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FLASH!--MC5 album to be released ON or about Jan. 21, 1969, watch for it!

FLASH!--John Sinclair goes to trial on assaulting a police officer charge, Jan.20, in Pontiac, (Oakland County) at 10 am. Panthers are urged to mobilize for this case,

FLASH!--Fred "Mad Dog" Smith goes to trial on Jan. 23 on assaulting a police officer in Pontiac (Oakland County) at 10 am. Panthers are urged to mobilize for these and all Panther court cases.

Note to the above: The Oakland County pigs are scared, they are so scared they won't give Sinclair and Mad Dog the same court date, our attorneys are working on getting this changed, call us for further information.

FLASH!--Gary Grimshaw, Minister of Art in exile, is responsible for the cover of this issue of the Sun--much love to our exiled brother wherever he may be.

FLASH!--It has been reported that the FBI have been intimidating Ann Arbor Rent-a-Car agencies who were to rent cars to MOBE for the Washington Demonstration Jan. 20. Econo-Car, with national offices in Calif. contacted the local dealer and told him that if he rented cars to the Mobe people he would loose his franchise; he said fuck off and Mobe has got the cars. Also it has been reported that the Methodist Church that was to be used as sleeping quarters in Washington was closed, also the Mobe office in Washington. We haven't got all the information on this yet, but it doesn't really matter since most of you won't be getting this until after Jan.20. Good luck, See you there.

FLASH!--Poetry reading, Jan. 24, second anniversary of the "Mass Rape of the New Spirit of Detroit". 2 years ago the 24th, 56 people were busted for dope in the Wayne State University Area. Of the 56 people busted only 2 have kept their balls, they are Ron "Anarchy" Frankenburger who is now somewhere in the wilds of the planet Earth, and Brother John Sinclair (where did I hear that name before?) who is challenging the dope laws and has a case pending, if found guilty--20 years to life. Fuck You Vahan Kapegian, you pig motherfucker. The poetry reading is in Dearborn at the University, at 12 noon, we'll be there, hope you will too.

FLASH!--If you see Eldridge Cleaver, think you see him, or even dream you see him, call the FBI at 662-2597 in Ann Arbor, or 965-2323 in Detroit--they're looking for him.

FLASH!--Benefit for Brothers and Sisters of the Detroit Conspiracy on Feb. 4, 1969 with the MC5, UP, the Oracle Ramus, Joshua Newton, and a cast of millions! Be there!

FLASH!--Quote of the week: "Shit; if we can't get off in '69 we're fucked."

FLASH!--Well, here goes the same old line again, we need materials, some of you high school and college dudes out there could be liberating paper and other shit for us, or better yet liberate it for your self, and put out your own paper, but anyway we need supplies, if anyone can help us, please do.

FLASH!--Dope Conference in Buffalo, New York, Feb. 27-March 2, organized by Mike Aldrich of LEMAR INTERNATIONAL. Guests will be Tim Leary, Ken Kesey, Jerry Rubin, MC5, YOU, ME, everybody who goes will be guests, so let's go and get high and listen to some music, and FUCK!

AFFINITY GROUPS

The poverty of present forms of organization consists in their limitations--men work & sometimes live & die together -- but they do not any longer know how to LIVE together -- to share the wholeness of their lives... But despite them, the forces which bring men together constantly assume new forms.

In the present struggle forms of organization must soon come into being that are appropriate to the changed conditions that are the real content of our times. Not least of all they must be forms that are tenacious enough to resist repression; forms which can grow secretly, learning to manifest themselves in a large variety of ways, lest their mode of operation be co-opted by the opposition, or they be simply smashed.

The affinity group has qualities of both the pre-organized form & the post-organized form. & it is because of these qualities that it will fulfill our needs. In fact it is absolutely necessary that we transcend all bourgeois forms of organization -- including the so-called "revolutionary" party. The political revolution can only serve to change the form in which hierarchical power is distributed -- while our task must be to form a new cultural whole in which social control is returned to the people -- a social revolution that will change the content of everyday life, as well as its structure.

For us socialism & its forms of hierarchical organization must be abolished along w/bourgeois parliaments & democracies, so that no mere political form be allowed to impose itself on the content of a much more complex & multifarious life.

--from Up Against the Wall Motherfucker

WHITE PANTHER CHAPTERS ORGANIZE ACROSS THE COUNTRY

White Panther Chapters are urged by National Headquarters to put into operation the following projects as soon as possible.

- 1) Panther Aid System--every White Panther in the community is to have the phone number of the headquarters in their community - by calling this central number Panthers can get immediate information on legal aid and bond information; the Chapter Captain is responsible for setting up this system.
- 2) Panther Pig Control System--If any Brother is moved against by the pigs a phone call to community headquarters will alert the maximum number of Panthers in the shortest possible time. This will work in regards to our Black Brothers too--if our Black Panther Brothers are moved against in the Black Community one phone call will mobilize the White Panther Brothers for immediate support.
- 3) White Panther National Alert System--by this system Panthers around the country are in immediate contact with other Panther Packs. In times like these, with Brother Eldridge laying low, and rebel fronts forming around the country, Panthers need to know the natural facts FAST! The National Headquarters in Ann Arbor is in contact with rebel fronts in San Francisco, the Lower East Side, L.A., Detroit, Boston, among others. The White Panthers are ready to move, but they must have fast, correct information, and this system we hope will meet these ends.

The National Headquarters in Ann Arbor at 1510 Hill (that's Mich.), the phone numbers are (313) 769-2017 or 761-3223; these systems will only work if we use them, please do.

INDIAN BROTHERS CONFRONT THE HONKIES
& TOMS

The government has succeeded in splitting Mohawk leaders over the recent protest against the paying of customs duties to Canadian border officials.

One group, who are recognized by the United States and Canadian government, have made peace with the Canadian border officials.

The other group however, the bad motherfuckers and members of the LONGHOUSE, refuse to buckle under with the toms, and have vowed to continue the protest.

As usual the toms have all taken completely to the white mans ways, even to the extent of denouncing their peoples religion.

On the other hand the LONGHOUSE Indians still believe in the religion of their forefathers, and still live the Indian way. The leader of the Longhouse is chosen for life by the clan mothers.

The Longhouse Indians started the protest, saying that from an old treaty that the Indians do not have to pay duty on goods and that they can use the bridge free of charge, but now the toms side with the honkies, while our Brothers carry on the struggle. VENCEREMOS! LONGHOUSE BROTHERS!

Great Spirit: never let me judge a man until I have walked ten days in his moccasins.

Sioux Prayer

AND THE BROTHER WAS GAGGED!

"Make him tell the truth. I demand justice!"

Gaspar Casaus is charged in a Santa Fe court with possession of marijuana. Gaspar wouldn't stand for any shit, and when the pig detective got on the stand and lied through his teeth the Brother wouldn't take it. The honkie judge ordered Gaspar to keep silent; bullshit! All those pigs are lying motherfuckers, and the Brother wouldn't let up. So those facists bastards gagged Gaspar. Justice in Amerika.

EARLY LECTURES IN ELECTRIC MYTHOLOGY

In the beginning was chaos. Some say it was the Sea: waters of the cataclysmic flood covered the worlds. Later, they say, a golden Cosmic Egg, made of fire, floated in the Sea: burst open to reveal the Lord of the Universe, the first, eternal man. (Purusha)...His soul was one with all. His first emotion was fear-- fear of the strange and the new, into which he had awakened. Fear, astonishment, and delight -- the wonders of birth.

Yet he did not fear. He was alone. (All one.) He was the universe. But there was no one other than himself. No one with whom to share his wonder.

So he divided: created.

From himself he made another creature -- a woman. But then he felt himself to be disunited. So he found his other half and joined her, as man and wife. Mankind is their children.

Others say that the creator was Narayana, who lay on the primeval waters, floating on a banyan leaf while sucking his toe-- eternity, self-communion, the fetus. A New Universe was formed from his will to create: Speech from his mouth, the holy chants from his spirits, nectar from his tongue: the firmament rose from his ears, clouds and rain from his hair, lightning from his beard, rocks from his nails, mountains from his bones.

In the beginning this One-- man, god, universe, all in one-- existed in a womb of total touch: the womb of unity. He groped his way into the New Universe, creating it. He moved: he lived: his heart made a beating sound and the universe made a beating sound. The first sounds he heard were the sounds of himself: everything, and everyone.

(Source: cf. Veronic Ions, Indian Mythology, Paul Hamlyn (London))

Pink is the color of love because when you kiss someone you turn pink sometimes. The color of love is like a Pinkest color. If you love someone you either kiss them on the lips or Fuck them.
-Edwin (4th grader, P.S. 166, Harlem)

READ THIS

On January 20th the Sun goes into Aquarius--the Moon will also be in Aquarius at that time. Aquarius--the water bearer, the helper of the soldier--the sign of universal brotherly love, the sign most concerned with friendship. It comes at a good time. Aquarius is ruled jointly by Saturn and Uranus. Saturn, the Tester (often brings a lot of shit down on people), is the most limiting planet, it brings discipline in order to reach perfection. Uranus is the planet of change, often violent change; it is the planet ruling the Revolution. The Sun goes into Aquarius January 20th thirty minutes after midnight.

Mercury has been in Aquarius since Jan.5. On the 20th it will go retrograde and will remain retrograde until February 10. When a planet goes retrograde it appears to be going backwards because of the motion of the other planets. When it goes direct again it will pass the same points again and thus double its influence. It also lengthens its stay in Aquarius. Mercury is the planet of communication--it will be in Aquarius until March 13.

Also on the 20th Jupiter will go retrograde in Libra. Jupiter, god of the gods, planet of the higher mind and wisdom, in Libra, sign of harmony and balance, perfect relationships--it's all fitting so well--love all ways in '69.

Venus is in Pisces. Venus, goddess of love, is exalted in Pisces where it is sympathetic, helpful and idealistic.

Mars is in Scorpio--the sign it naturally rules. Mars is the god of war and passion, while Scorpio brings emotional drive, intensity, deep desires--a powerful combination with influences easily seen in the streets & newspapers every day.

Neptune also is in Scorpio. Neptune is expanding, it dissolves boundaries--it leads people to examine what is known as the occult--all the shit that is supposed to be weird, e.g. astrology, it rules "eccentric" people. But you have to be careful with it, and in such an intense sign as Scorpio especially, it can cause illusion, getting into your head. Don't be afraid of the reality of the occult--but don't forget tht it's not separate from every day street reality.

Saturn is in Aries. I've told you that Saturn often brings shit down on people, and it does, it wants to strengthen through strife, bring discipline to reach perfection. Aries puts a lot of energy behind this--it's good, though a large drag at times--persevere and it does wonders.

Uranus, planet ruling the Revolution, is in Libra--it went retrograde on Jan.8. Uranus entered Libra in September remember for the first time in 84 years and it's going to be there for a while. We are already aware that we are in the midst of a revolution encompassing the entire planet Earth with the sole end of Harmony, and Balance...more people must become aware of this.

Pluto is retrograde in Virgo. Pluto, god of the underworld, wants to purge & destroy, wants to bring things to the surface. It is in Virgo which lends practicality, calculation, concern with detail and analysis, and desire to be of service. Yes, love all ways in '69.

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If a person looks at the moon over his left shoulder, and he has silver in his pocket, he will have good luck.

If you trim your hair in the new moon, it will get thick.

If there is a ring around the moon, and there is a star in the ring, bad weather is coming. If the ring contains no star, there is no bad weather in the near future.

If you hang a black snake in the branch of a tree, it will rain in three days.

--from Foxfire magazine

POETRY IS REVOLUTION!

Reply to that Pig who scream to LeRoi
UP AGAINST THE WALL, MOTHERFUCKER

THE TIME IS NOW

--What wall, man?
I don't see no
hear no smell no taste no feel no fuckin
walls, pig! YOU
thinking walls. How 'bout

The time is now,
You had better
STOP
boo-ga-looin'
and START the
Revolution.
Stop this thing called
exploitation
all your doing is
building the devils
expectations
The time is now
Stand up and be the
true man you are
Pick up the gun and pow,
Blown away. Your the
best by far.
Shoot your shot,
and shoot to kill.
Then drag him off
and have your fill.
Remember this.
the only good pig
is a dead pig.
DIG!!

UP AGAINST THE CEILING, MOTHERFUCKER
White Panthers too: or
I SKY

--Diggers: UP AGAINST THE EARTH MOTHER
One hand on old Gaea's crotch and God
sperm all over, small rain down can

FIRE and we grin: radiance and
like that great home movie we jus' gone a
RIDE, motherfucker, ride.

And babe
you better stand back... your
wall come tumblin down gone
CRASH yo ass
pig brother..

Mike Aldrich
30 Dec 68

Iris Wyse
from The Black
Panther

REVOLUTIONARY LETTERS NO. 29

beware of those
who say we are the beautiful losers
who stand in their long hair and wait to be punished
who weep on beaches for our isolation

we are not alone: we have brothers in all the hills
we have sisters in the jungles and in the ozarks
we even have brothers in the frozen tundra
they sit by their fires, they sing, they gather arms
they multiply : they will reclaim the earth

nowhere we can go but they are waiting for us
no exile where we will not hear welcome home
"goodmorning sister, let me work with you
goodmorning brother, let me
fight by your side"

Diane Di Prima

SELF-DEFENSE IS PREPARATION
AGAINST ATTACK
SELF-DEFENSE IS THE RESPONSE
TO ANY ATTACK
SELF-DEFENSE IS THE REPRISAL
FOR AN ATTACK

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"TO CREATE AT LONG LAST A
SITUATION WHICH GOES BEYOND
THE POINT OF NO RETURN"

"Our program is cultural revo-
lution through a total assault
on the culture, which makes use
of every tool, every energy and
every media we can get our
collective hands on."

John Sinclair
Minister of Information
White Panther Party

The following article will appear in several parts, we hope that it will be saved so the whole text will be intact. Its a damn good history of the Cuban Revolution.

1868-1968 CIEN ANOS DE LUCHA

In the early 19th century Cuba was one of Spain's most valuable possessions. The Spanish colonialists had begun to exploit the sugar-growing potential of the Cuban soil, turning vast areas into sugar plantations and sugar mills.

The huge fields of sugar cane needed millions of hands for planting, weeding and cutting. Since the Spaniards who had "discovered" Cuba had already killed off the Indians whose land it was, African slaves were brought into Eastern Cuba from Haiti, bringing with them the struggle for freedom which was already blazing across the Haitian skies.

The Cubans who led the struggle against the Spanish in 1868 and for 10 years after that were ex-slaveholders and plantation owners who were wealthy enough to mechanize their sugar harvesting and free their slaves.

Emerging from the 10-year liberation war were the first signs of a unified language for all inhabitants of the island--made up of Cuban and African expressions--and a Cuban culture that belonged to a majority for the first time. Spain had to acknowledge that slavery had ceased to exist and future revolutionaries had to deal with the problem of vast numbers of ex-slaves who were still impoverished.

Most reforms granted by the Spanish were superficial and Cuban revolutionaries again prepared for a war against Spain. Their military leaders were Maceo and Gomez. Their guiding spirit was Jose Marti, who envisioned a Cuban society based on work and brotherhood. In 1895 war for liberation broke out all over the island.

The Spanish forces developed styles of battle designed to isolate the rebels. "Trochas" (entrenchments, barbed-wire fences and lines of blockhouses) were set up across the narrow parts of the island and "reconcentracion" of civilians into camps guarded by Spanish troops was widespread. The reconcentrados were not fed by their captors, but were forced to beg from local inhabitants. These counterinsurgency tactics, brutal and effective, have been studied and adapted by every imperialist power since the Spanish.

Cuba was being carefully watched in its suffering by its neighbor to the north. Earlier in the century, the U.S. had tried to buy Cuba outright for \$100 million. Although Spain refused to sell, U.S. businesses began to invest in Cuban sugar and mines. Investments soared toward the end of the century, when Cuban land, devastated by the fierce fighting with Spain, was for sale cheap.

By 1869 U.S. investments in Cuba were \$30 million--10% of Cuba's total sugar production came from American-owned mills. In the same year, American mining properties were worth about 15 million and tobacco plantations another \$5 million. American Congressmen were making speeches about Cuba's fate. "It is our destiny to have Cuba and it is folly to debate the question."

On Feb. 15, 1898 the USS Maine was blown up by unknown persons in Havana Harbor, and that incident served to rally U.S. public opinion to support a war with Spain. The U.S. won the Spanish-American War. The booty included the Philippines, Guam and Puerto Rico. Since the war was theoretically waged over Cuban independence, that was granted. The catch was that the U.S. would see to "protection of private property and the pacification of Cuba".

On Jan. 1, 1899 the Spanish troops left Cuba and the U.S. troops began to protect and pacify. On March 3, 1901 the Cuban Constitutional Convention was forced under threat of a constant and continuing American military occupation (in fact, Marines surrounded the convention hall) into accepting the Platt Amendment as part of its new Constitution.

Article III. The Government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property, and individual liberty...

Article VII. To enable the United States to maintain the independence of Cuba, and to protect the people thereof, as well as for its own defence, the Cuban Government will sell or lease to the United States the land necessary for coaling or naval stations...

FOR EAST HARLEM SUMMER '67

to wreck the store you buy your wears in
 to feel & see the glass bouncing off the ground
 to see & feel those things
 later defining points
 bad & points good this
 shit & that idea
 the idea of familiar streets friends of yours
 ripped someone out his cage someone some punks
 the papers said some punks some friends of mine
 with scars from 1959 with holes in the veins
 from 1963 with sons & daughters with mothers
 save in the projects some old men lifting their
 arms for the first time in years grand pops i
 say i saw grand pops you punks

trying to burn down gas stations why you
 should be shame
 of yourself
 trying to overturn innocent parked cars
 why you should
 hide your face
 smashing bottles against the precinct walls
 why you would
 jail yourself
 throwing gasoline bombs
 why you should
 pray for now on
 knocking the ground off its legs like that
 breaking the A&P & taking milk & oven golden
 sliced bread Hunts Tomato Sauce Coca Cola
 bottles you later threw at your friendly police
 you were drunk the papers said drunk teen-agers
 who had no jobs winos who ran up a block one
 punk had a bow & arrow two punks with rifles
 sitting by garbage cans ready to be aimed & fired
 at the friendly police a girl punk going in
 front of the cops & yelling telling them to
 kiss her ass you dumb you racist gringo you
 worst then devils you think you bad with those
 big guns the girl punk with a sore throat was
 carried away by friends the night exploding.
 the papers said you were drunk
BUT WE KNOW WE WERE HIGH.

August 5, 1967

Victor Hernandez Cruz

The Platt Amendment was immediately implemented: Guantanamo Bay was leased as a U.S. naval base at a rent of \$2,000 a year (and remains a U.S. base to this day).

The Marines remained in Cuba until 1902, then returned the same year to "protect private property and pacify" when a revolt against Cuba's first president broke out. Troops occupied Cuba until 1906, and returned to put down rebellions in 1912 and 1916.

American corporations dominated not only sugar production but also service industries—telephone, electricity, railways, buses, banks, etc. Cuba was now an American property in the world game of imperialism.

The U.S. military followed the U.S. dollar. And the gun ensured the safety of the dollar. Whereas in 1896 10% of Cuba's total sugar production came from American-owned mills, in 1914 35% of the total was in American hands, and by 1926—63%.

A faithful protector of that property was Fulgencio Batista, Cuban president and president-maker for two decades. Batista came to power in 1933, through seizing control of the army, and through the army, the government. The U.S. recognized his regime, and Batista ruled Cuba for the next 10 years, his power stemming from his control of the army and his mantle of American approval.

Batista went into exile when his designated successor was defeated in the elections of 1944, but returned in 1952 and again took over both the army and the government.

The only outcry was made by a lawyer, 25-year-old Fidel Castro Ruz. He submitted a legal brief before the Urgency Court in Havana showing that Batista and his circle had violated six articles of the Code of Social Defense, which added up to 108 years in jail. He demanded that the judges either carry out their duties and punish Batista or "hang up your robes".

Fidel, the son of a sugar plantation owner, had been one of the leaders of the anti-government student movement while at the University. After graduating law school in 1950, he was a "radical in the professions" for two years, defending workers, farmers and political prisoners. In 1952 he ran for Congress, but Batista's *cop d'eta* that year disillusioned him about the efficacy of electoral struggle.

After losing his legal fight against Batista in the Urgency Court, Fidel was convinced that there was only one way to free Cuba from corruption, economic inequality and dictatorship. That way was revolution.

The small army Fidel raised—165 young men and two women—planned to attack Cuba's second largest military fortress, Fort Moncada in Santiago de Cuba, at dawn on July 26, 1953, following the excesses of the Carnival celebration the night before. They expected to surprise the 1,000 soldiers quartered there, capture the heavy military equipment and ammunition, and then seize the radio stations and call upon the Cuban people to rise up against the Dictator. But despite perfect security, their plans were defeated by bad breaks and errors.

The rebels lost seven men in the attack, and Batista's army tortured and killed more than 70 rebels who later surrendered or were captured. In addition, Batista's police massacred men, women, and children in Santiago. Shocked by the general bloodbath, Cuban liberals and clergymen persuaded the army to grant trials to the rebels if they would give themselves up. Soon afterward, Fidel was captured and Raul and his men came down from their mountain hideout and surrendered.

The mass trial of Fidel and 121 others opened September 21, 1953 in the Santiago courthouse with 1000 soldiers on guard outside the courthouse and armored cars blocking all roads. Fidel proudly admitted his attack on Moncada, stating that no other way was open to change the Cuban government. The prosecution tried in vain to tie up the rebels with one or another opposition leader or even with the Cuban Communist Party, since they could not understand the independent and revolutionary nature of the rebel program.

Fidel said he was fighting in the name of the people against dictatorship, tyranny and injustice. He spoke of thousands of Cubans without work, farm laborers who worked four months during the sugar harvest and starved eight months a year, industrial workers who were cheated out of their full wages. He talked about agrarian and educational reform, scientific farming, better housing, lower rents, reduced imports from the United States and a new kind of government with justice and equality for all Cubans. When he finished he said: "Sentence me. I don't mind. History will absolve me."

continued next issue, watch for it.