

# SPRING OUT- IN AMERIKA

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Friends:

Isn't it time to Spring Out in Amerika? Isn't it time for those who can see what's goin on to activate? In 1989, we saw the Turning of the Tide Internationally. In 1990, it's time to Turn the Tide in a big way in Amerika. It's gonna happen. It's already happening. Consider: The governments of Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and East Germany have already been overthrown. By People's Power. With a minimum of violence. Lithuania is about to secede from the Soviet Union. The rulers of South Afrika are realizing that the power of Black South Africans can't be stopped. Israel can't stop the Palestinian Uprising.

Just the beginning. Rebellion is developing in England. 15% interest rates. 8% inflation. People revolting against new taxes. Thatcher on the way out. Japan: the stockmarket hit by some of its worst loses in history last month. Interest rates rising. In South America, many countries are experiencing inflation of 100-1000%. Their workers already lost 50% of their buying power in the 80's. How long can people tolerate a situation like that? Not long.

How long before the Amerikan economy collapses? Not long. It's already begun. Record bank collapses in 88 and 89. Unemployment going up. Massive federal, state and personal debt. Third world governments can't pay back loans. Real estate that can't be sold. The towers of credit cards will soon collapse. And with them any faith that people may still have in this insane capitalist system.

Spirals. Their speed intensifying. People's Power Rising. Capitalist economies disintegrating. The 1990's Liberation Times. Earth Liberation. Finally. The Dawning of the New Age. Cosmic Awakening. It's happening. Hello. Isn't it a good time to be alive?????????

Changes. Like the world has never seen. We will see. And not just see. But be a major part in making them happen. Because we happen to live in the Belly of the Beast. The Liberation of Amerika will certainly mean the Liberation of the World. That's our Job. One of the more interesting and exciting jobs on Planet Earth.

But some still say "It can't happen here." Persistent Illusion. How many people really believe in the system? Less than 1/2 of the eligible voters voted. And only 1/2 of them for Bush. Do African Americans and other oppressed nationalities really believe in the system? In the 60's most Blacks supported the Black Panthers. Militant revolutionaries who still live in the inner city. Amerika although now disorganized. Do oppressed womyn really believe in the system? Do older people who live on Social Security and can't afford health care? Or the homeless and hungry? How about the unemployed or anyone who's been fired or "laid off" in the past 5 years? Do the working class? Most of whom are womyn, oppressed nationalities or 60's generation. Do people who've seen their bank or small business go bankrupt? So who does really beleive in the system? Not many people really. Rich old white males and a few other privileged or ignorant ones. But they continue to dominate the means of production and communication (including schools) and continue to push the claim that everybody loves their system. It's a Big Lie. Most people are just going along because they are relatively comfortable and don't see a viable alternative. Two conditions about to change in a big way as the economy collapses and the New World Movement continues to develop. Does the ruling class have any solutions

beside the \$300 billion for the military and more prisons for their War on Drugs War on Us that already has 1/4 of African Amerikan males in prison or on probation? Consider in the latest poll 3/4 of people want treatment or legalization rather than prison.

Are you ready? The Time is Now. Realize the inevitable. Activate. Spring Out in Amerika. Concious people in every area of society must activate. We have already begun. Conciousness & Communications development. New World Networking. Grass Roots Flowganization. Some of the biggest demos DC has seen Womyns Rights. Homeless. 1/2 Million each. Millions turning on to the Grateful Dead. Militant Message Rap spreading fast. Reggae Revolution. Music with a message. Live Aid. Amnesty International. Woodstock. V2. Tracy Chapman. Janet Jackson. The list goes on. The movement builds. How many people saw the Dead, the Who, Rolling Stones or Jefferson Airplane last year? Think about it.

How many people were part of a concert or demo with a New World Message last year? And felt the power of the people and people's culture. A lot. Millions. Everywhere. That's us. We are Everywhere. Not bad as the Reagan Reactionary 80's fade into the sunset.

Now it's the Dawning of the 90's. The 60's generation is rising into positions of power in every area of society. The children of the 60's generation, the 90's generation, are coming of age. And what a generation and age it's gonna be. Welcome. It's time. Time to Liberate the Earth. In the 60's we dreamed about it and struggled for it. Now its Time to Realize it. Create a world in the image of Our Vision. A World of Peace, Love and Harmony. Sharing and Caring and Healing the Earth. Travelling In and Travelling Out thru the Universe. Cosmic Awakening.

It is time to eliminate the domination of the World War Cold War Vision and Generation. And the monopoly capitalist imperialist racist sexist Earth destroying system that now dominates Planet Earth. The Wizards of Ass. They have no clothes. Their empire is build on sand and blood. A lot of blood. The empire is disintegrating. Their archaic vision and world domination must be ended. Sent to the museums. The Rise and Fall of the Anglo-Amerikan Empire. To be wondered at like slavery. "Gee, mommy, did they really behave like that?" It'll all seem pretty strange in the year 3000. Or even 2010. Because there are gonna be a lot of changes between now and then.

It is Time for Us to Creat A New World. Kick Out the Jams. Dancin in the Streets. Liberation. Creation. Communications. and Action. Break down the walls that Babylon has created inside your head and break down the Walls of Babylon. People's Power. It's not really that difficult. If you have the we'll. Are you ready? Well, let's do it. Spread the Word. A lot of people are waitin to hear.

Last year we distributed 140,000 New World Rising. At Dead shows, other concerts, colleges, streets, demos. A lot of them thru this mail network. This issue we're printing 60,000. NWR12 is the first issue created outside of Providence. It's been put together by the Rainbow Warriors in the New York area. This mailing is going to about 800 people and groups. Mostly distributors who have distributed anywhere from 15-600 NWR. The NWR Network is spreading fast. Certainly capable of spreading even faster. Anyone receiving this communication could easily distribute 100 NWR. And with a little work 1,000. That's anywhere from 80,000 to 800,000 issues that could travel thru the current network. (That's with a little work. If you would like to really get serious, it's hard to imagine how fast we could grow. Consider that I personally distributed about 100,000 NWR last year. Including paying for them thru my proletarian labors.) We'll also get letters from 100 new distributors a month as NWR12 gets flowing. Starting with about 15,000 thru this mailing and 20-30,000 on Spring Dead Tour.



One thing that has been slowing our growth is lack of money. Last year 140,000 copies cost about \$5,000. Plus mailing. I paid for most of that. If everybody getting this mailing contributed even a measley \$10, we would have \$8,000. Enough to print and distribute about 200,000 issues. Pretty easy eh? The potential growth of the New World Network is amazing. And we're just 1 wave of the growing New World Communication Network. There are hundres of other underground papers being envisioned created and circulated like Listen Womyn.

Wow. Welcome to the 90's. Please help in any way you can. Distribute. Contribute. Write to each other. Attend and Organize Awareness events. Start your own Network, Fowganization, Paper, Band. Express the peace and love in your heart to those around you. Smile. Hug. Dance. Love. Live Free.

Peace, Love Harmony,

LIFE LOVE LEARNING LIBERATION

Grateful Fred

PS. Consider: Earth Day 1970 at the height of the 60's movement had 20 million participants. Earth Day 90 at the beginning of the 90's movement is expected to have 200 million participants internationally.

Fred Fratiello was born in Providence thirty-six years ago. In 1975 he graduated from Columbia University, returning to the East Side in 1982 as a masonry construction worker. Since then "Grateful Fred" (as he calls himself) has initiated, funded, written, published, and distributed hundreds of thousands of copies of his own quarterly newspaper, *New World Rising*. With a handful of friends and 400 distributors, fifty thousand copies of NWR #10 have already been released nationwide. Fred has also managed to get busted fourteen times, banned from the Brown campus and even get beaten up by the Providence Police. Grateful Fred, in his own words, is a revolutionary.

Today, he sits with his friends in front of the Brown Bookstore, designing the upcoming fall issue.

*New World Rising* expresses Fred's investment in grassroots organizations and means of communication. It is filled with letters from distributors asking for more copies, newspaper clippings indicating the imminent Turning of the Tide, and the names of dozens of coalitions with their addresses, including NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), the Anarchist Youth Federation, the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, and *Spinning Free*. *Spinning Free* is a monthly publication exploring the "music, lifestyles, experiences, and thoughts of 'Deadheads' and others who believe in a holistic, caring way of life" (NWR #10). His editorial page is similarly loaded with catch phrases — sound bites reminiscent of the last presidential race: "a Movement with the potential to Rock the Planet," "Flowers and Powers," and "World Liberation — you are the key."

Looks like Fred (clad in brown moccasins, grey trousers, lilac & purple tie-dye, four-day scruff and feathered hat) and his motley buddies are going to get arrested again, for an officer of Brown Police & Security has come to remove them from the sidewalk.

"I haven't gotten a complaint yet," the cop says. "If I get a complaint I have to start taking names and maybe take people downtown. So to alleviate that I come and ask you to leave myself." I ask the man in blue what the idea is, and he gives me the Serve, Protect and Keep The Peace bit. The gathering is peaceful and no complaint has yet been voiced. "I understand that," he

says. "They don't want people loitering around here."

Fred and his companions get up and move without objecting or resisting, muttering that that's the kind of shit they've had to deal with for years.

This incident cracks open a huge can of worms with Fred.

"So what they're trying to do," he starts his treatise, "I mean obviously they wanna keep you [students] away from us [activists], because they're training you to be cogs in the machine and they don't want you to realize that there's another lifestyle that's available to you which is not based on getting rich and being a yuppie. The people

'cause most of the students come from wealthy backgrounds, prep schools, or whatever. They're scared of street-style people. And that's what the administration preys on. They tell them to stay away from us, that we're dangerous, they don't let us on the campus."

Certain factors may have affected Fred's contacts with students, but they have not stopped them altogether. Brown students composed the front and back cover of NWR #11, to be released this fall (just in time for the Dead tour). Other things, Fred says, have changed as well, like the scene on Thayer.

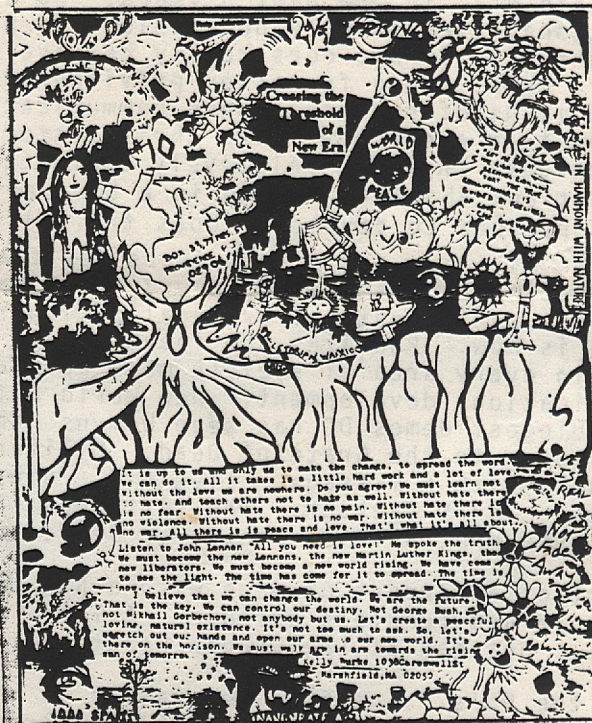
"We started [NWR] here. Of course the scene up here would be a lot better than it is now too if we didn't get so many hassles from the cops. They've been trying to stop the youth from gathering up here for years. [But] things are developing, you know? A lot more New World vibrations... People aren't as straight as they used to be, especially Brown students. [They] used to be a lot more preppy than they are now. I would say there are a lot more people getting into the Grateful Dead vibe now, like you."

I haven't known Fred very long, and don't expect him to make such judgements about my person. Yet it was not unusual or peculiar that I was wearing faded jeans, a red headband, and a multicolored T-shirt under a Mexican poncho.

"That's an expression of people looking for a transformation in society," he says, "one that's less materialistic, less greedy, more in harmony with the Earth. That's what I see."

"It's happening already," he added. "And it's necessary because the Earth is being destroyed. If we don't have renewed activism within 20 years the Earth would not be livable. One of the main catalysts [for sociopolitical activism] is the environment. Another catalyst is gonna be a collapse of the capitalist economy which is going to happen within a short time, probably going to start collapsing next year. It's gonna happen very fast, a lot faster than people realize."

He laughs to himself, for he's practically talking to himself, rehashing and redefining the ideologies to which he has devoted the last fifteen years of his life. "I say within five years. Definitely by ten years. By the turn of the century capitalism will no longer exist on planet Earth." For the first time, Fred decides to look away from me and alter his monotone voice into a fulfilled, relaxed, smiling drawl. "It's going to be a very exciting time to be alive... We've been waiting a long time. I've been a revolutionary for fifteen years, you know? Now I can look forward to realizing, hey, in ten more years this shit's gone."



"Grateful" Fred Fratiello's *New World Rising*.

that go to Ivy League schools, they're being trained to be the leaders of this system, and this system is based on exploitation of the world. So they don't want the people who are trained to be the leaders to be exposed to the fact that you don't have to just go along."

Fred feels that the Brown administration, through Brown Security and the private property pretext, has significantly hindered the connections between revolutionaries and the Brown community by not allowing him on campus. "What happens is you get approached by Security if you don't look like a typical Brown student, and they ask you for an ID. If you don't have an ID they tell you that you have to leave the campus, and they give you a warning and tell you that if you come back you'll be arrested for trespassing. I was arrested twice for trespassing for basically relating with student activists at Brown for protesting Brown's ties with South Africa [in 1986]. They've slowed down my connections with the students over the past three years. Because the students are afraid to relate on the streets,

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