

a newsletter from the All Ways Free Council, Chicago Rainbow Circle

## RAINBOWS DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY

North Carolina: Extra! Extra! Thousands stay healthy through the 16th annual Gathering of the Rainbow Tribes in spite of a contaminated water supply! Not a single snakebite reported to C.A.L.M./M.A.S.H. in an area that is Home to timber rattlers, water moccasins & copperheads! One of the largest Gatherings ever attracts some of the most widespread media coverage yet!

Among other miraculous events, a reporter from the Asheville *Times-Citizen* wrote of 'Love & Peace' one day and forgot to mention the 60's! In another piece titled "It's Tempting to Join Them," he noted that lots of us were too young to be hippies way back when and "maybe it never really went away." We may finally be making some

progress toward the 90's, folks.

Our invitation, broadcast to "all peaceful beings," drew a wonderful variety of human, animal, insect and bacterial life forms, including several different stripes of armed "officers of the peace." They seemed to have a good time at the Gathering, in their way, although they didn't seem to gather that that was what the rest of us came for, too. Several of the Forest Rangers present were noted as attendees of past Gatherings; apparently for them as for many of us, a summer ain't complete without a campout with the Rainbow Family. Unfortunately, the convergence of the authorities on our "Cathedral of Nature" made North Carolina one of the least harmonious of recent Gatherings. Read on.

## 1987: Keeping the Peace

Garrick Beck

Of all the lessons of the 1987 Gathering, the one that tells me the most is that despite *all* the harassment and provocation on the part of the agents of government, 16,000 Rainbows kept the peace.

When they (U.S. Forest Service) ticketed without notice or warning our early on-site vehicles-- and demanded immediate payment of fines-- no one lost their cool heads.

When they (N. C. state troopers) prevented a disabled live-in vehicle from being towed up the hill to where we could fix it, no one boiled over.

When they shut our main gate and forced everyone into a hi-pressured and foolish walk across the bridge, no one cursed them out.

When live-in vehicles were arbitrarily detained and forced to encamp on the U.S. highway, no one went home anyway.

When they (state of N.C.) reached an agreement with us, and we began a "pass" system for our service vehicles, and when the very next morning they (U.S.F.S.) refused access to vehicles

bearing "passes", no one blew up.

When a trailer load of watermelons had to be unloaded, carried across the bridge and reloaded, no one threw a melon thru a government windshield.

When a 9-car brigade of officers (U.S.F.S., state troopers, S.B.I., etc.) rode up the hill military-style, stopping in front of a camp to load shotguns in full daylight in front of children, no one reacted violently.

When our medical vehicles (with so-called passes) were detained at the bridge, no one called for armed revolution.

When a vehicle with 200 gallons of distilled water for Kid Village was denied access, not one of us overreacted.

When people were indiscriminately I.D. checked on the highway in a threatening and abrasive manner, no one panicked.

When people and vehicles were searched without cause or warrant, no one slugged the illegal searchers.

When people were photoed and videoed after requesting not to be, no one busted their camera.

When people's license plate #s were recorded by government surveillance agents, no one attacked them.

When a brother who requested the license #s not be recorded was brutally seized on-site, without warrant, and driven out, no one blockaded or stormed the arresting officers or vehicles.

When flashlights were shone repeatedly in people's eyes while loading and unloading at the bridge, no one grabbed & smashed the flashlights.

When officers made obnoxious comments about women's bodies and our children, no one fired a shot.

When our cleanup crew was likewise harassed no one ignited the ranger station.

The truth is we were provoked, goaded, button-pushed, aggravated purposely. They were waiting for us-- any one of us-- to take a swing-- then let the violence really begin. But we didn't give it to them. 16,000 Rainbows, all 16,000 Rainbows, kept the peace. After all, that's what we're about, that's what we're supposed to do, that's what-- really-- we possess, that's what we can share, and that's what, of course, those who are ruled by violence are so very afraid of.



# One More Broken Treaty

What I saw in North Carolina was the Regeneration of the Flower Children, on our Sweet 16 Birthday, thousands of young, active, dedicated people showed up ... Babylon is Quaking! They spent a million dollars, at least, on trying to harass us out of existence ... we Gathered anyway ... incidentally we integrated Graham County ... for the first time, the Judge told us that ... however, Sweet 16 was a year of lessons, of attacks on some of our strong people ...

I would like to point out that, to me, everything that everyone did in North Carolina worked out for the good of our people: including the forces of Babylon, who got "greedy" on the 7th of July, on or about noon, 3 federal officers, 4 state troopers came across the bridge and ordered our people to take down the Welcome Center and the two signs we had prominently displayed: one was ordered placed there according to the "agreement" some of our people signed on July 2nd, our Council ratified on July 3rd ... ordered by the Federal Judge ... the other sign was clearly the 1st Amendment to the Constitution



(right to peaceable assembly) ... in destroying the two signs the Federal Law and the State of North Carolina were in violation of the Judge's order, constituting grounds for contempt ... it is my opinion that in such cases, with an agreement signed "under duress" and the blatant lawlessness of the State and Federal Police, no question that as far as the Agreement goes they (feds and state) are liable for any events that took place at the Gathering ... they destroyed our property (the signs were ours) ... and ... if they (the Feds and State-- any state) can come in on the 7th of July, why not the 1st of July ... close us down ...

We sought to petition the Federal Judge, Dave Santee, for redress of grievance: to stop the lawless acts of the Forest Service Law Enforcement, the Southern Bureau of Investigation (arm of D.E.A. in North Carolina) and the State Police from bothering our People (particularly the clean-up crew after the 7th): we were unsuccessful in getting a hearing, the Judge denied it out of hand, even though we did the "proper procedures" in this process ... In my opinion the Judge acted "improperly" throughout much of this case, perhaps for the sake of peace, the Judge allowed little lapses in Justice ... which ain't love (in my book) ...

In the end they (Govts.) broke the agreement they wanted us to sign, got only a few busts for skinny-dipping, traffic tickets, and two possession of marijuana ... not a good track record ... plus a lot of tapes, your picture, license plate number and all ...

Regardless of the interference, harassment by the Feds and State, We should have still had Fly-proof shutters, better Sanitation, better watch on our Water Sources ... despite Babylon's efforts we should still have a Disease-Free Event ... notwithstanding the possibility that the Govt (again) possibly used Germ Warfare on Us ... entry of Shigellosis into our Gatherings ... not seen since 1981, Washington Gathering ... some folks saw a plane spray something on Us ... hundreds reported this, other acts of sabotage were noted by different folks ...

If you have seen something like this please send your information to my address ... and to the Rainbow address in Eugene, Oregon (P.O. Box 5577, zip 97405) ... we are gathering Affidavits ... also, we would like affidavits from any previous Gatherings ... we need to Gather this information find Attorneys who will come and Gather with us, who have a strong Background in the Bill of Rights, who have some relationship to the environment, who are one of our People ... to help put together a strong legal case, a Civil Rights Suit ... with the information, and the Attorneys present, in Texas, in 1988, before Our Council, we need to go through the case, present it thoroughly, receive Consensus to do this project ... gather together the Legal Defense Affinity Group, those folks who would sign up on such a suit ... go for it ...

*pieces of a rap from  
Barry Adams*

Our lessons are not over and we need many things to come ... if you would like to become part of a Legal Defense Team ... to pursue our legal rights ... stand up, be counted, send in name & address ... and affidavit ... please, contact your Congressional People, the Forest Service, write letters (please send copies to the Eugene address, and to mine).



By the way, two significant parts of this year's legal tussle. (1) we were recognized as Rainbow Family Unincorporated Association: meaning we are not a Tribe, Religious Body, Spiritual People, Political Body, etc.: just an association of individuals ... in one respect we are simply an Imagination, so being called a U.A. is much like calling us an UnAnnounced ... "come as a Chief in the night" (scriptures) ... however, this is only a step on the way to the Govts. recognizing us as a People ... a Culture. (2) the second benefit is that We (some representing the Legal Effort) were able to appear Procee (representing our People without benefit of Attorney) in Federal District Court ... this is good ...

Incidentally, the rumor that the Govt is offering Money and Bribes to Informers is true ... if you are contacted, please let us know ... why they would bother to try and find the head of the Hydra is hard to say ... We (you and I) Are Responsible ... aren't We?

Freak Freely,

Barry Adams, Plunker  
Rainbow Legal Liaison  
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*(to be published in full in the  
next A.W.F.)*



## Busted at the Gathering

Jim Lynch was busted on July 5 under Section 251.3 (A) of the new Rules & Regs governing the U.S.F.S.--"interfering with a Federal Officer in the performance of his duty." According to Sunny Adams, eyewitness, Jim did nothing approaching that description.

During the Silence on the 4th, she says, she & Jim spotted some forest rangers trying to hoist a videocamera into a tree by the Main Circle. They went over to ask that no pictures be taken of our Circle. The officers consented to a guided tour of the camp. But when they got to the road, Sunny & Jim again had to insist on the Family's right to privacy when the officers attempted to videotape our license plates. This apparently pissed somebody off, because the next day the rangers came back looking for Sunny & Jim. They saw Jim first & grabbed him, without a warrant of any kind, hustled him into their car and away.

The officers' deposition mentions foul language, which Sunny knows Jim doesn't use, and a large hunting knife she knows he doesn't own. Jim is handling his own defense, but would welcome our contributions & our support. His trial date is Sept. 21.

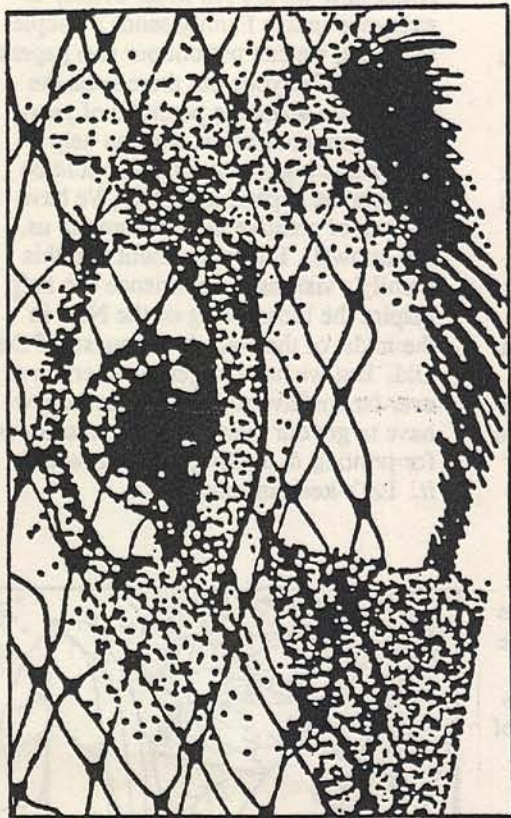
## Busted for Cleanup

On July 30, our remaining cleanup crew was busted on a charge of "overstaying their 14-day camping limit." The strategy used to whittle them down to manageable size was a repeated order to vacate the site-- even though head ranger Steve Rickerson had told the crew to take their time & do the job right, according to Iris Springflower, who had gone & come back to help. At each threat of eviction, people left. After the last notice, a printed form distributed on the 25th giving a July 29 deadline, only 25 or so (including children) were left. The cops moved in at 9 the next morning & found the crew sitting around the last remaining campfire of the North Carolina Gathering.

The busted Rainbows faced a fine of \$25 apiece, or jail. Six brothers chose jail, & were held without bail in Asheville. Two of them were additionally charged with possession of marijuana. The judge who had dealt somewhat favorably with the Family during the Gathering had now gone on vacation; rather than wait 2 weeks for his return, 5 of the brothers pleaded guilty & went

before another judge. This one "refused to listen to the Rainbow brothers," Iris says, "but gladly listened to the U.S. Forest Service cops & the prosecuting attorney." The court-appointed defense lawyer "just didn't seem interested." Mountain received a 15-day sentence for his herb charge; the others paid the \$25 fines plus \$25 more in court costs, with help from Family members who had been supporting them from outside. We have no word on the outcome of the 6th brother's case.

The *Asheville Times-Citizen's* last front-page story on our Gathering carried the headline, "Rainbow Tribe Sent Packing." A followup the next day claimed we left "large mounds of trash," not mentioning that these had been collected from the entire Gathering site & were ready to be hauled away. The rangers naturally took credit for doing the hauling, & for bringing in equipment to "rip and disc" the places where our re-seeding had "very little effect." They also towed the last 4 vehicles away "for security reasons." At last word the busted Rainbows & their supporters in Asheville had decided to institute a civil rights lawsuit of their own against the U.S.F.S. & the government. (Donations to Nantahala Defense, Box 63, N.W. Plaza G-5, Asheville NC 28801)



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In order to start *All Ways Free* happening in Chicago, we decided to have a picnic. All we did was send out a letter to everyone from our area in the Guide, gather one Sunday for a potluck and council to choose a date & a place. Since this was the first Rainbow activity in the Chicago area, we created a flyer that went into some detail about the Family. It also notified folks of the regional event happening over the equinox up in Michigan. Two weeks later 75 of us or so showed up at Garibaldi's empty pedestal in Lincoln Park. Max-works Coop put up its tipi so we were easy to spot. We brought together a feast of food, music & happy chatter. We had a heartsonic circle before we ate. Before breaking up, we held council & gave enthusiastic consensus to gathering again-- once a month at the full moon, going indoors over the winter & emerging again in the spring. It was easy!

This is another way we can extend the Rainbow year-round, I see, opening our circle to people who can't get away to a Gathering, or who never heard of one. The waxing moon will be a welcome sight come the cold & colorless months of winter in Chicago. And next summer instead of our twos & threes, Chicago will be sending a caravan of Rainbows to Texas. This feels good to me: good for us, good for the Family, and best of all a tangible Give-away to the city of Chicago.

Besides, it will make our distribution of *All Ways Free* here in Chicago a breeze. How about your town? Now that the regional Family networks are an equal & evolving aspect of the whole, how about a focal group in every city that has a listing in the Guide? The solstices & equinoxes are sacred, special times to gather with our regional kin and re-connect with Mother Earth. But it's the cities that really need a dose of Rainbows. And once or twice a year isn't often enough for me. I'm convinced the Rainbow can embrace the full circle of the year if we just remember where our heartsong is and make up our minds to live there, full-time.

Welcome Home!



# ALL WAYS FREE!

There's a high & heavy magic in giving something away. In Native People's cultures the Give-away had a sacred significance; for many, giving was the sign of wealth. These days, amid a culture that considered it a holy mission to conquer and possess the Native People's lands, we have discovered once more that our real wealth is the delight we take in passing on what Providence has freely given.

It is more than a coincidence of words that our Gatherings are 'absolutely free' and that we gather as 'a free and independent People.' I believe it is our Give-away, our service to the planet in offering a sanctuary from Babylon & its totem dollar, that circles back to us in this gift of independence. Freedom is not a common thing, even here in the Land of the Free-- to judge by the shock of the authorities in North Carolina that some of us would try to use it. I believe our continued freedom as a People hangs on our willingness to use our liberties for the evolution of the planet.

Luck & it is not only more blessed to give than to receive, it's more fun. Anyone who's helped put the Gathering together can testify. But why only once a year? Why not all year long?

In case you haven't yet seen a copy of *All Ways Free*, for 3 years & 5 issues we have had a vehicle for gathering between Gatherings. Its purpose is to gather the words & images you'd like to share with your Family, and circulate them-- not only to keep our circle strong, but to extend the circle by offering the Rainbow heartsong to the rest of our human relations. It's an extension of our Give-away to the human family of the planet. For Rainbow People who've never heard of us, for those who know us only by rumor, for those who can't get to a Gathering, our words can be the reaching, maybe the touch, eventually even the clasp of hands that welcomes a brother or a sister Home.

Think of those winter evenings when you've kindled your fire with the daily news of wars and conquest. Wouldn't it balance things a bit to lean back and open your fresh copy of *All Ways Free* for news of the Rainbow Family, pictures & poetry from the Gatherings, info about regional happenings, links to your kinfolk in all parts of the world? And what about the folks you've been telling your Gathering stories to-- what if you could hand them a Rainbow of other points of view?

Stephen Wing

We'd like to publish at least twice this year: once this winter to follow up on the N.C. Gathering and circulate the report from Thanksgiving Council, again next summer to welcome folks as they arrive at the front gate in Texas. The first is your chance to pass along whatever we ought to know before we get there; the second is crucial to our communications at the Gathering.

But why only twice? The potential is as limitless as we are--

And as limited. If you share the vision, share whatever else you can. Right now we are All Most Broke. If everyone in this Family sends a couple of bucks, we can put out our two papers in style. If anyone out there feels the way we do about the potential of year-round communication, and can help with some bigger bucks, this could be the year we expand to three. (We have no lack of creative material among us, Jah knows!) I have no doubt that this Family's visions & experience can help inspire the blossoming of the New in the midst of the wars & conquests of the Old. But we have to get together, however far we have scattered since July; we have to get our words, images, resources for printing & mailing together, and *do it*. Let's keep in touch.

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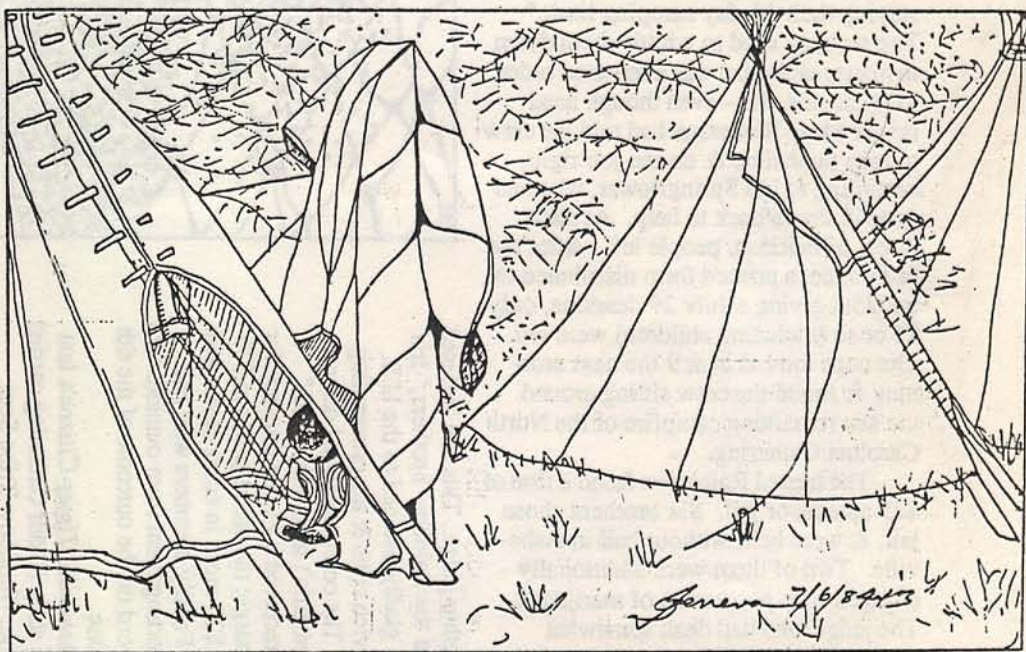
Fill in the affidavit form if you witnessed any police or U.S.F.S. activity at the North Carolina or past Gatherings, or anything that could have affected our health; send duplicate copies to:

Rainbow Legal Liaison  
P.O. Box 8574  
Missoula MT 59807

Rainbow Defense  
P.O. Box 5577  
Eugene OR 97405

Send any donation you can afford for Jim Lynch's defense (either address) or the Nantahala lawsuit. Send more when you can for the suit we are building around the affidavits; scout for brothers and sisters in the legal profession. (Money orders to "Rainbow Defense".)

Send your donation to keep *All Ways Free* all ways free. Do you have anything to add to our account of the N.C. Gathering? Anything we should know about Texas before we get there? Write us an article, draw us a cartoon, send us your inspirations and communications. Scout for cheap or free printing & paper.



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HOWDY:

MANY RAINBOW FAMILY PEOPLE FELT THAT THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION WERE VIOLATED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AT THE 1987 NORTH CAROLINA RAINBOW GATHERING. WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER OUR OWN INFORMATION ABOUT THIS TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL BASIS FOR SUIT VERSUS ONE OR MORE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO OBTAIN RELIEF FOR THIS SITUATION.

IF YOU PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED YOUR RIGHTS BEING VIOLATED, OR EYEWITNESSED THIS HAPPENING TO SOMEONE ELSE, AND YOU ARE WILLING TO SPEAK OPENLY ABOUT IT, AND HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO TESTIFY ON RECORD-- OR IF YOU WITNESSED ANY POLICE ACTIVITY AT ALL ON ANY GATHERING SITE-- PLEASE FILL OUT THIS RESPONSE AND SEND DUPLICATE COPIES TO:

RAINBOW DEFENSE  
P.O. Box 5577, Eugene OR 97405

RAINBOW LEGAL LIAISON  
P.O. BOX 8574, Missoula MT 59807

My own individual rights were violated\_\_\_\_\_

Date of occurrence\_\_\_\_\_Time\_\_\_\_\_

I witnessed someone else's rights violated\_\_\_\_\_

Place\_\_\_\_\_

This was: improper search\_\_\_\_\_  
improper arrest\_\_\_\_\_  
towing\_\_\_\_\_  
bridge harassment\_\_\_\_\_  
vehicle delay\_\_\_\_\_  
service vehicle delay\_\_\_\_\_

intimidation\_\_\_\_\_  
assault\_\_\_\_\_  
invasion of privacy\_\_\_\_\_  
license # surveillance\_\_\_\_\_  
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Offending officer(s) from what agency (or agencies)? \_\_\_\_\_

Officer's name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

My name\_\_\_\_\_ Legal name\_\_\_\_\_

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ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY OUR LEGAL LIAISON TEAM. NO PUBLIC USE OF YOUR INFORMATION WILL OCCUR WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION.

Thanks for helping. Your--

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RAINBOWS  
TOUCHING DOWN  
THIS FALL

Sunday, Oct. 4  
Chicago Rainbow  
Circle Picnic  
Lincoln Park, noon  
Tina (312) 539-9227  
Dennis 784-1079

Sunday, Oct 11  
New York Rainbow  
Picnic  
Prospect Park,  
Brooklyn, noon  
Circle for  
Peace, 1:30  
NY Rainbow  
P.O. Box 1554  
NYC 10009

Saturday, Oct. 31  
Chicago Rainbow  
Circle Halloween  
Picnic  
(see contacts above)

THANKSGIVING  
COUNCIL  
to council on next  
year's Gathering  
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Nov. 22-29  
Thanksgiving at  
Big Sur  
Los Padre Nat'l  
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P.O. Box 96  
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