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The Anti-Bird Campaign

An Attack on Justice

by Jim Bickhart and Moe Stavnezer

There are only days remaining before Chief Justice Rose Bird faces an apparently hostile electorate to determine whether she will keep her job for another 12 years. If she loses, she'll be the first California Supreme Court justice to be denied confirmation in the 52-year history of this particular electoral process.

Has Rose Bird really earned the public enmity that places her way behind in public opinion polls? Or are there forces at work here which simply make her a convenient symbol in a controversy over society's crime problems, problems which may have no clear-cut solutions?

Rose Bird was appointed Chief Justice by Governor Jerry Brown in 1977. Brown plucked her out of her job as head of the state's Department of Agriculture, where she had been the first woman ever to hold a cabinet post in California. There she authored the controversial Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which protected farmworkers over the loud protests of agribusiness.

Bird came to the bench in the midst of a bout with cancer. She beat it, but it left her with a sense that her mission should be to get things done promptly. She immediately undertook to modernize the court's administration and at least some of its thinking. This effort, including moves as basic as introducing correcting electric typewriters, upset many of the judicial system's old-timers, judges and staffers alike, who would have resisted this change even if it weren't proposed by a young, brash outsider who also happened to be a woman.

On top of that, many, including members of the Supreme Court itself, questioned the validity of her appointment because she was not long in either governmental or judicial experience and because they didn't like Brown, who had

dared to criticize their work habits.

Bird's resume, however, was defensible. Everything she'd done, from her education to her work as a public defender to her teaching at Stanford Law School, had won her positive recognition. And as for her lack of judicial experience, well, a lot of esteemed Supreme Court level judges, both state and federal, have survived in the system without prior judicial experience. Earl Warren and William Rehnquist are just a couple who come to mind.

The attack on Bird didn't stop once her appointment was approved. Conservatives and traditionalists kept up a heavy drumbeat against her, citing her "abrasive" administrative style, her ostensibly soft-on-crime opinions, her standoffish attitude toward her colleagues and the press. They've run wild, tarnishing her reputation, sponsoring recall movements and, now, generating no less than four professionally run, well-funded anti-confirmation committees. The fact that she's now willing to deal with the media more readily may not be enough to make up for all those years of damage being done.

Rose Bird, then, has been a "marked judge" from day one. What fuels much of the public concern about her in the current campaign is ostensible dissatisfaction

with her opinions as a jurist, as if she and her fellow justices were simply another bunch of politicians elected to carry out voters' wishes. Which they're not.



For 40 years, the California Supreme Court has led the nation's judiciary in expanding the legal protections of consumers, minorities, workers, families, women, tenants, homeowners and criminal defendants. The Court under Chief Justice Bird is no exception to this progressive tradition and, during her tenure, has added environmental protection to this impressive list.

The Bird Court's decisions have been well in line with Supreme Court decisions of the past three decades as well as with trends of state and federal courts throughout the country. Bird's critics claim, however, that the opposite is true, yet they constantly cite only death penalty cases to prove their point (this despite the fact that California is but one of 28 death penalty states who have not executed anyone since passing their current capital punishment law). Her critics have also claimed that her decisions are sloppy, or not well grounded in legal theory, yet none of her decisions has been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. She must be doing something right.

In the area of labor law, the Court has ruled that public employees not in jobs which directly affect public safety have a right to strike, broadened the rights of fired workers to sue for reinstatement and given an expansive reading to laws banning job discrimination against the handicapped.

The Court has continued to follow the path it began some three decades ago broadening liability laws so that more injured people can file effective suits (its decision allowing a large suit against the drug DES is a case in point). The Bird Court has also found that insurance companies and other powerful businesses have a special responsibility to deal fairly with customers.

Where the rights of private property owners clash with environmental protection, civil rights, or the rights and needs of tenants, those interests have fared well in front of Bird's court. The Court's most important environmental decisions have expanded the ancient "public trust" doctrine.

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President as Pusher

-By Jim Prickett

There is an odd, almost unreal, quality to the debate about drugs. The Reagan administration poses as a strong opponent of drugs, and most liberals and radicals do nothing to challenge this pose. Instead, liberals and radicals concede that drugs are a major problem in the U.S., while fretting about the consequences to civil liberties of the Reagan anti-drug program. But objections based solely on civil liberties have little force. In fact, this sort of opposition is exactly what the Reagan administration wants.

It seems to be that we must ask a few basic questions. Who benefits from widespread drug use? Who is harmed by it? What is the source of drugs? What has the U.S. government's attitude toward drugs been in the past and has it changed recently? Only after answering these questions can we decide what the left's response to the Reagan "anti-drug" campaign should be.

The outbreak of the Second World War seriously disrupted the international drug trade. The war made it almost impossible to smuggle heroin into the U.S. As Alfred McCoy noted in his book, *The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia*, it seemed that the drug problem had been solved by the war: "Heroin supplies were nonexistent, international criminal syndicates were in disarray, and the addict population was reduced to manageable proportions for the first time in half a century." But in a few years, "the drug syndicates were back in business, the poppy fields in Southeast Asia started to expand, and heroin refineries multiplied both in Marseille and Hong Kong."

How did this happen? As McCoy noted, "the answer lies in the history of America's cold war crusade." Following the Second World War, the U.S. government committed itself to building alliances with whatever forces existed in opposition to Communist or revolutionary movements. In France, the port city of Marseille became a major battleground between the CIA and the French Communist Party. The CIA recruited French gangsters to break strikes led by the Communists; in return, the CIA allowed the gangsters to re-establish the heroin trade.

"PUSHER" Continued on Page 8



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NewsReal/cpt

9/15/86

Dear Beachhead Collective:

You are not the only ones that goofed off during the summer--I'm just catching up on my reading--have had a busy summer and a lazy one now back to the front lines--

in reading your July 1986 issue on the front page "No More Shabby Chic" - good luck with your orson beanery-I remember 15 or so years ago in New York City when this self-styled esoteric, selfish egomaniac complained about a Drug Rehab Center that he lived next door to interfered with his life style. Didn't care bout people trying to get their lives together, only sensitive to his WANTS, to me he is a nervous Nelly - very insensitive and when I say all of the above I'm showing great restraint.

Page 2 LETTERS "THANX GOT A MINUTE"
It took me about 75 seconds to read

and all I gathered that this Francis S. Strasser never had time to write until he wanted something and for nothing yet-funny people always WANTING

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And just an aside are Geriatric Jack and memphis slim registered voters?

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COLLECTIVE NOTE: Geriatric Jack and memphis slim ARE registered voters.

Dear Beachhead,

The Meese Commission on Pornography has at least been able to show how contagious asshole cancer really is.
Sincerely yours,
Philip W. Gregg



Dear Collective,
This expands September's "Bits and Pieces" note that lower incomes pay higher prices from business taxes at greater burden: the record high federal deficit increases of last summer (an income support component) curtailed nearly a third under Gramm-Rudman, price raising becomes a diminished consequence.

The Gann ballot initiative is apparently opposed by Tom Hayden, strange since insulting lower incomes with 150,000 bureaucrats is a clear voter alienation source. My own Quaker obstinence--too many times in courts--variously chained, beaten sleepless, solitary confinement, assaulted by a federal attorney in court--without reliance on Matthew 5:38-39 similarly shows no justification for the death penalty.

Hayden could advance such arguments himself. The suggested modification of the Master Plan on Higher Education got wide press. His response to my closing question at the Venice Town Council (August - I rejoined) showed he knew it too. The discourse (salaries artificially high since doctorates monopolized by UC (though California thrives on large talent pools he should have said), following my suggestion he pretend he made the challenge required no further thoughtless baiting of me. I vote Democrat due to past favors without objection to votes for Hayden based on his ineffectiveness. His big money reliance only suggests happiness in a different party. Raising salaries of people--faculty or bureaucrats--who intentionally designed the recent, continuing, and commencing collapse is stupid: barring presumably my eyes, nose, insights, and ideas from campuses, though multiparty Washington, D.C. knows my name.

Authoritarianism originates in fear (high-threat world view): Yet beach kids show that walking away from a real dispute brings support from former adversaries should a member try to pursue a fight. Fear can be used to overcome fear since most humans avoid pain, the others no threat (perhaps that Tom Hayden's ineffectiveness despite the millions of dollars reportedly spent on him). I myself had walked away at the Venice Town Council (shut up, tuned out, alienated myself) from the super-rich assemblyman: who chose to pursue. The audience deliberately changed the subject, showing how much real adults and kids have in common. Effective leadership was shown by Peace and Freedom Party in the matter of the southwestern Indians. U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater and Councilman Mike Woo are two who subsequently became concerned. With respect to the Santa Monica Bay, Hayden subsequently became concerned.

With respect to the 44th Assembly district, PPP gets my vote, for the favor.

- Philip W. Gregg

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Jeremy

Jeremy Coon, local realist, has recently returned from an adventure (by any other name) in the North Atlantic. The former Green Tortoise driver was ship's engineer for the Sea Shepard, a ship and organization that came to birth as they put it, when Green Peace expanded its scope of concerns and desisted from confrontational tactics. Paul Watson it's founder left Green Peace under controversy unfortunately, as he notes in his book "Sea Shepard."

With his first ship he rammed the pirate whaler Sierra and heavily damaged it. Later in harbor the organization commandoes blew it up with limpet mines. In the meantime Portuguese officials impounded his ship and decided to turn it over to Portuguese whalers. Paul then blew up his own ship.

Needless to say the crew sailed on Sea Shepard II to Sweden last June where they were allotted observer status by the International Whaling Commission. They then proceeded to the Faro Islands, administered by Denmark, 200 miles northeast of Scotland to confront the people and whalers of those distant isles.

The people there are descendents of old Vikings and have lived there these past centuries as fishermen. The islands are largely barren of vegetation, there are no trees and no vegetable production, these being imported. In the past fishing and whaling were facts of survival, the storing of fish and blubber for the winter. With the technological innovations of the last century the Faroese have become astonishing successful in terms of catch and the resulting economic boon in sales. According to Jeremy they bring in 60 million British Pounds a year for a population of 44,000 giving them the highest per capita income for all of Europe. Forty per cent of the catch are sold to the mink industry. Sea Shepard claims the people there now kill whales for sport which works out to two to three thousand Pilot Whales unnecessarily slaughtered a year. Unfortunately where other whales are protected by quotas the Pilot Whale has no such protection. Descended also from the old times is a festival called Grind incurred once a year whereby the whalers drive herds of the Pilots to the shore where they are killed with clubs and spears and the unborn calves are torn from their mother's wombs and used as toys by the children. Call for the Buddha in Hell.

Upon their arrival in the Faro Islands where they had been legally admitted two of the crew were arrested and thrown into solitary confinement with no charges filed. The ship then sent three more crew to rescue the boat and they were beaten and also jailed. At that point the Sea Shepard pulled up anchor and left for fear of being boarded.

Amnesty International, and the embassies of Canada, Mexico, Sweden, America and Britain, respective to the five jailed crew were called. For three days the police on the Islands refused to talk. Finally they agreed to bring the crew back if the ship would go beyond the three mile limit. Meanwhile, two crew had been deported--the navigator to Sweden and the third engineer to Switzerland from where she got back to Scotland where the ship also returned. They then headed, BBC Film crew and all, back to the Faroes.

Early in the interview Jeremy stated that after 1 1/2 years as crew member on the Sea Shepard he came to the personal conclusion that educational efforts were superior to confrontation. People's lives are put in danger by the later and it may influence "the other side" to greater killings. It was his observation that the people were "positively gloating" that they could continue to kill and not be stopped. Not a very pretty picture.

The confrontation that did take place, however, was intense and to the point. For a number of days police in rubber boats unsuccessfully chased the Sea Shepard and one time the ship threatened to ram a gunboat which prudently turned back to port in front of the fishing fleet. Count 1 coup like the Indians for Jeremy & friends. The Shepard in constant contact with the Chief of Police consistently demanded not to

be harassed in international waters as the Sea Shepard was there to protect the whales.

A couple of days went by in relative peace until the police attempted to creep up and board the ship in rubber boats at 3 in the morning, this also in international waters. They opened fire

with tear gas bullets, which are deadly if they hit you. Apparently much to the surprise of the police--the crew had other things in mind. Protected by gas masks they returned "fire" with rocket flares, while bringing the ship to 14 knots as the chase began, heading out into the sea. One crew member poured gas on the water and set a fire while Jeremy manned a powerful water gun which he aimed around the pursuing boats in order to impede their progress. He did not aim it at the individuals as it could have knocked them into the frigid waters. As the boats during this 5 1/2 hour chase (if you can believe it) came quite close, there was a lot of eye contact, most of it vicious. The police became rather nervous when the crew began to throw axes at the rubber boats. As the sea became gradually rougher throughout this high speed chase the police in their craft began to drop off, one by one. The Sea Shepard continued on to Bristol where the BBC dropped off their film to be made into a documentary. It will be aired here according to Jeremy sometime in November on NBC. The next step in the ship's strategy is organizing a boycott in Europe and here of products from the Faro Islands.

Meanwhile the Faroese have invented a counter attack of their own. In a form letter sent to those concerned, the Prime Minister claims that the only whales killed are for the people's survival, i.e., the taking of meat, that there are no ritual killings for sport and generally speaking, they were innocent of all claims of the Sea Shepard. One wonders why all the arrests and harassments in international waters? Or why the current issue of Life magazine carries a photo of the slaughter of whales on the beach.

Please write to the Prime Minister of the Faro Islands expressing your concern:

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The Danish Consulate in New York as well as the Danish Embassy in Washington might also be helpful. For a world already filled with brutality, peace begins everywhere. with enough awareness and expressed concern, we can stop this horrible thing.

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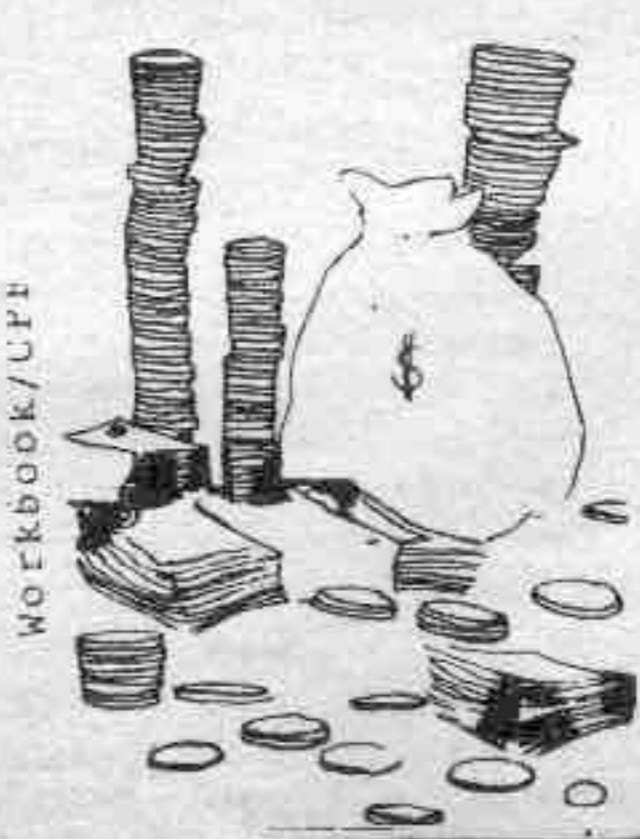
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Thirty Seconds Over Venice

by Patrick McCartney

Charles Allen noticed a change in the Spring of last year. Small planes taking off from Santa Monica Municipal Airport began to buzz his home in increasing numbers. Allen had lived near the airport for 20 years but had tolerated the occasional flight that strayed over his Venice house, drowning out conversation, radio and TV programs with thirty seconds of droning noise.

Allen and other Venice residents noticed a change in the flight patterns of planes taking off from Santa Monica. "I could almost read the rivets on the bottom of planes, they were so close," Bob Grayla told airport officials at September's Venice Town Council meeting where the airport's neighbors and officials exchanged views. Before long two lawsuits were filed against the airport noise, suits that are still being litigated.

What the Venice residents didn't know at the time is that the nuisance they were experiencing was the result of a noise abatement program that directed pilots over Venice to spare Santa Monica residents from the droning clamor.

Previous lawsuits over noise had tempted Santa Monica officials to close the airport altogether and divvy up the land among developers. But the city--though liable for noise complaints--had no authority to close the airport. For when the Army Air Corp gave the airport to Santa Monica in the 1940s it was with the condition that the city operate the facility "in perpetuity."

Although a headache to Santa Monica officials, the airport is popular with pilots. The nearest airport to Westside destinations like Westwood, Beverly Hills and Century City, the Santa Monica airport is one of only 15 airports left in Los Angeles County. Once there were 83.

A series of lawsuits--Nestle versus the City of Santa Monica and two more known as Airport One and Airport Two--prompted Santa Monica to enact progressively tighter noise restrictions, including a ban on all jets. But the FAA--the Federal Aviation Administration--joined the Airport Two suit against the city, and reached a negotiated agreement in 1984.

Out of that settlement came the airport's present noise program. In exchange for a promise to keep the airport open until the year 2015, Santa Monica was allowed to restrict flight operations in a noise abatement program, and to ban night flights altogether. On the other hand, the ban against jets was rescinded as unfair.

Airport officials began a series of meetings, inviting affected parties to participate in the planning of the new noise program. Los Angeles City Councilman Marvin Braude--who represented the Los Angeles area beneath the airport's approach--sent an aide. Significantly, though, Councilwoman Pat Russell failed to send a representative to the meetings to protect the interests of Venice residents.

Out of those meetings emerged a policy that spelled trouble for Venice. Airport officials decided to reinstitute a policy that directed pilots to turn 10 degrees south at the end of the runway, with the intention of directing them over the Penmar golf course in Venice and away from Santa Monica to the north and Venice on the south.



Unfortunately for Venice residents pilots had trouble making that slight turn and ended up all too often flying low over rooftops south of Penmar, rattling the residents and upending normal activity.

Part of the problem was a brochure that the airport produced for pilots. "The brochure was badly misworded and misunderstood," Airport Manager Hank Ditmar admitted at the Town Council meeting. Release of the brochure in April, 1985 coincided with the rise in complaints from Venice.

"Many pilots have misunderstood the 'turn left' instruction," pilot Rol Morrow said at the Town Council meeting. A Venice resident and head of the airport's pilot association, Morrow explained that "It is hard to make the exact track. Pilots turned too soon." Morrow defended the role of small aircraft, stating that half of all passenger trips in the country are made in small planes. But people on the ground often resent "that damn rich guy up there in that plane."

Angry Venice residents also complained that planes turned left over Venice in the vicinity of Lincoln Blvd. when they throttled down--the most dangerous moment for planes taking off. Morrow said that he and other pilots want to be within gliding distance of the runway when they throttle back, and that the land north of the airport is elevated, which would mean more noise for residents below.

The 70 residents at the meeting repeatedly expressed their ire at the lack of enforcement for noise violators and absence of a noise monitoring station on the Venice side of the cities' boundaries. Airport Manager Ditmar responded by saying that the airport had recently filed charges against three pilots who failed to follow the noise abatement program. He also said that a monitor will be installed in Venice 1,500 feet from the end of the runway.

At the end of the Town Council meeting, dozens in the crowd were still angry, unmollified by the answers to their questions. Outside, one airport employee admitted that the noise abatement program "was good for Santa Monica and bad for Venice."

From the level of frazzled nerves evident at the meeting, it looks like Venice residents will not be satisfied until noise is abated on our side of the border too.

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Haag for Controller

by Diane Nickerson

With elections just a month away, time is running out for many of us. By many, I mean all of us who hope, live and work for the survival of our planet. Fat-cat Republican and Democrat ostriches still haven't taken their heads out of the sand. Things continue to get worse for the majority of Americans, yet these politicians continue to prevail.

John Haag, Peace and Freedom Party candidate for State Controller, is out there canvassing the state in hopes of giving us a viable alternative to both the Republicans and the Democrats. The Controller's main duty is that of chief auditor of the state, yet to most people it remains a rather obscure office.

Haag's Democratic opponent, Gray Davis, will probably end up spending about \$5 million to get himself elected. One wonders what the Controller's office is worth that he can pay back those contributors, or "investors", if you will. Because the Controller's office is so easily checked, it is not an opportunity to directly pay back his contributors. However, there are 39 different commissions, committees, boards and authorities that make important policy and fiscal decisions. These range from Senior Citizen's facilities construction, to Community College construction, to new prison construction, even the National Guard Finance Committee is one of the Boards the Controller sits on. The pay back could conceivably come in appointments to commissions that all have to do with money: contracts, leases, bond issues, etc. There are lots of financial interests that the Controller actually has control of. Is this what we want or expect from an elected official?

Haag, as Controller, would audit the state budget for social and environmental effects. He stated that at the time he decided to run, he chose to run on a Green platform. He has been working with the Greens for about a



year. The Santa Monica/Venice Chapter of the Peace and Freedom Party and the local Big Mountain Support Group helped start the Green Alternative - Los Angeles. Haag believes there is a constituency here to be reached. He will emphasize the preservation of the remaining natural environment, noting that "It is not a question of going back to nature, because we can't go back, and nature is not the same. However, what has not been developed already should not be developed." Similarly, he will address limits to industrial growth, economic and political decentralization, appropriate technology, feminist values, non-violence, disarmament, aid to the homeless and animal rights.

Appropriately, Haag sees addressing the environmental issues as relatively easy; they are directly related to the Controller's race. The issue of non-violence, on the other hand, is not so obviously connected, but needs to be brought to the fore-front, talked about and dealt with. "I believe that our society is creating an atmosphere of violence at all levels, from Rambo movies to war toys, to military build-up all over the world. Domestic violence and crime in the street are to some extent a reflection of this"

he said. Violence so permeates our society that beginning with childhood, we are given the idea that violence is a way of solving problems. Haag knows that somehow we must undermine this assumption. "Violence has ceased, if it ever was, to be a solution to anything. Our global society has reached the point where almost any incident of violence could escalate to the point of a nuclear exchange. That being the case, all forms of violence are potentially suicidal for the whole race," he said. The need to develop non-violent ways of resolving conflicts, again at all levels, should be of the utmost importance to us all.

Another issue demanding attention is that of aid to the homeless. We can't accept the phony rationale that many cities and counties seem to have adopted, i.e. that if they make life "comfortable" for the homeless, the homeless are going to flock in from everywhere else. Right... "We can't

expect the Federal Government to help, because the Federal Government isn't helping anybody anymore." Haag feels the State of California should subsidize programs for the homeless all over the state. "There seems to be no other source for that kind of help," he said.

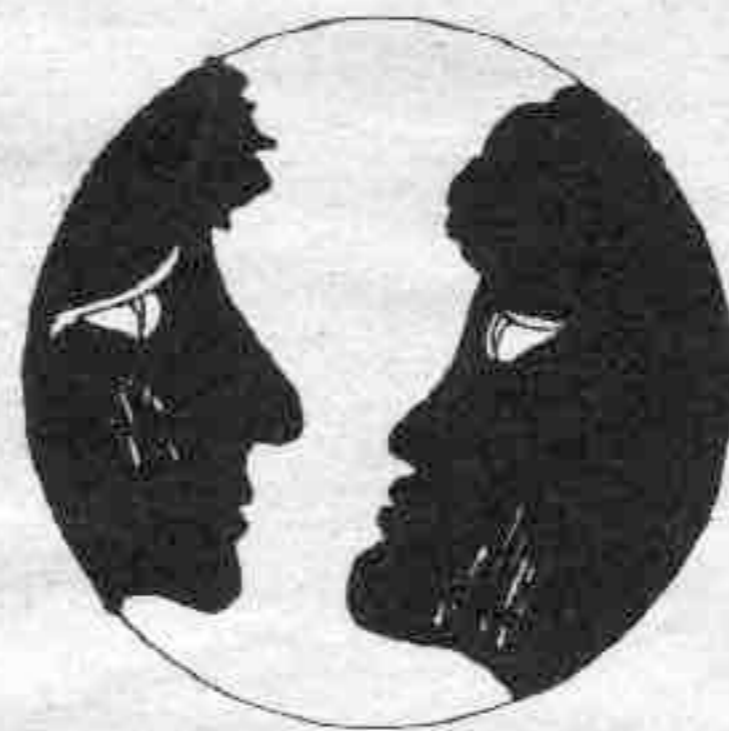
As Controller, John would use his office to publicize the harmful effects of state expenditures. "The effects on people and the environment cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The books can balance nicely, while people are made to suffer and the environment is destroyed. We need a humanistic accounting procedure to show the real effects of expenditures and that is what I plan to introduce." ●

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Impending Disaster

Prop 61

by memphis slim



In the beginning there was the word. And the word was with Jarvis and Gann. And the word was: Prop 13. And the word was good; at least for them.

But Paul Gann didn't stop there. He had other axes to grind. He wanted to limit the use of state pensions by people who had gone on to other employment. He wanted Senator Alan Cranston, President Reagan, former Govs. Brown and others to not be able to draw a State pension even though state law said they could. So he dreamed up Prop 61-The Gann Initiative. But his original vengeance had grown like the many-headed Hydra by the time Prop. 61 got to the ballot.

Now there are so many provisions on the Proposition that even Paul Gann says it will cost Californians 7 Billion Dollars. That's a conservative estimate.

Prop 61 will link all public salaries to the California governor's salary and benefits which will be limited to \$80,000. All other salaries cannot exceed \$64,000. This includes benefits which with insurance, etc. will significantly lower that figure. This means everyone in California who is in public service (city, county and state govt.) but not a Federal employee can only make a grand total of about \$48,000. tops. Most Government employees get about 25% of their gross salary in added benefits such as sick leave, vacation insurance, dental care, etc.

OK, so every police chief, sheriff, college professor and department head quits Culver City, the LAPD, the State University system and community colleges but who cares! After all, the av-

erage per capita income in California is about \$[8,000-2],000 dollars. So as Tom Hayden told me it's hard to argue against this proposition. 'Course Tom Hayden ain't too studied on this issue as my mom would say.

Well Prop. 61 only begins with the brain drain that would put California way behind Mississippi. Next on the initiative's agenda is the big BUY-

OUT!

The Proposition's most onerous part is the limit that it places on public employees vacation and sick time Proposition 61 states that no public employee can carry over any vacation or sick time from one year to the next. So, after the election if it passes, The PROP requires that all public employees have their vacation and sick time bought out. By the public coffers naturally. This is where the \$7 Billion comes in. But the BUY-OUT is only good for those public employees that choose to participate. Most public employees will simply take sick time and/or vacation and immediately look for other work. Remember, this part of the PROP affects all public (Non-Federal) employees so don't expect to find a gov-

ernment office open from November, 1986 to January 2, 1987. No DMV, no city offices, no cops, no sheriffs, no trash collection, no street cleaners, no mayor, no City Council, no beach cleaners, no life guards, no doggie police, no child abuse workers, no penitentiary guards, no anti-gang workers, no college, high school, grammar school or public kindergarten employees. Get the Picture

My boss says we'll limit the amount of vacation/sick leave time people can take off. Limit/Smimit!; when PROP 61 passes, everyone will have the "BLUE FLU".

So after Jan. 1, 1987 a large number of public employees can't or won't have found other jobs. What'll they do?

Well, all through January they won't be able to take sick or vacation time 'cause they won't have any. And if they have to take time off, well their checks will be held up. Dock time as we say in public employment. So they won't get paid on time; so if you rent to a public employee, you won't get your rent. Or the groceries won't get bought; no money will go back into the state's economy. But wait, there's more.

If a public employee continues through 1987 and they don't get sick or take a vacation; then come Thanksgiving they'll realize that they've got to take it or lose it. So, about turkey time the government grinds to a halt. Then you're back to no teachers, no government offices, etc.

So, Prop 61 starts off costing us \$7 Billion, every highly paid professional in public service and ends up forcing every public employee to become a sick and vacation time abuser. Plus we have the added benefit of having no state, county or city government between Thanksgiving and New Years.

There's some other language in the PROP restricting state contracts, etc. but you catch the drift.

So Vote for PROP 61, you deserve it ●

Peace Journeys East

PEACE CITY, OHIO 9 Sept. 86
 "...neither the first nor the last Great
 Peace March..."--lyrics by Holly Near

Two months from now, the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament will arrive in Washington, D.C., ending a nine-month odyssey for 650 very changed people. As Holly points out in the song she wrote to celebrate this particular pilgrimage, others have marched before us and others will follow.

For this group, however, the experience is ending and, as it does, each of us is thrown into the dilemma of deciding what to do next. At the same time, there is an urgent, collective desire afoot to analyze and make sense of what we've been doing for the past seven months.

Millions of people have been affected by this rag-tag crew, whether directly through personal encounter, or indirectly via the hundreds of media accounts that have followed our progress from coast to coast. Thousands have contributed directly to our support with food, cash, and an occasional shower or home-cooked meal. Local peace groups have been re-energized and inspired to step up their grass-roots organizing efforts. Yet, from the eye of this storm, it's hard to assess just what kind of an impact we're having.

In Denver, before a rally of 5000, Holly addressed this issue. It's rare, she pointed out, that an activist gets the chance to actually observe the change in someone s/he is trying to persuade. A chain of seemingly unrelated events and interactions usually lead up to such changes in an individual's life. Thus, though it's exciting and gratifying to witness, there's no reason to feel particularly proud, if your personal influence happens to be the decisive factor. In

the same vein, realizing that you may be only one of the middle links in an individual's personal chain of events makes it easier to keep faith with the cause you're organizing for. Cultivate that quality of humility she was alluding to, that sense of balance and proportion regarding your own importance in the struggle for peace and justice, and you'll not only be happier, but also a far more effective organizer.

Many people in Peace City are learning just that and few you talk to give any indication that the end of the march will bring an end to their activism. Rather, what's emerging now is a broad spectrum of ideas for how the momentum we've generated can be built upon after November 15th.

Some of these include:

1. The Peace Wave--a fleet of ten buses similar to the one we now call our Peace Academy. Equipped with educational materials, copiers, 6-8 organizers, cooking and storage facilities, these buses would move along separate routes, criss-crossing the country for the purpose of connecting with local peace and justice groups, doing public speaking, and organizing "Peace Centers" in every possible town and city.
2. Establishing a permanent presence in Washington, staffed and functioning as a center for lobbying and training lobbyists.
3. A continuation of the march through the Southern States.
4. A continuation of the march through Europe and Moscow.
5. A national conference of peace and justice groups, for the purpose of developing a



long-term strategy for concerted nonviolent action to bring an end to the arms race.

6. An international conference of grass-roots organizations to develop a strategy for coordinated nonviolent action.
7. A plan to purchase a closed college near Washington and re-open it as a Peace University.

It's difficult to predict which, if any, of these plans will be actualized. One thing, however, is evident. We must press on in our struggle to accomplish the goals of the march: A comprehensive test-ban treaty, multilateral verifiable freeze, reduction of nuclear weapons to zero, and the peaceful development of space technology.

A second thing, equally obvious and verified by our experience here in Peace City, is that we must learn from and overcome the errors in thinking that brought ProPeace to its knees just two weeks out of LA.

First, the struggle for global nuclear disarmament can never be successful, if we try to do it as a single-issue movement. Peace cannot become a reality in the absence of justice. Thus, despite the fact that some residents of Peace City remain uncomfortable with the matter, others have taken the initiative to demonstrate their support for a wide variety of issues, including Big Mountain and the farm crisis, as well as their opposition to Contra-Aid, the bombing of Libya, weapons testing in Nevada, deployment in Omaha, and development at Rocky Flats. A direct group has emerged, demonstrating most recently in Toledo at Teledyne (manufacturers of engines for Cruise missiles) and in solidarity with the congregation of the First Unity Baptist Church of Toledo, which has come under violent racist attack for choosing to relocate in a white neighborhood.

The second thing we've learned in

our experience is that accomplishing our goals will require the broadest, most diverse base of support conceivable. ProPeace functioned with the belief that large, individual and corporate, donations could be relied upon to fund a glitzy, propagandic campaign, which would sway public opinion and, subsequently, government policy toward disarmament. With incredible naivete, they seemed to believe that, by presenting the lead characters on "Miami Vice" and those of a McDonald's commercial, the rest of the world would drop what it was doing and fall in line to do civil disobedience.

This myth, that any other image than that of deeply committed individuals should be presented, persists in some corners of Peace City, even now. One look at the march, however, will tell you that it holds little power except in the imaginations of those few who haven't realized yet that diversity, not uniformity, is the dominant feature in all living things. Learning to live with, and even to celebrate, that diversity is the stuff of which successful grass-roots organizing efforts are made.

It is also the foundation for the development of a nonviolent society, which is perhaps the most important lesson we're learning here on the Great Peace March.

The objectives of the march can, no doubt, be met to some extent through conventional good-faith negotiations between the superpowers. The realization of Peace in this very fragile world, however,--the assurance that these weapons will not be merely secreted away or built again at some later, more volatile time, or developed by weaker nations as a means to gain what is denied them through the unequal distribution of the world's resources--will require a much deeper transformation of human consciousness. We, as individuals, must acquire the awareness that we are connected to one another, that we are all member of the intimate

fabric that comprises life on this planet. We must learn to *feel*--not just believe--that damage done to any part of that fabric is damage done to ourselves, that injustice perpetrated against any individual is destructive to the entire community. It's a monumental task, but the presence of 50,000 nukes in this world--the fact that we are less than thirty minutes away from oblivion, at any given moment--provides a compelling reason to tackle it.

On the march, we are addressing the matter through participation in large nonviolence-training workshops and small, ongoing nonviolence affinity-groups. The large sessions are designed primarily to give participants experience in dealing with violence directed at them from outside the march, while the affinity-groups function at a much more intimate level. These latter are consciousness-raising/support-type groups, which provide a safe atmosphere in which to explore the way we do violence to ourselves and to each other. Currently, we're using Martin Luther King's six principles of non-violence to stimulate the dialogues and, by all reports, the groups are working well. We are also about to start a psycho-analysis seminar based on Gene Sharp's concept of "civilian-based defense". Developed by Movement for a New Society in Philadelphia, it's entitled "U.S. Strategic Policy and Non-violent Alternatives".

Each of us in Peace City--even those who diligently resist change--is confronted daily with the lessons emerging from our experience on the road. Without exception, each has grown along the way, and, now, as the end is approaching, it is clear that the group is working hard to heal old wounds. As with all healthy communities, breaking up is hard to do, so we draw closer to one another. We have become family over these months. The lessons we've learned--that our power resides in diversity, grass-roots organizing, and nonviolence--are the connective-tissue that will hold us together, long after we've gone our separate ways. ●

- By Frank Holmgren



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Similar events occurred in Italy. There were basically three groups in Italy: those who had worked closely with the Fascists, those who had opposed the Fascists as Partisans, and the Mafia, which had maintained its organization. The Fascist collaborators were defeated by the war, and the resistance included Communists. Therefore, the CIA decided to work with the Communists. The re-establishment of the heroin trade was a small price to pay—and besides, it was a price paid mainly by poor urban blacks.

In the mid-1960s, however, the European heroin industry went into decline. There were crackdowns in Italy and Turkey, depriving Marseille of its most important source of raw material. Southeast Asia filled the vacuum. By the 1960s, the Golden Triangle of north-eastern Burma, northern Thailand, and northern Laos produced 70% of the world's illicit opium.

People who want more details can read McCoy's book. The key point to remember is this: the U.S. government actively supported heroin smugglers as part of their anti-Communist crusade.

Under Reagan the policy continues. In a story headlined, "Afghan Rebels' Victory Garden: Opium," the New York Times reported on June 18, 1986 that the Afghan rebels were involved in a massive opium harvest which was crucial to "their continued efforts to oust the Communists." As one Afghan leader said, "We must grow and sell opium to fight our holy war against the Russian nonbelievers. Islamic law bans the taking of opium, but there is no provision against growing it."

So the next time a 13 year old kid dies of a heroin overdose, don't feel too bad. Remember that he was making a contribution to the noble struggle of the heroic Afghan rebels.

I don't want to unfairly single out the Afghans. Salvadoran Army officers were captured while engaging in drug trafficking in the U.S. and members of the Contras have admitted to using drugs to finance their terrorism in Nicaragua. However, it is estimated that Afghanistan has become the largest supplier of illicit opium.

Since Reagan knows how angry Americans are at drug smuggling, he lies and says that the Nicaraguan government is involved in drug smuggling. After a recent speech in which Reagan made that charge, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) took the unusual step of announcing that there was no evidence to implicate the Nicaraguan government.

As long as our government funds and supports the world's drug producers and smugglers, we are not going to solve the drug problem—no matter how many times they ask me to piss in a bottle.

Which brings me to my second point: the Reagan anti-drug campaign is directed against addicts, not suppliers or smugglers. It is designed to make life harder for addicts: to take their jobs away, make them subject to jail, and put them under a cloud.

This amounts to a two-pronged assault by our government. The first assault is the funding of criminal drug smuggler because of their anti-Communism, thus making drugs available to Americans. The second assault is denying those Americans who get hooked their jobs and freedom.

Drug use actually benefits the government. A New York school principal noted at the height of the student rebellions in the 1960s that the more drugs on campus, the less rebellion. Drugs have always had the effect of pacifying working class rebels. By any kind of quantifiable measurement, the most harmful drug is alcohol: far more lives are lost and destroyed through alcohol than through cocaine or heroin use.

The comparison with alcohol suggests another point: knowing that a substance is harmful does not imply that it must be made illegal. It would be more effective to drug drug selling unprofitable than illegal, but that is a subject for a different article.

I want to return to the point I made at the beginning: as long as the debate is perceived as being between a sincerely outraged anti-drug president and a civil libertarian left whose only concern is the 14th amendment, Reagan will win. Far from being morally outraged by drugs, Reagan actively finances and offers political support to drug smugglers in Afghanistan and Central America. Major American banks, as Penny Lernoux has

pointed out (*In Banks We Trust*) are deeply involved in the drug trade. High profits and anti-Communist politics make the drug trade one that American capitalists and their government find impossible to resist. Reagan has to be exposed as a hypocrite.

Once that is done, his anti-drug program will be seen for what it is: a hypocritical, mean-spirited, and vicious attack on the very people who have been victimized by Reagan's support of the international drug trade.



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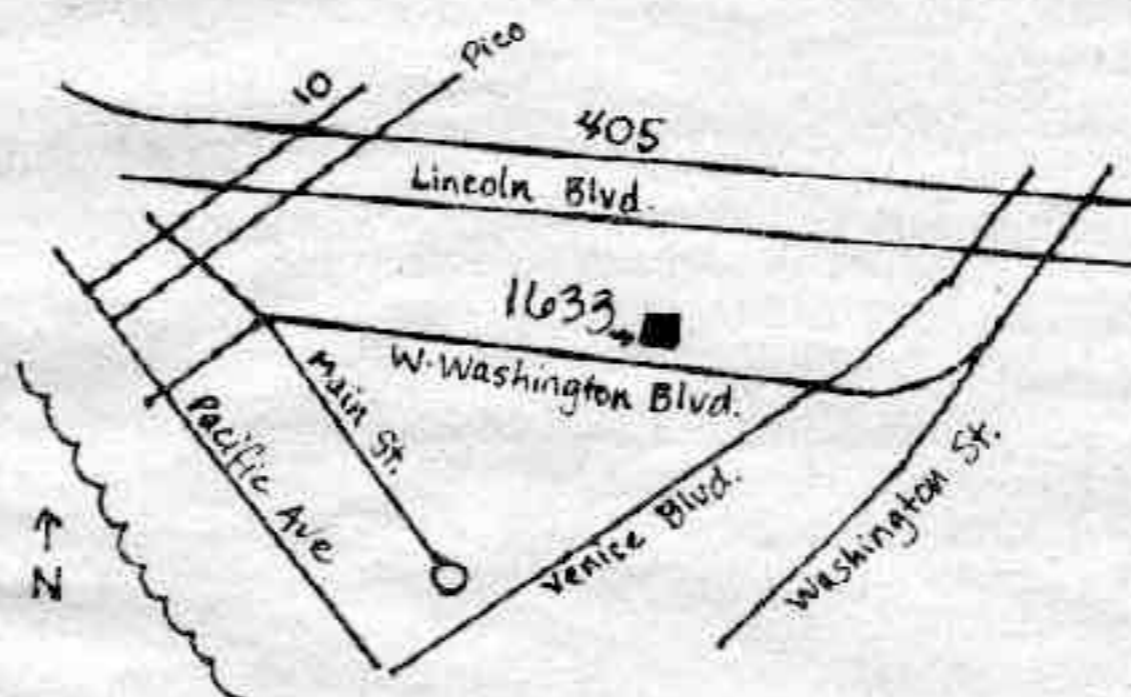
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'The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit'

In 1928-30, George Grosz, a painter/ caricaturist of German society/life in the pre-Nazi period, was put on trial by the government for blasphemy against the institutions of religion. Does this sound familiar?

Recently in the southern U.S., over 900 Walmart stores pulled such "anti-state" teen magazines as *Tiger Beat*, *Rolling Stone*, *Creem*, and *Star Hits* from their shelves. (The original research and article concerning this story was written by Venice resident, Henry Schipper, for the July 24, 1986 issue of *Daily Variety*.)

In L.A., 7-11 markets yanked out "pornographic" issues of *Penthouse* and *Playboy* from their racks.

And all this against the backdroppings of Edwin Meese's "anti-porn" commission as well as the christian TV's evangelical-railing against the "Evil Rock and Roll."

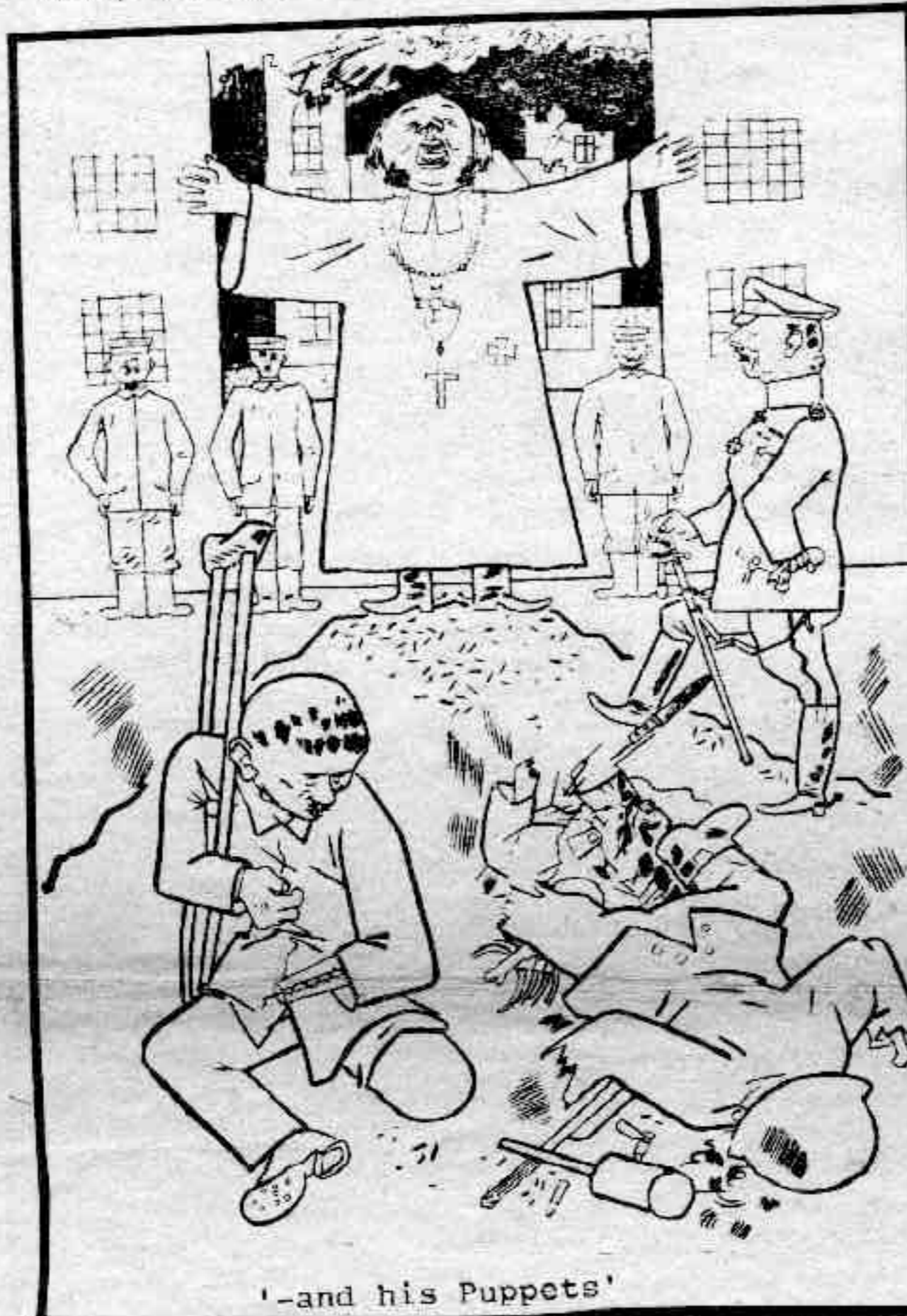
An assistant manager at one Arkansas Walmart even reported the removal of Eddie Murphy and Redd Foxx record albums. With 19 titles taken away from Walmart stocks, other chains such as 'Randall's Food' have considered similar actions.

"The reason given for this action, despite the acquittal, was that the drawings might be misunderstood and thereby give offense."

Misunderstood??
At 7-11s, at Walmarts and other stores, Reagan/Meese's designated and open commission-letter (calling for voluntary (?) censorship) was very understood.

With no challenging lawsuits in response, these mercantile outlets quickly self-censored: "We like a family-oriented image" and this was a "merchandising decision," was one Walmart spokeswoman's replies to Schipper's inquiries.

Not surprisingly, this took place during the midst(y) of "Liberty Weekend" and all its sputtering proclamations/ declarations for July 4th "Independence"

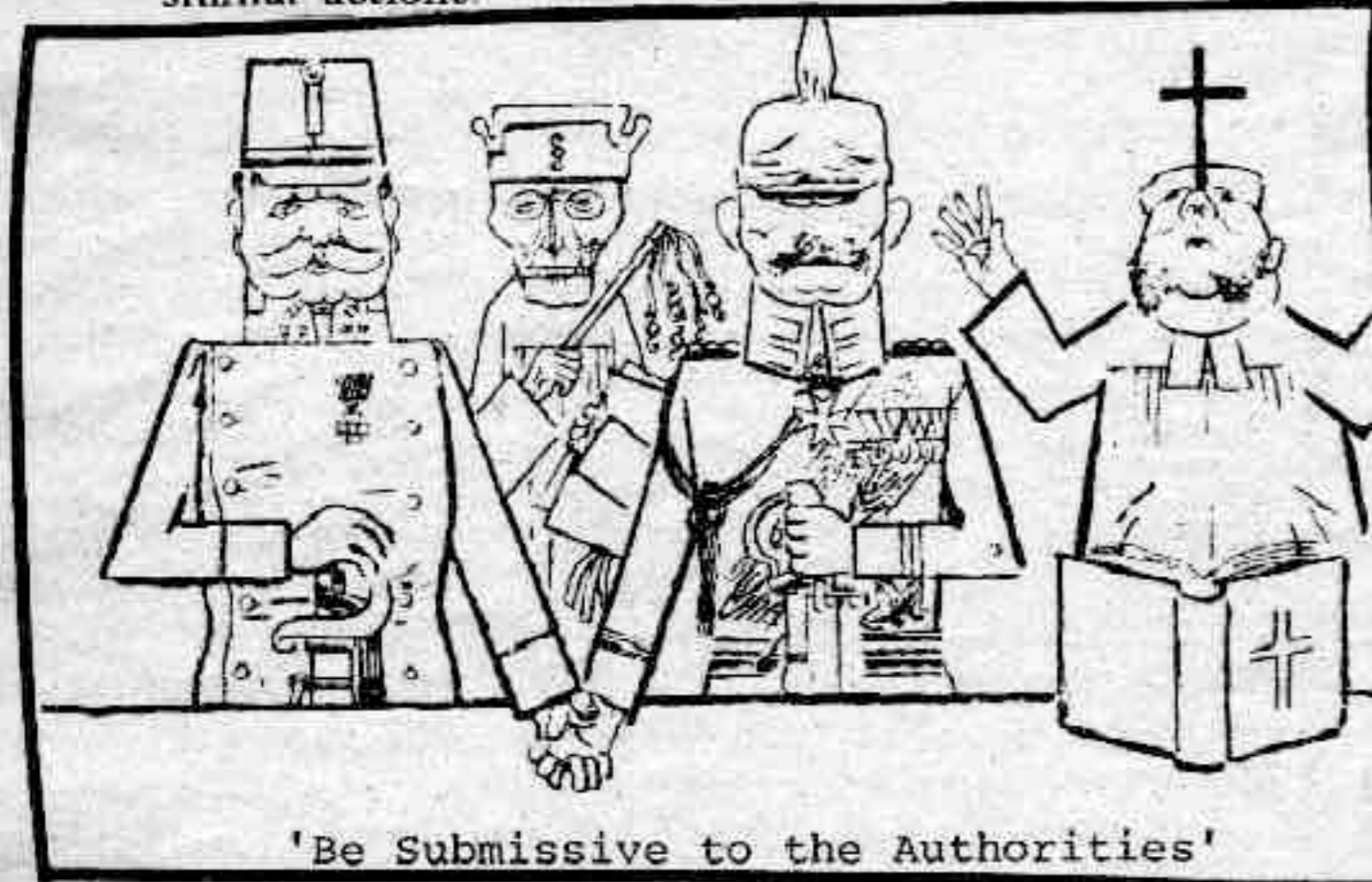


'-and his Puppets'

As for Grosz's personal motives...painstakingly drawn out and recorded at trial, he stated that he was "fundamentally a religious man" (!), and that he "perceived in religion a marvelous myth."

Yet, through his drawings he attempted to depict a "deep, inner compulsion" toward expressing his "anguish over the contemporary political scene." And that in general terms, he stated that he meant his work to act as a scourge on society.

Specifically, in the Christ drawing (which served as the catalyst provoking the most charges against him), he explained he had "a tremendous sympathy for the innocent men who were slaughtered in the war"

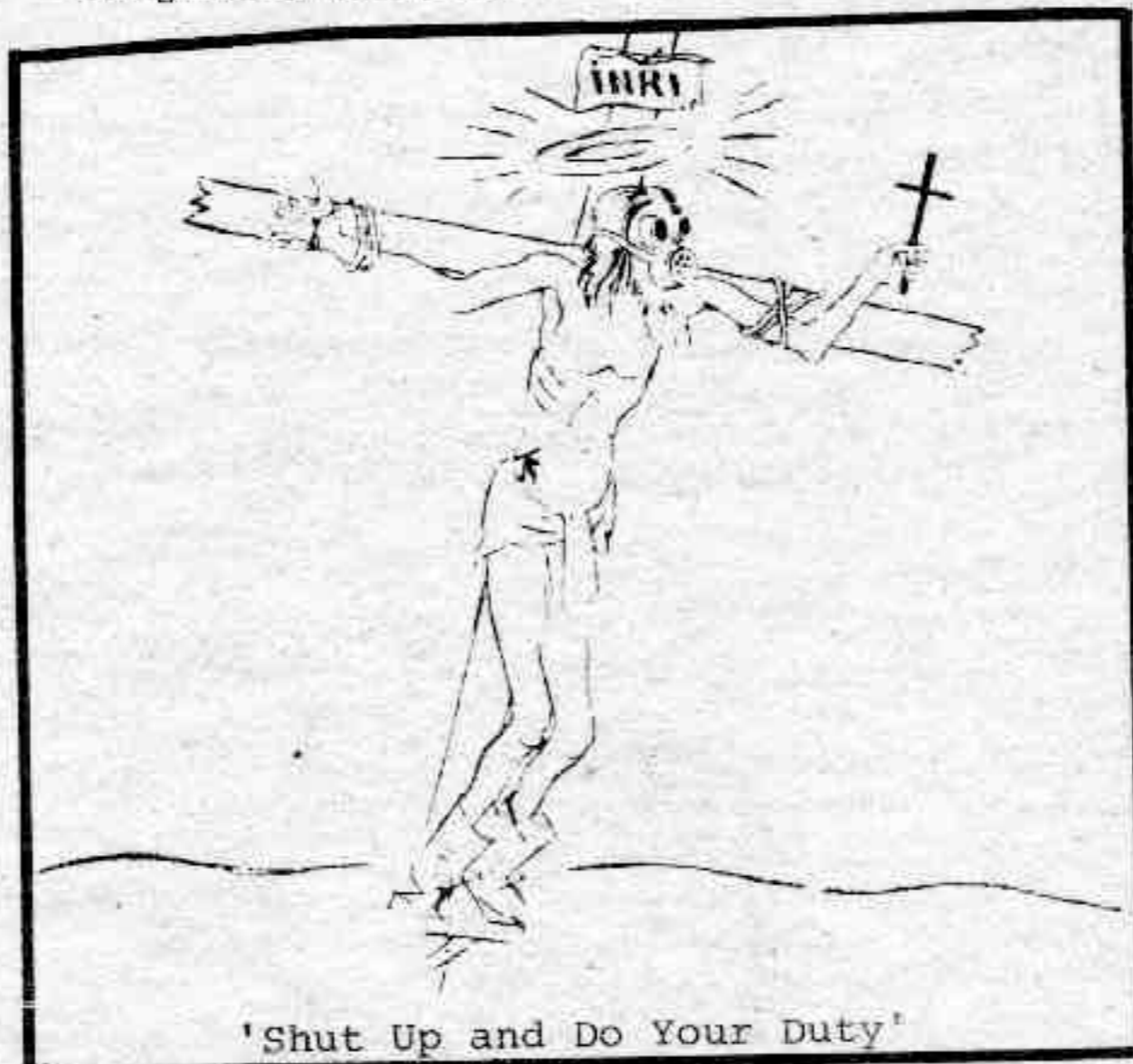


'Be Submissive to the Authorities'

Specifically, George Grosz was accused of violating criminal statutes designed to protect the institution of the church as well as the person of Christ (!). According to his biographer, (Beth Irwin Lewis, *George Grosz: Art and Politics in the Weimar Republic*, Madison, University of Wisconsin Press, 1971), the ensuing trial developed into a *cause celebre* for leftists defending artistic and cultural criticisms of German militarism-slash-traditional religion.

On some other side (?right, ?lost, ?self-righteous), government and clergy figures attacked Grosz for "insensitivity, offensiveness and indecency" !

The case reached the attention of the Supreme Court in Germany after two consecutive victories (?) for Grosz in lower courts. Unable to turn around the presiding judge (who twice exonerated Grosz), the highest court "resorted instead to confiscating all the drawings and having the casts and blocks destroyed. (!)..."



'Shut Up and Do Your Duty'

But, back in the U.S.?
There appears for the government to be sufficient justification in preferring "censorship" merely where they are unable to discover any "positive socially redeeming value", (ie. pop/rock/art). The issue of an author/ artist's motives for his/her creations thus becomes irrelevant in the face of these "positive criteria" In fact Germany has been surpassed in this single step.



'Come to Me, All Who Labor and Are Heavy-Laden'

Shortly after the furor of Grosz's temporary court successes, Siegert, the presiding lower court judge was dismissed by the new (Nazi) regime. Grosz himself escaped to New York ten days before the burning of the Reichstag.

In 1939 his name was found on a secret SS document listing 553 "leading men of the Weimar Republic." His early disappearance was noted. Others on this list of "public enemies" were "removed" later.

Grosz was described in this list as "one of the most evil representatives of degenerate art who worked in a manner...hostile to Germany." His works were further confiscated and then hung as examples of the "decadence of pre-Nazi society".



'Now They Are Ministers, in Kanehl'

And the collected works of Edwin Meese/Ron Reagan/Jimmy Swaggart/ and Jerry Falwell/ et al?? God bless America and ueber alles, the purification of its freedom-loving art!

For the Fatherland... Victor Wightman

'Justice' continued from Page 1.

In tenant law, it has upheld key parts of rent control laws, including Santa Monica's restriction on demolition of rental housing and, in its recent Baker decision, that same city's method of setting rent increase limits.

In virtually every aspect of law affecting individuals and potential infringement on their rights by government or business institutions, the California Supreme Court has pioneered in protecting individuals. This is interpreted by Bird's opponents, including attorneys who themselves represent big business interests, as being an "anti-business" stance. In stating these claims, these people distort the facts of the cases, present information out of context and, clearly, mislead the public in a deliberate manner. If they pulled the same stunts in court, they'd be subject to disciplinary action.

Now we are all faced with the prospect of decades of judicial "leadership" by the likes of William Rehnquist, whose philosophy could be said to be diametrically opposite to that expressed in the California Court's decisions. The possibility that Bird and her colleagues can lose threatens to strangle their eloquent advocacy of the Warren Court's position protecting the rights of people against the abuses of industry and government. Amidst the Sturm und Drang of this year's election campaign, the Bird Court's positive achievements are belittled by her opponents and largely unknown to the general public. Then there's the death penalty.

Rose Bird has voted to overturn each of the death penalty sentences that have come before her as Chief Justice. Only three times has she not been in the Court's majority in these decisions. All of the murderers involved remain in prison awaiting re-trial or re-sentencing.

Since this is not a question of citizens hiding behind bolted doors, trembling in fear of killers freed personally by Rose Bird, its broader implications must be reviewed.

In the late sixties, when California was last sending convicts to the gas chamber, public opinion was almost evenly divided pro and con on the efficacy and morality of the death penalty. In 1972, former Chief

Justice Donald Wright (a Reagan appointee) wrote the Court's decision declaring capital punishment unconstitutional in this state, followed by months by a federal high court decision along the same lines. (Ironically, Wright easily won reconfirmation on the 1974 ballot despite his position against the death penalty.) The issue was far from settled.

In 1977 the legislature passed a George Deukmejian-written law reinstating the death penalty under fairly stringent guidelines. Not content with that, ultraconservative state Senator John Briggs took a broader, more aggressive death penalty initiative to the public in 1978, where it received overwhelming support.

During the entire time of this ongoing controversy, the murder rate in California has remained relatively constant (though it has fallen a bit recently) and no one has presented any irrefutable evidence that the death penalty actually prevents murders. So it appears that the major motivation behind the current death penalty mania in this state may actually be revenge, "an eye for an eye" taken to its extreme.

Having grown angry reading headlines and lurid details about bloody killings, the citizenry has locked in on the simplest way to react to the problem: kill the killers. Police and prosecutors, frustrated by their own inability to catch criminals, let alone convict and punish them (only 20% of criminals are even apprehended), peddle the unsupported notion that executions do serve as a deterrent. Rose Bird is now the institutional target of all this.

Yet Rose Bird's death penalty decision record is substantially the same as the whole State Supreme Court's. In 95% of its death penalty reviews, a majority of the Court has agreed with Bird that confusion stemming from the imprecise,

contradictory, overreaching Briggs Amendment led to flawed lower court trial proceedings and joined in issuing rulings requiring new proceedings. Even in its three affirmances, all of which stemmed from trials conducted under Deukmejian's law, Bird's was not a lone dissent.

It seems, then, that Rose Bird is a scapegoat, a symbol for all the frustration the good citizens feel in this very violent society (it leads the western "civilized" world in homicides year after year). Do they honestly feel that a sudden burst of deaths in the gas chamber will deter what are usually irrational acts committed by irrational people? Rose Bird has tried to adhere to a strict, conservative and careful interpretation of a law in which the people's most profound power is vested: the power of life and death. Anyone who has ever been in jail, even for an overdue traffic citation, understands just how basic the constitutional rights and principles are that she's protecting. If we begin to selectively forfeit them in capital cases, who decides how and when to hold the line when they are threatened on a broader front? The police? A judge? The jury? Maybe. Then again, maybe it would depend on which way the political winds were blowing.

Since 1934, when the state constitution was changed to eliminate contested judicial elections at the appellate and Supreme Court levels and replace them with the current confirmation elections, judges under political fire have been limited in what they can do to appeal to the voters. The canons of judicial ethics (not official state law) limit what they can talk about in public vis-a-vis their work on the bench. That means if a judge is being criticized for his or her opinions it is considered

bad form for that judge to re-argue the cases in a public forum.

That is the predicament faced by Rose Bird, as well as Associate Justices Joseph Grodin and Cruz Reynoso, in their current campaigns for reconfirmation. When they're challenged regarding a death penalty case decision based on gruesome details of a crime or on the trauma induced in a victim's family, they must explain that their role, as appellate court judges, is not to rule on the facts of the case but rather on whether the lower court trial was fairly and constitutionally conducted. When the public wants to know why the death penalty isn't being enforced, it's told that some jerk who twists a baby's tits off with a pair of plyers still deserves to have his Constitutional rights protected. Even if protecting those rights theoretically protects everyone's rights, many people apparently don't believe he deserves such constitutional protections.

It is on such a simplistic notion, and the misinformation about the court's rulings (largely provided by some of the state's more outspoken District Attorneys in scurrilous "white papers" commissioned by anti-Bird campaign groups) which fuels it, that the election is currently turning. Turning against Bird.

Those who might reasonably be expected to rally to Bird's cause, women, environmentalists, workers, consumers, minorities, have been verbally supportive but somewhat reluctant to kick in with financial contributions of the sort which might help make a more intense advertising campaign possible.

Where does this leave Rose Bird, the California Supreme Court, us? Potentially behind a big eight ball. Conservatives who argue that Bird and her Jerry Brown-appointed colleagues have politicized the court would actually applaud if a group of George Deukmejian-appointed justices politicized it in the manner they'd prefer -- conservatively. They claim the court's majority thwarts the will of the people by reversing death penalty sentences but will probably have no good explanation when dozens of executions have no effect on crime or recidivism rates. And no one's talking about what they'll demand next to fight crime when Rose Bird's scalp is hanging on the wall. A complete gutting of the rights of the accused? A cop on every corner?

Instead of any appreciable gains in the war on crime, what will take place if Bird and/or any of her colleagues are removed in November is a rollback of the rights of those who've

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traditionally required the protection of the law from abuses by corporations and government. Deukmejian has lamely tried to paint the current court as anti-business, and it is clear that he would appoint justices whose long-term influence would be much more far-reaching in these types of cases than in criminal cases.

The time-honored American doctrine of separation of powers suggests that it is a chief executive's prerogative to appoint the judges he or she chooses, definitely a political act, but that once appointed, the performance of those judges should not be assessed based on political criteria. This is because the role of the judiciary, thanks to such venerated figures as Alexander Hamilton and John Marshall, has rightfully grown to include the power to counter-balance the excesses of the executive and legislative branches (and of the voters when they directly exercise legislative powers themselves, such as via initiative) through interpretation of the Constitution. Such a role is naturally going to find the courts running afoul of public opinion every so often. Heaven help anybody who should have to go in front of a judge afraid to disagree with that measured public opinion when the law demanded it.

What's really at stake on November 4th is the role and perception of the courts in California, and the day-to-day role of politics in those

courts. A noted political campaign consultant has said that pressure groups could defeat any judge if they have the money to run an aggressive enough campaign. The effort against Rose Bird is just the beginning, and leading conservatives have said just that.

There is something we can do to stop this trend, this movement, this disease, dead in its tracks: vote yes on all the justices November 4th: Bird, Grodin, Reynoso, Lucas, Mosk and Panelli. We owe ourselves and future generations of Californians no less.

Prop U¹ and Us

To commercial developers, the Westside is a plump, delicious meal--an unmoveable feast hard by the ocean, free of smog and close to the Westside cultural scene. With agreeable politicians well-oiled by contributions, the developers have engaged in a feeding frenzy.

The rush to build office space is sharpened by several deadlines. One is the change in the Federal tax laws which will turn off the spigot of tax incentives to unnecessary office projects. That deadline is January 1, now that the House and Senate have each approved the tax reform bill.

The other deadline is the Reasonable Limits Initiative--Proposition U--which is on the Los Angeles City ballot November 4. Sponsored by Marvin Braude and Zev Yaroslavsky, Prop U will cut in half the permitted density on 85% of the City's commercial property.

The Proposition is needed because the density currently allowed is far more than the City needs. The zoning was created in the 1940s and would allow billions more square feet of office space than is needed. What it allows is for commercial developers to focus on desirable areas like the Westside at the expense of other areas of the city.

In the four years between 1980 and 1984 a full three-fourths of all net new jobs in Los Angeles County were created on the Westside (31,000 jobs). During the same four years, the Eastside lost 25,000 jobs. Since the Westside is short of affordable housing, not jobs, it is easy to see that the present zoning will continue to allow developers to build office towers in areas that don't need them.

Prop U has sent the developers scurrying to City Hall to carve out exemptions for their pet developments. Rather than oppose Prop U at the polls the developers are spending their dollars where it's always been effective. Several so-called Neighborhood Protection Ordinances are being offered as alternatives to Prop U. For Pat Russell's District in particular, they are closer to Neighborhood Destruction Ordinances.

Without Prop U, L.A. will still be planned the old-fashioned way--by the highest bidder. Vote yes on U.--Pat McCartney.

Nuke, Rattle & Roll

- By C. A. Sue

As the inner earth is repeatedly nuclear exploded and deadly nuclear by products that will never die, accumulate above and blow ground, how do we, concerned citizens, attempt to stop the madness? By petition? Massive class action law suits? Injunctions? How?

Russia has extended to the U.S. a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing. The U.S. has responded by terminating the non-ratified Salt II Treaty. And are we to believe that the U.S. will now base their actions on those of Russia, a sort of follow the leader approach?

Will there be an escalation of nuclear testing? Where will it end? How much will it cost? Who will pay for it? Who will profit from it? Last of all, who will suffer from it? Who can and will honestly answer these questions?

As the unsolved problems of nuclear technology mount and are kept secret and deadly nuclear by products are stored up, it appears that "We do not have a choice!"

Do our taxes have to pay for this? Is there not something in our Constitution protecting us from the ill effects of unwanted government bulldozing secret projects, that are hazardous to our health and destructive to our land? Do we not have the right to be able to live in our cities, free of contaminated nuclear dust? Is not our land sacred or can anyone destroy it?

Time and time again, after these underground explosions, earthquakes of major significance have occurred throughout the world. Volcanoes have erupted. Can the greatest destructive power known to man be contained in cement? Is there the possibility of these underground explosions affecting the way the earth turns as we now know it? Spinning faster til out of orbit? Or finally spinning into pieces from the final explosion? The pressures must and will be released, as will the poisonous dust.

Are treaties signed by the U.S. government being broken every time another underground explosion occurs?

How far can the abuses go before it is too far and the damage irreversible. The endless "road to nowhere." There is no cure for nuclear annihilation. It is permanent.

Do we not owe our ancestors and the future of civilization freedom from eternal contamination and incurable disease and genetic derangement?

We, Mr. Taxpayers, CONDONE the abuses that our secret agencies commit when we do nothing more than pay the taxes that pay for these underground explosions. Silence is not golden. Apathy is an American disease that is curable. There is too much trust put in our politicians who do not have the power nor ambition to initiate change. Change is up to the peoples of our nations. People must cry out! They will be heard!

"There are certain God given rights I believe we, as a nation, have."

As part of the universe, I believe that we are entitled to live in it, free of nuclear contamination, be it in our water supply, food supply, or the air we breathe.

I believe that we have the right to live free of the threat of nuclear induced degenerative and mutant disease.

I believe we have the right to live free of the threat of planned or accidental nuclear annihilation.

I believe that we have the right to deny the secret agencies the right to use tax dollars on secret projects which are detrimental to the health and welfare of civilization.

I believe we have the right to preserve civilization as we now know it and to prevent its further decline, if so caused by the acts of secret agencies.

I believe that we have the right to demand that tax monies spent on destructive, secret agency projects be spent on HUMANE PROJECTS, and that it is a "criminal" act against mankind to do otherwise.

Lastly, I believe we live in a free society where we should have a choice as

Divine Madness

Albert Einstein was correct when he responded to a reporter that the existence of God had neither been proved or disproved.

Although there is no proof of God's present or past experience, and there may never be such proof, it is clear that the Judeo-Christian bible cannot possibly (entirely) be the word of God, even if there is a God.

The following excerpts taken from the bible show that the Bible was not inspired by God:

You may acquire slaves from Pagan nations (Leviticus 25-44)

You may bequeath your slaves to your children (Leviticus 25-46)

Their children can be your slaves (Leviticus 25-45)

When you come to a city and offer them peace and they accept, all the people in that city shall be your forced labor (Deuteronomy)

He who strikes his mother or father shall be put to death (Exodus 2]-15)

He who curses his mother or father shall be put to death (Exodus 2]-16)

The town's men shall stone to death a stubborn and rebellious son (Deuteronomy 2]-21)

Man shall rule over woman (Genesis 3]-16)

A man can have many wives (Judges 8-30)

If a man rapes a virgin, he must pay her father and marry her (Deuteronomy 22-28)

If you strike a woman who then miscarries, you shall pay a fine (Exodus 2]-22)

The penalty for 2 males lying together is death (Leviticus 20-13)

The penalty for adultery is death for both partners (Leviticus 20-10)

The penalty for first degree incest is death (Leviticus 20-10)

The penalty for man and animal having sex together is death for both the man and the animal (Leviticus 20-15)

If the daughter of a priest is a harlot, she shall be burned (Leviticus 2]-9)

If a man approaches a woman during menstruation, he has sinned and he who sins dies (Ezekiel 23-47)

Women who are lewd are to be stoned and cut down with swords (Ezekiel 23-47)

The men of the town shall stone a non-virgin to death if her husband rightfully accuses her of being a non-virgin (Deuteronomy 22-21)

If a man lies with a married woman, both shall die (Deuteronomy 22-22)

No man among the descendants of Aaron who has a defect is to come near to offer the Lord's offerings by fire (Leviticus 2]-21)

He who blasphemes the name of the lord shall surely be put to death, to be stoned by the congregation (Leviticus 24-16)

Lot's wife became a pillar of salt for disobeying God (Genesis 19-26)

God invited the Devil to test Job by allowing tragedies to be inflicted upon Job (Job 1-12, 2-6)

He who breaks the sabbath shall be stoned to death (Numbers 15-35)

After killing the men of Midian and capturing women and children, Moses and the leaders said to kill male children and nonvirgin women but to spare for yourselves all virgins (Numbers 3]-17)

A son of Israel brought Midianite women, they were pierced through by a sword and thus the plague was checked (Numbers 25-7)

Jephthah sacrificed his daughter to God because he had vowed to sacrifice whatever came out of the door of his house to meet him after his victorious battle (Judges 29-39)

An injured king who did not want to die at the hands of the enemy asked to be killed (Samuel II 1-15)

A man who held God's arc to prevent it from falling was struck to die because he was not holy (Samuel II 6-7)

You shall not allow a sorceress to live (Exodus 22-18)

God said that he would harden the Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 4-21)

God caused each first-born Egyptian to die (Exodus 12-29)

He who sacrifices to any god, other than the lord shall be destroyed (Exodus 22-20)

Moses said that the lord said that all those who are for the lord shall kill all those who are not (Exodus 22-26, 32-27)

The iniquity of fathers shall fall on the next 4 generations (Exodus 34-17)

The lord commands animal sacrifices (Exodus 34-20)

Put to death a prophet who would have you idolize other Gods (Deuteronomy 13-5)

Stone to death your brother, son or daughter who would have you idolize other gods (Deuteronomy 13-8)

Destroy all life that breathes in a city that the lord gives you so that they cannot teach you their ways (Deuteronomy 20-16)

Wives, be subject to your husbands (Colossians 3-18)

I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man (Timothy 2-12)

Fornicators, idolators, adulterers, effeminate and homosexuals shall not go to heaven (Corinthians 3-9)

The man is the head of the woman (Corinthians 1]-3)

Man is in the image and glory of God but woman is in the glory of man (Corinthians 1]-7)

Woman was created for man's sake and not the other way around (Corinthians 1]-9)

Servants, be submissive to your masters, even unreasonable ones (Peter 2-18)

Women are not permitted to speak in the churches (Corinthians 14-34)

Slaves, in all things, obey those who are your masters on earth (Colossians 3-22)

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things (Colossians 3-22)

IF THERE IS A BENEVOLENT GOD, THAT MANIFESTS OF KILLING AND DISCRIMINATION, THE BIBLE, CANNOT POSSIBLY BE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION.

Nelson J. Schwartz

And in Addition

For mis-identifying the primal sin as the thirst for knowledge instead of self-hatred.

For identifying something called Satan as the worst enemy of mankind instead of fear. Especially the fear of God.

For replacing understanding with guilt and indeed increasing the level of fear

For allowing so many false prophets that have preached war, genocide, and economic gain for the few, for the stirring up of hatreds: for a god he doesn't keep his house very clean, course I should talk.

For blaming the fundamental source of our enlightenment whose image is the snake as the beginning of our sorrow instead of it's end.

For lying about women in both her fundamental and assumed roles.

Kelly Ball



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Rocky Mountain News
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to what secret agencies can do, and cannot do, without coercion.

We must preserve our lands, seas, and environment for the ages, lest man perish from the face of the earth. How much more, before death from the BULL-DOZER? ●

Community Events



VENICE

The Venice Branch Library is holding an Open House on Friday morning, Oct. 17 from 10 am to 12 noon. Free coffee and punch will be served all morning. At 11 am Nancy Appleton, Ph.D. will speak about her new book, Lick the Sugar Habit. Also at 11 am there will be storytelling for pre-schoolers.

The Venice Branch Library is located at 610 California Avenue in Venice. For more information call 821-1769.

SOCIAL

SANTA MONICA DISCOVERY. Informal singles get together, age 25+. Stimulating discussion, dancing, refreshments. Topic for Fri, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m. will be "Secrets in a Relationship". Topic for Fri. Oct. 24 also at 7:30 pm will be "Children in a Relationship". **FORBES HALL, Unitarian Community Church, 1721 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica.** Donation \$4.00. Information: 397-0028.

"How to Work With An Election Campaign," A Talk by An Edgerton, presented by WAND/LA (Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament), Sunday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m., 300 Rose Ave. Venice. For more info call 837-8787.

POETRY

Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 8:30 pm

POETRY IN MOTION a film by Ron Mann at The OLD VENICE JAIL, 685 Venice Blvd. (six blocks from Venice Beach) (213) 822-9560. **POETRY IN MOTION** is a ninety minute documentary/performance film that features readings by 24 of North America's most renown poets. In addition, **POETRY IN MOTION** includes interviews with these poets in which they illuminate their role in an often ignored or misunderstood cultural experience. Charles Bukowski is the host (of sorts) as he disparagingly narrates this film which includes: Jim Carroll, Amira Baraka, Allen Ginsberg, Tom Waits, William Burroughs, John Cage, Diane Di Prima, Ntozake Shange, and Jayne Cortez.

Friday, October 17 at 8:30 pm

Poets Michael McClure and Robert Peters will read from their work at Beyond Baroque

Sunday, October 26 at 4 pm

A panel discussion--including writers Dodie Bellamy, Kevin Killian, Robert Gluck, James Krusoe, Tim Martin and Eloise Klein Healy--talk about the use and disuse of autobiographical elements in their work.

Sunday, October 31 at 8:30 pm

Writers and Artists--including Christian Hoffman, Donald Krieger, Paul Vangelisti, Edward Giepe, and others--present works in honor of Halloween at Beyond Baroque Literary/Arts Center 681 Venice Blvd. (the Old Venice City Hall) (west of Lincoln Blvd.) For information call (213) 822-3006 Admission \$5 for nonmembers; \$3 for Beyond Baroque members.

ODDS & ENDS

Santa Monica -- Get out your kites for the first One Sky, One World Kite Festival at the Santa Monica Pier. The Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation joins with Let's Fly A Kite of Marina del Rey, in sponsoring this event on Sunday Oct. 12 at noon on the beach directly north of the Pier. Contact: Elaine Mutchnik (213) 458-8900 or Gloria V. Lugo (213) 822-2561.

The California State University at Long Beach presents Eric Fischl's Scenes Before the Eye on exhibition October 21 to November 30. For more information, call 498-5761.

SOUTH AFRICA AT WAR (280 pages) describes the strategy of both sides and the chances for peace. Send \$10.95 (includes handling) to RECON, P.O. Box 14602, Philadelphia, PA 19134.

BOOKS

California Antiquarian Book Fair will be held Saturday, October 18 at the Glendale Civic Auditorium.

George Sand Books, 9011 Melrose Ave. Sunday, October 12 at 4:30 pm. Novelist Carolyn See reads from her new and major novel GOLDEN DAYS (McGraw Hills, 15.95). Carolyn See whose dry wit, elegant style, humor, and storytelling gifts have made her one of the most provocative voices on the American literary scene. Cyra McFadden describes it as "a wonderfully witty and manic novel about California." Carolyn See is the author of RHINE MAIDENS, MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, and THE REST IS DONE WITH MIRRORS. She is a book critic for the Los Angeles Times.

Peace and Freedom Party

The Peace and Freedom Party meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at 7:30 pm at 837 Lincoln Blvd.

POLITICS

STATE SENATOR HIRSCH ROSENTHAL to discuss November 4th Election Issues LA--Members of the Marina/Venice/Mar Vista Democratic Club cordially invite the public to their first fall meeting, Thur. Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Blvd. For further info call 397-9876.

The Santa Monica Democratic Club meets the third Thursday of the month. For info call 453-5322.

STOP U.S. WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA Sat. Nov. 1 Assemble 11 a.m. at Olympic & Broadway RALLY 1:30 p.m. City Hall. For info call 225-6136.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SINGLES Friday, October 3 at 7:45 pm.

Friday, October 10 at 7:45 pm.

Friday, October 17, at 7:45 pm.

Location: Westwood YWCA, 10936 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 blocks east of the San Diego Freeway. A \$4 donation is requested. For further info please call (213) 398-4142.

FAMILY

BATTERED WOMEN'S LEGAL COUNSELING CLINIC. Free legal advice & assistance with restraining orders. Call for appointment. 622-0603

RELEASING THE PAIN is a 6 week workshop series designed for incest survivors or women who think they might be incest survivors. It will be offered on Monday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm starting Oct. 6 through Nov. 10 at 1147 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles. Cost for the workshop series is \$35.00 and pre-registration is required. No one is turned away for lack of funds. For more info or to pre-register call (213) 381-7805.

THE CENTER FOR INTERRACIAL COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY is now open to the public. Workshop topic Wed. Oct. 8, 6:30-7:45 "Racially and/or Culturally Mixed Couples" Topic, Wed. Oct. 22 same time "The Racially and/or Culturally Mixed Marriage". For further information phone LeVonne Elder (213) 533-3157 8:30-4:30.

The University of Judaism offers courses in "Finding Our Foremothers: Women in Jewish history," and "God in the Bible." For more information, call 476-9777.

Raise Kids 'Right' The Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center in Culver City is offering a free four-week parenting course. Topics include stages of emotional development, how to handle stress, open communication methods, effective disciplining and how to maintain and raise a child's self-esteem. Because parenting is a partnership, both parents are encouraged to attend. For reservations and info call Anna Suarez, LCSW at 390-6612.



VENICE TOWN COUNCIL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
General Membership Meeting
Beyond Baroque Center
681 N. Venice Blvd.
7:30pm

OCTOBER AGENDA

1. North Beach parking crisis-- a report by the residents. Post-Safran parking.
2. Marina Place--A Regional Mall with housing next to Lincoln and Washington. Invited guests: Culver City Councilman Paul Jacobs; and developer rep Pat Stitzenberger.

COMMITTEES:

- Board of Directors (305-7149)
- Planning & Develop. (399-3921)
- Boardwalk Task Force (396-1585)
- Airport (392-2872)

PERFORMANCE

The Great American Music Hall is proud to present **SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK** in concert at the Wiltern Theatre (Wilshire & Western) Sunday, October 19 at 8 pm. For further information on this concert and advance interviews call Mary Conn at (415) 885-5387.

The Burbage Theatre Ensemble presents the world premiere of "The Future Ain't What It Used To Be" by Zara Houshmand. This poetic black comedy looks at the problems of the homeless in our society and is produced by Ivan Spiegel and directed by Deborah LaVine, **FUTURE** will open Wed., Oct. 1, at 8:30 pm and continues thereafter on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 8:30 through Nov. 23 at the Burbage Theatre, 2330 Sawtelle in West Los Angeles. Fox box office information and chargineline call (213) 478-0897.

Bambi Moe and Public Stage L.A. in association with Richard Roat Associates present **DALE GONYEA: A 12 O'CLOCK GUY IN A 9 O'CLOCK TOWN** opens at the Canon Theatre on Tuesday, September 30 at 8:30 pm through October 28. The Canon Theatre (formerly L.A. Stage Co. West) is located at 205 N. Canon Dr., Beverly Hills. Ticket price is \$12.50. For Ticket Reservations, call the theatre box office at (213) 859-2644 or TicketMaster (213) 480-3232.

The CalArts School of Music will present a sitar recital by faculty artist Amiya Dasgupta in the CalArts Theatre. Admission to this faculty concert is \$5 general and \$1 for students and senior citizens. For further info call (818) 362-2315.

RELIGION

THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH of LA, 2936 West 8th Street presents: Sun. Oct. 5, 11 a.m. **CHURCH LOOKS TO REACH MINORITIES** Rev. Tom Chulak

Sun. Oct. 12, 11 a.m. **PUEBLOS PROBED AT CHURCH** Rev. Philip Zwerling speaks about "The People Who Disappeared" Sun. Oct. 19, 11 a.m.

U.S. PRESS EXAMINED AT CHURCH Jay Levine will speak on "The Role, Strengths and Weaknesses of the U.S. Press". Sun. Oct. 26, 11 a.m.

"The Struggle for Freedom in South Africa" **THAMI SINDELO.** All are invited to attend. Child care available. The service is translated into Korean and Spanish. Sign language interpretation available for the deaf and hearing impaired. The Church is wheelchair accessible.

Make Your Vote Count^A Vote P & F.



Peace and Freedom Party Election Supplement

DONT VOTE SCARED

When it comes to the matter of governing ourselves, it doesn't have to be this way:

"I could see where you could have the exchange of tactical [nuclear] weapons against troops in the field without it bringing either of the major powers to pushing the button."

"We've got a wild man in the White House, & we're going to have to treat him as such."

The first quote is from an interview, 16 Oct. 1981 with the current Republican president. The second quote was made by Democrat Senator Gene McCarthy in 1967 about the Democrat president, LBJ.

As you probably know, election day--perhaps the most thoroughly frightening phase of Halloween--is upon us once again (remember Tricky Dicky & his ghoulish sidekick, Spiro? Wasn't that super scary?). Of course, I'm glad I don't have to choose between only Republicans & Democrats any more out of fear as I felt I had to do in the good-old-bad days of the 1964 national elections when I voted for Republican Barry Goldwater's Democratic Party opponent. That vote & the avalanche of votes cast by those, like me--out of fear of war--eventually took millions of lives & destroyed the countryside in Vietnam.

Today a friend of Barry Goldwater lives in the White House. And Barry's friend in the White House is foul-mouthing some places like Nicaragua, Libya, & Angola &, of course, the Soviet Union because they won't play the game of international diplomacy his way, the American way, & if they don't straighten out, he'll do to them what he did to Grenada. What's so worrisome is that far too many Democrats & Republicans running in the upcoming election take Barry's friend seriously, both moderately & immoderately. If those terms can be used to accurately measure the intensity of the war that would be needed to make the game of international diplomacy be played Ronald Reagan's American way.

If there is a world conflagration before election day, November 4th, 1986, & you don't like voting for whatever reason, then you can relax, you probably won't have to. But if there isn't a conflagration before or up to then, & if you care about voting because you want to preserve the peace that is so good for you, your loved

ones, your friends, your neighbors, your fellow workers, & the world that nurtures us all, I would like to introduce some Peace and Freedom Party candidates who have managed to make me feel comfortable about my voting for them out of conscience and feeling rather than fear.

Abby Kirk, 22nd Senate District

Abby Kirk, Peace and Freedom Party candidate for California Senate, 22nd District, is running against the incumbent, Herschel Rosenthal. Abby is 41, has a 17 year old daughter, & a medical transcription service business that keeps her busy about 60 hours a week. She did not expect to be running for public office; it was never a part of her life's plan. But the individual who pressured her to run was someone she had linked arms with on a number of political actions, someone with whom she had faced the same judge, standing in a line of "defendants," all wearing L.A. County Jail garb. It was put to her that finding people willing to run for office was nigh on impossible despite their strong opinions on how things should be done differently in Washington or Sacramento or locally. She asked herself what good will be done by continued non-violent political actions of any kind if in the end the same old compromised Democratic & Republican candidates are the only ones which choices can be made in the privacy of the ballot box. It was put to her that people of real conscience & uncompromising moral convictions were as difficult to find on one's ballot as a drop of water on the planet Mars.

And what issues will Abby Kirk address herself to as the Peace & Freedom senator from the 22nd District?

"Although I feel that most other social problems today are nearly dwarfed in comparison to our need for immediate disarmament & the creation of a nuclear-free society, there are... areas demanding acute attention & remedial action: Homelessness & hunger. The...inadequacy of decent child-care facilities for children of working parents. The neglect of our elderly & our chronically ill. The disparities in quality of medical care available to the wealthy vs. the

lower-middle-class, the poor, & those who find themselves without insurance coverage at a time of crisis. The proliferation of toxic pollutants

on so many levels, & the...irresponsibility of the companies that generate them & repeatedly go to court to pay their fines while continuing to generate...toxins....Above all, we must overhaul

the process by which our children are being educated so they may see...the real nature of these problems, & how they as future...voters & productive members of society may participate in keeping the land life supporting, the people healthy & sane, & the nations at peace with each other."

As a state senator, Abby Kirk would also like to introduce a curriculum of World Peace studies in the public schools grades 1 through 12 so that Samantha Smith's contributions to world relations will not have been made in vain.

"It's cheap & easy to be cynical about one little girl," she says. "But isn't there far too much cynicism & despair already...in the world?"

Roberto Lovato, State Board of Equalization

Robert Lovato is the Peace & Freedom Party candidate for California State Board of Equalization Second District. He is a native Santa Barbaran of Hispanic descent, & a graduate of UCSB with a Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Colorado.

Mr. Lovato is the coordinator of the international medical relief efforts of the Direct Relief International of Santa Barbara. He also manages their warehouse.

Presently, he is the Chairperson of the Santa Barbara County Central Committee of the Peace & Freedom Party, a member of the Santa Barbara Tenants Union, The North American Farm Alliance, the California Association of Family Farmers, Gray Panthers of Santa Barbara, Sierra Club & the International Green Movement.

Mr. Lovato has worked the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County. He has helped to create community gardens in Berkeley & Santa Barbara. He is interested in volunteer community work & environmental policies.

His hobbies are growing food & flowers, bicycling, & painting. He supported Sonia Johnson PFP candidate for president in 1984.

As a board member, what does Robert Lovato hope to achieve?

"As a minority board member I would open up the process of Equalizing the State Board of Equalization. I would further the equal opportunity goals of the Board by encouraging & supporting the participation of minorities, women, & the disabled in the Board's non-clerical work force.

"I would work to simplify forms for seller permits for small business & one-time sellers at the local level."

"I would encourage the Board to produce PSA through the rise of Community Access Television to enlighten the public of the many publications available. This could ensure the wider distribution of 'Upward Mobility & Career Development' published by the Board.

"I would work for a no-maximum ceiling on the monthly charges for the hazardous waste tax. At present there is a 10 thousand dollar maximum. Corporations & Landfills should pay higher tax on waste that they generate & store.

"I would look at re-assessment of 'boondoggle' projects like P.G.E.'s Diablo Canyon Nuclear Reactor. The Corporate Public Utilities should carry the burden of these projects.

"I would look at the assessments of the Health-Care Industries & the Defense Contractors within the district.

"I would scrutinize the corporate tax assessment policy. The corporations should be made responsible for the creation of toxic wastes & the use of California resources.

"I believe the insurance industry assessment process needs overhauling. What is fair tax assessment for the insurance industry?

"Lastly, I would encourage legislation & tax policies which would promote small farms & organic agriculture."

Last Day to Register

or Re-register is October 6, 1986

Thomas L. O'Connor Jr., 27th Congressional District

Thomas L. O'Connor Jr. is the Peace & Freedom Party candidate for US. Congress in the 27th district. He is 51 & has been married to Noel for nearly 25 years. Tom has lived & worked in the Santa Monica-Venice area since the early 1970's, & joined the Peace & Freedom Party here in 1974. He is a product of the California Public School system (from a north California small-town elementary school through San Francisco State College where he got his B.A. in accounting).

With his rural background, Tom developed a deep appreciation for nature & ecology. He is a member of the Audubon Society, Friends of Ballona Wetlands, & the Nature Conservancy.

He believes that our country's present priorities must be changed. That the U.S. budget should be shifted from armaments to ecology, education, alternative energy sources, low cost housing & other needs of our people.

Tom feels we've got to stop using tax dollars to pay for nuclear generating plants unless proper safeguards are implemented & a safe method of radioactive waste disposal is found. He also contends that the U.S. Government cannot go on

treating Native Americans as 2nd class citizens. He says the U.S. government must discontinue support of oppressive regimes in Central & South America simply because these regimes pay only lip service to our country's high ideals of Freedom.

As a congressman, Tom O'Connor wants to support the people, not economic interests & dictatorships.

There you are. Three Peace & Freedom Party candidates. And the issues they say concern them most, concern me most, too. No more voting for some so-called moderate because his opponent approves of using tactical nuclear weapons, or makes a statement like "Once you've seen one redwood tree, you've seen them all," as R.R. allegedly did at a press conference in 1966. Voting for the lesser of two evils is no way to preserve world peace, clean up our planet, & meet people's needs. When you subtract a lesser evil from a bigger evil you're going to get evil left over. A moderate nuclear conflagration might take a little longer to wipe us all out, but why settle for that?

Peace & Freedom is on a lot of people's lips, even some Democrats & Republicans. Why just give it that kind of service? On election day why not get out & VOTE FOR IT! VOTE TALL! VOTE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM CANDIDATES!

S. F. Mendelson



GOVERNOR: Maria Elizabeth Munoz

LT. GOVERNOR: Clyde Kuhn

ATTY. GENERAL: Robert Evans

SEC. OF STATE: Gloria Garcia

CONTROLLER: John Haag

TREASURER: Maureen Smith

Vote! Vote! Vote!

Election Day is November 4, 1986

Polls are Open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Telling It Like

Oct., 1984
from:

RESURGENCE OF THE RIGHT

My family had always symbolized what is best in the United States. Daring to dream of justice for all, health care for all, and really acting on the constitutional right, the pursuit of happiness. And they actively pursued that. They organized against sweatshops, for the right to organize, they organized for old-age pensions, aid to children, for rent control, and they got arrested, beaten and blacklisted.

I'm giving you some of this history because its happening again.

As Huey Long said, "When Fascism comes to America, it will come leading a parade on a white horse, waving an American flag". How's that for prophetic imagery?

Reagan, filled with Patriotism, is busy dismantling the Commission on Civil Rights. I wince when I hear people talk of the Vietnam War as a war we could have won if it weren't for the disruptive elements.

You'd think Watergate never happened. The Nixon administration started out piously committing itself to law and order, and got caught vandalizing the constitution.

Reagan cuts Medi-Care and then forces Medi-Care to put one person back on the rolls, while blaming Medi-Care for the cuts his administration has made.

Reagan digresses from a press conference to make a plea for a liver donor for a little girl while slashing entitlement programs. Nancy Reagan brings four Korean children to America for heart operations while American children suffer from malnutrition.

And the media sinks into "Tiny Tim journalism".

Reagan talks about freedom in other places while making sure we get no news of adventurist wars until after they happen. It seems that someone's being unpatriotic here, and I don't think its me. I know how lies can become facts ala Joseph McCarthy. I've been there, and this scene is becoming all too familiar.

April, 1980
from:

THE GREENING OF VENICE

A recently formed organization, The Venice Beach Association, an organization set up by business people that costs \$100 a year, has its own methods of dealing with these problems, and that is in its own words to "FREE VENICE from the 'changelessness' grip of the overaged hippies, vagrants, drunks, and other privileged unemployed who would keep this 'FANTASY BY THE SEA' a slum."

In other words, it's not their fault. Get rid of the "undesirables" and the problems will go away.

I too would like to FREE VENICE, the whole City, country, world, from those who sleep in doorways, who look for food in garbage cans, and beg or threaten for food, a fix, or a fuck.

But the BVA's methods are different from mine.

At the March 11 meeting of the VBA, Andy Kuchrawy, president, started the meeting off by calling Ms. Berman of the Venice Town Council Coastal Committee a liar, and accused the Free Venice Beachhead of being a creator of the Venice Town Council, about whom he said, "they only represent the 12 people who attend the meetings."

When Ms. Berman attempted to speak in her own defense, Kuchrawy waved her away and accused her of attempting to break up the meeting.

A letter was read addressed to a Mr. Haddaway of the City Rec. and Park Administration requesting that they ban the annual Christmas dinner for the poor held at the Pavilion for the past 25 years. Because the tourists had difficulty stepping over the drunks.

Mr. Alonzo Carmichael, an advance planning land management officer of the L.A. City Rec. and Parks Dept. was the guest speaker.

The VBA wants to have the restrooms in the Pavilion area opened at a later

As Carol Berman, candidate for the 44th Assembly District, I couldn't think of a thing to say about anything.

But as Carol Fondiller, writer for the Free Venice Beachhead for the past 18 years, I've had a lot to say about a lot of things. Here's a sampling of some of the concerns I've written about and felt and feel strongly about.

Oh, people do like to know personal tidbits about candidates—O.K.

Among my favorite poets are Stuart Perkoff, Gregory Corso, Ferlinghetti, Auden, Frankie Rios, E.E. Cummings, Robert Graves, Marianne Moore, Edna St. Vincent Millay. I like Jazz, and most music written before 1780. I like trying to grow Cymbidiums, herbs, Dahlias and Roses.

...well, of course I like winter sunsets! I like cats because they stick their assholes in your face as you're trying to watch T.V., or write, as if to say, "Stop what you're doing. I am a Super Cat and even my asshole is more beautiful and more interesting than anything you could possibly think of."

Hey, my trade mark! Digression!

If you vote for me, you vote for the Peace and Freedom Party, and you send a message to the Demopubs and Repulicats that you're hip to the fact that they're two heads of the same imperial monster, and that you want a party that cares for the earth, believes in the value of human beings over consumer goods, and does not dismiss the poor, the old and women as "non-contributing special interest groups."

44th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

CAROL BERMAN IS RUNNING AGAINST TOM HAYDEN FOR 44th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT!!

Only her own writings can show Carol's sensitivity to the people in Venice and her awareness of their needs. What they also show that makes her eminently qualified as a candidate is her knowledge of the process by which political and economic forces act on us, and her tirelessness over the years in attending meetings and presenting the point of view of the less advantaged majority of our community.

VOTE FOR CAROL BERMAN

Terry Vestal
Venice/Santa Monica Peace and Freedom Party

GREENING (CONT.)

They want more staff to control the hordes of visitors that the VBA members are making money from. They want the vagrants and derelicts removed.

Mr. Kuchrawy, possessor of a fine new illegal patio that he'd remade from parking spaces, also wanted more parking spaces. At previous VBA meetings Mr. Kuchrawy has wanted the benches on the Ocean Front Walk removed because "tax payers weren't using them, just bums, winos, and vagrants."

On the March 11th meeting they were attacking Alonzo Carmichael for all the ills of society, when Carmichael said "We're interested in social problems but we aren't equipped to deal with them." There were shouts of, "All the bums from L.A. came here, why don't we just send 'em back?" greeted by cheers. Suzanne Thomas of Road Skates suggested that halfway houses be built. This suggestion, while given lip service, was brushed aside when Kuchrawy questioned Carmichael about a private agency taking over the Pavillion and turning it into a Chiradelli Square.

The revolving band of street people were accused of bringing in enough drugs that they foisted on the innocent who came in from Valley, Marina Del Rey, Hollywood, and Beverly Hills, to get

GREENING (CONT.)

all of L.A.--every man woman and child--loaded.

Interestingly at a previous meeting when it was suggested that beer only be sold in six-packs, a resounding no came from several proprietors of liquor stores.

I was feeling dizzy. They lure people down here, don't provide them with parking spaces, frown on those who come by public transportation, make money off tourists, and then when the twilight hour approaches and everyone is coming down from whatever things they've indulged in, from non-health-permit shish-kebab to baking soda with a soupcon of PCP, cocaine, or strychnine, when people are disappointed in not scoring whoever or whatever was the brass ring of their dreams, and they're looking for their car, probably towed, ticketed, or stolen, and fights begin, they blame it on the street people.

And oh my, I have my grudges against some of the so-called street people, and oh yes, I'd like to wald out at night and wait for a bus in any section of this country without feeling I need Karate lessons.

But hauling off all the unbeautiful (by VBA standards) people to some concentration camp, or spraying them with water as they sleep on the benches, and stealing their bedrolls, ain't my idea of fair.

And I feel just as threatened by a man whose final solution is for armed civilian patrols to walk the beach at night.

I also feel threatened by well-dressed men who follow me in cars as I do by scruffy men who follow me on foot. But a surprise was in store for me and the VBA.

Reverend Hilst was at the meeting and asked for an apology from Mr. K. At first he denied writing the letter to the Rec. and Park Dept. about the Christmas dinner. When shown the letter and the insulting remarks Mr. K. made, Mr. K. finally backed down. The other members of the VBA denied having anything to do with that letter. Just like the aristocrats who supported Hitler privately with funds, and publicly separated themselves from him when he acted "ungentlemanly."

See what I mean about history in Venice?

A surprise visitor, Bob Castile and several young black drug counselors from Wesley House showed up. Castile suggested that Mr. K. might improve his attitude if he went to Rev. Hilst's church. He reminded Kuchrawy that there were more vagrants than there were business people and times were getting harder. "Is that a threat?" yelled Kuchrawy.

Several other poverty agencies were there and suddenly it seemed the VBA was terribly interested in working out something for their more unfortunate brethren.

But I believe that Mr. K. and the VBA will have to be reminded from time to time.

I've heard some business people tell me privately that they think Mr. K. is a little, well, extreme, but he has the right idea. It's not his motives they question; it's his manner and their image.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. K. yelled at Ms. Berman, "What have you done for the bums?"

She's not separated them from other people by classifying them as haves and have-nots, Mr. K.

And the poor have not taken any more space from public use, or told people to leave because they weren't cute.

Look in the mirror, Mr. K, and then

yell, "THROW THE BUM OUT!"

You got that?



It Is After 18 Years Peace and Freedom Party Election Supplement

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from REMEMBERING BINGO

POVERTY SOLUTION L.A. STYLE: URBAN REMOVAL

"Daughter-of-Darkness" "Sister-of-Light"

Even the efforts of Police Chief Darryl Gates and his battering ram has proved ineffective against the Pockets of Poverty that infest Los Angeles and are as hard to get rid of as a nest of cockroaches. So who can blame L.A. City Councilperson Hal Bernson for trying to help a developer beautify a neighborhood by uprooting it? The South African Government has forced Blacks into so-called "Homelands" where they are not allowed to leave except to go to work.

The U.S. Government (that's us folks) is evicting Navajos from their homes so that business interests can strip mine.

In a move that reflects the contemptuous attitude they've always had towards renters, the Los Angeles City Council voted 9-4 on an ordinance to start eviction proceedings against 3,000 low income, mostly Latino tenants from their apartments in the Vanalden Bryant section in Northridge, so that the owner of the 650 apartment units can turn the neighborhood into a middle class gated community. The Councilman for the Northridge area, Hal Bernson, said the ordinance is needed because the area is crime ridden and unsightly.

The City Council has directed the City Attorney to draft an exemption to the City's rent control law to make it easier for apartment owners to evict the tenants from their apartments. It seems that the tenants are a low income, third world blot in otherwise white, middle class Northridge.

About 15 years ago, the City Council, led by our then Councilman Rundberg wanted to clean out the riff-raff in Venice (Riff means people who rent and Raff means people who want rent control).

The whole thing clicked for me when the property owners were allowed to speak at City Hall and the renters were not allowed inside the chambers.

Now what should give you pause is that nine Councilpeople, nine ELECTED "public servants" really think of renters as something to be scraped off the bottom of their shoes.

These nine councilpeople including L.A. Council President--our own Councilperson Pat Russell, voted yes on an ordinance that would uproot whole neighborhoods.

Oh, and for you people who only think this is a one-shot deal for Northridge, forget it. Councilman Howard Finn has said that if the plan works it could be extended to other parts of the City. Think how wonderful that would be to use in certain 'trouble areas' like Venice. Just move the troublemakers out.

I remember how at every hearing for rent control, we tenants had to sit through hours of insults, accusations and red-baiting by landlords and members of the apartment house owners association, and by some of the councilpeople--notably Bernson and Art Snyder.

I remember how some landlords would act as if they were performing acts of charity to be renting to such feckless people as renters. As a matter of fact most people including most renters think there's something wrong with someone who hasn't got it together to buy their own house.

I remember some apartment house owner squalling that they would go bankrupt, that it was un-American and implying that renters should be grateful to the landlords.

But just remember, fellow renters, we pay their dues to the Apartment Owners Association. We pay their property taxes.

People gathered on the rocks at Brooks Ave. beach to remember a very important person.

The people who are moving in and building Valley sized houses on Venice lots, whimpering that less than 2,000 square feet for a family is a slum, wouldn't think "Bingo" Bingham important at all. In their eyes she was a failure. Why? Because she didn't have a Cuisinart? The city agencies and Coastal Commission look upon people like Bingo as "unfeasible" because the property values have been artificially driven up by paper swapping speculators who drive up the value without one cent of real money changing hands. All done with mirrors, folks. But you have to be a success and success means money. Go to jail for a few months for selling out the country, write your memoirs, make a mint, you're a success. Turn people onto LSD, snitch on your friends, jump bail, write a book, you're a success. You can live in Venice. No others need apply.

But Venice is still an economically stable community, all economic classes still intermix. Which means its a Home Town. A Home Town by choice. You watch kids grow up and people grow up. We see one another getting older. The people who you left behind when you went on search for whatever holy grail you had in mind will still be there when you come back. Venice is home base for the rootless. They'll find someone they know.

A Home Town is where people come back to partake in ceremonies that mark rites of passages. Births, christenings, brisses, weddings, all remind us of the fragility of human beings.

A Home Town is where people remember you after you die, even if you didn't write The Great Novel, Shoot the President, or give Johnny Carson the finger.

A Home Town is where you are immortal. Venice is a Home Town. The usual pace of change and attrition of people moving out, moving in and dying, has been escalated by the City Planning Dept. and speculators. But there were enough people to gather at the rocks at Brooks beach to say goodbye to Benita "Bingo" Bingham, flower child, dooper, dreamer, the bane of Bureaucracy, animal regulation in particular. Bingo was thirty years old when she was murdered.

Bingo striding down the front, swathed in scarves, taking a swig from a proffered short dog, moving on and traveling light. Bingo returning from the Valley, the desert, Maine, running up to people, her arms outspread, shouting affectionate obscenities to her friends in a husky, humorous voice.

Bingo describing another hair-raising close call with the authorities or some crazy dude who picked her up hitchhiking, so that while the blood ran cold, the stomach ached from laughing.

Bingo, alley cat thin arms trashing in the garbage cans and wearing discards with the elegance of a queen. Bingo, her soft short hair curling around her small face, her eyes large and dark with fear as she was going to court to testify against the men who raped and beat her, uncomfortable in dealing with the police who had arrested her for vagrancy, now being helped by them to protect other women from similar, violent humiliation.

Bingo. A Person of the Streets.

Bingo, whose veins had collapsed long ago from the needles she'd stuck in them.

Bingo was fresh and young when she came to Venice. Her skin was resilient and firm. She was pretty. She got involved with drugs. High on drugs and riding with a drugged up dope, she got into an accident. Her face was scarred, her teeth were knocked out. But heading down the Ocean Front Walk on a bike she'd borrowed from a friend--with or without their knowledge--she was beautiful.

Bingo had a Samoan disregard for personal property. If she needed it, she'd take it. She didn't steal it. Sometimes she'd lose what she'd borrowed, or it would be stolen from her. She'd try and replace it with something of equal value. Sometimes she borrowed that and things would become quite complicated. It was sort of like the operations of Bert Lance: Bingo was alive. Intense. Vulnerable. She understood other peoples grief, and had a humorous objectivity about herself. Periodically, she would lose her false teeth in the surf, and she'd walk around with her mouth covered, until Medi-Cal would come through with another pair.

Bingo would try, off and on, to keep a pad but she couldn't stay in four walls very long. On cold winter nights with the rain coming down in knife-sharp drops, Bingo would be seen wrapped in blankets, her dog Beamer in her arms, fording the ankle-deep debris-

BINGO (CONT.)

filled river that was Speedway, looking for a warm hallway or alcove.

Bingo traveled light, she didn't take up much room.

After Bingo was raped and she'd testified in court, she moved to Ocean Park. She wanted to clean up her act. She rented an apartment. She was finally, people said, getting it together.

Bingo told the truth when she talked to people about herself. But she didn't tell the whole truth to any one person. She had different people she told different things to.

She wrote, people said. She wrote well. Bingo went to poetry readings, jazz concerts, and art openings. She knew dealers, procurers, poets, dancers, singers, and combinations of any and all of the above.

Sometimes she was less than kind to her lovers or would-be-lovers, people said.

People said she was abused and battered from the day she was born. Wild Thing. Our Lady of the Wild Things. Gypsy. Urchin. Harridan, Bitch, Crane, Mean, Clown, Queen, Sturdy, Human.

She was beaten and stabbed to death in that apartment where she was getting her act together. People say. Some people say that they loved each other. He'd come back from a stay in jail. People say, some people say they were drunk and arguing. People say, Some people say her husband did it. People say. Some people say he is in custody. People say. Some people say he isn't.

Willy Loman's widow cries out at Willy's funeral in Death of a Salesman, "Attention must be paid!" John Donne wrote "No man is an island. Each man's death diminishes me."

Friends and enemies met at the Brooks beach rocks. We sat and stood in the warm mid-October sun. A man was crying, "I love this family." Junkies, Poets, Philosophers, Children, all with their different conceptions of what happens after the heart and brain goes out and the body decays gave testimony for Bingo. Bob Alexander from the Temple of man read poems by Stuart Perkoff and Marcella. Frank Rios standing tall in winged sleeves read a poem and burnt it. Flowers were strewn on the waves forming a blanket for half of Bingos ashes. The family has the other half.

"Just like Bingo", someone smiled, "she was always scattered." Flowers. Incense. Babies. The Sun. Pelicans flew in strict formation, dipping gently over the flower-covered water.

June, 1986
from:

ODDS 'N' ENDS

There's a drive on to get the RTD depot out of Venice.

I went to a meeting held at the Westminster Senior Citizen's Center.

The RTD did not come off as the good guys. They waffled on subjects like pollution and noise.

But the yard has been there for 80 years.

The Little Main Committee wants the RTD out of the neighborhood.

The move will cost twenty million dollars and of course the move will be borne by the people who can least afford it--the bus riders. Come on, who do you think rides the RTD --the young, the old, the poor, and the crazy. I fit into any and I think I should be given a people's medal for not driving a car. Actually, I couldn't afford one, what with the insurance and upkeep. Instead, my fares will be raised to finance the move and keep Venice safe for diesel powered BMWs.

I'm not going to estimate the cost of re-routing the 33 bus line from the logical terminus at Sunset and Main, to a more remote and passengerless route.

But I do know that when or if the Bus Terminal is removed, there will be 3 1/4 acres of prime property up for grabs.

Phil Bubar of the Chamber of Commerce was at the meeting and spoke of the need for office space and more stable businesses instead of the "impulse purchasing" on the Ocean Front Walk. (A strange way of characterizing vendors, since they're always selling and office space has gone begging.) Phil Bubar, Prez of the Venice Chamber of Commerce is probably hoping his friend Harlan Lee, developer/speculator/builder of homes for Yuppies on Main Street, will get the bus terminal land.

Some people on the Little Main Committee have assured me that they are concerned about over-gentrification, that they believe in a healthy mix of all incomes, races, etc., and that they want to make sure that they have input into any future project.

How much input can you have on someone who can afford to buy 3 1/4 acres of prime property? See if you can find the gorilla joke.

Vote!



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PROPOSITIONS

ABOUT BONDS
The selling of bonds is the method used by government for long-term borrowing. A bond is a promise to repay the bond buyer regularly for a certain number of years — usually 20 to 30 — until the money borrowed is paid off with interest. General obligation bonds are paid from the General Fund and are backed by the full faith and credit of the state. California's bond debt as of June 30, 1986 was about \$8.3 billion.

PROPOSITION 53 SCHOOL LEASE-PURCHASE BONDS

THE QUESTION
Should the state sell \$800 million in bonds to finance school construction?

no!

PROPOSITION 62 VOTING ON LOCAL TAXES Initiative Statute

THE QUESTION
Should new voting requirements be set for local tax proposals?

no!

PROPOSITION U

Reasonable Limits On Commercial Building And Traffic Growth

An Initiative Ordinance Reducing The Total Allowable Area Of Certain New Buildings

THE QUESTION
Should future building on commercial lots in much of Los Angeles be restricted in size to a total floor area one and a half times that of the lot?

yes!

PROPOSITION 54 PRISON BONDS

THE QUESTION
Should the state issue \$500 million in bonds for state adult and youth correctional facilities?

no!

PROPOSITION 63 OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGE Initiative Constitutional Amendment

THE QUESTION
Should English be declared the official language of California?

no!

PROPOSITION "V" JOBS WITH PEACE INITIATIVE

An initiative ordinance establishing a "Jobs With Peace Development Council" and adding some new city procedures.

THE QUESTION
Should a Jobs for Peace Development Council be established to promote changes in the spending of federal money and in the investing of local funds?

yes!

PROPOSITION 55 SAFE DRINKING WATER BONDS

THE QUESTION
Should the state issue \$100 million in bonds to upgrade domestic water systems to meet minimum health standards?

no!

PROPOSITION 64 AIDS Initiative Statute

THE QUESTION
Should AIDS be placed on the state's official list of infectious and communicable diseases? Should all public health regulations, including quarantine, apply to AIDS victims and carriers?

no!

PROPOSITION W Housing Revenue Notes And Other Evidences Of Indebtedness

A charter amendment that permits additional kinds of borrowing for housing, and makes two technical changes in procedures. (Placed on the ballot by the City Council.)

THE QUESTION
Should the city be permitted to issue housing revenue notes and other evidences of indebtedness, to deposit money directly with the trustees of housing bonds and notes, and to use all facsimile signatures?

no!

PROPOSITION 56 HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BONDS

THE QUESTION
Should the state issue \$400 million in bonds for higher education facilities?

no!

PROPOSITION 65 TOXIC WASTE Initiative Statute

THE QUESTION
Should businesses be (1) prohibited from discharging certain toxic chemicals into drinking water supplies and (2) required to issue warnings of toxic chemical exposure?

yes!

PROPOSITION 57 PENSION LIMITS

THE QUESTION
Should retirement benefits of constitutional officers who served before 1974 be limited?

yes!

Vote!



L.A. COUNTY PROPOSITION

PROPOSITION J

County Jail Bond Measure
(requires two-thirds vote for passage)

THE QUESTION
Should the county be authorized to issue up to \$96 million in general obligation bonds to expand the capacity of the county jail system?

no!

Vote!



Sometime in the late 1950s... Dr. Oscar Spaulding, notorious misogynist, invents pantyhose.



Thanks to Sharon Shapiro, Terry Vestal, Ed Mendelsohn, GINA LEE Jim Sommer and the Beachhead Collective.

PROPOSITION 58

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: TRANSFERS WITHIN FAMILY

THE QUESTION
Should transfers of property between parents and children be exempt from property tax reassessment?

no!

PROPOSITION 59 ELECTION OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

THE QUESTION
Should the requirement that counties elect a district attorney be placed in the constitution?

yes!

PROPOSITION 60 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: REPLACEMENT HOMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

THE QUESTION
Should replacement homes purchased by those over age 55 be exempt from property tax reassessment?

no!

PROPOSITION 61 SALARY LIMITS Initiative Constitutional Amendment And Statute

THE QUESTION
Should salaries of state and local elected and appointed public officials, employees, and contractors be limited by law?

no!

Take This to the Polls.

Reconfirm Bird and the Supremes!

Vote Tuesday, November 4.

*(THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE OPINIONS OF THE PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY. THEY ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE CAROL BERMAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.)