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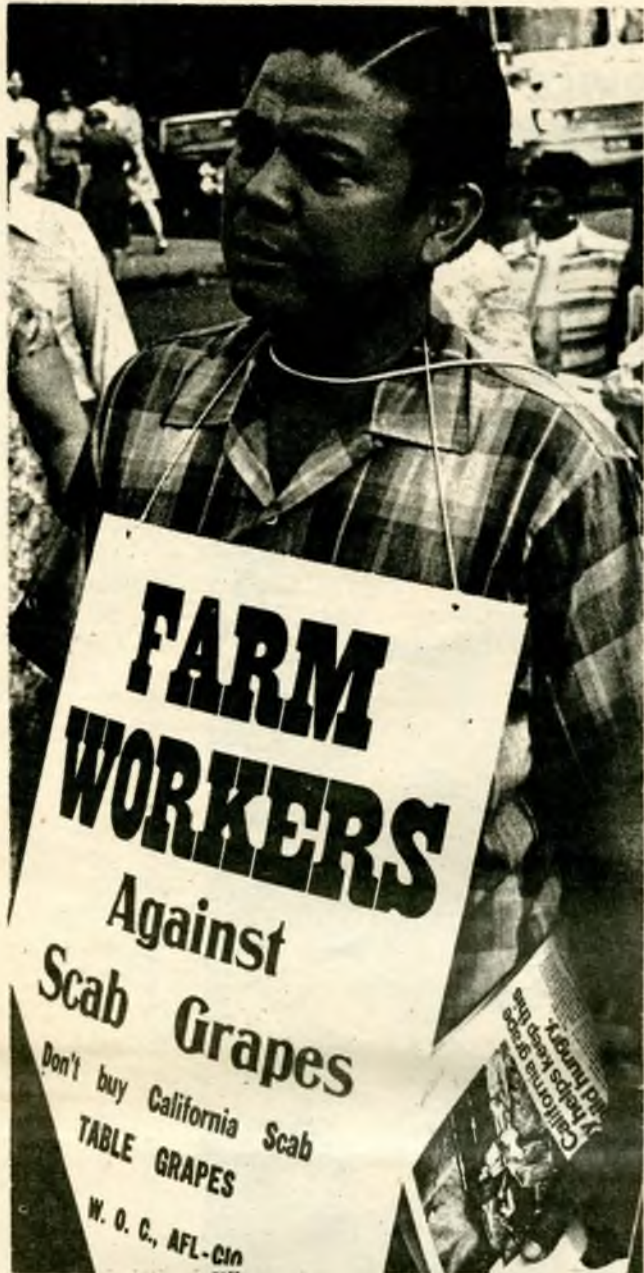
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## PROPOSITION 22

# Growers ballot initiative threatens farmworkers



IF PROPOSITION 22 IS PASSED, IT WILL SOON BE ILLEGAL TO DO WHAT THE MAN IN THE ABOVE PICTURE IS DOING. THIS BILL IS AIMED AT STOPPING THE FARMWORKERS MOVEMENT IN CALIFORNIA. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS BILL BE DEFEATED.

Come November, it may be illegal to say "boycott lettuce." On the November state ballot is a proposition aimed at paralyzing the movement of farmworkers by outlawing strikes and secondary boycotts.

In July, the lettuce growers, the Farm Bureau, and other agri-business interests in California qualified an initiative for the ballot (Proposition 22). The language of the proposition talks to get people to think it's a progressive move to bring "collective bargaining" to the farmworkers, but here's what it will really do:

Proposition 22 (the California Agricultural Labor Relations Initiative) creates a five-person board, appointed by the Governor; it sets up a procedure for secret ballot elections while denying the vote to the vast majority of farmworkers (most seasonal workers); it outlaws most elements of the boycott, even making it illegal for supporters of the farmworkers to say "boycott lettuce"; it doesn't let farmworkers bargain over equipment and procedures used in farm work, making it illegal for farmworkers to insist on pesticide protection; and it makes strikes at harvest time (the only time when most farmworkers are on the job) ineffective by granting employers 60-day restraining orders.

The really nasty thing about Proposition 22 is its appearance of justice and democratic procedure. In May, the Arizona

legislature passed a law pretty much along the lines of Proposition 22 (see second issue in May, Pamoja Venceremos). But the Arizona law was widely condemned, and it backfired on the growers to some extent, because it was such a clear case of the wealthy and powerful growers getting their puppets in the state legislature to pass a law in their favor, against the farmworkers. The California growers hope to avoid that public relations pitfall by enlisting the people of California on their side in their effort to smash the farmworkers' movement. If the initiative wins, the growers can say "look, it wasn't us; the PEOPLE of California VOTED for this law!" This is a new tactic, where the growers are trying to fool the public into doing their dirty work for them by voting for a reactionary measure that in practice will not benefit anyone except the growers.

### FARM LABOR EXCLUDED

In order to understand what this move means and why it comes at this particular time, we need to look at the farmworkers' place in the economy and the development of their struggle.

Some 80% of Chicanos in the U.S. live in the Southwest, and most of the brown workers here are concentrated in the industries that are concerned with extraction of raw materials--mining and agriculture. American agribusiness is based on the availability of a racially and nationally defined workforce that can be shifted around and exploited at will. Farm labor in the Southwest (and elsewhere in the U.S., but less so) has generally been reserved for Third-World people, non-whites and non-citizens, (except for the "dustbowlers" of the Depression--dispossessed Southern tenant farmers and sharecroppers): Indians, Chinese, Filipinos, Hindu Indians, Blacks, Mexicans and Chicanos.

Given that situation, the corporate monopolies that dominate US agribusiness have in the past seen to it that farmworkers were excluded from almost every piece of legislation designed to "protect" workers or to regulate collective bargaining. The growers needed, and the government gave them, the "free hand" to use and dispose of the cheapest labor available as they saw fit. Furthermore, farmworkers were never unified enough or organized enough, divided as they were along national lines, to present the kind of threat to corporate power that the urban industrial workers did; so growers didn't feel the need for the businessman's law and order legislation that the industrialist got with the Wagner Act (National Labor Relations Act--NLRA).

But now the growers are leading the effort to bring farmworkers under a labor-relations law. Why the about-face? Every time there has been an upsurge in the farmworkers' movement, the growers have tried to bring farmworkers under the restrictions and penalties of the NLRA while still excluding them from its benefits. They tried in 1947, when the National Farm Labor Union was striking against the leading California grower, the DiGiorgio Fruit Company; and they tried in March of 1972, after the United Farm Workers' successful grape boycott, and facing a lettuce boycott. Both attempts failed: the 1947 attempt was overturned by the courts; and this year, the farmworkers organized such a massive protest that the NLRB gave up for the time being.

MAIN TARGET: SECONDARY BOYCOTT

Now the growers have turned to trying to get individual states to pass laws against the farmworkers. In May, the Arizona legislature literally scrambled to pass an agricultural labor relations bill which significantly cripples farm labor organizing in that state. The California initiative is just a somewhat more refined version of the same thing, and is more sophisticated in that it appeals to the voters, rather than relying on politicians.

The main target of the Arizona law and the California initiative is the secondary boycott, or the boycotting of commercial outlets that carry non-union produce. The farmworkers have relied heavily on the boycott as a tactic, because it is virtually impossible to close down a twenty-thousand acre operation spread over three or four locations, with a picket line. Also, the fact that the farmworkers have not been covered by the various labor laws has meant that, on the one hand, growers are not legally required to recognize a farm labor union, but on the other hand, that the farmworkers have not been prohibited (as other workers are) from using the boycott, which is a very effective weapon in labor struggles, and they have used it quite successfully.

The boycott has also been a tool for building alliances between various groups of workers--urban and rural, Third World and white--, and between workers and students, workers and consumers, and between liberals and radicals. And those alliances are more threatening to big business than any amount of simple trade union organizing.

### RESIST FASCISM

This latest attack on the farmworkers is a test of how well the farmworkers and their allies can respond to developing fascism. Fascism develops when the techniques of popular resistance to oppression and exploitation get so effective that the corporations and their government can no longer rule in the old way, and business and government merge more and more into one entity.

The growers' initiative absolutely must be stopped. We must fight to halt this fascist assault on the most active section of the labor movement. And we must fight to preserve and build the alliances that have grown up around the farmworkers' struggles.

That fight requires a struggle on both the "legal" front--propaganda, door-to-door canvassing, etc.; and the "illegal" front--demonstrations and boycott activity, etc. People should support the farmworkers and begin to organize now for a coordinated struggle from now till November. We need alliances within and between the anti-imperialist movement and the labor movement.

We have an uphill struggle: the pigs have made their move, and they have lots of bread to back it up. There is a strong chance the initiative will pass if we don't come out from behind, which is where we are now. But we can beat it.

VIVA LA HUELGA! VIVA LA CAUSA!

-Charlie Cox, Venceremos

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# BEATINGS AT ELMWOOD JAIL

Except for the eight foot fence topped with barbed wire which surrounds the Elmwood Rehabilitation Center for men, a passerby would think that the one-time Santa Clara County work farm is a jail. But events of the last few weeks have again brought home the fact that Elmwood's outward appearance is no reflection of what's happening inside.

On August 6 Martin Eichner, a lawyer at the Palo Alto Law Commune, got a call from Larry Brown, a client of his doing time at Elmwood. Larry told Martin that he wanted to see him about some things that were happening at the "farm." For the next two days similar calls were received by the National Lawyers Guild in San Jose and the Law Commune. In response to these calls Martin and Wini Cobey, a San Jose attorney, went down to see Larry and another inmate, Jess Dominguez. (By this time Martin and Wini had found out that there had been a number of beatings by pigs at Elmwood.) The two attorneys were met at the jail by Sgt. Neil Pate and told that they couldn't see their clients.

When Sgt. Pate was told by the lawyers that it was a violation of the law for a jailer to keep attorneys from see-

ing their clients he told them that he knew the law but that he had orders from the Commander of the farm, Captain Riley.

The following evening Jim Wolpman, another attorney from the Law Commune, was also denied entry to the "farm." It was now clear that the jail officials were trying to cover up the beatings that had occurred, much like San Quentin officials tried to cover up the beatings of the San Quentling 6 after the murder of George Jackson.

While the inmates were trying to work through the "inmate council," a group which is supposed to convey inmate's grievances to the jail administration, the attorneys and about 20 people went to the Board of Supervisors meeting in San Jose on August 15. Four lawyers and an ex-inmate of Elmwood told the Board that they had to take immediate action to protect the rights of both the inmates and the attorneys. The Board, which supposedly controls the Sheriff's Department, "referred the measure to the County Counsel Office for investigation." The Board was well aware that this act was meaningless because Capt. Riley had told the lawyers a few days earlier that he got his instructions not to allow attor-



neys to see their clients from the County Counsels Office.

While the public disclosure of the beatings has led to a temporary halt of these acts, the pigs at Elmwood are still transferring and taking away good time from inmates who are trying to organize the inmates to resist the repression.

We expect the Board of Supervisors to have the report from the County Counsels Office on Aug. 20 or Sept. 5 and at that time will be back down in their chambers. If you want to come along call 292-0174 (National Lawyers Guild in San Jose) to find out when we will be going.

## FREE BILLY SMITH



Over in Germany, down at Fort Ord, back in Vietnam; everywhere that the US empire has stationed our kidnapped brothers and sisters in the Armed Forces, GIs have been making revolutionary waves around the case of Private Billy Dean Smith. There's two reasons behind this.

The first reason is because Billy fought back. He resisted the racism of the war and the Army. This is why the brass singled him out for the frame-up in the first place. This is why Billy was already being processed for a punitive 212 "undesireable" discharge when the fragging took place.

Along the same lines, GIs dig Billy's case because Billy is charged with an action they can relate to; fragging two officers in Vietnam. Here the real hero is the unknown brother who offed those two lifers. And here the important thing to realize is that Billy is being charged with a crime that is not a crime at all, but an act of class war against the real enemies, the American ruling class.

GIs can get behind Billy fighting back because GIs fight back. And Billy Smith gives them the chance to fight back some more. All GIs face the same things that come down on Billy Smith. GIs understand that just as the Army is trying to crush their whole movement by publicly hanging Billy Smith, they can turn it around and attack the brass by building a revolutionary movement to free Billy Smith.

The second reason why GIs fight for Billy Smith and the brass have nightmares about him is because he is not just a freedom fighter but a Black freedom fighter. Black soldiers have been way out front in the liberation struggle in the Armed Forces. The GI movement behind Billy Smith has been led by Black GIs. By coming down on Billy Smith the Army hopes to repress the most powerful revolutionary force within the Army; the Black GI. This movement is another example of how the national liberation struggles of the oppressed nations are the leading revolutionary forces at this stage in the worldwide struggle of the exploited against the exploiters.

### HOW WILL BILLY SMITH BE FREED?

The one thing which will free Billy Smith is the powerful revolutionary movement around his case in and around the Armed Forces. This is the thing which the brass fear more than anything else.

## BLACK FREEDOM FIGHTER

**THE CHARGES...**Billy is charged with the murder of two white officers in Vietnam. Since he didn't know the officers who died, he is also being charged with attempted murder of his Commanding Officer and his 1st Sgt. The idea is that he is supposed to have accidentally killed the wrong two lifers.

**THE EVIDENCE...**There are no witnesses. Billy had a grenade pin in his pocket, which on a combat base in Vietnam means absolutely nothing. The main evidence against Billy is that he was a revolutionary. He said, "I had stated time and time again that I realize that the war was unjust and racially motivated, and most of all that I strictly hated all who had high regard for the habitual butchery of the Vietnamese people..."

The brass claim that since Billy had the kind of ideas which might lead one to off pigs like themselves he was surely the only GI who could have been guilty. They don't say that most GIs hate the war, the Army, their officers, and dig fragging. Of course, any GI or Vietnamese in the Bien Hoa area had ample cause to kill those two American

This is why revolutionaries are working to free Billy Smith.

In supporting and building that revolutionary movement we must understand its processes. This mainly means remembering the fact that the form of revolutionary struggle within the Armed Forces (and throughout the world) is now one in which the leading revolutionary forces are the oppressed nations fighting for

their lives against U.S. imperialism. More than anything else, support for Billy Smith means support for the national liberation struggles being waged by non-white GIs.

We're all going down to Fort Ord on the opening date of Billy's trial, September 6. We'll meet in Seaside, just south of Fort Ord, for a rally at the corner of Fremont and Broadway at 12:30. Then we'll march on out to Fort Ord to remind people about what's going on. Everyone who doesn't dig what's happening to Billy Smith is invited.

officers.

**WHO IS BILLY?...**He was born in 1948, the 10th child in a family of 12, and he grew up in Watts. He was arrested during the 1965 insurrection in the dragnet for "curfew violation." Drafted in 1969, he was already opposed to the war and the Army, but he respected his family's desire that he not refuse induction and have to go to jail. He took basic training at Fort Ord and Advanced Individual Training artillery at Fort Sill. He went to Nam in October of 1970, and according to his Commanding Officer, Billy was "unenthusiastic about closing with the enemy" and had a "bad attitude."

**WHAT'S THE UCMJ?...**The "Uniform" Code of Military Justice is the trial system which has Billy being tried by a "jury" of officers. The officers are handpicked by General Moore; who is also the next highest authority, the superior of the prosecutor and the judge and the military defense lawyer, and who has already demanded a guilty verdict and the death sentence for Billy Smith.



# Housing Group Struggles On

If a landlord and the Redwood City city fathers have their way, seven low-rent housing units on Northumberland Ave. will be demolished--one more episode in the continuing destruction of poor and working people's housing in San Mateo County. Along with high rents and high taxes, these demolitions are pushing poor and working people right out of the county.

For two months, the Redwood City Housing Group and Northumberland Ave. residents have fought to save these houses. Their owner, a San Francisco landlord, wants to tear them down and build a warehouse in their place. Almost everyone in the neighborhood is against the warehouse. Besides the loss of seven low-rent units, it means more truck traffic and the beginnings of real estate speculation by outsiders that will destroy the neighborhood.

Even the R.C. Planning Commission opposed the warehouse, but the City Council voted to overturn them. The councilmen live in wealthy neighborhoods where there is no business or industry. Their property taxes go down every time they vote to let business expand into the neighborhoods where poor and working people live. All but two of the council--Bob Nonnis and Marguerita accepted a lie and a threat from the landlord and voted for the warehouse. The lie was that the houses he wants to tear down are old and run down. The threat was that Sunset, a company that sells pools and lawn furniture to the richer people in Redwood City, would move out of the city if it didn't get this particular warehouse. In fact, most of the houses are only 15 to 20 years old and in solid shape. And no one has asked why Sunset can't get a warehouse in nearby industrial land.

Now the fight to save the houses may be lost. The key problem has been leadership among the residents.

The fight began when Housing Group members got in touch with the residents in the seven threatened units. All except two are elderly, all are Black. None want to move. But only one, Mrs. Leola Mathews, has consistently fought to save her home.

The Housing Group and Northumberland Ave. residents who live close to the warehouse site called a neighborhood meeting and a lot of people came. Then we made our first mistake. The people who came were both renters and owners, and they were there for different reasons. The homeowners didn't want the warehouse, while the renters and the Housing Group didn't want the demolitions. We didn't recognize this difference and strive to make saving the houses primary.

The homeowners and the renters differ in important ways. The renters are younger, they are more used to moving, and they can move more easily. They are more willing to do things differently than "by the rules." The poor and working homeowners, older, feel much more threatened by changes in the neighborhood. They have struggled hard to get their own house and worked through proper channels to do so, and their attitudes are more "middle class."

At the meeting, the Housing Group gave active support to the more progressive people from the neighborhood and followed their lead. The young people from the threatened units took leadership. Everyone was eager to contribute something to "stopping the warehouse." But as the fight went from the Planning Commission to the City Council, the renters tended to drift away. The young Black couple moved. Other renters who had shown interest didn't get involved--the warehouse isn't an immediate threat. Excepting Mrs. Mathews, who had been renting there for 13 years, the people left in the fight were homeowners, whose oppression was secondary.

When the City Council voted for the warehouse over the protest of some 130 residents who had signed petitions against it, the fight had to get heavier if it was to win. Housing Group members pushed the City bureaucracy to pressure the landlord to come up with some money for moving expenses for the tenants. But a meeting of the Housing Group and homeowners decided to keep trying to stop the warehouse. We would increase the struggle by picketing Sunset Pools and by going forcefully to the Council meeting to disrupt the final formality--the

annexation of the land into the city. Meanwhile, though the Housing Group did not think there was a legal case against the city, the homeowners decided to get a lawyer.

But although they were enthusiastic, the homeowners wanted to hire a lawyer to lead their fight against the city. The Housing Group said that they didn't see what a lawyer could do, but the homeowners went ahead and collected the money for one.

When only one Northumberland Avenue resident showed up for the picketing, we went through the neighborhood explaining why it was important. Next day, only Mrs. Matthews came from Northumberland to picket, so we stopped. The residents had shown they weren't interested. The homeowners had put their faith in the lawyer, who had told them not to picket.

Nevertheless, 20 to 30 people from Northumberland, the Housing Group and the poor and working Redwood City community showed up at the council meeting on August 14. When the annexation came up, the lawyer pointed out that the people in the neighborhood not only had no vote but that the hearing held by the county on the matter had been closed.

Mrs. Matthews got up, grit angry, and burned their ears. "It's not fair to kick me out, who is poor, to build a warehouse for a person," she said. "Poor people haven't got no say over nothing."

The crowd clearly angered the council members, who tried to shut off discussion. Finally, they took a lightning vote and passed the annexation, five to two.

Now unless the lawyer comes up with a miracle or the neighborhood comes up with some militance, the houses will go down. But grim as the first stage of the struggle is, the warehouse has yet to be built after the houses are demolished. The warehouse will be easier to stop than the demolition, but we will lose that too unless we have wide and consistent support from the community, rather than relying on a powerless lawyer to do the job that only a united community can do. The people most affected will have to lead the struggle with the determination to win, for leadership is what we lacked in the past.

RISE UP AND STRIKE BACK!



NORTHUMBERLAND ST. SEEN FROM THE R.R. TRACKS LOWER RIGHT ARE THE HOUSES IN QUESTION.

THE THREE THREATENED STRUCTURES AT THE END OF NORTHUMBERLAND.



## Edgar Lockett Acquitted

After five weeks in jail and a week in trial, Edgar Lockett, a young Black man from East Palo Alto, was acquitted July 2 of charges of attempted murder and armed robbery of a priest last February in front of an EPA bank.

Lockett's lawyer, a public defender named Zern Haning, thinks Lockett should be glad and grateful he was acquitted. But Lockett isn't grateful. He can't forget the five weeks in jail and on trial when his life hung in the balance, or Judge Hartley's refusal to lower the \$50,000 bail, stating in open court that Lockett would go out and commit the same crime again. He can't forget Detective

Parsans, a Black pig, bursting into his apartment while he and his wife were asleep in the livingroom and not leaving the room so his wife could get dressed. He can't forget Parsans' threatening to arrest his brother for the same crime a week before Lockett was supposed to go to trial, or the police failing to ask two of the eyewitnesses closest to the incident if Lockett was the attacker.

Lockett was out of the Air Force only three weeks when he was hauled off to jail. Lockett said, "If someone had identified Judge Kane as the attacker and there were other eyewitnesses, the police would have questioned every eye-

witness they had! In EPA, people with kids 18 and over get in constant hassles with the police. My sister's turning 18 and she'll get trouble too. Poor whites have it as bad as poor blacks."

Lockett's not going to forget his clash with the courts and police. He wants everyone to know about his case and to fight back. He wants to sue the San Mateo County Sheriffs so they'll think twice about hassling people and get off him and his family's back. He also thinks people should know their legal rights and use them!

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# FIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD CHILD CARE NOW

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Last summer Palo Alto Venceremos helped organize a Child Care Now-sponsored center in the Park Boulevard section of Palo Alto. Park Blvd is one of Palo Alto's few multi-national working class neighborhoods. Within the neighborhood is an elementary school called Ventura that most of the young kids attend. We wanted our center to be located there so we went door-to-door around the neighborhood and collected 150 signatures from people who support the idea of a center at Ventura. The superintendent of the school agreed to it and we opened up.

One of the problems the center had was that we were only guaranteed use of the room for the summer. Many parents were hesitant about enrolling their kids in the center because it was only a temporary thing and people wanted a more permanent situation. The school district told us that they would let us know within two weeks whether or not we could have the room when school opened up again, so we were hoping we could tell the parents quickly that it was a permanent thing.



But when two weeks came around we still had no commitment from the district and from then on we were told every two weeks that they'd tell us in another two weeks whether or not we would have the room. A week ago they told us that there was no room available in the school because they had to use the only room available for a library. Earlier they had told us it would be easy for them to use a portable classroom for the resource library and that we could use the

extra room.

We went around the neighborhood again. Six parents from the neighborhood want pre-school care, another five outside the neighborhood want to enroll their kids in the center, Sojourner Truth has a waiting list, but now there's no room available.

On top of this there is a move afoot to kick the Sojourner Truth Child Care Center out of Mayfield School because it is a political child care center. On Sep. 5 those of us from the Park Blvd. Ventura Center and the Sojourner Truth Center are going to the school district to make sure that Sojourner Truth is not closed down, and that Ventura Center is re-opened.

We feel the district has wasted enough people's time who really need child care. The people need child care, and we can't allow our centers to be closed down whenever the district wants to take our rooms away. Come September 5 to the Board of Education office at Churchill and El Camino and help us keep both centers open.

Venceremos members  
Park Blvd. Area

## RUCHELL STILL FIGHTS COURT "JUSTICE"

"I GET KINDA NERVOUS WHEN I KNOW PEOPLE ARE PLAYING WITH MY LIFE."  
-RUCHELL MAGEE, AUG. 16, 1972

Ruchell continues his battle against the court and its rules, set up to rob him of his right to defend himself. The pre-trial hearings held at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco on August 15-18 show that Judge Colvin is trying to prevent Ruchell from obtaining even the most basic rights. One of Colvin's methods is to freeze Ruchell's motions, making them un-appealable because the court is not required to rule on them.

At the August 3 hearing Colvin ordered two doctors to examine Ruchell's sanity. Based on their "findings" he ruled that there was no doubt as to Ruchell's sanity. The fact is that Ruchell refused to see the doctors.

Ruchell won the right to an eventuary hearing which he'd been promised over ten months ago. The purpose of the hearing is to determine his competence and to counter all the lies about his IQ and his sanity. Ruchell also requested a continuance to provide time to talk to Ramsey Clark as to the possibility of obtaining him as co-council for the hearing. This request was denied as soon as Ruchell made it.

Ruchell's appearance in court is always a boost to the spirit of the people in the audience because he manages to outwit the court. This week he presented the following motions:

- 1) To have the case removed to U.S. the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 2) To impeach Judge Colvin.
- 3) Dismissal because the courts have not provided a speedy trial as guaranteed by the Constitution.
- 4) Request for a change of venue to any other state due to the whole judicial system of California being prejudicial by conflict of interest.
- 5) Writ of Habeas Corpus in which a warden is ordered to deliver him physically to Federal Court.
- 6) Release of Carrow as his co-council due to his involvement in the conspiracy against him. Ruchell exhibited his disapproval of Carrow's using false transcripts in some of his testimony by spitting on him.

While Ruchell was in his holding cell refusing to be part of the illegal pre-trial hearings, Carrow made a motion that Ruchell be moved to County Jail. The Prosecution has over 1700 pages of discovery materials about the August 7 Marin County Courthouse rebellion, two full-time investigators, three attorneys and access to all State and Federal agency files, and over 100 witnesses. Due to the following conditions at San Quentin there is no way Ruchell can interview witnesses and review materials to adequately build his case.

- 1) Visiting rights are limited to one hour two days a week for council and one hour per day five days a week for family
- 2) Ruchell, and all other prisoners at the Adjustment Center, are completely shackled during the interviews.
- 3) The interview room is an eight-by-eight box divided by a glass and metal partition. The only way to be heard is to shout. A guard sits three feet away; close enough to hear every word.
- 4) San Quentin hasn't allowed any materials to be shown to Ruchell immediately preceding an interview so that Ruchell and his co-council can discuss them.
- 5) The law library is completely inadequate and the only way Ruchell has been able to get law books is to order them from the state library, which takes three to four weeks, or for Carrow to buy them and have them sent by the publisher to Ruchell.
- 6) San Quenting will not allow anyone to use a typewriter, pen or carbon paper.
- 7) Everyone Ruchell sees is fingerprinted, unlike visitors of other prisoners.

After hearing arguments the judge ruled against moving Ruchell to county jail for "reasons of security." He ordered a few minor changes at San Quentin, interview time for his attorney is extended to two hours per day, the lawyer doesn't have to show his interview notes to the warden, the lawyer may take in law books for Ruchell to see, San Quentin officials are ordered to state whether or not the interview room is bugged and that fingerprinting be done only randomly.

The State will continue to suppress Ruchell's attempt to expose his slave status. Only a few people have been turning out, giving the pigs the impression that the people don't care and that their harassment techniques work. We need to show them otherwise. We need Ruchell out in the streets to help lead us in our struggle to tear this system down.

For information as to the date of his hearings call either 587-0708 or the clerk at the Hall of Justice: 558-4466.

### People deal with Colvin "In the streets"

Some 25 supporters of Ruchell Magee disturbed the Sunday morning sleep of Judge Martin Colvin in the exclusive St. Francis Wood district of San Francisco on August 13. Following Ruchell's courtroom prediction that "the people will deal with you in the streets," we set up a spirited picket outside the judge's house. We picketed to let Colvin know that there is no sanctuary from the people. The fascists can't hide behind black robes and bullet-proof partitions 24 hours a day.





# Emporium Strike

After a 28-day walkout strike that nearly matched the militancy of the famous Pennys strike in the 60's, some Emporium employees returned to work at the Big E's two San Francisco stores.

On July 18, members of Department Store Employees local #1100 and local #410 of the AFL-CIO Retail Clerks Union walked out around the principal demand for a union shop, plus improved wage and fringe benefits. While management balked, the strikers received almost immediate support from the Ad Hoc Labor Support Committee, made up of Longshoremen, Teamsters and most of the other major unions of San Francisco. Even George McGovern and Assemblyman Willie Brown joined in during this important political season to throw their support to the striking workers.

Now the strike is ended and a compromise settlement reached by labor leadership and management has been ratified by a 3-1 vote among the rank and file. According to the agreement, the wage and benefit demands (all within the limits set by Nixon's Pay Board) were met, but not the total demand for a union or agency shop.

A Union shop means that all the workers are members of the union. An agency shop is where if you don't want to join, you at least have to pay the union dues. As it is now, all but 180 employees at the two Emporium stores are union members, but those 180 are riding on the backs of the rest by not paying in and still getting all the benefits won by the union members.

Management and the union have now agreed on a joint letter that will go to the 180 which states the reasons, pro and con, for joining the union (but is worked in such a way that is more favorable to the union position).

This was an important strike. First, because the demand for a union shop goes right to the heart of trade unionism. The main strength of a trade union is in its members and their ability to get organized and act as a unit. If even a small percent of the workers at the workplace act individually and refuse to participate commonly with the rest, management can then easily use them as strikebreakers and snitches. This is exactly what happened. The non-union members constantly goaded their fellow workers about how they were getting all the benefits for free, and when the time came, they kept the store in business while the rest were out of work.

The strike was important for another reason as well. It showed people throughout the area that working people have a consciousness and a fighting spirit far above any other class in this society, and and certainly beyond that of the union leadership. When, for example, on August 8, a roaring, foot-stomping crowd of 1500 strikers and their supporters (men and women, workers of all ages and nationalities) marched into the Market Street

Emporium and sat in for an hour chanting "We want our rights" and "An injury to one is an injury to all", who could doubt the militancy of these righteous people was not born because of one spontaneous event and wouldn't die after it was ended.

For a while it seemed like there was a good chance the strike was going to spread beyond the two San Francisco stores. The "Big E" is part of the huge Broadway-Hale conglomerate and is backed up by vast resources. So the striking workers were beginning to send union members to picket shopper entrances and seek the support of Emporium customers at the Hillsdale, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale locations.

When some of us in Venceremos went to talk to the pickets at the Stanford Shopping Center store they told us that they would be happy to have all the support we

could give. They remembered that we had supported the Macy's boycott there the year before and were very interested in finding out more about the struggle at the House of Pies.

It's not clear that the union leadership got the best deal for its members, but that happens a lot. Most unionized workers don't expect a hell of a lot from leadership, but see their strength in the local membership, their ability to organize themselves, and sometimes buck union leadership as well as management. Some of the workers we met had a much broader consciousness than mere trade unionism. They talked about capitalism being at the root of it all and the need to buck the whole system. Like one picketer said, "If my ideas are the same as the communists, then that's what I must be."

Doris Youdelman  
Stanford Venceremos

## Workers form coalition at Stanford

After the Teamsters lost the union election at Stanford last year, Stanford figured its troubles with employees were over. They offered a pay raise program which favored higher paid workers with 7% raises while lower paid workers got 2%. Workers responded by forming a coalition of the groups in the union election. A negotiating committee consisting of two representatives from United Stanford Employees (USE) and the Teamsters and four members (two Black men, one Black woman and one white woman) of Venceremos, elected by workers at the first coalition meeting.

The coalition has a number of economic demands, mainly:

- 1) \$550/month minimum wage
- 2) \$30.00/month cost of living increase instead of a percent increase which works against lower paid workers.
- 3) Decent medical care
- 4) Workers have a say in their conditions

During the first meeting between the coalition negotiating committee and Saipa, head of personnel, the university trotted out their lawyer to say they refused to negotiate collectively with the group. Mack Hillard, a coalition representative, cut him off by saying, "Why don't you cut out this legal bullshit and tell us why you won't pay us a decent wage! We'd like to take the salaries you are giving us and see you support your families on this amount." At the end of two days of negotiating, the university refused to budge, so the coalition left saying "we're leaving, but we'll be back with whatever it takes for you to recognize us." There is now a massive campaign to get Stanford workers to sign slips authorizing the committee to represent them. On September 3, from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m., the coalition is holding a picnic at Flood Park in Menlo Park. There'll be beer and food and a \$1.00 donation is requested.

Venceremos supports this coalition as an organization necessary to get back some of the money stolen from the workers until such time as workers take control of Stanford and run it so it benefits society.

Stanford Venceremos

## Worker writes to Ford

William Russell is a young ex-worker from Ford's Woodhaven plant. It all started when he tried to get a day off from Woodhaven's seven day a week - 10 hour a day work schedule to get married. His foreman refused to believe he really wanted to get married and so the foreman fired him. Russell didn't have his 90 days in, so he has been fighting alone to get his job back. He has been harassed and turned away by Ford at every point.

This is part of a letter he wrote to Henry Ford II. He also made thousands of copies and has given them out to workers at Woodhaven.

Mr. Henry Ford II  
Dear Sir:

By the time you read this, I may be in jail--put there at the request of your Labor Relations people in your Woodhaven plant. I want you to know that in any case, I will be back.

I started passing out leaflets at your friendly little Woodhaven plant, and on the street next to it. On your property, plant security and Labor Relations got me. On the street the Woodhaven police stopped me. Each time I had to listen to a long-winded speech about your rights. I was astonished to hear you had so many of them. So I started to check up a little bit.

The first thing I found was four graves in the Woodmere Cemetery of guys killed for asking for a job. That showed me that Ford had the right to kill. Then there was the battle of the overpass. That showed me that Ford had the right to beat up people, and destroy property. Yes. Ford's rights was very sorry reading. It appears to me that Ford's make their own rights outside the plant, and their own rules inside it. And all the law enforcement in the United States is there to tell everyone how bad poor, old, underprivileged Ford is being treated, and how his rights are being violated, and how its an Unamerican plot against the Firm and Mom's apple pie for the worker to ask for anything from your firm.

Yes, Mr. Ford, I saw about your rights, but to my surprise I didn't find anything about workers'. Do we have any? I said all that to say this: Young workers like myself are coming into your plant from the cities, farms, and classrooms. We are under the impression that we will be treated like humans regardless of our color or national origin. We read your propaganda--that you don't discriminate. We find that they do treat everyone alike; like animals.

We know that you are in business to make money, and after all you are in competition with your other plants all over the world. But we expect to be treated like men. In fact, we demand it. Personally, I don't think people should be harassed and intimidated by your foremen, labor relations, your guards, and let's not forget your medical department.

Well, Mr. Ford, I know how you operate; I have seen it in Woodmere Cemetery, and your labor relations told me they're going to put me in jail, and I believe them. But I'm here to stay. I have been harassed, and threatened, and even accused of blackmailing the Company. I'm not the first that this has happened to. So today I may be alone, but tomorrow there may be more.

Bill Russell isn't alone any more. What has happened to him is happening more and more to other workers in all Ford plants. Bill needs your support. Help us get his job back and show Ford it can't get away with murder any more.





# INDOCHINA NEWS

## 4000 Monks Demonstrate

Last month the US-Thieu clique ordered police to break into 12 pagodas in Soc Trang provincial capital and its surroundings. Many pagodas in other villages were also broken into. This resulted in the arrest of 400 monks. After their arrests the monks were defrocked and put into army uniform and then driven to the Soc Trang stadium.

In response to this brutal attack, a great number of monks and people formed to resist the police. 4000 monks from five pagodas in Chau Thanh district plus 12 pagodas from the Soc Trang provincial capital, together with over 3000 Khmer-born people and Chinese residents in the Soc Trang district held a demonstration against the actions of the police. They were protesting the conscription of monks and Buddhist believers. The demonstrators armed themselves with sticks and rocks and stood ready to fight back against any attack from the police. One group of marchers headed for the provincial governor's office. The second went for the stadium where the 400 monks were held. Traffic was held up and shops and restaurants closed down in support of the demonstration.

Police were sent to crack down on the demonstrators, and a bitter fight began. The governor still refused to meet the protestors' demands. In the face of his stubborn attitude, more people joined the demonstration around the stadium.

Police tried to prevent the demonstrators from entering the stadium by brutally beating them. But the people, backed by a great number of nationalist-minded soldiers who refused to join police in the repression, stood their ground.

The two columns of demonstrators met

together and were joined by 3000 more people in the provincial capital. The thousands of demonstrators rushed in and destroyed barbed wire entanglements around the stadium. Inside the stadium the drafted monks also revolted, smashed open the gates and rushed out. The demonstrators and the draftees briskly fought back against the police, set fire to a jeep and damaged three motor bikes. All the 400 monks escaped.

## 700 South Viets switch sides

Due to the lenient policy of the Peoples Revolutionary Committee in the Binh Long province, on July 2 in the newly liberated area, the PLAF command held a ceremony to release 700 soldiers and non-coms of the Saigon army from the status of "P.O.W."

The People's Revolutionary Committee of the province decided to accept the 700 soldiers applications to take part in revolutionary work, pointing out that after their adherence to various revolutionary organizations they will have the same duties and material privileges as other combatants and members of the armed forces and organizations of the revolution.

The released soldiers and officers issued a statement saying in part: "We energetically protest and condemn the 'Vietnamization of the war' policy imposed by the US-Saigon administration which has prolonged and intensified the war and turned South Vietnam into a military base of the US imperialists at the cost of Vietnamese lives."

## Thieu attempts to stop Saigon press

According to sources from Saigon, at a meeting held on August 7, the South Vietnam (Saigon) publishers association sternly protested and condemned the new fascist decree issued by Nguyen Van Thieu on August 5 forcing each Daily to deposit 20 million piastres and each Weekly 10 million piastres as insurance. They demanded that Thieu rescind this fascist decree.

In their issues on August 6, many Saigon Dailies including the Song Than (Tidal Wave) and others strongly condemned Thieu's decree against the press.

In an article published by the Daily Song Than, Ly Quy Chung pointed out, "Even before the decree was issued the press in South Vietnam already was in the doldrums. Now it is dying. Since the presidential election, political parties have always been subjected to repression. At present there are no more political parties, and repression is concentrated

on members of 'opposition' groups." In conclusion, Ly Quy Chung said that Thieu has "created a desert around him, has alienated himself from the masses and is now counting on the army and police alone for support."

The Daily Dien Tin (Telegraph) wrote that it is doubtful that it can run the paper under the conditions imposed by the new decree, not only because of having to pay 20 million piastres, but also because of the loss of freedom for their journalists.

The Daily-Doc Lap (Independence) bitterly wrote: August 5 became the longest day to newsmen (the day that Thieu released the decree). The new decree, like a bomb disturbed all of Vietnam (Saigon) press circles. Almost all the papers are preparing to close down and the journalists and printing workers are starting to look for new jobs.

## Plot to draft overseas students

According to the education ministry of the Saigon regime, Thieu is plotting to compel all overseas Vietnamese students to return home and take nine months of military training before drafting them.

To further his scheme, Thieu has increased the rate of exchange from 118 to 425 piastres (Saigon currency) per dollar for money transfers to students abroad. This is aimed at making it impossible for many families to continue sending money to their children studying abroad and forcing the students to return home and join the army.

Many Saigon papers pointed out that following the cowardly murder of the student Nguyen Thai Binh, this is also aimed at preventing patriotic actions of Vietnamese students abroad.

## Indiscriminate imprisonment in Saigon

Saigon reports that a manifesto signed by 11 Catholic priests and dated July 4 has been made public in Saigon, accusing the Thieu clique of a campaign of "indiscriminate arrests and imprisonments."

The manifesto condemned these arrests as kidnappings carried out without court orders. Even the places and durations are unknown.

"Because opinion within the country is strangled by the policy just denounced," the priests write, "we raise our voices to alert world opinion and especially the conscience of Catholics throughout the world. The term 'free world' is nothing but a deception used by American imperialists and governments created by the United States."

## No excuse for bombing hospitals

The third team of the International Commission for Inquiry into U.S. war crimes in Indochina recently visited Bach Mai hospital in Hanoi, the biggest polyclinic in North Vietnam. It was bombed by U.S. aircraft last June 27. After inspecting the bombed site and meeting with some of the victims, Swedish lawyer Hans Goran Franch, Secretary General of the Commission said, "I'm very shocked about what I've seen from this hospital and I also know that this is only one case among many, many others. It is by international law that all permanent hospitals have to be protected and it is not permitted to attack hospitals. And it is also said in the convention of 1949 that they have to be protected under all circumstances. So this is a serious crime committed by the U.S. air forces."

Another member of the team, Foede Jacobsen, former cabinet minister of Denmark, said, "I'm convinced of two opinions: that hospitals should never be bombed and bombing of hospitals is a crime of war. Even in the Americans say that it was by accident, that's no excuse. I do not believe that it was by accident and even if it were by accident it's no excuse, for according to international conventions they should take care never to hit hospitals."





# National &

## Long March in Phillippines

MANILA, PHILIPPINES (LNS)--A massive protest rally denouncing US control of the economic, political and cultural life of the Filipino people outshone this year's "Independence Celebration." The protest rally of 5000 at the US embassy followed a six-day 180 mile People's Long March which passed through 100 barrios, town and cities and reached some three million people.

The demands of the march were the immediate abrogation of all military bases and pacts, and the nationalization of all American firms in the Philippines.

## Unemployed blacks occupy city hall

ST. LOUIS--50 unemployed Black workers belonging to the East St. Louis United Front occupied the city hall building and closed down city offices for six days in a demand for jobs.

They left when the Black mayor, who declined to call the police, met with the protestors and promised to provide at least 80 city jobs available through federal funds. Unemployment among Black people in St. Louis is three times the national average.

## Indian genocide

RIO ARAGUAIA, BRAZIL (AKWANESE NOTES)--A fierce land-grab sponsored by the Brazilian government to open up the vast potential of the world's greatest jungle is currently provoking lawlessness and slavery.

The Amazon Basin is undergoing a dramatic transformation while the 50,000 Indians living there are being crushed in the onslaught. The Tapirape Indians will be going to a malaria-infested semi-swamp following their intense shootout with the Araquaia Developemnt Company.

When State Police arrived to investigate charges that the big companies were forcing people to work as near-slaves, the police quickly sided with the developers. In other areas there are recurring reports of massive extermination of the Indians by private development firms. An entire tribe was reportedly eliminated through deliberate poisoning last year.

## Parents and youth unite against Canadian police



Following numerous beatings of young people by Vancouver police, parents and their kids are starting to join forces against pig violence in Vancouver's working class communities.

A rally was held in Clark Park, one of the areas where police say they're "Cleaning up." One pig told a local newspaper that the old "permissive policy for juveniles is over and the curfew law will be enforced."

At the rally, Mrs. Freeda Booth and Chud Reid recounted incidents of their children being attacked and beaten by police.

Mrs. Booth, who witnessed the beating of her son by three pigs, said, "They cornered him against a phone booth, one of them spread his legs to see where his testicles were and then kicked him in the groin. Another kneed him in the stomach, while a third struck him in the face...Is it fair that the police should call my foster son a nigger? Is it fair that three grown men should pick on one boy?"

The testimonies of parents added much credence to complaints of open harassment by police, who have become accustomed to handling the law the way they see fit.

As Chud Reid said, "It used to be that you wouldn't let your daughter out on the streets because of the rapists. Now you can't let them out because of the police."

One leaflet passed out at the rally said that most people in the parks think that politics is crap which has nothing to do with them. But until we understand that our very existence is political we will not be able to end the vio-

lence of the police or the system. The police say the "Clark Park Gang" is dangerous and that makes some brothers and sisters think that makes them important and heavy. All it really does is make them victims of the most violent gang of them all--the rich man's police. The people can win against the police and the system, but not as individuals and small groups isolated from the rest of the neighborhood and other parks. The Man eventually just throws the "toughest" people in the can. Many of the people at the gathering will think they can beat the heat by themselves, these people will end up in and out of prison for the rest of their lives or until they realize that the only way to beat the system is to organize for political action.

The local RCMP have promised an internal investigation of the police, but most people think it's going to be a "whitewash." Young people involved in recent police brutality incidents are being asked to come in one at a time to the police station accompanied by both parents to give sworn statements.

The kids in the area stressed that the brutality has been happening "for years" and that the press was just now "discovering" it--and their parents along with them.

One young woman stressed the need for unity of all people in the communities where harassment is concentrated. "When the people in the area start to care about each other then we'll have a community and then we'll be able to start to change things."

Others said they expect demonstrations to continue outside Whalley Police Station if and when the RCMP investigation results in a whitewash.

## Revolution is spreading

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro said that revolutionary ideas eventually will triumph on the entire American continent. "Today, the revolutionary ideas are spreading on the whole continent," he told a crowd of 120,000 in East Germany.

"The revolutionary ideas have also begun spreading in the United States proper...We have no doubt what the historic result will be. We are certain that these revolutionary ideas will someday triumph in all of Latin America and that someday, these revolutionary ideas will also be victorious in the United States..."

Before his speech on Dresden's Theater Square, Castro drove through the city's streets in an open car to the cheers of tens of thousands of people, something Nixon could never do.

## Bombs Explode in Manila

PHILIPPINES (Guardian)--At least 33 people were wounded in three bombing incidents outside the US embassy in Manila. Some 1500 demonstrators clashed with cops. The demonstrations were called to protest what the Marcos regime called "Filipino-American Friendship Day."

A GROUP OF JAPANESE GI'S IN OKINAWA SENT THIS MESSAGE TO AMERICANS IN THE MILITARY ON ARMED FORCES DAY:

At this very moment Nixon has once again begun full-scale bombing on North Vietnam and has blockaded all the ports of North Vietnam.

Just as Nixon and his military are escalating war in Vietnam and all of Asia, our Japanese military under Sato is helping to promote war by unconditionally supporting and praising the United States war of aggression in Vietnam.

Among us there are many who have deserted the military because we dislike it. But it's not the time for desertion; we should stay in the military and crush the war policy by dissolving the military from within. There is no other way to remain human.

Sisters and brothers in the U.S. military, we must turn this day which was meant by the military for praising aggression in Vietnam into a day for dissolution of the US military. Dear sisters and brothers, let us fight together until the day we bring Nixon and Sato before the people's court.

(THE SIX GI'S WHO WROTE THIS ARE IN THE STOCKADE IN OKINAWA.)



# International News

## Court Martials for Flashing Fist

Three Black activists, Marines Victor Lucky, Dale Dean and Miles Baxter, are waiting for a court-martial for giving the fist in a mess hall at Camp Schwab, Okinawa.

These hardened criminals, unlike minor offenders such as Lt. Calley, are being held in pre-trial confinement. They refused the non-judicial punishment offered them because they're sick and

tired of their brothers being harassed for greeting each other in their chosen manner.

## Pigs Rape Woman

A 17-year-old woman brought rape charges against two Atlanta, Georgia police officers, C.B. Benton and M.R. Brown recently, in an Atlanta Superior Court.

Everyone who testified agreed as to what happened first around 9:00 p.m. on March 13. The woman and a friend were stopped by the two cops, who asked for ID's, searched her friend, and then found three bags of heroin. Officer Brown told her she was under arrest.

Brown said they decided to follow her home. She stopped and talked to a boy, according to him. A little later they told her to go home. He said that was all that happened.

The young woman testified that when the cops saw the heroin they told her she was under arrest. "I told them I'd never been to jail before, and Officer Brown said, 'How bad do you not want to go to jail?'" The cops then told her to start walking down a street. "They took me to a parking lot and Officer Brown told me to take off my clothes, and I wouldn't do it. I started crying and told them I didn't want to do it, for him not to make me." They took her to a stairway and each raped her once while the other watched for people coming.

Her friend testified that he saw her and she was being followed by the police. Half an hour later, she came back in hysterics, saying they'd raped her.

The woman's mother testified that when her daughter told her about it, she was "in shock." She said, "I had always tried to teach [her] to trust the police. I was pretty naive."

The woman took a lie-detector test, according to which she was telling the truth. The two officers refused to take the test.

Attorney Al Horn, who represented the woman, wrote to the Fulton County District Attorney, asking that the case be presented to a grand jury. Horn charges, "...the present attitude of the police department seems to be to blindly defend against all charges made against policemen...I also do not understand why the two officers did not take lie-detector tests...Police in certain areas of town do not observe the Fourth Amendment and search people at will...The situation in these areas is reminiscent of Nazi Germany: identity checks, searches, harassments and humiliations. Just after the hearing...I spoke to a police captain about the searches. He said they were not about to discourage such searches, as they were 'keeping out a flood of hippies from California.'"

Despite all the evidence the judge would not take it to trial, since judges are in office to preserve the status quo and defend people like police. But it's about time we stop this kind of thing--as it can only get worse if we allow it to continue.

## Canadian prisoners win strike

LOWER MAINLAND  
REGIONAL  
CORRECTIONAL CENTRE



47 inmates at the Lower Mainland Correctional Institute in Burnaby, Canada won a victory as a result of a strike of the kitchen and laundry staffs early this month.

The confrontation between inmates and prison authorities developed when an informer in the kitchen staff reported two of his fellow workers were "drunk on the job."

The two alleged drinkers were put in the "hole" (solitary confinement), and the informer was allowed to stay on his job in the kitchen.

Reaction by the kitchen and laundry staff was apparently quick and unanimous, with a majority of both departments refusing to go to work, demanding that the informer be removed.

Guards were called in to work the kitchen, and the 47 prisoners were locked up in solitary for five days.

By the end of the week, however, they had won their demands. All 47 had been released, their two comrades were also released, and the informer was removed from the kitchen.

The entire incident received no coverage in the press, probably the result of a carefully-planned news blackout by prison officials.

## Police Murder Man

An Inglewood man was shot to death last week when he struggled with plainclothes police who had entered his apartment to arrest another man wanted for robbery.

The victim was Phillip Eric Johns, 23. A spokesman for the L.A. Police Dept. said he was not wanted and had no criminal record.

Three detectives went to the apartment, accompanied by two Inglewood plainclothesmen. They got a key from the manager and entered the apartment. Two detectives entered the bedroom and saw Johns lying on the bed, entirely covered by a sheet.

They prodded him, ordered him to get up, drew their pistols and pulled back the sheet. According to the detectives, Johns grappled with one of them and their gun accidentally discharged.

That shot went wild, but the other pig opened fire and two bullets struck Johns. The wanted man was not found in the apartment and the manager said he didn't live there.

So they can just come in our houses, say someone might be there, pull our covers off when we're asleep in bed, and kill us.

## Detective freed of heroin charges

Because of bungling by police, a prosecutor and a judge, a New York City Detective who admitted an "incredible" career as a heroin pusher was allowed to go free with only loss of his pension, a state agency complained.

Detective Joseph DeVito was given only a year's probation. "Not only was a multikilo heroin case blown, but the corruption case involving DeVito was compromised as well," the commission charged.

DeVito, a policeman for 15 years, was arrested in 1970 on a felony charge of conspiracy to sell heroin and allowed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of official misconduct.

The commission said that this "incredible story of the copy who bought and sold heroin and who provided armed protection to his partners in crime" undermined the effectiveness and corruption it found in the city's narcotics enforcement.

## Puerto Rican student freed

Humberto Pagan, 21, a Puerto Rican student who fled to Canada last year when threatened with death by colonial police, has won his fight to avoid extradition to the United States.

Pagan was accused of killing a police official when the pigs invaded the University of Puerto Rico in March, 1971.

Canadian courts denied the request from the U.S. that he be turned over to police here. They did rule that he was to be deported--but to the country of his choice. Friends say he will probably go to Cuba or Chile, because he faces sure death if he returns to Puerto Rico.

## Argentine prisoners hijack

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA--Guerillas stormed a prison in southern Argentina on August 15, killed two guards, seriously wounded a third, and freed 25 fellow guerillas. Then they hijacked a jet-liner to Chile.

About 800 inmates seized control of the prison after the break and held a number of guards and officers hostage for 13 hours. They surrendered to heavily armed troops called in to surround the prison, after negotiations with government officials.

The Argentine airliner landed safely in Santiago, the capitol of Chile, and the hijackers gave themselves up to the government. They were taken to police headquarters and some informants said the guerillas had hoped to get political asylum in Chile but apparently were refused. But radical supporters of Chile's president, Salvador Allende, were expected to pressure him to grant the hijackers asylum.

Meanwhile, 19 other guerillas and escapees, including six women, surrendered without a fight early August 16 in the airport terminal at Trelew where the hijacking took place.

They held eight airport employers hostage but gave up as soldiers with heavy weapons surrounded the building and threatened to open fire.





Como es que la guerra de Vietnam y la cominacion de Latino America por el gobierno de EEUU afecta a nuestra comunidad, el distrito de la Mision de San Francisco? Es acaso la agresion brutal en Asia y la America Latina solamente una extranjera politica que leemos en priodicos, que no no afecta en ninguna forma a nosotros personalmente o sobre la cual no tenemos control? O sera acaso nuestra comunidad una parte del mismo proceso, otro ejemplo del mismo sistema de injusticia y nuestra gente victima de la misma politica de agresion?

Para tener un entendimiento de la relacion entre la guerra en Vietnam, la America Latina y nuestras vidas aqui en la Mision, primero tendremos que tener un conocimiento de la historia de la area donde vivimos.

Cuando Mexico se independiso de Espana en 1821, San Francisco come todo lo que es ahora el Sur oeste llego a ser parte de la nacion mejicana. Pero en la guerra de 1846-48 Mexico perdio todo este territorio incluyendo San Francisco a los EEUU que se encontraba en el proceso de expansion para los invasores blancos que buscaban mas territorio, comercio y oro.

San Francisco tenia una poblacion acerca de cuatrocientas personas, pero para 1850 la poblacion habia crecido a 20,000 y diez anos despues era 80,000. La mayoria de los nuevos residentes eran hombres blancos atraidos por la fiebre del oro, y ellos rapidamente ec-cedieron el numero de gente de habla hispana.

El Tratado de Guadalupe-Hidalgo que finalizo le guerra de 1846-48 estaba supuesto a dar a los mexicanos quienes vivian en el territorio conquistado, todos los derechos politicos, incluyendo el maximo respeto a la lengua hispana. Pero el Tratado nunca tufo significado y los Californios, la gente de habla hispana quienes habian gobernado California fueron convertidos en una minoria odiada y maltratada. Miles de mexicanos fueron torturados y golpeados hasta matarlos. Los pocos que sobrevivieron fueron forzados a vivir en las condiciones mas miserables.

Por lo tanto ahora la situacion en Vietnam y la America Latina dbiera recordarnos de la historia de invasiones y agresion, conquistando y posecionandose de la tierra y de los pueblos nativos.

Al fin de la segunda guerra mundial, en 1945 se adopto el "master plan" para la ciudad y condado de San Francisco; esto incluyo por supuesto al distrito de la Mision. Parte de este plan era de traer a nuestra gente aqui para hacer el trabajo. En 1952 habian en San Francisco mas de 16,000 latinoamericanos. En 1970 crecio mas de 100,000, la mayoria de ellos concentrados en el distrito de la Mision.

En 1945 los bancos mas potentes y las corporaciones de unieron para formar el Concilio del Area de la Bahia (C.A.B.). Sus ideas para el desarrollo de San Francisco era hacerlo un gran centro de negocios en la costa del este; esto significaba que tenian que remover las fabricas en que trabajabamos fuera de la ciudad. Entre 1953-1961 la ciudad perdio 9,000 trabajos en las fabricas y miles de mas desde entonces.

El paso principal fue establecido en 1953 cuando se publico el primer estudio para la Transportacion rapida para el area de la Bahia (BART); ese estudio fue pagado por los primeros planeadores de los tres bancos mas grandes de la ciudad, el Banco De America, Crocker Citizens y Wells Fargo. Muchos hemos visto el tunel BART en la comunidad, las estaciones en las calles 16 y 24. Pero nunca hemos sabido o nos han dicho cual seta el resultado y que es lo que esto significa para nosotros.

El proposito principal de BART es para asegurar que aquellos que lo van a usar vivan en la area cerca de las estaciones--que los blancos de la clase media quienes trabajan y hacen sus compras por la calle Montgomery, vivan en nuestro distrito entre las calles Du-boce y Army.

Pero que va a pasar con nosotros los que vivimos aqui/ La repuesta es

segura, A FUERA! Los negociantes que hicieron el estudio sobre BART encontraron que los valores de propiedad como la transportacion rapida de Toronto subieron diez veces mas del precio original. Para nosotros esto significa un aumento de renta. Consecuentemente estos son los planes que ellos tienen para nosotros : primero nos quitan los lugares donde trabajamos moviendones a otras areas fuera de la ciudad, y despues hacen imposible nuestra estancia en el distrito aumentando las rentas y el costo de vida. Con el aumento de desempleados, un sistema escolar que nos priva de la clase de entrenamiento para los trabajos que estan al alcance, inmensos impuestos, altas rentas, un sistema medico inadecuado y un departamento de policia salvaje que hacen inseguro el caminar en las calles. Muchos de nosotros no tenemos los medios para vivir en la Mision.

Fijense en todos los bancos y casas de apartamentos grandes que han sido elevados en el distrito en los ultimos anos. Pero esto es solamente el principio, sus disenos muestran que cuando terminen la comunidad de la Mision parecera un elegante y hermoso vecindario turista, y para lo unico que no necesitaran sera para lavaplatos, meseras, y sirvientes. Ademas de esto habra una reconstruccion masiva: muchos de los edificios viejos seran destruidos, y se construiran edificios nuevos de completo y diferente modelo. Como han mostrado repetidas veces los disenos, en los 1970 el distrito de la Mision pasara por un total y completo cambio.

Hacemos de nuevo la pregunta: Que tiene que ver la guerra de Vietnam y la dominacion de la America Latina con nuestra comunidad? La repuesta es bastante clara: Los mismos negociantes que estan apoyando, operando y haciendo dinero en la guerra y en la America Latina son los mismos hombres que contr-lan a San Francisco y el distrito de la Mision, que la estan ajustando de acuerdo a sus intereses; ellos son los mismos que a la vez cometen asesinatos masivos contra el pueblo Vietnemes, estraen inmensas cantidades de dinero y materia prima de la America Latina, mientras mantienen a millones en la miseria. Por supuesto que ellos tienen a politicos sinverguenzas para hacer este trabajo en este pais y atravez del mundo: los distadores y oficiales del gobierno, Nixon, Reagan, Alioto y la mesa de supervisores. Pero los que en verdad hacen el planiamiento para la guerras agresivas y el desarrollo inhumano, son los duenos y lideres de las grandes corporaciones quienes trabajan en conjunto para que de esta manera todos ellos aumenten sus ganancias que es la unica cosa que persiguen.

Aqui donde vivimos, estos super-negocios son representados por el Concilio del Area de la Bahia, el cual esta compuesto por el Banco de America, Wells Fargo, Pacific Telephone, Hewlett-Packard, Crocker-Citizens, Utah Construction and Mining, Beshtel Corporation (la compania mas grande de construccion en el mundo).

En conjunto estas corporaciones son duenos de nuestra comunidad ya sea directamente o por medio la propiedad, companias de real estate y otras agencias controladas por ellos (la mayoria existiendo solamente en papel para mantener la propiedad). Lo que ellos tienen en mente es una estrategia para toda la costa del este "el borde del pacifico", el cual Rudolf A. Peterson, el presidente del Banco de America, explica en la siguiente forma:

"Cuando yo hable del borde del pacifico, estoy poniendo el sentido mas amplio de construccion posible del termino--la costa del oeste de Sudamerica, Centro America, y extendiendose mas all de Australia, el lejano oriente hasta la India. Hoy en el mundo no hay region mas grande y rica para el desarrollo y crecimiento de comercio que esta area inmensa, y es virtuasamente nuestro patio frontal. Donde nosotros, los negociantes californianos desempenamos un papel importatissimo en el borde del Pacifico es en el desarrollo del comercio en esta area, tendremos mercados inmensos para nuestros

productos y grandes ganancias para nuestras firmas."

Este es el plan de los negociantes de nuestra area, el papel que ellos ven desenpenar en la expansion del interes norteamericano. Y la ciudad de San Francisco lo ven como la clave para desarollar su plan. Si los planes de los negocios es como una rueda que alcanza a todo el mundo, el area de San Francisco es como el centro de actividad, la base para la coordinacion de sus intereses, acumulacion de dinero y centro de deciciones.

La invasion y reconstruccion de nuestra comunidad para servir el interes de los EEUU quiza no envuelva asesinatos masivos, pero es un parte importante en este proceso inhumano. Los sufrimientos y problemas que nuestra gente afronta son producidos por los mismos hombres que estan arrojando bombas napalm contra el pueblo de Vietnam. Al mismo tiempo vemos a nuestros hijos, hermanos y padres asesinados en el campo de batalla de una guerra que nos esta costando nuestras casas, calles y forma de vida. Asi que en todos los aspectos estamos pagando por la guerra en Vietnam Y la America Latina. Lo que ocurre en nuestra comunidad es otro ejemplo del imperialismo.

Que es lo que podemos hacer nosotros? Como nos demuestran los guerrilleros en Vietnam y la America Latina nunca es tarde para que la gente que quiere resistir contra la opresion sin importar lo dificil que parea. Nuestra lucha por supuesto sera dificil, pero la clave esta en nuestra unidad. Debemos de luchar por unir toda la gente en la comunidad bajo el entendimiento de lo que esta ocurriendo, y la determinacion de resistir las proximas acciones disenadas a dstruir el area donde vivimos. Debemos demandar el contr-l de la comunidad y participacion en todas las deciciones de nuestras vidas, ya sea las viviendas, trabajos, educacion, medicina o la policia.

Que pasa con la organizacion de la Mision (Mission Coalition Organization) que esta supuesta a luchar y proteger el derecho de la comunidad? Esta organizacion debemos reconocerla como una organizacion que fue disenada como un brazo politico para el servicio de los politicos locales, pero una organizacion que esta compuesta de muchos elementos progresivos y honrados que estan interesados en servir el interes de nuestra gente. Debemos demandar que haga el trabajo que esta supuesto a hacer y verdaderamente representar los intereses de la comunidad y de sus anchas necesidades. Pero no podemos depender completamente en ellos. Tendremos que hacerlo nosotros mismos, unirnos y luchar en conjunto con las otras comunidades que estan sufriendo los mismos problemas: Chinatown, Manilatown, Japan-town, el distrito de Fillmore, Bay View, Hunters Point y Potrero Hill. En esta forma, con esta estrategia, estaremos verdaderamente unidos con los pueblos de Vietnam y la America Latina.

-Juan Flores,  
Comite Central, Venceremos





## THE MISSION DISTRICT

## our community

What does the war and the domination of Latin America by the U.S. government have to do with our community, the Mission District of San Francisco? Is the brutal aggression in Asia and Latin America just some foreign policy that we read about in the newspaper, that doesn't affect us directly, and that we can do nothing about? Or is our community a part of the same process, another example of the same system of injustice, and our people victims of the same policy of aggression?

To understand the direct connection between the war, Latin America, and our lives here in the Mission, we first have to recall something about the history of the area we live in.

When Mexico won independence from Spain in 1821, San Francisco, like all of what is now the Southwest, became part of the Mexican nation. But in the war of 1846-48 Mexico lost all of this territory, including San Francisco, to the invaders looking for land, trade and gold. San Francisco had a population of about 400 people, but by 1850 the population had grown to 25,000 and ten years later it was 80,000. Most of the new residents were white men attracted by the Gold Rush, and they quickly outnumbered the Spanish-speaking people.

The Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, which ended the war of 1846-48, was supposed to give the Mexicans who lived in the conquered territory full political rights, including full respect for the Spanish language. But the treaty never meant anything, and the Californios, the Spanish speaking people who had governed California, became a hated and mistreated minority. Thousands of Mexicans were tortured and beaten to death, and those who survived were forced to live in the most miserable conditions.

So the situation in Vietnam and Latin America today should remind us of the history of our community even before most of our families moved here--it is a history of invasion and aggression, conquering and taking over the land and lives of native peoples.

At the end of World War II, in 1945, the Master Plan of San Francisco was adopted; this was the first sketch of what the politicians and businessmen meant to do with the city, including the Mission. Part of the plan was bringing our people here to do the work. In 1952 there were

about 16,000 Latin Americans in San Francisco. In 1970 there were 100,000, mostly concentrated in the Mission, working at low-paying factories.

In 1945 the biggest banks and corporations got together to form the Bay Area Council (BAC). Their ideas for "developing" San Francisco were to make the city into the big business center of the West Coast, which meant that they would have to move the factories that we were supposed to work in out of the city across the Bay. Between 1953 and 1959 the city lost 9,000 and thousands more since then. So more and more of us were out of work, since we weren't "qualified" to work in the big office buildings that were being built all over the city.

The key step was started in 1953, when the first study for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) came out; it was paid for by planners for the three largest banks in the city: the Bank of America, Wells Fargo, and Crocker-Citizens. We've all seen BART in our community, the stations on Mission Street at 16th and 24th. But none of us have ever been told what this will really mean to us.

The main purpose of BART in the Mission is to make sure that the people who'll be using it live in the area near the stations--that white middle class people who work and shop down around Montgomery St. will live along and off Mission St. between Duboce and Army. in our community.

But what about us, the people who live here? The answer is clear, get out! The businessmen who had the study for BART made found out that property values along Toronto's new rapid transit system went up as much as ten times! For us, that means increased rent.

So that's what their plans for us are like: first they take away our jobs by moving any place we could work at away from the community, then they make it too expensive for us to live here. With more and more of us out of work, with a school system that in no way trains us for the kinds of jobs that are sometimes available, with huge taxes and higher and higher rent, with no adequate medical care, and with a brutal police force making it unsafe to be in the streets. many of our people cannot afford to keep living in the Mission.

Look at all the banks and big apartment houses that have gone up in the Mission in the last few years. Their designs show that before they're finished our community will look like some fancy, flashy tourist neighborhood and all they'll need us for will be as dishwashers, maids, and waitresses. There will be massive reconstruction; many old buildings will be torn down, and new ones of a completely different kind will go up. As the planners have stated time and time again, during the 1970's the Mission District is in for a total change of character.

Now we ask again; what does the Vietnam war and the domination of Latin America have to do with our community? The connection is clear: the same big businesses that are supporting and running and making money from the war and Latin America are trying to kick us out of our community. The same companies and the same men who own and control San Francisco and the Mission District, and are shaping it according to their interests, are at the same time waging mass murder against the Vietnamese people, and taking in huge wealth from Latin America while keeping the millions of people in hunger and misery. Of course they have their politicians to do the dirty work for them, the puppet dictators and government officials around the world, Nixon, Reagan, Alioto, the Board of Supervisors. But the ones who actually do the planning for aggressive wars and inhumane "re-development" are the big owners, the leaders of the giant corporations who all work together because that way all of them grow bigger and make greater profits which is the only thing they're interested in. Where we live this super-business and super-government is the Bay Area Council, which is made up of companies like the Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Pacific Gas and Electric, Levi Strauss, Kaiser, Pacific Telephone, Hewlett-Packard, Crocker Citizens, the Bank of California, Utah Construction and Mining and Bechtel Corpor-

ation (the world's largest construction company).

Together, these corporations own most of our community, either directly or through property holdings by their law firms, real estate companies or corporations that exist only on paper to hold property. Together they are deciding what our community should be like. But their plans are of course much bigger than the Mission District, or even just San Francisco, we are only a tiny bolt in their machine. What they have in mind is a strategy for the whole "Pacific Rim" which Rudolph A. Peterson, the President of the Bank of America, explains like this:

"When I speak of the Pacific Rim I am putting the broadest possible construction on the term--the western coasts of South America, Central America, and our own continent and extending beyond Australia and the Far East to India. There is no more vast or rich area for resource development or trade growth in the world today than this immense region and it is virtually our own front yard... Were we California businessmen to play a more dynamic role in helping trade development in the Pacific Rim, we would have giant, hungry new markets for our products and vast new profit potentials for our firms."

This is the grand scheme of the big money makers of our area, the role they see for themselves in the expansion of U.S. interests. And they see San Francisco as the key to their plans. So if the plans of the big businessmen are like a wheel reaching out all over the Pacific, the San Francisco region is like the hub, the base area for coordinating their interests, storing their money and putting their decisions into effect.

So the take-over and "redevelopment" of our community (getting rid of us) to suit the economic needs of the U.S. may not involve mass murder as it does in Vietnam, but it is a key part in the same inhumane process. The daily injustices are dislocation that our people are suffering and being laid on us daily by the same men as the ones who are laying napalm and massive bombing attacks on the people of Vietnam, and as part of the same strategy. And at the same time we see thousands of our husbands, sons and brothers drafted to fight and get killed on the battlefield in a war that is costing us our homes, our streets and our livelihood. So in all respects we are paying for the war in Vietnam, we're victims of the same greed and inhumanity as are the people of Vietnam and Latin America. What's happening to our community is another example of United States imperialism.

What can we do about it? As the Vietnamese and Latin American liberation fighters are showing, it's never too late for people to stand up and resist oppression no matter how powerful it may seem. Our struggle will clearly be a difficult one, but the key will be unity. We must move to unite all people in our community behind an understanding of what's actually happening and a determination to resist further action designed to disrupt and disperse the area where we live. We must demand community control and full participation in all decisions that effect our lives, whether it be housing, jobs, education, medicine, or the police.

How about the Mission Coalition Organization, which is supposed to stand for the community's interests? We must recognize it to be an organization that can be stacked up as a political arm of the local powers, but which has many honest people and groups who are interested in fighting for the benefit of our people. We must demand that it do the job it's supposed to be doing, and help unite and really represent the broad community's needs. But we can't completely count on them. We'll have to do it ourselves, bring together all our force, and link up our resistance with the struggles of the other communities suffering from the same plans of action; Chinatown, Japantown, the Fillmore, Bayview-Hunters Point, Potrero Hill, etc. In this way, with this strategy, we will be really moving in unity with the people of Vietnam and Latin America.

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Central Committee, Venceremos



# New Tenants Union

Over 250 San Mateo County residents, many of them tenants on the county's leased housing program, attended a hearing on the San Mateo County Housing Authority. They came to confront the housing authority, its commissioners, Urban Development (HUD). But the confrontation fizzled when none of the officials showed up.

This hearing had previously been scheduled for August 8, but there wasn't enough space for the large turn-out and it was postponed. All of the county officials and HUD representatives were present on the 8th. At that time they could see the strength of the countywide opposition to them, and all the officials had excuses for not attending the hearing on August 23.

The hearing on the 23rd was held before the powerless County Committee for

Community Development (3CD). It is a citizen advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors on Federal Housing programs. The 3CD has been ignored by the Supervisors in the past when it presented the demands of county residents. After a brief hearing where many residents again told of the inability of the Housing Authority staff and commissioners to communicate with low-income people and of HUD's refusal to fight the war to make funds available for housing, the hearing ended.

At the close of the hearing about 50 people stayed to organize the San Mateo County Tenants Union. Officers were elected and three demands were unanimously adopted:

1) Chairman Albrecht of the Housing Authority Commission should not be reappoin-

ted, and a tenant from the Housing Authority's leased housing program should take his place.

2. The Board of Supervisors should remove the present commissioners and all new commissioners should be appointed with the advice and consent of the San Mateo County Tenant's Union.

3. Glen Weman, director of the Housing Authority, should be fired.

The Tenants Union will meet again soon to plan actions which will force the Board of Supervisors to accept these demands. In the future the Tenants Union hopes to deal with all housing issues facing poor people in the county.

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## Six Arrested In Chico



SOME OF JACK GRAHAM'S, A BIG DEVELOPER IN CHICO, ARMED MOUNTED GUARDS. SIX PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AT A CITY COUNCIL MTG. FOR OPPOSING HIS DEVELOPMENT

On May 16, six people were arrested for trying to participate in a Chico City Council meeting. The charges range from disturbing the peace to battery on a pig.

After a couple hours of people trying to get open discussion in the Council meeting of subjects set for vote that night, the mayor asked for the removal of one person who insisted that the people had the right to speak at public meetings of the council. At that point Chico's new police chief, imported from LA, turned the meeting into a police riot. Pigs who had been waiting in the building since the meeting began entered the room, flashing clubs and grabbing people pointed out by the mayor.

Mike Hahne, Ted Wattenberg, and Virginia Mabry were acquitted August 17 of misdemeanor charges stemming from the May 16 meeting. These acquittals are victories for the people, as one sister and two brothers are no longer threatened with immediate imprisonment.

Despite these victories, all of the issues that the council refused to discuss that night have since been passed or ignored over opposition of most all in attendance at the City Council meetings.

Paul Perkins, Paul Morgan, and Chuck Oakes still face felony charges that hold up to ten years in the "State Correctional Facilities" if found guilty. Motions for the dismissal of charges against them will be heard August 25, at which time it is likely that a trial date will be set. The issues on the May 16 City Council

agenda ranged from the Indochina war to local land developments.

Chico is a northern California community that until recently has been fairly rural and agriculturally based. In recent years, local government has been trying to attract big business to the area. This is being done at the expense of the local population and environment, already heavily burdened by the expansion of Chico State University.

The close to 10,000 students attending CSU are jammed into the community for nine months each year, raising rents and prices beyond reach of Chico's poor and working class. Chico has an unemployment rate of about 20% and a serious housing shortage.

The city's response to the unemployment and housing crisis has been to ignore them completely and suppress any discussion of those issues. Instead, the go-ahead is given to men like Jack Graham, an LA developer who only increases the problems facing Chico. Graham has been given the OK to begin selling his \$20-40,000 lots on an 8,700 acre development just outside of town. Although California Park, as this development is known, has a projected population of 20-30,000 (doubling Chico's present population) it provides no alternative to the crowded living conditions in town.

Instead, California Park is designed as a top security hide-out for corporate owners and executives to escape the anger of the people in the cities.

Chico's Airport/Industrial Park is also designed to attract corporations and their executives to the area. With plenty of cheap labor and good air and rail transportation at hand, Chico is ripe for more big firms like Polyplastex United (contracts with Boeing, Lockheed, etc.) and Diamond International, both of which employ many people around Chico. Plans for the Industrial Park call for a motel, restaurant, and banking facilities that will cater to commuting executives.

The local press has been feverishly presenting the case as criminal and not political in nature. To rally support, the City Council Six defense committee has had to publish its own coverage to keep the war, the development/rape of the land, unfair housing ordinances, and general loftiness of City Hall in the forefront, rather than emphasizing six people trying to disrupt orderly process.

Over 100 people were in attendance on May 16; only two were allowed to discuss the war without being interrupted by the gavel. This was by no means the first meeting that was crowded, yet the people attending were not allowed to speak to the issues.

The people of Chico want to keep our town out of the clutches of agri-business, military contractors, and land developers. We want to work internally to find real alternatives to the present life style of wanton waste. We want a chance to solve our problems of housing shortage, unemployment, and pending ecological disaster without the added weight of urban sprawl.

We want Chico for the people, not the corporations.

On August 25 the defense will make motions to dismiss all remaining charges. Motions to dismiss are usually denied in Butte County, in which case a jury trial will be set. A well-planned defense, along with community support, freed three of the City Council Six; an even greater show of support will be needed to free the others.

Our struggle is directed against the same inhumane oppressors that exploit half the world. We must all join together to stop citadels of centralized ownership, as Chico is rapidly becoming. As we attempt to defend our community, repression grows. Since our protests can't be heard over the exchange of crisp bills by our elected officials, we have no choice but to take our grievances to the streets.

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# CALVIN DOW ESCAPES

AT RIGHT: CALVIN DOW JR., 24, ACCUSED IN PRISON GUARD'S DEATH, IS RETURNED TO STATE PENITENTIARY FRIDAY AFTER CAPTURE NEAR BREITENBUSH. STATE POLICEMEN ARE LT. MARK KEZAR (LEFT) AND SGT. DAVID MACMANIMAN.

Calvin Dow, a political prisoner in Oregon, escaped from the maximum security ward of the Oregon State (Mental) Hospital on August 8. Calvin had been brought to the hospital for so-called "routine psychiatric examinations" related to his case. While at the hospital he made an attempt at gaining freedom and avoided a massive man-hunt for three days before he was finally recaptured.

This was not the first time Calvin had tried to gain his freedom. Seven years ago he was given a two-year sentence for auto theft. Since that time his sentence has been extended mainly because of his rebelliousness in the face of the cruel and vicious treatment in the prison system. He has been moved from prison to prison all across the country and currently faces additional charges of riot, attempted escape, and a frame-up in the death of a guard in the Oregon State Prison.

Calvin Dow's case is very similar to the case of Ruchell Magee. Both were thrown in prison for minor charges, and because of their unwillingness to be slaves in the prison have been tagged as "troublemakers" and subjected to beatings, threats, and forced to take on time in prison for crimes that they had nothing to do with. Because they keep fighting back and refuse to be broken they are repsected and loved by their fellow prison comrades and hated by the pigs.

The pigs' fear and hatred of Calvin

## Selling Pamoja Venceremos

# SHERIFF'S ARREST GIRLS

On Saturday, August 19, two High School women, Barbara Cohen and Reba Austin, were selling Pamoja Venceremos up at the San Francisco Airport. They were talking to two Black airport custodians when three San Mateo County Deputy Sheriffs walked up and said, "Let's go!" One of them was Joe Franzola, who used to be one of the worst pigs in East Palo Alto until he was transferred up to the airport. Another one of the pigs was named Beck, and the third we have not identified.

They told Barbara and Reba that they were under arrest for "Soliciting." When Barbara and Reba turned around and told the custodians to remember the incident, in case they needed witnesses, Franzola told them, "Keep your smart mouth shut or you're gonna find yourself gagged." Another pig told Reba if she didn't shut up he'd handcuff her.

Franzola said, "You're selling Venceremos newspapers. My favorite newspaper! I just love 'em. How's Brucie and Aaron?" He was referring to Bruce Franklin and Aaron Manganiello, on the Central Committee of Venceremos. When Barbara and Reba didn't answer his question, he called them "rookies" and said, "You big bad liberated women don't know nothing!"

They took Barbara and Reba to the Sheriffs substation at the airport, sat them down in the office and confiscated their newspapers and newspaper money. Barbara asked, "Aren't you supposed to write a property report to make sure I leave with what I came in with?" Fran-

can be seen in the effort made to recapture him. Hundreds of Portland police, Oregon State Highway Troopers, and FBI agents were mobilized for the search. The authorities began justifying their attempts to murder Calvin by planting front-page newspaper stories describing Calvin as a "mad-man" and a dangerous killer. People working on the CALVIN DOW DEFENSE COMMITTEE pointed out; "The sensational and slanderous coverage in the media is designed to scare the people of Portland, and make us feel that Calvin deserves brutal treatment. Nothing is said about how dangerous and violent the police have been. The tactics of the police make it clear that they

are not at all concerned with bringing Calvin to trial." In addition, police harassed Calvin's family by arresting his brother for aiding and abetting in the escape.

While Calvin was captured in his attempt at liberation, his example and spirit remain unbroken. From all indications Brother Calvin Dow is as much a worry to the ruling class as was Sam Melville at Attica..

Calvin is from a white working class family, and in the course of his imprisonment has joined the struggle of Black and Brown brothers and sisters who are carrying out the war of liberation from behind prison walls.

zola responded, "Justice is slow."

When Reba asked him how he'd known they didn't have a permit to sell the newspaper, because Franzola said he was arresting them for selling the paper without a permit, Franzola answered, "Because I'm the one that gives the permits and I wouldn't give a permit to any Venceremos people to sell any of this shit. I don't want you or any of your kind around here, and if I find you here again without any business I'll bust you for loitering."

Then he went into a long speech about how "bad" he was because he had seen "the last drop of blood pouring out of my 15-year-old brother's head." Reba asked, "Did he get shot by a pig?" "You call me a pig one more time and...you're going straight to Hillcrest," answered Franzola. He said that if someone called him a pig on the street he'd "beat the shit out of 'em."

Barbara and Reba were at the station for three and a half hours, during which time Franzola and the other pigs made constant jokes about them and Venceremos. It took the pigs almost the entire three and a half hours to fill out the information reports because they were so busy fooling around.

Franzola made up a story about busting a Venceremos member for threatening to kill her parents; who are also in Venceremos. He made up another story about a "well-known revolutionary woman" in San Francisco whom he said slept with a pig on the side and fought him in the streets. He babbled about being one of

Pronske's Raiders, a group of deputies led by Irvin Pronske who raided a series of parties in Redwood City last year, and muttered that his clubs were "lethal weapons."

Near the end, a big older deputy came in and said, "You're lucky you did not get caught on my shift cause I would not let you off as easy as they did. I would send you straight to Hillcrest." He said the reasons he wouldn't let them sell the paper is because "I wouldn't let my daughter sell that goddamned paper."

Reba's father sent a friend who lives at his house up to take them home. When he arrived, Franzola told him that he was a "shit out of luck" because he was not going to release Barbara and Reba to him because he was "too young." Barbara's mother drove up and they were finally released to her.

It's clear from previous incidents with Franzola, as well as this one, that Franzola is crazy. He is a "mad" dog. Then why do they let him stay on the police force? Because the pigs are used to repress the people, and Franzola does this well--by harassing and intimidating everyone.

But when incidents like this occur, we must take all possible steps to deal with them. One thing we can do is demand that Franzola and all other pigs who continually harass and intimidate the people be offed from the force. Because if we allow this repression to continue it'll get worse instead of better.





## Chope Hospital Lies

Brother Curtis Rockhill has succeeded in forcing his way into Chope Community Hospital to clean up from heroin. After trying to do it by himself, he got in with the help of the Redwood City People's Drug Program and supporters.

About 12 of us talked to Dr Pickett, head of the San Mateo County Health and Welfare Department on August 1 and demanded:

- 1) That Curtis Rockhill be admitted to the county hospital to detoxify from heroin.
- 2) That Chope Hospital be opened up to all drug abusers who want to clean up until better facilities are started.
- 3) That detoxification and all other drug facilities be under the control of a broad base of community people.

Dr. Pickett and the county Drug Coordinator, Bill Edelman, jumped back and agreed to our demands. We got promises that Curtis was going to get in, that the hospital was going to have five beds set up for heroin detoxification, and two drug counselors hired for the hospital until a better detoxification center is set up the community.

Right after the meeting we took Curtis over to the hospital and he still couldn't get in. We thought about setting up a picket line, but decided to go down to the hospital and give it one more try. About eight of us went down, with the attitude that we weren't going to lose. We barged into a meeting where Pickett was telling the doctors that they had to start letting in addicts to kick because we might do something to embarrass them otherwise.

So Curtis got in, right on. But when we went back on August 23 to get a young couple in to clean up, they were refused. Those county bureaucrats are really a pain. But we'll stay on their backs until everyone who needs help can get into the hospital to clean up and until we have programs that are controlled by the community to help those who are being messed over by drugs.

STOP THE PLAGUE

## Bone Fractures

Bone fractures can occur for many reasons; falls, hits, car and bike accidents, fights, etc. If you ever do come across a bone fracture accident or you yourself get one there are certain things you should know. First, there are two kinds of fractures; a simple fracture and a compound fracture. The symptoms of a simple fracture are; a) the person may hear or feel the bone snap and grating noises, b) there will be pain and tenderness at the break, c) inability to use injured part or to move adjacent part, d) broken part may be swollen and deformed, the skin area may also be discolored. The symptoms of a compound fracture are the same as for the simple fracture, except that in a compound the bone may protrude through the skin and frequently there is severe bleeding. If you're in a riot or demonstration situation, gather some people you can depend on to protect the victim from being jostled or stepped on by running cops or people.

These are the things you should know on how to give first aid to bone fracture.

1. Keep broken end and adjacent parts still.
2. If bleeding, cut away clothing and

## Menlo Park Planning Commission

Some members of the Menlo Park Planning Commission and their staff work the way other sections of our government do --for the benefit of the rich and at the expense of poor and working people.

A couple months ago they tried to make one homeowner tear down an extension on his house because the contractor had failed to build it according to the permit. They didn't want to take action against the contractor who made the mistake, but preferred to hassle the victim. The homeowner appealed the decision and won when the City Council overuled them.

Last June 12, they were threatening the Barnes family with economic disaster. The Barnes have run a small tree surgery business from their home since 1945.

Their area of Menlo Park wasn't annexed until the 1950's but the Planning Commission staff after receiving a complaint threatened to close them down and sent them a letter saying they had one more year to operate. At the meeting Bob Barnes pointed out that the staff hadn't told allied arts or Peninsula Building Supply (who both operate in residential areas) to shut down but was trying to economically ruin his family.

When the Planning Commission realized that the Barnes family and their supporters weren't giving in they gave up. The most important thing about this is that when people get together and fight the system that oppresses them and try to control their lives, the people will win.

## Letter from San Quentin 6

Greetings Comrade,

I was aware of the plot contrived and executed against you by the nefarious monster fascism, I had been meaning to write you before now but things just kept piling up on me. Having finally extricated myself from the legal aspects of my correspondence, I am finally able to write you and convey our congratulation at the outcome of the matter. The fascist element who are in power now fail to realize that men and women who are in earnest fear no consequences, and will not be intimidated by the repressive tactics employed by their various pig agencies here in Amerika. The tide of revolution is sweeping the country. It cannot be held back, when it ebbs a new society will stand in place of the old one.

The path that we must take is clearly illuminated, the only thing we must do is shoulder our arms and take to the path...

Well comrade I will close this short message for now. Look to hear from you soon.

Venceremos,  
One of the San Quentin 6

EDITORS NOTE: THE ABOVE LETTER WAS SENT TO MORT NEWMAN AND BRUCE POLLOCK, WHO JUST GOT ACQUITTED ON CHARGES OF POSSESSING MATERIALS TO MAKE A DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE STEMMING FROM A RAID ON THEIR HOME BY MENLO PARK POLICE.



BRUCE POLLOCK (TOP) AND MORT NEWMAN (BOTTOM) ARE THE TWO COMRADES THAT THE BROTHER FROM QUENTIN WAS WRITING TO IN THE LETTER AT LEFT.



## PEOPLE'S DOC

control flow by applying a clean cloth, then wrap a bandage around the wound. Use tourniquet only as the last result! 3. If necessary to move (no way to get to hospital but by own transportation) have splints, pads, and ties ready. For the splint, use anything available to brace the fractured limb. A broomstick, branch or slats from a fence will do. Then--

- a) give complete immobilization to fracture bone and next joint in either direction from fracture, by adding padded splints.
- b) If the long leg bones are broken and victim must be moved some distance to a doctor, apply traction splint, (when the whole limb is completely secured to splint there will be no mobility what-so-ever) unless bone is protruding, in which case immobilize leg by placing sterile dressing over wound and splinting in place.
4. After splint is in place, examine every 20 minutes to be sure limb swelling has not cut off blood circulation.

An important consideration for a victim who has had a traumatic accident is to treat him for shock. Many people with non-fatal wounds have died from shock, so

be sure this is done. The treatment is simple. If the victim has no chest, neck or head wounds, raise his legs so blood will flow to his head. If one of his legs are broken, you of course don't raise it. Keep the victim from chilling. If it's cold out cover him with a jacket or anything available. But if it's hot outside, don't cover him. The idea is to keep him from getting too cold or too hot.

A very important thing to remember to do is to reassure the victim that things will be alright. Keep them from panicking as much as possible. You must remember also that the person will be going through some pretty bad pain. Make them as comfortable as you possibly can, and work as fast as you can without causing much movement to the injured part.

If you're really serious about learning people's medicine, the best way of learning is to practice techniques and also get hold of a first aid book and read it with your comrades and practice on each other.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
MEDICINE FOR THE PEOPLE!



# NIXON'S BLACK - CAPITALIST HOAX



Town father Floyd McKissick: To the red clay soil and the GOP

During the Civil Rights Movement, Floyd McKissick, as the spokesman for CORE, was known as a righteous black militant. Today, McKissick lives in a Southern Plantation house surrounded by 5,000 acres of worn-out cottonland which he plans to transform into a town called Soul City. Soul City is supposed to eventually house 44,000 people and provide 8,000 jobs.

Soul City, North Carolina, is something less than a fantasy, for the Federal Government has already offered McKissick \$14 million to get things rolling. In a few months, ground will be broken for an industrial park--a scheme which rests on the assumption that some corporations will choose to re-locate in undeveloped parts of the South to take advantage of large numbers of unskilled and unemployed black workers.

In return, McKissick recently announced the formation of "Blacks For Nixon" and has printed up campaign buttons featuring a black elephant and the slogan: "Self-Determination in 1972."

This marriage of revolutionary slogans and federal money is at the heart of Nixon's strategy of counter-revolution. It's called "Black Capitalism."

Though the idea of Black Capitalism has been debated and, with little results, attempted in the Black Nation from the time of Marcus Garvey in the early part of the century up through the programs of the Muslims, the U.S. ruling class of white capitalists didn't pick it up until after the urban rebellions of the sixties. It was then when cities like Detroit got hot, that industrialists and politicians got together to form the Urban Coalition in 1967. And it was in 1968 that Nixon got into the act by offering black people "a piece of the action." He was quickly backed up by CORE, the Urban League and the NAACP.

Nixon, aided by his domestic Kissingers, like Daniel Moynihan, passed legislation such as the Community Self-Determination Act of 1968 to provide money for black businesses with the hopes of creating a class of neo-colonial rulers for the Black Nation (and showing a model for how capitalism can work). This was in line with Moynihan's call for a "period of benign neglect... in which Negro progress continues and racial rhetoric fades."

## Will It Work?

These plans for Black Capitalism proceed from the stated desire to "bring black people into the economy." This doesn't mean that they plan to get everyone up in a small business, for black people are, obviously, already in

the economy--as the most oppressed section of the proletariat.

Black Capitalism is not separate from the rest of the capitalist economy. At the same time the capitalists make an attempt to build up a petty-bourgeoisie (small business owners) and create a neo-colonial ruling class in the black community, black workers come under more and more attack. Black workers are at the heart of the proletariat because of their concentration in key industries, yet these very jobs--especially in auto and steel--are in jeopardy because of automation and changes in the methods of production.

The real function, then, of "Black Capitalism" is to create a class of rulers for a nation which is overwhelmingly proletarian. It is here that the McKissicks and Ira Halls (black member of the Stanford Board of Trustees and Urban Coalition executive) fit in. This new black elite is a group of agents made to act like a bourgeoisie without really being one, for they do not own the industries they try to bring into the black community. They are not a class which has evolved in the normal course of economic development, but one which has been, almost instantly, created.

Basically, Nixon's strategy of black capitalism cannot work. Small black businesses are always in economic trouble, and, most importantly, the



needs and desires of black people for jobs, housing, justice and freedom cannot be met in this system.

What results, overall, is both a heightening of class contradictions in the black nation and an intensifying of the contradiction between the masses of black people and the U.S. ruling class.

## What About Self-Determination?

Yet, Floyd McKissick cannot make a dirty word out of self-determination. All black people in this country are oppressed as a nation, and the national liberation struggle of black people will continue to play a leading role in the American Revolution.

Some people who call themselves "revolutionaries" put down movements around community control issues, but any real revolutionary must support struggles to get the police out of third world communities by any means and struggle to force the government to meet the needs of daily existence. These are all proletarian demands--demands which challenge a state which oppresses peoples and nations and working people here and around the world.

Chairman Mao has said that the struggle between the masses of black people and the U.S. ruling class is a class contradiction. Complete liberation will only come when the entire system of imperialism (advanced Capitalism) is destroyed.

The idea of Black Capitalism cannot divert this struggle for complete liberation, because the victims of material oppression (black workers being forced out of key industries, the lumpen hustling on the street because there's no work, the small store owners not making it) will always unite to fight back. The realities of Detroit, of Motor City, will always be more real than those of Soul City. And the realities of Motor City link the struggles of black people with the rest of the proletariat.

National liberation and community control cannot be based on capitalism. It has to move toward total socialist revolution. Malcolm understood this in the last days of his life when he said that he "used to define black nationalism as the idea that the black man should control the economy of his community" but then realized after talking to African leaders that he was "alienating people who were true revolutionaries dedicated to overthrowing the system of exploitation that exists on earth by any means necessary."

Malcolm concluded, "It is impossible for capitalism to survive, because the system needs some blood to suck. Capitalism used to be like an eagle, but now it's more like a vulture....As the nations of the world free themselves, then capitalism has less victims, less to suck, and it will become weaker and weaker. It's only a matter of time before it will collapse completely."



MALCOLM X



# BARBITUATES

Barbituate and seditive abuse reaches all levels of this society. The blame for the overuse of these drugs, which are ordinarily valuable as detoxification aids and calming agents, rests not only on the street pusher, as the majority of the pig press would have us believe, but also on the greed of the pharmaceutical companies and the conditions of oppression under which people live.

Since earliest civilization men have felt a need to relax. Today, however, along with the "pills and chemicals for every problem," campaigns carried on by advertising pigs and the incredible pressures of "living" in an oppressive society, the scope of these needs has widened considerably. The needs to sleep, to relax, to forget, to relate to people, to feel good or just to get "fucked up" turn people on to the use of barbituates and sedatives. WHY?

In communities alienated by racism, where jobs are hard to find, housing is poor and tensions are high, barbituates will find their way into people's lives. Reds and downers seem to block out the anger and frustrations of black, brown and poor white people who can find no way to struggle against their oppression. Family doctors, with their petty bourgeois mentalities, prescribe barbituates to their unhappy patients, ignoring the real problem.

Mental institutions keep their patients strung-out and well-behaved on thorazine. Teachers in Nebraska give "behaviour modification drugs," including barbituates, to "disruptive" students. Oppressed women become "happy housewives" thanks to tranquilizers. In all of these cases the oppression still exists; the drug has merely dulled the awareness of it. Groups of people get together with a jar of reds and block out the unhappiness when it would be better for their own lives and the lives of their brothers and sisters if they got together to plan struggles against their oppressors.

The blindness of doctors who dole out scripts for their favorite tranquilizers and barbituates is partly due to the fact that most medical schools fail to offer a course in clinical pharmacology which would expose the practices of the drug trade.

Doctors get their education from big drug companies like Lilly and Squibb, who pay the AMA \$10 million a year so they can play pig advertising tricks on them. The overuse of barbituates and seditives is great for the drug companies who often rank first in profits out of the 41 major



THIS MAN THINKS HE KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED  
DON'T LET HIM FOOL YOU. GODDAMN THE  
PUSHERMAN!!!!

US industries. Getting reds from the guy down the street is usually no different than getting them from Lilly. Incredibly large amounts of drugs disappear regularly from drug companies. They are written off as "stolen."

It all started back in 1903 when Fischer and Van Mering synthesized Veronal. This was the first barbituate, soon to be followed by almost 2,500 others. In this flood of chemical barbituates was the most commonly used penobarbital, secobarbital and amobarbital. They were popular because of their ability to effect the user in a short amount of time. Not until after the 1940's was dependence producing qualities of barbituates recognized as a problem. This problem was "solved" in the 1950's when a new class of drugs, the so-called "minor tranquilizers," began to appear. Even though they had a barbituate-like action and produced both psychological and physical dependence, tranquilizers became the little pill for every problem.

The most widely used barbs are reds, yellows and blues. The intoxicating dosage is at first only 50 to 100 mgm, but a tolerance is quickly developed. Within weeks the dose needed for a high

may be between 400 and 1000 mgm. Intoxication with barbituates resembles intoxication with alcohol, often including a quick temper and a quarrelsome disposition.

Barbituates depress the central nervous system. Under an intoxicating dosage, physical effects include loss of coordination, slurred speech, sleepiness and stupor which may lead to coma and death. The use of barbituates with other drugs is common, and when taken together with alcohol or opiates, may end in death.

An overdose usually results when a person takes his usual dose but because the effect is not quick or intense enough he takes another. With drug-induced confusion he will take more, forgetting he has already swallowed two doses. Large doses of barbituates in the stomach also diminish gastric and intestinal functions, so death comes slowly but surely.

**WHAT TO DO IN THE CASE OF OVERDOSE:**  
If the person is unconscious the only thing you can do is to keep him from swallowing his tongue and get him to a hospital where they will probably pump his stomach. If he is conscious try to make him vomit. You can use ipecac, which is available at drug stores.

An abrupt withdrawal from a heavy barbituate habit often ends in death unless it is treated in a hospital. During the first eight hours after withdrawal, symptoms of intoxication decline and the person appears to improve. Soon after, however, anxiety, headaches, twitching of various muscles, nervousness, tremor, weakness, twitching of the heart when standing and vomiting become evident. They become intense after 16 hours and severe after 24. Between the 30th and 48th hours of withdrawal, convulsions of the grand mal type occur. Grand mal is the worst form of convulsion. There is also a fever, disorientation, hallucinations and delusions. Ordinarily, the delirium lasts less than five days and ends with a prolonged period of sleep. In a hospital, phenobarbital, which is a slow-acting barbituate, is used to detoxify a person withdrawing from barbituate addiction. They are also closely observed and given vitamins intervenously.

Withdrawal in a hospital is useless if the person must go back to the same fucked conditions and oppression that led him to do barbituates in the first place. One big reason for the existence of the Palo Alto Drug Collective is to help brothers and sisters struggle with their oppression and mobilize their stagnant energies to fight back. If you could dig helping us, come to the meetings every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at 3381 Park in Palo Alto.

## POLICE CURB USE OF GUNS

A New York policeman shot and killed an 11-year-old boy, Rickey Boddin, in the mostly Black community of Brighton Beach, a section of Staten Island. According to the police report, Rickey was running from a stolen car at the time.

The murder triggered a rock-throwing incident by righteously angry people in the community. Following this incident, there was a community meeting.

After the community meeting, the police, scared by the retaliation of the community, issued a three-page directive requiring officers to use "only minimum force" in making arrests and resorting to firearms "only in defense or to prevent a felony."

VENEZUELA (GUARDIAN)--The US has signed a deal with one of its NATO partners, the Netherlands, to build military bases on islands off the coast of Venezuela. Venezuelan Senator Montiel said the US wants bases in the area in order to protect its oil companies and in case Panama takes any action to regain control of the Panama Canal.

## L.A. BLACK WOMAN SHOT, PIG GOES FREE

The Los Angeles County Grand Jury announced that it had found "no criminal responsibility" on the part of a policeman who shot a 16-year-old girl.

Detective W. W. DeWalsh testified that he fired twice at Miss Griffin when he saw her about to strike officer W. R. Wally with a bat.

Miss Griffin and a 14-year-old brother, Willie, also testified and said they were coming to the aid of a younger brother when they engaged in the physical confrontation with the police.

The scuffle was triggered when the officers attempted to force David Griffin, 13, into their car for questioning. They said they suspected him of burglary. The detectives were not in uniform.

Assault charges were dismissed against Gloria and Willis Griffin by Juvenile Judge Newell Barrett, who said he "was not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that they used more than reasonable force in coming to the aid of their younger brother." He also ruled that the detention of David Griffin was illegal.



DON'T LET THE MAN GET YOU DOWN.  
FIGHT BACK.

Henry Sands, attorney for the Griffins, said that a civil suit against the police department and the two officers will be filed soon. Miss Griffin has lost the lower third of her left lung and may lose the use of her left hand as a result of the shooting.



# THAILAND "SECURITY"

BANGKOK, THAILAND--Peter Smith, a correspondent for Pacific News Service and a former Green Beret in Vietnam, successfully gained entry recently into a secret US Central Intelligence Agency base in Thailand.

Smith talked his way past Thai guards and toured "Camp Saritsana--a secret base used by 10 to 15 Green Berets to train Thai soldiers for fighting in Laos. According to Smith, about 1000 Thais are being trained to join the CIA-financed Meo mercenaries whose numbers



have been decimated by years of guerilla fighting. The project, underway for the past three years, has been kept secret because Thailand is officially neutral--and sending guerillas from Thailand into Laos would be a violation of this country's treaty agreements and international law.

Smith drove up to the gate, told a guard that he was a former member of the special forces, and the next thing he knew he was getting a guided tour of the base. First, he saw the landing strip where CIA-owned Air America planes landed and took off about five times a day. Then he was led into the special forces "team room" where five Americans were sipping beer in civilian clothes without name tag, rank identification or insignias.

The five Americans were shocked to see him, but he told them about his Vietnam war experiences and soon they were all talking about their common experiences in the special forces.

One of the Americans said, "Nobody is allowed on the base without permission straight from the embassy in Bangkok." But none of the men appeared to care that Smith was there.

Later in the day, as Smith left Camp Saritsana, he passed a sign at the gate which read, "What you say here, what you do here, what you hear here, leave it here."



"...unite with the people, take root and blossom among them."

Mao

## In Memory of a Comrade

Comrade Charu Mazumdar is dead. He was murdered on orders by the reactionary Indian ruling class. Mazumdar was not known to many people in this country, yet he was the leader of a revolutionary movement that had undertaken a people's war to liberate the oppressed Bengali nation, and the people of India and Pakistan. Comrade Mazumdar was the head of the Communist Party of India--Marxist-Leninist (CPI-ML). He died in July after the Indian reactionaries conducted a massive search leading to his capture, and then murder in Calcutta hospital.

The movement Mazumdar led had its start among the poor peasants and agricultural workers in the Naxalbari region of the Indian state of "West" Bengal. It was here that more than five years ago, the poor and working people of the region rose in revolt, seized the plantations and large farms, and tried and executed cruel landlords, capitalists, police and public officials. It was in this Naxalbari region that the activities of the "Naxalite" revolutionaries sparked a fire of revolt that has since spread to other provinces, and into Pakistan.

### BENGALI LIBERATION

To understand why Mazumdar, as well as thousands of other South Asian people have been murdered by the Indian and Pakistani ruling classes, it is necessary to see the importance of the "Naxalite" revolt.

The Naxalbari movement was not just a fight of peasants against landlords, it was the latest uprising of the Bengali people for the liberation of their nation. "West" Bengal State, where the revolt took place, is really just a part of the divided nation of Bengal; the other part of the nation was East Pakistan, now the so-called Bangla Desh (Bengali Republic). The fate of the Bengali nation has been like Korea, Vietnam, and Ireland--all divided by imperialist powers, against the will of the people.

For several hundred years the Bengali people have fought against foreign control. In the beginning it was against the British Empire which sent its armies

in to occupy Bengal. From Bengal came most of the early revolutionaries for all of India, and it was among the Bengali people that the Anti-British Army which was the military arm of the Indian independence movement in the 1930's-1940's got its strongest support.

When the Indian people finally were able to force the British out, the Bengal nation had to resist a combined attack by the British imperialists and the new Indian and Pakistani ruling classes. The British made a deal with the Indian and Pakistani capitalists to keep control of its possessions, and let these new ruling classes in on the exploitation by dividing Bengal into two; the north went to Pakistan and became "East Pakistan" and the south became the Indian State of "West Bengal." The battle against the Indian reactionaries who have invaded "East Pakistan" and set up the puppet government of Bangla Desh.

It is because the peasants and workers of Bengal are fighting both for liberation as a nation and as toilers against the exploitation of landlords and capitalists that their movement is so strong. As the most oppressed and exploited of all the people of the Indian subcontinent, the Bengalis have shown the greatest resistance and struggle. This had led others to enter the struggle and to fight harder for their own liberation; it is the Naxalbari revolt which sparked uprisings and revolt in other parts of India and in Pakistan.

### DARE TO STRUGGLE

The rising of the Naxalbari peasants and workers was the start of the current wave of revolutionary struggle now taking place in Bengal, India and Pakistan. Early news of the revolt scared many Indians and Pakistanis who called themselves "revolutionaries," and "communists." They had spent most of their time in endless debate and writing, and the struggles they led were always "safe" politically, either centering around non-violent demonstrations, or election campaigns. The people of Naxalbari region ended the "safe" revolution.

Thousands of Indian and Pakistani communists like Comrade Mazumdar saw the "Naxalites as the new world for South Asia. They recognized that only by having a real Communist Party willing to organize the Bengali war of national liberation, and take this struggle to the Indian and Pakistani people--this was the only kind of party capable of carrying out the revolution. This is what Mazumdar and his comrades have tried to build in the CPI (ML).

The goal of the CPI (ML) was to take the "Spirit of Naxalbari" and turn it into a revolutionary movement for all South Asia. In the few years it's existed the CPI (ML) has organized the Bengali liberation struggle along revolutionary lines. For the rural areas, liberated districts have been set up with poor and working people having the power, and to protect this power a revolutionary army has been organized. This people's army started with self-defense, and currently has spread its activities to attacking Indian Army and police posts, and liberating new areas. This struggle has also spread beyond Bengal to bordering Indian states where the masses of people are rising up and creating many new "Naxalbari's."

Comrade Mazumdar was the main inspiration for this revolutionary movement, and it is hard to lose a revolutionary comrade like this. South Asia is an area with more than half-a-billion people, most suffering from the worst poverty, exploitation and oppression that cruel reactionaries can use. This is an area that needs many Comrade Mazumdars and the revolutionary Communist Parties and People's Armies that he and other comrades were pulling together. But even though Comrade Mazumdar has fallen, the work that was accomplished will surely assist the people of South Asia to win new victories, and finally their complete liberation.

LONG LIVE THE WORK OF COMRADE MAZUMDAR!  
LONG LIVE THE SPIRIT OF NAXALBARI!  
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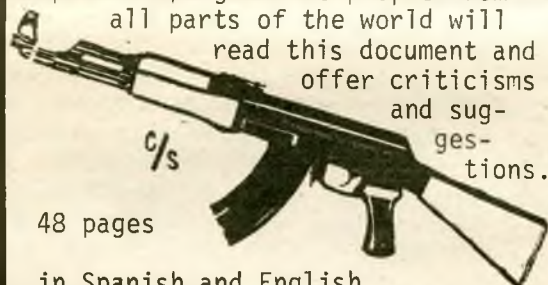
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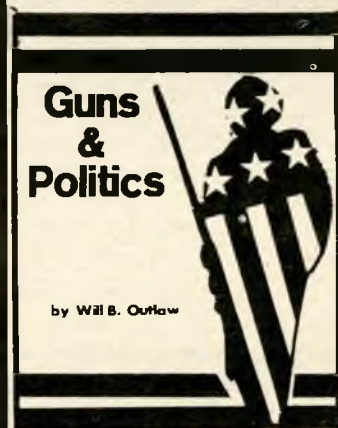
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# Nixon Coming!

## Tuesday, Sep. 5



## S.F. Presidio

### Help Free Thero Wheeler

Thero Wheeler is a political prisoner who has a parole hearing before the California Adult Authority in early September. He is eligible for parole on October 6.

Thero needs the help of comrades and progressive people to increase his chances of being released on parole this time around. He has asked that people write to his counselor on his behalf requesting that he be released on parole. This is an important request. It is one of the few actions we can take to concretely aid a prisoner who is in the forefront of the movement for human justice and dignity. So please write and ask as many of your friends as possible to write also.

We first met Thero at Soledad prison in February of 1972 through an inmate legal assistance program at Stanford Law School. He is an excellent jailhouse lawyer; he filed suit against the prison officials for censoring and interfering with his mail, and the interference stopped. He organized inmates at Soledad around revolutionary and multinational principles, was an officer of the

### ...Write a Letter

Afro-Awareness Club, and the co-leader of a movement for an inmate Legal Club which would lead the struggle for prisoners' rights on a legal level.

In April, Thero joined Venceremos. Shortly thereafter, Thero was shipped, in the middle of the night, to Folsom, a maximum security prison, in an effort to strigle his revolutionary activities and leadership.

When you write to Thero's counselor, you should tell him how you became acquainted with his case (from a friend, newspaper article, etc.). Also request that your letter be presented on Thero's behalf during his Adult Authority hearing. Here is a list of suggested points you might mention in your letter--in your own words, of course:

Thero should be granted parole because:

- \*He has paid for his crime long enough (7½ years)
- \*He regrets the original crime of robbery and wouldn't do it again
- \*He has acquired useful skills in prison as a legal worker and as an appliance repairman (motor re-winder)
- \*He has rehabilitated himself through study and hard work
- \*He will contribute positively to society with his skills and motivation
- \*He has a family and a large community of friends waiting who will support him on his release

Your letter should be sent to the following address and should be received by September 6, in order to be considered in Thero's hearing:

**Correctional Counselor Rodriguez**  
**Box W, Folsom State Prison**  
**Represa, Ca. 95671**  
**re: Thero Wheeler A-74064-B**  
**for: Adult Authority**

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# 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, wire-taps, 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

VENCEREMOS ES UNA ORGANIZACION REVOLUCIONARIA Y MULTINACIONAL QUE USA EL MARXISMO-LENINISMO PENSAMIENTO MAO TSE-TUNG PARA LUCHAR POR LIBERACION DE TODA LA GENTE OPRIMIDA. SOMOS REVOLUCIONARIOS PORQUE CREEMOS QUE LA SOLA MANERA EN QUE PUEBLA PUEDE GANAR ES DE APODERARSE POR CUALQUIER MANERA NECESARIA EL PODER YA EN LOS MANOS DE LA CLASE RICA. SOMOS MULTINACIONALES PORQUE CREEMOS QUE EL METODO MAS RAPIDO A LA VICTORIA ES POR LA COOPERACION DE GENTE DE TODOS COLORES. COMO LA GENTE Y NACIONES DE COLOR SON LOS MAS OPRIMIDAS, ELLOS TIENEN EL MEJOR ENTENDIMIENTO DE COMO ELIMINA ESTA OPRESION. POR ESTA RAZON, NUESTRA COMITE CENTRAL TIENE SIETE MIEMBROS DEL TERCER MUNDO Y TRES BLANCOS. USAMOS EL MARXISMO-LENINISMO PENSAMIENTO MAO TSE-TUNG PORQUE ES UNA TEORIA QUE RESUME LAS LUCHAS DE LA GENTE POR TODAS PARTES DEL MUNDO. ES UN INSTRUMENTO DE LIBERACION QUE PUEBLOS HAN USADO PROSPERAMENTE POR LOS ULTIMOS CIEN ANOS.

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 EDUCACION 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 OPRESION 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 CONSCRIPCION MILITAR, FIN AL EJERCITO 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.

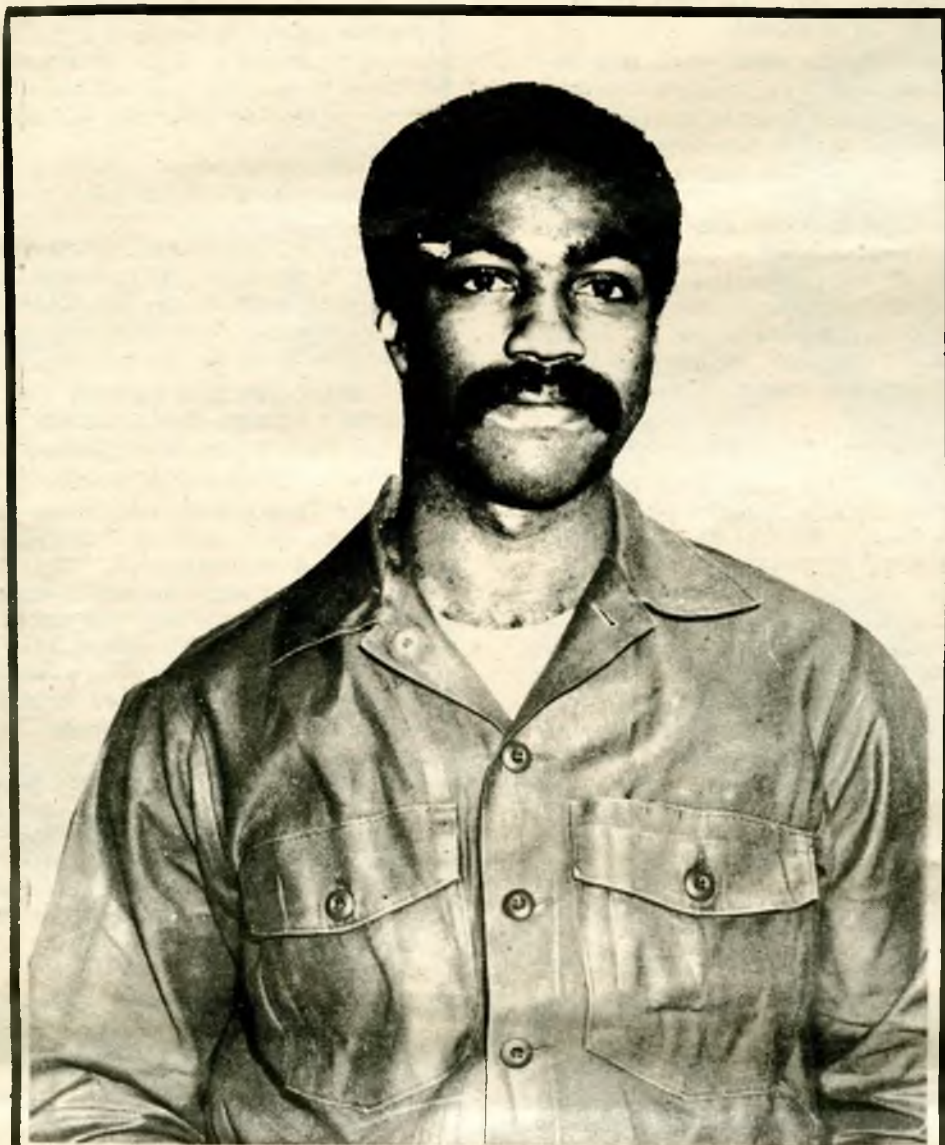
## 5. LA LIBRE-DETERMINACION PARA TODAS LAS NACIONES Y PARA LOS PUEBLOS OPRIMIDOS.

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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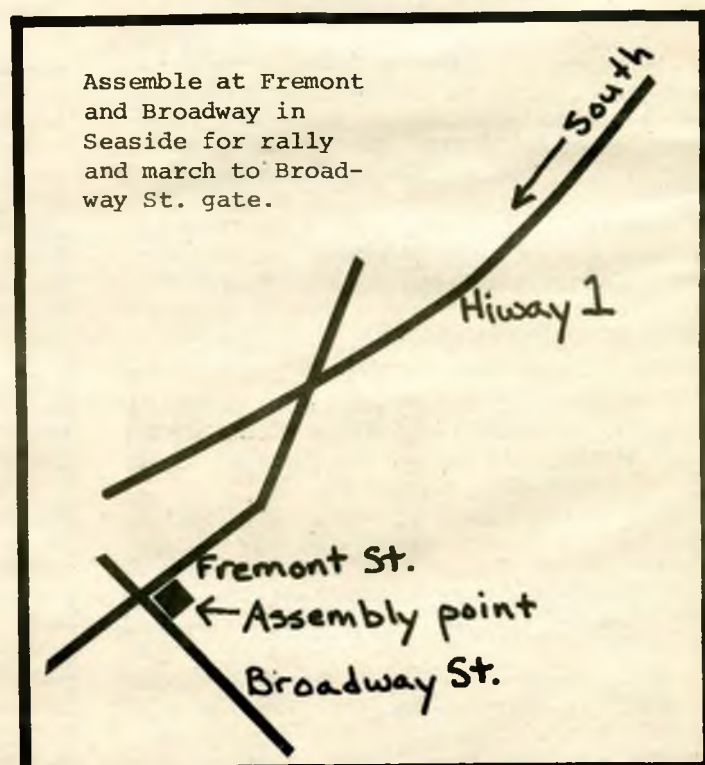
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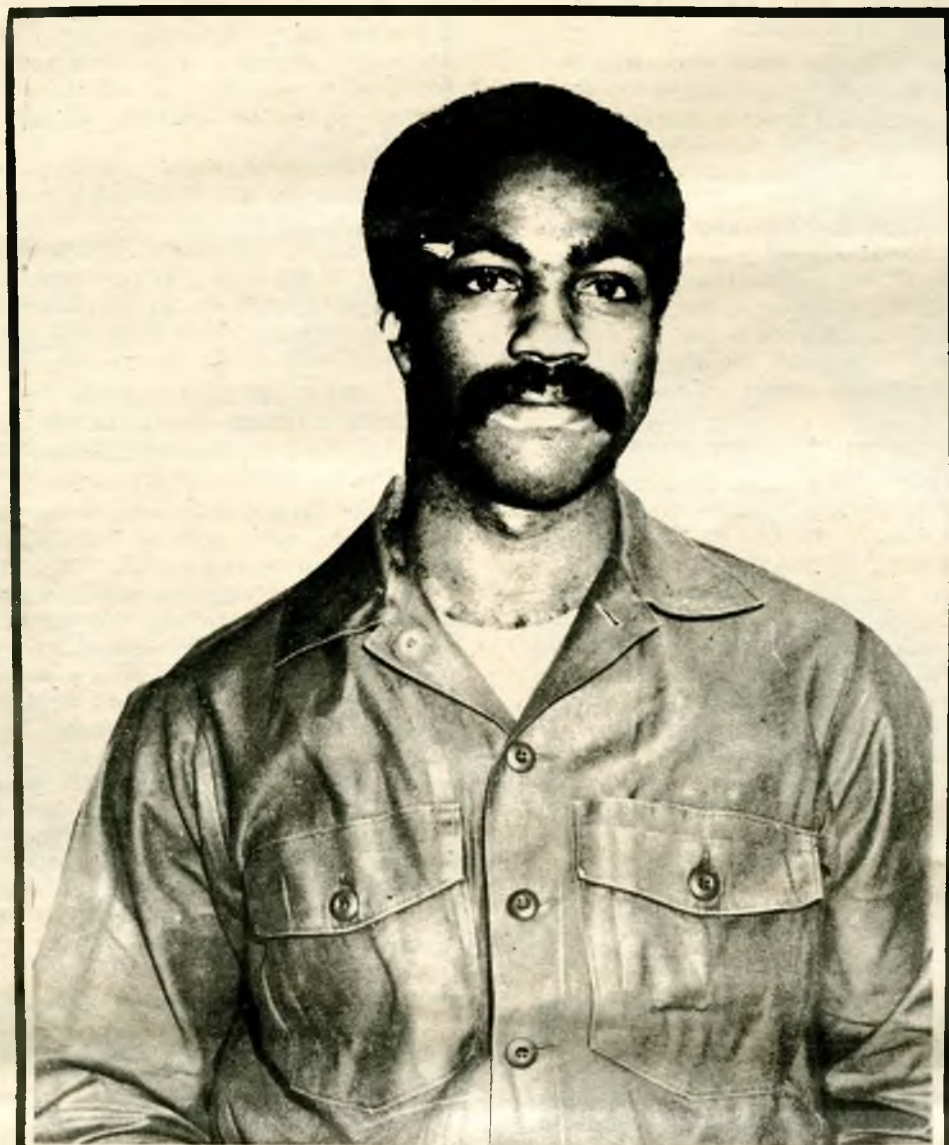
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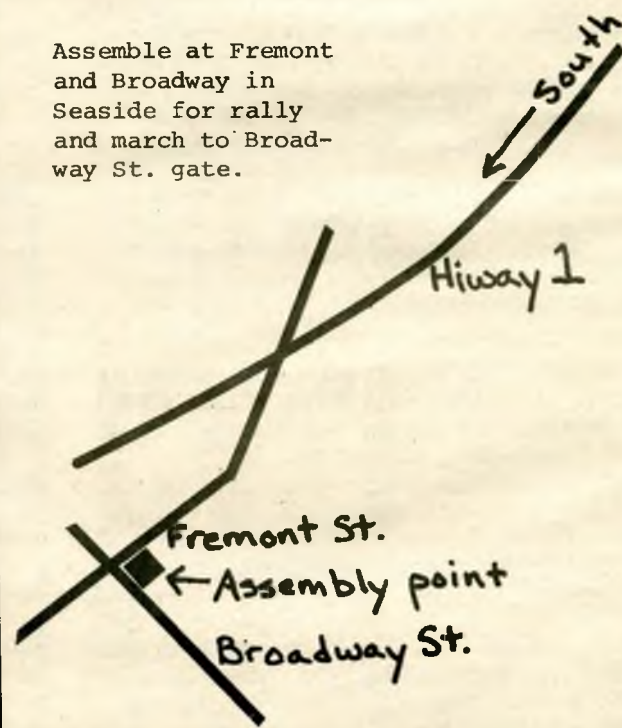
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