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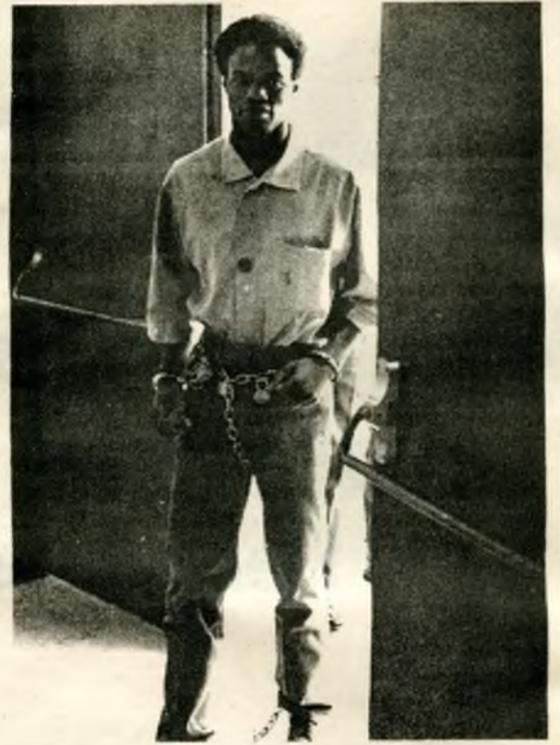
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# MENLO PARK ELECTIONS-Taking Sides

On April 11 Menlo Park voters will elect three people to the City Council in a regular election and a recall election.

Running in the regular election for an incumbent's seat and a vacant seat are seven candidates. Among these seven, three are black men from East Menlo. The fact that three black people are running is by itself a progressive development because at this time all council members are white men who live west of Bayshore.

Archie Moore Jr., the son of the prizefighter, is a worker at the Stanford Linear Accelerator and is active among black workers there. He has been active in the citizens' investigation about the killing of Gregory White, a black youth, in East Menlo on March 9 by San Mateo County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Bringhurst. He speaks from a working class and Third World perspective and would work to serve the interests of the majority of the people who live in this city. He is young and energetic.

Herbert Harrison has been active in Menlo Park and county politics for as long as we can remember. He serves now on the Human Relations Commission and other groups. We have seen him always taking the side of the oppressed at City Council meetings, the HRC meetings, and most recently concerning the murder of Gregory White. At the candidates night sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Mr. Harrison demonstrated his long association with progressive politics by exposing some distortions to put it mildly. As he said, "We have to expose these lies," and that is what we believe he will do, as well as working (it seems 24 hours a day) to move things forward.

Billy Ray White works for Varian and is part of the Menlo Park United machine, established by the rich people of Sharon Heights in an effort to put down the stirring movement among the

people in this city. They have found a willing pawn in the person of Billy Ray, who is in a three-man alliance with two of those well-to-do white businessmen: Stockbroker George Liddle and Assistant to the Director of SLAC, Doug Dupen. George Liddle is the councilman who is facing recall.

These three men--Liddle, Dupen, and White--are the choices of Menlo Park United, West Menlo residents who call themselves "established residentialists."

Another progressive development is that a working class woman is running--Mrs. Henrietta Westlund.

Robert Stephens is running to keep his seat on the council. He and Dick Leask, also running in the regular election, and Robert Maines, running in the recall election, are the three men endorsed by the Menlo Park Tomorrow group who call themselves residentialists. These three men are all liberals. Stephens and Leask seem fairly honest but

they are hesitant to take stands against repression by the police and unable so far to see beyond their fairly comfortable sector of society into the necessity for radical change.

Maines is Stanford-oriented, and that is going to get us into trouble in the future if he's elected. Liddle has voted the wrong way on every issue that is controversial (he was for the Storm Drainage Project, for example), and his attendance at City Council meetings is absent 30%.

We are of course supporting the VENCEREMOS candidate, JOAN DOLLY (see other article this issue) in the recall election. And in the regular election we believe that we should elect two blackmen, Archie Moore & Herbert Harrison, to the two openings because it is clear that the primary task in this city right now is to represent the unrepresented black people who make up almost 20% of Menlo Park's population.

<b>RECALL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>NO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>JOAN DOLLY</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

## A Vote For **JOAN DOLLY** Is a Vote For:

**EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL.** Without jobs, how can we live? The unemployment rate is high in Menlo Park. In East Menlo the official figure stays around 18%, and official figures are always low because they don't count those who are off the unemployment rolls. Menlo Park must develop jobs. Now it is not developing even the few available under the federal Emergency Employment Act.

**Low-income and non-discriminatory HOUSING.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEDICAL CLINICS** with low-cost or free care.

**RENT CONTROL.** No one should pay more than 25% of wages for rent.

**GRADUATED PROPERTY TAX** so that those with plenty pay more of the costs.

**CHILD CARE CENTERS** for working mothers and fathers.

**A DRUG DETOXIFICATION PROGRAM** to help people escape drug addiction.

**NO USE OF DRUGS TO PACIFY OUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.**

**AN END TO WASTEFUL PROJECTS:**

**NO STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT** - use the unused system we already have!

**NO RIDICULOUS EXPENSES** like the \$15,000 nandout to the Chamber of Commerce and the \$26,000 for a waterfall in Sharon Heights!

**OPPOSITION BY THE CITY TO THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA** and all imperialist wars. 74% of the citizens of this country are against the war so Menlo Park should not support it.

**CONTROL OF THE POLICE BY POOR AND WORKING PEOPLE,** most especially for **CONTROL OF THE POLICE IN BELLE HAVEN BY THE PEOPLE IN BELLE HAVEN!**

**A sane TRAFFIC SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT DIVIDE US WITH FREEWAYS.**

**SAVING OUR WILDERNESS AREAS** from the profit-mad developers while at the same time building low-income housing in the hills so that poor and working Black, brown, and white people can live there if they want to.

**CREATING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT: CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN AIR.**

**A RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM** that makes it possible to get to work and play without having to own a car.

**BIKE PATHS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS OUR ADULTS.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATIONAL CENTERS** with facilities for all ages.

**NO APPOINTMENTS TO ELECTIVE OFFICE:** the **RECALL OF LIDDLE** is an exercise in democracy.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS EAST OF BAYSHORE** so that Black people, who are 18% of the city's citizenry, will feel freer to participate. All city meetings should move around the town, bringing the city officials into more contact with the various neighborhoods.

**REPRESENTATION BY AREA TO THE CITY COUNCIL.** Right now all the members live west of Bayshore and are all white males.

We know that these goals, as reasonable and necessary as they are, cannot all be met given the present profit-motive system. In fact, as people get together to implement such programs, the guns and other weapons of the government are used against us to keep us under control, to keep us in our place so that we are dependent instead of independent. The only way we can win is to get together a Communist Party (Marxist Leninist). To do that, we have to be prepared to fight repression.

That is why Venceremos implements a policy of armed self-defense and why we say that, as in our own country's past and as in current history around the world, only through using the gun to stop the gun will we win these freedoms.

**DARE TO STRUGGLE! DARE TO WIN!**

## PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL HELD IN EAST PALO ALTO

The People's Tribunal met last March 16, 1972 in East Palo Alto. About 250 people from the community heard eye witness accounts of the killing last March 9th of Greg White. (He is the 15 year old black youth shot in the back by Larry Bringhurst of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department.) He was allegedly stealing a car. (See last issue.)

The coroner's report was read. It stated that Greg was shot once in the back.

What was very clear from the start was the people's understanding that leaving the police to judge their own actions was going to result in the usual outrageous whitewash of their racist, murderous policies and actions.

Everyone there wanted to establish a court with judges from the community. The community is the only body which can judge the police since we get what they dish out.

It was unanimously passed at the preliminary meeting that Larry Bringhurst be charged with murder; that he and his partner be charged with conspiracy to commit murder, and that the County Board of Supervisors and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department be charged with perpetuating crimes of genocide against the black community. Included in that charge are the local and national governments who create the conditions of oppression in poor and black communities.



Vote for **JOAN DOLLY** on April 11!

# ELMWOOD: BROTHERS

On the night of March 16, 1972 about 200 inmates held a meeting at the Elmwood Rehabilitation Center, part of the Santa Clara County correctional system and commonly called "The Farm."

They decided to call a hunger strike and work stoppage over various demands such as better food, medical care, rehabilitation, etc. (Demands listed on this page.)

The next morning only 15 out of 600 inmates showed up for breakfast. By lunchtime the word had spread and no one showed.

A unanimous work stoppage continued throughout the day. Inmates who are not on work furlough generally do the maintenance of the institution, laundry, kitchen work, and work on the farm. This work stopped March 17.

The unity of the 600 inmates was and is outstanding, considering that six months before, Elmwood was the scene of what the press called "racial conflicts." The brothers have taken a lesson from Attica, and understand that the solution is unity.

The negotiating committee chosen by the inmates called "The Inmate Grievance Council" consists of representatives from the Black, Brown, and white inmate population.

During the negotiations, the administration of Elmwood flatly refused to allow the Inmate Grievance Council to hold a press conference at Elmwood, even though Captain M. Riley (head of the facility) released his own distorted version of the strike to the press before the negotiations were even completed.

The negotiations were completed by 4:00PM that same afternoon. At this time, the brothers called off the strike with the stipulation that if the promises made in negotiations were not kept and implemented within one week the strike would resume. The feeling of the brothers, at that time, was that they had neither won nor lost, and that they would wait and see.

## Letter From Elmwood REHABILITATION

We the inmates of Elmwood Rehabilitation Center, appeal to the compassionate nature of all interested persons to formulate a people/student committee (if such an organization is not presently in existence) which will immediately initiate a thorough investigation into the various practices which are carried on here on a 24-hour a day basis.

There is presently a suit pending in Federal Court which entails much of what we wish to convey to you; however, we have been advised by our attorneys of the necessity of veiling certain realms of argumentation which may later develop into unwarranted controversial issues.

Nevertheless, there is a most urgent matter at hand, which demands recognition--despite the advice to the contrary--from the correctional officers here. We are speaking of the men who presently comprise the Rehabilitation Staff. Many of these men, who are supposed to be representing the helping hand which will lead us back into the social cycle, are daily accustomed to bringing their family and social hangups to work with them; thereby, seeking and, in fact, finding selected psychological scapegoats from among us, the inmates, for their own inner hostilities. So what is now transpiring is a "Rehabilitation" Program wherein many of our assigned officers will treat "our" maladjustment behavioral patterns with "their own" egoistic frailties. And this they call a "Rehabilitation Center".

To better clarify your vision as to the nucleus of attention which your sorely needed investigation should focus upon, there are three human bulwarks of con-

## DEMANDS

1. We the inmates of Elmwood Rehabilitation Center, demand three hot meals per day. They are trucking in one hot meal, why not three? We demand whole milk served with meals. We demand clean utensils to eat with, and that our food be prepared in an edible fashion.

2. We demand that servicable clothing, and shoes, which fit properly, be issued to all inmates. That all inmates have pressed clothes (as the cooks do now), since the inmates themselves do the work in the laundry. Inmates must meet their wives and families in clothes which make them look like bums.

3. Work furlough be granted to all men who are qualified. A representative be allowed to meet with the rehabilitation staff to discuss a just program. (Note: At the present time, work furlough is used arbitrarily as a reward or punishment with no set guidelines. Qualified inmates are refused with no reason given.)

4. A doctor be on call twenty-four hours a day for inmates.

5. That "bed check" be more flexible: during the week, 11 o'clock call, 11:30 count; and on weekends and holidays 12:30 call, 1:00AM count. This is done in the main jail at San Jose. We are supposed to be trusted inmates, we demand the same treatment.

6. That a set of the rules and regulations which govern this camp, be posted in each barracks for the information of each inmate. (Note: At present, inmates don't even know the rules they are supposed to follow, which makes for arbitrary enforcement by the guards.)

7. A commissary list be made up with a larger selection for inmates.

8. We demand that no action be taken against any inmate for his part in this demonstration.

## LATEST NEWS

Thursday afternoon, March 23, 31 brothers who Captain Wiley considered "troublemakers" were transferred out to maximum security facilities in San Jose and North County in Palo Alto.

The three negotiators, McShepard, Jackson, and Torres, were sent to Hollister.

Due to the intimidation by the administration, the strike due to go on Friday and Monday was suppressed.

stant abuse; namely, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Howell, this is not to mention Mr. Boston, whose unrighteous practices demand a thorough examination of.

There is presently one man, Mr. Mapa, whom we all respect out of appreciation of his constant commitment to help all of us to help ourselves secure employment and/or pursue educational endeavors. Yet, even Mr. Mapa is daily confronted with verbal abuse from his colleagues for his very much human commitment.

We would "shine this on", if our collective experience here within the compound was merely another phase in our lives, but we cannot, due to the realization that it is not a phase of "our" lives; but, moreover, it is a projected phase of a manner of life by which an elite few would have "us all" exist.

This articulation and the inhuman mental abuse which it presents, concerns all of "us here" within the Elmwoods and San Quentins throughout America, and all of "us out there" who are also imprisoned though it be only mentally, within this vicious caste system, better known as Imperialistic Capitalism,

In summation, we seek external aid which we realize can only come from the



Supporters at gates of Elmwood

## MARCH 23 STATEMENT

The Commander Captain Riley agreed to rectify our grievances, and promised to look into the Rehabilitation problem.

After six days this is the situation: Food is still as bad as ever, only now we get hot soup with the cold sandwiches. We have received no word on the rehabilitation problem. The medical problem still exists, and no inmates have been issued pressed clothing or clothing that fits properly.

The officer harrassment of the prisoners has increased since the strike. There have been more inmates sent back to the main jail in the last six days after the strike, than are normally sent back in a months time. The problem has grown worse, since the strike, with no relief in sight.

A meeting of the Inmate Grievance Council will begin on March 24, 1972 at 3:30PM. If by this time no action has been taken by Captain Riley to meet all demands made on March 17, 1972, a work strike will be called at that time which will go into full effect on Monday, March 28, 1972 at which time all men at the Elmwood Rehabilitation Center will go on a full work strike. We are expecting 100% cooperation and solidarity from all the inmates.

We hope that the people of Santa Clara County and surrounding communities will give us their full support, and that the news media will print all the facts about this concentration camp called Elmwood. The leaders of the Grievance Council are under pressure from the local gestapo. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Rheon McShepard - "Chairman"

Phillip A. Jackson - "Co-Chairman"

Mario Torres - "Council Representative"

## Pig Of The Week



Capt. Riley, head man at Elmwood interested and politically involved masses of people, such as yourselves.

Harambee! Pamoja Venceremos!

Inmates of Elmwood

P.S. For more information, contact attorneys Doug Sorensen or Elizabeth Cobey 286-1212 (Doug Sorensen's number is (415) 323-8383).

# AND SISTERS STRIKE

On Friday, March 24, the sisters in the women's facility at Elmwood went on a hunger strike and work stoppage in solidarity with the brothers at the Center and for the following grievances:

**VISITATION RIGHTS:** While the men are allowed two hour contact visits, the women have between 25 and 30 minute visits through glass, and are only allowed one hour per month for visits with their children, through glass.

**MEDICATION:** Again, while the men are allowed to receive methadone for three to six months for heroin addiction, women can only take it for ten days. In one case, a woman who'd been on heroin for six years, and whose recommended period for methadone treatment was three to six months, was allowed medication for the ten days, went "cold turkey" and went into convulsive seizures.

When women are put into the sick bay, all privileges are taken away, they can have no visitors, no showers and must stay in bed at all times. Sick bay can be considered a punishment rather than a treatment for illness.

Because there is little fresh fruit or vegetables, women want to get vitamins. With the trichomonous problem, many women want to douche, yet find that even this minimal desire for cleanliness is impossible according to prison regulations.

**FOOD:** The food at Elmwood contains too much starch and little fresh fruit, vegetables, or fruit juices. There are no special diets for those with diabetes, ulcers, or other such problems.

**CLOTHING:** The women request that a set of "court clothes" be kept out of regular use, be kept in better repair and in a range of sizes. Also, if some guidelines were set out as to color, material and the like, women want to bring in their own undergarments. Shoes in Elmwood seldom fit, therefore, women have to bring in their own shoes. On hot summer days, or dry winter ones, the women would like to air out the clothes on outside clothes lines.

**COMMISSARY:** The commissary is total-

## Culture At Elmwood

After much effort and hard work, the brothers at Elmwood finally got the prison administration to agree to an Afro-American Cultural show at the facility. The show was held March 9th and 10th.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This is a declaration of VICTORY! As all of you are aware, victories are only gained after a hassle, with effort and dedication brought to bear. We here at Elmwood Rehabilitation Center feel that thru love, unity and hard work of all concerned, inmates and those outside, we have been victorious. To be permitted to bring a part of Africa, our cultural heritage here, to this facility, is definitely a good and most welcome sign.

For two successive nights, poems, dancing, lectures, music and a drama, all vitally concerned with our Black heritage were presented to ALL the inmates here. We have a great number of truly wonderful people to thank, among them--Dr. Eric Opia, instructor at De Anza; the "Sons of Light", a jazz group from Nairobi College; the African Dance group from Milpitas High School, Miss Nairobi 1972, and many, many others, too numerous to mention. All of these, named and anonymous, are more than deserving of our deepest appreciation.

We do, however, seek to bestow our gratitude to one of our own whose efforts made this VICTORY come to pass, Brother Ralph Warren.

The success of this celebration of Afro-American Week is a testimony to what can be done when Unity is the by-word.

We will do all that is possible to keep every one of you, our concerned Comrades in Spirit, aware of the situa-



Supporters just outside women's jail.



Demonstrators being walked off grounds.

ly unresponsive to requests women make for stock.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mandatory meetings should be set up between matrons and inmates where grievances could be aired and misunderstandings cleared up. Guidelines for jobs (processing, laundry, mending, sewing) should be set up. Recreational equipment should be kept in good repair. The violations are not against good time.

**IDENTITY:** Women at Elmwood are never certain as to if they are in a rehabilitation center or an incarceration. If



The "Sons of Light" perform at Elmwood.



Brothers at Elmwood watch the show.

tion here at the County Jail Farm. We have been protesting many of the injustices here and will continue to make our grievances known. We appreciate deeply your love, and concern in our behalf.

We have seen alterations made here and look forward to much more constructive changes coming to pass. May the Good Spirit Bless and Keep--

Love, Unity, Peace  
Pamoja Venceremos.

From the Brothers in Elmwood

Elmwood's purpose is rehabilitation, counseling should be provided and some sort of program established whereby guidance can be given.

**WORK FURLOUGH:** Women who have heavier charges are at a disadvantage in trying to get work furlough. These women who want to do productive labor should be allowed to do so through the advice of a counselor.

**SOLITARY CONFINEMENT:** Women are sometimes placed alone in "safety cells" for prolonged periods of punishment.

**DRUNK TANK:** The "drunk tank" is frequently used for housing new inmates even though they aren't intoxicated.

**SEX DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MATRONS:** The sexism at Elmwood is so pervasive that even women guards are discriminated against. The matrons get lower pay with poorer fringe benefits and have to work long hours with less relief. The jail is badly understaffed. The supervisor of the women's facility is a "sergeant" while that of the men's facility is a "captain" with several lieutenants and sergeants under his command. Inmates feel that this sexism creates tensions and pressures which make life harder for both them and the matrons. They feel it is very important to emphasize that the strike isn't directed against the matrons but against the system which oppresses them both.

**REPRISALS:** The women went on strike Friday morning. Friday afternoon, Captain Riley met with some women to hear their grievances. He encouraged women to speak up about their complaints, and then transferred three of the more vocal women to the maximum security facility at North County immediately afterward.

We demand that the three women be returned to Elmwood and that no further reprisals of any kind be taken against them or anyone participating in the jail suit or the strike.

Despite this intimidation the strike continued with over 2/3 participation. Many of those not participating in the hunger strike did so for medical reasons at the urging of their sisters.

## SOLIDARITY DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE

On Monday, March 27, a group of about 50 brothers and sisters held a support demonstration outside of Elmwood.

The demonstration, called hastily the night before was held at the request of our sisters in struggle at Elmwood Women's Detention Center, who were in the middle of a hunger strike and work stoppage.

The demonstration started just outside the doors of the women's facility, (by the booking station and visiting room). The matrons in the office on the other side of the windows were making frantic calls on the telephones, while we asked to speak to someone about the sisters' demands.

Minutes later, Santa Clara County Sheriffs and Milpitas police drove up and about 10 of the guards from the men's side came over. With them was Captain Riley who immediately asked us to leave.

When the people demanded a legal cause for the dispersal order, none was given.

The police forced us off the grounds to the gate, where we set up a picket line. Janelle James from the Law Commune in Palo Alto ran down the history of the strikes in both the men's and women's facilities and read the demands.

We left shouting "Free Our Sisters, Free Ourselves," with the determination to continue supporting our brothers and sisters in Elmwood.

# Jailbreak

## ... From Cellblock To the Street

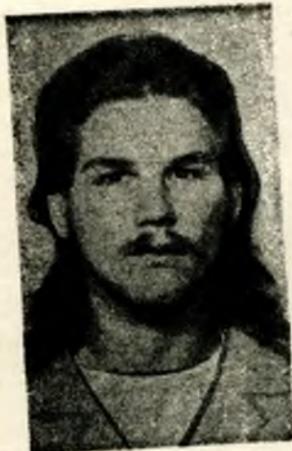


Nine prisoners escaped from the San Mateo County Jail in Redwood City on March 20th at about 9:30 p.m. They unlocked their cells with stolen keys, ran to an emergency fire door, and then exited onto Marshall and Winslow after running down four flights of stairs.

A group of sheriff's deputies stood by and watched as two of the escapees strolled down the street and stole a car, six of them got in a car with keys left in it and split, and the other one walked casually away. All nine of the escapees were wearing the distinctive prison uniform, but the stupid pigs "thought they might be janitors."

This mass escape brings the total number of prisoners who have "departed in batches" from the jail to 22. Including individual escapes, 30 people have made "unauthorized departures" from it since the jail was built in 1962.

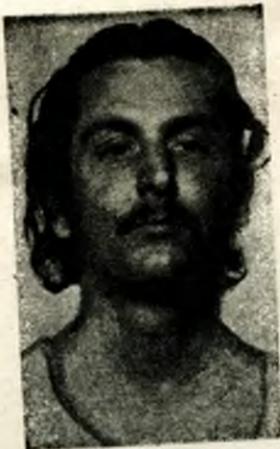
Only one of the escapees has been caught; he was arrested while attempting to rob a Bank of America (right on!) on Powell St. People should learn from this example of what we can do when we work together. These brothers had apparently been sawing at the door for some time, had stolen keys, and had mapped out their escape carefully; yet not one pig had any suspicion that they were going to break out. All but one of the inmates being held in there took part in the escape. So no matter how advanced the Man's technology seems to be, the power of the people can always beat it.



Robert Morgan Jr.



Warren Marchialette



James E. Dudley



Charles Ball  
(recaptured)



Joseph B. Mora



William W. Stabler



John S. Szymkiewicz



Ernest D. Lakey



Vincent A. Smith

### MASS ESCAPE

Twenty-eight prisoners escaped from the Hamilton County Jail in Cincinnati, Ohio last week. Twenty-four male prisoners initiated the escape by staging a fight in one of the cellblocks. When the guards gathered to see what was coming down, the prisoners jumped the guards. It was reported that one of the inmates had a gun.

The guards were then forced to open a storage area where the inmates armed themselves with .38 and .32 caliber handguns.

The brothers went to the opposite side of the jail, located on the 6th floor of the courthouse, and released four sisters from the women's jail.

The brothers and sisters broke up into three groups with one group going down the elevator and the other two taking the stairways.

In the elevator, Judge Joseph Luebbers of the Hamilton County Municipal Court was taken hostage. He was held shortly and released unharmed.

The jail, built for 175, houses 275 inmates.

About 250 Cincinnati policemen, 50 county patrolmen, and 100 city police being held on extra duty, participated in an intense four hour search immediately following the escape.

The police rounded up 30 suspects of which only one was positively identified as an escapee.

### Ruchell to Defend Himself

Ruchell Magee, after years of being shackled with court-appointed attorneys, has finally won the right to defend himself against charges of murdering Judge Harold Haley in the August 7, 1970 Marin County Courthouse escape attempt.

Judge Ginsberg granted Ruchell this right (which he should have had from the beginning) last week, after court-appointed attorney, Ernest Graves withdrew from the case.

The motion was granted with the stipulation that Ruchell could proceed "as long as he does not disrupt the proceedings." What Judge Ginsberg failed to recognize was that the proceedings have been disrupted all along by the court's refusal to hear Magee out, and allow him at least some semblance of justice in their kangaroo court, which Ruchell appropriately calls "the auction block".

Ruchell, who has a reputation as a jailhouse lawyer, has long argued to be allowed to defend himself, because his incompetent court-appointed lawyers are not really defending him, but are prosecuting him.

FREE RUCHELL MAGEE!

## BREAK OUT!

### JAIL "UNREST"

More than 200 inmates of Walpole State Prison in Massachusetts roamed free within three cell blocks on March 20th, in the third straight day of "unrest" at the maximum security jail.

Prisoners sabotaged the equipment that controls the locks of their cells on March 19th during a "disturbance" in which five guards and two prisoners were injured.

Prisoners are protesting the lack of decent medical care, the harassment and discrimination they receive from the guards and other injustices.



# ESCAPE ATTEMPT



Plainclothes Officer Used Shotgun To Guard Entry To Building Where Angela Davis Trial Was To Get Under Way Within Moments Of Reported Jail Break Try

Early Tuesday morning, March 28, three prisoners made an attempt to escape from the Santa Clara County Jail. The escape attempt ended in the death of one inmate, Jacob Zitzer, and the apprehension of the two others.

Zitzer had escaped from San Quentin Prison last December in an apparently well-planned escape using a dummy to hide his absence, and a rope made from denim used to make prison clothes in the prison factory to scale the walls. He was recently arrested after holding up the Cabana Hyatt House in Palo Alto.

The other two inmates were Norman Lucas and Ted Guerrero who were in on robbery charges.

A mass of armed police, plainclothesmen, and FBI stood outside the jail and crouched on the roofs of the Civic Center complex where the jail is located.

Meanwhile, the pigs inside "negotiated" with the men for an hour and a half. The inmates, armed with home-made knives, held two hostages--a public defender and a medical secretary. They demanded a car to use for their escape. At one point a car was driven up to be used for the escape and backed down into the underground garage. However, after the incident Undersheriff Tom Rosa said, "We had no intention of letting them out with the hostages."

The police reported that Zitzer in an effort to make it clear to the jailers that he meant business, plunged a knife into his own leg.

Outside, a crowd of newsreporters and spectators gathered. Most people, were there in support of the inmates, but felt helpless against the guns of the enemy.

From the experiences of Attica and Marin County, we knew that the pigs would not hesitate in opening fire, even if it meant the death of the hostages.

When the pigs warned the crowd of the possibility of being hit by ricocheting bullets, we knew that the only bullets would be coming out of their guns.

A single shot was heard and the crowd was silenced. Later a spokesman for the prison said that no one was hurt; just an inmate died. Just after the shot, Lt. Donald Tamm, who is director of the Santa Clara County Sheriffs Department, approached the crowd to say, "It's all over now, you can leave now."

No Tamm, its not all over...

Cindy Karp  
Mtn. View Venceremos



JACOB ZITZER  
... Victim

## IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL

# EDITORIAL

On this page and the adjoining page we have printed stories of three escape attempts, two of which were successful. We consider these actions to obtain freedom to be revolutionary acts. Each inmate who escaped may not be a conscious revolutionary, but the will to resist and liberate oneself is there. These brothers and sisters would not submit any longer to the oppression and exploitation of the prison and court slave system.

Why do we call it a slave system? We have reported in past issues of *Pamoja Venceremos* about the experiences of brothers and sisters in jail. For instance, we ran a story not long ago about Brother Robert Wells, 62, who has spent 42 years in prison. He was out of jail once or twice, but the lack of a means of survival forced him to rip off to get \$10 to help his sister pay the rent. He landed back in prison and has been there ever since.

In this issue there's a story about Lee Otis Johnson who was set up and landed in jail for 30 years for the sale of one joint.

Check out the cases of any of the political prisoners whose histories are well known, the Soledad Brothers for instance. There are hundreds of such cases, which haven't even been exposed.

The court system itself is rigged against anyone who is black, brown or just doesn't have the bread for a fancy lawyer. *Ruchell Magee* puts it this way, "The Slave Auction Block is contemporarily named the courtroom...The panama straw, whip and whipping post are remnants of time past; for the black robe, gavel, and gas chamber have taken its place."

Once in prison, brothers and sisters are forced to labor for little or no money. It's interesting that "Slavery" (forced labor) is illegal in this country for everyone except convicts.

People can say that the brothers and sisters in jails across the country belong there because they are criminals. The vast majority of these people are

black, brown, and white poor and working people. We believe that contradictions among the people, people ripping each other off, drugs etc. should be dealt with in the communities, instead of by white racist court system which is totally removed from the communities in which people live.

We're working towards a society where brothers and sisters don't need to rip off to survive or get strung out on drugs which are pumped into our communities to keep us down.

We're talking about a society where the real criminals who rob us daily, the rich elite of this country, are jailed. And where the murderers like Deputy Sheriff Bringhurst and the San Mateo County Sheriffs, not to mention the rich men who send our troops to kill in Indochina, meet with the People's Justice.

We believe that just as the 1970 Marin County Courthouse Slave Revolt of James McClain, William Christmas, Jonathon Jackson, and *Ruchell Magee* was a revolutionary act to obtain freedom from illegal enslavement, these escapes are as well. They are revolting against the internal "legal" arm of U.S. imperialist oppression: the prison and court system.

However, we do not feel that this type of resistance is appropriate at all times and in every situation, or that it is the only way for prisoners to resist the system which oppresses them.

Jacob Zitzer, who was murdered in the escape attempt in San Jose, was awaiting transfer back to San Quentin where he had escaped in December. We think it's right on that he didn't want to spend the rest of his life in and out of different prisons. He died in revolutionary struggle against the system which oppressed him.

Ministry of Information  
Venceremos

# Robert Sullivan: Railroading Continues

Robert Sullivan Jr. is facing five counts of "Assault with a Deadly Weapon" and "Possession of a Gun by a Parolee" stemming from a narcotics raid on his home in Palo Alto on October 1, 1971.

These charges stem from a shootout at Robert's home where Gene Clifton, a P.A. narcotics officer was shot and wounded. Clifton died six weeks later from an overdose of drugs or as the coroner put it, "cause of death undetermined." Immediately the Palo Alto Times and the City Council were making statements to infer that Robert murdered Clifton, so that the community would believe this.

During the second week of March as Robert's defense was being prepared, a motion was filed requesting that the first jury be disqualified on the grounds that there were no Black people or anyone from Bobby's oppressed class of people. As the lawyer, Marty Eichner of the Menlo Park Law Commune, explained his reasons to the court, the District Attorney became outraged. He said he was sick and tired of hearing about classes in Amerikkka and didn't want to hear about it in the court. Mr. Eichner explained that he didn't have the chance to argue political theory at that time, but reminded the DA that even the law books have always admitted that there are classes in this society.

Naturally, a man such as the DA who works for the State wouldn't want to admit that there are oppressed classes in this country. The oppressed masses are aware of their daily denial of human rights because they aren't members of the ruling class. People suffer from skimpy wages, poor housing and education, and the Black and Brown communities especially are constantly harassed by the military force of the ruling class--the Pigs.

To make miserable conditions worse and to weaken the people's ability to fight back against their oppression, the communities are flooded with drugs. This occurs because people use hard dope to escape from suffering conditions. Some people deal small-time to make extra money, and the real pusher goes on profiting from the people's oppression.

In Bobby's case, he must deal directly with a court system that not only supports the policies of oppression against Third World and poor white people, but increases that oppression by trying to lock us in prison. We recently received this letter from Bobby to Venceremos:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have written many letter to Venceremos, but never one that I felt said what I wanted to say or one that expressed the gratitude that I feel for Venceremos for their support.

It makes no difference whether I'm guilty or innocent of this charge that I'm charged with, but whether I will be able to defend myself and without your support I know that I would not be getting the kind of defense that I'm getting. When I was last in court, I heard a District Attorney say that there were no classes of people in courts of law. That maybe we should have another revolution and start all over. But you brothers and sisters are now fighting a revolution against bigotry and for social reform that far surpasses anything he has in mind. I know how much of yourself you are giving and you have my eternal gratitude. No matter what has happened to me or what the future holds for me, because of your support I know that I haven't been alone. Again I want to thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Robert Sullivan

The jury selection in Robert's case started on March 20 and ended March 22. We went through two jury panels and in

both there was only one Black woman, who was immediately excluded by the DA. Anyone else who could minimally identify with Robert because of drugs or class experience was systematically offed from the jury by the DA. Jurors are friends of police, some are security officers, employees of the city of San Jose, and some work for military-funded electronics firms. The result is an all-white jury, most of whom have bourgeois ideas. Some jurors deserve faith because they seem to come from working class backgrounds and show an intent to be objective about the facts.

Throughout jury selection, defense counselor Jim Wolpman asked the prospective jurors questions to make them confront their racism. They were asked if Bobby's being Black would affect their decisions. Had they ever had an unfortunate experience with a Black person? Had they ever had to defend themselves? Did they understand that a man could feel it necessary to defend himself and later discover it wasn't necessary? Did they believe police ever made mistakes? How did they feel about hard drug users? How would their feelings about hard drugs affect their decisions in this trial? Could they judge witnesses who have used hard drugs in the past equally with the police testimony? Had they been prejudiced by the incorrect information in the Palo Alto Times and Mercury about the trial?

The DA stands up, presents the side of the "people" (!) and declares that Bobby is guilty of all charges! The PEOPLE declare Bobby INNOCENT!

The trial started on March 23. The first witness for the prosecution was Federal Agent Hardin. He said he was called to help serve a search warrant, followed Gene Clifton into the apartment after the door was kicked in, announced himself as a Federal agent, and proceeded to the back of the apartment. Bobby's movements across his bedroom caught Hardin's eye and he went towards Bobby. He claimed that he said, "Police, Freeze!" but Bobby didn't stop. Instead, Bobby supposedly went into a closet and pulled a .45 on him. Hardin said that he rolled back on the floor and got out of the way as a shot rang out.

Under cross examination, Jim Wolpman exposed that in a Federal report on the raid Hardin didn't claim he had warned Bobby that he was the police, but had just said "Freeze!" This was a small



Robert Sullivan struggles victory for showing the jury that this experienced, slick Federal witness was a LIAR!

Everyone has a right to defend himself from physical harm or from armed thugs breaking down his door with gun in hand; this includes Robert Sullivan, a parolee. Everyone also has a right to defend himself and his home with a gun from armed intruders whenever necessary. The defense will rotate around Bobby's right to self-defense and why he felt it was necessary to defend himself. We in the Defense Committee feel confident that the real criminals will be exposed. They are the men who busted into Bobby's home

with guns drawn, without announcing who they were and provoking a shootout. Most important, they are the men who historically have caused violence against the people, and their time has run out! SUPPORT ROBERT SULLIVAN - GO TO THE TRIAL Courtroom #4 - Judge Longinotti - every day - 9:30-4:40 - San Jose

## JOHNSON: 30 YEARS ON DRUMMED UP CHARGES

Lee Otis Johnson is a brother doing 30 years jail-time on a trumped up marijuana charge. He was an organizer during the Martin Luther King era, and for the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee. He was mainly responsible for organizing students at the Texas Southern University and in the Black community in Houston. Lee Otis was organizing against the racist practices of the South, and he was so effective in getting people together that the power structure believed he was dangerous. The Criminal Intelligence Division began watching every move he made, waiting to nab him.

It was not long after the CID began their surveillance of Brother Lee that a black agent, Billy Williams began showing up at community meetings and demonstrations. One night Williams was introduced to Brother Lee. Six weeks later, Lee Otis was arrested and charged with the possession and sale of one marijuana cigarette.

At the trial, Williams testified that Lee Otis had given him one marijuana cigarette on March 8, 1968. Some other racists testified about his "militant" activities, and the press began reporting detailed descriptions of all civil rights activities and student protests he had been involved with, in order to properly prejudice the jury. Lee Otis was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in the Texas State Prison System.

After two years, Lee Otis was finally granted a hearing in front of the United States Federal District Court on motions for a re-trial. The judge ruled that the state would grant Lee Otis a re-trial within 90 days or release him, but the District Attorney had already filed an appeal that would tie up the case in Federal Court for at least another year. This effectively denies Brother Lee a release.

Brother Lee Otis Johnson's case again shows us how the state uses law and order:

1. It jails a brother for organizing the people to change the conditions they live in - this is political repression.
2. It passes a 30 year jail term for possession and sale of one joint instead of going after the big dealers, because too many big dealers are members of the United States government.

FREE LEE OTIS JOHNSON

STOP THE PLAGUE



Lee Otis Johnson

# Slum housing for Stanford workers

A couple of weeks ago, just before the union election at Stanford, the Stanford Administration replied to Teamster-USE criticism of wages, working conditions, and lay-offs by saying that they "stand on their record" of fairness and generosity to Stanford workers. The pictures on this page are part of that "record". They show Galvez House, an old broken-down building on the Stanford campus, where the university administration houses some of its custodians and food service workers.

workers' demands for low-cost housing. The next time that you're on the Stanford campus, take a look around Galvez House for yourself. It's between Frost Amphitheatre and the ROTC building on Galvez street. Then drive up to President Lyman's 20 room mansion on the top of the hill. While Lyman tours the cocktail party circuit raising millions for Stanford, the custodians and food service workers work weekends and swing shift to keep Stanford running.

*We demand decent low-cost housing, medical care, wages, working conditions, and education for all Stanford workers. VOTE UNION, VOTE TEAMSTERS ON APRIL 14.*

STANFORD VENCEREMOS

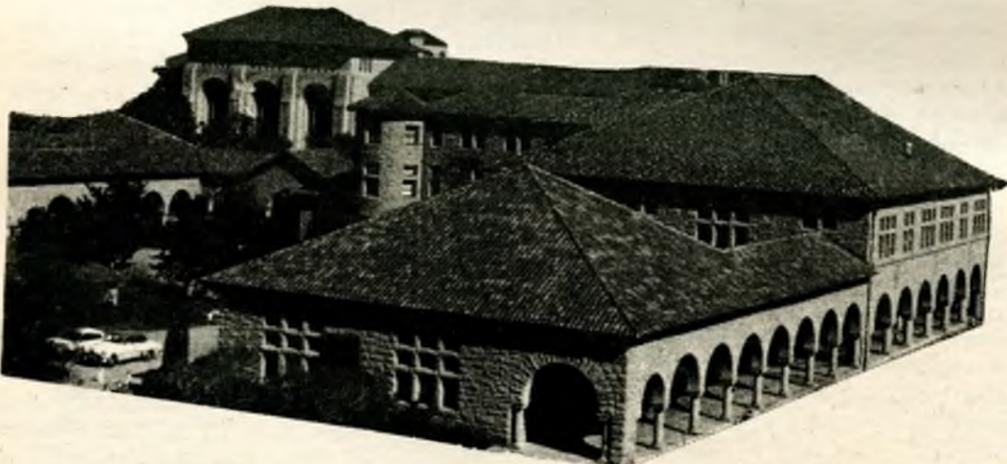


*More than 40 workers live at Galvez in tiny "rooms." Does this remind you of a barracks or a prison?*



*2 bathrooms are used by 40 people.*

## Stanford stopped again



# P.A. Plaza Bites the Dust

"It's hard for me to believe that Stanford University could dare to come here with this proposal," said John Roger of the Palo Alto Tenants' Union (PATU).

Half an hour later the Palo Alto Planning Commission agreed, voting 5-1 against the proposed Palo Alto Plaza development (on El Camino near Page Mill) for the easiest people's victory of the year.

The project would have torn down Mayfield School, home of a continuation high school, a manpower development training program, and the Sojourner Truth Day Care Center for children of low-income parents. In its place would have been two office buildings, 7 and 10 stories, a 3 level parking garage, and a new YMCA.

Opposition was overwhelming. Representatives of Child Care Now, PATU, Palo Alto Venceremos, and every single neighborhood group in the areas surrounding the project spoke against it. And a lot of people from those neighborhoods who didn't represent anybody but themselves spoke out against it.

One of the opponents was JoAnne Bretzer, who lives on Matadero Street

in the Park Blvd. neighborhood and has a child in the Mayfield School day care center. She said that this project would not only wipe out low-cost child care which she desperately needed; it would also increase property values, taxes and rents in her neighborhood and eventually make it impossible for her to live there. She recognized the source of the pressure for this development--the land-for-profit policies of Stanford University.

Representatives of Stanford(which owns the land), Page Mill Properties (the developer), and the Palo Alto Unified School District (which holds the present lease) were the only ones to support the project. All would make a lot of money off this deal. Not a single person from the community spoke in favor of it.

Faced with such unity among community groups, the Planning Commission could do nothing but reject the plan. In fact, they fell all over themselves to oppose it. Lawrence Klein said, "If we could weigh our votes instead of a simple yes or no, this project would get the strongest "no" vote I could give." Someone in the audience shouted,

"Mine too!", and everyone laughed. But as someone else pointed out after the meeting, that's a pretty strong statement from a commissioner who only two years ago supported the two biggest projects in town--Superblock and the Willow Expressway.

You wonder when Stanford University is going to realize that the people aren't going to stand for any more developments like Palo Alto Plaza. So far, in spite of a long string of development defeats, Stanford shows no signs of changing its policy of developing land for maximum profit and ignoring the people's real needs. Any doubts about that were dispelled when Robert Augsburg, Stanford vice-president in charge of finances, arrogantly asked the Planning Commission to postpone the P.A. Plaza hearings for a month because he had a "previous engagement" he could not break. And what was that "previous engagement"? It was a speech to Stanford's true Palo Alto constituency--that group of wealthy businessmen, real estate interests and bankers which has consistently opposed people's struggles of every kind--Downtown Palo Alto, Inc.

## Doug Garrett



VENCEREMOS MEMBER, DOUG GARRETT IS RUNNING FOR PALO ALTO SCHOOL BOARD. THE ELECTION IS APRIL 18, BUT IF YOU WANT TO HEAR DOUG SPEAK ABOUT THE ISSUES, YOU CAN MEET HIM:

Thursday, March 30, at the Little Theater at Gunn high school at 7:45 PM.

Tuesday, April 4, at Cubberley Auditorium on Stanford campus at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday April 11, at Walter Hays School at 7:30 PM.

Thursday April 13, at Cubberley high school at 7:45 PM.

LET A HUNDRED FLOWERS BLOSSOM,  
LET A THOUSAND SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT CONTEND



## Mt. View council

# Shady Deal Approved

There is only one piece of open land left in the Moffett-Whisman neighborhood in Mountain View. Mainly because there are so many children with no place to play, most people there want a park on the lot. But C&H Development Company of Oakland has different ideas. They snuck into town recently and made a deal for the land so they could build a gas station, deluxe motel and Denny's restaurant complex.

The final City Council hearing on the use permit for the complex was held on Monday night, March 27. The developers spoke about Mountain View's obligation to service Bayshore traffic and provide a place to stay and eat for businessmen coming to nearby Moffett Field, NASA, and Lockheed. They obviously felt that the City Council should be helping big outfits like C&H instead of helping the people of Mountain View.

The people from the neighborhood feel that the City Council should serve *their* needs. Carrie Ballinger of Venceremos presented a petition signed by almost 500 residents and workers of the community opposing any commercial development on that land. She spoke about the community's great concern about more traffic, noise and congestion: "It's not wealthy neighborhoods like Atherton or

Los Altos Hills that are being chopped up by hiways, shopping centers and commercial developments such as this one. It's low-income communities like ours that are being destroyed."

A woman named JoAnn who used to work at Denny's tried to explain the intolerable working conditions at the restaurant but Mayor Herfurth told her to shut up. "This council isn't interested in the labor practices of developing Mountain View businesses," Herfurth sputtered.

After everyone spoke, Councilman Gordon asked the developer if the complex would benefit in any way the community where it wanted to locate. The developer said it wouldn't. But the entire council voted to approve the complex anyway. Once again the City Council of Mountain View has turned its back on the needs of the people.

We may not stop this complex but we aren't discouraged. The City always counts on people giving up when they are ignored and defeated in the Council chambers. But out of these experiences, people are learning the need to become more organized, so that we can win future victories. Our determination to control our lives grows every day.

Mountain View Venceremos

## Fairchild; an example

# What Stops a Runaway Shop?

"U.S. wages are driving us out of the country," scream the electronics companies. But electronics companies can't move all of their companies overseas, even though they'd like to. They keep telling workers here that by joining a union and asking for a decent wage they will lose their jobs because the plant will have to close and move overseas.

It is true that some kinds of jobs have been sent overseas already. But they are almost entirely the unskilled jobs that only require hands. The truth of the matter is that the big American companies are trapped by the political instability of most of the Asian countries where they

can find cheap un-organized labor. The manager of Fairchild in Hong Kong told me that they would not send expensive machines to places like Korea, Taiwan or Hong Kong because they were afraid that there might be a sudden change of government-- meaning a change from a pro-rich-American government to a pro-poor-people socialist government. The way things are now, they can move out all of their machines in under a month. The companies are trapped. They came to Asia for cheap labor, but vast numbers of poor people make their investments unstable.

"Besides," said a Motorola boss, "why should we bring a machine all the way to

Asia? With automation, we can make things as cheaply in the States as in Korea. We sometimes hire girls out here to do jobs that we haven't developed machines for yet. With the electronics industry being so competitive, we like to wait and see if a new component will sell before we build a machine to make it." It's easier to retrain an Asian girl than to throw away a machine.

The other reason why electronics companies can't move everything out of the United States is the fear that other nations would acquire some of the skills necessary to manufacture electronics goods. In any Asian electronics plant there are hundreds of unskilled young women assembling and testing parts made in the U.S. And then there are the American bosses and a few local assistant managers. There is no ladder to climb. No way of working yourself up. No way of learning any skills that might make it possible for a small Asian nation to set up its own electronics industry.

The government of Singapore is no longer allowing labor-intensive foreign factories to set up. They must bring in technology and training. The manager of Fairchild in Singapore, Ray Wallisen, complained that, "The Singapore government is very careful about what kind of capital they let in now." There are more and more controls on foreign money. This is part of why U.S. electronics firms are now looking to other, "more open", Asian nations.

The point of all this is that U.S. electronics companies can't fold up and run away if the American workers unionize. Probably the best way of guaranteeing American jobs is to support the demands of Asian and other foreign workers for higher wages. If foreign labor wasn't so cheap, American industry would stay home and workers overseas might eat better.



# OPEN LETTER TO UNRETURNED VETERANS

Well, we're out. Those of us who escaped in one piece are lucky. Many of us aren't so lucky. A lot of us are carrying lead around inside of us. Many of us walk with a limp. Many more don't walk at all. 58,000 of us are dead. They really did a job on us, didn't they?

Some of us were able to fight back against our (racist, fascist, murdering, lying) officers. Others just managed to maintain and stay alive. But we all learned a lot about this country, didn't we?

I'm writing because it's not over yet. We still have to survive in an increasingly fascist state. And down in Fort Ord, in Monterey, something is going on which concerns every veteran, something we have to get together and deal with. This is the case of Billy Dean Smith.

On March 15, 1971, at 0045 hours, a frag grenade exploded in the American officers barracks in Bien Hoa, Viet Nam. Two white lieutenants were killed. Captain Rigby and 1st Sgt. Willis, who usually slept in these barracks, were not there. When they arrived at the scene, they decided that the guilty man could only be Private Billy Dean Smith, a black man in their unit whom they considered a "troublemaker". They informed CID of their verdict, called a battalion formation and, without a shred of evidence, arrested Billy Smith. Billy was charged with two counts of murder. He's now at Fort Ord, awaiting trial.

The army's case against Billy consists of one item. They claim that they found a grenade pin in his pocket when they arrested him. This pin has nothing linking it to the grenade that killed the officers. We as veterans all know how common grenade pins are in a combat unit. Billy probably used his as a roach clip.

The army has no witnesses connecting Billy to the incident, but they do have an affidavit stating that Billy, as a Black man, hated the racism of the army and the war, and that he said so on a number of occasions. The army considers this "incriminating evidence" against Billy. GI's believe that this is why Billy was singled out. He didn't hide his contempt for the army and the war.

Of course, any enlisted man in that



BILLY (center) OUTSIDE FORT ORD COURTHOUSE

combat unit, or any Vietnamese civilian in the village of Bien Hoa, could have had good cause and ample opportunity to frag those officers. There is no special evidence against Billy. But this is unimportant to the army. That is why General Moore, commanding general at Fort Ord, has recommended a guilty verdict and the death penalty. This same man is responsible for selecting the "jury" of white officers who will try Billy Smith.

Billy has been in solitary confinement for more than a year now. At the same time, Lt. Calley--convicted of the mass murder of over a score of Vietnamese civilians--is allowed many privileges; a private apartment, frequent visits from his girlfriend, full officer's pay, all the comforts of home. Plus, he

was tried by his peers--racist white officers.

The difference? Billy is Black, Calley is white. Billy is an enlisted man, Calley is an officer. Billy is accused of killing white officers, Calley is convicted of murdering "gook" civilians. Calley went right along with the war, Billy opposed it.

Perhaps we should follow the leadership of the GI's. All over the world, from Viet Nam to Germany, GI's know about Billy Smith. At Fort Ord, GI's have fire-bombed Billy's specially-made courthouse and burned other buildings to the ground. They've held militant marches and demonstrations. So far, though, they've had little support from the outside.

If the Army thinks they can get away with killing Billy, they'll do it. The concept of a "fair trial" in a military courtroom is meaningless. Billy is not being tried down at Fort Ord because of the isolated actions of some individual. He is being railroaded and murdered as an example to all GI's and to anyone who dares stand up for the rights of his people.

So Billy won't be freed by a fair trial or legal trickery. He will live only if the army is afraid of what would happen if they killed him. That means Billy's life depends on our ability to show massive popular support for him and outrage against the army. This means working to educate people around Billy's case and our experience in the military, uniting, organizing, and joining with the GIs in scaring the hell out of the Brass!

Paul Johnston Pvt, (ret)

Here in the Bay Area veterans groups are fighting to save Billy from military injustice. Civilians are also working for his defense, through the Bay Area Coalition to Free Billy Smith. We want interested people to contact us. The Coalition has called a rally in support of Billy for May 6, in front of the San Francisco Presidio.

San Fran-- 931-5411 Monterey-- 394-1751  
San Jose-- 292-4503 Santa Cruz 423-2387  
Mid-peninsula 969-1638

## Defendant Dies On Stand

On March 17, at about 2:30 P.M., a man who had come to court to defend himself against an alleged traffic violation had a heart attack while being cross-examined by the District Attorney. He died in the ambulance which arrived twenty-five minutes later to take him to the hospital.

The man, an elderly Woodside resident, had been cited by Officer Tom Gray of the Palo Alto Police Department for supposedly making an illegal turn on Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto. Following the prosecution's case the judge turned to the old man and asked if he would like to testify on his own behalf. He replied, "Yes, your honor, I would like to tell you what really happened." He took the stand armed with sketches he had drawn himself of the scene of the alleged vehicle code violation. After taking the oath he walked up to the chalk board and asked if he could correct the officer's drawing. The judge said he could if he would use a different colored chalk.

The old man told how he felt that the turn he had made was a safe one and that he felt that the officer had been in no position to even see what he had actually done. Then the judge told the D.A. that he could cross-examine the defendant. The D.A. proceeded to challenge the old man's testimony and to

intimidate him for challenging the officer's testimony. Then the D.A. walked close up to the old man and repeatedly questioned him about his statements.

The defendant tried to answer but was repeatedly interrupted by the prosecutor's questioning. Finally he turned to the judge and uttered, "Your honor, I'm going to faint." He looked around the courtroom, turned white, and collapsed off the witness stand.

For several seconds, everybody froze. Finally several police and a crowd of civilians walked over to the collapsed old man. As the police stood over the old man trying to decide whether he had had a heart attack or an epileptic seizure, a woman clerk yelled for one of the police to get an oxygen unit out of his car. One young pig told her not to worry because the ambulance would arrive soon. By this time the old man had stopped breathing. Artificial respiration was begun with the help of a young black man who was also in court for a traffic violation.

The old woman screamed again for an oxygen unit and since the man had stopped breathing five minutes earlier, one officer decided to go down to his car and get his oxygen unit.

The ambulance which the police had called took almost a half hour to come



"We still haven't filled our quota. Better go give a few traffic tickets."

four blocks to the courthouse. When the man was brought out of the courtroom, he was pale white and lifeless. The only breathing sound was from the oxygen machine.

The hospital says he was dead on arrival. The police say he died in the ambulance. The truth is that the old man died on the witness stand defending himself against a bullshit traffic ticket and an overly-aggressive prosecutor.

*During battle, one helicopter attempts unsuccessfully to rescue another.*



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SHERIFFS' HELICOPTER .

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UNTIL VICTORY .**

# GOVERNMENT ASSAULT ON UNIONS

The American ruling class has launched a general assault against the workers' movement, and the current struggles of the longshoremen and the farmworkers represent the main resistance to that assault.

The agents of that attack are the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and its Board, the Taft-Hartley Act, and the Phase II controls and Pay Board.

## NLRB AND FARMWORKERS

When the NLRA was drawn up in the 30's to regulate relations between labor and management, it froze the farmworkers outside of the collective bargaining structure afforded to other sections of the labor movement.

So the only effective non-violent tool available to the farmworkers has been the secondary boycott. Now that the farmworkers have begun to get some of what they need out of the growers, the growers and their friends in the Republican Party and in the government have launched a major offensive against them through the NLRB. The Board now claims the jurisdiction over the farmworkers that the Act originally denied to it, and is seeking an injunction against their current boycott of non-union wines. But the Board continues to deny the farmworkers the "protection" of the Act, and so is preparing the way for the destruction of the United Farm Workers union.

## PAY BOARD AND LONGSHOREMEN

On the other front, the longshoremen have been hit by the Taft-Hartley Act, and now by the Pay Board. The Taft-Hartley Act gives the government the power to stop any labor action it deems a threat to the national economy. And in the eyes of the labor movement, a threat whenever it rears up and stands firm. Last year, the longshoremen struck the West coast docks and Nixon invoked the Taft-Hartley Act. The longshoremen went back to work, then went back out when it expired, won their demands from the employers, and have now had their contract chopped down by the Pay Board.

What do these attacks mean? Well, first, let's put them into context.

## TROUBLES FOR IMPERIALISM

Internationally, things are going badly for U.S. imperialism: the Indochinese peoples are winning the war; the U.S. has its first trade deficit in almost a century; the small nations of the world have united to slap the U.S. in the face by admitting the People's Republic of China into the U.N.; the dollar has had to be devalued in international trade.

Domestically, the inflation brought by the Vietnam war is still here, while industry has gone stagnant; foreign competition is hurting American firms more, and some key giant corporations are facing crises of survival. Meanwhile, poor and working people are demanding a change in direction for the country.

## CONTRADICTIONS FOR THE RULING CLASS

The ruling class is caught in a contradiction: it has to produce more and sell cheaper in order to be able to compete better with foreign competition. But with inflation so bad (i.e., money is moving through the economy faster than products are) and so much money in circulation out on the open market, there is little money available for the capital investment needed to increase production.

Traditionally, the cure for inflation has been cutbacks in production. But now inflation has to be controlled or stopped, and production has to be increased at the same time. The only way to do this is to divert some of the proceeds of production directly into capital investment, without going through the market (which would increase the flow of money and thus feed inflation faster than production could catch up).

The proceeds of production are: wages and profits; and of course the bourgeoisie

(the owning class) prefers to divert the workers' wages into investment than to divert its own profits. It's hard to get away with actually cutting wages, so the only way to take wages away from the worker is to increase his or her productivity (output per man-hour) while keeping wages steady or increasing more slowly.

And this is exactly what has been happening to the longshoremen: their productivity rose 134% over the last 10 years, while their pay rose by only about half. And the farmworkers have actually had their pay cut in some cases.

The first step toward enforcing such a rip-off on a national scale was the Wage-Price Freeze. The Freeze was designed to stop everything for a spell so the people in control could get a handle on the economy. Phase II gets the economy going again, but now under the control of the ruling class's servant, the government.

Now labor is allowed to go through collective bargaining again--but the Pay Board ensures that in any given case, the interests of the bourgeoisie as a whole will remain primary. And the NLRB serves the same function, by channeling labor's activity and absorbing its energy.



## WORKERS' RESPONSES

The farmworkers have responded to the action of the NLRB by launching a counter-offensive of their own against the Republican Party. They have vowed to work hard to defeat Republican candidates in this year's elections. They have already begun to move on the levels of letter-writing, campaigning against individual GOP candidates, and they have plans to flood the GOP national convention with 25,000 farmworkers to demonstrate their anger.

The longshoremen's situation is much more complex. ILWU President Harry Bridges said he would call another strike if Nixon's Pay Board "cut just one cent" from the contract that ended the 134-day strike. The Board cut a lot more than that and he still hasn't called his people out.

If the longshoremen walk out, it will be a strike not just for their own immediate demands, but for all of organized labor, in defense of the privilege of collective bargaining (and the government apparently see it as a privilege, not as a right, if it can take it away when it's convenient to do so).

So shy haven't they gone out?

Word from San Francisco is that the rank and file want to go out, but that the top leadership is split. The leaders of the Bulf port and East coast longshore workers promised to back up the ILWU if they walked out, but now they have backed down.

On the other hand, in a rare move toward top-level mutual support, most of the labor members have left the Pay Board in protest. Many of AFL-CIO, Abel of the Steel workers, and Smith of the Machinists walked out first; Woodcock of UAW stayed on long enough to separate his name from the other three, and get his own headline. But Fitzsimmons of the Teamsters has stayed on the Board so far. So what promised to be a unified move by labor broke down in the end.

## NEED UNITY AND BACKBONE

Quitting the Pay Board is right on: labor should not participate in such shams one minute longer than is useful to labor.

But quitting the Board won't in itself get the longshoremen what's rightfully theirs. And it won't restore the guts to the labor movement's primary legal tool, collective bargaining.

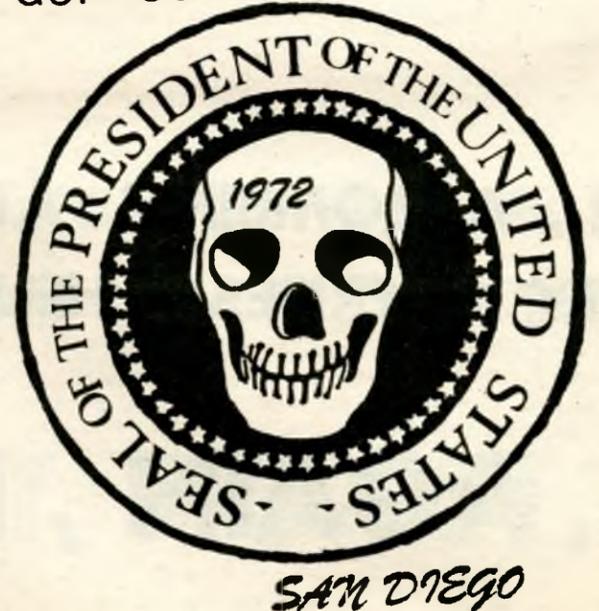
What's needed is real unity between the various sections of the labor movement--from top to bottom. And more backbone--lots of it. Organized labor is only 25% of the American work force, but it is very strong numerically, even so. More than that, it is located in the most strategic positions in the national economy. The UAW, ILWU, and the Teamsters could shut the country down, if they had the right leadership and the support of even some of the AFL-CIO unions.

The real basis of militant labor action lies in the rank and file. The masses of workers within the unions could and should organize to make their top leadership act in the interests of the working class, not just of some small sections of it.

And if the leadership won't stand up and stand together, then the membership should take the leadership into its own hands.

-Charlie Cox, Venceremos

## GOP Convention



# MEMORIAL RALLY



## FOR GREGORY WHITE Sunday, April 9th

at Kelly Park (to be renamed Gregory White Park)

Speakers, Bands and free drinks.

Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m.

### MEMORIAL PROCESSION

of cars will mass at Ravenswood High parking lot at 1:30. If you have 4 wheels,

## BE THERE!

AVENGE GREGORY WHITE'S MURDER!

"POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN"--MAO TSE TUNG "POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN"



**Guns and Politics**  
BY KENT HUTCHINGS

MAO TSE TUNG POLITICAL POWER GROWS OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN

That's why we believe that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

We are engaged in all kinds of projects. A lot of our people work in the People's Medical Clinic in Redwood City. We are running candidates for public office. We've sponsored city-wide votes to prevent developers from raping downtown areas of Palo Alto. We encourage people to go to city council meetings to try to make the councils responsive to the needs of the people. We have street dances to meet the need of the people to have activities where they can have a good time without being hassled. Etc.

But behind all our projects are our guns. Every member of Venceremos is required to own a weapon, to know how to use it, and to know when and where to use it.

If we weren't armed, we would all have been arrested or raided a long time ago.

The ruling class has no moral scruples against offing people who bother them. In Vietnam alone, the ruling class has killed more than one million people to try to enforce its will on the Vietnamese people

The Vietnamese, who would like nothing more than to be left alone and allowed to build the kind of society they want, understand that that's impossible until the United States has left their country. If they weren't armed, they would be slaves.

All of this is not to say that you can't do anything to change things unless you have a gun in your closet. In fact, unless you know how to use that gun and are prepared to defend yourself, you're much better off without it.

But the next time someone says that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun," stop and remember that, so far, history has proven that they're right.

chance to do legal political work without constant interference from the ruling class.

A lot of people think that the reason the cops attack revolutionary organizations is because the groups are armed. Exactly the opposite is the case.

The revolutionary groups survive--and stay revolutionary--because they are armed.

No real revolutionary that I know wants to see people killed. If we had our way, the ruling class would give up quietly and turn control of the United States over peacefully to the people.

Of course, that's just a pipe-dream. Just to win the right to bargain collectively with their employers, miners in the West in the late eighteen hundreds had to fight for years against the Army and private "detective" agencies. Thousands of miners were killed or wounded in the struggle.

They fought because, if they didn't, they were marched to the mines and forced to work at gunpoint. Their fight was a question of survival.

If you read the history of the United States, you'll find that EVERY major struggle ultimately came down to a question of whether or not the people were ready to get down with the hired guns of the ruling class.

So that's why Venceremos is armed.

In the border of my column heading is a quote from Mao Tse Tung--"Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun." A lot of people don't understand what Mao was trying to say.

They get the idea that he meant that you couldn't force the ruling class to do anything unless you poked a gun in their faces.

Commonsense tells you that there are a million things you can do to improve conditions that don't involve blowing somebody away.

But the important thing to understand is that the more you try to change things and the more successful you are, the closer you get to being blown away by the cops.

This is no paranoid fantasy. The Black Panther Party, which for years was the voice of the black people and led their struggle for justice, faced almost countless armed attacks by the police.

Fred Hampton, leader of the Illinois chapter of the Panthers, was murdered in his bed by Cook County pigs. The Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Detroit chapters (to name a few) were outright attacked in force by the local police.

If the Panthers hadn't been armed and prepared to defend themselves, there would be hundreds of them dead now.

Worse, there would be thousands of them in jail or taken out of action in some other way. Being armed gave them the

# LETTERS

## PRISONER SPEAKS

### LIFE IN QUENTIN

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: With deepest sincerity I hope to someday be able to do something meaningful for the cause. I consider it at least my duty to give you my picture of what I see around me, and thus giving you some understanding as to why my spirit is sometimes ragged.

Here in San Quentin the atmosphere of the 1800's still seems to linger and hang on to the old walls. I find it an all-day, everyday job to keep the ghosts of hatred, frustration and misery out of my spirit. Few men leave with the same respect or confidence in their country or fellow man. And none have gained more.

To protect society, I am subject to all that they are protecting society against. The seed is sown. It is so out-front that I alledge and contend a farce. They know exactly what they are doing, and I know too. Society has made said, it is so outfront as that it is becoming an awareness with much of the men here, of being a political plot of some kind.

I am aware of working seven hours a day for 5¢ an hour making desks that sell for nearly \$200 each, yet there is no paint on the walls or the rusty bars. I am aware of the landscape crew redesigning a square of earth every couple of months while the track around the yard is muddy all year round. There is no hot water, yet I am subject to disciplinary action for not shaving the hair from my face. The few windows that remain in their frames are fogged from years of dust, and birds live in every rafter under the roofs that shelter the blocks. I am aware of the blocks, designed like honey cones, with a man in each hole.

I am aware of a huge monstrous factory in mass production. The product is very clearly corruption, as if it is the intent to teach one to be a better burglar or robber or just an addict. I am aware of being an addict and seeing my brothers do 5-6-7 years, and go out much more in need of oblivion, in much more confusion of a greater burden of frustration and bewilderment. But from the product, the profits are too high to curb the destruction of thousands of men's lives--the lives of mostly poor men who seem to me to be conditioned by a higher class logic that is useless to them in reality, for look where they are!

The only benefit that I see is the securing of the future for the pro-fascist CDC. It seems that they are willing to risk all of these lives just for their own selfish ends and to the point where it seems if it wasn't for our beautiful socialist constitution they would be goose-stepping all over my brothers and sisters. And in spite of this constitution, it is still a hard struggle.

I am aware of a pig sitting (most of them sit at all times) on the gun rail with a .30 caliber rifle and revolver in his belt roaring from the depth of ignorance some repressive policy without any reason, purpose or significance other

than to make a man's heart sick at the sight of their authority. To fill a man with hate, and create a good incentive for a human being to try with all his heart to get even whenever he can for the disgrace they have subjected a man to. To put him in a frame of mind that is sure to bring him back.

I am also truly aware of the consequence of asking why all this is so. I am aware of being labeled a "trouble-maker" or "revolutionary" and subject to the warden's plan to curb revolutionary activity if and when I am discovered making the effort to change and help my brothers here inside.

A new pen is not the answer, for they can make you feel the same under the best of living conditions. What is needed is a new prison system, based on reality of rehabilitation, and not as a billboard coverup to fool the people out there. The living conditions are irrelevant, my brothers, what tears a man apart most is the administrative policies, and the true motive behind them. They have a hell of a thing about hair. It seems as if they want everyone to look like "cons" and have bald heads and a scar on their cheeks. I have lost all canteen movie and gym privileges because my hair has been judged as too long. I am aware of being forced to identify by looks to an alien environment, or a class I want no part of.

All this and more, I live everyday. I watch my brothers live it; some aware, some ignorant to what is happening, and even some who don't care. I never believed it possible to be this way, and for so long a time here at Quentin, not even when I was in CMC where they are really more keen on cultivation in the same policy. Being more thoroughly modern, CMC's methods were really much more subtle than the brutal way it is layed on you here. I witnessed one of the first acts of violence that are becoming more and more frequent and one would get a picture that the program isn't working with the more liberal trends in its policies, but in reality this is not so. A few men that are very violence-prone and definitely not classified to be there are sent there never the less, and once again I can see a motive as being an excuse to tighten up security to prevent further progressive steps in prison reform being pushed by outside radical and organization pressure.

This small bit of information is maybe narrowed somewhat by my personal views and opinions, but never the less I believe it holds some merit and truth fore, even though I am only an individual and am subject to my own personal prejudices, I have wrote with honesty and the best of intentions.

In Solidarity and Oneness I remain,

*Fraternally and Rebelliously,  
(Name withheld)  
Rancho San Pedro*

## Write To Prisoners

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: My name is Charles E. Bell and I am presently at the Ohio Penitentiary for Illegal Sale of an Hallucinogen, which carries a sentence of 10 to 20 years. I've been incarcerated here for about six months and must serve approximately six more years before I can be considered for release.

Although I've just been here six months, I have begun to acutely feel the extent of loss I will have suffered by being seperated from the outside. Being here causes me and the others here to suffer many losses, but we feel most acutely the loss of communication with others.

With each second that passes we are drawn farther and farther from all that is real, true and beautiful. We are lost, drifting, suspended in both time and space and moving neither forward nor backward.

We need people. We would like to correspond with anyone who desires to do so. We need books, magazines, newspapers, picutres, posters, any form of literatures. We need all we can get to teach us and show us of the thoughts, ideas and feelings of the PEOPLE. You, the PEOPLE, are doing truly beautiful things. We, here, would like to at least feel we are a part of that beauty and greatness.

They are constantly trying to rehabilitate us here, to change us, to change our way of life and our way of thinking. But if this rehabilitation takes place, we will have been changed from what to what?

We wish to hear from all. In others is where our hopes are. We are reaching out our hands to you looking and hoping for someone to grasp them and hold us up to keep us from sinking into that deep and darkened pit of despairing insanity. You can be our only link with the world of sanity and all that is real, true and beautiful.

If there's anyone who wishes to correspond with the men here, please address your letters to Charles Bell (133-074) Box 511 Columbus, Ohio 43216

DEAR PAMOJA VENCEREMOS: If this is too much for a year's subscription, keep the rest towards back issues and send me as many as you can.

From my heart to your lips. From our hands to the heart of the pigs WE ARE WINNING ALL OVER THE WORLD (some places faster than others).

*From Los Angeles*

VENCEREMOS BROTHERS AND SISTERS: Recently the pigs raided a house where members of Youngblood live. They seized all copies of the latest issue of our paper, those left of other issues and all other papers in the house. This included the letter you sent to us also. We are going through self-criticism about that security error. "Learn from past errors to avoid future ones."

We would like two of all your back issues or whatever you could manage very soon for political education and our study. We would like to exchange papers on a regular basis.

*Greg, Youngblood*

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS!

COMRADES: A lot of us here at Fort Campbell like the four-page Billy Smith handout I believe you produced...

Could you please send up more copies, around 300 or more? If you need bread, send some sort of invoice to: United States Serviceman's Fund

We are a GI movement center set up for Ft. Campbell GI's with dudes from 101st airborne just back from Nam...

*Mathew, for People's House*

# SPEED FREAK

*This is written by a former speed freak, "Bud," and is from Good Times.*

Being a speed freak is a lot like taking a roller-coaster ride a million miles long. After the fun is over you may not be able to stop. And it doesn't matter how sick you are, or how tired of going up and down, over and over again.

The following describes the effects of methadrine crystal. Intelligence seems to rise by 10 or 15% in as many minutes after the injection. For the oppressive personality, speed is euphoria. For the introverted it may offer strength to project ideas onto others.

Three hours after a heavy hit the user will have passed the plateau of its effects. The high is controlled and thoughts are highly rational, but the decline into fatigue will have begun. Assuming you're not a habitual user, you will have found something interesting to do. Now it makes sense to take another hit. This time the results aren't so pleasing, but you can get into a good conversation.

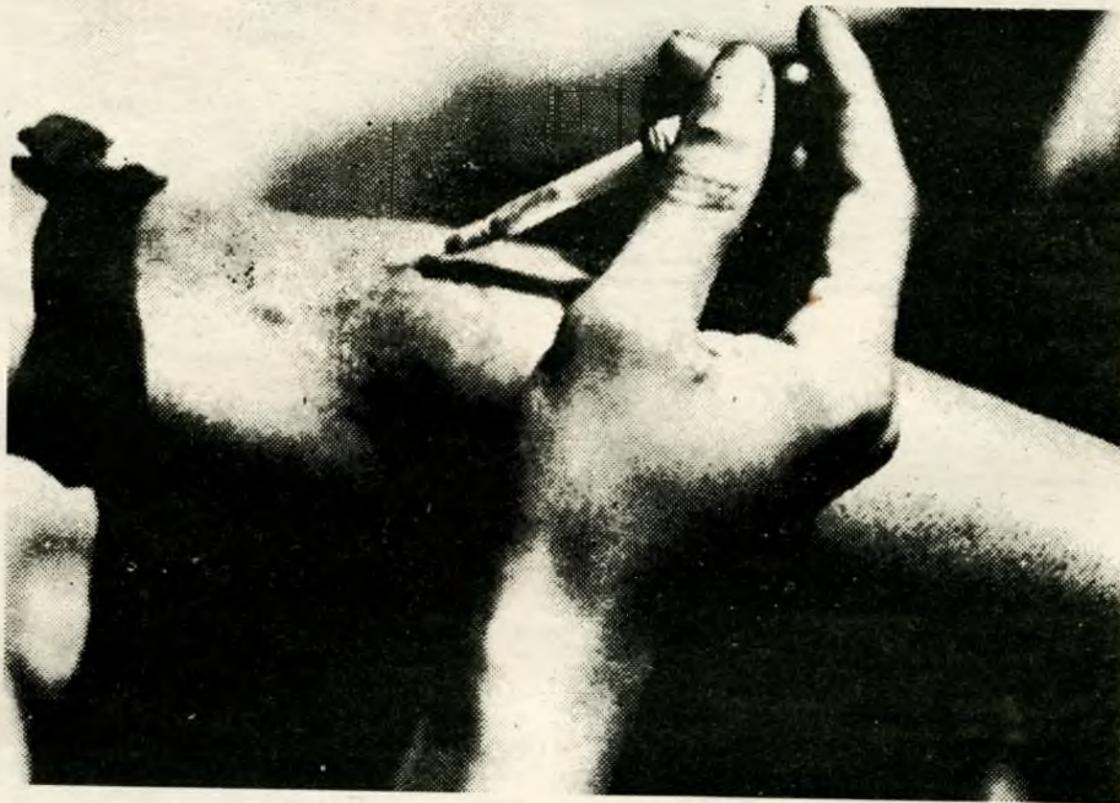
If you smoke, and I never knew a speed freak who didn't, you'll be smoking far too much now. Throat and chest become uncomfortable, you're incessantly thirsty, and your back begins to ache.

With the third or fourth shot things become really tedious. Energy becomes hostility, people stare at walls, and speak evasively or only to be polite.

As the city outside is becoming flatulent with morning traffic, you retire to your room, pull the curtains and lie down. Your mind races uncontrollably. You may read or watch TV for hours.

Then your eyes begin to tire; shut them and they burn terribly. Hold them shut and the pain will go away, and you become aware of an intensifying pain in your bladder. While going to urinate, a purple blindness falls around you like a bag. You hold onto a door to keep from falling and get back in bed.

A finger on your throat reveals that your heart is pumping 160 times a minute. Lie still and it slows down, close your eyes and endure the burning again. They feel as big as watermelons, intolerably sore.



Drift into a waking dream. A little varicose vein in your leg has begun to twist beneath the skin. Something dimly heard is howling with hurt and rage. You want to cry for it. Turning to someone on the bed beside you, you find a person almost unrecognizably changed, where a friendly face should be.

Muscles of your hands and legs cramp. Finally you sleep, only to wake up in two hours, high without another hit.

Four days later you realize that you still haven't slept soundly. If you have any more crystal, you'll hit up again before you're straight. Continued use, aside from rotting your teeth and other physical damage, will bring the substance of your nightmares into waking situations unless you use more and more speed. Eventually you won't be able to sleep without it.

I had a strong habit for seven months I broke it with the greatest effort, two years ago. Since then I have done five short runs on ingested speed. The last one, only a night long, took me two weeks to get over. I still have a strong temptation to use the stuff when it's available.

On the rare occasions when I see speed, I usually vomit, feel a looseness of the bowels, and tremble so violently that it would be impossible to get a needle into my own vein. If someone else tries to hit me, the vein shrinks at the approach of the point, so great is my fear. This is not uncommon among former users.

Remembering a random dozen of my friends, I find that only two have escaped the law or hospitalization. Only those two have really broken their habits. They did this by breaking all their connections and resisting the desire to start shooting again for months on end. I know of absolutely no other cure for a speed habit.

## Wooley Firing Upheld

The Civil Service Commission upheld San Jose's firing of Rocklin Wooley and Watts for their part in the killing of John Henry Smith last October. Officer Woolley stopped Smith, a black IBM technician, for making an illegal U-turn; an altercation developed and Smith was shot as he ran toward an apartment building for help. For weeks, about 1000 people filled the City Council meetings, angry at the city's inaction. This was the sixth murder of a civilian by the police in two years.

Meanwhile, the Grand Jury heard weeks of testimony and finally indicted Wooley on manslaughter and possession of illegal teargas. The two other officers involved, Watts and Richter weren't charged. Woolley was tried in January and acquitted of both charges. The prosecution wasn't at all eager to convict him.

Before the trial, Woolley and Watts were fired and Richter was suspended. After the trial, all three appealed to the Civil Service Commission. The Commission has held hearings for the last few weeks. On March 21, they decided. Both Woolley and Watt's firings were upheld and Richter's suspension was revoked.

San Jose's Chief of Police, Murphy, made a statement to the press supporting

Woolley's action and making some comment to the fact that of course Smith was intoxicated by drugs at the time. The autopsy a few days later showed NO such intoxication. Murphy refused to retract his statement, even after the Grand Jury indicted Woolley. It is obvious that his statements would have affected the trial, but because of his inaction, Woolley remains free while the jails are full of poor and Third World people who have done far less.

According to the San Jose Mercury, Woolley could not be reached for comment. Watts, however, withdrew from police classes and plans to leave town. "I don't know if I want to be a cop anymore. There may be more to life than being a cop. I have to think about the future, marriage, and the possibility of having children." What about Smith's future? At a minimum, it raises some serious questions about the role police are assuming in our communities.

Eight year old sister OD's  
Big time dope pusher drops to his knees

Slumlord sticks out his clammy hand  
People's assassins send him to the  
promised land

Attica brigade returns--no more guards  
Warden and pigs in the people's grave-  
yard

Welfare momma needs some bread  
Nixon says no, now he's dead

Board of Ed says no more passes  
Students unite and off their asses

Daily news is shut down  
People's news only thing around

Every radio station has a new broadcast  
Voice of the pig is a thing of the past

Adolf Rockefeller is called to the phone  
Chase Manhattan and 1st Nat'l have just  
been blown

Pigs go to the armory to get their guns  
and are offered by the guerilla one by one

Pentagon to their computers: What do we do  
Computers reply surrender, your game is  
through

*Rahiem  
from the Right On! newspaper*



# HUELGA EN ELMWOOD



En la noche de 16 de Marzo 1972, cerca de 200 prisioneros se reunieron en el Centro de Rehabilitación de Elmwood que es parte del sistema de corrección del condado de Santa Clara.

En la junta decidieron a llamar un paro de trabajo y una huelga de hambre, sobre varias demandas. Donde piden cosas como mejor comida, cuidado médico, ropa, (demandas incluidos en esta página)

La siguiente mañana solo 15 de los 600 prisioneros se presentaron para desayunar. Cuando llegó la hora de conche nadie se presentó. Todo

trabajo paro durante el día.

La unidad de los 600 prisioneros ha sido increíble considerando que had 6 meses en Elmwood hubo conflictos raciales. Los hermanos han tomado el ejemplo de Attica y comprenden que la unida es la solución.

El comité de negociación que fue seleccionado por los encarcelados consiste representantes de las población Negra, Morena y Blanca.

Al tiempo de las negociaciones, la Administración de Elmwood nego al concilio de representantes tener una

conferencia con la prensa aunque el Capitan M. Riley (al frente de la carcel) dió su opinión de la huelga a la prensa antes que las negociaciones se habían terminado.

Las negociaciones fueron terminadas a las 4:00P.M. esa misma tarde. Al terminar la junta anunciaron que la huelga se había terminado con la condición que si las promesas hechas en las negociaciones no eran cumplidos dentro una semana la huelga iba a continuar. El attitud de los prisioneros era que a este tiempo no habian ganado ni perdido, y con el tiempo se sabrá.

## Demandas de los Prensos



Lo siguiente es una lista de demandas hechas por los encarcelados de Elmwood Centro de rehabilitación en la fecha de Marzo 17, 1972. Después de cada demanda está la respuesta del Capitan Wiley encabezado del centro.

1. Nosotros los encarcelados de Elmwood Centro de Rehabilitación, demandamos tres comidas calientes al dia en camion, porque no tres? Demandamos leche pura con cada comida. Demandamos utensilios limpios con que comer, y que la comida sea preparada en un Forma Comible.

Respuesta: Habrá tres comidas calientes al dia.

2. Demandamos ropa servible, y zapatos que nos queden bien esto para todos los encarcelados. Que toda la ropa este planchada, (los cocineros tienen su ropa planchada). Nosotros

los encarcelados hacemos el trabajo de lavandería. Los encarcelados tienen que ver a sus esposas y sus hijos viéndose como trampas.

Respuesta: Todo lo que se pueda hacer para que los encarcelados tengan ropa propia se hará. También se les dara jaquetas a los encarcelados que no tengan. Los pantalones también serán planchados. (Nota: nomás los pantalones serán planchados).

3. Todos los hombres que sean calificados podrán salir a la comunidad a trabajar. Queremos un representante que pueda discutir con los que forman el programa de rehabilitación para que tengamos un programa justo. Nota:(al presente dejan salir a los encarcelados a trabajar a la comunidad castigo sin guia alguna. Encarcelados calificados son reusados sin razón alguna.)

Respuesta: Esta demanda particular

será discutida con calma con los que forman el programa de rehabilitación. Los resultados de esta junta se les dara a ustedes la semana proxima. Nota:(No habrá algun representatante de la comunidad de encarcelados.)

4. Queremos que un médico esté en el centro 24 horas al día para los encarcelados.

Respuesta: No estamos en desareglo con esta demanda pero no estamos en libertad de discutir esto horita. Esta demanda esta en juzgado federal y será resuelta muy pronto.

5. Queremos que la hora de la cuenta de cama sea mas flexible durante la semana que llamen a las 11:00 de noche y que cuenten a las 11:30, y en los fines de semana se extiende la llamada a las 12:30 y la contada a la 1:00 a.m. Esto lo hacen en la carcel de San Jose. Nosotros somos encarcelados de confianza demandamos los mismos derechos.

Respuesta: La hora de la cuenta de cama será extendida para las 11:30p.m.

6. Que una lista de las reglas del campo serán puestas en las baracas no mas tarde que dentro de ocho dias.

7. Que una lista de Comisaria sea hecha con un selección mas grande.

Respuesta: Esta demanda será presentada al consul de encarcelados y será decidida despues que abran el edificio nuevo que sera durante la semana que entra.

8. Demandamos que no se tomara acción contra los encarcelados que tomaron parte en esta demostración.

Respuesta: No tomaremos acción contra los encarcelados que participen en esta demostración. Solo que usen actos de violencia y que molesten a lo no participantes.

# Los Hermanos Soledad Perdonados



Después de tres días y medio de deliberación, el jurado de los Hermanos de Soledad pronuncio el veredicto de absolución, un poco antes del medio día del lunes 27 de marzo.

Fleeta Drumgo y John Clutchette habían sido acusados del homicidio de un guardia de la Prisión Soledad, el 16 de enero de 1970.

El perdón ha sido un triunfo del pueblo, realizado unicamente como resultado de la determinación que tenía el pueblo por liberar a los Hermanos de Soledad. El veredicto llevo demasiado tarde para salvar la vida de George Jackson, quien fue matado por los guardias de San Quintín, el 21 de agosto de 1971.

Las medidas de seguridad impuestas fueron las más severas en la historia de San Francisco y hasta los abogados de la defensa y otras personas protestaron.

La calma no reinó durante el juicio. Poco despues del atentado contra las vidas de los Hermanos de Soledad, el 21 de agosto de 1971, a manos de los guardias de San Quintín, los Hermanos fueron traídos al juzgado golpeados seriamente. Cuando los partidarios en la audiencia protestaron la decisión del juez de no hacer nada ante tal brutalidad, la escuadra táctica de la policía de San Francisco invadio la audiencia golpeando a los presentes.

Aunque el veredicto ha sido entregado, la lucha por la libertad de los Hermanos de Soledad no ha terminado. Clutchette y Drumgo estaban presos acusados de robo cuando ocurrió esa trampa racista. Ambos han estado presos por más de cinco años.

John Clutchette iba a ser liberado el 28 de abril de 1970. No se había indicado fecha de libertad para Fleeta, pero las posibilidades eran buenas para los dos cuando fueron misteriosamente culpados de homicidio. Sabemos que fueron engañados

porque rehusaron someterse a la deshumanización de la Prisión de Soledad. No permitieron ser doblegados. Ahora, el nivel de conocimiento político del sistema imperialista de los Estados Unidos que tienen estos dos Hermanos es cada vez mayor. Requerirá una lucha antes de que puedan ser liberados.

El Hombre sabe que es un peligro para ellos permitir que estos Hermanos recorran las calles, y la estructura en poder hará todo lo posible por que los Hermanos de Soledad permanezcan en prisión.



FLEETA DRUMGO AND GEORGE JACKSON

Ahora que Fleeta ha vencido la trampa, tiene que luchar por su libertad contra acusaciones de conspiración, asesinato, intento de escapar y asalto con otros cinco acusados de los Seis de San Quintin. Esta conspiración viciosa para mantener a Fleeta y otros Hermanos en prisión por el resto de sus vidas comenzó con el asesinato de George Jackson el 21 de agosto y el motín de los guardias contra los prisionero del Centro de Ajustamiento de San Quintín.

La Lucha por la Liberación de los Hermanos de Soledad y de todos los prisioneros políticos debe continuar y continuará.

# San Jose: La Tentiva de Escape

El Martes por la mañana, el 28 de marzo, tres prisioneros trataron de escaparse de la carcel del condado de Santa Clara. El esfuerzo terminó con la muerte de un prisionero, Jacob Zitzer, y la captura de los otros dos.

Zitzer se había escapado de San Quentín el diciembre pasado usando un muñeco para esconder su ausencia y usando una sog a hecho por él. Recientemente fue arrestado despues de haber robado La Cabaña Hyatt House en Palo Alto.

Los otros dos prisioneros eran Norman Lucas y Ted Guerrero que estaban adentro por robo.

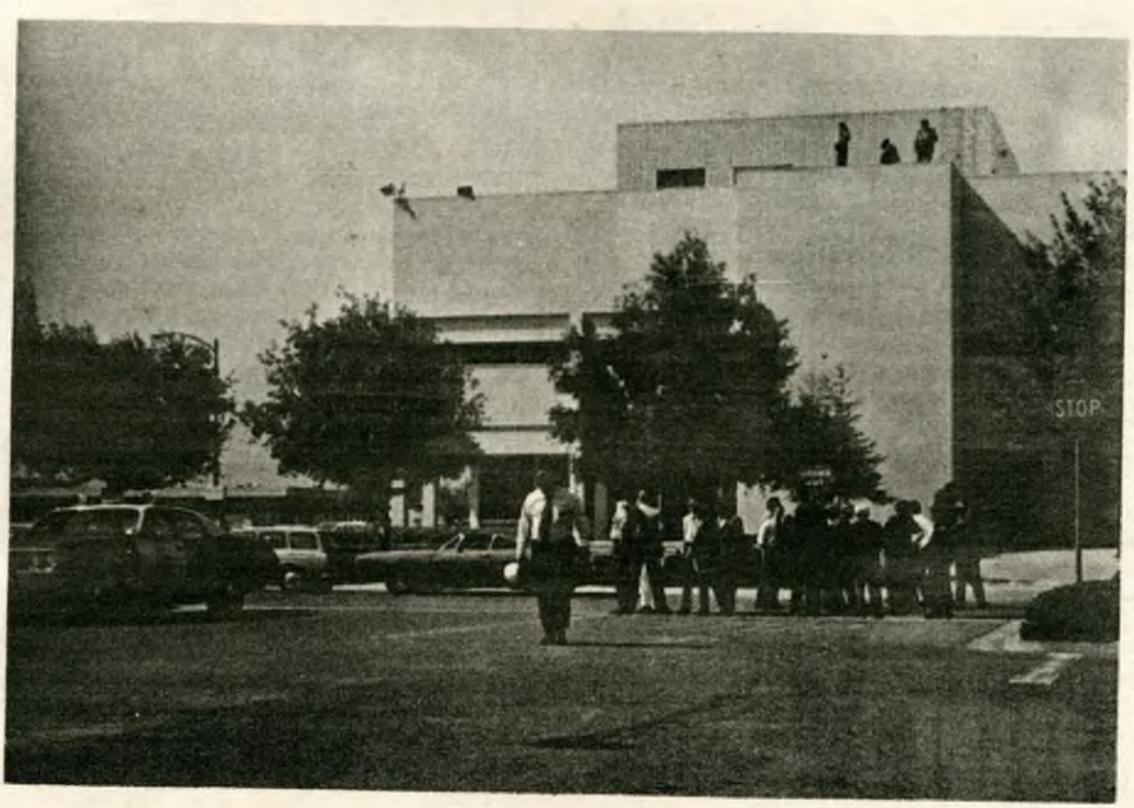
Cantidad grande de policías armadas, policía fuera de uniforme y del F.B.I. estaban afuera de la prisión y agachados en el techo del centro cívico.

Mientras tanto, los pigs adentro negociaban con los hombres por una hora y media. Los prisioneros armados con cuchillos hechos a mano, detuvieron a dos personas como protección, un defensor público y una secretaria médica. Pidieron un carro para el escape. A cierto punto un carro fue manejado al frente del edificio para la escapa.

Pero despues de este incidente, Tom Rosa, un sheriffe explicó "no tuvimos ninguna intención de dejarlos salir con esas personas".

La policía reportó que Zitzer en esfuerzo de hacer claro sus intenciones a los carceleros puso el cuchillo en su propia pierna.

Mientras afuera varios reporteros y espectadores se juntaron. La mayoría de la gente estaban suportando a los prisioneros, pero se sentían irremedable contra todas las armas del enemigo.



La escena en al Centro Civico durante el Tentativo de Escape.

De la experiencia de Attica y Marin County, sabemos que los pigs no temarían de disparar, aunque causaría la muerte de las dos personas.

Cuando los pigs avisaron al grupo de gente, la posibilidad de ser herido por balas perdidas, sabemos que esas balas saldrán de las pistolas de ellos.

Un solo tiro se escucho y la gente

se silencio. Despues un representante de la prisión anuncio que nadie estaba herido, solamente un prisionero estaba muerto. Despues de que se escucho el tiro, Lt. Donald Tamm, que es director de los Sheriffs del condado de Santa Clara, se acercó a la gente y dijo, "Ya terminado todo, ya se puedan ir."

No Tamm, no se ha terminado.

## INDIANS PROTEST SLAYING

Angered by the brutal murder of an elderly Ogala Sioux, Raymond Yellow Thunder, by a group of riotous racist whites, more than 1300 midwest Indians poured into Gordon, Nebraska from nearby reservations to protest the racist apathy of local officials in pursuing the case.

The Indians have charged that Yellow Thunder, 51, was beaten and tortured to death by five whites after they took him to a local club, stripped him and forced him to dance before a crowd.

Because the Indians from several Sioux nationalities have united to fight for justice, the local law officials have backed down a little. They arrested the accused whites, who have committed numerous rapes of women, both Indian and white, with broomsticks and have committed many other atrocities, and charged them with manslaughter, instead of charging them with first degree murder.



## PIGS PAY NO TAXES

U.S. Steel, like Governor Reagan, paid no income tax in 1971. Could it be that the fifth largest corporation in America had no income? Hardly. U.S. Steel made \$155,000,000 profit last year.

But there is a federal law (pushed through by people like U.S. Steel) that companies that pay taxes in foreign countries can subtract it from their U.S. tax. U.S. Steel chose to pay ALL its taxes in Venezuela (where it has huge mining interests). Only they didn't really pay them either. They merely deposited the money with the Venezuelan puppet regime and at the end of the year it was returned to them with interest.

While we pay their taxes, U.S. Steel is busily expanding its empire to Quebec, Gabon, South Africa, Brazil and Indonesia. They work with local puppet governments to exploit the native peoples while we slave in their factories in the U.S. Our struggle is the same as all oppressed peoples' -- to destroy U.S. imperialism. In our lifetime.



## MEANY ON LABOR

U.S. News & World Report recently interviewed AFL-CIO leader George Meany. They asked, "What is the state of the union movement today?" Why is the total membership not growing as fast as the country's labor force?"

Meany, a lackey for the bosses, replied, "I don't know. I don't care."

## SUGAR WORKERS ORGANIZE

Florida sugar workers have joined with the farmworkers in a strike against the Talisman Sugar Corp. One woman was killed when a scab truck smashed into her on the picket line. As huge cane trucks rumble out of the mill, the strikers--Black, Chicano, Puerto Rican and Cuban workers--call out to the drivers, waving the red flag with the UFWOC symbol.



## S.M. SHERIFFS COUNTY FLIP OUT

Two San Mateo County Deputy Sheriffs were in such a hurry to harass an East Palo Alto "proowler" that they went tearing down the road in Woodside towards East Palo Alto and flipped their car over on the way.

Unfortunately, they both escaped serious injury. At least they weren't able to harass the "proowler", as they were hospitalized... Just one more example of the great care the pigs give the cars which the people pay for.

## AMMO BLOWN UP IN CAMBODIA

The main ammunition dump at the Phnom Pehh airport was blown up on March 16, and explosions continued for three hours four miles from the center of the city. Some sources reported that it was sabotage.

All the casualties were believed to be guards. Tons of ammo exploded, rattling windows downtown. Pillars of smoke rose more than 2000 feet high, as fireballs of shrapnel screamed through the air, setting off brush fires in all direction.

This was the second time it has exploded. The first time, in Jan. 1971, guerillas blew the dump up with satchel charges, and also blew up the main terminal President Lon Nol tried to build and several airplanes.



## NAMBIA STRUGGLE ESCALATES

In Namibia, part of South Africa, a nationwide strike by African workers has brought commerce, industry and mining, as well as railways and harbors, to a total standstill since Dec. 13, 1971.

The workers are striking for the independence of Namibia and the end of rule by the white supremacist government.

As we reported in the last issue of *Pamoja Venceremos*, African police refused to arrest their sisters and brothers, and were replaced by troops airlifted in by the government. The people of Namibia are fighting with spears and bows and arrows against the bloody suppression.

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TIN FOR ALLOYS FROM INDONESIA, MALAYA, BOLIVIA AND CONGO.  
COPPER FOR THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM FROM RHODESIA, CANADA AND CONGO.  
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"Mass transportation in certain areas is certainly a necessity, but if you think mass transportation is going to replace the automobile, I think you're whistling Dixie or taking pot," says Henry Ford.

# IRELAND ONE AND IRELAND FREE

The people of Ireland have been struggling for their freedom from British domination for 800 years. This struggle has required great suffering and many sacrifices, but despite this the Irish people have kept up the fight from one generation to the next.

Irish liberation is important to oppressed people around the world. The British Empire rested on the conquest of Ireland. Even though the British Empire has been torn apart by the just struggles of peoples in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, British imperialism still survives and serves as a willing agent of United States imperialism. Therefore revolutionary warfare in Ireland is not just against English imperialism, but U.S. imperialism as well. As Chairman Mao Tse-tung has pointed out: "The just struggles of the people of all countries support each other."

Just as important is the lesson that the Irish struggle gives to the working and propertyless people of the imperialist countries, particularly the United States and Britain. Both the U.S. and British empires rest on the enslavement of nations and peoples in their immediate area. The English ruling class first conquered Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, and then moved around the world. U.S. imperialism is the same, resting its worldwide gangsterism on the slavery of Black people, the conquest of Puerto Rico and Mexican territories, and the mass murder of Indians.

## National liberation and Class Struggle

Imperialist apologists have tried to make us think the struggle in Ireland is really a fight between Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants—a religious war being fought in the country of "Northern" Ireland. Nothing is further from the truth. So-called "Northern" Ireland is nothing more than six Irish counties occupied by British Imperialism and their reactionary agents. The struggle is not a religious one; it is a war of national liberation to free these occupied counties from British control, and unite them with the rest of Ireland.

It is easy to understand what's going on in Ireland by looking at the situation in Viet-Nam. The U.S. says that Viet-Nam is really two countries--The North and the South, and that the people of "South" Viet-Nam support the government in Saigon. We know that this is not the case. Viet-Nam is one country that was kept divided by the the United States after the Vietnamese peo-



British embassy burned in Dublin.

ple won their independence from the French colonialists in 1954. The government in Saigon is just a puppet of U.S. imperialism made up of people who fought against Vietnamese independence, mostly landlords, businessmen, professional soldiers, and wealthy religious leaders. This same kind

of situation exists in Ireland.

The division of "Northern" Ireland from the rest of the country started nearly 200 years ago. The six northern counties was the place where English capitalists brought their factories to exploit Irish workers. In order to keep this industry safe it was decided to make this section of Ireland a "little England", by bringing English to settle, and stealing the land from the Irish people. Irish workers wanting jobs were forced to be loyal to England, and change their religion from Catholic to Protestant. The worse jobs then went to workers who wouldn't support the British.

Even after independence was won, British imperialism refused to give up their valuable colony. The six counties were made a separate state, keeping the Irish people, land, and economy divided, and in doing this blocking the completion of Ireland's liberation.

When England was forced to grant independence in 1922, it was careful to make its treaty with a government controlled by Irish businessmen, landlords, and professional politicians. The revolutionary forces in the Irish Republican Army (IRA) who were mainly workers, peasants, and revolutionary students were left out. Many IRA members and supporters saw Britain trying to create a puppet government. Their fears were confirmed when the new "independent" government demanded they give up their arms, and started jailing the IRA revolutionaries. A majority of the armed IRA refused to recognize the government which sold-out the Irish people. Soon there was a civil war with the IRA fighting British trained troops. This uprising was crushed except in the six northern counties.

Irish revolutionaries have understood for the last fifty years that the struggle for liberation must continue, and not just against the British. It is also a fight against the puppet ruling class of Ireland, which fears the workers and poor more than the British, and is will-

## Ireland: 100 Years Of People's War

Ireland's struggle for independence is probably the longest such fight in history. Sometimes this resistance took the form of a full-scale war, at other times demonstrations or uprisings, always the resistance had the full support of the Irish people. However, it was only after the "Great Starvation", the Irish famine of 1846-47, that the liberation struggle became a real people's war.

The famine was caused by the failure of the potato crop, the basic food staple for the poor and working Irish people. The result was widespread famine and disease. Yet Ireland produced enough corn, grains, and cattle to keep all the people from starving, only this was all exported to England. No wonder the Irish say: "God sent the blight; but the English landlords sent the Famine!" The situation was so bad that thousands of families left the country to settle in the United States. But wherever they went, the Irish realized that their struggle for independence was a struggle for survival.

After the famine, farmers began to organize against British and Irish landlords and businessmen. They formed the Tenants' Rights League. While the League had popular support, people discovered that their meetings, petitions, and demonstrations weren't going to work against the enemy. The next step was to take up arms. This move started among the Irish in the United States, who organized the Irish Republican Brotherhood, known as the Fenians.

The Fenians understood that independence for their country would take a full-scale war for liberation and a socialist revolution. Many of the members were leaders among Irish immigrant work-



The IRA leads the armed struggle.

ing to assist the British by jailing revolutionaries whenever it gets the chance.

### The Most Oppressed

It is the workers of the six northern counties that are presently leading the Irish war of national liberation. This is because they have been the ones most exploited and oppressed. In the 1916-22 rebellion, the British brutally murdered and wounded thousands in these counties, and deprived thousands more of jobs and homes. This repression continues right to the present with the British Army's killing of thirteen people in Derry. It is not surprising that under these conditions it would be the people of the northern counties that would give new life to Ireland's peoples war.

ers who had willingly fought against the South in our Civil War because they understood slavery and oppression from their own experiences. Once in the Union Army, the Irish revolutionaries learned the methods of modern warfare, skills which many of them took back to Ireland. Their message was simple: Ireland could only be free through armed struggle. It would take an organized liberation army, and armed masses of people.

While many Fenians were jailed or executed, their influence spread. By the 1880s, armed struggle was on the rise. Throughout Ireland, workers and peasants armed themselves with anything and everything they could lay their hands on. When tax collectors or police came to bother them, the armed people came together and drove them off. While the Irish ruling class negotiated with the British, the people made war. Numerous British officials, police, and landlords were killed. Along with these forms of struggle, others were added. Many Irish immigrants in the United States worked in the coal mines, where they learned to use explosives. This skill was also sent home.

Right before World War I, the struggle became so intense that the Fenians, many of whom had become communists, organized bodies such as the Irish Volunteers and Citizens' Army that trained tens of thousands of people in military skills. It was these organizations that became the basis for the Irish Republican Army, formed in 1916 to carry on the liberation war. It is this very same IRA that is presently organizing the struggle in Ireland.

Jeff Freed  
Venceremos

# PROGRAMA DE VENCEREMOS

Venceremos is a revolutionary, multi-national organization which uses Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tseung Thought to struggle for the liberation of all oppressed people.

We're revolutionary because we believe that the only way the people can really win is by seizing all of the power now held by the U.S. ruling class by any means necessary.

We're multi-national because we understand that the quickest way to victory is through the cooperation of people of all colors. Because people and nations of color are the most oppressed, they have the greatest understanding of how to deal with that oppression. For that reason, our Central Committee has six Third World members and two whites.

We use Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse Tung Thought because it is a theory of revolution that sums up the struggles of people all around the world. It is a tool of liberation which the people have used successfully for the last hundred years.

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.

Venceremos es una organización revolucionaria y multinacional que usa el Marxismo-Leninismo Pensamiento Mao Tsetung para luchar por liberación 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 multi-nacionales porque creemos que el metodo mas rapido a la victoria es por la cooperación 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 opresión. Por esta razón, nuestra Comité Central tiene seis miembros del Tercer Mundo y dos blancos. Usamos el Marxismo-Leninismo Pensamiento Mao Tsetung porque es una teoría que resume las luchas de la gente por todas partes del mundo. Es un instrumento de liberación que pueblos han usado prosperamente por los últimos cien años.

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

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

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

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

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

## 2. IGUALDAD ECONÓMICA, POLÍTICA Y SOCIAL PARA LA MUJER. FIN A TODAS LAS FORMAS DE OPRESIÓN SEXUAL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

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

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

Nadie debiera de ser forzado a luchar en el ejército para defender un gobierno racista que no nos protege. Jamas 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. Afirmamos que apoyaremos las luchas de estos pueblos con todos los medios necesarios y con nuestras vidas.

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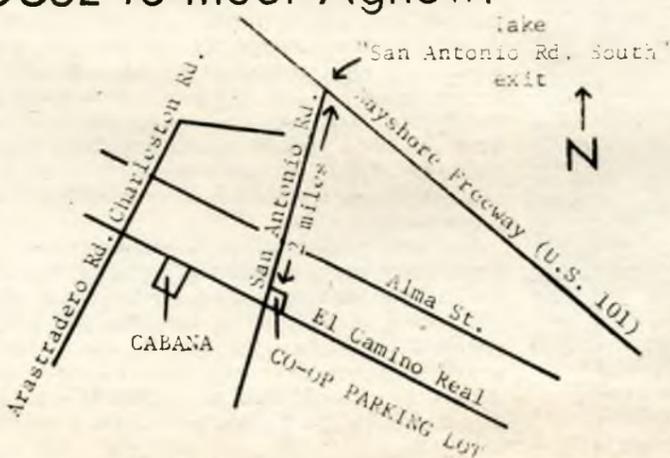
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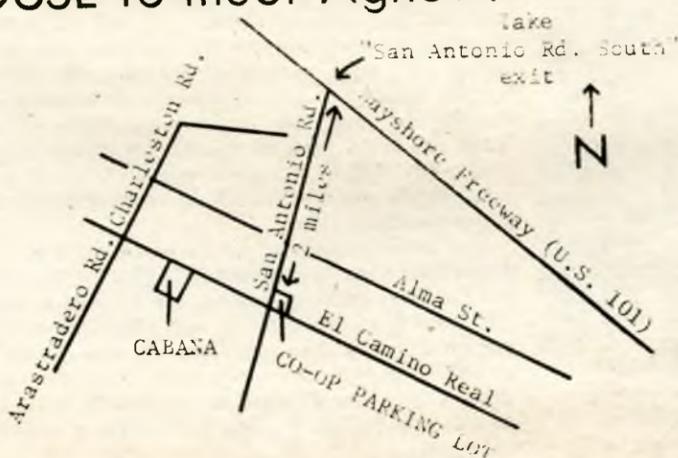


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