Plankton, by Dr. Christopher Hills, Ph.d., D.Sc.)



HEADING BALLOON

by Jim Hovey

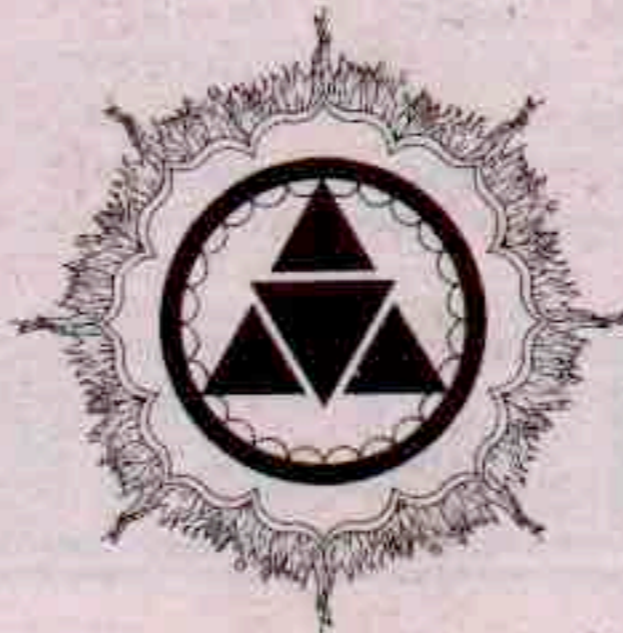
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Sun. 5 :	MOACIR SANTOS	Sun. 19 :	AFIRMATION
Sat. 11 :	Bobby Matos' HERITAGE	Sat. 25 :	BRAZILIAN FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL
Sun. 12 :	FREE FLIGHT	Sun. 26 :	WAYNE JOHNSON TRIO and ****
			**** NIGHTFLIGHT /w. Dianne Reeves

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Thur. 2 :	NIGHTFLIGHT /w. Dianne	Fri. 17 :	Underwater traffic
Fri. 3 :	UNDERWATER TRAFFIC	Sat. 18 :	NIGHTFLIGHT /w. Dianne Reeves
Sat. 4 :	(closed) see Garden C.!	Sun. 19 :	MANDALA (6:00 to 10:00 PM)
Sun. 5 :	MANDALA (6:00 to 10:00)	Mon. 20 :	UNDERWATER TRAFFIC
Mon. 6 :	UNDERWATER TRAFFIC	Tues. 21 :	ARCO IRIS
Tues. 7 :	ARCO IRIS	Wed. 22 :	WAYNE JOHNSON TRIO
Wed. 8 :	WAYNE JOHNSON TRIO	Thur. 23 :	NIGHTFLIGHT /w. Dianne Reeves
Thur. 9 :	NIGHTFLIGHT /w. Dianne	Fri. 24 :	SLATE CANYON
Fri. 10 :	SLATE CANYON	Sat. 25 :	UNDERWATER TRAFFIC
Sat. 11 :	WAYNE JOHNSON TRIO	Sun. 26 :	MANDALA (6:00 to 10:00)
Sun. 12 :	MANDALA (6:00 to 10:00)	Mon. 27 :	SLATE CANYON
Mon. 13 :	SLATE CANYON	Tues. 28 :	ARCO IRIS
Tues. 14 :	ARCO IRIS	Wed. 29 :	WAYNE JOHNSON TRIO
Wed. 15 :	WAYNE JOHNSON TRIO	Thur. 30 :	NIGHTFLIGHT /w. Dianne Reeves
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WAYNE JOHNSON has returned from his tour with Manhattan Transfer. His newly released album "Arrowhead" is gaining quick world-wide recognition. This master of musical suspense and dynamics can be heard with Bill Berg, drums, and Flim Johnson, bass, in a special 4th of July concert, starting at 2:00 PM in the garden. Please come early for lunch and best seats, or catch Wayne at some of the other dates scheduled for his trio throughout the month of July.

by Will Raabe