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ONE STRUGGLE, MANY FRONTS



In South San Francisco people marched against Nixon's escalation of the Vietnam War.
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The people of Vietnam are currently waging a righteous struggle against Nixon's military blockade of northern Vietnam. At the same time the liberation forces are advancing against American bombs and Thieu's troops in the southern part of Vietnam. Article on p 12



"UN ARMED PEOPLE ARE SUBJECT TO SLAVERY AT ANYTIME". After the assassination attempt on George Wallace, the politicians have been screaming for 'gun control'. Gun control for whom- Not the army or the police. See article on page 15.

FROM SOUTH CITY TO VIETNAM

On Saturday, May 20 about fifty people gathered around the Venceremos flag in Orange Park, South San Francisco. This was the first time the people ever had a political march in South City.

We were protesting Nixon's escalation of the Vietnam war. We were also demanding that Nixon accept the 7 point peace plan put forward by revolutionaries of South Vietnam.

There were workers, high school students and most of them were Latino. Most of us had alot more against Nixon than just the war, like poor education, frozen wages or his racist policies. But the war was one thing that got us all together.

Alot of people were afraid to come, even though we had a police permit, because from their experiences they only saw the pigs trying to bust everybody everytime they tried to protest.

We marched out of the park toward the City Hall, singing and chanting, "Che, Che, Che Guevara, Nixon, Nixon a la chingada."

The pigs kept harrassing us because they didn't like the way we talked(it wasn't allowed in the permit.) But the people along the route dug it and waved at us. People in their cars honked at us in support.

By the time we got to the City Hall there were close to a hundred of us. We held the Venceremos banner across the door and had a rally. The pigs stood around at the corner trying to figure out what to do about us. We got together some speakers who rapped down what was happening in the war, how it came down in South City, and what people in South City were doing about it. The pigs kept walking back and forth, threatening to bust us because of the way we talked. But the people grew tighter and stronger and the shouts grew louder as we resisted the police. *Right on, South City!*



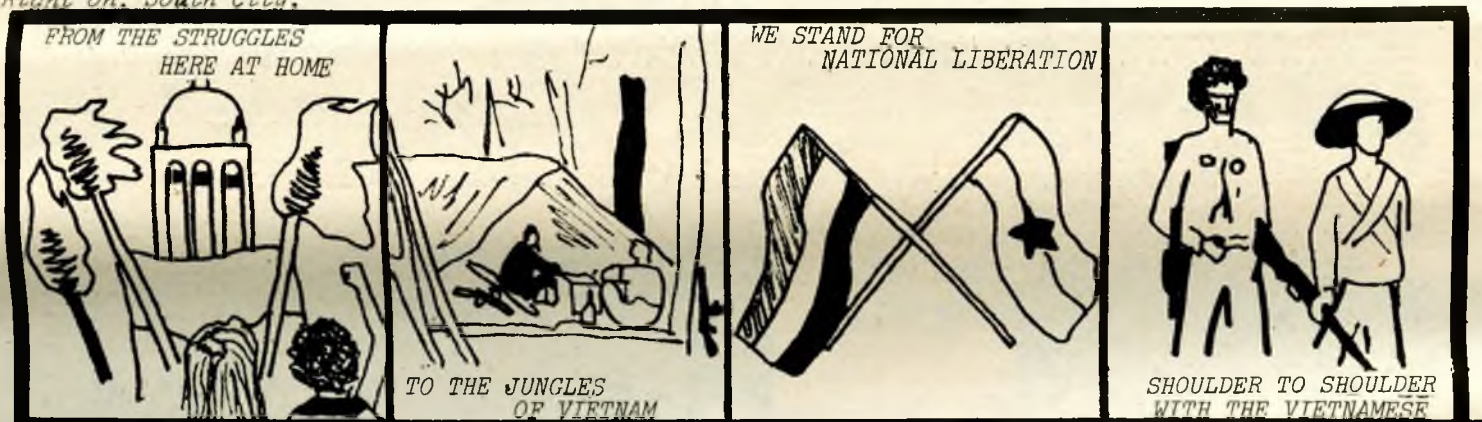
What makes this demonstration so important? Its true there's been thousands of demonstrations in the past but this demonstration was different.

First you have to understand something about South City. It is still a small town which relies mainly on industry and is composed mainly of working people. It has a large Third World community that is mainly Chicano.

The demonstration was called for and organized by making a general call to all the community not just brown people but students, workers, street people, all the people to join forces. It shows that anti-imperialist struggles are going

into the small industrial towns. The demonstration was by third world people because of our understanding of this racist, oppressing society. It shows how people are aligning themselves with the Vietnamese, mainly because we know that the Viet Nam war is one of genocide and would not have gone on this long in a white country. They are also understanding that the same enemy which is fucking them up here is the same which is doing it in Viet Nam - U.S. Imperialism.

*South City Venceremos
Unidos Venceremos*



Oakland Blockade : LESSONS LEARNED

"Our chief method is to learn warfare through warfare."

--Mao Tse-Tung

The "Oakland Blockade" of Wednesday, May 17 was a Bay Area wide anti-war action planned to make it very difficult for the Oakland Army Terminal to carry on business as usual. About 500 people divided themselves between two main intersections vital to the terminal: Cypress and Grand and 7th and Cypress. At times traffic was prevented from going through, but no significant blockade actually happened.

The two groups joined together after an hour or so to increase their strength and proceeded to march around the West Oakland community chanting. Many pigs followed the group around--mainly Alameda County Sheriffs. The people were successful in outflanking the pigs as well as changing course unexpectedly so as to make it difficult for the pigs to make decisions.

Although the demonstration was in no way a real blocking of the army terminal, the people learned a few very important lessons. The first question that everyone had was, of course, why

did so few people show up? The weaknesses of the planning committee--not giving themselves enough time for publicity, not having enough Third World participation and leadership--were certainly part of the reason. But a main reason was fear and lack of faith in the people's ability to use mobile tactics to avoid or win in confrontation with the pigs. The spirit of daring and of confidence is what helps the Vietnamese win victories. We must learn from them.

Another lesson we have to learn from the people's experience that day is the importance of evaluating the pig's weaknesses. This is so we can use those weaknesses to break whatever strengths they have. For example, a weakness a pig line has is its inability to change direction or formation until it receives an order to do so. So when we are marching down a street and suddenly change our direction or make any move unexpectedly they cannot act immediately. They must wait for orders. Our ability to throw them in this way is our strength which we use to overcome our weakness (our basic inability to avoid encirclement, etc.)

Understanding these lessons and practicing them is all part of the people's war we are fighting (are forced to fight). Taking a scientific approach will enable us to take on a challenge like blocking the Oakland Army Terminal without such fears. Only in this way can we become disciplined and courageous fighters for the peoples of the world against U.S. Imperialism.

"Fight, fail, fight again, fail again, fight again...till their victory; that is the logic of the people..."

Selected Works, Mao Tse-Tung

*Katarina Davis del Valle
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Venceremos*

IMPORTANT:

People are organizing to build for future action at the Oakland Army Terminal. They need a whole lot of support from people in all communities, especially Third World communities. Come to the meetings at the following times and places:

The next meeting of Third World people and Organizations is Tuesday, May 30 at 2842 Montana St. in Oakland.

BRING THE WAR HOME

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PEOPLE SHUT DOWN ARMY OFFICE

On May 8, members of the Mountain View Committee to Support the Vietnamese Peace Plan attended the local City Council meeting to demand that the council take a public position against the war in Indochina. The council ignored all of our demands, including putting a stop to military recruiting in Mountain View.

In retaliation for this decision, the Mountain View Committee decided to march on the recruiting station. On Tuesday, May 16 at noon, we gathered in an empty lot on the corner of Castro and California streets. Although the gathering was small, all 50 of us were highly spirited and our chants could be heard by all the businesses along Castro Street.

We marched, led by Venceremos sister Shelley DuBose, who yelled out chants from a bullhorn and an unidentified Vietnam vet carrying the flag of the Viet Nam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), down Castro Street to the recruiting station across from the railroad tracks. When we got there the recruiting van was gone and the station doors were locked. (The Army has been using this van ever since the main building was fire-bombed several weeks ago.) The recruiters of mass murder on the peoples of the world had run scared.

We decided to march to Moffett Field and present Captain F. T. Stephens, the commanding officer of Moffett Naval Air Base, with a people's arrest warrant. All along Moffett Blvd. we chanted out: "Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh, NLF is gonna win!" "Free Billy Smith, Hang Captain Stephens!" and "One, Two, Three, Four, We don't want your fucking war!" We were greeted at the north gate of Moffett Field by a line of Mountain View "pigs" and Moffett "pigs." Two representatives of the Base, presented us with written orders not to

a warrant for Captain Stephens and read the statement of the warrant over the bullhorn:

"Captain F. T. Stephens, U.S. Navy, Commanding Officer, Moffett Field, is hereby ordered to appear before the bearers of this warrant for the purpose of convening a people's tribunal to try him on the following charge: Actively promoting, supporting and participating in the U.S. Government's criminal, genocidal war against the peoples of Indochina; specifically allowing Moffett Field to be used for the training of air squadrons such as the one which has mined Haiphong and six other Vietnamese harbors. We thereby charge Captain Stephens with the attempted murder of all the peace-loving peoples of the world.

--People's Department of Justice"

We then left Moffett and went home to make plans for Wednesday's People's Blockade of the Port of Oakland. As we dispersed we spotted Sgt. Tamm of the Santa Clara Sheriffs' Department, who was responsible for the mass bust of April 21st in Palo Alto, as well as many other busts of the People's Army. The marchers showed their feelings towards this "King Pig" through spirited yells of "Off the Pigs" as they drove away in several vans and a truck. Captain Stephens was seen crawling out of his "pig hole" when things were all clear for this cowardly murderer of people.



Jesse James Young
Midpeninsula Vietnam Veterans
Against the War

HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH VVAW:

the midpeninsula chapter can be contacted through 969-1638..ask for jesse, bruce or jim



Mountain View people march on the Mt. View Recruiting Station on May 16th, to support the Vietnamese Peace Plan and protest ignorral by the City Council.



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DOWNTOWN POSTERED

The first People's Plaza of the season was held in downtown Palo Alto on May 20. The Plaza was an anti-imperialist rally sponsored by Venceremos, the Drug Collective and the People's Plaza Committee. It was followed by a massive posterling of downtown Palo Alto.

After the first band, a speaker from the Palo Alto Drug Collective talked about what the Drug Collective is doing to oppose drug abuse in an anti-imperialist way. They know that drug abuse is just one of the ways imperialism fucks over the people. For example, drugs are used to keep people from dealing with their real enemy in Third World communities. The Drug Collective realizes that dealing with the real dealer means dealing with the ruling class in the U.S.

After the second band played, a speaker from Venceremos proposed a mass posterling of downtown Palo Alto. The crowd then beautified downtown P.A. with centerfolds from back issues of Pomoja Venceremos, copies of the 7-point peace proposal of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam, and assorted leaflets announcing upcoming actions. Two targets hit especially hard were the Bank of America and the Palo Alto Times building. The Times was the target of a demonstration about a month ago which demanded that they print on the front page of their paper the full text of the PRG 7-point peace proposal. They refused so now the seven points are on their front wall.

On the surface it seems that the key difference between the May 20 Plaza and

last year's Plaza actions was that this action consisted of posterling and others consisted of trashing.

But that is not the important difference. What is important is the change in the way this action was carried out. Previous actions were spontaneous and undisciplined, and were defensive as they were in response to attacks from the pigs.

The mass posterling on May 20th was an organized and disciplined offensive act. Posterling downtown was a mass illegal attack, but because of the disciplined way in which it was carried out, no one was busted and no one had to run away with pigs on our tails.

One result of such organized and disciplined offensive acts is the establishment of dual power. Dual power in this case means that it is an open question as to who has power - the people or the pigs. Dual power was a reality on May 20, when even police Captain Gary Tatum admitted that the police were afraid to make arrests, although we were in the act of breaking the law, because he feared that it would trigger something more serious; in other words the people retaliating.

This action was successful because of our level of discipline and organization. Discipline and organization make actions successful whether they be posterling, trashing, or any other type of actions. All in all, the People's Plaza on May 20th was definitely a righteous people's victory.

SHOCKLEY THREE CONVICTED

On May 21st, the Stanford Judicial Panel disclosed its decision to suspend Don Lee, Alice Furumoto, and Kwonping Ho indefinitely, with a minimum of two years, for participating in a disruption of Prof. William Shockley's class last January.

Shockley's racist view that heredity and race determine intelligence and that therefore Blacks are less intelligent than whites has been under attack throughout the country. The three defendants in the case entered Shockley's class in order to challenge him to discuss his views on genetics. The debate lasted 20 minutes.

In the subsequent hearings, witnesses testified that Shockley actually encouraged the debate. However, the Stanford administration considered this class disruption the most serious offense that can be committed at the University and stated that "any student who wilfully disrupts a class does not belong at a University, at least not this one." However, it is far more questionable, whether Professor Shockley belongs at a University. His racist theories have been attacked and disproved by many American scientists. His views and their effects are a threat to Black and other Third World peoples of the world. His proposal to sterilize Black women essentially means genocide, yet he is guaranteed the "sanctity of the classroom" at Stanford. He is a salaried and respected member of the Stanford faculty, while Kwonping Ho, Don Lee, and Alice Furumoto are denied the right to attend the university for merely challenging Shockley to a debate. Kwonping Ho is a foreign student from Singapore and faces deportation and a three-year term in the Singapore Army. Alice Furumoto loses her opportunity to study at Medical School. Don Lee may not receive his degree from Stanford.



Don Lee, Kwonping Ho, and Alice Furumoto:
"The Shockley Three"

The CJP decision once again reflects the nature of the University and where its interests lie. Although it claims to stand for academic freedom, for human justice, for the free exchange of ideas, it cannot tolerate any opposition that constitutes more than a mere intellectual argument. It ruthlessly eliminates any opposition that attempts to attack the actual structure of the University or the society at large. The University considers a class disruption the most serious offense that can be committed at the University, because a disruption attacks Stanford's right to serve an exclusive privileged class of people. It attacks Stanford's right to teach our young people racist ideas, to teach us to become members of the managerial elite of the American Empire.

Stanford denies us the right to learn the real nature of American imper-

ialism and the right to fight that system. The classroom is the training ground for the future rulers and managers of the American Empire. When this training ground, this bastion of capitalist ideology, is attacked, the University's response is repression.

Kwonping Ho, Don Lee and Alice Furumoto are all well-known radicals at Stanford. The University seized the opportunity to prosecute them and essentially expel them. As in the case of Bruce Franklin, the University thinks that by eliminating the leaders, they eliminate the movement. But the movement will continue. Students responded to the CJP decision by attacking Stanford the night the decision was made public by trashing 30 windows and spray painting the campus. Stanford's repression cannot intimidate the movement. Repression breeds resistance.

Nick Baran
Stanford Venceremos



APRIL 21 MASS BUST NEWS

May 12 was supposed to be the day that people who were arrested during the anti-war protests at Stanford would find out what their trial dates would be. For the first time any of the defense lawyers could remember, Judge Scoyen required that every defendant be present at "Setting and Disposition." When we got there, Scoyen announced that the State Supreme Court had declared the Palo Alto-Mt. View Municipal Court in a "state of emergency." He then read through all the ways the two courts had found to fuck us over:

- Since none of us had waived time, the time limit for beginning the trials was extended from 45 to 75 days.

- We could be tried in San Jose or Sunnyvale as well as Palo Alto.

- Superior Court Judges will be temporarily designated as Municipal Court Judges for the trials, including Judges Scott and Allen, two of the piggiest judges in the state.

- The law stating that people who had served on juries within a certain length of time can't be called again was ruled invalid for these cases.

- After Palo Alto juror lists are used up, jurors can be called from throughout the county.

- Continuances won't be granted for any reason, including personal emergency or other cases that the lawyers might be trying at the same time.

We had broken the arrestees down into trial groups of 12 to ease the load on the lawyers and keep a feeling of solidarity. Scoyen broke them down into groups of three and warned that trials shouldn't last more than 2-3 days.

Scoyen occasionally stopped to explain that we could talk to the District Attorney at any time about pleading guilty or getting charges dropped, until one of the lawyers cautioned him that he was getting dangerously close to a violation of legal ethics.

It was clearly an attempt by the court to scare people into copping out. The trials will almost certainly go throughout the summer, making it very hard for students to leave for their summer jobs and almost impossible to get witnesses. The tactic of splitting the trial groups up was meant to destroy the feeling of solidarity the defendants have for each other.

But we weren't fooled. People laughed at Scoyen throughout the hearing and thanked him profusely for his generous offers. There were so many people in the courtroom that the bailiff couldn't see who was talking and quiet them down.

One thing Scoyen didn't do was tell us when our trials will start. It now looks like they won't begin until the middle of June.

Because the State Supreme Court is a party to these perversions of justice, the El Camino Case, where 205 anti-war marchers were rounded up in a mass bust, has dangerous significance for all of California. If mass arrests are allowed to stand here, they'll be allowed throughout the State. The defendants realize this and met together on May 17 at Stanford to reaffirm their solidarity and determination to go through with the trials.

The courts are exerting this pressure because they know they don't have a case against us and that whatever cases they do have are police lies. They know that if the cases are allowed to go to court, the people will win. This is a last ditch attempt to stop the anti-war movement.

But we have learned through practice that repression breeds resistance. We will win, but we need the support of our brothers and sisters. We need donations, as our case will cost at least \$20,000. We need people who were at Hansen Labs in the morning, Encina Hall in the morning or afternoon, El Camino or Dinkelspiel to write witness statements. We need support at our court appearances. Most of all, we need a strong anti-war, anti-imperialist movement to show these pigs that a few arrests aren't going to stop our determination and our love for the Vietnamese brothers and sisters.

Gini Faller
Coordinating Body of
April 21 Collective
Stanford Venceremos

NO ROOM FOR INN



A community meeting was held at the Addison School to discuss the proposed Holiday Inn in Palo Alto, which people will be able to vote on in the June 6 ballot.

Two years ago, San Francisco's Chinatown community waged a long struggle against a new 27-story Holiday Inn in their community. Barry Chan from Chinatown spoke at the meeting, and pointed out many similarities between the two projects and their effects on the surrounding communities.

Barry explained that the population of Chinatown needs housing. The new 27-story Holiday Inn was built on one of

the Holiday Inn in S.F. and developer of the Palo Alto Inn, Clement Chen, was also at the meeting. He admitted that the Chinatown Holiday Inn was built to serve businessmen of the nearby financial district, which is the headquarters of the U.S. financial empire in Asia and throughout the Pacific. The development plans for Palo Alto are for building a financial center sec-

ond in importance only to San Francisco on the west coast. John Philo of the P.A. Tenants' Union pointed out that it is the businessmen from this financial center that the Holiday Inn will serve, exactly as in S.F.. Furthermore, in a city which has continually driven low-income residents out, the Holiday Inn is being proposed for one of the only empty parcels of land available for low-income housing--the old Corporation Yard site on El Camino Real.

Chen, who attacked Venceremos and the Palo Alto Tenants' Union as "radical and transient elements" in his campaign literature, came to our meeting friendly and smiling. But when Barry Chan started presenting a slide show about the Chinatown Holiday Inn, he got very worked up. "You don't know what you're talking about," he fumed at one point. "You're presenting a mixture of half-truths and lies!" Chen said that the new inn would create jobs for "minorities". But Barry pointed out whose interests Chen really represented, and that the only jobs

Chinese have gotten in the S.F. Holiday Inn are as busboys, bellhops and waitresses.

In the past few years Chinatown has undergone a radical transformation. Land values have skyrocketed and many small, family-owned business and shops have gone under or sold out to bigger, non-Chinese businesses. Unemployment is booming. More and more people see that the reactionary leaders and local lackeys of big business are never going to serve their interests or needs. Many segments of the community now openly identify with Mao Tse-tung and the revolutionary society of the People's Republic of China, where the people, not just a few rich men, control the resources of the soc-

must be understood. "When you talk about the problems of Chinatown, what you're talking about is the social needs of the community," said Barry Chan. "And what that's going to come down to is a battle of the people v.s. big business."

Chinatown and Palo Alto--the developers' interests are the same and the people's needs are the same.

GIVE THE DEVELOPERS AND SPECULATORS A CLEAR MESSAGE.

VOTE

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PROPOSITION K

JUNE 6

DEMONSTRATE AT THE ORISKANY

Sailing JUNE 8

Alameda N.A.S. East Gate

7:00 AM

A demonstration in support of the G.I. resistance movement, against the air war, and in support of the 7 point peace plan. There is a growing movement on the ship to stop its sailing. We plan a massive show of civilian support for that movement.

SOS Support Committee

Palo Alto

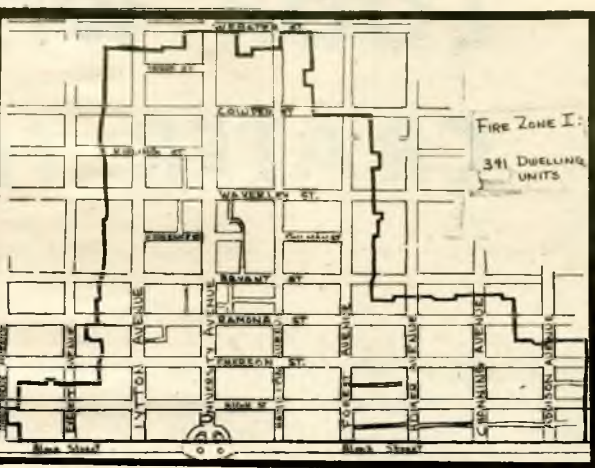
Council Votes To Buy Webster Property

Palo Alto's City Council voted last week to buy the "Webster House property" for construction of low to moderate income housing. Webster House is a block bounded by Webster, Channing, Middlefield and Addison streets in Palo Alto.

Jean Hobson, Venceremos Central Committee member and a resident of the Webster House property spoke, "Low-income housing must be built on the empty portion of the block, existing low-income housing on the block and throughout the city must be maintained, and residents must be consulted regarding new construction plans."

Palo Alto Tenants Union, Mid-Peninsula Citizens for Fair Housing and Addison PTA representatives also spoke in favor of constructing low-income housing on the site.

Our neighborhood has been threatened often in the past several years with e-



About 350 mostly wooden homes and their 700 residents are being threatened by Palo Alto's Building Code. In 1946 the city decided that all houses in the Fire Zone I area, the University Ave. business district and the surrounding area north and south, did not meet safety regulations. Then in 1955 the city restricted restoration of these homes so that they cannot be "altered, raised, enlarged added to or moved," but can be demolished. Palo Alto's 'Master Plan' is to clear the downtown area of homes to make way for commercial expansion: more office buildings and banks, and housing for

the rich. A number of homes in the Fire Zone I district are owned (absentee) by the same businessmen who are pushing for beautification of the neighboring downtown business district. It is clear that Palo Alto's city council, businessmen, rich and super-rich (David Packard, Arbuckle, Ames, Brophy, etc.) want to make this city a major financial center, serving their, not the people's interests. They have already pushed most of the people who

next 15 years, the deadline for making Fire Zone I "safe."

The Palo Alto Tenants' Union (PATU) is investigating ways of maintaining and restoring the housing in the downtown area. The first step is to eliminate the ban on rehabilitation. If you want to do research, leafleting or canvassing in Fire Zone I, call Penny at 328-8361 or PATU at 321-7387. If you live near the downtown area, check with Penny Mann to see if you live in Fire Zone I.

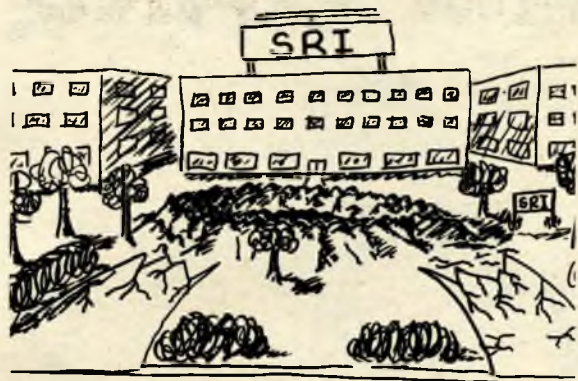
House people not profits!

victions; some houses on the block are empty and boarded up because when the previous tenants moved out, no one else was allowed to move in. These houses were livable when people moved out, but now need minor repairs.

The city says it plans low to moderate income housing on the site. What does the city council mean by "low" income? Does "moderate" income mean middle-class white? We see a struggle developing between residents and progressive people, and the P.A. city government as to what the needs of the people really are: We will make it clear that cheap, decent housing is a basic necessity of life and we mean to have it.

Becky Hobson
Palo Alto Venceremos
Resident of Webster House
Property

HOW WOULD SRI LOOK WITH A BOMB CRATER IN FRONT ?



Thursday, May 18th, a group of Menlo-Atherton students and people from the community held a rally outside of Stanford Research Institute (SRI) to protest the blockade of Vietnamese ports and Nixon's escalation of the Air War.

After the rally, about 40 people marched to SRI's east gate and attempted to dig an "average" bomb crater, similar to the 21,000,000 craters that U.S. bombers have dug in South Vietnam.

Menlo Park police, led by Victor Cizankus (who specialized in counter-insurgency in the Middle East), first tried to intimidate people by threatening individuals with arrest. After frantically scurrying around the circle of diggers a few times, Cizankus gave up that tactic and declared the entire group an "illegal assembly".

The people discussed the situation and decided to march back to Menlo-Atherton and talk to students about future actions.

Menlo Park Venceremos

WHY SRI?

SRI is the major war contractor in Menlo Park, receiving over \$20 million in Department of Defense contracts in 1970.

In the past some of SRI's most important DOD work has been in developing the technology for the air war that is destroying Southeast Asia. Included in their work has been improved bomb sighting devices to improve the accuracy of U.S. bombers, and "electronic countermeasures" which enable American planes to dodge many of the righteous bullets and missiles the Vietnamese use to defend themselves with. WE WANT SRI TO END ITS WAR ON THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLE!

WHY A BOMB CRATER?

The average bomb crater is fifty-five feet across and twenty feet deep. Imagine what the effect of 21 million of these holes has on the ecology and life of the Vietnamese.

Now Nixon has ordered a massive bombing, shelling and mining of North Vietnam. When will these acts end?

Redwood City

March

On May 17, people from the community in East Redwood City met at the Old Courthouse on Broadway and had a spirited march to the Armed Forces Recruiting Station on El Camino. At the Station we confronted the Naval and other recruiters with the facts about the war and the Navy.

All the planes in Vietnam except the B-52's are Navy planes. Navy planes mined Haiphong Harbor and other North Vietnamese harbors. Navy planes continually shell North Vietnam and their ships are blockading the harbors.

There were two Navy recruiters. One was Black and the other Brown. The Navy hired them because most of the people who are recruited are Black and Brown poor people who need jobs and are promised exciting work in all different countries. Most Third World people in the service soon get hip to the fact that they're being used to keep under control and kill their brothers and sisters in other Third World countries. Billy Dean Smith is one example of a Black GI who fought back. (see Letters page, this issue)

The recruiters were told all these facts, but they said that they just recruited people and had nothing to do with what happened after that--they were just doing their jobs.

The Army recruiters were white and didn't just say they were "doing their jobs"; they like it and called the Army "My Army". They also found it very hard to believe that the Army could in any way be racist.

In general, we saw the Armed Forces in action and let them know we don't want them in our community.

Redwood City Venceremos

Dare to Win!



Vietnam Vets Organize

Vietnam Veterans Against the War is currently involved in building community organizations across the country. Activities include: 1) militant non-violent civil disobedience to focus public attention on the U.S. government's role of aggressor in the Indochina War; 2) support for active duty brothers and sisters who are victimized by racism in the military and are denied their constitutional rights by the UCMJ; 3) psychotherapy groups in which people meet informally to work out their problems resulting from the brutality and dehumanization they have encountered in the military; and 4) providing speakers for High School and College campuses to present the true picture of the military and its role in Indochina.

Veterans are invited to give their energy to these kinds of projects on a continuing basis, since the membership is not only concerned with ending the war, but changing the domestic social, political, and economic institutions that have caused and permitted the continuance of the war.

For information call:

369-9055 Redwood City
323-3545 Menlo Park
322-2694 Stanford

Turn the Guns Around

United States ruling class killed
My people in their war.
They enlisted my people,
Because they were workers and poor.
Pushing fear of imprisonment,
Down on us strong,
We joined the military,
Even though it was wrong.
They tried to use us as messengers,
Of their military might, But
When we got to Vietnam, we would not fight.
We took all their commands at home
At home for too long,
And when we got to Vietnam,
We knew they were wrong.
So we redirected our weapons,
Our rulers used to enslave, and
We joined the Vietnamese
In a victorious wave.
No longer do we think,
The monster can't be beat.
We saw it in Vietnam,
And we'll see it on the street.
We're coming home to the monster,
Understanding about war,
Understanding about oppression,
And the fight of the poor.
We're coming home for a second victory,
And it will be won.

You rulers better flee now,
The revolution's begun.

By D. Minkler

FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER

The Fair Oaks Community Center is a building that will have a library, a child care center, a well baby clinic and recreational area both inside and outside. It will be located in the unincorporated area of Redwood City. That is, if it is built.

The county and city officials keep bouncing the "who's going to pay for it" ball back and forth. Almost two years after the initial planning and request for building funds from Hud, it seems that the center may not be built at all. It seems that the county budget is full of services for the people, including the pig helicopter, the courts, the police force itself. The officials find it difficult to loosen up our tax money to pay for something we want and need.

The building will cost \$66,000 for operating costs, staff, equipment, cleaning, etc. Of the \$66,000, half is being paid by Redwood City and half by the county. The Federal government is paying 90% of the construction cost. Here is where the fun starts.

At a meeting last Monday, May 22, about 40 people from the East Redwood City community heard county manager Mr. Tarshes (a man who could influence the Board of Supervisors). He explained how the county government was going to get out of paying its share and how only we poor people were going to be taxed to get the money. It went something like this.

Of the \$33,000 the county has to come up with, \$14,500 is taken care of through a library tax the community has been paying. We don't have a library but we have been taxed for it. It's the remaining \$18,500 that has to be covered.

The Board of Supervisors, who have come a "service area". This is a legal and paper creation which will allow the county to rip us off for more taxes so that we can have our center. These men are mad and blood thirsty! Even the Federal government recognizes this and has given the money to build the center. Now the county goes and says that we should pay for it ourselves.

\$18,000 for poor people is a lot of money. For a county the size of San Mateo that amount boils down to less than the average cost of maintaining one deputy sheriff, gun-dog-car-retirement and all! The average is \$20,000 for the deputy sheriff, according to Tarshes. One person brought up the obvious point that since the people do not want the pigs and we do want the center, then get rid of one deputy and we have the necessary money for the Center. Since the Board of Supervisors and the uniformed pigs are the same, this was obviously not a good suggestion.

Paul Rupert, chairman for the Neighborhood Council which represents about 20 groups in the Economic Opportunities Commission target area brought forth another suggestion. The county has a general fund which is money from all the communities in the county, rich and poor alike. He suggested using money from this fund to meet the needs of the people. Mr. Tarshes got uptight about this suggestion and the Board of Supervisors will probably have the same reaction. What we're asking is that money taken out of our area be put back in to help solve some of our problems, and also that we have the help of richer areas to solve our problems because we just don't have the money to do it.

If this idea catches on, pretty soon poor people will be asking the rich to help out on a whole lot of things like medical care, rents, day care, etc. That could lead to redistribution of wealth and of power around here and the Board of Supervisors are not going to go for that!

Mr. Tarshes is going to objectively state the alternatives to the Board of Supervisors---possibly before the budget is decided, about June 13. One choice is to have the service area created (give us a special tax); the other is to use the general fund (have everyone help out). As an addition to his "objectivity", Tarshes said that if the Board of Supervisors decides for the service area, and the community people get mad, the City will probably reconsider putting up its half of the money.

If we fight the county tax, then the city won't put up its half of the money, and we get no Center. Duly warned, and educated a little better on the tricks of the man, we left.

It's pretty clear what the Board of Supervisors will decide although there is always hope. We will know in about two weeks. What is unclear at this time is what the people will do. We need that center. We should have it.

Sue Flores
Redwood City Venceremos



MOUNTAIN

AGAINST

THE WAR

PALO ALTO MAY BE SUED

According to an article that appeared in the May 10 issue of the Ravenswood Post, the city of Palo Alto may be sued by the Ravenswood School District for failing to comply with provisions of a "land swap" made in 1962.

The land swapped is the Palo Alto airport, and the property on which the golf course was built. This land was turned over to Santa Clara county by San Mateo although East Palo Alto residents complained about the decreased tax revenues from not having that land.

City and county officials were reported to have told East Palo Alto residents that the tax loss would be recovered by the industrial development of the 95 acre Faber Tract located in the bay lands of East Palo Alto, north of the Palo Alto Yacht Harbor.

The Faber Tract is actually in San Mateo County but is owned by the city of Palo Alto. The city pays \$728 per year in taxes yet estimates indicate the land might yield between \$70,000 and \$100,000 if industrially developed.

Superintendent of Schools of the Ravenswood School District, John Minor, is contemplating a court suit against the city of Palo Alto unless the Ravenswood School District receives some substantial tax revenues from this deal.

This type of land rip off from the industrial tax base of East Palo Alto is not peculiar just to the city of Palo Alto. Menlo Park has succeeded in annexing most of the industrial areas surrounding East Palo Alto leaving only a small portion for a tax base. Although East Palo Alto has the largest population of an unincorporated area in San Mateo County, an incredibly high unemployment rate, and high taxes, it is being ripped off every day by its neighboring cities. Lack of a tax base is one of the reasons why East Palo Alto is not incorporated but this is one step towards recovery of its tax base.

UNION CITY FOOD CO-OP

We are getting a food co-op together in Union City. There are some people working on it already. We still need more people to help make it a success. Our meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month. The next one is on June 5th, 1972. Our meetings are in Rooms 61 and 62 at James Logan High at 7:30.

We are also planning a flea market for next month to raise funds.

On May 21, 40 people from the Mountainview Committee to support the Vietnamese Peace Plan, marching under NLF flags, moved on the Mt. View City Council with a warrant for the arrests of the council members. The charges were (and are) a total refusal to deal with the war criminals who operate in Mt. View, such as:

- 1) Companies like Hewlett-Packard, Fairchild, and Raytheon which make equipment for the war in Indochina.
- 2) The area's largest military recruiting station.
- 3) Moffett Field, the largest Navy base in Northern California, which provides men, planes, and backup support for the war.

Our suggestions to the council for dealing with these crimes have been very reasonable: Take away zoning permits and support the 7 Point Peace Plan of the Vietnamese People. But they say that war crimes are none of their business and we say that makes them war criminals too.

We realize that the City Council members are only representatives of ruling class interests (Moffett, Fairchild, Stanford, etc.) which run Mt. View. We moved against them to expose them as pawns and to intensify the struggle against the real enemy. Our struggle grows every day. Venceremos!

Lee Ballinger
Mid-Penin. VVAW
Mtn. View Venceremos

Philco-Ford

Producing Weaponry for Vietnam



Vietnamese brother and sister defend their country from U.S. aggression. Philco-Ford participates in such attacks on the Vietnamese people with their electronic battlefields and other equipment.

A few weeks ago, over a hundred Palo Alto High School students marched to Philco-Ford in Palo Alto to protest Nixon's latest escalation of the war in Indochina. Philco-Ford was chosen because it is a perfect example of the corporate interest and power that created and sustains the war.

The decisive defeat of the Saigon puppet army by liberation forces during the current offensive has left Nixon with only one weapon--massive U.S. airpower. The electronic battlefield (sophisticated electronic detectors and microwave communications) is being used to direct U.S. planes to their targets. Philco-Ford has in a very real way made this air war possible with the communications equipment it makes, equipment that also means millions of dollars each year in war profits for Philco's stockholders.

Philco-Ford received \$75.4 million in Dept. of Defense contracts in 1970, making it the biggest profiteer in Palo Alto. Here's a partial list of some things Philco produces:

INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE-AIRBORNE COMMAND POST: This computerized system is used to pick up signals in the field. Air strikes are then called in on the basis of these signals. The system is a vital component of the electronic battlefield.

AUTODIN SYSTEM: Philco produces and installs an automatic, computerized communications network which provides on-the-spot receipt and dispatch of messages. This is used in support of the U.S. Air Force Logistics command in S. Vietnam and Thailand to spy on the movements of the people and quickly dispatch bombers.

INTEGRATED WIDEBAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (IWCS): Autodin plugs into a similar but larger scale communications

system called IWCS. IWCS links military posts all over Southeast Asia. In modern warfare, such communications systems are considered as vital as guns and bombs.

NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND SYSTEM (NMCS): NMCS is a local form of IWCS. It provides national command heads with the means to deliver immediate directions to the Armed Forces. It ties the White House Situation Room to specified and unified commanders. NMCS is an example of how techniques against the Indochinese people are being brought home to use against the American people.

ETR: ETR is a large telemetry aperture system which provides range facilities and launch support for the Military Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

Without the equipment produced by Philco-Ford, it would literally be impossible for the U.S. government to wage its highly technological air war against the Indochinese peoples.

Militant resistance to American imperialism in general and Philco-Ford in particular, both in Indochina and here at home, is on the rise. The Indochinese people are obviously in the leadership of this struggle, and their fight to regain control of their countries is approaching final victory. But struggle

against American political and economic domination is fast spreading throughout the rest of Asia.

Here in the U.S., working people are moving to end a war that has brought runaway inflation, frozen wages, high unemployment, and soaring taxes. Inside Philco-Ford's Menlo Park subsidiary, Sierra Electronics, the Sierra Liberation Band has been formed. The Band is made up of men and women, Third World and white, who are opposed to being forced to work to sustain the genocidal American war effort in Indochina. They have put out several anti-imperialist leaflets exposing Philco-Ford's involvement in the war, and other workers in the plant have been very receptive to such information and analysis. The company has tried to squash this activity by splitting up workers and increasing security. But as the Indochinese have shown, repression only breeds resistance, and the struggle against Philco-Ford continues to grow. It is this kind of growing solidarity among poor and working people in Indochina and the U.S. that will ultimately force an end to the war in Indochina and mark an important step in the fight for the liberation of oppressed people everywhere.

Jim Shock, Palo Alto Venceremos

High School March on Philco-Ford

On Wednesday, May 10, about 100 students from all three Palo Alto high schools marched against the Philco-Ford complex in Palo Alto:

We first met at Cubberley High, where we marched chanting through the halls, and then went to Philco-Ford. When we got there we formed a picket line in front of the management offices and then moved down to the Shipping and Receiving area so that more of the workers could see us. We blocked two street entrances and turned one truck away. There were a number of police on hand, but they didn't do much.

We chose Philco-Ford to demonstrate against because they make more money on Dept. of Defense contracts than any other corporation in this area (see other article on Philco-Ford, this issue).

A lot of students were asking us why we, as high school students, should get involved in anti-war struggles. There is a very good reason:

Imperialism needs people to control it and people to work for it and be controlled by it. Depending on the schools

and the lanes we're tracked into, we have classes which prepare us for a controlling type of existence or train us to be workers.

The schools help keep imperialism going by constantly preparing people to be either workers or bosses, depending on their class backgrounds. When we go through school learning a one-sided and distorted view of history, other world outlooks, and current events, we never consider the advantages of other economic systems.

Because of the direct link our schools have with the functioning of imperialism, we, as high school students, must have a big role in fighting imperialism, whether it be by joining community struggles or by working within our own schools.

Although we didn't have very many people from the schools out demonstrating on Wednesday, our march was a success. Everyone had a lot of spirit and we all resolved to continue to demonstrate against the war.

Nancy Reaven High School Venceremos
High School Rehabilitation Movement



PEOPLE'S PLAZA



SATURDAY,
MAY 27

7:30 pm

BANDS * SPEAKERS

STOP THE MINING
END THE WAR

UNIVERSITY AND EMERSON

PALO ALTO

The Struggle Goes On...

STRIKES BOYCOTTS OF FARMWORKERS

The Arizona Legislature passed a farm labor bill May 11, to become effective in 90 days, which forbids secondary boycotts and harvest-time strikes by farmworkers--the two most effective economic weapons of farmworkers. The law also sets up union election procedures that effectively make it impossible for migratory workers to vote in elections. Most farmworkers are migrants.

The new law will make it harder to implement and renew existing contracts, and it stifles further unionization in Arizona, a major agricultural state. It also gets rid of the United Farm Workers' (UFW) hiring hall, by means of which the union has been getting around Arizona's "Right to Work" laws.

Gov. Jack Williams signed the bill with indecent haste. Cesar Chavez of the UFW told a rally in Phoenix: "He (the Gov.) didn't even send it to the Attorney General as is customary for all bills. Instead he signed it and then left town. I am told that he signed the bill within 45 minutes after it left the house and had no time to read it himself."

It's not surprising that Williams was so anxious to sign the anti-farm-worker bill. His political support does not come from poor or working people; it was he who sponsored a state-wide John Birch Day last year. When asked about the effects of the law on the farmworkers, he answered: "Farmworkers? They don't even exist in my mind."

The UFW is responding by picketing the American Farm Bureau Federation, the sponsor of the bill. The Farm Bureau has supported anti-farmworker laws in several states. Similar bills have been passed in Idaho and Kansas and have been introduced in 20 other states. Chavez has called for a congressional investigation of the Farm Bureau's tax-exempt status, charging that it "is using its wealth and power illegally to crush the rights, hopes and aspirations of migratory workers." He said that "Because of their extreme racist attitude they have up of minority, but ties."

The UFW issued a statement saying "The Farm Bureau claims to be an organization of small farmers which provides services to its members. In truth it is a \$4 billion business empire which is more involved in selling insurance than in properly representing the interests of America's farm families." The Farm Bureau is a corporation as big as Shell, DuPont or Chrysler and owns oil companies, insurance companies, a travel agency, and a fertilizer company, among others.

Other responses to the Arizona law are: (1) The AFL-CIO is urging the National Labor Council to institute a nationwide boycott against Arizona products. (2) Cesar Chavez has gone on a fast in an attempt to rally the spirits of the poor and working people of Arizona. He says the union has tried to appeal to the intellects, the intelligence, of the people of Arizona, and that now it must appeal to their hearts. His slogan is "There is hope."

It is doubtful that the picketing, the boycott, or the fast will do much to reverse the Arizona law. They can, though, create the political conditions and the sympathetic public opinion that would be necessary to back up more militant action by the UFW and its supporters. You can force growers to the bargaining table with boycotts, and you can pressure administrative bodies (like the NLRB - See other article this issue) to back off on blatantly repressive policy decisions by means of pickets and letters--but how do you get a state legislature that's in the hands of the growers and is backed by the corporate strength of groups like the Farm Bureau to rescind an anti-labor law?

The strength of Chavez and the UFW has been that they have consistently carried their economic struggle into the political arena and aroused support of other groups, classes, and strata of the people across the country. But their

Outlawed By Arizona



strictly legal forms of struggle, and their self-limitation to politics that don't challenge the entire political system that backs up the people who exploit the farmworkers (and other people around the country and the world) economically.

The farmworkers have followed Chavez so long as he can get results for them, and that's perfectly correct. But it's clear that Big Business and their politician friends are beginning to carry their struggle against the farmworkers to a higher level. In such circumstances, Chavez may very well be close to exhausting the conventional, legal, trade-unionist forms of struggle that the system allows to oppressed classes and peoples. Chavez is soon going to have to decide what limitations he will accept, and the farmworkers are going to have to decide how much they will allow themselves to be restrained as to the level and forms of struggle they engage in.

HASTA LA VICTORIA SIEMPRE! (Until Ultimate Victory)
LA HORA YA LLEGO! (The Time is Now)

Charlie Cox
Venceremos



Lettuce Boycott

Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers (UFW), has called for a boycott of iceberg (head) lettuce, to be implemented all across the U.S. and in Canada and northern Europe.

The boycott is in response to collapse to negotiations to obtain contracts with lettuce growers in California's Salinas Valley and Imperial Valley, and in the Yuma area of Arizona. Many of the growers signed contracts with the Teamsters' Union in 1970. California law allows employers to sign collective bargaining agreements with unions without consulting the employees involved. The UFW is contesting these "sweetheart" contracts.

The NLRB recently dropped its suit against the UFW which would have brought the union under NLRB jurisdiction, and thus would have outlawed the secondary boycott. Now the boycott is legal again. When the NLRB first moved against the UFW, the union got one million letters to congressmen within 20 days, protesting the action as an attempt by the Republican Party to smash the farm workers' union. A coalition of Third World and liberal white congressmen also attacked the NLRB action as "a conspiracy between the board and employers", and as "another exercise of a benign neglect policy toward minority groups by the Administration."

The dropping of the NLRB suit also allows the UFW to resume its boycott of nine California wineries. People who want to support the farmworkers can refrain from buying wines made by these companies: Beringer Brothers (owned by the Nestles conglomerate), F. Korbel and Sons, Charles Krug, Louis Martini, Robert Mondavi, Samuel Sabastiani, Weibel and Wente Brothers, and Kornel.

Co-op carries union lettuce. Buy only lettuce that has the Huelga eagle.

HOUSING CRISIS

The housing crisis in the United States, already extreme, is deepening. Like inflation, unemployment, and the Vietnam War, it shows how much trouble American imperialism has got us in. Every month, the landlords and the banks dig deep into the pockets of every poor and working family. Almost every household making less than \$10,000 a year pays from a quarter to half of their income for housing. Even the federal government thinks that's too much.

Washington itself has recognized how bad the housing problem is by offering housing subsidies to nearly half the nation's families. You may qualify. A family of two with an income of \$4250 or less qualifies for the rent supplement program hereabouts. A family of four with an income of \$8100 qualifies for federally subsidized "236" townhouses and apartments. Both programs are supposed to cut your housing costs down to a quarter of your income.

Congress has also clearly shown that it can't solve the housing problem by allocating only peanuts to fund its multitude of housing programs. In San Mateo County alone, some 33,000 households qualify for the rent supplement program, but Washington has allocated the County Housing Authority only 800-odd units. One third of the families in the County--some 58,000 households--qualify for the "236" housing, but the units completed or contemplated for the County number in the low hundreds.

You saw your housing money land on the moon last month. This month they're dropping it on Vietnam. Even if Congress did put enough money into it--what the moneygrubbers want for it--and the money Congress used would come from your taxes.

The people that benefit most from the federal programs are all too often the ones that need it least. On the Peninsula, Stanford University has been the greatest recipient of government housing funds. Over the last dozen years the University has used \$25 million in federal funds to build 1500 units of moderate-income housing--for relatively well-off students, not workers. This is despite the fact that a student faculty committee has estimated that the University owes some two thousand housing units to the workers in the industrial park, the shopping center, and on campus itself.

Can't Skimp On Housing

Housing is one necessity it's hard to skimp on. You can't cut back on it, like you can on meat, or grow it in the backyard, like this summer's tomatoes. You can decide to pass up the dentist this year, and to fix up the old car rather than buying a new one. But when the landlord raises the rent, you've got to pay it, 'cause there ain't nowhere else to go.

The rich and the powerful tell us that America is the best place in the world to live. They say that they just can't afford to house everybody cheaply and well--the housing problem is "too complex," and besides the labor unions want too much money. As usual, that's a lot of bull.

If you've been watching television recently you may have seen that the situation is a little different in Cuba. The Cubans started out with next to nothing, and most of that was sugar. But they had guts and brains and socialism, and the combination is hard to beat.

Since the revolution, they've been building themselves housing to last a century. Now they've got the rent pegged at six percent of take-home. And the



RUN-DOWN HOUSING PROJECT IN NEWARK

only ones who are complaining are the gusanos who lost their seaside villas when Fidel rode into Havana on a tank.

Things are a little different here, where the landlords have a captive market. While the cost of most things has more than doubled since 1950, speculators and banks have quadrupled the cost of land and builder financing--escalating the cost of new housing beyond the means of most Americans. But as a part of the total cost of new housing, the cost of labor (wages) has actually dropped since 1950.

Because of this capitalist profit-taking, for more than a decade, there's been almost no new housing at prices most of us can afford. The older housing we've been living in is aging and, some of it, deteriorating. In the cities, "urban renewal" has destroyed 400,000 low-income housing units, replacing them with only 100,000 new units, many of them at middle-income prices. In the suburban cities of the Peninsula and the East Bay, the attack on our housing has been subtler--with cheaply built apartments at excessive rents slowly phasing out the older neighborhoods of low and moderate income homes. Poor and working people are being pushed to the wall by the nation's real "housing policy."

Landlords and Bankers

The men who are making a killing out of our need for shelter are the ancient, dishonorable enemies of people

everywhere--the landlord and the money-lender. They are leeches with no social or economic purpose other than to support themselves by the sweat of our brows. To do so, they dominate us.

Who are the landlords? Some are old folks who live off the rents they collect from one or two houses, rather than from pensions or small bank accounts. They generally act humanely and are not the enemy.

But most are not that sort. Instead, they are speculators interested only in profit from buying and selling land, or slumlords collecting exorbitant rents in the barrio and ghetto, or professional men with high incomes looking for a tax dodge. None of these gentlemen have any interest in the people who live in "their" property--only in the rents they pay. Most of them are in league with the banks.

The Congressional committees that write the nation's housing programs are the banking committees. Not surprisingly they are controlled by the banks. During the fifties and sixties, when the banks and savings and loan companies had more of our savings in their accounts than they could profitably invest, these committees set up a sweet little deal where the developer, the banks, and the family doctor could get together and make a killing building el cheapo apartments.

The banks made big loans to the developer, who pocketed some of the money, tax-free, after building the apartments.

Casa de Redwood

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Casa de Redwood, a senior citizen housing development for 194 elderly men and women, is soon to open in Redwood City. This seven-story high-rise apartment is located at 1300 Veterans Blvd. between an auto repair shop and Pisano, a French bakery. It is being built by the Casa de Redwood Foundation, which is backed by the rich 1st Congregational Church of Redwood City.

Casa de Redwood is being built under the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 236 program. It is a classic example of the federal government's low-income housing programs. The pro-

low-income housing programs. The proposed rents are high and the low-income title is false. The project points out that in America, housing is based on profits, not people. New low-income housing has become a myth, even through federal programs. This is because all government programs are designed to work hand-in-hand with private profiteers, moneylenders and land speculators.

The first obstacle in building low-income housing is land. In San Mateo County land is very expensive. HUD only allows so much money per living unit for land. It took Casa de Redwood Foundation four years to find land cheap enough to build on. Most one-acre sites cost around \$250,000, while they only had \$136,000 to spend.

In order to have even that much money the foundation had to plan for 136 units; to build under a HUD program the developer must construct a lot of small units. As in the case of Casa de Redwood, this forces most groups to build single-bedroom highrise apartments. They take up a lot of the available land space and

limit outdoor recreational areas. At Casa de Redwood all communal recreational areas are indoors on the top floor. These factors make it extremely difficult or profitable to build anything but senior citizen or childless couple housing through HUD programs.

Another drawback to high land costs is the location. HUD housing must be built where the land is cheapest, which usually means in undesirable residential areas close to major traffic arteries and/or near industrial developments. Casa de Redwood fits this mold.

The HUD programs do nothing to cut the inflated land prices of profiteering land speculators. They may be willing to pay reasonable land prices, but these no longer exist. Thus HUD makes it virtually impossible to build low-income family units. Only if city and county governments help in buying land will some of the high cost be side-stepped.

The second obstacle is financing the building. Casa de Redwood, through HUD has a \$2.3 million loan from Wells Fargo Bank. This mortgage is loaned at regular inflated interest rates. National figures show that long term (40 year) mortgages eventually add up to more than twice the original loan. For Casa de Redwood this means more than \$4.6 million in tax money. If the federal government gave an outright loan to the foundation this would cut down on both taxes spent and on rents.

According to Mrs. Neilsen, secretary for Casa de Redwood Foundation, senior citizens can with federal help be making at least \$220/month income. At the current rates for Casa de Redwood of from \$93 to \$118 for an apartment this



Casa de Redwood In Redwood City

would mean that seniors might be paying up to half their income for housing. The federal government which is financing this project says that people should be paying only 1/4 of their income on rents.

Alvaro Passaro who lives in Half Moon Bay summed up the effects of the Casa de Redwood project in a letter to the Redwood City Tribune. He had lived in Redwood City for 43 years and was forced by high costs to move when he retired. He wants to come back, but says: "...I find out we must pay for one meal every day (my wife and myself) plus the rent. This expense is beyond our limitations."

Myron Filene,
Redwood City Venceremos

He sold them to the doctor. That was about the time doc stopped making house calls and started charging \$50 an hour for an office visit. That put him into a higher tax bracket, but he knew that only poor and working people pay taxes, so he looked for a tax dodge. Congress let him depreciate his apartments at double the usual rate, on the fiction that the apartments would "wear out" inside of ten years. That meant that even if he put only \$30,000 into a \$100,000 apartment, getting a mortgage for the rest, over ten years, he could write the whole \$100,000 off his income tax, subtracting his "loss" from his income, and paying taxes only on what was left. That way he might pocket \$15,000 a year that he would otherwise have had to pay in taxes.

Of course, the apartments didn't "wear out" after only ten years. In fact, they probably gained in value, and when the doctor had gotten all his depreciation he sold them at a handsome profit--and the new owner began depreciating them all over again. This was tax evasion legal style, a housing subsidy for the very rich. They call it a "tax shelter." Welfare Cadillacs are driven in Atherton.

When the Great Apartment Boom petered out in the late sixties, the government came to the rescue again. Something like a third of new housing starts now are federally subsidized, but again the subsidies are not for you and me, but for the moneylenders and the landlords. Rather than using our tax money to directly build good, solid, long-lasting housing, Congress is subsidizing bank loans, paying all but one percent on the interest of loans made to builders who use federal housing programs. This cuts the cost to the few of us who get to use this housing. But overall the taxpayers get to pay the price of the housing twice over in interest to the banks in the forty years the loans run.



N.Y. SQUATTERS SEIZE TENEMENT BUILDINGS

Housing United Front

Who's affected by the housing crisis? Everybody who is paying too much for housing and hurting because of it. The working family that has to put out a quarter or a third of its income to buy an older house, which will begin to fall apart before the payments are completed. The welfare mother with three kids living in a three-room apartment that eats up half her check in rent. The chicano families doubled up in a slumlord's high-priced cracker box, waiting for work so that they can find another place. The elderly couple finding that so much of their fixed income goes to rising property taxes that they have nothing to spare for necessary repairs and perhaps must move out of the house they have taken half their life to pay for. The junior college students who must live at home because apartment rents are too high for them to take a room.

deal with leeches is to do away with them. Landlords and moneylenders are totally unnecessary. They do not cut timber or bake the bricks. They do not build the houses, nor by and large do they do the gardening or janitorial work to maintain them. They do not live in them. More likely, they are jaunting around Europe or driving their welfare Cadillac up to Tahoe while the roof in East Redwood City leaks and the sink's stopped up. They don't make or do anything productive. All they do is collect the rents and the mortgage payments.

In New York, where many landlords boarded their tenements up and walked away from them, not because they weren't habitable but because they weren't profitable enough, people organized to reopen the buildings, occupy them, and fix them up themselves. Not that many buildings are abandoned in our area, but the attack of a people's offensive in housing will be against the capitalist's front line, the landlords and land speculators. As a first step they must be forced to put some of our rent money back into maintenance of our houses and apartments to keep them liveable. They must not be allowed to evict people or otherwise force them to move, unless they help find them a new place and pay the costs of moving and the difference in rents. They must not be allowed to avoid paying taxes on their profits and their property--on the contrary, tax relief must be given to poor and working homeowners who otherwise find it difficult to meet payments and sufficiently maintain their homes. Finally, landlords cannot be allowed to gouge the public with rents as high as the market can bear--they must submit to rent control that brings rents down to a level people can reasonably pay.

Dave Ransom
Redwood City Venceremos

VIETNAM WILL WIN!



Nixon has ordered a military blockade of North Vietnam that won't work.

The Vietnamese, both in the north and the south are letting us know that they don't consider the blockade a threat.

On May 10th, two days after Nixon announced the blockade, liberation forces fired 7,000 artillery rounds at the town of An Loc. They clearly don't seem worried about Nixon's threat to cut their supply lines. One reason for this is that Nixon, with the help of the established news media, has tried to prove that the offensive has been an invasion from the north, hence the need for a blockade in the north. But all necessary supplies and personnel have been gathered. Even in the north, U.S. government "experts" say that the north can easily be resupplied by China and the Soviet Union through rail lines from China that Nixon would have to bomb daily to even slow down the flow of supplies. The Vietnamese are very resourceful in moving supplies in the face of the bombing. The key is building many routes where there might have been one; where there used to be one bridge now there are sometimes three. Where there used to be one road, there may be five.

If the blockade isn't going to get Nixon his quick military victory, why has he done it? The blockade is Nixon's own personal power play, flashy but useless--an attempt to play big power politics. The Vietnamese are aware of his personal commitment to the war. They associate the bombing personally with the two presidents who have ordered it. They will tell you, when pointing to a bombed rail yard or a road, "Nixon destroyed that" or "Johnson destroyed that". They understand that Nixon is not fighting a war the American people want him to fight.

One of Nixon's mistakes is in assuming that superpowers will decide the outcome of the war. The blockade is a direct attempt to "confront" the Soviet Union. Maybe Nixon thinks that the Russians will try to put pressure on the Vietnamese to surrender. The Vietnamese have said however that they are not alarmed over Nixon's trip to Russia. Also, Nixon has thought that perhaps he could play off the soviet powers against each other by aggravating Sino-Soviet disputes. But that won't work either. Peking has declared that she will "put no obstacle in the way of the Soviet Union and Eastern European countries in sending aid to their mutual ally (Vietnam)." A high level delegation led by North Vietnamese minister of communication and the deputy minister of trade are in Peking right now coordinating Soviet

and Chinese aid.

Westerners had predicted that the USSR wouldn't send advanced weapons like the important surface-to-air missiles (SAM's) across China by rail, but the Soviet officials have indicated that this is currently being arranged. The Soviet Union has said that it will supply the Vietnamese with anything they need. In China too, there is the same determination. There are signs that the good will generated by Nixon's trip to China has begun to wear off. Chou En-lai, Chinese premier, has himself said that Nixon has already violated the spirit of cooperation agreed upon while Nixon was in China.

The blockade is certainly a diversion from what is perhaps the most savage. The Vietnamese have no concern for civilian life. But U.S. air power has created almost a half a million refugees in one week. U.S. planes usually move in and level any urban area that the liberation forces hold. In the last two weeks, U.S. planes have, for example, destroyed most of the provincial capital of An Loc, north of Saigon. An Loc has been a major focus of attack for the liberation forces for some time now. As a result, the U.S. military has almost destroyed the city.

Although in his May 8th speech announcing the blockade, Nixon complained about the loss of civilian life, Vietnamese as well as American, his actions over the past few weeks have hardly shown improvement in his cold racist mentality toward the war. On Sunday, May 21st, the U.S. command in Vietnam announced that they would no longer announce daily air raids over the North unless there were exceptional targets or results. "A target is a target is a target is a target" the command said. Hospitals, schools, heavily populated urban and suburban areas, all these are the targets that are no longer considered exceptional.

In the north, the blockade is a deliberate effort to destroy the economy of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, even though that attempt will not work. If the Vietnamese were any less self-sufficient and determined, it could be a direct threat to their civilian society. Nixon mined not only in major sea ports, but also in inland waterways, at river junctions and transshipment points. This is clearly an attack on the people, because the waterways are a major part of Vietnam's transportation system. Food, industrial equipment, raw materials and daily necessities are carried on the inland water canals.

In addition to the blockade, the U.S. planes have apparently been bombing the dikes of the Red River in north Vietnam. The U.S. carried out

bombardment of the dikes many times between 1966 and 1968. Thanks to the efficient air defenses in the north and the mobilization of the people to repair the damage, the U.S. never succeeded in creating a major breach, although there were several instances such as the bombing of tide control dikes in Quang Binh province, which destroyed 1500 hectares of rice paddy fields. Bombing of the dikes was reported on the day Nixon gave his speech and again on the 17th and 18th of this month. It's worth remembering that at the war crimes tribunal after WWII the U.S. condemned to death the NAZI who ordered the opening of the Dutch dikes. We called him "one of the worse war criminals..."

In the south the situation for the U.S. puppet Nguyen Van Thieu is growing worse by the day. Vietnamese troops are still crumbling despite massive U.S. air support and Nixon's attempt to blockade the north. Last week, 26 B-52 missions were flown over the town of An Loc in 26 hours. Yet the only way to push the South Vietnamese 21st and 9th divisions on toward An Loc was to offer them cash rewards and battlefield promotions.

In defending the central highlands town of Kontum, members of the South Vietnamese infantry were promised \$250 reward if they permanently destroyed an enemy tank. Even with that kind of "incentive", the morale was so low that one of the defending regiments reported it was under fire, in the hopes of receiving more outside support. It was later apparent that there had been no tanks or other enemy presence in the area.

In Saigon, itself, Thieu has no secure command. Vice President Agnew spent three hours in Saigon last week from Thailand and flew back again the same day. Security precautions included a cordon of tanks and armoured cars whose guns were aimed along the main streets. Even then, Agnew was flown in from the airport to the capital in a helicopter. At the same time Thieu last week made a request to the South Vietnamese parliament for emergency powers to achieve "full mobilization." But even though Thieu's request for martial powers was passed in the house, his own hand picked senate has given him opposition.

Despite their recent military successes, the Vietnamese point out that it is a political victory that they are after. Le Duc Tho, the chief Democratic Republic of Vietnam negotiator in Paris recently issued a statement in which he stressed that Nixon's May 8th proposals were unacceptable since they dealt only with certain military issues. The Vietnamese feel that the political and military issues must be dealt with at the same time. Tho pointed out that the demands of the liberation forces, for example, are not for the imposition of a communist government in the south, although this would probably have the most popular support. None the less, the north Vietnamese say that it is for the south Vietnamese to decide. What they ask for is a tripartite government in the south to "reflect the current reality", that is, to give the non-communist forces a chance for equal involvement. The war is not to impose a communist government in the south, it is to fight imperialism, to fight U.S. aggression in Vietnam. Nixon does not understand that for this reason all his flashy military gestures, all his attempts to play big power politics will continue to fail.

*Helen Chauncey
Stanford Venceremos*

On June 6th

To vote or not to vote?

To decide once every few years which member of the ruling class is to repress and crush the people through parliament---such is the real essence of bourgeois parliamentarism, not only in parliamentary-constitutional monarchies, but also in the most democratic republics.

Lenin, The State and Revolution

June 6th is election day in the state of California, and many people are asking themselves what to do at the polls. Of course most of the people won't even go to the polls, not because they are apathetic, but because the American political system has proven itself only as a tool used by the ruling class to "legitimize" their rule over the rest of society. Most people say, "Why should I vote? It never does any good...voting is just a farce."

There is a lot of truth in this view of "American democracy." Consider the fact that Richard Nixon was elected president by 24% of the eligible voters in 1968, that 80% of those were college graduates (and consequently from the higher economic strata) and that a good voter turn-out on election day is about 60-70%. If a candidate got all of those votes, he still would only have been elected by about 30% of the eligible voters; and that 30% represents the most affluent 30% of our population.

But whether we like it or not, there are certain measures on the June 6th ballot that will have a substantial impact on the people of California. These are amendments to the state constitution, propositions and proposed laws that have either been placed on the ballot by the state government or have been initiated by groups of citizens.

of Assistance of Counsel. This law was named in this way so as to fool as many people as possible. Like the "Right to Work" laws, which are designed to smash unions and strip away workers' power, the "Right to Counsel" law intends to rob the people of one of our constitutionally guaranteed rights.

If passed by the voters, the law would provide that every defendant in a criminal case must have a lawyer (especially in felony cases) and would take away a person's right to defend himself in criminal proceedings. The law should be called the "Ruchell



Magee Law" since it has been the courtroom genius of Brother Ruchell which has led certain reactionaries in the legislature to put this measure on the ballot in an effort to prevent "delays, reversals and courtroom disruptions which occur when an untrained person attempts to be his own lawyer." It would mean in effect that every political defendant would be required to be represented by a "public defender" better known as "people's double-crosser."

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 3.

PROPOSITION 5 would require that

Senate. Of course the Senate is a large and reactionary body of opportunists, but still, this act would prevent the Governor from having absolute and dictatorial power in the political appointment of the Regents.

VOTE YES ON 5.

PROPOSITION 9 is called the "Environment Initiative" and is basically an attempt by liberal ecologists to clamp down on corporate pollution, ecological destruction and conflict of interest. Many scientists have pointed

out weaknesses in the law, stating that what it demands is impossible, while others have argued that the restraints and regulations are quite reasonable. The real telling fact is that practically every major oil company and a host of other huge corporations have donated thousands upon thousands of dollars to a propaganda campaign against the measure. "To be attacked by the enemy is a good thing and not a bad thing, for it shows we are doing our work well," is perhaps the best guide to this proposal and so we say

VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 9.

specific approval by the voters. This measure is a key in the development of the Bay Area as a center for military-industrial expansion. The ruling class has tried for years to develop wealthy housing in the foothills, defense industries in the flatlands and working class communities across the bay. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Stanford Board of Trustees have fought tooth and nail against the interest of the masses of poor and working people of the Bay Area to further their corporate profits. They have a Bay Area masterplan which, if realized, would make the Bay Area the nation's leading center for defense research and development.

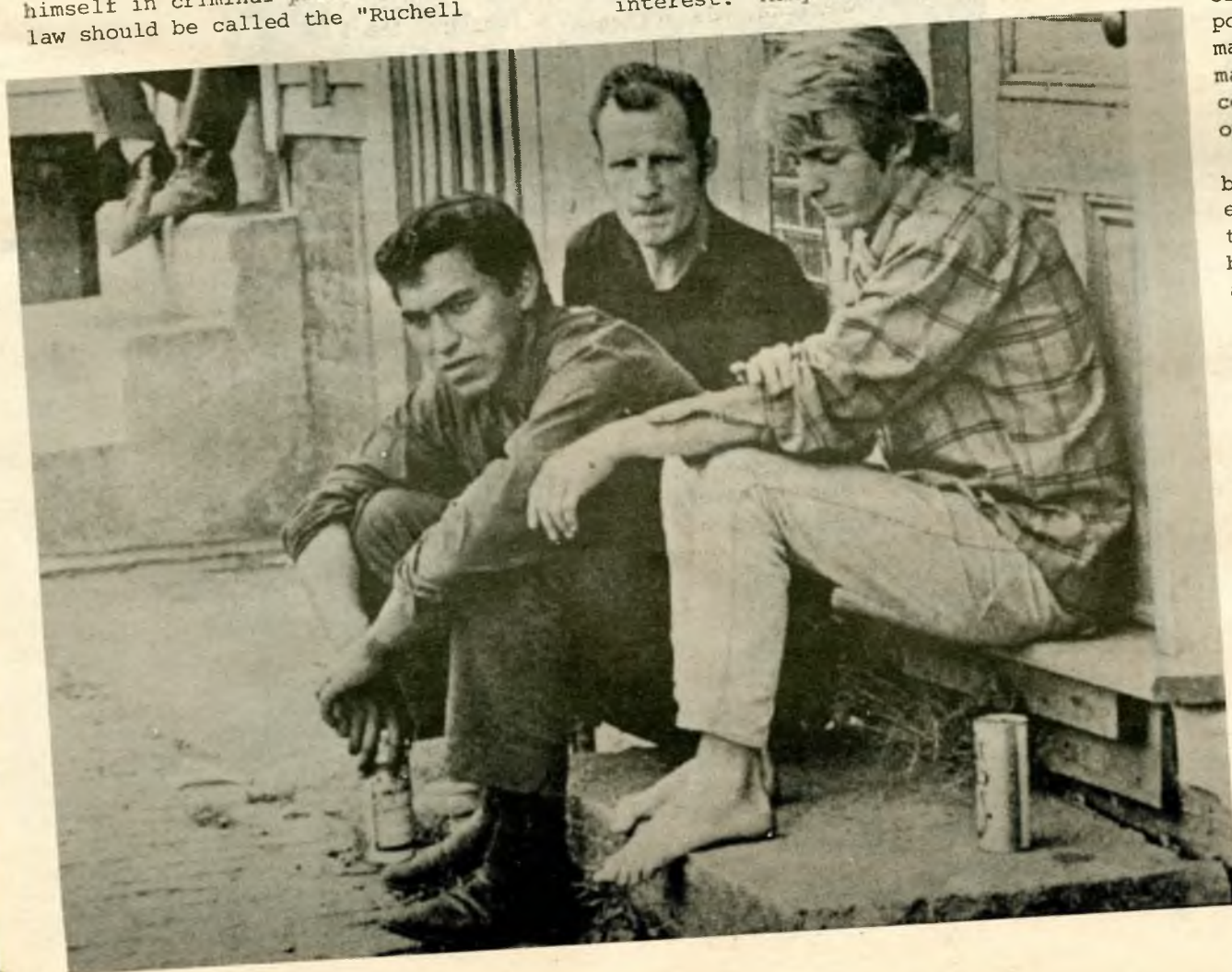
What the war profiteers want is to be able to ship workers quickly and efficiently into their plants and then to get rid of them when the whistle blows at 4:30. So they hope to build another Bay Bridge, this one to be an 8-lane highway from Hunters Point to Alameda and San Leandro. Like the Superblock and the Willow Expressway issues in the southern Bay Area, this proposition is just another attempt to further the profits of huge corporations at the expense of the taxpayers.

VOTE NO ON A

We believe people should vote on these state-wide issues, especially Propositions 3 and A. But we also recognize the truth in Lenin's statement, "The suppression of the bourgeois state by the proletarian state is impossible without a violent revolution."

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Phil Trounstine
Ministry of Information



COCA COLA STRIKE

On May 12, striking Teamsters at the Coke plant in Oakland and the Pepsi plant in Emeryville were joined by 250 antiwar demonstrators.

The people had gathered in Oakland for the People's Blockade of the Port of Oakland Army Terminal in response to Nixon's latest escalation of the Indochina War. While marching to meet another group of demonstrators, the West Bay Contingent joined the strikers on the picket line, chanting "On Strike, Shut it Down."

Later that day, at a rally at Bobby Hutton Memorial Park, word came that the strikers wanted the people to return, and so about 45 or 50 demonstrators went down to the Emeryville Pepsi plant. When they arrived, they were met by four members of the Alameda County Tac Squad and three or four Emeryville cops, who hung around for about two hours.

STRIKE LIMITED

The strike is mainly over job security provisions of the contract which expired last October. Wage demands have been kept within the 5.5% limits set by Nixon's Pay Board.

The striking Teamsters are getting resistance from three sides, and have asked for people's support. First, the International Union has refused to allow the strike to spread beyond the Bay Area and Fresno. In L.A., the union sent strikers back to work when they went on a wildcat to support their Bay Area brothers and sisters. And though the union is supporting the strikers with \$35/week from the strike fund, the men our reporter spoke with feel that the strike would be more effective and and resources. What they're really afraid of is committing the union to a

CHEAP LABOR

U.S. business in Mexico extends along a 1,856 mile long and 12 mile deep border zone of Mexico. 280 American factories have popped up in the past six years. This took place while the rich capitalists in the U.S. cried that the workers from Mexico cause unemployment in the U.S.

The advantage of this move is obvious cheap labor and low taxes. The process is the same as in Asia and other Third World countries. The border plants import U.S. materials and components duty free, employ labor dirt cheap to assemble the product, shipping them back paying only a duty on value added.

The U.S. embassy in Mexico City estimates that these factories employed 40,000 workers last year. 80% of these workers are women between the ages of 16 and 24.

The unemployment in Mexico is a huge problem and competition for these jobs allow the bosses to push speed-up and extract great production quotas from the workers.

One company boasted that the units produced in Metamoros, Mexico was 4,000 compared with 2,500 a day in Eules, Texas. The labor was produced by women who are paid below average wages in both countries.

The same capitalist pigs who protest that "aliens" are taking jobs are the same hypocrites who reap large profits from the backs of Third World people around the world and here in the U.S.

Workers are beginning to realize what really oppresses them is not what the bosses tell them but the bosses themselves.

Sal Jimenez

decisive battle.

RANK AND FILE DETERMINED

Because the union won't spread the strike geographically and hurt the company enough to win quickly, the companies have refused to negotiate. As a result of the union's policy, the strike in the Bay Area is being dragged out over a longer period of time at the expense of the local strikers. But the men are determined to stick it out. They've made too many sacrifices to quit now. One man is losing his home and another is losing his camper; two strikers have died of heart attacks, one on the picket line and another at a support demonstration.

The strikers, it should be understood, have not openly criticized the union, for they understand the need to present a united front.

RIGHTS RESTRICTED

The second obstacle is the state, which has granted the companies injunctions and gagged the strikers from publicly speaking on behalf of the strike. They are not allowed to have more than three men on the picket line at any time.

But there is no injunction against outside supporters joining the picket lines to enforce the strike, and the demonstrators in Emeryville did exactly that, chanting "Ho, Ho, Scabs gotta go." They managed to slow down deliveries and were able to turn one truck away. Also, workers in the vicinity focused their attention on the strike and the company executives got very uptight.

MERCENARY SCAB SQUAD

scab workers and trucks get in and out of the plant. The squad is also intended

to terrorize the picketers. Most of the scab squad are misguided

mercenaries. As the morning went on, these dudes got more and more pushy and finally attacked the supporting picketers with clubs. They managed to crack open one brother's skull, but this was quickly patched up by a revolutionary doctor from the Redwood City People's Medical Clinic who was on hand and in the picket line. The union people called the pigs to file a complaint, but of course they did nothing and refused to hold the scab in custody if the people arrested him.

DIVIDE TO TRY TO CONQUER

Most of the bottlers on strike are white people. Most of the scabs that the company has hired are black and most of the hired guards are black. The company has set up a situation where the immediate people that the strikers see every day, blocking their victory, are blacks. This is a standard tactic of the ruling class, to keep the working class divided across national boundaries. But the strikers are hip to this plot to defeat the walk out. One man explained that while he doesn't dig the scabs, he realizes that it's not the blacks' fault that they are being used against the strike and that they have been screwed for hundreds of years.

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Guns and Politics

BY KENT HUTCHINGS

A scant fifteen minutes after George Wallace was punctured by shots fired from a .38 revolver, liberals all over the country began their latest attack on guns.

Opportunists that they are, Humphrey, McGovern, Chisolm, and the rest of their slimy lot seized on this latest chance to overcome logic, reason, and the inalienable right of self-defense with emotional rhetoric.

What are they afraid of?

To be blunt, they're scared stiff that the next bullet might be aimed at them.

When Malcolm X was murdered, there was no outcry for gun control. When Fred Hampton was killed in his sleep in Chicago by Hanrahan's hogs, Humphrey, McGovern, and Chisolm didn't utter so much as a peep about taking away those murderers' guns.

No, it's only when one of their own kind is killed or threatened that these liberal fascists get uptight.

To smokescreen their concern for their own skin they make liberal noises about the crime rate and the availability of handguns as if there was some connection.

They even have the gall to say that guns CAUSE crime.

To quote someone named Marianne Means in last Sunday's Examiner: "If you reduce the number of nuts who can easily get their hands on a gun, you reduce the number of nuts who might hurt somebody."

In otherwords, the less guns there are, the less criminals.

In Switzerland, every able-bodied male from the age of 18 on is required by law to keep in his house a fully automatic Sig assault rifle along with

hundreds of rounds of ammunition. One of the finest--and most reliable--military rifles in the world, it would

be very easy for a "nut" to get as much as 500 yards away from one of Switzerland's leaders and fill him full of holes.

Likewise, a "nut" could decide to knock over the corner candy store and what cop in his right man would tangle with a man armed with a Sig.

The reason for the guns is that Switzerland values its freedom and wants to be prepared against an invasion. Oddly enough, the Swiss leaders have so much confidence in their people, that they train and equip them so that, if an invasion comes, the people can start resisting immediately.

With all those weapons, if the gun control advocates were right about the relationship between guns and crime, Switzerland would be one of the most crime-infested countries in the world.

Oddly enough, Switzerland is one of the most peaceful countries in the world.

On the other end of the political spectrum, there are the examples of North Vietnam, China, Cuba and a host of other socialist nations.

In all of these countries, the people are armed to the teeth with everything from pistols to machine guns and mortars.

In North Vietnam, almost every able-bodied adult citizen has in his home, his school, or his factory, some kind of gun. The purpose of all those weapons is for defense against U.S. planes. Yet, they could be used to assassinate North Vietnamese politicians. And, unless there aren't any "nuts" in North Vietnam, which I doubt, the gun control advocates must be wrong, because there have never been any leaders offed.

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they were the residents of the village. Ho Chi Minh, unlike the rulers and would-be rulers of this country, was never so much as threatened.

All of the above is to point out that the ownership of guns by large segments of a country's population does not necessarily lead to violence.

However, the advocates of gun control sometimes try to argue that disarmed populations are necessarily non-violent and peaceful.

Unfortunately for their case, this just isn't true.

Britain, the most often-used example has a high and rapidly increasing crime rate. Before economic recession hit, it was true that most professional criminals were not armed with guns.

Now, however, a number of British police have gotten killed and an even larger number have been shot at.

A much more stark example of how wrong our fuzzy-minded liberals are can be found in just about every third world country controlled by the U.S.

Without exception, these countries have outlawed the possession of handguns and most have banned guns altogether. Also without exception, the people of these countries manage somehow to get--and use--guns in the commission of crimes.

The reason is that guns don't cause crime--social conditions cause crime. Where the populace of a country is content, or at least satisfied, with their conditions, crime is almost non-existent. But, when conditions are such that a people's survival depends at least in part on ripping off the ruling class, crime, violence, and the use of weapons are prevalent.

A high crime rate is an indication that a society is sick. The cure lies not in outlawing one of the symptoms--the possession and use of weapons--but in dealing with the cause--the oppression of the people.

MORE ON GUN CONTROL

PEOPLE'S DOC

We've done several articles about common diseases and what to do about them. Now we're going to do a series of articles about first aid-- the kind of medicine we practice in the streets and for emergencies occurring during house defense. Save this series and you'll have a People's First Aid handbook. This is the second of a series.

What do you do if you come upon a brother or sister lying unconscious on the street? KEEP YOUR HEAD, quickly check out the situation and act accordingly to a few simple procedures:

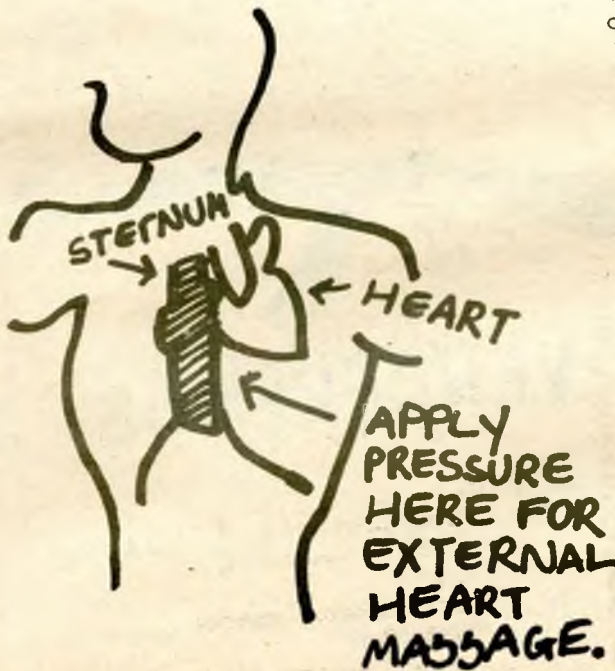


Emergency Treatment

1. If you just came upon the scene, take ten seconds to ask or figure out what happened.

2. If the comrade's life is in immediate danger (from rampaging pigs, fire, or electrical wire, etc.) yell for help and deal first with the source of the danger. Move the person only if she will probably die if you don't. In abiding by this simple procedure you prevent possible damage to the spine.

CHECK FOR BREATHING. Keep ear close to mouth and observe the chest for 5-10 seconds. If the comrade has stopped breathing IMMEDIATELY start mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration (see last issue p.16). Yell for help and an ambulance, if possible.



4. If the comrade is breathing, or if artificial respiration is taken care of, check the pulse (a.) both wrists (b.) groin (c.) neck (d.) over the heart (in the center of the chest). If no pulse is felt, IMMEDIATELY give a sharp blow with the fist to the breast bone in the center of the chest. Quickly feel for the pulse. Repeat three times if necessary, checking each time for the beginning of a pulse.

5. If chest pound is unsuccessful, do a closed heart massage: (a.) Place heel of right hand on the bottom of the breast bone. Place heel of the left hand on top of your right hand and push down hard, in a regular rhythm (chest should push in about 1 1/2 to 2 inches). Normal pulse is about 60-70 beats per minute so try to pump about once per second. Count out loud, 1001, 1002, 1003... You are now doing the work of the heart muscle, circulating blood (with oxygen) to the entire body. Ask the comrade to check the pulse in the groin or wrist to see if the massage is working. (b.) If you are working with a friend doing artificial respiration, time the heart massage with the breathing: 1001, 1002, 1003, etc. Check frequently to see if the heart beat returns. Keep rhythm as regular as possible. As you tire, trade with a comrade.

Keep up the heart massage for 30 minutes, until the sister or brother is hospitalized. If the heart does start again, and breathing returns, take pulse continuously until hospitalized (the heart often stops again).

6. Check for massive bleeding.

Next issue we will go into how to deal with massive bleeding.

letters

Brothers and Sisters,

Man, thanks for taking the time out to answer my letter and sending me the poster. It made me feel so right on! I decided my mom can just do what she wants to me, for there's not much she can do after I've already subscribed to the paper. Anyway, there's nothing she can say to change my ideas politically.

Your letter filled me up with such a good feeling and encouragement! You people really care about your fellow brothers and sisters, Right on! So I've saved up six dollars, and am sending it right to you. I can't thank you enough for helping me getting my mind straight. It just took those few words!

All of you are really beautiful people!
Thanks again for your encouragement!.

Power to the People! Venceremos!

Patti Andrews

NOTE: We received this letter dated May 15, 1972 in our mail on May 16, 1972.

Early Sunday morning, May 14, we set fire to the Ford Motor Company warehouse at Pier 34 in San Francisco, in solidarity with the struggle of the people of North Vietnam.

The understanding and militancy of the American people is growing. We see that the owners of giant corporations like Ford are the common enemy of people here and throughout the world. More and more of us are realizing that the 7-Point Peace Plan presented by the Vietnamese in Paris is the true basis for peace and that the policies and peace plans of the Nixon administration are the policies of racist genocide abroad and fascism at home.
VICTORY TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE!
ALL POWER TO ALL FIGHTERS AGAINST U.S. IMPERIALISM!

VISIT FROM A PIG

My name is Cindy Griffin. I'm in the 6th grade at Ventura School (in Palo Alto). May 15, pig Bonander came to give us a visit (a little surprise from the police department).

When he started talking a girl from class asked how come did they hit people with clubs? He answered that they did not hit people with clubs. Bullshit! I've seen people hit with them. As I started telling some of my girlfriends what a lie that was the teacher told me to listen or to go outside.

Next thing he told us was how they fingerprints. When he asked for volunteers most everybody wanted to. He picked only blacks. He tried to get the kids friends with him so as they would think he was nice all the time. Most of the kids fell for this.

As we crowded around him begging to see his car we crowded around, he got in the front seat and picked up the rifle and pointed at our legs. The pigs ought to be taught how to handle guns.

On May 17th we were shown a film on what the pigs do everyday. This film or never use violence unless he has to. Does this not include Stanford hospital? If not how come they break down walls and start beating people.

On May 18, he came back again. This time he brought some more lies. He said "I like being an officer if I wasn't I couldn't have met you."

Just as he finished he showed us his spray can of mace. He said this was used sometimes to calm somebody they are arresting.

We have got to stop the pigs from retarding kids minds to thinking like a pig! WE HAVE GOT TO STOP THE PIGS NOW! BEFORE THEY GET TOO FAR!

Dear Pamoja Venceremos,

I thought I'd let you know about some of the shit that's going down at Billy Smith's pre-trial hearings. Wednesday morning, May 17, I drove down for a hearing. I got a visitor's pass and drove over to the courtroom. Outside the courtroom, I got hassled by some MP's who said there was no such trial and that anyway it wasn't open to the public. After letting them know I wasn't going to fall for their nonsense, an officer came out of the courtroom and told me that the hearing was scheduled for the afternoon.

When I came back later that day, I parked my car as instructed by some MP's after telling them I was there for the trial. Then they led me to a building, I assumed to get my pass. Instead they started reading my "rights" to me. When I asked what was going on and tried to get some information out of the MP's- they threw me in a cell. They also arrested 4 L.A. people who had driven up for the hearing. After half an hour

they let me out and gave me a citation for "trespassing with illegal intent to the Stockade" at 7:15 a.m. that morning, in a tan VW. They didn't bother to check with their own MP's who witnessed me arriving at 7:30 that morning in a blue Dodge Colt wagon. If convicted, the penalty I believe, is \$500 or 6 months in jail.

I'm to be tried by a Magistrate, a civilian judge, at Fort Ord on June 5. I'm not asking for support, because the whole thing is such bullshit. I'll be surprised if it actually goes to court. But I do want people to know the kind of shit the military's up to. Such harassment indicates to me that they're scared, because they know Billy is INNOCENT, and guilty only of opposing the war and the racist, fascist military oppressors; they know that they can rip him off unless we bring his case to the people's attention. The lifers' attitude, as expressed by one of the MP's as we left the Fort, was, "Too bad you won't be able to get back on base to watch us hang him." But they know that we won't let them get Billy, that we will stop them by any means necessary.

In the cell where they put me was the graffiti, "lifers are like flies-- they're a pest and they eat shit." In China they've found a way to deal with flies--they get rid of them. Maybe we should study the methods used by our Chinese comrades to get rid of flies-- both kinds!

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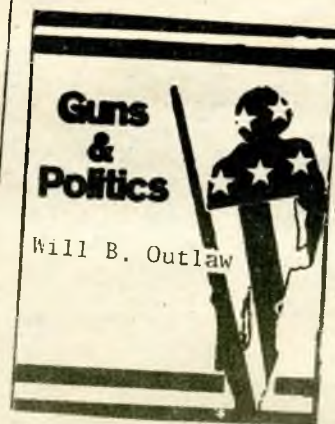
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GENTE DE SOUTH CITY MARCHAN CONTRA LA GUERRA

17



El sábado 20 de mayo como cincuenta personas se juntaron en el parque Orange en South San Francisco. Esta era la primera vez que habido una marcha política en South City.

Estábamos protestando la intensificación de la guerra en Vietnam por Nixon. También demandamos que Nixon acepte el plan de paz de siete puntos puesto por la gente de Vietnam del sur.

En la marcha había trabajadores y estudiantes quién eran por mayoría Latino. Muchos de nosotros teníamos mas que la guerra contra Nixon. Por ejemplo mal educación, sueldos congelados, y sus

lucha que nos junto.

Mucha gente tenía miedo de ir, aunque teníamos permiso de la policía, la razón de esto era que ellos nomás habían visto a las chotas arrestar gente cuando protestaban.

Marchamos fuera del parque así al City Hall cantando "Che, Che, Che Guevara, Nixon, Nixon, a la chingada."

Las chotas comenzaron amenazarnos porque no les gustaban como hablabamos (no era permitido en el permiso) pero mucha gente por el camino les gusto y nos saludaban. Personas en sus carros pitaban en apoyo y varias personas se bajaron de sus carros para marchar.

Cuando llegamos al City Hall habíamos cerca de cien personas. Detubimos la bandera de Venceremos en frente de al puerta del City Hall. Las chotas estaban parados en la esquina tratando de figurar que hacer con nosotros. Juntamos varias personas para hablar de lo que pasaba en Vietnam, y como nos afectaba en South City, y lo que estaban haciendo gente en South City en respuesta. Mientras tanto las chotas andaban amenazándonos que nos iban a arrestar por como estábamos hablando. Pero en vez de asustarnos la gente se unió mas y gritaban mas fuerte al resistir a la policía. Adelante South City!

Que es lo que hace esta demostración tan importante? Es verdad que habido miles de demostraciones en este país, pero esta era diferente.

Primero tiene que comprender algo de South City. Todavía es una ciudad pequeña que depende mucho a la industria y es primeramente compuesta por gente obrera. También tiene una comunidad grande de gente del Tercer Mundo, especialmente Chicana.

La demostración fue llamada y organizada con una llamada general para que se unían no nomás gente latina pero también trabajadores, estudiantes, gente de la

calle, para que toda la gente se junten sus fuerzas. Esto enseña que la lucha esta bajando de los colegios y a las comunidades industriales. La demostración fue guiada por gente del Tercer Mundo porque nosotros comprendemos esta sociedad racista y oprimida. También enseña como gente se esta uniendo con los Vietnam, primero porque sabemos que es una guerra racista, y que no hubiera durado tanto tiempo en un país de raza blanca. También comprendemos que el enemigo que está destruyendo a los Vietnames es el mismo enemigo aquí, el imperialismo yanqui.

ABAJO CON EL IMPERIALISMO
UNIDOS VENCEREMOS!

NEGOCIOS AMERICANAS EN MEXICO

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A lo largo de 1,856 millas y 12 millas a lo hondo de la zona fronteriza de Mexico. 280 industrias se han realizado en en los últimos 6 años. Esto tomo lugar cuando los capitalistas ricos en los E.E.U.U. gritaban que los trabajadores Mexicanos causaban en desempleo en los Estados Unidos.

El provecho de este cambio es obvio, trabajo barato y impuestos bajos.

El proceso es el mismo en Asia y en otros países del tercer mundo. Las industrias fronterizas importan materiales y componentes sin tarifas y luego no les pagan nada a los trabajadores que usan para la asamblea de los productos, luego los importan para otras a los E.E.U.U. pagando una tarifa muy baja.

La Embajada de los E.E.U.U. en la Ciudad de Mexico estima que estas industrias emplearon como 40,000 trabajadores el año pasado. 80% de los trabajadores son mujeres entre las edades de 16 y 24 años.

El desempleo en Mexico es un problema muy grande, y la competición es tal que los patrones trabajan tanto a sus empleados para extraer de ellos enormes.

Una compañía se dió el lujo de decir que las unidades producidas en Matamoras Mexico eran 4,000 comparados a 2,500 al dice en Eules Texas el trabajo fue producido por mujeres que son pagadas mas bajo que el sueldo mínimo en los dos países.

Los mismos capitalistas que protestaban que los emigrantes estan tormando todos los trabajos de aquí.

Son los mismos hipocritas que estan aprovechandose de las tremendas ganancias de las industrias americanas en Mexico y en otros países del Tercer Mundo y hasta la mismo gente del tercer mundo aquí en los Estados Unidos.

LOS SEIS DE SAN QUENTÍN

Los seis fueron acusados de rebelión, asalto, y asesinato resultado del incidente en San Quentín que acaba con la muerte de George Jackson el 21, de Agosto 1971.

Hugo Pinell, que esta recuperando de una herida de puñete por un guardia, se miraba cansado y ha perdido mucho peso.

David Johnson uno de los seis le explicó como Hugo fue traído de la prisión de Soledad y fue aislado de los demás prisioneros y no pudo comunicarse con nadie. La respuesta del Juez Wilson encargado del juicio a la queja fue que el no iba a intervenir en las funciones de la prisión.

Cuando Willie Tate hablo acerca de un substituto del abogado que fue apuntado por la corte (que ni siquiera lo habia visitado) con R.J. Engel. Cuando terminó, trató de agarrar la atención de su abogado puesto por la corte, pero no le hizo caso. Lo que hizo el juez fue sacarlo por hacer mucho ruido.

Entonces David Johnson otro de los seis obtuvo permiso de hablar, y empeso a explicar mas de Hugo Pinell. Pero el juez le dijo que no interviniera, y que ya habia escuchado bastante de David, pero David continuo y el juez le dijo que lo iba asacar. David le pregunto que si lo estaba amenazando, entonces el juez (mientras tanto decia que no era un amenaza) mando que sacaran a David. Al pasar la banca, Johnson le escupió a Wilson, y fue retirado con violencia por los guardias.

Luis Talamantez entonces tiro sus papeles legales así a la banca. La corte fue baciada con yantos de fascismo.

Cuando la gente regresó a la corte los seis de San Quentín estaban asentes. Es claro que estas tácticas, disfrazadas como "decoro legal" tienen dos objectos: De que los hermanos no digan lo que la corte no quiere oír, y de prevenir que aparesan en corte menos de lo que lo hacen.

LIBERTAD PARA LOS SEIS
DE SAN QUENTÍN

VENCEREMOS PROGRAM

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We stand for government by the poor and working people. The revolution and the new socialist society will be led by the proletariat, the most oppressed people--Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, Asian-Americans, poor whites, people on the street, all those who must either sell their labor to live, live off unemployment or welfare, or end up in jail or the army.

The proletariat must lead the rest of the working class and all other people oppressed by U.S. imperialism to overthrow the rich, who now own and control all the institutions of the so-called United States of America, and seize these institutions for the people.

Only the dictatorship of the proletariat and its allies can fully satisfy our five basic demands, but we will work to achieve each and every one of them through the day to day struggles of the people:

1. DECENT FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING, WORK, FREE MEDICAL CARE, AND GOOD EDUCATION FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE U.S. AND THROUGHOUT ALL THE WORLD.

As the wealthiest country in the world, the U.S. has the resources and capability right now to provide a decent standard of living for all its citizens. The rip-off of the world must end and be replaced by true international solidarity based on restitution of the people's stolen property. Everybody has a right to decent, safe, meaningful work. We will not tolerate a medical system based on profit. We demand an education which exposes the lies and oppression created by this corrupt system, teaches the true heroic history of the oppressed people, and allows each person to develop their full potential.

2. EQUAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN. AN END TO ALL FORMS OF SEXUAL OPPRESSION.

We demand equal pay for equal work, free 24-hour-a-day child care centers, free and non-discriminatory education that teaches our true history and the skills we need to determine our own destinies, control of our own bodies, including birth control and free abortion if desired but excluding involuntary abortion and compulsory sterilization (genocide).

There must be an end to discrimination within industry, educational institutions, the home, the mass media, and in everyday social life. All forms of sexual oppression must end, including all laws governing sexual practice among consenting people.

3. PEOPLE'S JUSTICE. AN END TO THE TYRANNY BY THE RICH MINORITY OVER THE OPPRESSED MAJORITY OF COLOR AND POOR AND WORKING WHITE PEOPLE.

We believe that trial by a jury of peers means that all trials must be held in the immediate community, and judges and juries be people who live in the community directly.

We want direct community control of police, meaning all police live in the community they patrol and be chosen by the community itself.

We want the mass of people to bear arms, and the police, as servants of the people, not be allowed to bear arms.

We want all Third World, working class people, and youth now imprisoned, to be set free because the overwhelming majority of them have not been tried by their peers. They have received only INjustice from this system. Free All Political Prisoners.

The people must smash all the forms of developing fascism, including the gestapo tactical squads, no-knock and conspiracy laws, wiretaps, injunctions, grand juries, Red squads, state and federal anti-subversive committees, and the

various brands and varieties of secret police.

4. AN END TO THE DRAFT AND AN END TO A PROFESSIONAL STANDING MILITARY IN THE U.S.

No one should be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not kill other poor and oppressed peoples who, like us, are the victims of U.S. imperialism.

We support the just struggles of American servicemen who are struggling within the military against the oppressor.

To assure freedom and justice in the U.S. and the rest of the world, the revolution must abolish the standing army in the U.S. and create a People's Liberation Army that serves the people.

5. SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL OPPRESSED NATIONS AND PEOPLES.

Within the U.S., the Black people, Chicano people, Puerto Ricans, Native Americans, and the

people of Hawaii each constitutes an oppressed nation. As such, each of these peoples has the right to self-determination. This includes the right to form a separate nation-state, if they so desire, and to have any and all kinds of self-government that nation-states are entitled to. If any of these peoples chooses to secede from the U.S. empire, we will support their secessionist struggle by all necessary means and with our lives.

There are other oppressed minority peoples--including Chinese-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Latinos, Eskimos, Filipinos, etc.--who have the right to control their own communities and are entitled to regional autonomy and full democratic rights. We pledge to support their struggles by all necessary means and with our lives.

PROGRAMA DE VENCEREMOS

Insistimos en un gobierno de los pobres y de los obreros. La revolución y la nueva sociedad socialista serán conducidas por el proletariado, los más oprimidos--los Negros, Chicanos, Puertorriqueños, Americanos nativos, Americanos-Asiáticos, blancos pobres, los que viven en la calle, todos aquellos que o están obligados a vender su trabajo para ganarse la vida, o se mantienen del seguro o la asistencia social, o terminan en la cárcel o en el ejército.

El proletariado tiene que conducir al resto de la clase obrera y a todo el pueblo oprimido por el imperialismo yanqui para derrocar a los ricos, quienes en la actualidad son los dueños y controlan todas las instituciones de los llamados EE. UU.A., y tomar estas instituciones para el pueblo.

La dictadura del proletariado y sus aliados es el único camino para satisfacer las siguientes cinco reivindicaciones básicas; sin embargo trabajaremos para realizar estas reivindicaciones a través de las luchas cotidianas del pueblo:

1. ALIMENTOS, ROPA, VIVIENDA, TRABAJO, ASISTENCIA MEDICA GRATUITA, Y UNA BUENA EDUCACIÓN PARA TODA PERSONA EN LOS EE. UU. A. Y POR TODO EL MUNDO.

Siendo el país más rico del mundo los EE.UU.A. tienen los recursos y la capacidad---en este momento---de proveer a todos sus ciudadanos un nivel de vida decente. El pillaje del mundo tiene que acabarse y sustituirse por una solidaridad verdaderamente internacional basada en la restitución al pueblo de todo aquello que le ha sido robado. Todo el mundo tiene derecho a un trabajo decente, seguro y de sentido. No toleraremos servicios médicos que se basan en la ganancia. Pedimos una educación que revele las mentiras y la opresión creadas por este sistema corrupto, una enseñanza que proporcione la verdadera e heroica historia de los pueblos oprimidos y que permita a cada uno desarrollar toda su humanidad.

2. IGUALDAD ECONOMICA, POLITICA Y SOCIAL PARA LA MUJER. FIN A TODAS LAS FORMAS DE OPRESIÓN SEXUAL.

Exigimos un salario igual para todo trabajo igual; centros gratuitos que cuiden, inclusive

24 horas al día, de los niños; una educación gratuita y no-discriminatoria que nos enseñe nuestra verdadera historia y las especialidades que necesitamos para determinar nuestros propios destinos; el control de nuestros cuerpos, incluyendo el control de la natalidad y el aborto gratuito si lo deseamos, pero excluyendo el aborto involuntario y la esterilización forzosa (genocidio).

Hay que poner fin a la discriminación dentro de la industria, las instituciones educacionales, el hogar, los medios de comunicación y en la vida social cotidiana. Todas las formas de opresión sexual han de acabar, inclusive todas las leyes que se relacionan con la práctica sexual entre personas de común acuerdo.

3. JUSTICIA POPULAR. FIN A LA TIRANIA DE LA MINORIA ADINERADA CONTRA LA MAYORIA OPRIMIDA DE COLOR Y LOS POBRES Y OBREROS BLANCOS.

Creemos que el concepto de proceso con un jurado de iguales quiere decir que todo proceso ha de realizarse en la comunidad inmediata del acusado y que los jueces y el jurado han de ser personas que viven directamente en la comunidad.

Queremos el control popular directo de la policía, es decir todo policía debiera de vivir en la comunidad que patrulla y debiera de ser escogido por esa misma comunidad.

Queremos que las masas del pueblo posean armas y que a la policía, como servidores del pueblo, no le sea permitido llevar armas.

Queremos que se ponga en libertad a toda persona del Tercer Mundo, de la clase obrera y de la juventud que hoy se encuentra encarcelado porque la gran mayoría de estos presos jamás han sido procesados y los pocos que sí lo han sido no han sido juzgados por sus iguales. Sólo han recibido injusticias de este sistema. Libertad para todos los prisioneros políticos.

El pueblo tiene que aplastar todas las formas del fascismo en desarrollo, incluyendo las escuadras tácticas tipo Gestapo, las leyes que permiten el registro sin aviso y las leyes "contra la conspiración," todo espionaje electrónico, las

prohibiciones generales, los grandes jurados de acusación, las Escuadras Rojas anti-comunistas, los comités estatales y federales contra la "subversión," y todos los tipos y especies de policía secreta.

4. FIN A LA CONSCRIPCIÓN MILITAR, FIN AL EJÉRCITO PROFESIONAL EN LOS EE.UU.A

Nadie debiera de ser forzado a luchar en el ejército para defender un gobierno racista que no nos protege. Jamás asesinaremos a otros pueblos pobres y oprimidos quienes, como nosotros, son las víctimas del imperialismo yanqui.

Apoyamos las luchas justas de los soldados estadounidenses que luchan dentro del aparato militar contra el opresor.

Para asegurar la libertad y la justicia en los EE.UU.A y en el resto del mundo la revolución ha de abolir el ejército de los EE.UU.A. y crear un Ejército de Liberación del Pueblo que servirá al pueblo.

5. LA LIBRE-DETERMINACION PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES Y PARA LOS PUEBLOS OPRIMIDOS.

Dentro de los EE.UU.A. el pueblo Negro, el pueblo Chicano, los Puertorriqueños, los Americanos nativos y el pueblo de Hawaii en sí constituyen naciones oprimidas. Como tal cada uno de estos pueblos tiene el derecho a la libre-determinación. Esto incluye el derecho a formar una nación aparte, si así lo desean, y de establecer cualquier y todo tipo de auto-gobierno. Si cualquier de estos pueblos escoge separarse del imperio EE. UU.A. nosotros apoyaremos su lucha separatista con todos los medios a nuestro alcance y con nuestras vidas.

Hay otros pueblos minoritarios oprimidos---los Americanos de procedencia China y Japonesa, los Latinos, los Esquimales, los Filipinos, etc---que tienen el derecho a controlar sus propias comunidades y que merecen una autonomía regional y plenos derechos democráticos. Afirmando que apoyaremos las luchas de estos pueblos con todos los medios necesarios y con nuestras vidas.

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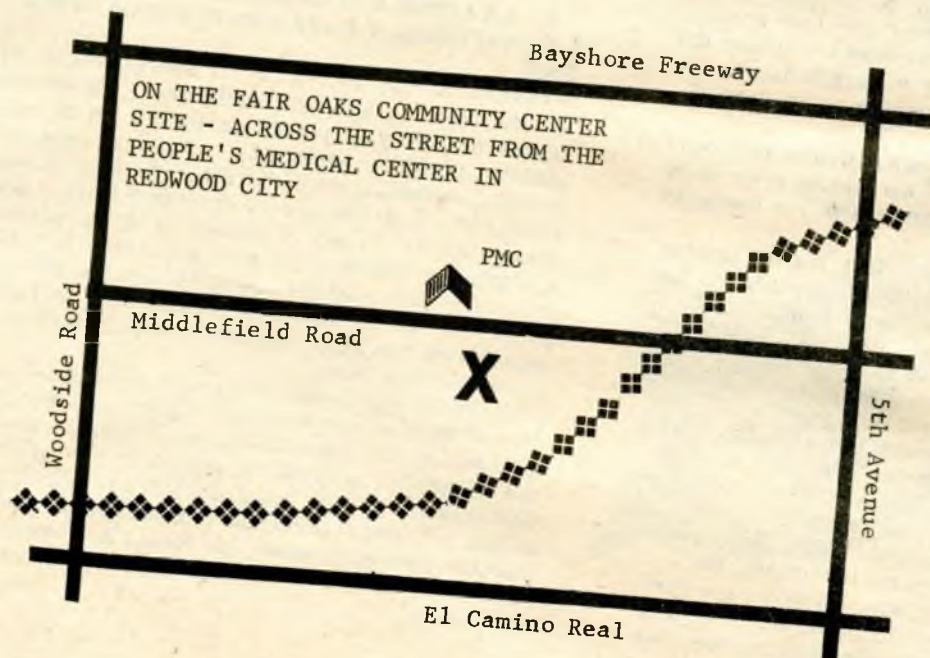
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