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VIVA LA HUELGA!

by Elizabeth Elder - Strike Support Committee

(Writer's Note: As the Beachhead went to press, the worker's of Spatz had won! Due to their militance and the growing community support, Spatz Labs agreed to every demand of the Union with the exception of \$1 an hour, which will be renegotiated in November. The vote was five to one for ratification of the contract. The workers return to work on Monday, March 3rd, to a union shop! Viva los obreros unidos!)

The building itself is quite ordinary, tucked away among a number of industrial shops in the area of Venice south of Washington St. and east of Lincoln Blvd. Nothing very remarkable about the building, a simple one-story brown structure with "Spatz Laboratories 4131 Glencoe" in silver lettering on the front window.

But the people who work in this building, without whom Spatz Laboratories would not be in business, are doing something not so ordinary but rather remarkable and brave. The workers of Spatz Laboratories are on strike.

The conditions under which these people worked before February 11th, the wages they were paid, suggest the phrase "sweat shop", an unfortunate reality that the more enlightened among us would like to believe has no place in this part of the 20th century. The conditions speak for themselves.

Spatz is a manufacturer of casings for lipsticks, eyebrow pencils and

other "components" of finished cosmetic products. Their customers are cosmetic companies, including Avon, Max Factor, Maybelline and Amway, to name a few.

There are roughly 250 workers at Spatz, almost entirely women, mostly Latina, most with families to support. They're paid \$3.10 an hour, barely minimum wage. There is no seniority, no job security, no benefits - no union, until the Santa Monica Local (1442) of the Retail Clerks Union began an organizing drive there in September of 1978.

(Local 1442, you may recall, gave vital and tangible support to the enormously successful Rent Control campaign and the campaigns to elect Renters' Rights candidates to the Santa Monica City Council. Under the leadership of their President, Mike Straeter, and Vice-President Marge Cardwell, they are a very active and progressive local of that union.)

The organizing drive was a success. On February 7, 1979, 193 or 78% of the Spatz workers voted for the union. At that point, negotiation of a contract should have begun. The union did begin - in good faith - but after a year there was still no contract and therefore, against the will of the majority of the workers at Spatz, no improvement in their working conditions.

The tactics used by management to subvert the negotiating of new contracts are nothing new. In fact, they

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LAWLESS MEATLESS

by Brenda Harney

There's been a lot written in these pages about Coastal Violators, with a lot of attention paid to Charmers Tea House and the Ace Gallery, not so much because they have to do with Doug Christmas as because they are two projects in which the blatant violation of City ordinance and State law are clear, obvious, and not dealt with by anyone in the City or the State. The ongoing saga of Doug Christmas has really been about unattended Coastal Violations and Mr. Christmas has just violated these laws more often and more openly than any other individual.

Not to worry about too much media coverage of Christmas, however. There is a new power-player in the Coastal Game, a player who has violated laws as blatantly as anyone, who has been as undisturbed by City or State agencies as anyone, and who has ignored community concerns every bit as much as you know who.

A year after the City took over the Coastal Permit process, a certain restaurant in Venice proceeded to expand seating, reduce parking, and -- get this -- take over a street! Now you or I might not be able to do such a thing, though I suspect many of us might find the idea of an outdoor eating area appealing. Like a lot of other people in Venice, I have no yard, no garden, no patio in which to serve sauteed veggies or linger over a bottle of wine. Frankly, it sounds delightful, but I know damn well that I couldn't get away with just enclosing part of the street in front of me, putting out even one table to enjoy the view. Hey, it would be terrific! My street is such that I'd have a nice little palm-lined veranda on which to have friends to dinner.

On the other hand, my street doesn't belong to me. "My" street is City property -- other folks use it to drive and park on, and the essence of living together in this urban wild West beach town (or anywhere else) has a lot to do with paying attention to Other People, not just me. So not only do I know that I wouldn't get away with my little Patio in the Palms, I wouldn't even propose it because I know it would be a big problem for the people who use my street, and their space is as important in this community as mine.

Perhaps that's why I find it so amazing that the City of Los Angeles closed off a block of 17th Street so that the Meatless could expand its patio onto that street -- and that both actions occurred without public hearing because no coastal permit was applied for in either case.

Since November the Coastal Committee of the Venice Town Council has been requesting enforcement of coastal law by the City of Los Angeles, and the Meatless was given 30 days in which to apply for a permit to expand seating and reduce parking; that time ran out February 29 with no response from the Meatless. According to Mr. Guzik of the Department of Building and Safety, if the Meatless does not comply in two more weeks, the matter will be turned over the City's Legal Department, where Mr. Guzik said it could possibly be prosecuted as a criminal case.

In the meantime, the City has not obtained the required Coastal permit to

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1. Announcements
2. Frank Wilkinson, Executive Director of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL) will talk about the latest version of the Criminal Code Reform Act Senate Bill.
3. Emergency issue(s) as they arise.
4. Committee Reports

The VTC Coordinating Committee which sets the agenda, also open to all, will meet on Wednesday March 26, 1980 same time and place.

VENICE CIVIC UNION DECLINES VTC OFFER TO SHARE TIME ON NEXT IRAN AGENDA

Just before BEACHHEAD presstime the Venice Town Council formally made the Venice Civic Union an offer to co-sponsor the next community meeting on the Venice/Tehran sister-city question, and/or to share the time equally with the Civic Union so the VCU people could put on any presentation they wished.

Some members of the Venice Civic Union had attended the Town Council Iran meeting on Feb. 6th and had objected that they weren't prepared to make a presentation of their side of the question.

It was in response to this that the Town Council offered to share the next meeting with the Civic Union. But at its Feb. 26th meeting the Venice Civic Union declined the offer.

The Town Council will now pick a time and a place on its own for the next Iran sister-city meeting, and perhaps find another group to present the "con" position.

THE APRIL MEETING of the Venice Town Council, April 16 at 7:30 PM, will be MOVED to the ISRAEL LEVIN CENTER, 201 OCEAN FRONT WALK (near Navy) instead of being held at City Hall. SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE will be the featured speaker.

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Dear Beachheadstrong:

I protest! Andy Kuchrawy says, "They say they add color to the area... that's ridiculous, they sit in the pagodas. They don't belong here, they don't belong anywhere." That's disgusting. Just because people can't afford addresses doesn't mean they can't still be community members. Unfortunately the stuck-up Venice Police (I've seen and heard of enough street people with their scars) and loud mouth merchants don't agree with me. So they now remove places for the elderly (and young) to sit and rest by the beach and start trying to kick all the wanderers off. These people can't get a job like THAT, and why the fuck should society try and build walls around them anyway. Living like that is their right, often their only choice, and not our business to prevent. You stupid merchants could be there too in a few years. Clam up, pigheads.

-ADSLA-

Dear Beachhead...

Sitting here in Folsom Prison, and with the amount of time I have... I despair that the next time I see Venice it will be totally unrecognizable to my eyes which have witnessed the magic that was Venice during the fifties, sixties, and early seventies.

To those, who with their unfeeling, and uncaring wealth are moving in to absorb the very thing that they are destroying, there is no way to make them see that in desperation to grab and hold the fragile butterfly which was the essence of Venice's magic, they have squeezed too hard until the very life they seek, lays lifeless in their clutch.

They will never know Venice, they can never know the Venice which existed in its own little pocket of magical fog, and that those of us freaks and ex freaks knew.

Once they have had their way with her, they will tire of her as happened in the 20's, and those who have fled in anguish from this onslaught will carry the memories, and perhaps keep the magic alive, to be transmitted at another time, other generations.

If there is re-incarnation... I hope I am among the ones who receive this message which says "Its time to come home again."

Joseph Perez

BAD DAY AT THE ROCKS....

I probably would have drowned down at the rocks yesterday, January 24 had it not been for the efforts of John Hands of Venice, who was surfing nearby.

At noon, after playing around in waist-deep water, to my contentment, I tried getting out and couldn't. No matter how hard I struggled toward shore, I felt myself being pulled out to sea and dangerously close to the rocks. Then I got really scared and realized it must be a rip-tide and started screaming "help Lifeguard" many times. NO RESPONSE.

Soon a young surfer paddled over and eventually got me out on his board. It took about three tries as the surf was very strong and I got exhausted besides being scared. Then I think an unusually big wave toppled him, me and the board. At that point, he called his friend for help and with two boards, we made it. I was on John's board holding onto the foot of the guy in front, propelling on his board. Probably funny if you were just somebody watching.

No lifeguard ever appeared, at a station supposedly manned year round, all day. Why not? Where was he?

My rescuers told me that they see people pulled out by rip-tides all the time. There is no sign indicating danger and no one on duty either warning of danger or available in emergencies. Apparently I, as a taxpayer, support this non-service. Why? I would like an explanation of how this system works, the one time I need help and desperately. It could well have been the last time.

Anyway, John Hands deserves an award of the highest kind. He certainly was my hero, and a gentleman too, in his excellent handling of a treacherous situation. He's my kind of guy. Really.

Pink Lady

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STATEMENTS FROM THE COLLECTIVE

★ The Marathon Meatless Messhall at 1701 Ocean Front Walk has supported the Beachhead by advertising in it for many years. At the same time we recognized that the Meatless was functioning as part of the community.

Last year, a new owner changed the name, the hours, and the relationship of the Meatless to the community of Venice. While there are undoubtedly some in Venice who find the changes appealing, the Beachhead Collective is critical of the role of the Heart o'Venice in changing our community for its own self-interest.

Andy Kuchrawy, owner of Heart o'Venice, has violated City and Coastal law and spear-headed antisocial activities on the Ocean Front Walk.

In November 1979 the Coastal Committee of the Venice Town Council reported to the City of Los Angeles that the Heart o'Venice had expanded a patio dining area into an existing parking lot, an action which requires City and State Coastal permits. None of these permits has been applied for to date, and Mr. Kuchrawy's intention to do so is questionable. After repeated objections from the Coastal Committee, the City of L.A. gave Mr. Kuchrawy 30 days in which to comply, which he has not done.

While Mr. Kuchrawy has been breaking the law, he has also been a leading organizer of Ocean Front merchants into the Venice Beach Association. This group has advocated vigilante type tactics in a campaign to "clean up the Ocean Front Walk." The Beachhead Collective is opposed to the harassment of transient people and the sterilization of our community which Mr. Kuchrawy is supporting.

For these reasons, the Beachhead Collective feels that we can no longer accept financial support from the Heart o'Venice, and we will therefore no longer carry their advertising. We support the efforts of the Venice Town Council Coastal Committee in seeing that Mr. Kuchrawy conforms to the laws which are designed to protect our community from unchecked development.

★ An article entitled "Against Pearl White" was submitted by Robt. Wells for this issue of the BEACHHEAD. It dealt with the Venice Town Council meeting on Iran Feb. 6th; it included criticism of Mrs. White of Oakwood, and of the role which, in the author's view, she played at the Feb. 6th meeting. The article raised questions in the Collective's mind of possible legal liability for libel and slander which could not be resolved by presstime, so the article does not appear in this month's issue. It may or may not appear in some future issue.

★ The credit line was inadvertently omitted from the lead poem in the centerspread of the January issue of the Beachhead. The poem, Sky-line, was written by Paul Beethoven.

Pursuant to a motion passed at the January Venice Town Council meeting, the following letter was written and sent to the Ocean Front Weekly, which has declined to print it.

I am writing to protest the hateful and inflammatory language used by your publication recently to describe some of our community's more unfortunate residents. I quote from your issues of January 2 and 9 in which you refer to the objects of the current harassment campaign by the Venice Beach Merchants' Association as "bums", and "Venice's refuse, human flotsam and probable criminals" and imply that if only these individuals could be swept away into some societal garbage dump- elsewhere, elsewhere- Venice Beach would be left to its rightful owners, the moneyspenders, moneylenders and developers who exhibit such impatience at having to share their turf with

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KINGS, QUEENS, and KHOMEINIS

by Carol Berman

I don't know. Maybe those who now seem to be the leading lights of the Venice Town Council are so overwhelmed by the inundation of the lawless band of businesspeople that are busy snatching public right of ways, demolishing existing housing units, opening up shops without change of use permits, that they'd prefer to concentrate on how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, or whether or not Venice should adopt Tehran as a sister city, since Los Angeles so recently orphaned her.

There are some contradictory actions, however, by those people who seem to be against monarchy abroad.

One of the prime movers in the Tehran forum was instrumental in foisting a queen on an unwilling or at least unconsulted populace of the Anarchate of Venice, and here he was in effect calling a meeting that from past experiences in such meetings has proved could only prove divisive, and perhaps violent. But I'll not slide into that riff.

Why the hell, I thought, should we even want a sister city? Any sister city? And why the hell should we wish to be sisters with a city of a country whose new regime revoked the only decent thing the Shah ever did and that was women's suffrage?

A year ago I was invited to take part in a demonstration against the Shah in Beverly Hills. The image of me in a platoon of a thousand marchers raising our fists and chanting, "Down with the Shah" as we marched by Pucci's was intriguing and hard to resist, but I did. I said to the asker, "What about the rights of women?" "Well," answered the asker, "first we must free the people and then we'll take care of the women." Honest. That's what SHE said. Oh yessuh Massa, I'll jes' mince to the back of the bus real polite an' when you-all want me to do a lie-in or a die-in ya'll whistle. You do know how to whistle, don't you? Good. Whistle Dixie.

But I went to the Venice Town Council meeting, because I wanted to ask, "Why are you engaging in these Boys' Republic shenanigans? What about the respectable businesspeople whose rapacious and fascistic tactics of removing public benches from public property, of taking vagrants bedrolls and throwing them in the trash? Couldn't we expend a little energy at fighting fascism right here in Venice instead of supporting a popularly acclaimed reactionary religious fanatic? Fine. The Iranians want the Ayotollah, that's dandy. Each to his own taste, said the farmer as he kissed the cow's behind. But let's concentrate on making sure that our new business people don't go too far in making Venice safe for the San Fernando Valley."

As I walked to the meeting I thought, if we have to have a Sister City, why couldn't we become sisters with Venice, Italy? They're slowly sinking, and it's one of the oldest



republics in Western history, and I bet it's as corrupt as Los Angeles.

But I keep forgetting that we are now a monarchy with a male Queen. And what are these people doing arguing about a deposed Shah when they have foisted a monarch on us/me?

Oh there are all sorts of historical implications and precedents. A Queen rightfully elected for a year to preside over Santa Monica City College, denied his crown. Instead of a nice little ceremony that said, "O.K., Queenie, we the people of Venice, thirsting after justice, give you this crown that's rightfully yours as queen of Santa Monica City College," we were treated to a little bit of history brought to life by watching a monarch extend his kingdom without a consent of the populace. Sound familiar? And some of the prime movers in that escape are now yammering about Los Angeles orphaning Tehran. Put it in your Servir al Pueblo and smoke it. Oh dear, I did slide into that riff, didn't I?

Well, I never got to make my speech or rake some muck.

I was hunched down in one of those kiddie chairs at the Venice Town Council meeting. The VTC is held in what is called a dual purpose room at the old City Hall. By day, a child care center, by night a meeting room. Hence, the kiddie chairs. Wouldn't it be terrific to have a meeting in a room that was also used by the Mendocino Marijuana Growers Association?

A lot of people who belonged to the Venice Civic Union started coming in. Several men, who I didn't recognize - at least they'd never attended VTC meetings - came in bearing signs that said "The Venice Town Council does not represent us." The signs were attached to baseball bats. A television news team (Michael Lindner, Channel 2) was there. Several journalists and some more neighbors came in.

The meeting was called to order. The baseball batters started yelling "Free the Hostages! I move that the Town Council's name be changed to the Venice Clown Council!" The meeting was called to order again. It seemed we were to be treated to some atrocity slides - victims of the Shah's secret police.

"Cut the propoganda! Let's get to the question!" yelled one of the bat bearers. The slides were cut from the program.

The meeting was called to order. A young Iranian was introduced. "What about the hostages!" yelled a dozen voices. "Shut up and let him speak" retorted a dozen other voices.

The meeting was called to order. At this point a woman who is

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAOS

by Lance Diskan

As soon as I arrived I sensed that it was going to be a classic Venice event. The Venice Town Council had called a meeting that would deal with the Iranian situation, and the room at the Beyond Baroque building was packed. Someone entered the lobby and asked, "Is this the acting class?" I guess he knew there would be some dramatic performances, and he didn't have to wait very long.

Someone booed the Chairperson as the evening's "program" was announced. One man stood near the door with an anti-Town Council poster stapled to a baseball bat. In response to angry shouts from the floor the first speaker abandoned part of his presentation before it even began. The natives were restless.

A young Iranian student tried to explain that he was not a spokesman for the Iranian government and that he just wanted American people and Iranian people to learn more about each other and what was happening. But some people in the audience didn't want to listen to anything, and insisted on shouting at the speaker, the Chairperson, and everyone else in the room. Tempers were hot and most people had no fuse left at all. Anarchy and attempts to restore order battled it out on the floor as the media watched.

The young Iranian was still talking when the Fire Marshal arrived (summoned by an anonymous phone tip), and the Council was confronted with a problem it seldom faces -- too many people. In a room filled with people yelling to be heard, and just yelling at no one in particular, who was to decide who would leave and who would stay? Would anyone abide by a decision of the Chairperson? Could the meeting be moved? Was this legal reality simply beyond the rational capacity of the assembled crowd?

The first response was "Hell no, we won't go!" The Fire Marshal would just have to arrest everyone. "We'll all go to jail together" someone else yelled, (a frightening thought). There was a vague vote -- really a brief show of hands not preceded by a motion -- and most of the group refused to leave. So much for the law. And wasn't it outrage at lawlessness -- both totalitarian torture AND hostage imprisonment -- that supposedly had brought everyone to the meeting in the first place?

This chaotic local demonstration of contempt for any form of authority, and the self-indulgent refusal to solve the immediate problem of fire laws 'brought the war back home.' An avalanche of invective, motions, statements against the police, name calling, threats and counterthreats, international policy declarations, legal suggestions, illegal suggestions, and statements in favor of the Fire Marshal rang through the room -- but almost no one left.

The Chairperson was threatened with arrest. Someone advocated a petition absolving the Fire Marshal of any responsibility. In the midst of the screaming someone said a committee should be formed. The Councilmanic Representative told everyone there were only two choices: have the legal number of people (49) in the building, or adjourn the meeting. The response to these options was underwhelming, and soon he was over at one side of the room locked in dispute with a small circle of people.

The television crew was smiling and shooting away at the frenzied display when things turned ugly. One of the baseball bat/placard holders kept shoving his sign into view of the TV camera when a Council supporter grabbed his arm to pull down the sign. In a moment there was a fight between a large angry man and a small angry woman over control of the bat. The gathering had swiftly disintegrated from discussion to performance to farce to chaos to violence, and by the time the two combatants were separated the meeting had been adjourned (by at least two people) and folks were heading for the doors.

It took another thirty minutes to completely clear the hall and lock the building. People drifted into the night and returned to their corners to await the bell signalling the next round. The one thing I got from the event was a deep appreciation that no one in Venice has nuclear weapons, or by now we'd all be glowing in the dark and there'd be a huge new subterranean parking place on Venice Blvd.

It's rumored that a Mafia team from Detroit will be called in to maintain order when another attempt is made to 'discuss the issue.'

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This Earth Belongs To All Of Us

By Sandra Gray

I have just finished reading Rick Davidson's article entitled: "Send the Shah to Nuremberg", in the December issue of the Beachhead, and I agree totally with Rick. I have recently finished editing and typing a manuscript written by a friend who escaped from Iran under rugs during the 1979 revolution there (224 pages) and the two accounts match exactly.

But that is not what I am writing about. For a number of months I have been up here in Arizona in a rural area teaching school. It is next to heaven to look out of my window and see nothing but the desert plateau and the mountains and the sun rising flaming red on the horizon. Every now and then I run down the mountain in my automatic transmission, see my children and friends, stay a few days, then come right back again, zooming through Kingman or Phoenix, whichever way the weather is best.

And, I can't believe Los Angeles. I can't believe that people are willing to sit on a little scrap of land, (as I did for years) and fight over politics about the land, and hunger for more land, and buy a tiny house for \$150,000 and then say: "Well, now I have something. Well, now I own this two by four, and I really have something."

And, that's what this Shah person is all about: our own hunger to have land and the resources on the land, and going to war for that little piece of paper that says, "OWNER". In a different way, but it is still the same thing, we go

ahead and nag and lobby and bribe and hound some state senator to legalize for private sale pieces of the Santa Monica Mountains, so we can get a lot up there and live in a house on stilts up there for two years, then sell it for a profit and buy a duplex in town.

And after a while, if we are lucky, we turn some corner, and we see an office building made out of a whole green granite mountain lugged down from Canada, hunk by hunk, and something inside moves . . . and we know that no matter how hard we try, bribe, borrow, fight, we cannot own the land; (cannot in this and the following sense means cannot without irretrievable loss to the land.) And when we all understand this, we will stop defending Shahs, protecting their rights, because we would like, must have these rights for ourselves.

Absolutely, this Shah person, along with Henry and David (where is Kemit these days?) should be sent back to Iran to face a trial, bringing back with them the billions in stolen oil revenues that belong to the Iranian people. And they should be held to answer for all the tragic years, for the last quarter of a century, of mineral rape and brutal terrorism since our CIA put the Shah back in power. Front page and TV review of this debauchery and theft and violence, piece by piece, may make Nuremberg dim in the shadow of the Shah.

Unhappily, so far, man is only able to have a remote and transitory relationship with the land. The land (relative to living things) is static, stable, immutable, fixed, always there, always will be there, no more, no less. Man is temporary, transient, unstable, unsteady, able to deal with relationships only like himself, ephemeral, here for a day . . . Man cannot seem to own what is out of his domain, cannot

mate out of his sphere. Man can deal with symbolic exchanges: legality, proprietorship, music, science, dance, art, mathematics, because these things are of his own creation . . . like himself in quality. But man cannot deal directly with natural forces;

cannot own the speed of light, or the gravitational pull, or the oceans, or the mountains or rivers or mineral resources or the air or the stars. And man cannot own the land. It appears not now, in the past, or ever. All these great things belong to the universe, are there for a universal purpose for all the people's conservative use, for all of time.

And for a few people, the Shahs and the Davids, over a few scanty years to use up the land and the mineral resources and the good air for their own power and purposes, and employ armies of the people to defend these purposes, is absurd. It is a legal joke; a devil's comedy. Can you imagine Monument Valley turned into a high desert resort area? Sure you can. Sure I can, if we have allowed the exquisite Los Angeles Basin converted into a smoky condoland.

I'm not going to tell you how the land and resources should be doled out to all of the people of the world for safekeeping. I'll let you think about that as I am thinking about it. (No, communism is a terrible idea, its manifesto is immutable, a quality reserved for the laws of nature, not taking into account man's genius for symbolic reasoning, creativity, spirituality.)

I don't know how we can control man's greed for the land, his desire to tie himself to stable forces. But I do know this: that after all the land is fought over and after all the Shahs take what they want and all the mineral resources are captured by ten or twelve persons, all the seas poisoned and no more fish survive, the land will be returned to the one who made it in the first place. And, maybe, after that time, a more reasonable accounting will take place.

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The Times They Stay The Same

by Brenda Harney

Time was when over thirty was an age not to be trusted -- the over-thirties made war more easily than love. Most of us born after the bomb were still under thirty when anti-war protest turned into consciousness-raising and then into national policy. It took too long, of course, but I hoped that anti-war protest had proved a point that wouldn't have to be proved again for a very long time.

So it was with a mixture of shock and nostalgia that I heard there was to be an anti-war anti-draft protest at a \$1000-a-plate fund-raiser for Jimmy Carter. A candlelight demonstration in Beverly Hills evoked mixed feelings of the deepest sort: good feelings for the sweet strong sixties solidarity I had known and loved, and bad feelings for the necessity to get out and say still one more time - no more war. Wasn't anyone listening before?

It was bittersweet *deja-vu* for those of us who had done it before, and there were lots of us thirty and over, many still in jeans, some with flowers in the hair. But we were not alone, and conservative estimates placed the turn-out at 3000.

Passions were high, but the march was subdued, even reverent, as thousands of people with candles and placards circled the Beverly Hilton. The sheer numbers were moving, but the mix of the crowd said even more about the state of 80's consciousness. There were young draft-age people, female now as well as male; there were parents who had sent sons to Viet Nam; there were Viet Nam veterans; there were Grey Panthers and Libertarians and professionals and children. People were smiling at each other. There were streams of cars honking horns, some with placards, some drivers flashing the peace sign, others brandishing a clenched fist. And not all the cars were VWs -- there were Mercedes and BMWs honking against the war too. And there was not a single heckler to be heard.

There were familiar old chants: what do we want? End the draft. When do we want it? now! The new chants were to the point: Hell no, we won't go - fight a war for Texaco! And: 1-2-3-4 we don't want another war, 5-6-7-8 We don't want to radiate!

It was the sixties updated to the eighties and it was a powerful statement from a very mixed cross-section of the public.

As this goes to press, there is an anti-draft anti-war demonstration planned for March 2 at the Federal Building in Westwood. Hopefully you heard about it elsewhere and managed to get there.

The way things are going, however, this is just the beginning. So paint some new placards and rev up some old energy and get ready to say again, No More War! ■

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OIL S(L)ICKIES

by Moe Stavnezer

Well its the beginning of the tax year and its business as usual. I'm at home waiting for my W-2 Form, hoping that maybe I'll be getting some tax money back and Mobil and Gulf Oil Companies have ads in the Times telling me why it was O.K. for them to have profits of almost 2.5 BILLION dollars last year. I guess that the ads, a full pager for Gulf and a quarter page for Mobil, cost 2 or 3 times what I earned last year-before taxes. And after reading both ads I admit that I'm still a bit puzzled about what profit is.

profit vs. PROFIT ???

I always thought that a profit was the amount of MONEY (\$\$\$) that a person or a corporation (in some places, the same as a person) had at the end of the year (either before or after taxes) above what was spent during that year. My old and inadequate "Websters" says that a profit is "the excess of returns over expenditure" which pretty much jibes with what I thought it was. And then I read the ads and it seems that things are a bit more complicated than I thought they were. Actually they're more complicated and confusing than either of the oil giants admit. Both of them admit enormous profits but deal with what a



Engelhardt in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

'I Needed the (burb) Energy, Boy'

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profit is in a different way. Mobil has a penchant for comparison, comparing its economic performance (as one of the top 5 industrial corporations) to giants like McDonald's and Hilton Hotels (which are not even listed among the top 500 industrial corporations). That's kind of like comparing the land mass of the whole US to that of Venice as if they were equal. Mobil goes on to confuse the comparison by saying that it spends more \$\$ than it earns to develop "new sources" of energy. Even as uneducated as I am I understand that that statement is meant to hide the fact that Mobil's profits are in addition to, not a part of, the money spent to develop those sources. Further, I have, as the "class" cynic, the notion that those "new sources" have more to do with finding more oil, etc, than with inventing really new sources of energy. Honesty forces me to admit that I really mean old sources of energy like the sun and the wind.

The Gulf of What?

Oh, but hell, why pick on such a poor and defenseless bunch as the folks who run Mobil? Gulf, after all, had a full page ad that evokes tears of sympathy for its meager \$1.4 billion profits last year. The recession has reduced my work week to one day and Gulf is trying to get me to feel sorry that it only makes 2.7 cents on every gallon of gas it sells. Can you imagine how many 2.7 cents there are in \$1,320,000,000? Can you even visualize what a billion dollars look like? I mean a billion dollars are equal to a mere thousand million bucks which, to continue the absurdity, is equal to a million thousands dollars. Last year I earned about half of what it cost Gulf for its ad in the Times and so much less than 1% of Gulf's profits that it doesn't even

Environmental "Bill of Rights" Initiative

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Section 1. INALIENABLE RIGHTS

(Note: Bold words in Section 1 are additions to the existing "Inalienable Rights" provisions in the State Constitution.)

All people are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, protecting, and conserving property, and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness, privacy, and a healthful and productive environment.

Section 28. RIGHT TO A HEALTHFUL AND PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT

(a) Rights

The people have a right to a healthful and productive environment. Such right includes, but is not limited to, the benefits and enjoyment of:

1. Clean air in urban centers, industrial and agricultural work places, and elsewhere throughout the state;
2. Adequate amounts of water, unpolluted by toxic wastes or excessive sediments, in streams, rivers, lakes, underground basins, and coastal areas;
3. Renewable, safe, and non-wasteful energy systems;
4. Freedom from involuntary exposure to chemicals, minerals, radioactive substances and energy forms that are hazardous to health;
5. Livable urban and rural environments, with productive employment, affordable housing, efficient transportation, and freedom from excessive noise;
6. Accessible parks, recreational areas, and open spaces;
7. Agricultural lands protected from urban or suburban sprawl;
8. Unique and scenic resources, including wilderness and coastal areas, freeflowing rivers, lakes, mountains, deserts, forests, historic structures and archaeological sites;
9. Fish and wildlife populations, rare and endangered flora and fauna, and other native plant and animal life, protected and enhanced where possible;
10. A population level compatible with a good standard of living.

(b) Implementation

The legislature and all agencies of government, federal, state, regional and local, except where explicitly prohibited from so acting by federal law, shall implement the right guaranteed herein as follows:

- (1) **Renewable and Recyclable Resources** — Use and invest in renewable, recyclable, or reclaimable energy, water, timber, and mineral resources in preference to virgin or non-renewable resources;
- (2) **Resource Conservation** — Manage and value natural resources, including energy, water, timber, and minerals in such a way as to minimize waste and sustain productive natural and economic systems;
- (3) **Toxic Substances** — Replace toxic methods or substances with non-toxic or less toxic methods or substances whenever they can reasonably serve the same purpose;
- (4) **Planning** — Avoid unnecessary long-range costs through comprehensive land use and other planning which coordinates and harmonizes the efforts of individual agencies;
- (5) **Informing the Public** — Compile and make readily available to the public accurate inventories of natural resource reserves, toxic and hazardous wastes, pollution levels, land use, and other basic resource information;
- (6) **Economic Incentives and Government Regulation** — Where feasible, use economic incentives and disincentives, rather than governmental regulation, to achieve a healthful and productive environment. When regulations are required, they shall be concise and simply worded, and shall minimize procedural delay and government intrusion into the lives of the people;

Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as exclusive of other laws, regulations, or policies needed to implement the people's right to a healthful and productive environment.

(c) Prohibition

No laws shall be enacted, or regulations adopted, which unreasonably impair the right of the people to a healthful and productive environment as defined and implemented herein.

(d) Enforcement

Subject to reasonable limitation and regulation by law, this section shall be enforceable through appropriate legal proceedings on or after January 1, 1982.

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purposes and points of the proposed measure

ENVIRONMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Adds inalienable rights of conserving property and pursuing and obtaining a healthful and productive environment to the constitution. Provides that the right to a healthful and productive environment includes the benefit and enjoyment of specific aspects of the environment. Requires the Legislature and all governmental agencies to implement this right, except where prohibited by federal law, in the manner specified by the amendment. Prohibits enactment of laws or regulations which unreasonably impair the right to a healthful and productive environment. Provides that the healthful and productive environment right shall be enforceable beginning on January 1, 1982. Financial impact: Indeterminable, but potentially substantial increases in state and local costs after January 1, 1982, depending on court mandates.

register on my nifty pocket calculator.

Gulf is trying to convince me and you that its profits were not excessive. It is doing that by taking out an ad that breaks down the cost of gasoline to show that the biggest part of the cost of gas is the cost of crude oil (foreign and domestic). The absurdity of the ad is that if you eliminate the cost of the oil and just deal with the other costs (this is only a fantasy) the cost of a gallon of gas would still be 55 cents. That's more than double what it was a couple years ago.

And Heeeeeeere: CHEVRON!!

Now these guys are really slick. They don't even mention, in a 3/4 page Times ad, the total profit Chevron made in 1979. The Chevron pitch is that even though an "independent" study found that most people believe the oil companies made 57 cents on each sales dollar, Chevron really only made 5.1 cents on the dollar. Hey folks, that's more than twice what either Gulf or Mobil will admit to. My guess is, given Chevron's place among the top 10 industrial companies, that it made every bit as much as the other two giants and is simply trying to distort the immense profitability in oil these days.

Not surprisingly all these ads came at about the time Congress was having a "great" debate about how much to tax the windfall profits of the oil companies. I guess the ads convinced our elected reps to Washington 'cause they opted for a compromise far lower than originally recommended. Makes you want to run right out to buy some gas and support more of these marvelous ads, now doesn't it? ☘

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VENICE: 1914-1916

Part II: Wives and Others

(This is the second in a series of articles dealing with the history of Venice between 1914 and 1916 prepared by students at Long Beach State University and published by The Beachhead in celebrating of the 75th anniversary of this community.)

This article deals with women in Venice. It is not all inclusive since the local paper, The Vanguard (from which the facts for the article were gathered) was selective in the type of women's activities and therefore women it reports on. Significantly absent was information relating to working class and minority women, their interests, attitudes, and activities. The Venice women who made news appear to have been middle-class, anglo women whose social life developed within the context of the 'women's club movement', while prominent attitudes towards women expressed in the Vanguard were anglo, male, and also middle class.

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BY JOHN HABER

THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY WAS A PERIOD OF INTENSIFIED STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THIS STRUGGLE REVOLVED, IN LARGE PART, AROUND THE ISSUE OF SUFFRAGE, WHICH WAS FINALLY GRANTED IN 1920 WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT. THIS STRUGGLE FOUND AN ECHO IN VENETIAN SOCIETY. THOUGH MANY VENETIANS RECOGNIZED THAT WOMEN HAD BEEN DENIED BASIC RIGHTS IN THE PAST, THERE WAS STILL DEBATE CONCERNING THE EXTENT TO WHICH WOMEN SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

IN CALIFORNIA WOMEN RECEIVED THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN LOCAL AND STATE ELECTIONS IN 1911 (THEY VOTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1914). BUT WHILE WOMEN WERE ALLOWED VOTE IN SUCH ELECTIONS THEY WERE EXCLUDED FROM VOTING IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

IN MAY, 1916, THE VENICE VANGUARD REPORTED THE DEFEAT OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT IN IOWA WITH NO COMMENT WHILE IT WAXED AMBIGUOUS IN AN EDITORIAL ON THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN IN POLITICS ENTITLED "SITUATION IS SERIOUS":

"We may joke as we please over the great national movement of the women who are organizing a political party but when it comes to domination of petticoat politics throughout the nation it will cease to be a laughing matter. The situation will be extremely serious for the dominating lords of creation who, heretofore, have had everything about their own way in national, state, county and municipal affairs. The women of the United States are a power to be reckoned with in the future history of this country."

THE PAPER REPORTED A VARIETY OF ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS ON THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT. MRS. CHARLES WHITMEN, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK WAS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "I am not so interested in the actual attainment of the ballot for women as I am in the wonderful educational value such a campaign represents."

VENETIAN WOMEN BECAME INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS. THE VANGUARD PRAISED THE GOOD GOVERNMENT LEAGUE (GGL) FOR INVOLVING WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS, ALLOWING THEM TO CAMPAIGN, FUND RAISE, AND DISCUSS ISSUES.

BUT OTHER WOMEN FROM ANOTHER LOCAL POLITICAL FACTION CALLED THE CITIZENS PROTECTIVE LEAGUE (CPL) WERE TOO INVOLVED FOR THE VANGUARD. THESE WOMEN WERE REPORTEDLY AT THE POLLS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF THEIR FACTION. THE PAPER SUGGESTED:

"If wome women only put as much energy in the care of their homes and in making their husbands and families happy than they do in doing politics, what a land of happy homes we would be able to boast of!"

IN SHORT, A WOMEN'S PLACE WAS IN THE HOME. THE CPL WOMEN HAD GONE TOO FAR. WOMEN COULD VOTE AND PASSIVELY PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL POLITICS, BUT THEY WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO ACTIVELY CAMPAIGN FOR THE OPPOSITION.



MISS RUTH SHARPE (LEFT), MRS. MASON (CENTER), WHO GAVE CHARMING BIRTHDAY BOX-PARTY IN HONOR OF MISS DOROTHY MASON (RIGHT), LAST SATURDAY EVENING.

CLUB LIFE AND POLITICS

SOCIAL CLUBS PROVIDED THE MAJOR VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH WOMEN MIGHT BECOME AN EFFECTIVE FORCE IN COMMUNITY POLITICS. THIS WAS TRUE NOT ONLY IN VENICE BUT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES DURING THIS PERIOD. THE VANGUARD HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB MOVEMENT:

"When the Women's Club movement first started, it was caricatured as made up of brainy women who were eccentric in their strong individuality. Club women were regarded as 'blue stockings', strongminded, agitators and propagandists, but not homekeepers and the kind of woman a man falls in love with."



A Couple of Beach Nuts—Mary and Margaret Barrette, two new members of the Beach Nut Club a Venice, which has just opened another membership drive. The object of the club is to aid the police in ridding the resort of "beach sheiks" and masher who infest it.

"(Today) the clubs appear to be less literary and more civic than formerly. In their earlier days, the principle energy was taken by study of literature and philosophy, and the preparation of papers on various aspects of human knowledge... But meanwhile they might be wholly ignorant of the local conditions of the drains of the next street."

The modern Women's Club is more of a civic force. It is felt to be failing of its reason for being if it does not maintain a working social service department."

A MAJOR REASON FOR THIS TRANSITION WAS THE CHANGE IN SOCIAL COMPOSITION OF THE CLUBS. THEY WERE BEGUN BY 'BLUE STOCKINGS' WHO PUT GREAT EMPHASIS UPON THE LITERARY FUNCTION OF THE CLUBS. BUT MEMBERSHIP CHANGED AS THE CLUB MOVEMENT SPREAD ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND NON-PROFESSIONAL, PROVINCIAL, AND MIDDLE CLASS WOMEN JOINED. WITH THIS CHANGE THE NATURE OF THE CLUBS BECAME MORE CIVIC OR POLITICAL IN EMPHASIS, ALTHOUGH THE LITERARY FUNCTION WAS NEVER COMPLETELY DISREGARDED. THIS CHANGE WAS REFLECTED IN CALIFORNIA AND IN THE CLUB MOVEMENT IN VENICE AND SANTA MONICA.

IN 1915 THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT STATE CONVENTION OF THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS WHICH WAS HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AT THIS CONVENTION WAS WHETHER POLITICS SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF THE WOMEN'S CLUBS. THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM VENICE, MRS. W.H. ANDERSON, SPOKE AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AT THE CONVENTION. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DEFEATED.

BUT BAY AREA WOMEN WERE NOT ALL OF ONE MIND ON THIS ISSUE. ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW WAS EXPRESSED BY MRS. D.G. STEPHENS OF VENICE IN HER FAREWELL SPEECH TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY WOMEN'S CLUB. IN THAT SPEECH SHE STRESSED THE SOCIAL/CIVIC AS OPPOSED TO POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE CLUB MOVEMENT:

"We have tried to sift out non-essentials and give our attention to vital things."

This club had never endorsed political movements or taken an aggressive stand either for or against any issue, but has stood for the good and helpful in all lines of work...efficient members have made this club an important factor for good in our community.

If we would honor and protect the honorable profession of women - that of wife and mother, we must help create and maintain a healthy and clean environment...that will stimulate the youth to noble acts and high ideals.

We can and ought to enlarge our civic activities and child welfare for this club is dedicated to those things which make for better home conditions, more intelligent care of the child, a progressive, clean municipal life."

MRS. W.A. GALLETINE, A GUEST SPEAKER FROM SAN FRANCISCO, ECHOED THE REFORMIST SENTIMENTS OF MRS. STEPHENS. SPEAKING BEFORE THE SAME CLUB SHE CHOSE AS THE TOPIC FOR HER LECTURE, "UTOPIA" (NOT REALITY), AND SPOKE ABOUT A FUTURE IDEAL FEDERALIST SOCIETY IN WHICH POLITICS AND CIVICS HAD THE SAME MEANING, IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND A LARGE MEASURE OF LOCAL CONTROL WOULD EXIST. HER MESSAGE TO CLUB MEMBERS WAS... "THE CITY BEAUTIFUL SHOULD BE OUR CARE."

POLITICAL ECOLOGY

BUT A RETREAT INTO "THE CITY BEAUTIFUL" DID NOT GUARANTEE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE SWEETNESS AND LIGHT FOR WOMEN WHO WANTED TO BECOME INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. POLITICS AND CONFRONTATION RAISED THEIR UGLY HEADS EVEN ON APPARENTLY SIMPLE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THE NEWSPAPER PRAISED A VENICE WOMAN, CLARA DOSCH (A SOCIALIST) WHO PUBLICALLY CALLED FOR MORE PIERS TO BE BUILT IN SOUTH VENICE, THAT IS THE PENINSULA AREA. SHE ARGUED THAT THE ENTIRE CITY SHOULD BE TAXED FOR SUCH A MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND WAS

AGAINST TAXING ONLY THE SUB COMMUNITY NEAREST THE IMPROVEMENTS SINCE ALL VENETIANS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THEM.

MRS. J.M. HERNDON OF VENICE WAS OF AN OPPOSIT OPINION. SHE WANTED THE CITY TO PROHIBIT AND CONDEMN ALL CONSTRUCTION ON THE BEACHES WEST OF THE SPEEDWAY. SHE PROPOSED A SEASIDE PARK TO BE ESTABLISHED ON THE PENINSULA BECAUSE, SHE SAID, THE BEACH WAS A PLACE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO RECREATE AND RELAX.

BUT IF THE DEFINITION OF 'POLITICS' DIVIDED WOMEN, THEY WERE OF ONE MIND IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND NATION. THE LOCAL WOMEN'S CLUBS CONTINUOUSLY SPONSORED EVENTS WHICH FED THIS DESIRE. AT A LITERARY CLUB LUNCHEON, MRS. BEN KLEIBER CONTRASTING THE ISSUES WHICH LED TO WORLD WAR I WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES BEHIND THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION. AT A MEETING OF THE VENICE WOMEN'S CLUB, MRS. F.C. BELLOW'S LECTURE ON "INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF WORLD PEACE." ANOTHER WOMAN LECTURED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S PEACE PARTY. MRS. JOSEPH WALTER, PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON FOR THE VENICE WOMEN'S CLUB, ARRANGED FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. PENDING STATE LEGISLATION WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, FOR EXAMPLE A 'RED LIGHT ABATEMENT BILL', A BILL REQUIRING ALL BIRTHS TO BE REGISTERED, A CHILD LABOR BILL, A COMPULSORY EDUCATION BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED FOREIGN BORN MOTHERS TO TAKE FORMAL INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH AND IN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

WOMEN WERE STEADILY BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN POLITICS, BOTH STATE, LOCAL, AND NATIONAL. BUT THE FOCUS OF INVOLVEMENT AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY WERE PREPARED TO PUSH POLITICAL EQUALITY SPLIT THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, THEN JUST AS NOW. EVERYONE HAD HIS/HER OPINION CONCERNING THE LIMITATIONS THAT SHOULD BE PLACED ON THIS INVOLVEMENT. **THE VANGUARD** DID NOT REPORT THAT ANY PERSON STOOD UP FOR FULL, COMPLETE EQUALITY FOR WOMEN WITHIN THE VENICE COMMUNITY.

WHEN WOMEN EXCEEDED THE SLOWLY EXPANDING BOUNDS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY THAT THE MALE DOMINATED SOCIETY WAS WILLING TO CONCEDE, THEY WERE CRITICIZED. WOMEN HAD MORE "FREEDOM" AND WERE "TOLERATED" WHEN THEY CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH CIVIC ISSUES AND AFFAIRS. AND IT WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR A WOMAN TO VOICE HER OPINION ABOUT A CIVIC ISSUE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A CONCERNED MOTHER.

THE SOCIAL SCENE FOR SOME

ALONG WITH THE POLITICALLY ORIENTED ACTIVITY DESCRIBED ABOVE, THE WOMEN'S CLUBS OFFERED A VARIETY OF SOCIAL EXPERIENCES. A PARTIAL LIST OF THE NEARLY 50 CLUBS FOUND IN **THE VANGUARD** ILLUSTRATES THEIR VARIETY: THE BROWNING CLUB, THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, THE BOOK AND NEEDLE CLUB, SANTA MONICA BAY CHAUTAUQUA LITERARY AND SCIENCE CIRCLE, WOMEN'S WHIST CLUB, DRAMATIC CLUB, SANTA MONICA ASSOCIATED CHARITIES, SANTA MONICA BRIDGE CLUB, FRIDAY MORNING CLUB, AND THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY WERE JUST A FEW.

A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS WERE ADDRESSED BY THESE CLUBS. MRS. CHARLES F. HOLDER SPOKE ON THE CHANNEL ISLANDS BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA BAY WOMEN'S CLUB. THEODORA BORGHEM DISCUSSED TENNYSON'S HOLY GRAIL, MRS. SLATER TALKED ABOUT HER VISIT TO ANGEL ISLAND WHERE CHINESE WOMEN WITH BOUND FEET WERE AMONG "THE CURIOSITIES" SHE SAW.

THE LANDMARK SECTION OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY WOMEN'S CLUB, WHERE EARLY CALIFORNIA HISTORY WAS THE USUAL FOCUS, WAS VERY POPULAR. PAPERS SUCH AS THE DONNER PARTY, DONS OF THE OLD PUEBLOS, AND CAHUENGA, WERE PRESENTED.

MUSIC AND DANCING EVENTS WERE ALSO POPULAR AMONG THE CLUB WOMEN. THE MUSIC SECTION OF THE S.M. BAY WOMEN'S CLUB HELD RECITALS AND DISCUSSIONS OF COMPOSERS SUCH AS WAGNER. THE VENETIAN TEMPLE OF PYTHIAN SISTERS SPONSORED A MASQUERADE BALL. THE SMBWC HELD DANCES ONCE A MONTH ACCORDING TO THE PAPER AND INVITED ONLY "THE FASHIONABLE PEOPLE" OF THE BAY AREA.

FUND RAISING FOR CHARITY WAS ALSO BIG. THE SUNSHINE SOCIETY SPONSORED A SERIES OF TEAS TO RAISE MONEY FOR NEEDY BAY AREA FAMILIES AND THE SOCIAL SERVICE CIRCLE SHOWED A FILM OF THE YALE HARVARD FOOTBALL GAME TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THEIR WORK.

SOcial dancing was popular in Venice and women acted as instructors. FLORENCE KNITTLE OPENED A STUDIO FOR TEACHING CHILDREN "FANCY DANCING" ON CLUBHOUSE AVENUE. ELIZABETH RANDOLPH GAVE DANCING LESSONS AT THE KING GEORGE HOTEL AND CASTLE APARTMENTS. HAYLE EYLER AND HER PARTNER EDWARD ALLEN WHITE GIVE NIGHTLY DANCING EXHIBITS OF THE LATEST STEPS AT THE VENICE DANCE PAVILLION, AND MR. AND MRS. MORGAN SMITH DID THE SAME AT THE OCEAN PARK DANCE PAVILLION.



Miss Lucille Beverly, chic Venice maiden, who has entered the contest in the ballroom, Crystal Beach.



INTRODUCE NEW FEATURES IN DANCING



Miss Helen Eyer and Mr. White in a ballroom dance.

SOME OF THE MORE OUTRAGEOUS ACTIVITIES IN WHICH WOMEN PARTICIPATED INCLUDED THE SAWTELLE BABY SHOW, WHERE TWENTY-FIVE PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO BABIES CONFORMING MOST NEARLY TO STANDARD MEASUREMENTS. AT THE VENICE SKATING RINK THERE WAS "A DRESS MADE OUT OF NEWSPAPER PARTY" WHERE ONE WOMAN BOASTED THAT HER DRESS ONLY TOOK 8 PIECES OF NEWSPAPER.

SEX AND TOURISM

BECAUSE VENICE RELIED ON TOURISM IT WAS NECESSARY TO IGNORE THE TRADITIONAL ATTITUDE THAT A WOMAN'S PLACE WAS IN THE HOME. SEX WAS AN ATTRACTION. MANY CONCESSIONS ALONG THE BEACH AND PIERS WERE OPERATED BY FEMALE EMPLOYEES WHO HELPED ATTRACT MALE CUSTOMERS. BUT, AS IN THE CASE OF WOMEN WHO "OVERSTEPPED THE LIMITS" IN THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITY, MEN ULTIMATELY DECIDED THE LIMITS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN THE SERVICE OF THE TOURIST TRADE. THIS WAS THE CASE WHEN MAYOR GERETY OF VENICE PROPOSED A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE AGAINST THE USE OF "ENDEARING TERMS" BY CONCESSIONISTS TO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS, BECAUSE HE FOUND SUCH TERMS OFFENSIVE.

NONETHELESS WOMEN WERE PROJECTED OUT FRONT IN THE PROMOTION OF VENICE. MADAME STANLEY WAS A SPIRITUALIST, SELF EMPLOYED, ON OCEAN FRONT WALK NEAR THE PIER. SHE AND THREE OTHER WOMEN WERE ACCEPTED AS TOURIST ATTRACTIONS. BUT A FIFTH WAS DENIED A LICENSE BY THE TRUSTEES BECAUSE, THEY CONCLUDED, FOUR SPIRITUALISTS WERE SUFFICIENT TO REVEAL "ALL THE FUTURE THAT WOULD STAND REVEALING." ROSE ARNOLD WAS EMPLOYED BY STUNT FLYER FRANK STITIES AS A PARACHUTE JUMPER. THE AL G. BARNES ANIMAL SHOW USED SEVERAL YOUNG WOMEN AS ANIMAL TRAINERS. PRINCESS RADJAH PERFORMED EXOTIC "CLEOPATRA SNAKE DANCES" IN THE AMUSEMENT ZONE.

WOMEN ALSO PARTICIPATED IN SPECIAL EVENTS DESIGNED TO ATTRACT LARGE CROWDS TO VENICE. CANOE FOOTBALL, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS PLAYED IN THE LAGOON WITH 10 WOMEN AND 5 CANOES TO A SIDE.

ONE OF THE ANNUAL EVENTS IN VENICE WAS THE BATHING SUIT PARADE, INAUGURATED IN 1913, WHICH OFFICIALLY OPENED THE SUMMER TOURIST SEASON. THE CONTROVERSY AROUSED BY THIS EVENT IN 1916 REVEALED A CONFLICT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE TRADITIONAL ATTITUDES ABOUT WOMEN AND THE "LIBERAL" ONES WHICH EMERGED OUT OF THE DESIRE FOR PROFITS BY BUSINESS INTERESTS.

THE PARADE, ORGANIZED BY AMUSEMENT INTERESTS, WAS OPPOSED BY THE SANTA MONICA BAY MINISTERIAL UNION. PROTESTING TO THE VENICE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THEY CHARGED THAT THE PARADE WAS ILLEGAL (IT VIOLATED A CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN A BATHING SUIT WITHOUT AN OUTER COVER), IMMODEST, AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY. THE UNION WAS OPPOSED TO "SUCH AMUSEMENTS, ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTS AS INJURE THE MORAL, MATERIAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE CITY." THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPLIED:

"We find that there /is/ absolutely no element of immodesty existing. Becoming consumes on pleasant appearing and modest young women which were in thorough keeping with our principles as a beach resort city constituted the event...."

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPROMISED. SUCCUMBING TO THE IMMEDIATE INTERESTS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THEY REFUSED TO CANCEL THE PARADE BECAUSE OF THE ADVANCED STAGE OF PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION BUT THEY PLACATED THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE MINISTERIAL UNION BY RESOLVING NOT TO SANCTION SUCH A PARADE IN THE FUTURE. APPARENTLY, THAT RESOLUTION WAS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN.

CHILDREN, CHURCH, AND TROUBLE

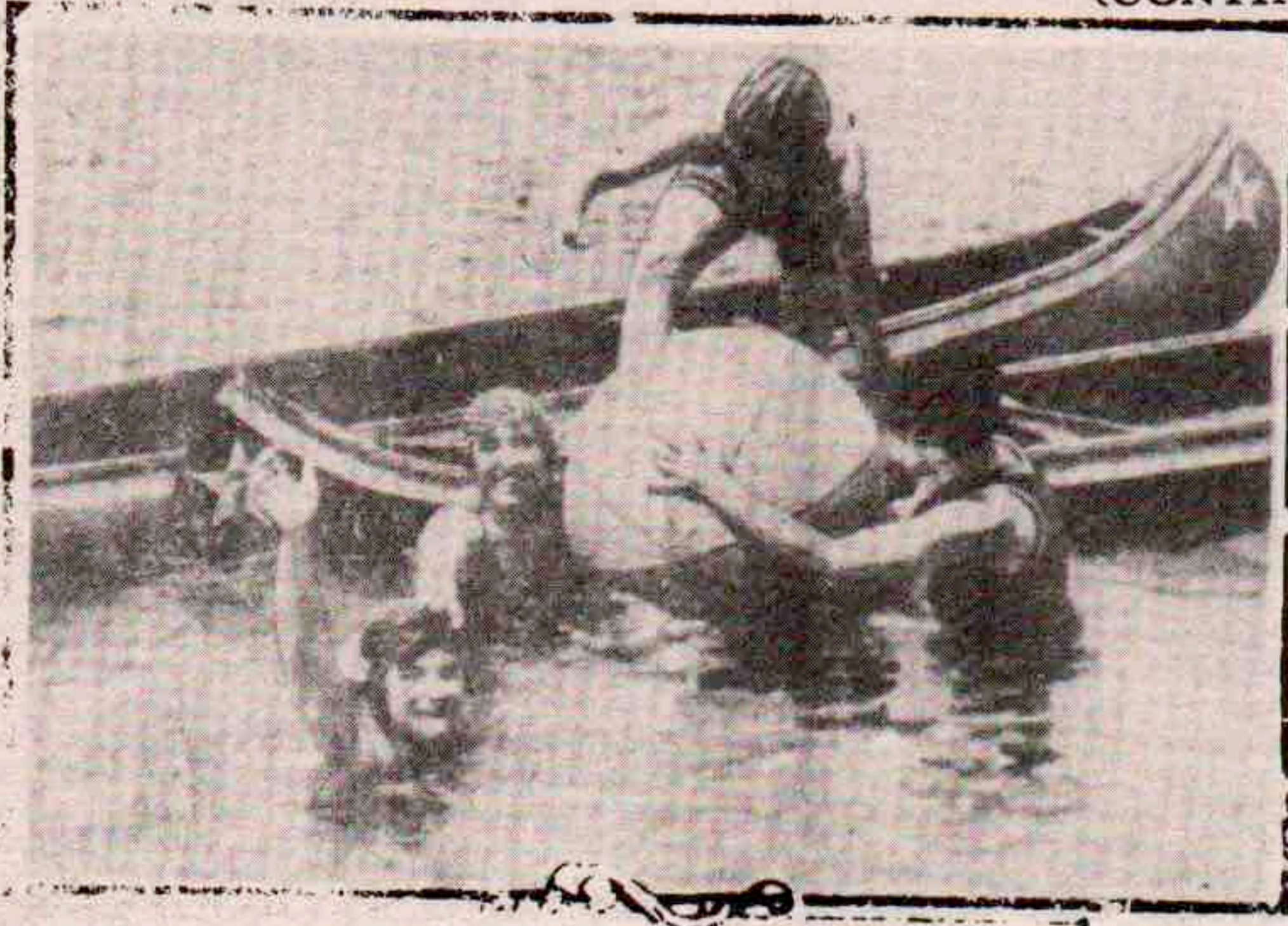
THE VAST MAJORITY OF WOMEN, HOWEVER, WERE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS CONTROVERSY. THEY WERE OCCUPIED WITH THE TRADITIONAL DUTIES OF WIFE AND MOTHER, AND A DRUMFIRE OF PUBLIC REINFORCEMENT AIMED AT KEEPING THINGS THE SAME. AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR "TODAY'S MAGAZINE" STATED THAT THE JOURNAL WAS DEVOTED TO "THE GREATEST OF ALL PROFESSIONS: WIFE, HOMEMAKER AND HOMEKEEPER." ANOTHER TYPICAL REFERENCE WAS MADE BY MRS. D.G. STEPHENS WHO SPOKE PUBLICALLY OF THE "HONORABLE PROFESSION OF WOMEN - THAT OF WIFE AND MOTHER." MRS. JOHN K. MILLER LECTURED TO A CLUB MEETING ON "WHAT EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW: RAISING A FAMILY AND TEACHING ONE'S CHILDREN A SYSTEM OF MORALITY, CREATING HARMONY PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY IN THE HOME, AND A MOTHER'S ROLE IN TEACHING LOVE."

WOMEN WERE GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF ADVICE ON HOW TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN VIA THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER. THEY WERE ADVISED TO

"Take a middle course between helping your child and not helping your child at all"(sic). Mothers should be sure "to nip in the bud undesirable associations and...friendships that would bring no lasting happiness."

8 Part II: Wives and Others

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P.T.A. MEETINGS WERE HELD REGULARLY AT THE ISLAND AVENUE SCHOOL. A TYPICAL ITEM OF DISCUSSION WAS "WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SCHOOLS." THE 1ST DISTRICT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONGRESS OF MOTHERS OF LOS ANGELES WAS ATTENDED BY MANY VENETIAN WOMEN. MRS. C.H. RITCHIE OF VENICE PRESIDED OVER A MEETING IN WHICH A DECISION WAS MADE TO ASK THE COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS AT JUVENILE HALL.

MARRIAGE WAS THE ACCEPTED, EXPECTED ROLE FOR WOMEN. THE STATE LEGISLATURE EVEN CONSIDERED A MEASURE TO TAX MEN AND WOMEN WHO REMAINED UNMARRIED TEN DOLLARS IN EVERY YEAR SUBSEQUENT TO LEAP YEAR SO AS TO ENCOURAGE MARRIAGE.

SEX, WOMEN, AND SCANDLE WERE THE SOURCE OF MANY SENSATIONAL STORIES IN THE NEWSPAPER. MRS. ADA WYANT APPARENTLY HAD GOOD REASON TO SUSPECT CLARA OSBORNE OF HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH HER HUSBAND. MRS. OSBORNE BROUGHT CHARGES AGAINST MRS. WYANT FOR HAVING CALLED HER "THAT THING" AT A SAWTELLE CLUB MEETING. THE CASE WAS DISMISSED AND MRS. WYANT LATER FILED FOR DIVORCE, NAMING MRS. OSBORNE AS "THE OTHER WOMAN."

APPARENTLY A COUPLES LIVING TOGETHER WAS NOT UNHEARD OF IN VENICE. JOHN SLATER (17) AND LILLIAN THOMAS (16) WERE ARRESTED FOR HAVING LIVED TOGETHER AS "MAN AND WIFE" FOR A MONTH ON PIER AVE. THE GIRL WAS TAKEN UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE JUVENILE COURT AS A DELINQUENT.

MRS. LUELLA LAMB OF THE WALGROVE SECTION OF VENICE, A WELL-KNOWN CLUB WOMAN AND CHURCH WORKER, PLED NOT GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF BIGAMY. THE TRIAL WAS SET FOR MAY 25, 1915. SHE DID NOT APPEAR AND WAS HELD IN DEFAULT OF \$2,500. BAIL SET BY JUDGE CRAIG. MEMBERS OF THE ST MARK, M.E. CHURCH OF VENICE DENIED THAT SHE WAS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH.

WOMEN WERE GENERALLY CONSIDERED UNABLE TO

FULLY PARTICIPATE IN A MAN'S WORLD. THE PAPER REPORTED THE VIEWS OF MAE ROBSON TO THE EFFECT THAT

"the people in this world who really amount to something and do the things that are big and worthwhile are perfectly natural and show none of the vagaries of temperament...which occur more often with women than men."

IN A SIMILAR ARTICLE, THE VANGUARD STATED THAT WOMEN SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM GOING TO COLLEGE BECAUSE IT MIGHT HAVE A HAD EFFECT ON THEIR HEALTH.

THEN, AS TODAY, WOMEN WERE TARGETS FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND MALE ABUSE GENERALLY. MRS. MERCHANT WAS MUGGED BY A MAN LATE ONE NIGHT ON A DARK STREET. A PASSERBY HEARD HER SCREAM AND CAME TO HELP, BUT HE ARRIVED TOO LATE AND COULD ONLY ESCORT HER HOME. MRS. PETER PRISCHELLO WAS BEATEN AND CUT UP BY HER HUSBAND. WHEN THE POLICE CAME TO ARREST HIM SHE ASKED THEM TO CALM HIM DOWN AND ALLOW HIM TO STAY AT HOME.

IN SANTA MONICA THERE WAS A LAW FORBIDDING THE SALE OF LIQUOR TO ALCOHOLICS WHEN RELATIVES NOTIFIED POLICE OF THE PROBLEM. THE LAW COMPLEMENTED A FEDERAL STATUTE PERMITTING WIVES AND CHILDREN OF HABITUAL DRUNKARDS TO RECOVER DAMAGES FROM SALOON KEEPERS WHO SOLD LIQUOR TO THEIR HUSBANDS. IN VENICE A MAN WAS FINED FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR USING PROFANE LANGUAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN.

THIS PROTECTIVE ATTITUDE LED MANY MEN TO PATRONIZE WOMEN. MRS. WOLFELT WAS DRIVING HER PATHFINDER AUTOMOBILE AT 40 m.p.h. WHEN STOPPED BY PATROL OFFICE WRIGHT OF VENICE WHO "COULD NOT FIND IT IN HIM TO ARREST HER AS SHE SMILED SO BEAUTIFULLY..."

A GREAT DEAL OF "TONGUE IN CHEEK" REPORTING ABOUT WOMEN REFLECTED THE ATTITUDE THAT THEY WERE WEAK MINDED BUT LOVABLE DING-A-LINGS WHO REQUIRED PROTECTION EVEN FROM THEMSELVES. ONE SUCH STORY REPORTED THE MISFORTUNES OF A LOS ANGELES WOMAN, MISS B. VOORHEES. WHILE VISITING VENICE BEACH SHE TOOK OFF HER SHOES TO WIDE IN THE WATER. AFTER SHE TIRED OF THE WATER SHE RETRACED HER STEPS TO RETRIEVE HER BELONGINGS AND DISCOVERED THEY WERE GONE. "DID SHE CRY? WELL, WHAT IF SHE DID? THAT IS ANY WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE WHEN HER RETURN TICKET IS GONE, BUT WHEN SHE IS CONFRONTED WITH A TRIP HOME BAREFOOTED STARING HER IN THE FACE, SHE HAS A PERFECT RIGHT TO BAWL IF SHE WANTS TOO." AND THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES. ■

MORE ON GREENIE

On February 4, Robert Greenfield again appeared in the West L. A. Court in front of Commissioner Carstairs.

As I was crossing the courtyard at 1:30, the time scheduled for all parties to be in Division 90, Greenfield followed and attempted to speak to me in the presence of Chief Assistant City Attorney George Eskin and two others. Failing in this, he walked off towards Santa Monica Blvd--so that for 45 minutes in court after Commissioner Carstairs was told Greenfield was not present and while other matters were handled, I waited in mounting anxiety to see whether or not he was going to show up. (If not, a bench warrant would have been issued, which could have meant several more months of Greenfield's being at large looking for me.)

Greenfield did finally present himself in company with his public defender, and behaved with characteristic meekness in the face of sentencing authority. At the last minute, as he has done several times previously, he pled guilty to probation violation and waived his right to a hearing on the matter -- making witnesses who had volunteered to appear on my behalf to testify to Greenfield's countless acts of pursuit, making affidavits I'd had to get signed by witnesses who could not be present, making his own letters (sent to my parents' address) saying things like "Where are you? I'm looking for you day and night"--making all this evidence not only unnecessary but legally prohibited--at the last possible moment. With a humbleness and understatement that effectively obliterated months of nerve-racking persecution of my parents, their house-sitting friends, the manager of the St. Charles, and many others in Venice, Greenfield admitted violating his probation by saying "I would certainly be lying if I said I had not been trying to contact her -- but I did not succeed."

Commissioner Carstairs thereupon gave Greenfield the balance of his sentence, which amounts to about 3½ months after subtracting California's "automatic 1/3 good-time off" and the time spent in custody awaiting the first hearing on this matter (30 days).

My City Attorney, Ms. Jackie Drexler, asked the Commissioner to admonish Greenfield that he was not to contact me while in custody, but the Commissioner refused to do so, relating a "humorous" little tale about a man to whom everything happened at once (wife leaves him, car repossessed, house foreclosed, etc.) as an analogy to the situation Greenfield was in and saying "There's nothing more I can do to this man" -- showing considerable sympathy for the defendant, almost as if Greenie were the victim in this case.

Meanwhile, Greenie will receive psychiatric examination and will likely spend most of his time at a mental hospital. He has sent at least 8 letters to me in care of my folks or my post box, and he has somehow found out my father's work phone (though no-one has ever mentioned my father's firm name or location to Greenfield) and has begun bothering my father there. He is in the psychiatric hospital of county jail for now.

I would like to thank those community members -- Linda, Carol, Lance, Gail, Arnold B., Lynn, Katherine, Al, and others -- who came to the hearing. Though you were not needed as witnesses of "continuing intent to harass" after all, I very much appreciated the show of support, for myself and for this issue.

On other fronts, I am speaking with Bill Anderson of Mel Levine's office, who has expressed serious concern over this issue and who will be working to strengthen anti-harassment legislation. Also through Bill I've been able to give my suggestions for revising the anti-harassment forms so that they might be more effective and complete (especially the "Instructions to Plaintiff"). I have attended a conference on sexual harassment--which mostly dealt with workplace harassment--and met a woman who successfully sued her employers on this and who is going to refer some of her many requests to speak on this subject to me. Also I'm working with a Venice-based freelance journalist who is preparing an article on the general issue, giving her details of my story and putting her in touch with other women willing to talk with her, providing material from my files, and so on.

There may also be one or more "media projects" as a result of my Beachhead article in December, but so far everything is still in the schmoozing stage.

Interested readers should watch these pages for new developments and info on how to support upcoming anti-harassment legislation.

Sincerest apologies to those of you (and that is still most of you, I'm afraid) who've written to my post box and not heard from me yet. I've been oppressively busy with all this and with earning my basic expenses, higher now than ever. My health and spirits have also been very undependable; I still plan to communicate with each of you and hope you will forgive the delay.

Wendy Reeves



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(Kings, Queens ... cont. from page 3)

prominent, powerful, and respected in the black community began to talk out of turn. She announced that it was her intention to speak and filibuster until the meeting broke up. The news crew was having a field day taping all of the picturesque happenings.

The whole thing looked like a time warp of the 60's. "Put away your baseball bat!" shouted a voice right over my head. "I will when you check your Bowie knife!" shouted another voice over my head. I huddled even lower in my pink kiddie chair. A long-haired man with beads was shaking his fist at a short-haired man who was waving his bat. There they were, toe to toe. Well, actually, Birkenstock to Redwing, yelling right over me, an innocent non-combatant.

Did the Town Council have no security?

Didn't Curtis Rossiter, Pat Russell's aide, promise some police protection? Mr. Rossiter was at the meeting armed with nothing but a statement from the councilwoman. He never got to read it.

I snuck out into the hallway. A man in uniform was wandering about. Though he had a badge on his navy blue shirt, he didn't seem to have that military bearing that defines a policeman. He also kept looking over his shoulder, and his shirt fitted him loosely. He went to the front of the room.

The mysterious man in uniform was a fire marshal. Seems he'd gotten word that a meeting was being held in a room that had more people than the fire regulations allowed.

People stated they would take responsibility for breaking the law. They wanted the meeting to continue.

The meeting was called to order.

The woman from Oakwood began her filibuster. Though I agreed with her on the fact that Venice had enough problems without dividing the community on Iran, I was angry at being denied the right to speak my piece. This woman was just as repressive in her successful attempt to prevent me from speaking as the 240-pound baseball bat wielding quarterbacks were. Storm troopers come in all colors.

The meeting broke up.

A meeting was called by the Venice Beach Association.

This meeting according to the Ocean Front Weekly was being called to deal with "undesirables," i.e. bums, drunks, vagrants, and people who don't rollerskate.

Andy Kuchrawy, proprietor of the Coney Island heartless Messless Meathall and president of the Venice Beach Association was proposing the arming of civilians to patrol the Ocean Front Walk.

I showed up and saw some people who had been bearing bats at the Venice Town Council meeting, along with others who belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Civic Union, along with some people who'd lived in Venice for a long time, but were unaf-

filiated. Bat bearers, mothers, dog haters, pro-Iran, anti-Town Council, they all seemed united against Kuchrawy's desire to arm the populace. "Armed civilians! Hired security guards - those guys weren't acceptable as cops!" "Who does he think he is?" We waited outside the pavilion and were told by Liz Wilson of L. A. City Parks and Rec. Dept. that Pat Russell's office had called the meeting off because of rain - it was a bright sunny day after a week of rain.

Carol Shapiro, an aide to Councilwoman Russell's office, showed up for the meeting. It was found out that the Venice Beach Association had called off the meeting because of rain.

Two aborted meetings - I wondered what phase the moon was in. You can tell I'm becoming Californicated when I start thinking like that. Next thing you know I'll start becoming warm and supportive.

I asked a few business people what they were thinking of when they wanted to arm themselves against mauling tourists and locals. "Well," some of them said, "I don't think Andy's right, but the beach is cleaner than it has ever been."

Right. And the trains run on time.

The next Venice Beach Association was held on schedule. Doug Christmas, E. Jane Erickson, Andy Kuchrawy, officers. Howe and White and approximately 20 other members plus Curtis Rossiter from the Councilwoman's office and various Park and Rec. officials, and Carol Berman of the Venice Twon Council Coastal Committee and a few Venice residents who hoped to be given some guns to protect themselves.

While the Venice Town Council is arguing whether or not to adopt Tehran, the Venice Beach Association affiliated with the Venice Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$45.00 a year, the Venice Boosters Association (a police support group made up of "civilians") got a tentative O.K. for temporary paving of the Venice median strip (assessments to be borne by business people), wrote a letter to the Parks and Rec. Dept. requesting the removal of benches - claiming that the benches which are paid for by taxpayers are being used by drunks and vagrants. They complained about being threatened by men in hair nets and rain coats.

At this point Cosmo of Horizon Roller Skate Rentals rolled in. Ms. Berman winced. "Oh," laughed Cosmo, "did I run over your feet?" "Yes," bellowed Ms. Berman, "you did roll over my feet!"

While there were complaints of disco rollerskating just being an excuse for gangs to congregate, everyone assured one another that roller skaters were not a problem.

Big plans were afoot to have a 75th Venice anniversary celebration on July 4 with an old fashioned bathing beauty contest, a ship with fireworks, and a roller skating exhibition. Pic-

tures of people who were not dressed in the latest disco roller skating attire were passed around. These were the vagrants and I knew some of them, and I don't like them. But get rid of them? Where? Should we put them in a less pleasant place because they weren't pretty or pleasing and far too dirty to be picturesque?

Curtis Rossiter said that the VBA should name a delegate to the CAC, when the VBA wondered how people were chosen.

No mention was made of armed civilian patrols, although someone asked about the "You know...the New Jersey plan."

The VBA seemed disturbed that the motorcyclists who in the words of Officer Howe "come into Venice to look at the girls" were not going to be turned back at the border.

Meanwhile, the Venice Town Council is going on with its talk on Iran, while at the home front, the VBA is snatching public land, public funds, with the intention of making it safe to spend large amounts of money and to get rid of those "locals" who don't conform to Walt Disney's image of Quaint, with a speed and efficiency that makes Attila the Hun and Hitler look like layabouts.

I've been accused of being pessimistic, but frankly, when the only group that represents me, or at least the only group in Venice that doesn't charge an arm and a leg to belong, and believes that even if you are a renter and a non-business person, you still might feel a concern for the community, is out there in Cloud Cuckoo Land, alienating people who can agree on community concerns, or at least agree to disagree, I'm sorry - I am pessimistic. All I know is the VTC is open to every resident in Venice - the other groups are business and real estate oriented. In no way do they represent my interests, nor do they give me a forum to present my views.

I shall be sorry to see the only group in Venice go because it's given up its hard won credibility to get involved with Kings, Queens, and Khomeinis. ■



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The Thursday night sessions will begin at 7:00 P.M. and should be over by 9:30.

Topics will include a general overview of the landlord-tenant law as they apply to the eviction process; rights of tenants as to deposits, repairs, warranty of habitability, repair and deduct, and harassment from landlords; Los Angeles and Santa Monica rent control laws and coping with anti-rent control judges; tenant rights under present condominium conversion laws; immigration laws and rights of the undocumented tenants; and the last session for counselors and tenants to learn how to write papers for the eviction defense process.


Volunteer attorneys leading the

sessions will include Phil Brimble, Westside attorney; Richard Solomon, law professor at Southwestern University; David Pettit, former coordinator of the San Fernando Legal Aide Office; and Gary Blase of the Hill Street Legal Aide office.

The Westside Tenant Action Center and the Central City Tenant Action Center are volunteer tenant counseling centers, sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild. Both centers act as clearing houses for various tenant groups who wish to use the legal resources available to the Centers.

Counseling hours for the Westside Center are Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 1301 Main St. in Venice, telephone 399-9255.

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The early 80s mark the beginning of a pivotal period that may decide human survival itself. As we undertake the decade, we are faced with an upcoming new generation of doomsday nuclear weapons -- the MX, Cruise, and Trident II-- that are designed to be used first, with a foreign policy to match. Add to that the fact that our counterforce systems are being fully automated, so that a nuclear attack can be launched simply by a computer error, and we clearly have a situation that promises the unthinkable. By either mistake or design the northern hemisphere can be incinerated in less time than it takes to heat up a TV dinner, leaving behind sufficient radiation to contaminate whatever is left for thousands of years.

Meanwhile, the same folks who are planning the holocaust seize upon present international conflicts to resurrect a Cold War mentality of fear and interventionist aggression. To back that up, the draft is being revived and other preparations for war begun. The attendant increase in the already bloated and inflationary military budget for 1980 will devour even more of our limited resources and divert taxes from desperately needed human services into the pickets of the "defense" industry. We presently possess both the means to destroy the planet many times over and twice as many deliverable warheads as the USSR, so the only possible beneficiary of continuing to jack up military spending are those who stand to make a killing from it. And the general public remains largely unaware of all this--above all, unaware of the escalating threat to their own survival.

In response, and with the intention of making 1980 a turning point towards a saner and more human future, plans are underway for a nationwide grassroots public education campaign to be called Survival Summer. Modeled on the civil rights Freedom Summer of 1964 and the anti-war Vietnam Summer of 1967, Survival Summer will put thousands of organizers on the streets around the country to tell people what's going down and to offer an alternative approach to the problems we face. It is to begin with the April 26 March for a Non-Nuclear

World and run through election day, with door-to-door canvassing, teach-ins and neighborhood forums, media work, community group presentations, local political participation, and other projects to raise the interrelated issues of the arms race, nuclear technology, and human needs. The primary objectives will be to redefine the obsolete concept of national security currently in use and to create an informed public debate during the election period.

One focus event for the summer will be the Black Hills Gathering in South Dakota July 18-26. Organized by a broad based alliance of Native Americans, Farmers, ranchers, and business people, this gathering will dramatize the need to save the Black Hills from exploitation for uranium mining by energy development corporations, and will point to the entire complex of issues involved.

The idea of Survival Summer originated on the west coast with the University of California Nuclear Weapons Facilities Project. It was endorsed by a Nuclear Weapons Facilities Task Force national meeting of 60 organizers in November. In early December it was unanimously adopted by the Mobilization for Survival national conference as a major commitment for 1980. MFS is a coalition of 125 official affiliates and a wide network of other working partners in the survival movement. In mid-January over 75 people representing 50 organizations met in Washington DC to discuss the proposal and lay implementation plans. By late February a structure will be established and the program underway.

If you would like to be part of this collective effort, contact Mobilization for Survival, 3601 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104; or Survival Summer Project, 944 Market Street, Room 808, San Francisco, Ca 94102. There is much to be done and little time to do it in.

Jerilyn Bowen Ransom, MFS Staff

JAWS TWO

JARVIS II/(UN)FAIR RENT CONTROL INITIATIVE -- FRIENDS OR FOE?

Cut State income taxes. . . establish fair rent control in the State of California. The words look pretty and politicians like to hear themselves talk about "cutting taxes" and "fair rent control"--especially in an election year--but what will actually happen to renters and to low and middle income people if Proposition 9 (Jarvis II) and Proposition 10 (the "fair rent control" initiative) are passed in June [as they are likely to do]?

It would be nice to think that if taxes are cut, that the government would trim the fat from its own bureaucracy, but that's not likely. It is more probable that those in the lower and middle income brackets, and renters, will suffer the most.

To help members of the community understand the impact of these two initiatives, the Westside Community Advocates will hold a public meeting on March 18, 1980 at the Broadway School Auditorium located at 1015 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, California at 3 P.M. All interested parties are invited to attend.

E. Blair

Showdown at Paramount Ranch

by Hazel I. Matthews

Paramount Ranch in Agoura, site of The Renaissance Faire, is earmarked on the number one priority list for purchase as parkland for the Santa Monica Mountains National Park Recreation Area.

On November 22, 1979, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission voted 2-1 to approve Tract No. 34047-159, with houses spaces 10 feet apart. This development will destroy native oak trees, damage a section of Medea Creek, and rob the public of a National Park.

Bill Chaffin, president of "ALIVE," Alliance for Las Virgenes Environment, said: "Real estate and industrial interests were rushing to develop the Santa Monica Mountains before the National Parks Services could purchase the land."

The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors will decide on this issue February 28, 1980. It is in Baxter Ward's area. Any mailgram, or letter against the development of tract housing in the Paramount Ranch area in Agoura to any of the Board of Supervisors, especially Kenneth Hahn and Baxter Ward, would help save a beautiful piece of land and keep a lovely park for public use.

If this property is allowed to become a tract housing development, the land will be destroyed along with the trees, animal life, and reptiles.

If destruction of land continues, there will be wall to wall condominiums coast to coast disrupting the environment completely.

Why do greedy businessmen and politicians have to destroy all beautiful trees, land, flowers, environment and create pollution? This is senseless. Is money the most valuable thing in the world?

The Paramount Ranch site should be preserved as a National Park and purchased by the National Parks Services for the public use or relaxation. This land should not be allowed to become tract housing development to please greedy real estate developers and politicians.

For further information you may write to Bill Chaffin, president ALIVE: Alliance for the Las Virgenes Environment, P. O. Box 3000, Agoura, Calif., 91301 or telephone 889-4227.

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-- from High Times March 1980

Rock 'n' rollers have paid lip service to the cause of alternative energy via such events as the No-Nukes concerts at New York City's Madison Square Garden. Now, High Times reports that for the first time, rock 'n' roll itself has been powered by an alternative energy source. The world's first wind-powered rock concert was held recently in Madison, Wisconsin, where three local rock bands (Rowdy Yates, Sun Blind Lion, and Falcon) were powered by three Entertech 1500 wind generators.

The Entertech 1500s are high tech windmills distributed by Bror Hanson's Solargy Corporation of Detroit. A electric power source is needed to get the blades to start twirling, but the wind turbines start generating their own power at a wind velocity of 10 mph. At 25 to 30 mph, optimum power of 1500 watts apiece is produced by the wind turbines.

The three windmills were rented for the sunny afternoon for \$6000 by the Wisconsin Student Association. "A wind-powered rock concert is a good showcase piece just to show what alternative energy can do," says WSA vice-president Leon Varjian.

JOBS for VENICE

The increasingly affluent face of the Westside tends to make us forget that we still have a significant group of low-income residents fighting to stay in the area and looking for job opportunities. In an effort to help this population gain entry into the labor market, Career Planning Center has expanded its CETA Title IIB program offices to the second floor of the old Venice City Jail at 685 Venice Blvd.

The local permanent staff consists of recruiter, Santiago Juan and Training Instructor, Beverly Dawson. The two are long-time Venice residents and community workers who understand the needs of the community. They work cooperatively with a professional job development team, Beverly Brown and LoriLei Victor, whose job it is to find appropriate work sites for participants.

Applicants must be 18 yrs. of age or older, meet certain income criteria, and live in the Westside of Los Angeles. Two programs are being offered: Work Experience and On-The-Job Training. During the intake process a determination is made as to which program is best suited to the individual.

There have been a number of success stories as a result of the Career Planning programs. One young Westside woman, Belen Bernett, who recently completed 22 weeks of Work Experience training was hired at the Social Security Administration in Santa Monica as a permanent employee. She is developing general clerical skills as well as knowledge of computers and teletype machines.

"For four months I looked for work without any success," Belen recounts. "Now, for the first time in my life, I look forward to getting up and going to work each day." She is happy with the variety of skills she is acquiring and expects a continuing career in public service.

The staff of the program is committed to helping participants develop a lifetime career plan rather than finding a dead-end job. Individual counseling is also provided to help clients overcome barriers such as limited education and lack of work experience.

In addition, the Venice office is scheduling a series of community events including monthly coffee hour meetings with other community agencies.

During March, a free concert will be presented at the old Venice City Jail to acquaint local residents with our office and the services we have available.

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Therefore, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion: eternal peace. We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain! Join us now in this pledge: that not one additional American life shall ever be lost in another war, and that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom!

Finally, that government of the people - by the people - and for the people shall not perish from the Earth!

BY GOD, I'LL GO FOR THAT!

Signed: _____

My Sad Father

you never really liked me.
the backseat conception with the Sweetwater cheerleader was the first mistake of appetite, leading you down inexorably to the sea.
no ports in your storms, a cargo of unknown mothered fears and anger unexpressed, the cool, witty, cynical stranger.
when that vessel finally burst, red drunken pressure relieved, your brain stem split at the transformer.
before the electricity knew, that was the end of you.
we saved your body with plastic tubes; part machine who died twice, but we beat on your chest, pleading with this flopping fish to finally wake up and see us for who we are.
we guarded your meat through the night, my brother, your last wife, and myself, saving you for the starched white doctors.
all concurred. brain functioning normally, though no impulses from the body reach either way no chance for recovery. we made nets to catch green mucus shot twenty feet through the hole in your throat.
nurses slowly poked suctioning tubes down your lungs everyday for 32 months to save you from drowning.
preceded and followed by massage, I lovingly tortured you with range of motion exercises to fight tightening muscles and joints.
eyes bulging, silently screaming, you could not blow out what fuses remained, and your arm and legs would not straighten.
nothing worked, not the psychics, nor the prayer networks, nor the machines you were strapped to to pattern your brain back from waterbreather to human.
what we could not fix, we killed.
antibiotics cut off, you drowned like a man in water, looked around the floating room,
sighed, and died.
my sad father, had you loved us, we might have let you go.

Steven Evans

SOME REEL NEWS: The Boss' Son

By Linda Burdick

This saga of the social awakening of the son of a wealthy carpet businessman was written and directed by 27 yr. old Bobby Roth. It is his own life story.

Asher Braun plays the fictitious Bobby who upon graduating college is put to work as a driver in the warehouse of his fathers. The paternal reasoning here is that this is the way to "learn the business" and because of "love". Whereas it takes Bobby awhile to pick up that the carpet business and all the politicking that exists among boss/employee relations is not for him, the idea of going into the carpet business gave me instantaneous hives. Fortunately, I ignored the itch and stayed to watch the film in its' entirety.

Having had the "opportunity" to work in the Post Office as a teenager, my naivety about that sort of struggle was ironed out alot earlier than post college grad. But Asher Braun does an excellent job acting as did Bobby Roth depicting the "helpless as a rich man's child" persona. Except for the scene where Bobby drives around in his fancy car dazed with the awareness of the pain of poverty, the juxtaposition of the frivolity of wealth makes the film profoundly perceptive. The black co-worker Charles tries to befriend Bobby in hopes that one day the "boss' son" will be the boss and able to help him. When Bobby says to Charles (Henry Saunders) "I'd never make you salesman either", the audience is made to squirm. Part of the discomfort is from the pained look in Charles' eyes and some stems from the cold aloofness of reality that the line delivers. That is, until you remember that Charles befriends Bobby BECAUSE he is the boss' son--not in spite of it.

The movie won't make the rich poor or the poor rich but it lends to an understanding of each others problems and if one "businessman" considers twice before letting an employee go as a result, then the film is a monumental success.

VENICE COMMUNITY COALITION

The Venice Community Coalition, Inc., formerly Venice Drug Coalition, has elected a new board of directors and is moving back into their facilities at 826 Hampton Drive, according to H. M. (Kandy) Latson, Executive Director. Members of the Board of Directors for 1980 are: Larry Abrams, Viola Bivens, Marge Buckley, Bertha Castro, Rick Davidson, Addie Edwards, Noah Hazel, Velisha Mande, Tina Morehead, Sylvester Navarette, John Raiford and Luis Vasquez.

The Coalition is a multi-modality human services agency funded for drug abuse treatment as well as for delinquency prevention and education projects. Maria Littlejohn, Program Director of out-patient services, stated that the Agency is again able to offer individual sessions in private office settings and a larger group session room has been redecorated for more comfortable surroundings.

Agency hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday; and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. The public is invited to stop in and visit or to use the services whenever the need arises. The telephone number for the counseling facility is 399-9374.

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have been around a long time, almost as long as a system that allows most of the people to work and a few people to steal the wealth that the majority's work creates. The key ingredient is to STALL. Appear to be operating in good faith, nothing too obvious, you understand, just use every subtle means (and when those fail, some obvious ones) to draw out the process so that the contract never is signed.

If an employer is sneaky enough, and he can stall and lie and play games long enough, he can file a "de-certification petition" and ask for a new election, with the scabs he's hired voting instead of the original workers. If luck is with him (or possibly he's paid off enough and the right people) he wins the election and can go back to an "open shop" (sic) and, in his view, no doubt, his divine right to exploit his employees to make a profit.

At Spatz, the negotiations went on for a year. The union's demands were reasonable: \$1 an hour raise, cost of living increases, a seniority system for promotion and hiring, a health and retirement plan, some job security safeguards - things every working person has a right to. Management's offers were not so reasonable: a 10 cent an hour raise (when the strike was inevitable, they would offer workers a better deal not to strike), 10 non-union employees (in other words, basically a move back to an "open shop"), no plant visitation by the union, (in other words, no check-up), the company to maintain the right to subcontract, (which means worker layoffs), no pension, and a health-care plan to be paid for by the employees.

Subtle harassment went on of the workers who were in favor of the union. Many do not own cars, travel long distances to work, or have to hire babysitters. Often they would come to work and punch in only to be sent home and told that there was no work for them that day.

On the job, any human error became cause for firing. Workers were subjected to constant surveillance by supervisors, who often would stand by a person's machine for 15 or 20 minutes at a time staring at them.

Any reprimands were given in front of the other workers and in very insulting ways. Remarks of a ridiculing, insulting and dehumanizing nature were frequent on the part of supervisors and made out loud.

Workers became terrified of ever being absent from work for any reason or they might be fired. Emergencies of any sort which required leaving or being absent from work were systematically denied.

In 90% of the terminations during this period, the company denied applications for unemployment benefits.

Several supervisors engaged in sexually harassing women. Those who resisted or refused to "play ball" became targets for other harassment and some were fired.

The final push of this harassment campaign came when Spatz called a "meeting" of the workers, who were told that they would be allowed to purchase some cosmetics at the wholesale price. Cosmetics being one of the bigger rip-offs around in terms of price, many of the women naturally wanted to take advantage of the seemingly generous offer of their boss. Between 30 and 40 women went to the meeting, signed a sheet that was passed around to indicate that they wanted to buy the wholesale cosmetics. The sheet had a few phrases of English at the top, but English was not their primary language, so it was not until later that they found out what they had signed. The innocent English heading went something like "For those who do not want the Retail Clerks Union to represent them". The very next day, Spatz used the list of signatures as a pretext to cut off negotiations with the union.

With negotiations ended, the union had little choice but to call a strike. By Monday, February 11th, the picket lines were up and 115 of Spatz' employees were walking them. Those who had chosen to stay inside were given a lot of inducements not to strike. In addition, many had families to feed, were probably frightened

by the idea of a strike and the past year's intimidation, and may not have understood that, in the final analysis, they would hurt even themselves by scabbing.

The union couldn't have picked worse weather in which to set up a picket line. The strike began even as the first of the huge storm clouds started rolling in over Southern California. Much of the picketing has been done in the rain and much of it at night; it begins at 6:30 in the morning and continues until sometime after midnight. But the spirit of the strikers is high, their camaraderie beautiful to witness and their determination strong.

There is a clarity among these people, an awareness of their strength and the fact that they and many, many others like them are indeed the steel structure that holds up the entire bridge of this economy. They know whose backs this country is built on, and they know precisely what they are fighting for and why.

This organizing drive at Spatz achieved what the proper purpose of



organizing should be - to enable people to better understand and express their own needs, and to use their collective strength to meet those needs.

The young "fiery-eyed" organizer of this strike appears to have the same clarity, determination and energy as the strikers themselves. Jesse Gonzales has successfully organized workers at a number of industrial shops in this area, the Sabica shoe factory in El Monte in 1978, Richton Sportswear (Hang 10 T-shirts) in Ontario, and SCP in West Los Angeles. He is especially effective in organizing Latino people, perhaps because he shares so much of the experience of Latinos in this country.

One of five children in the barrio /border town of Nogales, Arizona, Jesse got an early taste of poverty and exploitation. His parents died when he was only three, and his grandmother was

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faced with the difficult task of raising and caring for five small children. Times in Nogales were very lean then, particularly for chicanos. Jobs were hard to get, when there were any for a young man in Jesse's situation. At 14, he went to work in a local grocery store. Even then, he was always one to speak up for the rights of the working people around him. In his words, he had a "mouth that wouldn't be quiet". By the time he was 19, he was becoming one of the more vocal workers in Nogales. He joined the Retail Clerks Union at 19, got married and came to California. He continued to speak up for workers, especially Latino workers. Finally in 1975, he began organizing as a member of the Retail Clerks in Chino. Chino Farms Market, where Jesse worked, went out on strike in '76, so for 7 months he walked the picket line. When he began spending much of his day on the line at Spatz, it was nothing new to him.

The Spatz strikers had been on the picket line only a day, when the company withdrew their offers in those few areas in which the union and company had in the year of negotiation reached some agreement. What as of this writing the employer is still offering is very little contract language and none of it of monetary value. The workers marched in the rain and management, though resuming negotiations, went back to the big stall.

Spatz operates on three shifts, six days a week, so on Sunday, February 17th, the strikers got their first day off from the picket line. A rally and dinner was held at the Retail Clerks hall in Santa Monica, with Flora Chavez and other members of the Community Service Organization in Venice volunteering their time and preparing some very fine Mexican food. The person who spoke to the strikers at the rally about what a strike means was someone who understands the topic extremely well. Cesar Chavez, the President of the United Farm Workers Union, has personally led some very successful strikes, and his exhorting the strikers to be strong and be willing to sacrifice had a ring of credibility about it. The man has himself personally endured many hardships in building the farm workers union, often against almost insurmountable forces. The Spatz strikers went back on the picket line with renewed fire.

Strikes such as the one at Spatz are only the tip of the iceberg in a recession economy such as we have in 1980 and at a time when the oil companies and the huge corporations are making record profits (or, as in the case of Chrysler Corporation, being bailed out by the American people to the tune of millions of dollars, which, incidentally, will finance a new factory, new jobs, but not in this country. Chrysler has plans to build in Mexico, where profits are greater.)

This is a time when speed-ups and massive layoffs are once again becoming commonplace. When the sabre-rattlers with a new case of "frontier hangover" a la John Wayne and Ronald "the Dinosaur" Reagan are torpedoing SALT II, heating up the Cold War and increasing the military budget. This is a time when the Big Lie technique is shifting into overdrive, when American workers are being asked to take up the slack for the loss in super profits which all

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Brother Writes On Sister City

While sifting through some Venice trash in search of something to sell on Ocean Front Walk, over the weekend, I came across this crumpled-up item:

Dear Beachhead;

Before I grew into manhood, I was the youngest and only brother of 7 older sisters. If you never have been the youngest brother of 7 older sisters, then you know nothing about Hell, or what Hell's like. Even the mention of the word "sister" causes me to experience vertigo and nausea, and to break out into a rash. Thus, for reason of health, I find it necessary to address myself to my fellow Venice brothers who are clamoring for our Venice to adopt an Iranian "sister" City: let it be officially known to you, I would prefer to adopt a brother city; and let it be known I would prefer that my brother city not be located in Iran.

The reason for this is again my sisters. You see, when I was a boy, they used to tell nasty stories about me in the Persian tongue so my parents wouldn't know (they could only speak and understand casual English). My oldest sister, Delilah was then having a thing with a smooth Iranian dude named Abdullah. He wasn't much on small talk when we were around, so he taught us kids the language (though I didn't get the dirty words, like my sisters, because I was too young).

Now I don't want anyone to get the idea that I'm against Venice adopting a city or town or village or community and calling it any other kind of family name. I loved my dad; and mom was all right too. But I think if I had had a brother, life would've been a little easier.

Another thing. Instead of a brother city, I would rather have a brother community -- something like our Venice community (the other thing I hate about Teheran: like L.A., it's too big). Maybe there's a prospective "brother"

community on the shores of the Great Salt Lake. New Amsterdam of Utah: formerly a resort town built to be a small replica of the dutch city by a wealthy dilettante Abbott Stuyvesant. Now it's a part of Salt Lake City, a proud community peopled by workers, artists, and who-ever-else--struggling to keep itself a reasonably-priced place to live.

Oh, before I forget. Another reason I don't want Teheran to be either my "sister" or "brother" city is my sisters used to make me wear a veil and eat my meals in the kitchen when my parents weren't home.....

Sincerely yours,
"Lonely Sibling"



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the successful national liberation movements around the world have cost American business. American workers are faced today with a demand by the Carter administration to "bite the bullet", cinch in their belts and basically take a cut in their standard of living, while American business is allowed to continue to operate freely and squeeze their profits out of the American working class as brutally as they are accustomed to squeezing them out of the workers of South America, Taiwan, Iran, Korea, South Africa, etc. With inflation at a rate exceeding 13% a year, and in most necessities like food, transportation and housing it's closer to 18%, American workers are being denied cost-of-living increases and raises. And the so-called "tax revolt" fueled by the right wing is busy gutting social programs.

Even workers who, a few years ago, were fairly comfortable in this country are beginning to hurt economically. And for those below them on the pyramid, the unskilled, the undocumented, minorities and women, the pain is becoming acute. The workers like those at Spatz Laboratories are the cutting edge of the resistance to this "austerity" and militaristic hype that we are all being sold. Like the Kraco strike, the Menasco strike and others, these are the first rumblings of the volcano, these people are showing us the path to follow, and this is a symbol of what is to come.

(The Spatz strike has been won, but other strikes will be fought. Some, like the Menasco strike in the valley, which has been in negotiation for many months, and in which people have been beaten up on the picket line, continue. The coalescing of unions and community support groups is an important factor in the fight to improve conditions for all working people. To find out what you can do to help, call the Retail Clerks Union (Local 1442) at 395-9977 or Elizabeth Elder at 398-8085.)

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close off 17th Street. And it's closed off, all right, with a revokable permit issued by the Department of Engineering, but with neither knowledge or permit approval from the Coastal Permit Unit. One arm of the City system obviously doesn't know just what the other arm is up to.

At any rate, the Meatless is still serving up sauteed veggies on its nice little illegal patio, and efforts at compliance with the law drag on. I've supported the efforts to enforce the law, but since nothing has changed, I've also joined with some other Venetians in a small resistance movement which is very simple: we are boycotting the Meatless. The only problem is that the Meatless doesn't know that I won't go in there for a cup of coffee at 3 AM (pretty good stuff, too) -- worse than that, though, is the obvious fact that the Meatless doesn't give a damn.

There's a war going on in Venice, folks, and the weapons are either money or the law. The offensive is pretty simple: given an idea and the money to carry it out, the law can be broken without ever hearing the pieces fall. The City or the State may say, Oh, the law has been broken again; tsk tsk. Too bad we don't have the people or the money to do anything about it. But you Venetians who see it happening and who don't like it, you just keep reporting to us. Keep those appeals and phone calls coming -- we need your moral support in order to enforce the law...

So we keep reporting and calling and documenting violations, we get all the details down, and we end up watching the violation proceed, develop, grow. The problem is not the law itself, but an inability or unwillingness to enforce it. And the law is our only weapon against big-money development.

It seems about as effective as standing up to a cannon and saying hey, cannons aren't allowed around here, you need a permit if you're going to have one. And as crazy as it seems, a cannon or a Coney Island can just say Oh yeah? Sez who? and get away with it.

And that's the way it is, where 17th Street becomes the Meatless Mess

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mere residents. Those of us fortunate to enjoy shelter and a capacity for normal human values deplore your ill-advised excursion into witch-hunting. In your recent issues you have finally abandoned all pretensions to objective reporting and are now refreshingly candid in your promotion of the VBA/C of C/pro-development line. It is hardly surprising that the local police are such willing accomplices in the campaign to establish a brave new world on our beach in which the poor, the elderly, and other superfluous persons are subject to relocation so as not to cause distress to the beautiful and wealthy.

Julie Timmons for the Venice Town Council

Dear Beachhead:

We feel that there is a viewpoint regarding the community's dis-ease of the Robert "Greenie" Greenfield issue that needs to be expressed.

In our opinion each concerned member of the Venice community should stop and speak with Robert Greenfield on an individual basis. The job of this "Bohemian resort-by-the-sea" is not to brand him as a danger, but rather as a person in need of our personal encouragement and counsel. Each "anti-Greenie" word that is uttered behind his back; each and every negative thought administered by such dribbling idiots as Moe Stavnezer is nothing more than a very awkward, slipshod attempt to achieve justice, when in fact it is merely adding one more brick in the building of a stone monster created out of ignorance by ignorant people. "Greenie's" sin of gross insensitivity to himself and to others should not be punished. Such a basis of community negligence is the essence of a lynch mob. Extend yourselves to this brother who is obviously feeling uptight and alienated. It is with some reservations that our observations are even sounded. After all, "Greenie" and his somewhat "blown-up" imagination in regards to Wendy (a real person with real feelings) is nothing more than a cry in the dark. Let us all demonstrate our powers of humanity and benevolence and not condemnation, whether it be in poetry or jest.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Roller
Paul "Beethoven" Jaubert

personal note:

I am a poet and my friend R.R. Roller is a screenwriter. Our fondest dreams concerning this issue is to soon open the letter column of Beachhead and not see a word about Mr. Greenfield whom I, personally, have very little affection to and who has actually "harassed" a girl friend of Richard.

Paul Beethoven

Dear Beachhead:

I have been an active member of the Venice Town Council since its inception. I was opposed to the resolution to make Venice a sister city to Teheran at a time when 50 Americans are being held hostage. I talked with a number of other active members who were also opposed to the resolution. I came to the February meeting to express my opposition but never had an opportunity to do so because of a group of people who came to the meeting for the purpose of breaking it up.

I am convinced that a healthy discussion would have led to a defeat of the resolution. Breaking up meetings and preventing discussion is contrary to the democratic tradition.

People the world over, through their elected representatives and in their communities, are discussing the events in Iran. I would hope that we in Venice could also have a peaceful discussion of the issues.

While the taking of Embassy personnel as hostages has been condemned world-wide, and the release of the hostages will be greeted with joy, the world community through the United Nations, with the approval of our President, has recognized the need for an investigative body to hear the grievances of the Iranian people against the Shah. This is a form of discussion, certainly a preferable alternative to war, hysteria or war itself.

Dorothy Weisser

Dear Beachhead People,

Last night I felt like checking out women and maybe being on TV, so where else could I go but the Town Council meeting re: Iran. I thought it might provide some cheap, colorful local diversion. And so it did. The event was...well, fun. In fact, it couldn't have been better.

Sadly predictable, predictably sad, the sorry spectacle was still good theater despite the worn out script. The advertised program was not meant to be, thanks to the unallied yet well-managed collusion of the LAFD (The Heavies) and the self-righteous loudmouths (The Dupes) who perpetuate the childish impotence which precludes rational debate, resolution, action. This meeting was a made-for-TV showcase, with mini-series potential, for the Town Council itself. No one on it ever heard of fire regs? Or were no more than 49 people expected to show? Come on now. I am saying I think it naive to believe that an actual "discussion" was ever intended. What was intended was a media happening and some fresh hype for the Town Council. The Iran issue was and is a ruse. Kinda slick.

Oh well, I did enjoy myself, even though I didn't get on the tube and I walked home alone.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Schatz
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Ed Levey, longtime member of the Mime Troupe has recently moved to Venice and will offer, for the first time ever in our area, a series of workshops on techniques of the famed company. Scene study and improv, approaches to roles, humor and politics, collective work, the basics of Commedia dell'Arte, physical work-out and warmup, form the basis of this ten week course.

The Tuesday night series will run from 7:30 to 10:30pm, beginning April 15th. A special April 8th session will be devoted to interviews and a run through of the various aspects of the course. The charges are \$10 per class or \$75 for the full 10 week series. Previous experience is preferable but not essential. Contact Ed Pearl at SPARC, 685 Venice Blvd., 822-9560 for arrangements.

CHANGE THE WORLD: IT NEEDS IT.
an evening with German poet Bertolt Brecht, as interpreted and performed by Ina Wittich. Odyssey Theater, 12111 Ohio Ave., W.L.A. March 8-16, 8:30 p.m. For tickets and info: 826-1626/879-5221

TOUCHING BOTTOM
a trilogy by Steve Tesich, award winning author of hit film "Breaking Away". The Fifth Street Studio Theater. Feb. 27 through April 6. 8:30 p.m. 4157 West 5th Street, L.A. Ticket information: 383-7177

FILM

SPRING FILMS - Santa Monica Library
1343 6th Street, Main Library Auditorium
March 13: The World of Andrew Wyeth and Georgia O'Keefe - 3:00 and 7:30 p.m.

March 20: Elizabeth R: Horrible Conspiracies, 3:00 and 7:30 p.m.

"A Night With Miklos or Films of a Different Horse"
Sunday, March 23 and
"Images of a Different Color", photographs by Miklos Gyulai,
March 2 - April 3. I.D.E.A. Center for The Arts, 522 Santa Monica Bl. \$4.
Information: 395-0456

Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum presents
A Celluloid Gathering
March 15: 7 p.m. The General, 1926 Buster Keaton masterpiece and The Goldrush, 1925 Charlie Chaplin.
March 29: Hoppity Goes to Town and Flash Gordon with Buster Crabbe
Topanga Community House, 1440 Topanga Cyn.

DANCE

DANCE CONCERT: Light Moves Shadow Plays. Claudia Chapline & The I.D.E.A. Company. Sun., March 16, 8 p.m. I.D.E.A. Center for the Arts. 522 Santa Monica Blvd. \$4.

MANGROVE - movement/theater performance.
Sunday, March 9, 8 p.m. \$4.
Workshops: Sat., March 8, Sun., March 9, 12:30 - 5:30.
For more info: I.D.E.A Studio-395-0456

PACIFIC MOTION DANCE CENTER
Sunday, March 16: Costume retrospective of work by Patrick Marca-Registrada. Modeling of 80 costumes from dance, film and theater. 1:00.
March 14 - 30: Choreographer's Showcase featuring performances by 14 local choreographers. Time to be announced.
March 21-23: Irmgard Bartenieff, master of Effort/Shape, founder of Laban Institute of Movement studios in N.Y.C. will give 3 day workshop.
March 22: Garage sale-11946 Wagner St., Culver City.

For info: 392-3931/483-6563

COMMUNITY EVENTS

POETRY

Venice Jail Readings - 685 Venice Blvd.
Tuesdays - 7:30 p.m.
March 4- Peter Carr and Victor Valle
March 11- Michael C. Ford, Richard Merlin
March 18- Liza Braude, Morgana Alexander
March 25- Jennifer Macchiarella, Ruth Weiss

BEYOND BAROQUE FOUNDATION
Poetry Readings
Friday, March 7, 8 p.m.
Dennis Cooper, Tim Dlugos
Friday, March 14, 8 p.m.
Ted Greenwald, Jack Skelley

Friday, March 21: 8 p.m. "Toward a Total Poetry": Adriano Spatola, Julien Blaine, F. Tiziano, Paul Vangelisti
Friday, March 28: 8 p.m. Richard Howard preceded by open readings.

MUSIC
Saturday, March 29: 8 p.m. "Wall of Voodoo" "aural dismemberment".

Bilingual Writing Workshop led by Manazar.
Meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. Free. Call 822-3006
681 Venice Blvd., Venice
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GEORGE SAND, Books
Poetry readings
March 9: Poet/lyricist/composer Dory Previn, will read from her new book.
March 16: Composer Ivor Darreg will perform visual poetry "Flower in Spring".
Music historian Jeanne Pool will lecture on history of women in classical music.
March 23: Prose reading. Rochelle Holt Dubois will read prose selections from her recent work.
March 30: Lecture/Author reception
Paul Seydor, author of Peckinpah: The Western Films. In conjunction with above lecture, there will be a special screening of Sam Peckinpah's version The Wild Bunch at the NuArt Theater, 11272 Santa Monica Bl. March 25, 9 p.m. All programs located at 9011 Melrose Ave. 858-1648

POETRY CONTEST OFFERS \$1000 PRIZE
sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets. Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible. Rules and entry forms available from World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Dept. N, Sacramento, Calif. 95817

MUSIC

CONCERT
Benefit Concert for the Campaign for Economic Democracy (CED)- March 29, 8 p.m. at Blue Lagune Saloon, 4080 Lincoln Bl. Venice
Dana Ferris and Hubba Hubba, Diana & The Tufftones, and Dollar Varden

ROCK AGAINST RASCISM L.A. - free concert
including variety of music. March 8
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. U.C. Irvine. Call for more information: (714)833-5547

ART

Art by Gil Borgos, Ruth San Pietro, Susan Weinberg. "Three From Venice" Pastels, etchings, and water colors. Showing thru
March 31. 1407 Ocean Front Walk 399-2360

MALE NUDE Cameravision Gallery, 4121 Wilshire Blvd. 654-3746. Through Mar. 23. Wed.-Sun. 12-5 p.m. Thur., 7:30-10:30p.m.

LANDSCAPES: REAL AND IMAGINARY. Lee Maguire watercolor paintings. Through Mar. 28, Mississippi Gallery, 11777 Mississippi, W.L.A. 9 - 5 daily.

COMMUNITY

THOUSANDS TO RALLY AGAINST THE DRAFT IN MARCH 22 D. C. PROTEST
The March 22 National Mobilization Against the Draft (MAD) announced plans to bring thousands of people to the Capital for a nation wide march and rally against registration and the draft. MAD is a coalition of many groups already working against registration and the draft. The March 22 action will begin around 12 noon with people gathering at the Ellipse in Washington before marching past the White House to a rally on the steps of the Capitol. This mass nonviolent rally will be coordinated with a mass lobby of Congress on the following Monday, March 24. For more information contact MAD c/o U.S.S.A., 1220 G St, SE, Washington DC 20003 (202) 667-6000

NATIVE AMERICANS - CENSUS '80

What the census count means to you: provides a basis for distributing large amounts of dollars under various federal programs to meet American Indian community needs. Our Indian communities and tribes lose services, programs and funding by being undercounted. If you are of mixed Indian descent, record only one tribe - only one tribe will be recorded by census takers. If you have mixed Indian and non-Indian ancestry, only one will be counted and that will be whichever race is printed higher on the census form. Record only Indian ancestry, or it will not be counted.

AMERICAN INDIANS COUNT - BE COUNTED

Supervisor Burke to Speak

Tues, Mar. 11, 8 p.m. at a meeting of the Mar Vista Democratic Club, Westdale Federal Savings bldg on n.e. corner of National and Sepulveda in the banks community room (via back entrance to bldg.) Free. Coffee and refreshments served. North Beach Neighborhood Association will ask for open parking for residents in county lots. Also on agenda for discussion are the fate of the Ballona Wetlands and the S.P. Railroad right of way. For information or a ride call 399-6605 or 822-0077.

WORK EXCHANGE Women on Wheels Productions is looking for work exchange people to assist on their up-coming Cris Williamson concert. Areas of work include: publicity, postering, production crews, and house crews. Anyone interested call 665-7535 for appointment.

Jobs available working as an attendant for the disabled. Call Westside Community for Independent Living, 473-8421
LOS ANGELES OCEANIC SOCIETY
Thursday, March 13, 8 p.m. Dorothy Soule, Director of Harbors Environmental Project, USC Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies. "Benefits of Industrial Effluent Along Our Coast?" Public meeting at Chace Park Community Bldg., Marina Del Rey.

WOMEN

WOMONSPACE- 235 Hill St., Santa Monica Mondays: Alternative to A.A.-creative dialogue/feminist support on the part alcohol plays in our lives. 7:30 p.m.
Drop-In Writer's Workshop- 7:30p.m. \$2.
Volleyball- 4162 Wade Av. CulverCity 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Wednesdays: Women's Support Group 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. \$1.
Thursdays: Radical Feminist Drop-In Group. 7:00 p.m. \$2.
Volleyball at Culver West Park. 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Fridays: March 7-Jewish Feminist Drop-In group. 7:30 p.m.
March 21-Potluck dinner and Open Stage 7:00 p.m. \$1.
Saturdays: March 15- Open staff meeting 11:00 a.m.
Sunday: March 16-Poetry Reading 7:30 p.m. \$2.

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