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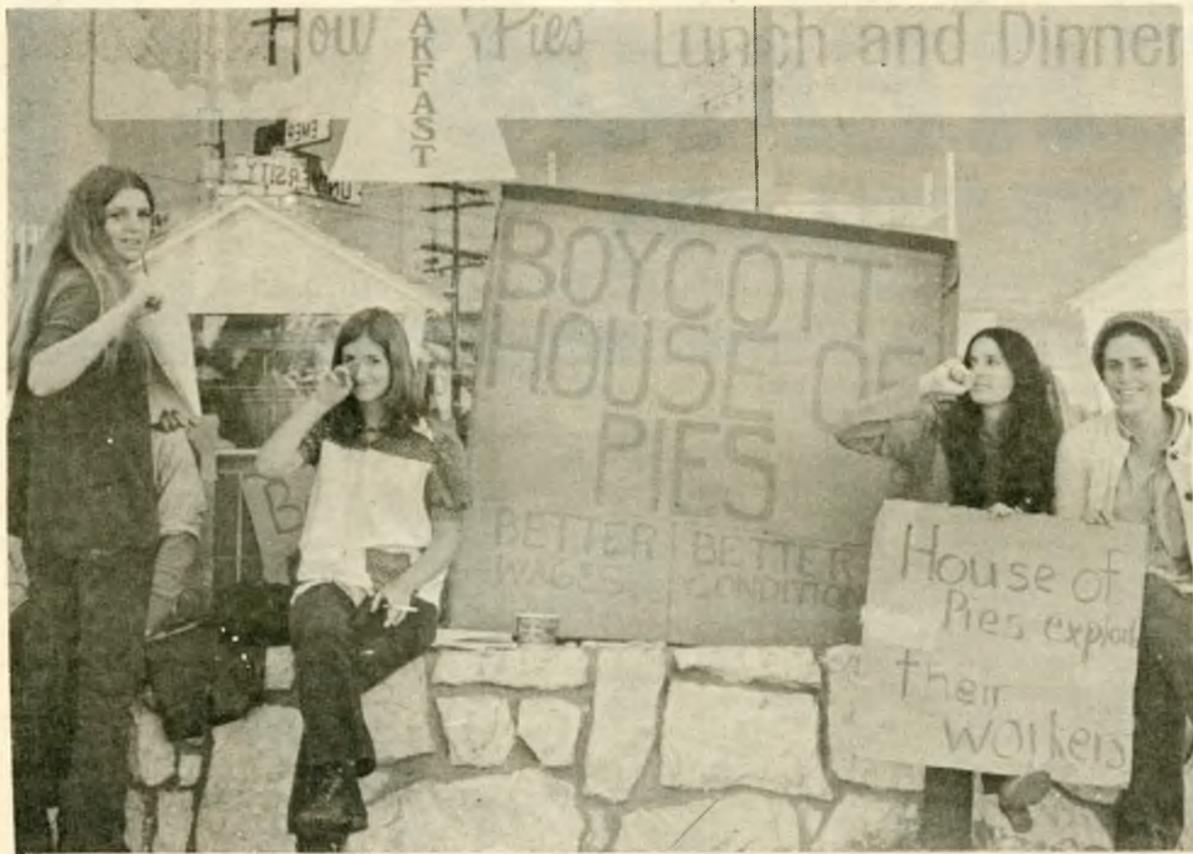


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# COMMUNITY SUPPORT WINS HOUSE OF PIES BOYCOTT



EX-WAITRESSES AND COMMUNITY PEOPLE BOYCOTT HOUSE OF PIES

On July 16, and again on July 19, waitresses walked off their jobs at the House of Pies restaurant in downtown Palo Alto. Both walkouts were triggered by the low wages the waitresses received (\$1.45 an hour) and the bad working conditions. Although these complaints were brought up to the management many times, they were never dealt with.

On the morning of July 20, three waitresses that had walked out, other ex-employees, and community people, including members of Venceremos, began to boycott the House of Pies. The boycott has been going on for three weeks now with the following demands:

- 1) A wage increase for waitresses of from \$1.45 an hour to \$2.00 an hour and for cooks from \$2.00 an hour to \$2.25. There should also be paid half hour breaks.
- 2) Anyone working over 40 hours a week must receive time-and-a-half overtime pay.
- 3) There must always be enough workers to run the restaurant adequately.
- 4) The management must stop using the 50¢ minimum as a way of harassing young and Third World people.
- 5) The waitresses who walked out must be reinstated.

Walkouts and boycotts are often the only ways service and restaurant workers can publicly voice complaints and change working conditions.

Service workers are among the lowest paid workers in the country. There are several reasons for this. Most service workers are women and many are Third World. Historically Third World people and women have been the lowest paid of all workers.

Because the HOP boycott has been so successful, the management has tried in various ways to stop us from boycotting the place. The first thing they did was to get a temporary restraining order, based on phoney accusations of harassment and pushing of customers. This order named five specific people and 100 John Does, and prevented us from standing closer than ten feet from HOP property. After going to court on the restraining order, the management obtained a Prelim-

inary Injunction against us. This injunction, however, dropped all previous charges and enjoined only three people from standing in the doorway. The management has also tried to break the boycott through arrests. Warrants were issued on two juvenile picketers for misdemeanor battery. A week later three more juveniles were arrested for "Obstructing the Sidewalk." The Palo Alto police have been there all day every day. The management has hired Pinkerton guards (rent-a-cops), and four karate black-belts to "protect" the cus-



(ABOVE) MARCIA HALL CONVINCES TWO WOULD-BE CUSTOMERS NOT TO EAT IN THE HOUSE OF PIES.  
(BELOW) SAT. NITE PICKETERS SHUT HOP DOWN.

tomers.

Another attempt to stop us was an article from the management appearing in the P.A. Times. It asked for people in the community to break the boycott and eat in the restaurant. As a last resort right-wing counter-pickets appeared. This plan back-fired also, because when we laid out why we were picketing and what our demands were, they felt our demands were reasonable and put down their signs.

## NEGOTIATIONS

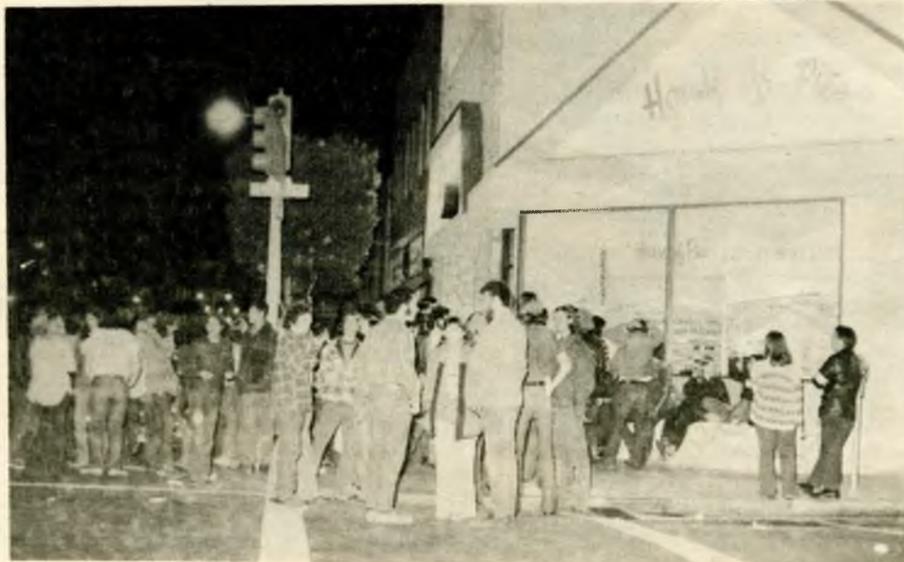
The first negotiating attempt was made on Friday, July 28, when a meeting with the management was set up. We laid out our complaints and demands to the management. They told us they would be back on the following Tuesday with an answer. On Tuesday they made no attempt to meet with us and gave us no answer. We didn't hear anything until Wednesday, when their response became clear. The management called in the police and had the three juveniles arrested. The day following the arrests, Thursday, they sent us a written answer which said basically nothing except that they would raise the wages to \$1.65; the minimum wage.

After one more negotiating session we came up with these points of agreement:

- 1) A basic wage for Palo Alto HOP waitresses--\$1.65 an hour. The corporation policy, which states that cooks will be paid \$2.25 starting pay will be enforced, where in the past it hasn't been.
- 2) The management has agreed to improve the situation in regards to scheduling grievances, hiring practices, and attitudes towards customers.
- 3) John Almon (the manager) has agreed to drop charges on the three juveniles and we agree not to file false arrest suits.
- 4) Cathy Gadus will be reinstated in her job.
- 5) The Management has agreed to work jointly with the opposition to have the criminal charges dropped against Marcia Hall and Karen Franklin.
- 6) Issues involving overtime pay for waitresses and paid breaks are unresolved.

What made the boycott such a success was the overwhelming community support for the workers. Although all our demands weren't met, we intend to continue to raise the issues that were brought up throughout the whole boycott.

Marcia Hall  
Molly Fox  
Venceremos



## Chester Street acquittal

# A Victory For Us All

"...Some people in the movement have criticized Venceremos for taking a firm stand at our doorstep, but this criticism is only a cover for liberalism that would allow the police to take away our right of self defense. The Chester Street jury confirmed our view that the people in our communities have themselves drawn a line between them and the State and that revolutionaries have no business retreating from that line."



Mort Newman, an I.L.W.U. shop steward and member of Venceremos was the man who defended his home when the police tried to break in.

On July 27, after four days of jury selection, seven days of testimony and two and a half days of deliberations, the jury in the Chester Street case delivered its verdict - not guilty on all counts. The courtroom exploded with shouts and tears of joy and even the judge had to smile. Stanley Poling, the Deputy District Attorney, grabbed his brief case, stormed over to one of the jurors and asked him why he had acquitted Mort Newman and Bruce Pollock. The juror replied, "Because you had no case."

The Chester Street trial involved Mort and Bruce, two members of Venceremos, who had been accused of possessing materials with intent to make a destructive device, and Mort had additionally been accused of assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer. They were represented in the case by Jim Wolpman and Charlie Constantinides of the Law Commune who fought tooth and nail against the innuendos of the DA.

Menlo Park police had tried to illegally enter Mort's home back in August of 1971, and they had been turned away by the threat of arms - Mort stood his ground at his doorway with a shotgun to prevent the entry. The police decided to try to bust Mort for standing up for his rights and came back with a warrant. While searching the house they found an electrical circuit that Bruce Pollock had made as a gadget. But because Mort and Bruce are members of Venceremos, the police tried to frame them on a charge of possession of materials to make a bomb.

### SELF-DEFENSE IS NOT SUBJECT TO DEALS

Mort and Bruce, backed by the entire Venceremos organization and many people from our various communities, turned down even the most tempting deals that the DA offered. At one point the judge suggested and the DA agreed that they would completely drop the "bomb" charge and allow Mort to plead guilty to a misdemeanor "brandishing a weapon." This would have meant no jail time for both and only a year or so of probation for Mort.

But they turned down the deal and did battle in the courtroom. Why? Because they understood that they weren't the only ones on trial in the case - that every person who is willing to defend his home against illegal entries by the police was also on trial. They knew that fascism doesn't spring up overnight but that it develops slowly, inch by inch, stripping away our democratic rights, until we are at the mercy of the armed force of the state. They knew

our right to self-defense, our most precious right, is not subject to deals.

### INTENT AND THE H.I.S.C. REPORT

How had the DA planned to prove that Mort and Bruce had intent to make bombs? What Poling had intended to use as "evidence" was a report that was recently released by the House Internal Security Committee (the successor of the House Un-American Activities Committee). That report, on the basis of a booklet titled "Red Papers Four" (published by an organization called the Revolutionary Union) claims that Venceremos is full of a bunch of crazy terrorists who run around the state blowing things up. The main item in the report to substantiate this accusation is the Chester Street case. The report is filled with pages of reproductions of newspaper articles, written at the time of the original bust, which scream "MENLO ARSENAL UNCOVERED." In other words, the DA had hoped to prove the HISC report true by convicting Mort and Bruce on the basis of the HISC report.



"WE MUSTN'T DO ANYTHING THAT WILL BRING ON REPRESSION!"

But because bringing such "evidence" into the trial was such a blatant violation of constitutional rights to free speech, free association and every rule of evidence, Poling was unable to use this track. So he then attempted to introduce the RU's booklet itself by calling Bruce Franklin from the Venceremos Central Committee and Jane Franklin to testify against their comrades. But this effort was also crushed when Charles Marson of the Northern California American Civil Liberties Union successfully argued the unconstitutionality of this maneuver by the prosecution. Thus, left with no evidence at all, in his final arguments Poling told the jury, "Well, somehow they got together and decided to make a bomb." But the jury didn't go for it.

### WHAT HAVE WE WON IN THIS CASE?

The Chester Street case has rolled back an attempt by the state to deny people's rights. It has been more than a victory for Mort, Bruce and Venceremos. The case has re-affirmed the right to self-defense and the police are going to be a little less anxious to come bust-



Bruce Pollock, the other Venceremos comrade in the case, was in the hospital recovering from an industrial accident when the police accused him of possessing materials to make bombs.

ing into peoples' homes knowing that they will defend their lives with guns and be exonerated by a jury of citizens. Some people in the movement have criticized Venceremos for taking a firm stand at our doorstep, but this criticism is only a cover for liberalism that would allow the police to take away our right of self-defense. The Chester St. jury confirmed our view that the people in our communities have themselves drawn a line between them and the state and that revolutionaries have no business retreating from that line.

It is important to recognize the fact that armed and organized self-defense is not merely a slogan but a living practice. Mort and Bruce could never have gone all the way in their case except for the fact that they are members of a disciplined revolutionary organization which made it possible to battle the state in court. And finally, they could not have won this victory for us all without the support of the people who attended the trial, donated money and time and made it clear to the press that this case was theirs too.

Ministry of Information  
Venceremos

## A Letter from Luis Talamantez

Comrades Mort & Bush:

I read in a letter sent to me by our sister Gerry of your case which you are now fighting in court. It gave me a great joy and I felt great comradeship with you when I read of the struggle you are waging against the fascist forces of your area.

I hope that you are well and that you come out winning, but in case this is not possible, do not lose hope, for the soldiers and vanguard of the people must at one time or another make many sacrifices and give example, after example till they convince and finally win the belief and support of the masses of the people, for without these examples they will remain ignorant of the reality of the fascism that is over us all today whether we be raza or poor.

And that only in unity can we resist and overcome the power of the imperialist.

We send all our revolutionary strength and spirit always.

Venceremos  
Comrade Luis Talamantez  
(one of the San Quentin 6)

# E.P.A. PIG PATROL

Beginning this September, six unarmed Black men, wearing dark blue blazers and gray slacks, will cruise the Black community of East Palo Alto in compact cars equipped with walkie-talkies.

It's a new trip called the "community" patrol. In Third World communities all across the country, people have organized to defend themselves against murderous and racist police forces occupying their communities. In San Jose, a Community Alert Patrol was formed and has been effective.

To keep that from happening here, the San Mateo Board of Supervisors recently authorized a pilot program, financed by the Federal Government and the Urban League, to keep the community from starting that kind of a program. Their response was to create a "Community" patrol operating under the direction of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Dept. has a long history of racist violence against the people of East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park. Back in March, a 15-year-old Black youth named Greg White was shot in the back by the Sheriffs. The community was up in arms, beginning to organize to stop the murderers.

Self-appointed so-called "community" leaders then moved in to cool the people's anger.

All of this is part and parcel of the attempts of the rulers of this country to co-opt and destroy revolutionary struggles.



E.P.A. "Neighborhood Assistance Officers" (house niggers in blazers patrol community)

April, 1968, following the assassination of Martin Luther King, climaxed four years of heated struggle by Black people for national liberation. It flashed, as Chairman Mao Tse-tung said, "like a storm such as has never taken place in the history of the country."

In this period, the Man, the money, and the monopolists, began to lay plans to unplug this movement, to drive it back into tameness and slavery. Organizations, backed by white businessmen,

like the Urban Coalition, started offering Black Capitalism as an answer to the struggles of Black people.

When Nixon got into the act by offering Black people a "piece of the action," he was quickly backed up by CORE, the NAACP and the Urban League--groups which for decades were in the forefront of the liberation struggle.

While these groups maintain the rhetoric of nationalism, jiving about "community control," they have taken the side and position of the class which oppresses us. They tell Black people they can be capitalists, when those of us who work or who are kept out of work know that it is the capitalists, the imperialists, who are daily ripping us off--who rip off all the oppressed people and nations in the world.

They try to make some of our people act in the interests of the Man. Their new "community" patrol recruited people who wanted to get into police work but who never qualified for the racist police departments. "It's a doorway into a field I'd like to go into," explained one of the recruits.

But white nigs won't stop acting outrageous and their numbers won't be reduced. The Man supports this program because he figures he needs a front to keep things cool. That's where the new "community" patrolmen come in.

So, although this move is a response to the murder of Greg White and the anger of the people, it is not of help to the people. We don't need more police, but real People's Patrols to patrol the police. As Malcolm X told us, you have to learn the Man's language--"If the only thing he understands is a rifle, get a rifle."

EAST PALO ALTO VENCEREMOS

## MENLO PARK POLICE CREATING CRIME

On Friday, July 28, I was enjoying a relaxing day of working in the yard and house. It was the day after a San Mateo County Superior Court jury had found Mort Newman and Bruce Pollock innocent on all counts (the Chester Street Case). Our right to defend our homes and lives against any illegal entry, including illegal entry by the police, had been reaffirmed in the tradition of the Second and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution. So I was feeling more secure than usual.

When I noticed a young white stranger staring at me as I watered the lawn, I thought he looked strange but didn't pay much attention. Later when I went out again to take my daughter to the newspaper office, he was still staring and then suddenly climbed into a big tree across the street.

15 minutes later, back home again, I realized that there was not one but two young white strangers sitting in that tree, and one of them had a walkie-talkie. A young Black neighbor and some of his friends were walking towards the tree from the pedestrian overpass that runs between our street (Ringwood Avenue) and Belle Haven. I asked if he knew anything about the people in the tree. He answered, "Yes, they're pigs. They put those bikes at the overpass to trap people into stealing them."

Now, this overpass is one of two connections across Bayshore between West Menlo Park (mostly white) and East Menlo Park or Belle Haven (almost entirely Black). So that most of the people crossing the overpass are Black and most of them are young--teen-agers and small children. At the bottom of this overpass just west of Bayshore sat two brand new ten-speed bikes. You must be beginning to get the picture.

I turned to the young whites, probably teen-agers, in the tree and asked, "Is it true that you all are sitting in that tree trying to trap people into stealing those bikes?" One quickly

talked into the walkie-talkie and both began coming down from the tree as one said, "Not any more, ma'am."

As the two of them jumped to the ground, a Menlo Park police car slowly rounded the corner. I called out, "officer!" and the car stopped. "Do you know anything about these guys sitting in the tree trying to trap people into stealing bikes?" I asked. He answered, "I certainly do. They are police cadets."

When another neighbor asked if that is entrapment, the officer, John Keith, said no, it's not entrapment, it's "Crime prevention." He asked if we had any idea how many bicycles are stolen every year in Menlo Park. Now two of my three children have had several bikes stolen in the last few years, and as everybody who has read the VENCEREMOS Principles of Unity knows, we are absolutely opposed to stealing from the people. But we are even more opposed to crimes against the people by the police and the capitalists whose interests these armed gangsters serve.

The act of creating the crime and then claiming credit for "crime prevention" is almost incredibly criminal. Add to the fact of the creation of the crime the fact that the victims of such entrapment in the case are likely to be poor, black, and young. When you add up these two facts, you have fascism and racism combined.

One of the methods of genocide being used against the Black people of this country is putting young Black men behind bars. An easy way to do this is to tie them up in probation departments while they are juveniles so that it becomes an easy process to send them to CYA (California Youth Authority) and on to state prison (Quentin, Soledad, etc.).

The police cadets, Paul Troxell and Joe Spencer, are both white. Most of the people who go over this overpass are Black. Most are young. Any child could jump on an empty bike and ride off on it. The young Black people who had been watching the police cadets observed the

police catch two young blacks that morning. As a Black mother told the police when she called the station about this practice, "You could have had a race riot on your hands."

In fact we do have a racist war against Black people on our hands, promoted by the police working in the service of a white ruling class that will do anything it can to keep poor and working people divided from each other.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

We are not yet organized enough to disarm all fascists. That is our ultimate task--to seize power from the capitalist class and establish a society run by poor and working people, a real government of the people, by the people, for the people.

But in the meantime we have to steadily resist this kind of oppression and repression. At every point that they infringe upon our rights, we must push them back, take a stand and not move from that stand. Otherwise they will roll over us with their devious devices.

For instance, in this case the Menlo Park police knew that I would raise hell about such inhuman behavior and I have. Now a lot of people know about it, the mayor himself seemed upset (he should keep a better lookout!). And I don't think the Menlo Park police will do this particular trick again.

But they are constantly on the job oppressing Black people, Brown people, and poor and working and revolutionary White people. People should confront them at every point. If anybody sees such a thing happening, call 328-4941 (VENCEREMOS headquarters) between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and give us the facts. VENCEREMOS is dedicated to serving the people and overthrowing imperialism.

The power of the people is greater than the power of the capitalists. Avenge Gregory White and the 70 other people killed by the police in the last year in California alone. Stand up for our rights.

Jane Franklin, VENCEREMOS

# Red Ball Gas Boycott

The Red Ball gas station at Valencia and 24th street in the Mission District in San Francisco is a discount station owned by Seaside Oil Co. and is supposedly used as a tax write-off by Phillips 66. The station hires only women, paying them \$1.90 per hour to start, with (maybe) a 20¢ raise after 90 days. Seaside has been using Nixon's wage freeze as an excuse to not give the women the 20¢ raise. Most men working at local gas stations start at between \$2.00 and \$2.60 per hour with frequent raises. The women have no lunch hour and no break-if the station is busy they don't even have time to sit down. Besides the low wages and bad working condition, women there have been fired arbitrarily with no notice many times in the past.

The whole set up at Red Ball is just another example of how women are used as a novelty to attract customers, and exploited economically through low pay.

On July 14, Robin Gibson, a Black sister who works at the station, was in a motorcycle accident and couldn't open the station on time the next morning. She was fired by the supervisor two days later.

He did this knowing the other women would stand behind Robin and planned to use it as a starting point to get rid of all of them. The sisters at Red Ball know that firing one of them affects all of them and they all walked off their jobs



Workers and supporters have successfully closed down Red Ball in support of fired sister.

in support of Robin. They're demanding that:

1. Robin be rehired and all other women be guaranteed their jobs.
2. a 5% wage increase.
3. collective decisions on hiring and firing by the workers.
4. tenure and job security.
5. the position of manager be abolished and a bookkeeper hired to do the books.

The women have been out on strike for over a week now and plan to continue it until their demands are met. As one of the

sisters said, "the only power we have is to shut the station down until our demands are met."

So far the strike has been almost a complete success. Most customers honor the sisters picket line and buy gas somewhere else. Only about 5 or 6 cars a day go in to the station which used to be one of the busiest in the area. The station didn't open at all two days last week.

The women are calling for support of the picket line, for a boycott of all Red Ball and Phillips stations, and asking people to call Seaside to complain about mistreatment of their employees-ask for Mr. Nagy at 431-5040.

Discount gas stations like Red Ball are set up in poor and working class communities and third world communities like the Mission to rip off the people. The stations sell bad gas at "bargain prices" while the oil kings get tax write-offs. At the same time they hire all poor white and third world women, pay them miserable wages and subject them to oppressive conditions. This is typical of how the ruling class operates and for this it must be opposed.

The only way we can fight the oil kings is with solidarity and unity. This means, for us in the Mission, actively stopping the business of Red Ball, and for the rest of us to boycott all Phillips 66, Seaside, and Red Ball Stations.

Right now it's only a matter of job security and decent wages so we can survive in this society. But to solve our problems of survival and control our own lives it means we will ultimately have to change the society itself. Support the sisters demands!! Boycott Phillips 66, Seaside, and Red Ball!!

## DECOTO COMMUNITY NEWS

On July 10, the Decoto City Council voted in favor of rezoning Decoto to single-family units. This rezoning has both positive and negative aspects, and whether or not it will become a victory for Decoto depends entirely on the strength of the community.

The positive side of single-family zoning at this time far outweighs the negative side. It will keep money-hungry developers from constructing large complexes, stop the increase of tax rates, and maybe lower them, because the land value will decrease.

This land devaluation carries with it the negative side. For those who sell, they will receive less for their property. However, since most Decoto homeowners don't want to sell, this will not hurt them.

What homeowners have to watch out for now is the fast-talking realtors who will try to get them to sell by offering them a few dollars more for their homes. The offer may look good, but too often it isn't. Most people couldn't afford to buy another home because they would not have enough money.

The realtor who cons someone into selling will probably sit and wait until enough people can be fooled into selling. Then he would probably sell to a developer, if he isn't one himself, for twice as much as he paid. Then once again the developers would come into our community.

This won't happen if the people do not allow it to happen. Decoto residents must unite to prevent this. Join the Decoto Residents Association.

### Token Land Use Committee

On July 3, when most people were out of town or just out of their homes because of the 4th of July weekend, the Union City City Council decided that this would be the ideal time to give the Decoto residents their token land use committee for that area. The purpose of the committee would be to act as an advisory board to the city on all matters concerning land use for the Decoto area and also to review the "Master Plan."

The council knew that if the committee were chosen in a democratic way by the people of Decoto, the group would represent the views of the people and not those of the big land owners and big developers. In order to insure that the committee would indeed be a City Council committee and represent the views of the council, they adjourned to an executive session to choose the 15 people that they wanted to serve on the committee.

Some members of the Decoto Residents Association (DRA) were present at the meeting and gave the council a list of 15 names chosen by the people. The residents demanded that the committee be made up of these 15 people and that it be done in an open meeting before the people. The city refused and, like a slap in the face, adjourned to their executive session.

On July 17, the council met again; this time to adopt the 15 people that they had chosen behind the scene. After numerous resolutions had been adopted, including the land use committee, oral communications began. Arthur Miller and Enrique Munoz, two of the spokesmen for the DRA, got up and demanded a public hearing before the people of Decoto so we could have a voice on what people we want to represent us! This is our right!

The DRA is trying to keep the city from destroying our barrio. But in order to win the battle we need the full support of the entire community. We must

### City Council Forced to Hold Meeting

On Tuesday, July 25, 40 members of the North Hayward Residents Association forced the Hayward City Council to put the freeway routing issue on the council agenda for September 12.

The council must hold a public discussion at the Sept. 12 meeting on whether to re-open the hearings of the freeway routings of 92, 238 and D-Winton Street Expressway.

We feel this is an important victory because the council must deal with the issue which they considered dead in public instead of behind closed doors.

Hayward Venceremos

unite with the DRA. The only way we can win is by uniting! A united people have more power than a few rich developers, contractors, land owners, and councilmen! Unidos Venceremos!

### Residents Association Formed

The newly-formed Decoto Residents Association (DRA) is out to prove that a united community is a powerful community. The DRA was formed after residents of Decoto, the barrio in Hayward, were informed by the City Council of plans for Decoto by the local Partido de la Raza Unida. The first reaction to this "Master plan" by the residents was fear of losing their homes.

This fear quickly turned into outrage that the City would draw up plans for Decoto without taking into consideration the people who have lived in Decoto for most of their lives.

Finally, outrage turned into action. From this action the DRA was formed. They are made up mostly of homeowners in Decoto. However, considering that some people in Decoto don't own their own homes, the DRA decided that these people, too, were concerned with the welfare of Decoto, and should be allowed to join.

Right now the major concern of the DRA is to keep the city from making plans that would drastically change Decoto and possibly eliminate many houses. Aside from just blocking the city's plans, the DRA is also working to create new plans that would reflect the wants and needs of the community.

Decoto is our home. Surely the city planners wouldn't want outsiders to come and arrange the furniture of their homes. The Decoto residents feel the same way; we don't want someone who does not even live in Decoto to arrange Decoto the way they want it. We who live there know what it needs and can best decide how these needs are to be met.

The steering committee of the DRA meets every Monday night at 7:30. Residents of Decoto who would like to join can call Julia Gonzalez at 471-0947 for further information. The steering committee meetings are open to any Decoto resident who wants to attend.

# Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration

## Demonstration Against U.S. Genocide in Asia

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Nearly half-a-million people were killed. On August 6, 1972, members and supporters of the Bay Area Asian Coalition Against the War (BAACAW) staged a rally and march protesting the continued U.S. imperialist policy of genocide in Asia.

More than 25 years after the end of World War II, many Americans are coming to realize that the A-bombs dropped on the Japanese people in August of 1945 were not used to end the war, and were the beginning of U.S. imperialism's policies of mass murder practiced against the Korean and now the Indochinese peoples.

## A-BOMBS, ANTI-COMMUNISM AND GENOCIDE

Most Americans have been led to believe that it was necessary to use atomic weapons against the Japanese people in order to bring a quick end to World War II. But nothing is further from the truth.

By August, 1945, the aggression of the Japanese imperialists had been defeated in Asia. In China, Indochina and the rest of Southeast Asia, the forces of Japanese militarism had been defeated by armed peoples applying the strategy

of people's war and the largest concentrations of Japanese troops had been beaten by the Red Army of the Soviet Union in Manchuria. The faltering Japanese had already made peace offers to the Allies that were substantially identical to the agreements reached after the nuclear blasts. But the rulers of U.S. imperialism saw that out of the world-wide struggle against German and Japanese fascism, people around the world had armed themselves and were moving to take power away from the capitalists and imperialists and establish socialist governments.

Since it was the plan of U.S. imperialism to step in and take the place of Germany and Japan around the world, it was necessary to try to intimidate the revolutionary peoples. For this reason it was decided to use atomic weapons to show the world what the U.S. had waiting for them.

Yet, revolutionary people, particularly in Asia, were not intimidated and carried on their peoples' wars. China was liberated in 1949, with revolutionary wars raging elsewhere. It was in the U.S. aggression against Korea in the early 1950's that genocide - destroying the entire population - was again attempted.

U.S. imperialism employed saturation bombing, biological and chemical warfare against the Korean people and their sup-



porters from the Chinese Peoples' Republic. In the end, while Korea was almost completely defoliated, U.S. aggression was stopped. What U.S. imperialism tried in Korea, it is now again trying in Indochina. Facing defeat at the hands of the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian people, the U.S. aggressors are resorting to increasingly savage methods.

The history of U.S. aggression in Indochina has been one of mass murder, using chemicals to kill crops and people, saturation bombing of villages and hamlets, and now attacks against the irrigation system of North Vietnam, which, if destroyed, could murder millions.

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## Pigs Interrogate Girls About Revolutionaries

On July 14 at about 8:30 a.m., we were sitting in front of the city hall in Palo Alto when we saw three plainclothes pigs come out. We recognized two of them; James Decious, head of the juvenile division, and Jack Garner. They started to walk downtown, and we got up and started walking in the same direction. After a few blocks they went into a restaurant.

About 20 minutes later they came out of the restaurant and started walking towards the pig station. We went down an alley and they walked down a different street. A few blocks later, they suddenly came up behind us and said, "Alright, girls. Hold it right there. What're your names?"

We didn't answer, so they took us down to the station and brought us into Decious's office. They said that if we gave them our names and phone numbers we could "sail right out the door." That sounded reasonable, so we gave them our names and phones. They looked up our records and then went out the door, locking it behind them. Shortly afterwards, Garner came back and took us into the office of the pig in charge of investigations, Don Criswell.

The first thing we noticed when we were ushered into Criswell's office was an eight-by-ten inch blow-up of Marcia Hall, a member of Venceremos and a militant leader in fighting the pigs in Palo Alto.

Criswell sat down behind his desk and began to question us about Marcia Hall, Karen Franklin, and Venceremos. When we didn't cooperate with this illegal questioning, the pigs split us up and told us that we weren't leaving until we told them what they wanted to know, but that they didn't have to tell us our rights because we weren't under arrest.

He continued to ask us questions like, "Do you know Marcia Hall or Karen Franklin? Have you ever been in their homes? Do you know where they live? Are you in Venceremos? Were there a lot of

Venceremos people at the El Camino mass bust? Who was in leadership there?" They said that we were in big trouble, and we pointed out that we didn't have to tell them shit.

After close to an hour, "X" was released to her mother, and Alicia was left alone with Criswell, Decious and Garner. They all folded their arms and Criswell said, "Sit down! You're not going anywhere until you talk." Decious muttered, "I'm gonna get you!" Criswell grinned, "You're in a lot of trouble and you're going to be in more if we catch you again!"

But we remained silent, and they finally released us.

"X" (Name withheld)  
Alicia MacMichael

## A Reply to Police Intimidation

We are involved in trying to radically change the present system in this country; to bring about a proletarian revolution so that the masses of people control the country instead of just a few rich people.

The police are lackeys of these rich people. They are the dogs who the ruling class sics on anyone who tries to resist and change this system. When anyone "steps out of line," it's these pigs who try to "put us back in our place."

We have been educating the people in the community about how this system is messing over poor and working and Third World people. People are seeing what is wrong and working to change it. That's why the pigs are after us. It's not a bad thing to be attacked by the enemy; it shows that we're doing a good job and that they're running scared.

But when the pigs haul two girls off



KAREN FRANKLIN AND MARCIA HALL

the street to illegally harass and question them about us--two girls who knew us only vaguely before this incident took place--it's about time we stop them dead in their tracks and not let them get away with doing it this time or ever again.

According to the law, the police cannot detain people against their will unless they place them under arrest. When under arrest, people have the right to remain silent and have a lawyer present. At no time are the pigs supposed to threaten people. Every aspect of this incident was completely illegal.

What's happening here is organized fascism. They are running so scared that they have to bring two girls into the station and use their terror tactics, intimidation and threats in an attempt to control the people.

If we don't deal with it this time, the pigs are going to continue to fuck with the people. They're going to get confident that no one's going to come down on them. The way to stop this kind of harassment is to let the pigs know that people aren't going to take their shit. We're going to fight back and resist all their attacks. We're going to defend ourselves from these mad dogs by any means necessary.

Karen & Marcia, Venceremos

# R.C. Tenants Resist Landlords

Putting profit before people, the normal practice of landlords, is being challenged in Redwood City. On August 2 the Redwood City Housing Group, (consisting of low income renters and home owners), presented People's Law (see insert) to the housing committee of the Redwood City City Council. These laws covering evictions, relocation, and the fixing up of older homes were drawn up from practical experience.

We did not beg the city to adopt these laws, but rather pointed out that these are the laws of the people who will enforce them:

"People's Law puts the needs of the people who use housing before those who profit from it. We know we are going to have to force the landlords to respect People's Law, because they have never held back from using their law, their courts, and their sheriff from getting their way with us." (From Statement: WHAT IS PEOPLE'S LAW)

If the city government wishes to help us enforce People's Law we will appreciate it, but we are not going to wait on them.

People's Law came about through the housing group's work with tenants, such as Jackson Street where two older homes were to be demolished and the tenants evicted because the landlord over the years refused to do repairs. Or the racist eviction of a tenant by landlord Ben Shade who also acts as a slumlord in East Palo Alto.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Even more recently we have seen how the San Mateo County Housing Authority, in cooperation with the Federal Government's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have conspired to kick tenants off the leased housing program.

Because HUD programs are only meant to calm angry people and not solve the housing problems of the country, the congress hasn't put much money into them. In San Mateo County 33,000 households qualify for the rent supplement program, but there are only 800 units available. And President Nixon just recently cut the HUD budget for the coming year.

In order to avoid blame for not meeting the housing needs of the country, HUD searches for ways to disqualify counties from receiving needed housing units. This happened in San Mateo Co. where HUD said that the local Housing Authority

was inefficient and couldn't communicate with its tenants. They said that San Mateo Co. would get no more units until this situation was corrected. This only hurt the people of the county, not the Housing Authority staff, who still received their salaries. The local Housing Authority merely passed this burden onto the people who need housing.

Seven households in Redwood City and 50 throughout the county have been threatened with termination or relocation to other cities. Many were told they were "bad housekeepers" after an unannounced whirlwind inspection by Housing Authority officials. One woman, whose house was spotlessly clean except for her dog's recent mess in the garage, was charged with such "bad housekeeping." This charge itself is enough to disqualify a tenant from the program.

Applying People's Law in formulating their demands, the threatened Redwood City tenants, together with the housing group, descended on the Housing Authority director, Glenn Weman on July 31. Shortly thereafter, all of the households in Redwood City were approved as satisfactory for continued habitation. This victory came because of the organized tenant response and support by housing group against the Housing Authority plan. But the threat of eviction from the program to others in the county has not been resolved.

## NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE

At the present time the housing group and residents of Northumberland Avenue in Redwood City are trying to save their neighborhood from step by step destruction. A San Francisco landlord, Roger Lalane, is trying to push a warehouse into the residential neighborhood.

The warehouse is an immediate threat to the seven households on the property. Some of these residents have lived in the houses for 10 or more years. The warehouse is also a threat to the entire neighborhood. It will cause land speculation, higher taxes, increased traffic, and simply a bad appearance.

But the destruction of seven housing units is also an attack on poor and working people throughout Redwood City. There is presently a shortage of low-rent housing, and the demolition of low-income units will sharpen this situation. Eventually--with other losses--the loss of these seven units will allow landlords to increase rents, as the demand for

low-rent housing rises and the supply decreases.

The new warehouse will be for Sunset Pools Lawn Furniture and will back up on the Dura-Vent property. Both of these properties are next to Gemco and they are also owned by Lalane. A quick look in the surrounding area shows that there are other empty warehouses and industrial lots available. But Lalane, who has never once talked to the tenants or residents of Northumberland, isn't interested in this, since it won't help him make any money. His only consideration has been profit.

Lalane was defeated at the Redwood City Planning Commission. He appealed the decision before the City Council on August 7. Here he was granted his application for the warehouse. The council disregarded the feelings of 28 of the residents of Northumberland and 100 residents in the surrounding area. They refused to question Sunset on other warehouse sites or the profit motive of Lalane.

To the city and Lalane only final details remain, but the tenants must now relocate.

## PEOPLE'S LAW

From these and other cases, the Redwood City Housing Group and tenants have written People's Law. The attempted eviction of the Housing Authority tenants and the attempted destruction of the Northumberland street houses are cases in which Peoples Law has been put into practice.

In these cases, as in most, the landlords have shown themselves to be motivated by profit and not for people. For this reason we open our statement of What is Peoples Law with:

Most landlords are parasites. They don't build housing, they don't live in it. All they do is profit from it. Their profit is at the expense of poor and working people. Hardest hit among these are black, brown, and yellow people. Even though the law of the land backs landlords, we have found that landlords feel threatened by organized tenants who promise them a fight. We have written People's Law to guide our attack. Landlords and government officials alike feel that People's Law just doesn't make sense in our capitalist system. We agree, but we feel it is the system of "profit over people" which must change, not People's Law.

REDWOOD CITY HOUSING GROUP

SEE PAGE 18 FOR PEOPLE'S LAWS

## S.F. Fair in Support of Vietnamese

On July 23 more than 1000 people gathered at James Lick Jr. High School in Noe Valley, San Francisco for a community fair for peace and independence in Vietnam. The fair was organized by the Noe Valley Committee to Support the Seven-Point Peace Plan. Many anti-imperialist organizations had informational and display booths. Gold, Christian Black and the Red Star Singers played, and the S.F. Mime Troop performed. A giant Viet Cong flag flew from the flagpole, and banners and flags decorated the entire playground.

The fair was a tremendous success, bringing together large numbers of white working class and Third World youth on the basis of support for the national liberation struggle of the Vietnamese people. A sister who spent nine years in jail spoke about the connection between the struggles of the Vietnamese and our struggles here at home.

The Noe Valley Committee to Support the Seven-Point Peace Plan was formed as a result of a community forum on Vietnam that was held after Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnamese harbors. In addition to the fair, the Committee has also organized picketing of imperialist institutions in the community (Bank of America, Safeway) and a community march in support of the Seven-Point Peace Plan.

The forum on Vietnam was held as a part of a regular weekly community film series that has been going on for almost a year and a half. The series, besides being a place for people to see revolutionary films, has been a place to get together and exchange ideas and information about current struggles.

Although the fair was a great success, a number of mistakes were made. There was virtually no politics coming from the mike (except one short talk), and the program for the stage was handled in a very liberal manner and let slide till the last minute. In events like this there is a tendency, once things get going, to see bureaucratic and technical tasks as primary, and politics are forgotten. There were also problems with the lack of booths where people could actively participate (games, etc.). The problem of security was ignored a number of plainclothes pigs wandered around all afternoon.

It's clear from the practice in Noe Valley during the last 1 1/2 years, and especially from the large turnout at the fair, that the masses of people are able to firmly grasp the reality of U.S. imperialism. Most of the problems lie in the lack of political development, the lack of boldness, and the lack of organization of the revolutionaries.



Noe Valley community turns out for fair in support of our Brothers and Sisters in Vietnam.

# Ruchell Magee's Trial



RUCHELL

On July 25, Ruchell Magee and his co-counsel, Robert Carrow, made motions to disqualify the latest judge in the case, Mortin Colvin. Ruchell's arguments included charges against Colvin for sustaining and continuing the gag rule, which prevents any member of the press from interviewing Ruchell. Ruchell argued that this is unconstitutional, and has been carried out in a racist way, especially because prosecution reports of his IQ and his character are reported in the press while he has no way to answer these charges.

At the last hearing, the prosecution introduced motions questioning Ruchell's sanity and his competence to defend him-

self. Ruchell argued that Judge Colvin had no right to allow these motions to be considered, since he was facing a motion of disqualification himself.

In regards to the disqualification motion, co-counsel Carrow contended that Colvin is close to the Marin County judiciary and political scene and was a friend of Judge Harold Haley, who was killed in the shootout on August 7, 1970 for which Ruchell is on trial. The motion for Colvin's dismissal was denied without a public hearing.

Phil Plymale, San Francisco

## RUCHELL'S TRIAL

On August 3, Ruchell Magee once again ran political and legal circles around Judge Colvin's court, demanding his basic rights, among them self-defense.

The courtroom was packed with Ruchell's supporters as Judge Colvin continually interrupted Ruchell to threaten, reprimand and scold him, attempting to stop Ruchell from presenting his legal points. But Ruchell outwitted and outmaneuvered Colvin.

Ruchell insisted that Colvin's court had no jurisdiction over him, as he had sent a motion to a Federal court, which would then have jurisdiction. Unable to deal with this point, Colvin began to instruct bailiffs to remove Ruchell to the holding cell. Ruchell stood up and declared that he was leaving the courtroom because the court had no jurisdiction over him. The audience burst into applause and gave Ruchell the fist. Colvin then threatened the audience with five days in jail and a \$500 fine for "showing emotion in the courtroom."

It was clear that Colvin and the District Attorney, Albert Collins, had no intention of recognizing Ruchell's legal points. But during the course of the day, Ruchell was able to say a lot.

He pointed out that the court had no jurisdiction over him while a Federal court was considering his motion. He moved for impeachment of Judge Colvin. He mentioned that he had filed a civil suit suing Esquire magazine and others for misrepresenting him and for defamation of character. Ruchell demanded that the court order San Quentin prison officials to stop preventing him from seeing his relatives and holding up his legal documents. He moved that the court appoint a psychiatrist to verify the sanity of Ronald Reagan, Judge Colvin, and Albert Collins.

The court denied Ruchell his legal right to self-defense and ordered that Ruchell be examined by two psychiatrists. These so-called legal maneuvers were all done while Ruchell was locked in his holding cell. Once when he protested that the court was continuing without jurisdiction, Colvin ordered bailiffs to "restrain Mr. Magee."

The only way the State could respond to Ruchell's expose of the way the legal system is used--especially rigged against poor, Third World and working people--was to deny Ruchell's right to self-defense. This right is the most basic of all human rights.

As Ruchell left the courtroom he told Judge Colvin, "The people will deal with you in the streets."

RUCHELL'S NEXT PRE-TRIAL HEARING WILL BE AUGUST 15 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE HALL OF JUSTICE, 7th AND BRYANT, SAN FRANCISCO. YOU SHOULD ARRIVE BEFORE 9:00 TO GET A SEAT OR BY 12:30 P.M. FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

FREE RUCHELL AND ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

S.F. Venceremos Study Group Support Committee

# Pigs Exploit Ruchell Again

The pigs are hard at work again! A fraudulent leaflet is currently being circulated which purposely misrepresents the politics of Ruchell Magee's case and asks that people send money to a "Ruchell Magee Defense Fund" c/o Pamoja Venceremos.

No such defense fund exists, and neither Pamoja Venceremos or the Venceremos organization had anything to do with this leaflet.

This was a purposeful, vicious attempt to sabotage relations between Ruchell, Venceremos and his other supporters. Since the pigs control all of Ruchell's incoming mail and printed mat-

ter they have been able to feed Ruchell material which leads him to think that his supporters have betrayed him. This tactic has been used successfully before to turn him against his defense committees.

The leaflet is titled "Don't Forget the Others" and contains a chapter from Angela Davis' book If They Come in the Morning. Anyone who sees this leaflet should confiscate as many as possible, find out who is distributing them and for whom, and take them to the Pamoja Venceremos office or call 328-4941.

-VENCEREMOS

## ruchell magee

Ruchell was arrested at age sixteen, and spent his first years in a juvenile hall. He was charged with the murder of a young woman. He was later released on parole. He was arrested again in 1963. He was charged with the murder of a young woman. He was later released on parole. He was arrested again in 1963. He was charged with the murder of a young woman. He was later released on parole.

It is not unfair to Magee to say that he became obsessed with winning justice through his own efforts in the courts. He was a young man with a bright future and a bright mind. He was a young man with a bright future and a bright mind. He was a young man with a bright future and a bright mind.

# Ruchell's Letter About False Defense Funds

July 26, 1972

I hereby demand the closing of All Defense Committees in Ruchell's Name. No one has been authorized by Ruchell to operate Defense committee or Committees. Presently, Excessive fascist tactics are used by the judicial system to exploit this case. Ruchell has never received any Defense funds, only gag rules to keep suppressed. Many organization and so-called Defense Committees have been exploiting Me viciously.

Publish this.  
RUCHELL (CINQUE) MAGEE

## ruchell magee

Ruchell Magee was among those prisoners who were denied the right to self-defense. He was a young man with a bright future and a bright mind. He was a young man with a bright future and a bright mind. He was a young man with a bright future and a bright mind.

Ruchell's trial is scheduled to begin on August 1, in San Francisco. He has been denied his right to defend himself and has been subjected to the gag rule, which forbids him to speak to the media. This is why we must stand with Ruchell. Speak out now and help free Ruchell. Contributions should be sent to: Ruchell Magee Defense Fund. 46 Rincon Venceremos 1244949-111 University Avenue East Palo Alto, Calif. USA.



## Don't forget the others!

It is important to give support to the many Black leaders who remain in jail, just as we give our support to Angela.....

## ruchell

Ruchell Magee was the one survivor of the four Black men, the seventeen-year-old brother of a prisoner, the other three prisoners themselves, who made a bid for freedom at the Marin Civic Center, San Rafael, California, on August 7, 1970. In the racist atmosphere of the United States, that alone makes the affirmation of his humanity a difficult idea to get across to millions of white people. He is categorized into a less than human stereotype--criminal, inmate, cool, and as of August 7, brutal killer. The Establishment media has had a field day wallowing in their own vision of the contest between Angela Davis, the bright, educated, cultivated philosopher-revolutionary, and Magee, the crazed brute, the nutcase. How often did you see that number attached to Magee's name, like a sewer's brand--"17" Prison authorities revealed his IQ tested at Angela State Penitentiary in Louisiana, at a low 78. The mentality of the press was the mentality of the slave boys around the plantation.

# The Case of Stephanie Kline Their Weapon is Division; Ours is Unity

"Dear Stephanie,

Stay strong and please know that we love you for your beauty, and your fight in the liberation of our oppressed Sisters and Brothers.

Always you're loved by Sincere Revolutionaries who are determined to bring Babylon around or level it to the Earth. Victory will be ours! The people love you. With this realization you should be able to continue fight and win a thousand battles, even under prevailing conditions now existing. Take care.

Love, Ruchell Magee"



On August 8, Stephanie Kline went on trial in Oakland on the charge of possession of explosives. Stephanie is innocent. Her trial is part of a frame-up trying to hide the fact that the Black liberation struggle goes on and is gaining support from white people like Stephanie.

In putting together their frameup the pigs have attempted to play on racism and presented Stephanie as a "mad bomber to poor and working white people; and to Black people they accused her of murder of an Afro-American revolutionary fighter.

## THE FACTS

At 1:25 a.m. on January 30, 1972, a bomb blew up in a car in the parking lot of an all-night restaurant in Oakland. Tommy Davenport, a Black man, died in the explosion. At the time, Stephanie was at a party at her home in San Francisco.

The demolished car was registered to Stephanie, and within hours all-points bulletins were out for her for questioning. Later the next day her home in San Francisco's Mission District was raided by police who stole personal papers, address books, and photographed political literature and posters. When Stephanie and her lawyer went to explain her whereabouts at the time of the explosion she was interrogated for several hours, primarily about her association with Black people. When she refused to answer these questions she was arrested for murder and possession of explosives, taken to Alameda County Jail at Santa Rita, and had bail set at \$75,000.

## FRAME-UP BEGINS

The day after the explosion and Tommy Davenport's death, the police, remained pretty close-mouthed about the whole situation, even hinting in their

press statements that the whole thing might have been an "accident." Yet by the next day, February 1, Stephanie Kline had been tried, judged and was waiting for execution in the eyes of the police.

What changed in 24 hours was that the pigs realized that Brother Davenport, and an escaped white female companion, had probably been on their way to carry out a revolutionary action when an accident occurred. Knowledge that oppressed people were fighting back must have so scared the pigs that they went looking for a victim.

Overnight, the police, newspapers and courts organized their frame-up. Tommy Davenport was no longer a Black man, he became a "former Black Panther," while Stephanie became a "well-known militant." Police reports to the press stressed that Stephanie, a trained pharmacist working at the community-controlled El Centro de Salud clinic in the Mission District, had participated in demonstrations in support of Ruchell Magee and Angela Davis. Her solidarity with peoples of oppressed nations was all the ruling class needed to justify charging Stephanie with murder and possession of explosives.

Stephanie's innocence doesn't really matter to the ruling class, which four months after the incident dropped the murder charge. They want to try Stephanie as a way of retaliating against the Afro-American liberation struggle.

## DAVENPORT AND LIBERATION STRUGGLE ON TRIAL

Stephanie Kline's arrest and trial is one of the ways the pigs find of covering up and hiding from the people that revolutionary acts are still being carried out. They've done this by focusing their attack against Stephanie--a white person. They have tried to divide Black and white poor and working people by presenting Stephanie as a "mad bomber"

working with Black revolutionaries to whites, and to Black people as the person responsible for the assassination of a Black man.

Even as these maneuvers at inciting the worst racist fears of white people goes on, the real purpose of Stephanie's prosecution is to put Davenport and the Black liberation movement on trial, along with the movement in solidarity with all national liberation struggles of Third World people.

Stephanie didn't know Tommy Davenport. Little is known about his life or how he came to die. Nevertheless, both are now linked together in struggle. It is only this kind of unity that can reverse the state's attempt to turn white against Black, and against all other Third World peoples.

## FREE STEPHANIE

Stephanie's case is a battle of the people against their oppressors. If she is acquitted it will only be because of the support shown for her. For further details on the case and the course of the trial, contact:

Stephanie Kline Defense Committee  
558 Capp Street  
San Francisco, Calif. 94110  
(415) 824-5888

## VICTORY FOR THE AFRO-AMERICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE!

FREE STEPHANIE KLINE!  
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

# Uprising in England

On Monday, July 24, longshoremen shut down all the major ports in England to protest the jailing of 5 dock workers by the new National Industrial Relations Court. This Court was set up by the politicians and bosses in England to repress the workers by putting out injunctions against strikes and picketing, and by forcing workers into negotiation and arbitration procedures designed to bog them down and wear down their power. The Court decided to make an example out of the 5 longshoremen and threw them in jail because they wouldn't stop picketing when the Court told them to.

Workers from all trades mounted a spontaneous and sharp struggle to resist this fascist attack on their rights. Thousands of longshoremen walked off their jobs, and they were followed in the next few days by printers, electrical workers, truck drivers, bus drivers, miners and airport workers. On Wednesday July 26 the Trades Union Congress called for a one day strike, the first general strike since 1926. Thousands of workers marched to the Pentonville Prison to demand freedom for the 5 dock workers, carrying signs denouncing the government and com-

paring Heath (the prime minister) to Hitler.

When the government saw what was happening they decided they better reconsider the case. The Court decided to free the 5 workers on a technicality. On Friday, July 28, encouraged by this small

victory and still angry at the government, the 42000 longshoremen went on strike again. Although the 5 dock workers were freed, the problem they were picketing against in the first place is still there.

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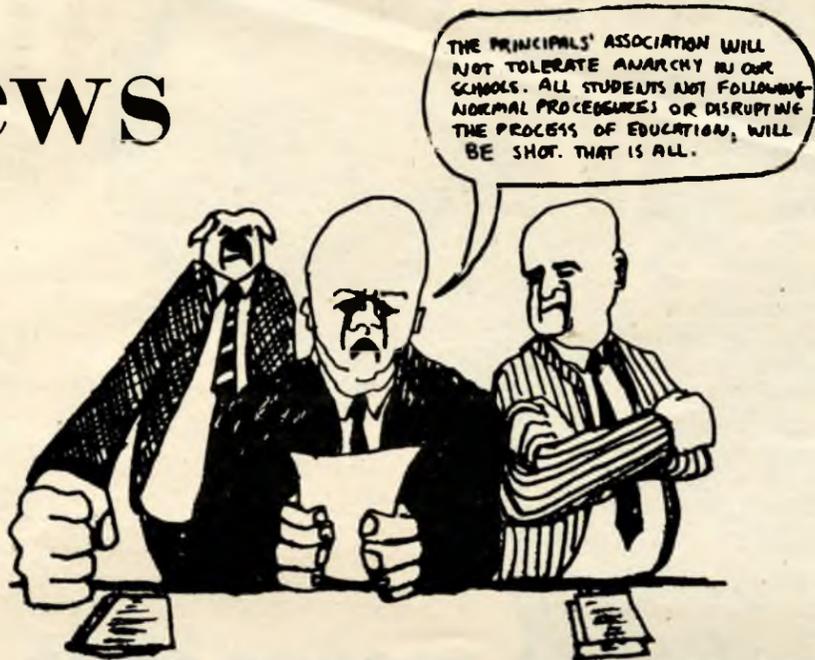
ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION MEMBERS MARCH IN LONDON  
They protested the government's jailing of five dock leaders



**“If to be called a militant means that I am eager to take any step, to take any action; to restore once and for all time the natural ways of The People. If this is to be militant, then I ask my father, the sun, and my mother, the earth, that they will grant me the life and strength to be the most militant of all.”**

**Conversations with The Dancers—1969**

# National & International News



## U.S. Genocide at Home

Many people believe that genocide on a large scale only exists overseas--Vietnam, Southeast Asia and Africa--and doesn't really touch their lives here.

Right here in the USA, the Public Health Service has been experimenting with some 600 Black "human guinea pigs" in Alabama for the last 40 years.

The experiment was designed to determine "through autopsies" what damage syphilis does to the human body. Of the 600 men who took part in the "study", 200 or so were allowed to suffer the disease and its side effects without treatment, even after penicillin was discovered as a cure for syphilis!

"The Tuskegee study", as the experiment in genocide was called, recruited men into the experiment by offering them free transportation to and from hospitals, free hot lunches, free medical treatment for ailments other than syphilis and a free, all expenses paid burial!

If syphilis is left untreated, it causes blindness, deafness, deteriorating of bones, teeth, and the central nervous system, insanity, heart disease, and, of course, death! Quite a price for a free hot lunch!

So the next time someone tells you how great it is to live in America, lay a few facts on them. America "experimented" with the A-bomb on the "Japs", napalm gas, and laser bombs on the "gooks", and syphilis on Blacks.

The press would have you believe that these are isolated instances, but genocide is an everyday occurrence in America. Its being studied in our own community at Stanford by people like William Shockley, who advocates the sterilization of Black people.

## Nixon's Cloud Drowning Vietnamese

President Nixon responded to floods that devastated areas of the Northeast recently with statements of sympathy and a visit to the disaster area. But Nixon's sympathy doesn't reach any further than the next vote he's hoping to pick up.

At the same time he was bemoaning the floods in the Northeast, Nixon is seeding clouds in Southeast Asia to flood the Vietnamese people. Since 1966 the U.S. Government has seeded clouds in Vietnam, to wash out North Vietnamese supply routes and cause floods which result in thousands of deaths.

Senator Claiborne Pell, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has introduced a draft of a treaty to forbid weather and climate-modification activities as weapons of war. North Vietnam appeals to the American people to bring pressure on Nixon to halt bombing dikes and hydraulic works that could result in massive flooding.



## Cameras used to "Surveil" students

In Polk County, Florida, the school board has begun installing a series of Kodak Analysis cameras to monitor junior and senior high school students during class, in the halls, and at lunch.

This is a desperate attempt to curb student unrest and vandalism. In this increasingly police state, the banks and police have been using similar cameras for more than a year.

W.W. Reed, Superintendent of the Polk County school board, said that the equipment, although in use only a short time, has had a definite psychological effect on the ten senior and 16 junior high schools where they are in use. "We are inhibited from being ourselves," said a senior student body president from one of the schools.

The cameras cost approximately \$240 apiece and are fitted into specially constructed wall brackets. Principals have also been supplied with hand-held models, to cover incidents in areas not monitored by the wall-mounted Analysis.

Florence Wills, spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, said the cameras are "a definite invasion of privacy." She continued,

## Prisoners Organize Labor Union

In an attempt to become the first officially-established prisoners' labor union in the history of the United States, inmates at Michigan's Jackson and Marquette State Prison have recently presented their case before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC), asking for recognition as a labor union.

Union leaders estimate that the state makes about \$100 million a year on prison labor, which produces everything from office furniture to state highway signs and license plates. In return for their work, inmates are paid 10 to 35¢ for an 8-hour day, with no workmen's compensation for on-the-job injuries.

Larry Farmer, attorney for the prisoners' union movement, pointed out that the labor force of 13,000 in Michigan prisons competes with labor on the outside, undercutting wages and adding to the unemployment rate.

Prison officials have tried to discourage the prison labor union movement by punishing sympathetic prisoners with isolations, arbitrary transfers, and denial of visitor rights. Prisoners at Marquette and Jackson have responded to this treatment by filing a suit with the Federal District Court charging the Michigan Department of Corrections with "unfair labor practices" because of the discriminatory actions leveled against labor leaders in prison.

Union leader Leon Morgan indicated that the prisoners do not intend to "sit around and wait for the next blow to fall," and if their union is not author-

"We feel the Polk County school board has attempted to rewrite the Constitution... This type of surveillance should be stopped before it spreads to other school boards around the country."

In the meantime, the giant Rochester photographic firm is mounting a major effort to put its cameras in every school, government office, store, and warehouse in the country.

Students loudly proclaimed that school rules are as widely ignored as they were before. You can't stop people from resisting a system that's clearly oppressing us by putting cameras on the walls. Neither can you stop other violations of school rules, such as "contact between opposite sexes" (which can even include holding hands). Drug dealing is still just as widespread, mostly in the bathrooms, because when people are oppressed many turn to drugs as an escape, and this will continue until the system is changed.

"Nothing has changed but the amount of subterfuge and fear," said one student. "It's like being in jail for six hours a day."

## "New Breed of Methadone Clinic" Started

The New York Post newspaper on July 21 reports about a "New Breed of Methadone Clinic." The Post describes the clinic as "new" because it is self-supporting -- meaning that the patients pay for it.

One innovation used in these novel clinics is the practice of dying the orange juice, in which the methadone is dissolved, to an unappetizing green. This is done to discourage the illicit street buyers should some of the drug be stolen or smuggled from the clinic.

This means that:

1. It's common knowledge that a sizeable amount of the dope from the clinics is getting out to the street. There's enough out to support a street market.

2. There's no attempt to control the "outflow" or "shrinkage loss", hence the band-aid solution of dying the dope green.

In short the "new" clinics are the same as the ones before it. They only add to the problem of drug addiction and do nothing to solve it.

Shut down the "dope shops."  
Stop The Plague.

# Vietnam Veterans Against the War



Though many people have heard of the Viet Nam Veterans Against the War, through the news media and of VVAW's demonstrations and other actions against the war in Vietnam, few people know what the VVAW is and what it's trying to accomplish.

The VVAW started in 1967 when veterans of the war in Vietnam learned that this was not their war and that the Vietnamese were not their enemy. They found that they had been fighting a rich man's war for the sake of oil concessions and to line the pockets of the wealthy with blood money. We were poor men fighting a rich man's war.

These veterans, who realized what was happening, formed the VVAW. Their reasons were only too clear, and their objectives, obvious. The VVAW has drawn up ten objectives, ten goals to reach and have an army of seasoned troops to accomplish their mission.

## OBJECTIVES OF VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

1. To demand an immediate cessation of fighting and the withdrawal of all American troops, planes, and military and economic aid from Indochina. We cannot allow one more human being to be killed in Southeast Asia.
2. To demand the immediate termination of all other operations by the United States government, its agencies, and American business interests that are designed to suppress the rightful struggles for liberation and self-determination of the Peoples of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This includes the maintenance of dictatorial governments, economic domination and the theft of the natural resources of other countries.
3. To demand that all active-duty service men and women be afforded the same rights that are guaranteed by the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights that are presently denied by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. We are appalled that our active-duty GI's are treated as less than first class citizens. We endorse the efforts of our active-duty sisters and brothers in their struggle to democratize the military.

4. To support all military personnel refusing to serve against their consciences in wars at home and abroad. We demand that Congress enact legislation for the immediate repatriation to those brothers and sisters who are in prison or in self-exile by reason of their refusal to serve in the military. It must also involve an end to all repression and a freeing of all political prisoners.

5. To demand there be no distinction as to the types of discharges and that a single type of discharge be issued, and that this be retroactive. We also demand all veterans receive all rights and benefits under the VA; and that compensation for disabilities be based solely upon the degree of disability for veterans and their families, without regard to sex, race, rank or length of service.

6. To make clear that the United States has never undertaken an extensive open investigation of American war crimes in Indochina. We demand that the United States government, in its war in Indochina, affirm the principles of Nuremberg. As active-duty and former GI's we recognize the responsibility and guilt of the individual soldier to refrain from committing war crimes. We also recognize that the responsibility and guilt of war crimes committed in the name of America lies with our policy makers at all levels.

7. To show Americans that our society is permeated by racism, which manipulates whites into viewing non-whites as inferior or less than human. This racism pushes Third World people through inferior schools to inferior jobs and into combat arms. Thus Third World people are sent off to die in disproportionately high numbers as we kill Asians indiscriminately. We also demand the U.S. military recognize its complicity in America's domestic and international racism.

8. To show that Sexism plays a major part in promoting war. We must show Americans our society is permeated with sexism, which forces an inferior status on women, reducing them to subservient sexual objects, and which robs both men and women of their natural growth. This insitutional sexism channels

women into un-fulfilling, lower paying jobs which are servile in nature and purpose; it exploits their bodies for sex and profit; and it degrades and dehumanizes them by a double standard of morality wholly dependent on the myth of male supremacy. This sexism is exploited by the military, officially defining service women as subordinate and thoroughly subjugating them to servile work and the role of a sexual object. We resolve to fight sexism within our society, within our organization, and within ourselves.

9. To dedicate ourselves to these principles and objectives which directly relate to the imperialist suppression of the People of the World by the United States government. We understand this war is imperialist in origin and affirm that the membership of VVAW is not only concerned with ending this war, but with changing the domestic, social, political and economic institutions that have caused and perpetuated its continuance.

10. To support the democratic right of Americans to unionize and strike to protect their income and to safeguard their employment. We consider all legislation designed to suppress these rights, including mandatory arbitration to be illegal, and not in the interests of American working people. We also demand full employment for all Americans

including free educational and vocational training for all who need or want it.

We refuse to participate in the efforts being made to separate Vietnam Veterans from other working people, making veterans enemies by giving us the charade of employment priority. We also condemn this as a method of encouraging military enlistment by the false promise of employment after service.

"NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AND WE WOULD RATHER SACRIFICE ALL THAN LOSE OUR COUNTRY AND LIVE AS SLAVES."

Ho Chi Minh  
IF WE DON'T DO IT, IT WON'T GET DONE!  
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!  
Jim Legowski, Midpeninsula VVAW  
If you are interested contact  
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## Just Another Nigger?

# Burnell Mack

The spring of 1970 was a crucial point in the American/Vietnamese war. In that spring Nixon invaded Cambodia. The response of the Stanford community was immediate. Students had been mobilizing before the invasion and attempting to combat Stanford's involvement in the war, having discussions and almost daily sit-ins for a week before the invasion. But when it was announced that the U.S. military was in Cambodia, students took to the streets. The one drawback was that the Santa Clara County Tac Squad was there before them.

But this was in the youthful days of the movement, and the Tac Squad treated the students almost gently (at least some of the students), making the riot nights seem almost as if they were giant games of tag. The Squad would charge the students, forcing them to give up ground, and then the students would charge back. A group of Black Students Union (BSU) members were observing the actions on the first night of street fighting, with a group of white pacifists standing between them and a line of pigs. The pigs went around the pacifists and up to the black observers (who were taking pains not to be involved in

any actions that night) and started to harass them. But when they saw that the BSU members would not be intimidated and would defend themselves they backed off. There is strength in unity among the people. Pigs are aware of this and that is why they generally come in packs, especially in the Black community.

Only two people were beaten that night, and only two were arrested. Both were Third World. One was an Indian student, who was just coming out of the Undergraduate Library (having been studying there) and was attacked. The other was an American Black man.

A massive campaign was launched the next morning to have all charges dropped against Bijay, the Indian student, and to have the University pay for his medical costs. Within two weeks Bijay was cleared. The other person, Burnell Mack, however, was "just another nigger." He didn't receive enough support to get the charges dropped, although the District Attorney sent out a special investigating team to review the case. The case was put off until mid-September of 1970, when absolutely no one was around. Only two witnesses could be located, yet the

judge refused the defense plea for a postponement of the trial (the defense lawyer could not even show on the date allotted for the trial). Burnell got a six-month suspended sentence with two years probation and a \$500 fine. Burnell is getting off probation now, but before he does he has to pay that fine, or the two years will have been wasted and he will wind up in jail anyway.

One of the major reasons why Third World people are reluctant to involve themselves in multinational struggles, as the BSU was that night, is that if they are busted they are faced with the heaviest charges (usually felonies) with little support unless they are busted with a group of whites. We cannot allow this situation to continue. If we want to build a united front we must support each other continuously. We must not allow people to get busted and when they do get busted we must see that they get out. Now is our time to once again support Burnell Mack. SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO 2249 CAPITAL STREET, EAST PALO ALTO, OR GIVE THEM TO JOANN JOHNSON. Don't let the brother down. The jails are full enough already. WE NEED \$500 TO PAY OFF THE COURT DEBT.

## FREE CALVIN DOW

Seven years ago, 17-year old Calvin "Butch" Dow was sentenced to two years in prison for an auto theft in Portland, Oregon. Little did he, his family or his friends know that seven years later he would still be confined within the walls of the American prison and there existed a high probability that he would spend the rest of his life on the inside. Calvin is charged with the killing of a prison guard. If found guilty, he will most likely spend the rest of his life locked up in a prison system which has showed, time and time again, its brutal and barbaric nature.

Whether or not Calvin killed a guard at Oregon State Penitentiary (one who was known by inmates for his brutality) is, in many ways, irrelevant to his defense. In order to understand this we must take a look at Calvin's history. His auto theft trial lasted only 15 minutes. His court-appointed attorney didn't even speak once during the proceedings. This is a typical example of the treatment of a defendant without money.

Calvin is one of seven children. The Dow's are a low-income, hard-working family. They have had to struggle constantly for survival. They have a deep love for "Butch." They told us about what Calvin was like before he was sent to prison. They described a young, conscious man, a person unwilling to harm others.

The inmates we have spoken with all have a tremendous respect for Calvin. In the past seven years he has been beaten many times and harassed constantly by guards. He has changed, over the years, from a young man, unsure of himself, to a person strong and resolute in his beliefs, unwilling to compromise himself.

Seven years in prison have certainly changed Calvin Dow. For seven years he has been brutalized and degraded. He has been lied to and insulted too many times. Like George Jackson, Calvin Dow has been pushed "over the line from which there can be no retreat." It is not Calvin who should be held responsible for his struggle to survive, but those who seek to destroy him.

His legal defense will most likely be "temporary insanity." This will mean that Calvin's legal defense team can put the prison system on trial. His lawyers are required to show that it is the inhuman conditions under which Calvin was forced to live which are responsible for

the killing.

Immediately following the April 7 killing, Oregon newspapers delivered a first "guilty verdict." We hope to stop a second one. We plan to do a great deal of community education around this and similar cases, in order to coerce the court to act in a more responsible manner than it does when operating unchecked.

Calvin Dow's trial is inherently political. The jury will be asked to judge the prison system itself. Calvin is the victim and those who have forced him into prison are the criminals. We believe that Calvin's case will expose the barbaric nature of the American prison system. Prisoners recognize that the solution rests in the hands of the American people. Once people realize the crimes that are being committed daily against Calvin Dow and other prisoners, once people are dramatically confronted by the brutality of the prison system, they will not let that system continue unabated.

Calvin's legal defense is expected to be expensive. The quality of his defense is contingent on the quantity of money we can raise. We rely on contributions from everyday people in order to save Calvin's life. Please give whatever you can. Make checks payable to the Calvin Dow Defense Committee. Time is running short. The case is expected to come to trial by the end of the summer.

CALVIN DOW DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
P.O. Box 14763  
Portland, Oregon 97214

## COMMINQUE I

THE FRUITVALE RECRUITING OFFICE, LOCATED PREDOMINANTLY IN THE LA RAZA COMMUNITY IN OAKLAND, WAS BOMBED JULY 26 BY THE RITO CARNALES AND ANTONIO CORDOVA ASSAULT SQUAD OF FUERZAS ARMADAS DE LA RAZA, TO RETALIATE THE GROWING ESCALATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR, A WAR IN WHICH LA RAZA ARE 19.5% OF THE WAR DEAD, WHERE WE ONLY COMPOSE 15% OF THE NATIONAL POPULATION, A WAR WHERE WE ARE DRAFTED, WHERE OTHERS ARE FORCED TO JOIN OUT OF THE BONDAGE OF ESCAPING POVERTY. THE VIETNAM WAR IS AN ILLEGAL WAR, AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL WAR. LA RAZA WILL NO LONGER FIGHT AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OR ANY

OPPRESSED PEOPLE, WHEN LA RAZA ARE LIVING AND DYING IN POVERTY, WHEN DAILY WE ARE BRUTALIZED AND MURDERED BY THE POLICE AND CALLED JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE, WHEN THOUSANDS OF LA RAZA ARE UNEMPLOYED, ON WELFARE WITH POVERTY PROGRAMS AND POVERTY PIMPS, WHEN THOUSANDS OF OUR BROTHERS ARE HUSTLING ON THE STREETS, OUR SISTERS PROSTITUTING, FORCED OUT OF OPPRESSION TO DOPE, WHEN THOUSANDS OF LA RAZA ARE UNCONSTITUTIONALLY HELD IN PRISONS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THIS COUNTRY, YA BASTA!

WE HAVE PEACEFULLY MARCHED, PETITIONED, BOYCOTTED AND TAKEN OUR CASES TO THE HIGHEST COURTS IN THE LAND, BUT IN SPITE OF ALL THESE EFFORTS, WE ARE STILL DENIED THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. INSTEAD WE ARE ONLY NET WITH POVERTY PROGRAMS, POLICE REPRESSION AND MORE ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR TO US THAT THIS SYSTEM CANNOT MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF LA RAZA.

WE FEEL THE TIME HAS COME FOR OUR PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY BE STUDENTS, WORKERS OR LUMPEN, TO RESOLVE THEIR PETTY DIFFERENCES AND RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY TO TAKE UP ARMS AND FIGHT FOR OUR NATIONAL LIBERATION AGAINST THE GREATEST ENEMY OF MANKIND. WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM U.S. IMPERIALISM.



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

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## Guns and Politics

BY KENT HUTCHINGS

# Gun Safety

Back around the time when I was going to junior high school, I spent a lot of time shooting. Some friends and I would take BB guns, .22's, and shotguns out into the fields and woods around my house and shoot everything that moved (and a lot that didn't)--ranging from sparrows to grasshoppers to power line insulators.

Looking back on it, I'm amazed that none of us got shot.

We never even thought about gun safety. One time, when we were out in the middle of winter with a shotgun, someone stuck the barrel into a snowbank. On the next shot, the barrel split wide open for about six inches. We shot that gun for the rest of the day, never thinking that we might have gotten killed.

Tragically, there are a lot of people I know now, who still treat weapons like I did when I was a stupid kid.

Because the only shooting they ever do is at targets on a supervised range, they get the idea that guns are nothing more than noisy, long-range paper punches.

Sunday, August 6, at the Los Altos Rod and Gun Club range, 29-year-old Edward Eugene Bunch accidentally killed himself with a .357 Magnum paper punch.

Bunch, who often practiced at the Los Altos range, apparently picked up his loaded revolver by the muzzle. He somehow jarred the trigger and it fired--putting a .357 inch hole through his head.

I didn't know Bunch, so his death didn't affect me much personally. I DO know that the accident could have been prevented.

In fact, there really aren't any gun "accidents." The "accidents" are ALWAYS the result of an individual not treating his weapons with the respect they deserve.

Gun safety starts with the understanding that guns are designed to kill. This understanding leads to two basic rules of gun safety. If you always follow these two simple rules, you will never be able to fire a gun "accidentally."

First--NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYTHING

YOU DON'T WANT TO SHOOT! If you don't have your weapon pointed at someone, he won't get shot when you pull the trigger.

Second--ALWAYS CHECK YOUR WEAPON EVERY TIME YOU PICK IT UP TO SEE IF IT IS LOADED OR UNLOADED! If your gun is unloaded, it won't shoot anything when you pull the trigger. At the same time, there are a lot of situations (like defending your house) where you want to be sure that your gun IS loaded. You'd definitely feel stupid (and there's a chance you'd feel dead) if you tried to shoot some armed intruder with an unloaded weapon.

If you don't know whether your piece is loaded or not, handle it like it was.

If Bunch had followed either of these two rules of safety, he'd be alive today. If he hadn't pointed his revolver at something he didn't want to shoot (himself), he wouldn't have gotten shot. If he had treated his revolver as if it were loaded, he would have been very careful not to get his hand anywhere near the trigger.

If YOU follow these two simple rules, I guarantee that you will never accidentally put a hole in yourself, your friends, or your house.

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Ranges have special safety rules they expect every shooter to follow. The point of the rules is to ensure that every shooter does things exactly the same way as everybody else. That way, everyone has a much better chance of staying alive.

These rules are posted--usually on a huge sign. Read them every time you practice--if only to refresh your memory. If they aren't posted, ask the range-master for a copy. He won't think you're stupid; he'll be grateful that you take gun safety seriously.

## Detoxification Struggle

In Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties there are no real detoxification centers where people can medically withdraw from heroin or barbituate addiction. This means that it's hard for people from the streets to make the decision to clean up because no body wants to kick cold turkey. All the county is willing to provide is methadone maintenance programs, in other words straight from heroin addiction to methadone addiction. The Palo Alto Drug Collective and the Redwood City Peoples Drug Program are beginning to initiate struggles in two counties for detoxification facilities.

In Santa Clara county we intend to push the county to also fund drug-free, no methadone, live-in programs. Our strategy as political people involved in drug work is to force the government to give us back our money (which they take through income tax and from our labor) so that we can build drug programs that serve the people and are controlled by the people. In order to do this we are going to write up a rough proposal and begin to build alliances from Palo Alto to Gilroy of all the different forces actively working in the county to deal with the drug plague.

In San Mateo county the Redwood City Peoples Drug Program recently forced the county to begin again to admit people into Chope County Hospital for heroin detoxification.

The struggles in San Mateo County and the struggle in Santa Clara County are the same. We are in the early stages of building a unified struggle to bring detox facilities to our counties. We will support each others struggles cause we know that Together We Will Win! Pamoja Venceremos!

## From a Hospital Worker

THIS IS A LETTER BY AN INTERN, AND WAS POSTED IN THE STANFORD HOSPITAL WALLS. WE HEARD THAT IT WAS TORN DOWN BY HOSPITAL OFFICIALS, SO WE REPRINT IT NOW TO SPREAD THE WORD THAT STANFORD HOSPITAL IS TRYING TO SUPPRESS.-EDITOR

During my internship in the new-born babies' ward, I had the job of explaining to the parents their babies' needs, and how to care for them. Many of these people did not speak English.

Stanford University's Hospital maintains only one full-time translator, and he is not there most of the times that we talk to Spanish-speaking mothers.

We obtained a comprehensive and useful four-page brochure, full of important facts and suggestions, which was given to the child's parents after we talked to them. But unfortunately, this brochure is only available in English.

Five months ago, I asked for a Spanish translation of this brochure from the Pediatrics Department. Today, after numerous visits and calls to this Dept., the brochure is still not ready for circulation.

I have been informed that this delay is caused by the fact that the translation is being done by volunteers. Seemingly, the Pediatrics Dept. thinks that a better communication with Spanish-speaking patients and their relatives is not worth more time and attention. This is a definite proof of their racism.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident, since many more complaints have been filed to Dr. Gonda and others, by people like Olga Guera and Wells Schaumer.

Doctors have an elegant and exclusive restaurant, for their particular use only. How many translators could be hired with the thousands of dollars wasted in this extravagance? Why aren't there any more doctors and nurses that represent Third World people?

I am not complaining about the medi-

cal care received by the patients. Stanford, as one of the highest-ranked hospitals, cannot compromise its medical standards.

But isn't it time for Stanford to face the racist attitudes towards Third World patients?

## Japanese Halt Tanks

Five U.S. Army tanks, on their way to the battlefields of Vietnam, were blockaded in the streets of Yokohama, Japan on August 6 at about 1:00 a.m., by what the S.F. Examiner called "a human wall of anti-war picketers."

The demonstrators blocked the convoy for 47 hours before the tanks were forced to turn back.

The Japanese demonstrators, numbering at least 400, were aided by Yokohama's mayor, Ichio Asukata, who came to the scene to cheer picketers on. He demanded that the Americans take the tanks back where they came from, saying that they did not have a permit to carry heavy loads through the streets.



# Thai liberation forces winning

Presidential candidate George McGovern told reporters at the Democratic Convention that, rather than totally withdrawing from Southeast Asia, he might station a "residual force" in Thailand. Egelton later repeated this remark. If the Democratic pair are planning to "draw the line" in Thailand, Americans had better clearly understand what they may be getting in November-- an end to the war in Vietnam, perhaps, but right in the middle of an expanding war in Thailand.

Since the mid-60's, Thailand has been the "privileged sanctuary" from which the U.S. has launched the majority of its air attacks on Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. The Pentagon has been using Thailand as a laboratory for experiments in counter-insurgency warfare and weaponry, with the fledgling Thai revolution as its guinea pig.

Their experiments have been highly unsuccessful. The guerillas in Thailand's north, northeast, and south now

threaten the Bangkok junta on the populous Thai central plain, where recently they have been quietly stealing guns and ammunition from the government's supposedly secret counterinsurgency training sites.

Earlier this year, Thai troops in Laos were ripped to shreds while trying to slow Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese troops advancing across the strategic Plain of Jars. Flown home, the survivors were told they would not be demobilized -- they were needed to fight insurgency on the home front.

## MORTARING ROAD CREWS

In other Southeast Asian countries, popular forces cut the highways that central government troops use to make forays into the countryside. But in Thailand the guerrillas won't even let the highways be built. Building military roads into the rebellious north was the Thai general's first order of business after they dumped the national

assembly last November. But communist Meo tribesmen have mortared, mined, and rocketed road crews there, and totally shut down construction.

General and Prime Minister Thanom personally led a full division of Thai regulars against the Meo in April, backed by artillery, tanks, and bombers. He claimed to have wiped out the Meo and seized a key plateau, but government troops were ambushed there just a week later. Since then the generals have retreated from the plateau and admitted that their victory was "very costly." Their response has been to begin rounding up the population of whole countries in the north and bringing them in to concentration camps.

## LIBERATION FORCES UNITED

This summer, Bangkok sources admitted for the first time that the revolutionaries in the north, northeast, and south were coordinating with each other. Previously, American and Thai "experts" had argued that the three insurgencies would never get together because of racial differences. The guerillas in the north are Meo, in the south Chinese and Malay, while in the northeast they are Thai and Thai-born Laotians and Vietnamese.

Revolutionary sources claim that more than 300,000 peasants have taken part in military actions against government troops and police. The underground "Voice of the Thai" radio has announced that some areas of the northeast are totally free of government control and that the war there has moved from the first to the second stage--from the jungles encircling the villages to the villages encircling the towns.

The towns that the villages encircle include the huge American airbases. The Thai guerillas, who see their struggle as part of the larger struggle against American imperialism being fought throughout Southeast Asia, have made five reported attempts at sabotage on the airbases, destroying at least one

B-52.

## RETREAT TO THAILAND

Popular successes elsewhere in Southeast Asia have brought a retreat of American as well as Thai troops to Thailand. Since Nixon stepped up the air war in April, the number of American troops in Thailand has risen above old highs. Old air bases are being reopened and new ones built. Shipments of jet fuel from Singapore to Thailand have risen as much as those to Vietnam have decreased.

The economic hardships of the Thai people stem from the control of the Thai economy by U.S. and Japanese big business interests. Junta headmen have called Nixon's bombing of North Vietnam "right and reasonable" and seem hopeful that his buildup in Thailand will "restore confidence" among Japanese and American investors.

## McGOVERN'S INHERITANCE

Meanwhile, the guerillas are attacking corporations' exploration teams as well as the road builders and government patrols. Troops guarding a Union Oil Co. team prospecting in Union's 12.6 million dollars. The Thai junta has sold them oil concessions for all of Thailand's rich coastal waters and much of its mainland territory. Giant Japanese oil tankers bringing the majority of Japan's industrial fuels from the Mideast are having trouble negotiating the narrow Straits of Malacca, and both the Japanese and the Thai government are considering building an oil pipeline or a canal across the Isthmus of Kra.

All this is what McGovern will inherit if he takes office in January. Should he decide to leave a residual force in Thailand, what it will reserve will not be "options" but an American stake in the Southeast Asian War, moved two spaces over on the game board, but the same old war.

# Letter from a comrade in Thailand

July 16, 72

Dear Comrades:

It has been less than a week since I left California, but tomorrow I will be entering the Singapore army, and I don't know how openly or soon I can write you from there. I've been going through so many changes in my head since I left the U.S. that I feel the need to communicate to you, those comrades who have been so much a part of my life this past year, who've shared in a common struggle and been an intimate part of the process which has been so difficult and which hopefully will change us all: the attempt to revolutionize, proletarianize oneself.

I didn't realize how Amerika and the Stanford movement had changed me till I arrived in Thailand. All the nostalgia I had anticipated for my childhood homeland turned sour, and I felt only a deadness, bitterness and alienation. I felt I had been deeply changed at Stanford, and so it was with incredibly contradictory feelings that I saw all the things that were part of my past: the people, the streets, the sounds, smells, landmarks of the city, as if nothing had changed at all. And yet I couldn't feel nostalgic because that nostalgia had come from a very definite class background which I now desperately wanted to destroy. I felt a deadness in me as if my past was dying inside me, and from which hopefully a

new class outlook will arise.

And then there was a bitterness as I saw the beautiful city of Bangkok turning into the kind of Third World slum which exists in every country dominated by U.S. imperialism. I immediately recalled the Saigon I saw two years ago: the same glutting of squatters' swamps next to a Hilton Hotel; a disintegrating social order where people fend only for themselves, living off the streets: beggars, filthy open sewers, street people surviving with no productive occupation, and one thing that really struck me: so many children roaming the streets in rags. American troops have doubled recently, to accommodate the planes for the escalated bombing, and the old G.I. flesh trade has revived: teenage whores, pre-teen pimps, bars and hotels. Everything has become blatant commodities for U.S. consumption.

The Thai people I talked to all expressed their dislike of the "farangs"--American "foreigners" who made "the price of money go up" by their influx of U.S. dollars, causing inflation, rising costs of living for the poor and enormous profits for the capital-endowed comprador class, the leeches of Thai society. The police force has doubled in a year, and they cruise around conspicuously in American Ford cars, while executions of "hoodlums" and "terrorists" increase every day, as part of the new martial rule. And I rode from the airport to the

city in a bus with an American who said he worked for the State Dept. in Vientiane, Laos. I asked him about the bombings over Laotian plains, the secret CIA war and Long Cheng Base, and defoliation of whole valleys. He said he knew nothing; and smugly explained that he worked for the Security Office of the U.S. Embassy there, to "protect American residents and private businessmen." He also said he wanted Nixon re-elected because Nixon "needs time to make his programs work. Let's give him time."

It is up to you in Amerika to give Nixon and U.S. imperialism no more time.

In Singapore I shall feel far away from the American movement, but in my heart I have the greatest solidarity with all your struggles. And especially to the Stanford comrades, I wish you a better and more disruptive year to make all our past slogans come true. Create two, three, many riots, strikes, sit-ins, blockades--people's war....

I will be subscribing to the newspaper and hope to keep in touch with comrades.

Mao wrote that "Wherever we go, we must unite with the people, take root and blossom among them." And Che said that "the true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love."

With that in mind, there remains only the cry from my corner of the world to yours:

VENCEREMOS!

with love,

Kwonping

## CARTA DE



### LUIS TALAMANTEZ

Hermanos Mort y Bush:

Lei, en una carta de nuestra hermana Gerry, sobre la causa que ustedes estan defendiendo. Sentí un gran gusto y camaraderia al saber del desafio que plantean ante las fuerzas fascistas de su país.

Espero que salgan triunfantes, pero, si no es posible, no desesperen. Recuerden que los soldados y la vanguardia de la gente aun tendrán que hacer muchos sacrificios y dar muchos ejemplos, para lograr finalmente el apoyo de la masa de la gente, que de otra manera quedaria ignorante de la realidad del fascismo que hoy se nos hecha encima a todos, seamos raza o nobres.

Solamente unidos podremos resistir y sobrellevar el poder de los imperialistas.

Mandamos toda nuestra fuerza y espíritu revolucionarios.

VENCEREMOS

Camarada Luis

### Comite Falso Sobre el Uso de la Tierra

El 3 de julio, cuando la mayoría de la gente estaba fuera de la ciudad o nada más fuera de sus casas (celebrando el largo fin de la semana del 4 de julio), el consilio municipal de Union City decidió que este sería el tiempo ideal para darles a los residentes de Decoto su comité de "monos" para el uso del terreno en el area de Decoto. El propósito del comité será para aconsejar al consilio municipal en todos los aspectos que conciernen al uso del terreno en el area de Decoto y también para revisar el "Gran Plan".

El consilio sabian que si el comité fuese elegido democráticamente por el pueblo de Decoto, tendrían un grupo que representaria el punto de vista del pueblo, y no el del consilio ni del tipo de gente que ellos representar (dueños de mucha propiedad y contratistas). Para asegurar su representación, miembros del consilio se reunieron en una junta directiva para escoger las 15 personas que los representarían. ¡Como quince dice que lo hicieron a escondidas del pueblo!

Los representantes de la Asociación de los residentes de Decoto que asistieron a la junta presentaron al consilio una lista de nombres de 15 personas-- escogidas por el pueblo de Decoto-- para que sirvieran en este comité. También demandaron que este comité fuese escogido frente al pueblo de Decoto. Como siempre, el consilio se nego a aceptar los deseos del pueblo; y como una cachetada, terminaron la junta y se reunieron en su junta directive.

El 17 de julio el consilio se reunió nuevamente para adoptar los nombres de las 15 personas que escogieron a escondidas. Después de adoptar muchas resoluciones, incluyendo el comité para el uso de la tierra en Decoto, permitieron comunicaciones orales a las personas presentes.

Entonces, los señores Arthur Miller y Enrique Munoz, los portavoces de la Asociación de los residentes de Decoto fueron frente al consilio y demandaron una audiencia pública para que nosotros,

## LA LUCHA POR LA DESINTOXIFICACION



En los Condados de Santa Clara y San Mateo no hay verdaderos centros de desintoxicación donde los adictos puedan deshacerse de su adicción por la heroína o barbituricos. Esto significa que es muy difícil deshacerse del vicio pues ningún adicto quiere arriesgarse a dejarlo, sin medicinas auxiliares. Lo único que estos condados aportan a los programas de rehabilitación, son las raciones usuales de methadona. Pero esto solo significa una cosa en el tratamiento de un adicto: el salto de la adicción a la heroína, por la adicción a la metadona. Apenas ahora, el Programa Colectivo de Palo Alto Contra las Drogas y el Programa del Pueblo contra las Drogas, de Redwood City inician respectivas luchas contra la -intoxicación

Es nuestro propósito presionar al Condado de Santa Clara para que inaugure campañas libres de metadona contra las drogas. Nuestra estrategia, usando la fuerza política contra las drogas, será

presionar al gobierno para que regrese nuestro dinero, acrebatado en impuestos y de nuestro trabajo, para fundar nosotros mismos campanas anti-droga, CONTROLADAS POR EL PUEBLO. Para lograr esto, pretendemos formar alianzas desde Palo Alto hasta Gilroy, de todas las fuerzas actuando activamente contra las drogas.

En el Condado de San Mateo, El Programa del Pueblo Contra las Drogas, recientemente forzo al gobierno a readmitir adictos en el Hospital Choche, para su desintoxicación.

Las luchas en San Mateo y en Santa Clara son iguales. Estamos en los primeros pasos de una batalla unida, para traer facilidades de desintoxicación a nuestros condados. Apoyaremos las luchas de los demás, porque sabemos que unidos venceremos.

los residentes de Decoto podemos escoger, a quien queremos que represente. ¡Este es nuestro derecho! El mayor entonces dijo que los nombres de estos 2 hombres fueren registrados con los comentarios que habian presentado. ¡Esta fue la unica respuesta que nos dieron! Nuevamente, ignoraron a los residentes de Decoto; segun ellos las personas a quienes tanto quieren representar.

La Asociación de los Residentes de Decoto esta tratando de perseverar nuestro barrio. Pero para ganar la batalla se necesita el apoyo de toda la comunidad. ¡Nosotros bien sabemos que el consilio tiene dinero y el apoyo de personas ricas; y de esa manera pueden legalmente destruir una comunidad en el nombre de progreso!

Tenemos que unirnos con la Asociación de los Residentes de Decoto, ya que esta completamente incorporada y es un organización legal. ¡La única manera de ganar es uniendonos! ¡El pueblo tiene mas poder que unos cuantos contratistas ricas, dueños de propiedad y el consilio municipal!

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## NOTICIAS DE DECOTO

### El Consilio Forzado a Tener Una Junta

El pasado 25 de julio, 40 miembros de la Asociación de Residentes de Decoto, (ARD), exigió al Concilio Municipal de aquella ciudad, que sostuviera una-junta con los habitantes de Decoto, cocerniente a las carreteras 92y 98, y el Winton-D. St. Expressway.

En esa junta, programado para el 12 de septiembre, el Concilio-devera sostener audiencias públicas respecto a esas carreteras.

Definitivamente, esto es una gran victoria, pues un caso que el-Concilio considero cerrado, la ARD demostro que no lo estaba, y que el problema seguia en pie.

### Asociacion de Residentes

Una comunidad unida es muy poderosa y la Asociación de los Residentes de Decoto (ARD) lo demostrará. La asociación se formó cuando los residentes de Decoto fueron informados por el Partido de la Raza Unida de los planes que el cónsul de la ciudad tiene para Decoto. La primera reacción de los residentes hacia este "Gran Plan" fué miedo; temían perder sus hogares.

Este miedo se volvió coraje, al saber que el cónsul hiciera planes para Decoto sin considerar las personas que han vivido en Decoto la mayor parte de sus vidas.

Al fin, el coraje se volvió en acción. De esta acción se formó la ARD. La mayoría de la ARD está compuesta de dueños de casa en Decoto. Pero considerando que hay algunas personas en Decoto que no son dueños de sus casas, la Asociación decidió que estas personas también están interesadas en el bienestar de Decoto, y por esa razón pueden hacerse miembros.

El mayor interes de la ARD es prevenir que el consul haga planes que puedan cambiar a Decoto drásticamente, o posiblemente eliminar muchas casas.

Miembros de la ARD no nada más quieren prevenir los planes del cónsul, también quieren crear nuevos planes que reflectaran los deseos y las necesidades de la comunidad de Decoto.

Decoto es nuestro hogar. Seguramente a los "planeadores" de la ciudad no les gustaría que personas extranjeras entraran en sus hogares y les cambiaran o movieran sus muebles. Los residentes de Decoto tienen el mismo sentimiento; no queremos que vengan personas quienes no viven en Decoto y lo cambien en la manera que ellos quieren. Nosotros los que vivimos en Decoto conocemos las necesidades y sabemos como satisfacer esas necesidades.

El comité central de la ARD se reúne todos los lunes a las 7:30 de la noche. Los residentes de Decoto que desean asistir, telefonear a Julia Gonzalez para obtener mas información. Las juntas del comité central estan abiertas a todos residentes de Decoto que gustan asistir.

The VENCEREMOS PRINCIPLES OF UNITY are the theoretical principles of the Venceremos organization. We hope that progressive people from all parts of the world will read this document and offer comments and criticisms.



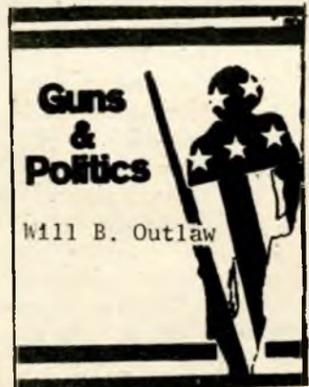
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### PEOPLES LAW ON HOUSING PEOPLES LAW ON EVICTION

#### PEOPLES LAW ON EVICTION

- 1.) Tenants must be given at least ninety (90) days notice on all evictions.
- 2.) There will be no evictions unless there are tenant caused problems.
- 3.) The landlord must prove before the eviction that the tenant has done something to harm his property.
- 4.) There will be no discriminatory evictions, whether racial or against women or welfare recipients etc.

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But again, in spite of the murderous methods of warfare employed by the U.S. imperialists, the Asian peoples have not been defeated. Instead, these criminal imperialist activities have steered the Indochinese peoples and it is they who are winning their struggle for national liberation.

It was to protest these genocidal policies and to show solidarity with the people of Indochina that the demonstration in San Francisco was held. After a rally at the Peace Pagoda in the Japanese Center, the people marched behind

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#### PEOPLES LAW ON RELOCATION

- 1.) The landlord may keep the cleaning and security deposit only when he can prove that the tenant has caused damage to the house or apartment. If the people must move.
- 2.) Landlords must find housing in the same kind of house, at the same price, in the same general neighborhood. Where a reasonable search fails, the landlords must pay the difference between rents for a specified period of time.
- 3.) Landlords must pay all relocation costs. For example: moving expenses, PG & E deposit, water deposit, telephone installation, child care, etc.

#### PEOPLES LAW ON REHABILITATION

- 1.) There will be performance codes for older homes, instead of specified codes.
- 2.) Wherever the costs of rehabilitation are less than the profits made by the landlord, the landlord must rehabilitate the home.
- 3.) There will be periodic inspections and code enforcement for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- 4.) If a landlord is demolishing for construction, then:
  - a) PEOPLES LAW ON RELOCATION goes into effect and,
  - b) The landlord must include at least the same number of units of comparable size at the same rent as the units demolished.

#### PEOPLES BOARD OF ARBITRATION

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flags of the Asian socialist countries and revolutionary movements to the headquarters of the 6th Army at the Presidio where U.S. imperialism is building the Western Medical Institute of Research to study new methods of genocide against Third World peoples.

Along the route of the march people chanted slogans in Chinese, Vietnamese, Filipino, Japanese, Spanish and English, and as they approached the Presidio, the march snake-danced the last blocks. At the concluding rally BAACAW spokesmen vowed to return for more demonstrations and actions until U.S. genocidal policies are stopped and U.S. imperialism is defeated.

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This is the tens of thousands of longshoremen who were thrown out of work in the past few years due to containerization and other technological improvements on the docks. You'd think these "improvements" would make life easier for people, but instead all they did was make thousands unemployed; while a few port bosses got richer. The longshoremen are demanding better job security and a decent severance pay plan.

The government is in a crisis again. On Thursday August 3 they took "emergency" powers which would give them the "right" to use the army as strike-breakers. So far they have been too scared to use them. The government's job in a capital-

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ist country like England is to serve the bosses, at the ports and in all other industries, but to do it right they have to keep the workers as peaceful as possible. To do this they use all kinds of tricks and strategies: sometimes, like when they set up the National Industrial Relations Court, they use repression to try to keep the workers quiet, and other times like when they freed the 5 longshoremen, they use little reforms or concessions. But in the long run, since the bosses don't care about the workers, and the only thing they're interested in is their own profits, the bosses and the government will never be able to satisfy workers demands and keep workers peaceful. The struggle is just beginning. Now that England has lost most of its empire, and its big companies can't make the big profits they used to get from imperialism overseas, they are forced to exploit the workers at home harder than ever. And the workers aren't going to take that without a struggle; already in recent years there have been more strikes than at any time since 1926. The government still has its Court and its "emergency power" but right now they are too scared to use them. But when they do use these, and other fascist tactics, one thing is certain: workers resistance will increase and throw the government and the bosses deeper into crisis than they were before.

# VENCEREMOS PROGRAM

VENCEREMOS IS A REVOLUTIONARY, MULTI-NATIONAL ORGANIZATION WHICH USES MARXISM-LENINISM, MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT TO STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE. WE'RE REVOLUTIONARY BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY WAY THE PEOPLE CAN 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 THE QUICKEST WAY TO VICTORY IS THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS. THE STRUGGLE OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS TO LIBERATE THEMSELVES FROM U.S. AND SOVIET IMPERIALISM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT STRUGGLE IN THE WORLD TODAY. BECAUSE OF THIS, THIRD WORLD PEOPLE AND NATIONS (BLACK, CHICANO, PUERTO RICAN, HAWAIIAN, AND NATIVE AMERICAN) WITHIN THE U.S. HAVE THE BEST UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO WAGE THAT BATTLE. FOR THAT REASON, OUR CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS SEVEN THIRD WORLD MEMBERS AND THREE 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

We want all Third World, working class people, and youth now imprisoned, to be set free because the overwhelming majority of them have not been tried by their peers. They have received

only injustice from this system. Free All Political Prisoners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# PROGRAMA DE VENCEREMOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

recibido injusticias de este sistema. Libertad para todos los prisioneros políticos.

El pueblo tiene que aplastar todas las formas del fascismo en desarrollo, incluyendo las escuadras tácticas tipo Gestapo, las leyes que permiten el registro sin aviso y las leyes "contra la conspiración," todo espionaje electrónico, las prohibiciones generales, los grandes jurados de acusación, las Escuadras Rojas anti-comunistas, los comités estatales y federales contra la "subversión," y todos los tipos y especies de policía secreta.

## 4. FIN A LA CONSCRIPCION MILITAR, FIN AL EJERCITO PROFESIONAL EN LOS EE.UU.A

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

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

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

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

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

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

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE



## LETTER FROM DANIEL BERRIGAN:

...This letter is sent to you all, a message to Americans. It is a letter about an unamerican day in our history. The unamerican, unfeeling, unthinking moment when Richard Nixon, taking off from his unamerican activities, is about to be nominated once more--our Man in the Blight House...

Some of us would like to show how far we've come. We want to show Nixon and Agnew and Kleindienst what a bloody road they've led us down--the bloody road from Hanoi to Saigon to Attica.

That's why we're renaming Florida's Highway Once (the road that leads to the Convention Hall in Miami). We're taking our cue from Vietnam where the French soldiers renamed Highway Once; they called it "The Street Without Joy."

For one day, August 22, the day of Nixon's nomination at the Republican convention, we're going to take all the joy out of traveling down Highway One in Florida. We're going to make it a Street Without Joy; for Nixon, for Agnew, for all their camp followers and oil millionaires and fellow racists and Delegates to the Death Game; for all their manufacturers of murder, for all their anti-personnel pimps...

We're going to line Highway Once with admissable evidence against war criminals. We're going to turn the Florida noon into moonlight and make them drive through their own graveyard. We're going to open a drawer in the National Morgue, pull back the sheet, and push their faces into their own four-square product: death by air, death by water, death by land, death by fire.

Here's the plan. We will crowd the Street Without Joy with artifacts, services, products, consumer items, foreign aid--everything they've dumped on innocent southeast Asians during all the years of our Longest and Most Honorable and Patriotic Foreign Incursion.

We will show them for their crimes...

A 10 mile stretch of pure anger, soul, compassion, fury, truth. A final judgement on their works and poms. You

name it; or better still, help us make the name come true.

Think with me for a moment. What are the Death Delegates really doing when they line up on August 22 to nominate Richard Nixon?...

They're OK'ing the Great Rubber Stamp. (One thing he makes perfectly clear; the millionaires are in control, the military is in control, Kissinger is in control. And to hell with the Vietnamese, the Pakistanis, the poor, the Blacks, the students, the resisters, the prisoners, in Hanoi and in Attica and in San Quentin and all the brigs between. Also, the hell with you and me.)

They're nominating racism, violence, fear, war, war profiteering, corrupt courts, vicious grand juries, no-knock assaults on the poor, police armies...

One could go on and on. But the situation can be summed up neatly. If the convention proceeds unchallenged, if no one says NO, if Nixon makes it again, millions more Vietnamese will die, and thousands more Americans, and uncounted other people who get in the way of our leaders' pique and pride. If he makes it, many of us will also be back in prison.

...Whose fingers, whose hands, whose shoulders, whose bodies, will stop the bombing of the dikes? We need a very flood, an outpouring of people, a new outcry, as the Mad Hatters assemble to approve ever new crimes; the destruction of dikes, the seeding of rain clouds--and what more, and what worse, in four more years?

Come to Miami, say NO with us, loud and clear.

-Daniel Berrigan

## Brothers & Sisters of Venceremos:

We are engaged in an anti-racism struggle here at Indiana University. While racism pervades every inch of this institution, the struggle has momentarily focused on a Professor of Physiology, Stanley Rafalko. He has long been known among non-whites here as an up-front racist because of his off-handed remarks in class, as well as the racist theories he runs down in lectures. Some very together Black sisters finally decided to expose him publically following a particular lecture when Rafalko explained that "colored people" had difficulty in speech therapy because they had "overdeveloped, thick lips."

While the decision had been made to do something, there was still a question as to the form of action to take. Fortunately we had among our resources the issue of PAMOJA VENCEREMOS which ran down the tactics used against Shockley at Stanford. On the basis of that experience we decided to move in--unannounced--on Rafalko's classroom and confront him.

on charges of racism. The confrontation was very productive. Some of the class were won over to our views. The police were called but no arrests were made.

That was in May. Since then the Rafalko case has been the center of campus controversy, forcing a polarization within the campus community between those in solidarity with the anti-racist struggle and those who have joined the reactionary, academic freedom, dure process, white backlash trip. Just last week the Chancellor issued his decision that Rafalko would not be fired, ignoring the findings of an advisory committee-made up of mostly Black faculty and Black and white students--which had voted 10-3 for dismissal. This, of course, only gives further direction to the struggle.

We will keep on. Thought you might like to know that your coverage of the Shockley actions provided us with some valuable guidance at a crucial moment.

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