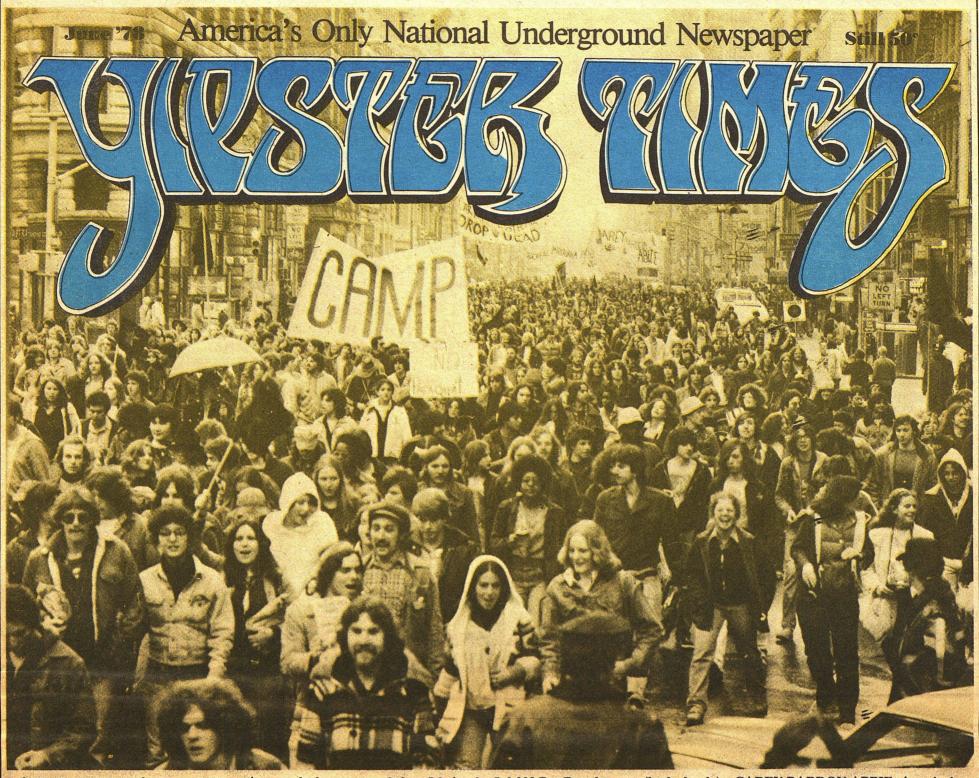
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ABBIE HOFFMAN: BACK TO CHICAGO

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ABBIE SAW IT: Among the banners carried up 5th Ave by 5-6,000 Pot Paraders was (look closely) a CAREY PARDON ABBIE. America's # 1 Fugitive describes watching it go by in an exclusive interview on page 10. Other smoke-in news starts p. 12.

The Names Mark Lane Left Out...

## JFK KILLERS APPREHENDED!

Twelve More Arrests of Long-time Conspirators Imminent

From combined sources

Three rightwing Cubar

Three rightwing Cubans named in the October, 1977 YIPster Times as principals in a CIA-inspired "Murder, Inc." responsible for dozens of assassinations, including JFK in Nov. '63, are now in custody in connection with another case mentioned in the story: the car-bombing murder of former Chilean Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier and his assistent, Ronnie Moffit.

Ignacio and Guellermo Novo are currently being held at the Manhattan Federal House of Detention, indicted for the Letelier hit on the testimony of Michael Vernon Townley, an American "soldier of fortune" who coordinated the whole thing between the American conspirators and the Chilean Junta.

That brings to three the members of the squad that killed JFK who are now in custody. The Novos are New Jersey-area lieutenants of **Orlando Bosch**, currently imprisoned in Venezuela for bombing a Cubana Airlines jet in late '75, killing 73. Bosch, undeterred, plotted the Letelier hit from jail.

About a dozen more arrests are termed "imminent" by sources close to Carter's Justice Dept., which has evidently chosen to prosecute only the most recent crimes of the conspirators—jailing them one by one—instead of the harder-to-prove, politically-explosive killings of Kennedy and King.

But it is unlikely that investigators of the House

Assassinations Committee, with their mandate to expose the Greatest Hits of the 60's, will be as timid as the Administration, which moved only after rightwing Cubans detonated bombs near the White House to intimidate Carter against relations with Castro.

Sources close to the House Investigation promise that scheduled televised hearings will blow the lid off the conspirators' far-reaching links into the CIA, FBI, organized crime, and the highest corporations.

Sources closest to it confirm that the House Investigation has been "turned around" by the steady accretion of evidence, such as testimony by Marita Lorentz naming E. Howard Hunt, Frank Sturgis, Orlando Bosch, Lee Harvey Oswald, the Novo Brothers, Gerry Patrick Hemming, and Pedro Diaz Lanz as the squad who killed JFK.

Marita Lorentz, as Fidel's ex-mistress and then a key operative in Frank Sturgis' plots to ice Castro, was in a position to know.

Recently declassified Secret Service documents corroborate her testimony, indicating Bosch was

under 24-hour surveillance when Kennedy came to Miami on Nov. 18th '63 and that Bosch was involved in an incident in Chicago where an informant for the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Bureau was told just before the assassination—"Our new backers are Jewish gangsters—as soon as we assassinate Kennedy we invade Cuba."

Protected today from extradition to Cuba or the US by powerful connections in Venezuela's secret police, Bosch has in effect turned his jail into a fortress, from which he soon renewed his grand offensive, hi-lited by the La Guardia bombing (26 dead) in December of '75.

Gaining confidence, Bosch masterminded the Letelier hit to heal a rift that had developed between the fascist junta of Chile and the Cuban exile community of the United States. This rift started when Bosch convinced the Junta that he needed a false passport to go to Costa Rica to terminate one of Letelier's relatives. Actually Bosch was planning to snuff Henry Kissinger, who was to visit Costa Rica shortly after Bosch arrived. But Frank Sturgis, who had worked on the Kennedy hit alongside Bosch, informed on Bosch, and the CIA had him arrested.

Bosch and the Novos were head of a group called Cuban Power. Interestingly enough, the Miami Organized Crime Bureau pig, Danny Benitez, who picked up one of the Novos this time, is a close personal friend of Frank Sturgis. The Novos trusted Frank's people also, because they worked together on the Kennedy hit.

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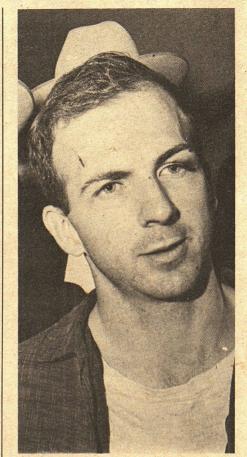
## ASSASSIN ENATION



Ignacio Novo



Guellermo Novo



Lee Harvey Oswald



Orlando Bosch

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In 1967 the FBI wired informer Ricardo 'the monkey' Morales and had him question Bosch about a man named Hunt, who "represented the Republican Party" and supplied Bosch's group with "\$17,000 to place bombs." This was Sturgis' CIA case officer, Howard Hunt. "The Monkey" went on to become head of the Venezulan anti-communist police and played a part in busting Bosch for the Cubana airlines bombing, before furnishing info for the extradition of Mike Townley. Ex-DINA agent Townley was being transported by the FBI back to Washington, D.C. when, on April 6, 1978, the Monkey was busted by Miami Police for possession of several tons of marijuana.

Some of Bosch's people in the Miami DEA—grateful for the carte blanche they got to search luggage after the La Guardia bombing—snitched out the Monkey's pot operation, which was making him a millionaire.

Meanwhile, in a dramatic courtroom confrontation in Miami, Watergater E. Howard Hunt trembled visibly and turned white as slashing cross examination by independent researcher A.J. Weberman cut Hunt's alibi as to his whereabouts Nov 22, 1963 to ribbons.

Hunt's distress was even clearer as he charged Weberman with "orchestrating" the entire House Assassination Investigation, and meeting with a key investigator from the Senate Intelligence Committee once a week for the past year.

But his distress was actually more with evidence the investigators now have about his connections to the conspirators, including Lee Harvey Oswald, whom Marita places in one of the Dallas-bound cars with Frank Sturgis, Bosch, the Novos, Hemming, etc. the key week-end prior to the assassination.

Oswald's whereabouts that weekend, according to the Warren Commission Report, are a mystery. Marita says Oswald was in Miami that weekend.

Why Miami? Kennedy was due in Miami on Monday, November 18th, 1963. Oswald was to be the patsy in Miami but the plan fell through.

Gerry Patrick Hemming hinted of this when he told Weberman that with Bay of Pigs vets in Interpen (Sturgis' group), he was asked to eyeball the Miami Airport "for Castro double-agents" Nov. 18th—clearly an attempt to breath life into his alibi, since Secret Service records indicate that Manual Artime's Brigade 2506 (Hunt's people) drew that assignment. Instead, Hemming had already left in one of the two cars for Dallas.

Bernardo Torres was one of these men. Torres infiltrated Garrison's investigation and has been secretly indicted for his part in the Letelier hit, according to a source knowledgeable regarding Cuban exile affairs. Torres once worked for SIONICS, Mitchell Stewart Livingston Werbell's ar-

about this document, Lanz told him that he didn't remember any trip or any appointment with Immigration and Naturalization.

Lanz refused to testify before the "Weberman Commission"—A.J.'s inquiry in the Courts of Miami into the Kennedy assassination and Howard Hunt's connection to it. Lanz also refused to testify before the House Committee on Assassinations.

For this he will probably be called in front of televised sessions of the House Assassinations Committee this fall, in Washington, D.C. Lanz is convinced the Communists are behind Weberman and the House of Representatives. In fact, Lanz is convinced the Communists are behind just about everything he doesn't like.

he had an ulcer attack in the morning, went out to buy *Chinese groceries* with his wife around noon, then drove to the Washington Friends School and

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## Hunt had changed his alibi as to his whereabouts on Nov. 22, 1963.

maments firm [for Werbell and the Larry Flynt Hit—see YT, Apr/May

Oswald's notebook contained the name "Lee Odum" who hired personell at Love Field Airport, in Dallas. Ozzie turned down a job as baggage handler there, which paid \$2.50 an hour in favor of the Depository job which only paid \$1.00. Was Oswald going to be patsied when Kennedy was assassinated at Love Field on Nov. 22, '63—until the plan was abandoned in favor of a hit near the Depository because Secret Service attention was focused on airports?

The name of Pedro Diaz Lanz was found at the time of the arrest in one of the Novo's addressbooks. Recently declassified Secret Service Documents reveal that the SS was so apprehensive about Lanz attacking Kennedy during his visit to Miami (November 18th, 1963) that they called him on Friday, Nov. 15th, and told he had an appointment with Immigration and Naturalization on Monday November 18th, 1963. Lanz told the SS that he was going on a trip, and couldn't make it to the office on that date. When in March of 1978 Miami

Newsman Vic Walters asked Lanz

Lanz is one of the people Marita revealed was in the Car with Oswald.

Gerry Patrick Hemming, 6' 8" soldier-of-fortune who took up at least two seats in the car going to Dallas, refused to testify at a "Weberman Commission" hearing either. When A.J. called all the phone numbers he had for Hemming, and left messages to remind him he was under federal subpeona, Hemming sent around "Val Matrix," one of his hitmen, to stake out A.J.'s lawyer's office. There Val drove up and said, "Hey, AJ. I got a 'job' over at the Roney Plaza Hotel"—where A.J. was staying.

But Hemming, who never testified, gave a revealing indication of how tight he is with the other conspirators and E. Howard Hunt, who did testify. For Hunt changed his alibi as to his alleged presence in Washington, DC, Nov. 22, 1963, on the basis of a misimpression given to Hemming, that Weberman was about to produce Mr. Wah Ling, the only corroborating witness Hunt ever cited who was not a close friend or his immediate family. Since first being questioned about the JFK assassination by the Ervin Committee in 1973, Hunt has maintained

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Ricardo "the Monkey" Morales



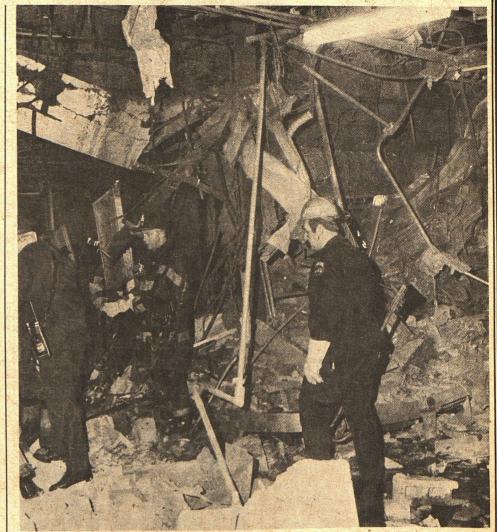
**Gerry Patrick Hemming** 



E. Howard Hunt



Frank "Fiorini" Sturgis



After 26,000 man-hours' investigation, the NYPD has decided "Puerto Ricans didn't do the La Guardia bombing." Meanwhile, Richardo Morales helped convict Orlando Ortero—a henchman of the New Jersey Novo bros. & Bosch—of detonating an identical device in the Miami Airport 3 days later.

picked up their children.

Hunt: I have been subpoenaed by the House Committee on Assassinations, certain of whose personnel Mr. Weberman, I believe, at one time (if not today) maintained a very intimate

This has caused me the inconvenience, the embarrassment of being subjected to a scrutiny; furthermore, the expense of retaining counsel for that appearance. [At this point Mr. Weberman whispered some remarks

Q. What did you purchase that day? A: I don't know. My wife made the purchases. She went into the grocery store. I staved in the car with the children.

Q. If I told you that there is a Wah Ling's Grocery, or was a Wah Ling's Grocery in Washington at the time you were talking about, would that suprise you?

A: I would say simply that it was one of probably several that my wife visited that day.

Q. Do you remember the testimony

Mr. Hunt testified any differently than from what you have just said? Q. (by Mr. Friedman) Within the con-

text of this particular report, which I will present to you while we make copies of it. It indicates that the grocery store came before picking up the children.

A: Then I would say that I stayed in the car with the dog, rather than with the children.

Q. This would be different from what you just testified to earlier?

A: Well, we are talking about recollection of a good many years ago; yes. Q. So this refreshes your recollection? A: Yes, as to what I testified to earlier. This is not testified, and it is not a sworn statement in any case.

Q. (by Mr. Friedman) We have located the original Wah Ling of Wah Ling's Grocery. We are wondering, if we discussed with him this matter, if his memory of November 22nd—all of America seems to remember that date-do you believe that he will remember you from that date?

Mr. Rubin: Just a minute! That is an improper question, Mark. You are asking for speculation.

Mr. Friedman: The alibi-

Mr. Rubin: You are asking him what is in Wah Ling's mind. Do whatever you have to do, but don't ask him if he thinks someone will remember something.

wife visited that day," instead of that 'we' visited, or that "I" visited.

Hunt's hand was shaking as he toked on his pipe during this deposition. Michael Canfield, A.J.'s co-author on the book CIA-Coup-d'etat In America, described him as a "cornered rat, ready to strike out at any time."

Actually, he stalling for time, hoping for some sort of break. The House Assassination Committee subpeonaed him several months ago. His attorney, Elice Rubin, asked for a continuance. He has yet to testify.

When he does, he'll tell them a dif-ferent story than he told the Rockefeller, Church and Ervin Committees. But he'd better not tell too many more versions—thanks to his having made the fatal mistake of sueing A.J. for seven and a half million dollars for Coup d'etat In America!

The "secret of the Bay of Pigs" won't forever keep away indictments for perjury. That would be the kind of half-measure Carter's Justice prefers.

Consider another one of Orlando Bosch's connections, Orlando Ortero, just convicted after his fingerprint was found on a fragment of the footlocker wherein a bomb was planted at the Miami Airport 3 days before the La Guardia blast—a bomb identical to the La Guardia one except Ortero used 4, not 8, sticks of dynamite, and set it off at 3:00 AM, not 6:30 PM in the

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to Mr. Friedman.]
Q. Did you call Wah Ling's Grocery on the morning of November 22nd,

A (With much nervousness): No. Q. Where is Wah Ling's located in

Washington, D.C.?

A: I don't think that the grocery existed or ever existed. In fact, in the testimony that I gave to the Church Committee, if you recall I said to the best of my recollection the name of the grocery store was Wah Ling

Having revisited the site-in fact, by chance having dinner in Chinatown fairly recently—I determined the name of the grocery store was probably Tuck Cheong, T-u-c-k C-h-e-o-n-g. Q. So, you are saying now that your alibi for the day of the assassination, Wah Ling's Grocery, is now changed to a different grocery store?

A: Well, I am saying now that attempting to recollect a couple of years ago, the name of the Chinese grocery store, one of several on 8th Street, that my wife visited on that afternoon, certainly is subject to re-examination and refreshment, which I have done.

O. Now that you have refreshed your memory, where is this Tai Ching, or whatever the name is—where is this place?

A: No, the name is Tuck Cheong. Q. 'Tuck Cheong'; where is it? A: It is on H Street between 6th and

7th Northwest, in Washington.

you gave to the FBI as to when you picked up your children that day? A: No, I have never seen the FBI memorandum.

Mr. Weberman: Here it is.

Mr Rubin: All right...go ahead and

Mr. Friedman: "On 10/17/74 E. Howard Hunt advised that he recalls hearing about the assassination over his car radio immediately after leaving a Chinese grocery store in the area of 9th and H Street N.W., Washington,

#### Marita Lorenz places Oswald, Sturgis, Bosch, Hemming and the Novo brothers in Dallas-bound cars the weekend prior to the JFK assassination.

D.C., on the 22nd of November, 1963. He was with his wife, Dorothy, who is now deceased. Before returning home, they picked up their daughter Kevin. at Sidewell Friends School, Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. He could recall no contact on that date with anyone other than possibly a former neighbor. He advised that his personal records...were destroyed several years ago." [Thereupon, the document was marked Defendant' Weberman's Exhibit No. 1.] Mr. Rubin: All right. Now, how has

There was no Chinese grocery store anywhere in Washington's Chinatown in 1963 named Tuck Cheong. Hunt invented the name out of whole cloth when he recieved false information that A.J. had located Mr. Wah Ling. Since Hunt, the last conspirator into Dallas, flew in that morning and back that night "with surgical efficiency" (as he was fond of saying), his only problem is with his whereabouts Nov. 22nd. Notice how Hunt says, "the name of the Chinese grocery store, one of several on 8th Street, that my

middle of rush-hour.

The Carter administration is down on Castro these days, and probably not anxious to stir up trouble for his opponents in this country.

Still, the NYPD has announced that after 26,000 man-hours, they're convinced La Guardia was not the work of Puerto Ricans, and that they're "looking in a totally different direction". Footlockers at La Guardia are, after all, only 21/2 hrs. direct from Miami.

## Post Staffers Scream Bloody Murdoch

by Steve Wishnia

NEW YORK—Tension is increasing at the New York *Post*, where the Newspaper Guild and nine other unions are deadlocked with publisher Rupert Murdoch in negotiations on contracts that expired March 30th

Early in May, several dozen staffers resigned after Murdoch added an extra six week's pay to his original offer of full severance and vacation pay plus eligibility for unemployment checks as an incentive for certain people to quit. Many of them volunteered for "alumni picket line" duty if there is a strike.

In a move the straight press would call "urging sacrifices necessary for the survival of the paper" and the straight leftist press would describe, with true cliches "an attack on the working class," Murdoch had demanded cuts in salaries, the elimination of sick pay for illness of less than a week, and of the 7½% bonus for working nights and weekends, the removal of 100 jobs from union jurisdiction, and—in what the Guild initially called "the Auschwitz clause"—the right to fire anybody he wanted to get rid of. 148 of the paper's 450 editorial and commercial employees, including nearly half of the Post's 48 reporters, were placed on the "hit list" of people "incompatible with the new management's publishing concept," and offered the incentives to leave.

Most workers refused the original offer, but resignations spread beyond the list when the payoff was raised, and when they found out that the management could legally lay off anyone who had worked there less than two years. The "sweetened" offer worked out to three months' pay for someone who had been there a

year.

Protesting Murdoch's using "union-busting tactics not seen since the Great Depression and not imagined by J.P. Stevens," 1000 members of various local unions demonstrated outside the *Post's* lower Manhattan building in early April after management had used scabs to print two notfor-sale editions. A union leaflet attacked demands for contract "givebacks" as being attempts to destroy what had been won by "the sweat and reason of decades of unionism."

The situation is less intense at the city's two larger dailies, the *Times*, and the *Daily News*, where management has asked for similar pay and benefit reductions, but hasn't tried

mass layoffs

Since Murdoch spent \$30 million to add the *Post* to his publishing empire in December of '76, his rule has been plagued by problems. Management claims that the paper, which last broke even in 1975 and lost \$500,000 in 1976, lost nearly \$10 million last year, a figure which workers and union officials have reasons to believe is inflated. Much of the staff has been chronically disgusted with his publishing policy too: the most common phrase used is "turning the paper into a rag."

The Imperial Kangaroo is a very long way from eligibility for food stamps. The Wall Street Journal reported that News Limited, the parent corporation of Murdoch's enterprises, had profits of \$12.3 million in the last six months of 1977,

Steve Wishnia is an ex Post staffer.

an increase of 26 percent over the same period of 1976 and 10% of total sales. Even with the *Post's* alleged losses, profits from his British and American publications amounted to almost 5 million.

The empire includes 85 to 90 newspapers, most in Murdoch's native Australia, and about 15 magazines in



the US, Britian, Australia, and New Zealand. Among his American publications are the Village Voice, New York, and New West magazines, and the Star. In Britian he owns the Sun, one of the country's largest dailies, and the News of the World, a sleazoid weekly with a circulation of 16 million.

One hole in Murdoch's claims of poverty is an alleged \$2 million increase in wages paid to Guild members. Though they got a 6% raise in March 1977, the rest of the increase could only have occurred if over 60 new employees had been hired at an average salary of \$22,000. One reporter said there was "no way" this was true, and that almost as many people had quit in 1977 as had been hired from the defunct Long Island *Press.* Guild officials estimated that the resignations and layoffs in this year would save the *Post* \$3 million a year.

In any case, while head management negotiator Sidney Orenstein was making noises about how the paper could only survive by "dramatically cutting payroll costs," Post workers were insulted when executives offices were remodeled with suede walls, wood floors, and Persian rugs, and when 86 Wackenhut security guards were hired. Some of the guards—who worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week,—had flown in from Las Vegas

The other causes of friction were the changes Murdoch made in the paper. Traditionally, the *Daily News* had set the standards for tabloid sleaze in its articles and urban redneck attitudes in its editorials. Under Murdoch, the *Post* made the *News* look positively staid. When Israel invaded Lebanon,

the News' headline was a neutral "ISRAELI TROOPS INVADE LEBANON"; the Post proclaimed "REVENGE" in four-inch type. When Son of Sam killer David Berkowitz was arrested last August, the News' front page read "NAB MAILMAN AS .44 KILLER" while the Post's screamed, "CAUGHT!" in red. The day Bert Lance resigned, that story was pushed into a tiny corner of the front page by Evel Knievel hitting somebody with a baseball bat, Marcello Mastrolanni saying "fuck" on Dick Cavett, and David Berkowitz groupies. At times it seemed that whoever was writing the headlines had a fixation on the word "TERROR."

The capper came in December, when a rather dubious report that a millionaire had been cloned was splashed on the front page with the headline "BABY BORN WITHOUT A MOTHER—He's the first human clone." Several reporters quit withinthe week. One of them, "resident Moonie-watcher" Lindsay Miller, was rumored to have stormed out saying, "I'm not going to work for the National Enquirer."

Apart from the more subtle political implications of such non-news coverage, like what happens when

much news space as his opponent, Mario Cuomo. 50 of the *Post's* 57 reporters signed a petition protesting the paper's coverage of the campaign. Murdoch responded: "If you don't like the paper and have any integrity, you'll leave."

Several reporters proceeded to cop some integrity, including Lindsay Van Gelder, now at Ms., and Jane Perlez, whose Soho Weekly News stories on the Post situation annoyed management enough for them to ban her from

the building.

Coincidentally, Murdoch's antiunion attitudes resemble Koch's. Koch's demands that subway, bus and other city workers give up night differential and sick leave and that supervisory jobs be removed from union jurisdiction were identical with those in the *Post* management package. And both Koch and Murdoch alienated their employees by berating them for alleged laziness. Koch pledged to get "deadbeats" off the city payroll, and belligerently refused to grant city workers, most of whom hadn't gotten a raise in three years, more than a 6% increase. Murdoch, in a speech in Toronto April 20, accused the *Post* unions of teaching workers to "expect a great deal more than a day's pay for

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people know about Teddy Kennedy's alleged affair with Suzy Chaffee (given ¾ of page three recently) and little or nothing about the content of his S-1437 bill, (given virtually no coverage) Murdoch also made overt moves to the right. Once relatively liberal, the paper adopted capital punishment and anti-Communism as its editorial deities.

In October 1977, they published a three-part series accusing Guardian reporter Wilfred Burchett of having tortured American POWs in Korea and Vietnam. When Burchett replied that the charges against him were part of a John Birch Society propaganda campaign, Post reporter William Heffernan laughed him off, saying that the Birchers "would have trouble organizing a Sunday picnic." Two Congressmen, Larry McDonald and John Rousselot, are Birch members, and the organization has been dominant in the campaign to legalize laetrile and influential in the fight against the Equal Rights Amendment.

More recently, the paper reprinted an article from the right-wing London Daily Telegraph accusing the Angolan government of mass murder. The story, billed as a first-person account of a month with the CIA-backed FNLA faction, lamented the fact that South Africa was the only country willing to support the FNLA openly. Also given heavy exposure was

a great deal less than a day's work" and said that the older people on the paper "refuse or are unable to work." Claiming that "if the unions had

been around in the days of Moses we'd still be getting the Ten Commandments on stone tablets," Murdoch said that it took 17 workers to produce 1000 lines of type at the *Post* and only 9 at an average paper. "If he hadn't cut the amount of news in the paper in half that wouldn't be true," one reporter said angrily.

The unions don't object to Mur-

The unions don't object to Murdoch's plans to replace the antiquated molten-lead printing process with computerized "cold type," but they insist that management obey contract provisions requiring all workers displaced by automation to be retrained or given equivalent jobs. A *Post* official hinted that they plan to get rid of people anyway, saying that they'd probably have to hire new staff to get workers "competent enough" to run the new machinery.

"This is not an economic cutback," a union shop paper said in mid-March, "nor is it a matter of employee competence... Management has been frank enough to admit that they fully intend to hire new staff. Our people will be replaced with management "toadies"—people willing to renounce the Guild to demonstrate loyalty to Rupert Murdoch."

"You could put together a fine

## "If you don't like the paper and have any integrity, you'll leave."—Rupert Murdoch

Edward Jay Epstein's Legend, a book on the supposed KGB connections of "Kennedy assassin" Lee Harvey Oswald.

Slanted coverage of the 1977 mayoral election was the focus of the biggest political confrontation between Murdoch and the staff. In the primary campaign, Murdoch endorsed winning candidate Ed Koch with front-page editorials headlined "KOCH—a man who will not be pushed around" and "VOTE TODAY—VOTE FOR KOCH." Some of them weren't labeled editorials in early editions.

After Koch had been favored in the primary runoff by getting twice as

newspaper from the people on the hit list," commented Guild unit chairperson Barbara Yuncker. The Guild didn't try to dissuade people from quitting.

Originally, Murdoch appeared to want a strike, believing he didn't need the regular workers to put the paper out. Taking advantage of a Supreme Court decision outlawing the union shop, (William F.Buckley had sued to get out of having to join AFTRA to appear on TV; the court ruled that he didn't have to join as long as he paid dues) management cajoled and coerced several people into leaving the union.

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# Federal Agencies Cover-Up For Telco

by A. Craig Fonephreak

Despite curbs on "listening in" on incoming and outgoing phone calls imposed last year, the General Services Administration has been forced to admit that no major Government ageny has yet complied with GSA regulations requiring each agency to submit a list of all its telephone Remote Observation (REMOB) devices and the justification for each of them.

Jay Soloman, GSA head, made the disclosure in a letter to Presidential counsel Robert J. Lipshutz, responding to complaints by Reps. John E. Moss (D.-Cal.) and Dale E. Kildee (D.-Mich.) that the GSA itself was listening in, without warning, on telephone calls from the public to its Federal Information Center in Washington.

The New York Times buried mention of the letter in the back of its Saturday paper, with an explanation that the devices, called transmitter cutoff switches, enable a third party to pick up a telephone receiver or headset without being heard and to listen in on telephone conversations without being detected. The push of a button keeps any noise from entering the system.

Background Noise Eliminated In some agencies, the GSA explained in the past, these switches are necessary to eliminate background noise when a person makes a call from a boiler room or airport control tower. In other places, administrators have justified them by saying that they want their secretaries to be able to listen in and take notes on conversations without making any noise.

The switches are most commonly justified, however, as aids for supervisors who want to monitor how well their employees are serving the public. Past GSA surveys have found that the devices have been used all over the country by agencies that have extensive business with the public, such as the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Transportation.

Secret telephone monitoring at the State Department, which reported 775 listening devices in 1974 in Washington alone, was banned by Cyrus R. Vance, the Secretary of State, on his first official day in office last year. Two days later, Mr. Carter issued the same prohibition against telephone eavesdropping in the White

In Mr. Solomon's draft of a proposed White House reply to the Congressmen, sent to Mr. Lipshutz along with Tuesday's letter, Mr. Solomon said that the GSA would stop its own telephone monitoring and would soon propose a rule that "places an outright ban on the use of listening-in devices for other than public safety pur-

What the New York Times omitted, of course, according to veteran phonephreeks, is that "public safety" is a loophole broad enough to exempt the Justice Dept., Intelligence Community, and the entire US Army.

Nor was it explained that the "transmitter cut-off switch" is a second or third-generation outgrowth of the Telephone Company's own master REMote OBservation system. By means of REMOB Central, with the correct access codes, any bureaucrat sitting with a "transmitter cut-off switch" can cut in soundlessly on any line anywhere in the United States.

Veteran phonephreeks suggest that part of the reason no major agency has yet furnished the required list of "devices and functions" is that ac-curate description would document the tie-in to this clandestine central Telco capability in the Congressional

#### **Credit Card Contest**

Altho response to our Magic Credit Card Code Con-test, announced in our March issue, brought a slew of entries (check out the First Favorable Mentions in the April/May YT), a great many readers complained they only saw the April/May issue, which didn't adequately

Upon thinking it over, and upon consultations with the staff, we've decided these readers are right. In the interests of equity, therefore, we've decided to reprint the contest rules; to preserve fairplay, the contest judges have authorized us to extend eligibility for entry until midnite Dec. 31, or til the '79 credit card code goes into effect-whichever comes first.

This contest gives you a chance to see what the phone number of your most deserving landlord, gov't. official, corporate fatcat or local narc would look like as a credit card number.

1.) Take the offending number, which consists of 7 digits, and affix the corresponding RAO number (see table—it's like a secret area code for the operator, but it goes last, not first: the White House at 202-456-1414

2.) Next, match the 7th digit (456-1414-032-A) with the appropriate Telco cryptograph-letter (A), using the

3.) Be sure to include a brief explanation of what the

people at the number have done to deserve this. 4.) Employees of the Telephone Company, their agents, or agents of Telco Security are prohibited from

5.) Send Entries to: Credit Card Contest, Box 392 Canal Street Station, New York, New York 10013 This contest offer is open to all, but void where pro-hibited by law. No purchase is necessary, and there is no blue box top to send in. All entries will be judged on the basis of originality, uniqueness, and validity by a panel of stoned judges, dredged from our editorial

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Police State Knocks Again

## Spy Trial Previews S-1437



The New York Times kept the peace movement in the picture, repeatedly mentioning \$250,000 bail put up by the American Friends Service Committee for "spy" David Truong, pictured here with sister Monique.

by Dana Beal and Seth Flagsberg

What Attorney General Bell, the Intelligence community, and other advocates of stricter secrecy could not get thru Congress, they got thru the courts last month.

While opponents of Senate Bill 1437, the oft-revised Federal Criminal Law "Re-Codification" formerly called "S-1", were given more time to organize by delays in the House, a US Judge in Virginia in effect re-instated portions of the US Espionage Law by convicting David Truong and Ronald L. Humphrey as spies for sending to a Vietnamese language newspaper in France about 100 USIA documents.

The spying turns out to have con-

sisted of leaking—not technical secrets or movements of troops-but information that tended to undermine anti-Vietnam hardliners in the State Dept. Only one document was marked "secret", while "confidential" material consisted, for example, of assessments of why Vietnam didn't sell its immense stock of captured US weapons to Ethiopia, the only USequipped Socialist bloc country.

Truong and Humphrey were convicted, in other words, of doing not much more than Jack Anderson and underground papers do all the time. But from the first entrapment of "spies" Truong and Humphrey by a seductive CIA agent to the bringing of the case in the court of "Burn'em" Bryan, the U.S. Judge who censored the Marchetti book (& acheived notoriety by giving a Yippie a year for a single toot of coke), it was obvious that the administration was intent on drawing the line-reversing the Pentagon Papers decision-and didn't particularly give a damn.

Not only was Carter's personal okay on the 1984ish video surveillance of Humphrey deliberate reassertion of Presidential power to suspend the 4th Amendment on "national security grounds". Clearly this prosecution was a blow (a la the Rosenberg trial) to the anti-war forces, for too effectively asserting freedom of information, opposing S-1, etc.

In fact, attorney General Bell and other high advocates of much more stringent "official secrets" enforcement spent the past few months shuttling from their show trial in Virginia to the House of Representatives, where Bell and his aides gathered every important leader immediately after the Senate passed S-1437, pressing for legislative sanction for their patsy Judge Bryan, who may still be overruled on Appeal.

Passage of HR6869 would not only widen the scope of the Espionage Statutes (reinstating the 18th Century Logan Act, prohibiting contacts of private U.S. citizens with foreign governments, for example), but enact into law a security setup comparable to S. Africa.

As S-1, the whole Code Revision languished in the Senate due the power of the anti-war forces, who dubbed it "Nixon's Revenge", and convinced a majority it would wipe out over nightthe 20 years since the death of Joe Mc-

But as Detente deteriorated, as Carter took the Party back from anti-war Democrats, Senators Kennedy and McClellan (D.-Ark) worked out enough compromises to get it thru the millionaires club that masquerades as the U.S. Senate.

Then McClellan dropped dead, and passing S-1437 intact became the major passion in Kennedy's life, according to our sources in the Nation's

Over the New Year's recess he got together with Senate Majority Leader Byrd and a few others and—making sure it would not be announced—scheduled S-1437 as the first order of business of the new

There, with only 20% of the Senate ever present, hundreds of amendments were voted in 5 days of confused debate, and the "son of S-1" passed on to become HR 6869.

The Byrd-Kennedy Blitz shocked left-liberals. The Village Voice headlined Nat Hentoff's alarm on its front page. It now appears that the compromises that got S-1437 thru the Senate have stalled it, at least temporarily, in the House.

After several weeks of reading the Bill, House Judiciary members who continued page 24

NY Times Photo

ylan or Dollars

2000 forged tickets to Bob Dylan's April 2nd Sydney, Australia concert were given away by a group called the Sydney Sewer Rats.

Passing out the tickets at an antinuke rally earlier in the day, the Rats went to the concert and distributed copies of a press release (see box) declaring "We're not interested in copstars becoming multi-millionaires.
The rich should be ripped off whenever possible."

A parody "Rolling Stone Interview," said "it's time we stopped looking to politicians, bosses, union bureaucrats, priests, deities, and pop stars, and start looking to ourselves and each other. This is the only way we will ever transform our lives.'

The tickets, worth \$10.50, were for "unreserved grass" at the Sydney Showground arena, where a livestock parade had been held a few days before under heavy rains. The mud was still more than a foot deep in

Reporter Anne Summers of the National Times described the concert as a "grim ordeal" for those of the the 30,000 people who had to stand in the

'The most common reaction

among people near me was rage," she wrote. "This was no free Woodstocktype concert where rain and mud might be endured with communal stoicism. This was the most expensive

concert of the year."
"Dylan portrayed a real star image," said one Sewer Rat. "Now he's no different from Rod Stewart or Abba." Another group member added, "We don't mind paying a bit for our culture, but we don't like making pop stars into millionaires. The whole drug-protest subculture is our terrain and we're actively opposed to people who co-opt our culture and turn it into commodities to sell at the highest possible price."

On his 1973-74 comeback tour, Dylan became the first rock musician to charge more than \$7.50 for an American concert. According to a Rolling Stone article, prices were set at "\$5.50 and \$6.50 in secondary markets, and \$8.50 and \$9.50 in major markets." markets.

Sewer Rat representitives refused to disclose their identities,"Because we want to do it again. We're not martyrs and we don't want to set ourselves up for the police."

Press Release

## Something's Happening And You Don't Know Quite What It Is, Do You, Mr. Dylan?

Bob Dylan and his AGC finance company promoters made a cool \$350,000 last night at yet another open air concert rip off. 30,00 people wallowed in mud, and stampeded in 'queues' like cattle in a futile attempt to see the Star; shades of Somme and

While Dylan sang his political commodity songs, (such as 'The Times They Are Remaining'), plainclothes pigs busted senile hippy dope smokers, ('everybody must get stoned.') Dylan offered \$100 reward for anyone dobbing in the people giving away tickets, but will he pay the fines of the busted dope smokers?

We gave away 2,000 blue tickets, (\$20,000 worth), at the Anti-Uranium Rally before the concert yesterday. We would have liked to have given away 100,000—we're not interested in copstars becoming multi-millionaires. The rich should be ripped off whenever possible!

We have nothing but contempt for those people, who-having been given tickets for free at the rally—proceeded to try and SELL them. If we catch any of those skunks, we'll beat the shit out of them.

As the Rolling Stone leaflet handed out at the concert, 'Bringing It All Back Home' said; 'money doesn't talk, it swears.' It was great to see another group destroying the Dylan

We will issue free tickets whenever possible-so folks, don't bother buying tickets for future concerts, wait for the free ones. And we hope others will do the same, or find other ways of blocking promoters' attempts to rip us off! Lots of people got in last night without any tickets at all—just by dodging the collectors.

We couldn't agree more with the Rolling Stone leaflet when it says we must look to ourselves-not pop stars and their ilk-if we are to transform our lives.

For further information contact; Rooty Hill Branch, Sydney Sewer Rats

## Remembers

by Lee Small

This May 3rd and 4th Ohio authorities tried a new strategy to tone down the memory of the four students murdered by National Guardsmen at Kent State in 1970. They gave rallying permits only to liberal pacifists who they had coopted, so that all demonstrators attending activities at Kent were under their control, while they also sent provocateurs into the more militant groups. The Yippies persistently fought this lie-low psychology with the real spirit of freedom and resistance of Kent and Jackson State.

Other things were done to lower the emotional and political impact of the May 4th commemorations. Classes were cancelled on Thursday May 4th to encourage students to leave on a four day weekend. The long silent candlelight march the evening of May 3rd, which was awesome to watch, was led on a desolate path around the outskirts of campus, away from students and others who would otherwise have seen and joined it.

The approved May 4th rally quietly proceeded as planned until the Yippies plugged in their speaker, Steve Conliff. Conliff, who is running for Governor against Rhodes (who originally called the National Guard to Kent State), wasn't allowed by rally organizers to speak despite strong support. Only after Conliff drew half the crowd's attention was he given official speaking time.



"A bunch of Yippies did it," he said of the storming of the fence. The Yippies said, 'Let's hit the fence,' and they did."-The New York Times, May 5th

coerced by the Yips into going by the gym construction site where the students were shot in 1970. A bunch of Yippies then stormed the fence. The cops responded with tear gas.

Earlier, when the march neared the construction site, Yippies chanting "Burn Rhodes Now" and "The Gym Comes Next" had set fire to an effigy

Gov. James A. Rhodes of Ohio called and picked the already fatigued Later the march around campus was | Guard troops for Kent in 1970 and has |

been instrumental in the attempted coverup of the murders.

Only two people were arrested the afternoon of the 4th, both Yippies. One was busted for climbing the fence and other trumped up charges. The other was grabbed while trying to stop the cops from beating up the first one. The arrest record for that evening is a different story that never made the straight press. Every young person potential demonstrator type was pulled off the streets of Kent and harassed

in the form of faulty or trumped-up arrests (i.e. jaywalking, open beer bottles, etc.), taken in to be photographed and I.D. checked or just illegally sear-

This was the last phase of the State attempt to cover up the Kent State memory; to scare away those who might come next year to remember the spirit in which the four students died.

The more the authorities try to cover our history up the more we will remember and return to fight again.

#### MOVE Surrenders, Walks

by Annie Gold

The police starvation blockade of the home of the radical ecology group MOVE in Philadelphia has come to an end with an unusual deal.

March 8th Mayor Rizzo of Philly decided starvation was in order for the group for their violation of a health ordinance. A four square block area around their home was fenced off to prevent press from viewing harassment of MOVE people and to keep others from attempting to give them

Philadelphians united together for many demonstrations against Rizzo's terror tactics. They formed human blockades around city hall, protested in front of newspaper buildings and demanded a halt to the concentration camp treatment of the group.

Rizzo finally began reacting to the widespread bad publicity his inhumanity was getting. In late April he offered food to the pregnant women and children. MOVE refused because

they didn't trust it, they wanted food for all their people and their dogs as

Meanwhile MOVE was making demands to Rizzo that didn't reach print. They wanted their four political prisoners, who had been jailed each around a year on trumped up charges, freed, and an end to the blockade and to police harassment against them.

On May 3rd MOVE surrendered, but got all their demands. The were arrested, but released on personal recognance. The four MOVE prisoners were set free. The fence blockade was removed, though they didn't take down their own fence around their house. They are still watched, but are less harassed. They are also not moving to New Jersey as the

MOVE sees the siege and their sur-render victorious. Chuck Africa explained to a YT reporter "You take an uncompromising stand and your going to get what you want...a handful of us blocked up the city for a year."

MOVE has plans to continue their struggle against repressive government despite the fact that as Conrad Africa put it "We've been beaten unconsious and back to consciousness fighting the system."

The repression of MOVE has only served to unite and politicize the people of Philadelphia. Chuck Africa said "You couldn't stop us nowhere and you can't stop us now."



By Pancho White Villa

Through the stench of exhaust fumes and the vapor of heat rising from the black asphalt of Interstate 70, the Longest Walk crossed the Indiana border into Ohio. On this past Memorial Day weekend over 300 members of the National Indian Coalition participated in this last leg of an incredible grueling cross-country journey. A sojourn that began on Februrary Ilth at Alcatraz Island and will end 3,000 miles away in Washington DC on July 15th.

Even in the intense midday heat of late May a strenuous double file pace is kept. The marchers are now covering anywhere from 25-35 miles a day

in their trek east.

At the head of the march are flowing multi-color banners and long flying, red, green and black ribbons of cloth. They are held aloft by brownskinned men with long, black hair, some worn in braids. Representatives of over 80 tribes follow. Their facial features and tone of skin create a study in the sculptured characteristics of a race of native people that permeates the Americas.

Among them, marching for nuclear disarmament, are a small group of Japanese Buddhists with sunbeaten shaven heads, and flowing light yellow robes. Intertwined is the constant chant of the Native People and the Buddists' consistent drumbeat. This drone is like the pace of the heart that serves to draw the spirit of the mar-

chers together.

To one side of the marchers the highway roars, at first unbearably and then ignored. Above this a confederate's voice is heard keeping gaps from forming in the march. Except for conversations in the buses, this is the only voice to be heard. For the most part, the marchers are remarkably silent.

Non-native supporters follow behind the Indians in solidarity. A bus and a few cars give relief to the marchers' blistered feet, as well as to those who need a rest. A small caravan of dusty road-beaten vehicles are filled with the orange, red, and green of sleeping gear and tents. They are adorned with the repetitive colorful ribbons of the march and bring up the rear.

In talking to the marchers, it is constantly stressed that this is not a protest march or demonstration in the more commonly accepted terms. No,

this is a march for survival of an entire race of people, their culture and tradition. The Longest March has been set up as a ceremony in the spiritual tradition of the Native American.

The marchers hope to gain grass roots support from the American people in stopping eleven repressive bills that would in effect destroy the culture of the American Indian. Comprehensively, they would take all land, water, mineral and fishing rights, destroy the tribal structure, abrogate all treaties and dismantle the reservation.

Ironically the marchers stop to camp only a few miles from Oldtown, Ohio, the birthplace of Tecumseh, the great 18th Century Shawnee chief. Tecumseh means "he moves from one spot to another." He followed in the footsteps of Pontiac, in an attempt to unite all the Native American tribes east of the Rocky Mountains. This great orator stressed the importance of preserving the Indian Culture and rejecting the ways of the white man. In many ways Clyde Bellecourt is not unlike him.

Clyde Bellecourt travels with the Longest Walk and is its national director. He is also a founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and director of an Indian survival school in Minneapolis.

Bellecourt is a well-built man who speaks with a moving, soft, but deep, committed voice. As Tecumseh sought to unite the Native Americans against encroachment of land thief by white settlers, Bellecourt speaks of a similar battle. This battle is not with the average American citizen but with the policies of the US government and the multinational corporations.

According to Bellecourt, vast quantities of uranium, coal, oil, and other resources remains largely undeveloped on Indian land. Through repressive legislation the corporations are attempting to steal these resources without giving the Indians any compensative control.

Bellecourt reminds us that "during the Gold Rush they pushed us onto desolate reservations. Still, our people survived. Now we are in an energy crisis and these resources become the black gold of today.

"When Schlesinger says that there is only 35 years of resources left in this country, and that new sources will have to be developed, he's talking about resources on Indian land."

Bellecourt claims that plans are already developed so "Rapid City, South Dakota will become the Pittsburg of the west. Within the very short time period of five yeas, 400,000 people will move into that area.

"Our reservation land will be a dustbowl and controlled by multinational corperations and the US government.

"We want to protect our natural resources and to develop them ourselves, so we will have an economic base." To demonstrate the need for this base, Bellecourt points out that "the average income of an Indian family is \$1,500 a year. We have a life expectancy of 43.5 years. 70% of all Indians live in substandard housing. Our educational average is 5.5 years, and in some areas we have a dropout rate of 90 to 100%."

According to Bellecourt the Longest Walk is part of a "cultural revolution going on that is so powerful that is going to explode. Many who joined the walk have been completely changed. Many do not want to go back to the city.

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"Where are we going after the walk? Half the people I have talked to are going back to the reservation."

Stressing how the cities are crumbling he says that: "Our survival pro-

gram is designed to deurbanize in order to protect our sovergnity. Our children must know the old ways in order to survive."

According to Bellecourt, the press and the US Government are constantly attempting to discredit and destroy the march. For example, Bellecourt believes that the FBI leaked false information to the press that resulted in ridiculous headlines such as "300 Angry Indians Will March on the Indianapolis 500."

Other members of the march recount that in another instance a Cincinnati organizer of the march dropped out after consistent FBI harassment. A week later he was run over by

Bellecourt points out that Operation Garden Plot was tested at Wounded Knee, "This was a new masterplan by the Nixon administration to use armed forces like they did at Kent State to quell civil disturbances." He stresses that "only public support stopped them from killing us. Nixon was very conscious of public opinion, and well over 50% of the public supported our occupation."

The same type of public support is needed with the Longest Walk. People along the march can organize to discount false notions fostered about the march in the press. It seems that the straight press can not do anything but make the marchers seem either trite or dangerous.

Supporters can also join the march, or gather donations of food, money, auto parts and summer clothing. It is also necessary to petition and write the Congress about the eleven bills that the Longest March denounces.

The march will culminate in Washington DC with a rally, the Fourth Indian Treaty Conference and the Fourth Indian Survival School Conference. A Red Manifesto will be drawn up at this time.

Bellecourt expects about 15,000 people to particpate in the rally on the 15th. With school out, many younger Indians will be able to join the march. There is already a caravan of 50 to 60 cars from California trying to catch up with the march. Many other Indians are coming down from Canada to meet the march in Pennsylvania. Every tribe in the US will be represented in Washington DC. As members of this march stress: "this is going to be the longest and the last march for the Indians."

Photo: Marygrace Weckesser

## To the People of the Eastern United States

We would like to introduce ourselves. We are the people of The Longest Walk. We are traveling through the Eastern United States at this time as a part of our walk to Washington DC. We are walking to Washington to resist termination legislation bills before the US Congress, bills that deny us our right to be Indian people. The creator made us a part of this earth, and now Senator Kennedy and the Congress want to end our peoples' natural existence by introducing unconstitutional bills and land theft legislation. These potential laws are in violation of the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. This does not just affect Indian people, Kennedy's bill HR 6869 (or SB 1437) includes everyone: the minorities, the

poor, and the middle class by repression. The right to demonstrate, the freedom to speak our minds, the right to gather in groups, the right to privacy and the freedom from unlawful arrest and search and seizure are some of the rights that become illegal under Kennedy's bill. The corporations and the government are affected in that they can use this bill to stop anti-war demonstrations, marches to Washington DC, the right to strike; any public grievances deemed unnecessary by this "New Corporate State" will be illegal. If the Kennedy bill and the 10 other anti-Indian peoples bills become law, the people of America must prepare for economic conditions to become worse

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## NY State Tries To Banthe Bong

by Michael Davids

The New York State Senate this week passed and sent to the Assembly legislation which would outlaw the sale of "drug-related paraphernalia" and "drug-related printed matter."

Sponsored by Queens Senator Frank Padavan, who led the opposition to marijuana decriminalization, the proposed law would provide business-license revocation and fines of up to \$10,000 per offense for selling (or offering for sale) any equiptment or device which is "used or intended to be used" to administer, enhance, conceal or test this purity of any "controlled substance," or for selling or offering for sale any "book, magazine, pamphlet, periodical, card or flier which is "intended" to advocate or recmmend use or possession of controlled substances, to "advertise, describe, explain or depict" any method of obtaining controlled substances, to advertise, describe, or explain paraphernalia.

You may have thought that the battle was over in New York. You may've been wrong; the ninnies are back, and they will win overwhelmingly unless the Assembly or the Governor turns back this latest assault of the diehards— and once again, for the millionth time, the Constitution is to be abolished to save us all from dope.

You should know, though, that because marijuana is no longer a 'controlled substance" in New York since the 7/29/77 effective date of decriminalization, this bill actually on-ly applies to other drugs, like cocaine. You should know that both the New

York and U.S. constitutions guarantee freedom of the press and of speech, and that this bill can probably never become effective law because of its blatent unconstitutionality.

If this bill ever were to become law,

though, it would attempt to put the Head Shop Industry out of business, along with High Times, Head, and other periodicals, like this journal. It would prevent publication of informa-tion about drugs, and prevent even the New York Times from describing drugs or their use in detail, or from accepting advertising of any product which could possibly be "intended" by someone to be used unlawfully. It would prevent purity testing, in order to make drug use more dangerous, and, while leaving no vestige of the Bill of Rights, it would establish a government of dictatorial whimsy in which any businessperson could be fined \$10,000 (repeatedly) and put out of business, based solely upon a catalog or display believed by any local health officer or attorney general to be intended by some imaginary prospective purchacer to be used in virtually any association with so-called "controlled substances."

Senator Padavan claims that the paraphernalia business has expanded rapidly to become a blight and a serious threat to our society. He says that "as gospels of the drug culture, these establishments urge the general public, and children in particular, to enjoy the escape of drugs." He probably believes it, though he and the senator are apparently unaware that their latest attack on marijuana doesn't even apply to marijuana.

But latest information reveals as startling change: Someone apparently told Frank Padavan about the Constitution. The Senate has rushed to vote again, on June 19th, on an ammended version which leaves out the prohibition of printed matter and substitutes a presumption to the effect that the mere possession of drugrelated printed matter shows the intent to use paraphernalia unlawfully.

Yipster Times' Albany smokesper-

son, from his position high above the State Capitol, tells us that the Senate will probably pass it again, after which the new version will go to the Assembly Consumer Affairs & Codes Committees.

Do tune in next week, to find out whether your State Senator has been institutionalized. If you don't want more bad news, write or call your Assemblyperson, and tell them what you think of this vicious, stupid nonsense.

If you don't know who represents you, ask the League of Women Voters. And don't forget to remind the Governor how many voters want to see this one vetoed, so we don't have to fight it in the Courts for years.

Rock & Roll Is Here to Stay (but some people just won't accept defeat graciously.) Maybe, though, if we can turn back the diehards decisively now, the way will be cleared for full legalization before too long.

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## Stop Blacklists—Boycott Hair!

David Peel, the granddaddy of Punk, has been having a run of bad luck. Dave's relations with New Wave Queen Patti Smith have deteriorated to insults and abuse. Just last weekend in Washington Square Park she had to cool him out with a few good swift savate-type kicks below the belt.

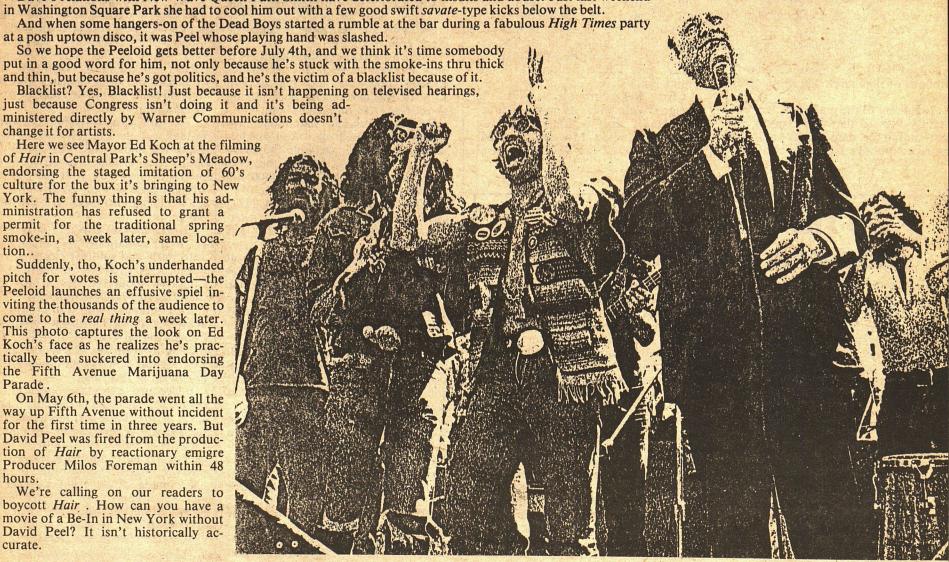
And when some hangers-on of the Dead Boys started a rumble at the bar during a fabulous High Times party at a posh uptown disco, it was Peel whose playing hand was slashed. So we hope the Peeloid gets better before July 4th, and we think it's time somebody put in a good word for him, not only because he's stuck with the smoke-ins thru thick and thin, but because he's got politics, and he's the victim of a blacklist because of it. Blacklist? Yes, Blacklist! Just because it isn't happening on televised hearings,

change it for artists. Here we see Mayor Ed Koch at the filming of Hair in Central Park's Sheep's Meadow, endorsing the staged imitation of 60's culture for the bux it's bringing to New York. The funny thing is that his administration has refused to grant a permit for the traditional spring smoke-in, a week later, same loca-

Suddenly, tho, Koch's underhanded pitch for votes is interrupted—the Peeloid launches an effusive spiel inviting the thousands of the audience to come to the real thing a week later. This photo captures the look on Ed Koch's face as he realizes he's practically been suckered into endorsing the Fifth Avenue Marijuana Day

On May 6th, the parade went all the way up Fifth Avenue without incident for the first time in three years. But David Peel was fired from the production of Hair by reactionary emigre Producer Milos Foreman within 48

We're calling on our readers to boycott Hair. How can you have a movie of a Be-In in New York without David Peel? It isn't historically ac-



### Norml & High Times Take the Bait

## Paraquat Hoax Exposed

by Michael Chance

Paraquat is everywhere. One encounters it at parties, on street corners, in the media daily. The only place it doesn't seem to be turning up in abundance is in marijuana, where, allegedly, it is poisoning the potheads. of America.

As a hoax, a story which has no basis in fact, but instead feeds off the fears and unknowns in the public mind, the paraquat plot was a stone success, encountering no rivals in recent historical media hype. Not even the fearsome tales of LSD causing sun blindness, the 1973 oil cutoff, or swine flu tricked so many people so quickly. And as for deeper ramifications of the paraquat story, the people who perpetrated the lie for personal glory and political power, there should be dues to pay

Now that the smoke has somewhat cleared on the issue, and those people reported to be on their paraquat deathbeds have now risen from the grave and rejoined the living it is time to ponder the significance of this great Tom-foolery. What it means to the people who smoke dope and what it says about the pro-pot organizations charged with providing a touchstone for reality, a responsibility quickly abdicated in favor of personal ego trips.

The story first broke in early 1977 with little fanfare. What began as a ten inch sidebar to an article in High Times magazine on Operation Condor, the Mexican government's war against pot farmers in a small region in the state of Sinaloa, soon mushroomed into a rolling bandwagon that attracted pro-pot lobbyists, right-wing media mavens, politicos and an army of opportunists. By the time the story had reached its peak there were terrified people in hospitals in a half-dozen states who believed they were dying of paraquat poisoning, in part because of the general inclination of doctors to oppose pot and terrorize their patients, and partly because the pothead generation is of a particularly suggestible consciousness. Commercial carpetbaggers offering paraquat identifiers and emulsifiers abounded. Indeed, so many testing kits hit the market that a sub-school of knowledge developed on the various merits of the kits themselves. Everywhere, people lived in fear of the poisoned weed.

At the height of the great quat plot people turned to Recognized Laboratories, as the DEA terms them, to shed light. It just proved to affirm Mark Twain's observation that figures don't lie, but liars figure. It also proved P.T. Barnum's most famous observation. One is reminded of the midsixties scare stories that appeared in the media claiming scores of acid-dazed people were staring at the sun until they burned out their retinas. It was a good gimmick and stopped a lot of people from dropping acid.

In the case of paraquat, the media crime of the century, the Recognized Labratory playing patsy for the Law Enforcement and Foreign Policy powers that executed the hoax has been Searle Laboritories of Chicago. Searle benevolently offered to test pot for frightened heads. A few days later they issued a report that was to become a bible for cops, media sensationalists and NORML spokespeople. The report sent to the Wisconsin Attorney General's office, said their

analysis of 40 randomly contributed samples of Mexican pot yielded paraquat contamination on all but one sample, 39 out of 40. And, now get this, they also claimed to have found that 30% of all "exotic" pots—Hawiian, Colombian, Thai, et al, were also tainted with paraquat.

Let us consider this for a moment. First the figures for Mexican pot. The mathematical possibility of the miniscule amount of pot acreage sprayed in Mexico, logarithed by the amount that was then allegedly harvested in its death throes by the Mexicans in the 24 hours they would have had to harvest and cure pot-because you cannot pack or ship fresh weed until it is dried or it will turn into compost-logarithed by the amount that would then have made it by the highly scrutinizing eyes of the wholesale buyers, who if they were stupid enough once to miss the mulched and grungy quat pot in the world of dealing barracuda's would never have another chance to make the same mistake, logarithed by the amount that would then have wound itself to the streets of Chicago to mix at a 95% ratio with the megatons of pot that weren't touched with paraquat, totals up to an improbability dimmer than those people who unhesitatingly accepted the figures. Among those were Time magazine, the news services, and hundreds of local media outlets, as well as Frank Fiormonti, of New York NORML, who used Searle's figures of a televised editorial.

As for the deduction by this Recognized Laboratory that 30% of all "exotic" pots were toxic with paraquat, that is not simply hyperbolic—but the traditional Big Lie. Paraquat has been used on marijuana only in Mexico. Any pot other than Mexican that turned up sprayed would have had to have been sprayed by the sender, if, in fact there was paraquat found at all

found at all. But if figures provided by the Recognized Laboratory were not suspect enough, one must always approach with caution as possible propaganda any statements pertaining to law enforcement matters that are issued from Chicago. Chicago is to law enforcement culture what Detroit is to the car, Hollywood is to the movie, Cedar Rapids to pigs: a political, cultural and media capitol for the powerbrokers in these singleindustry towns. The Chicago Tribune, for instance, is the unofficial national FBI leak source. Whenever the FBI wants to float a trial story, or an alibi story, or a hoax, they plant it in the Tribune and other media across the country can pick it up from there. A classic example was provided by the FBI during the 1976 presidential elections, when a mysterious story appeared in the Trib purporting that a group of American radicals and revolutionary Cubans were threatening to kill Jerry Ford. A few days later the [\*...?] was busted, and the FBI promptly pointed to the media coverage which had sprouted from the planted story as evidence that the people they had captured were particularly desperate characters. In the in-telligence trade this gambit is called Machine, a the Tomorrow sophisticatedform psychopropaganda warfare that would have made Goebbels salivate with envy.

But these things are secondary. It is given that scientists and cops are going to fabricate stories about marijuana. They are the hardware and software of capitalist law, pledged and paid to destroy threats to the medical and investment aristocracy that stands to lose most with the legalization of pot. People who accept and digest such information risk not only burning out their brains with junk-knowledge, but the much more serious danger of becoming an unwitting dupe of the source of the propaganda, making them, in effect, crypto-cops.

No, one cannot hold the cops, scien-

No, one cannot hold the cops, scientists and media to blame. It was the pro-pot groups, particularly NORML, who pursued the myth the furthest. One of the earliest to fall for the story was High Times magazine. Aureliano Segundo, Associate Editor in charge of the News Department, originally broke the story and tried to keep it from getting out of hand when he realized its danger. But, as he explains, the clamor by the ruling elite of High Times for a sensationalist approach overpowered the voice for a more cautious and factual approach.

more cautious and factual approach. "We had known for some time they were spraying herbicides on the pot, and had wondered if it just killed the pot and dried it, leaving it dead but salable. For a while there were rumors from our Mexican street sources that Agent Orange left over from the Vietnam war was being used. I called Craig Pyes, our stringer in that area, and asked him for the poop. He reported back that it was definitely not Agent Orange, but 2,4-D, a similar but less ominous variation.

"A few days later, this all happened the first few weeks of January, 1977, I ran across an editorial in a New Orleans newspaper, the Times Picayune I believe, taking the State Department to task for wasting a fortune in taxpayers money by sending it to the Mexican government to be used against pot. The editorial was based on what they called a "secret government report" by an Agriculture Department biochemist, Dr. Walter Gentner. Gentner had been sent to assess the worth of the Operation Condor, as it was termed. He reported that there was enormous waste, particularly in the prices paid by the government for the herbicides para-

quat and 2,4-D. Then, almost as as afterthought, the report mentioned that paraquat could be harmful should it be inadvertantly consumed. I called Craig Pyes again and asked him about paraguat?"

Craig Pyes then contacted Dr. Walter Gentner and asked him about the herbicides. "He said that he believed they were using Agent Orange because he saw the empty barrels, but it turned out to be 2,4-D," Pyes later recalled. "But even then he said that the paraquat being used on the marijuana was potentially dangerous." Gentler's report had said that paraquat "has caused more deaths, both intentional and unintentional, than any herbicide I know."

Segundo incorporated this information into a story for the Highwitness news section for the June issue of High Times. It mentioned the Gentner Report's gloomy prediction that paraquat could be dangerous but it ignored the fact that Gentner had meant the danger was to the workers, not to any smokers. This was the first link in a chain of deceptions that has enslaved the minds of 15 million pot smokers.

Segundo himself has confessed that his actions were based on sensationalist appeal. "You have to realize that the country is obsessed with self right now. In times of peace people turn inward, so you have the self-awareness movements, the health movements, the anti-cancer and anti-smoking crusades, all the egotistical and self-centered highlights of the lifestyle that Tom Wolfe calls the Me Generation. I mean, look at the Red Dye Number Two, and aerosol spray can scares. This stuff sells magazines."

Because of *High Times* four-month lead time, the story went out on the magazine's news service in January. Scores of underground newspapers ran the story and politicians started climbing aboard the bandwagon as it gained momentum.

One of the first was Illinois Republican Representitive Charles Percy, who shot off letters to DC asking if the charges in the underground press were true, and what was being done about it. He was told by a State Department official that it was none

### Grass War = Class War Mexico's Struggle For Land

Behind the hype and hysteria are the real victims of paraquat sprayings: poor Mexican farmers. The spraying has its roots in Mexico's land war.

For the past decade landless peasants have been occupying and farming some of the immense haciendas legally owned by Mexico's feudal aristocracy. Landlords have hired bands of pistoleros to remove the squatters, but the peasants have armed themselves also.

In December of '76, outgoing Mexican President Luis Echevarria, as one of his last acts of office, issued a decree giving legal title to hundreds of thousands of acres of occupied land to the squatters—including acreage taken in a massive wave of seizures in Sinaloa just before the change of Administrations.

President Lopez Portillo, Echevarria's successor, is closely tied to banking interests and the land-owning aristocracy. Not surprisingly, his backers are not pleased with passage of title to those who work the land.

Paraquat spraying has been used only in Sinaloa State, Mexico, in a plot by the vested interests to drive uppity peasants back off the land. Ofcourse, a lot of Mexican pot comes from Sinaloa, which is relatively close to the US, and bigger than California. Large marijuana rancheros

elsewhere can afford the payoffs necessary to avoid being sprayed. It is only the impoverished peon who grows just enough corn to feed his family, with pot planted between the rows as a cash crop, whose family is being deliberately poisoned thru their food like cucharachas.

The scene is chillingly reminiscent of defoliation and the US "resettlement" schemes in Vietnam: his food crop as well as his pot crop destroyed, our peon is forced to look for work, joining the army of unemployed rural laborers. The land reverts to the banks, and then the feudal latifundistas.

It's no coincidence the Mexican spraying program utilizes paraquat instead of Agent Orange, 2-4D, or any of the other poisons so popular in Nam. Paraquat is the "neutron bomb" of defoliants. Unlike the others, which can leave land barren for twenty years, paraquat breaks down in the soil rather quickly.

The Americans in Vietnam knew they would be kicked out, and had no qualms about leaving the countryside a wasteland. Those who are running the Mexican program expect to be planting the land themselves next year, and use the highly degradable paraquat.



Flushed with triumph after May 6th, Yipster-Times editors got further positive news: America's most famous fugitive and Yippie! founder, Abbie Hoffman, wanted to talk to A.J. and Dana, to give us the interview every straight mediaperson has been dying to get since Abbie was screwed over by PLAYBOY.

Transported by means too tedious and banal to recount in this space, our intrepid investigative reporters found their source waiting in a confidential room, somewhere, [no one was sure].

Upon first seeing, Abbie looked totally different. His nose, his eye shape, his lip shape, the cartilege in his ears, his hair, chin angle, forehead shape, his eye color and skin tone—even his size and shape had changed! Abbie was disguised as an enormous black woman.

Then AJ and Dana got their second shock: Abbie changed shape, chameleon-like, before their very eyes, until he resembled one of the small, grey inhabitants of Eridani-IV from an old Star Trek episode.

While our researchers were still seeking to ascertain where he'd learned that trick, Abbie began speaking—and they knew it was him.

Then Hoffman settled into the shape he kept most of the interview: an FBI agent wearing a dark three-piece suit.

In fact, he said it was alright to reveal that he regularly hangs out near the New York Field Office of the FBI, and that he walks past it all the time without fear. The only way they'll ever catch up with him will be to finger-print everyone within a ten-block radius of this office—quite a job.

(But consider, as you read, that they're already doing it in Brazil.)

AH: What are we going to do with this thing?

DB: Well, an interview, I guess. Anybody who wants to use it can reprint it from the Yipster Times.

AH: Yeah, it looks that way. Okay, uh we'll say about an hour-and-a-half? We'll see how it goes. I have to apologize for doing it this quickly, but as soon as I got in the city I started putting it together—and then I just wanted to go.

I've only been here one other time in New York, no two actually. I came for the Phil Ochs concert. I almost left the planet right after that. I was recognized about 26 times in a ten-minute period—I was nervous. I drank an entire bottle of tequila just to keep my mouth shut.

**DB:** Well, anyway—I guess the big question is uh, I talked to Bill Kunstler. He said he'd talked to you

AH: Uh huh.

DB: And I talked to Jerry, who gave me a different story...so I don't really know what your plans are for the 10th Anniversary of Chicago. I'm certain our readers would like to know about the commemoration.

AH: Ah—what's going to happen—the tenth anniversary.

**DB:** To a lot of people in the Yippies the big events are not what happened ten years ago,—but what happened last week, and what's going to happen this summer. There's kids who are like fourteen, who weren't able to be around for the preceding chapters of the story.

AH: Well, it's important to maintain a historical continuity.

DB: I know a lot of lies have been put out in the media about the ultimate intention of the Yippies in going to Chicago. I always thought the Yippies had peaceful intentions—but they went knowing that they might get their heads beaten in, but they were just, like...tired of being stifled.

AH: You mean ten years ago?

DB: Yeah.

AH: They went to change the world.

**DB:** Oh, I know that. I've seen situations where we could go in and do our thing, though, and not get vamped on, and *could* change opinion. One of the things about Yippie has always been the ability to enunciate certain concepts and put out certain images right at the moment, you know, which will *sway* the masses from

backing one side to backing the other. And I felt the reason they really came down heavy in Chicago—the way it appeared on TV (I had to watch it from Canada, in exile, on TV), and what I saw happening was that people—who came there to converse and to reason with other people—weren't given even a chance. Symbolically, the MC5 was turned off the minute they started to turn on. The MC5 want to play this August, you know that? A lot of people want to get together for this...well, it's good.

AH: It should be remembered.

There's been a misconception, I think, with the passage of Daley and Humphrey...with their dying...they just started to look better and better, and therefore the events of that period are distorted. And when Mayor Daley starts to look pretty good, and it becomes less and less a police riot as history goes on, especially when we get blamed for putting Nixon in the White House...

**DB:** That was very educational for the American people—to have Nixon in the White House...they could've been flim-flammed forever, you know?

AH: In terms of Daley or Humphrey, —well I don't know—it's a nice feeling though, to outlive the people who were trying to beat the shit out of you...

**DB:** I don't think people realize, or recognize the repressive potential of liberals, including the ones who are in now. They don't realize those people are prepared to be just as repressive when you become successful, and you actually convert their base over to your side.

AH: Right.

**DB:**What did you expect when you went? Chicago must have been like going down the rollercoaster.

AH: What did I expect when I went to Chicago? I expected them to give us a permit, and for them to do what they did in New York. I expected Daley to act like, ah, Lindsay—that other people would be putting power on him to let it just happen. Then I realized, of course, that if they had let it happen there was just going to be such a huge outcry at the time that they had to sort of stop it.

So, it was touch and go, you know?

**DB:** Well, when did you become aware of the fact that they were not going to give you what you wanted? You must've known the week

before..?

AH: No, I didn't know—because it was a long event, over several days—so that you expected—even though they beat the shit out of you the night before—that the next night they would realize that their policy of containment through repression wasn't truthful; wasn't paying off.

**DB:**Were you guys trying to get to the Convention site?

AH: We came with far less radical assumptions than when we left—about this society. I mean, we entered the park with far less radical assumptions about US society, free speech, and what you'd be allowed to do at conventions, than we left with. We came much less radicalized—left much more radicalized.

We expected them to give in, you know? To allow people to sleep in the park, and ah...maybe try to contain through, assimilation, give us some food, maybe. That everybody in the country recognized that that was the correct approach, I think all of them... But we were dealing with powerful forces.

**DB:** Do you think they thought there was a danger that peace forces would take over the Convention?

AH: It was...it was incredible...uh, 'take over the convention?' No.

DB: Similar to what happened, you know Wendell Willkie got nominated as Republican in 1940 because people in the balcony started chanting, "We Want Willkie," and people on the floor couldn't make up their mind what to do.

AH: I'm not as strong an advocate of the notion of conspiracies as much as misinformation. And they had very, very little idea of where we were coming from in terms of our whole cultural orientation.

DB: Well, what was their conception? What was the reality?

AH: Their conception was that we were urban guerrillas.

DB: What was your conception?

AH: I'm not sure we had one. Our conception was that we were in the vanguard of a new culture. We were part of a new culture, and this was a presentation of the culture. And a presentation of its clash with the dominant culture. We had determined not to alibi—alibi means that you get dressed up when you went to negotiate,

that you spoke the language of the official...you drank with them, or whatever it was-you entered into their culture just by saying that you wanted to negotiate.

We came as if we were negotiating a war battle-you know, negotiating treaties.

We had a clear distinction between them and us, and didn't try to modify our culture, or our approach it in any way.

DB: Did negotiations go on right up to the end, or what ...?

AH: Oh, right through. Right through! We kept on talking all the time: "Come on, you guys. We didn't put LSD in the water! It can't even be done for chrissakes, you're a bunch of assholes! Why don't you do this right,-why don't you just, you know, open up! Give us some fucking pot and stop beating the SHIT out

They couldn't handle it. They couldn't handle the whole approach. You see, it was just something entirely new. I don't think that the situation exists today in Chicago.

DB: There's places in the country.

AH: Yeah, there are isolated places, and there are places around the world-but still, they know enough, you know-they know that the battle is fought on television. That was a great secret that we had in the anti-war movement.

The Pentagon fought the battle in the newspapers, and we were on television. They just didn't have it in their minds that this was a way in which people were getting their images. And their communication, things like that. Now they understand, they're much more sophisticated.

DB: They keep us out of the television as much as they can!

AH: I've been in Europe for a while so I've been watching-you know even in a capitalist society like France, you can pick up a variety of daily newspapers that have a very strong point of view...that you couldn't find throughout this entire country. You practically don't find any kind of journalism with a point of view.

So, we're supposed to be a big democracy -we don't have it. What I'm saying is that control of information is so sophisticated in this country that I think it was almost a lucky break that the Vietnam war happened in history, when there was a big cultural change going on in terms of communication. It's almost like the Gutenberg bible comes along, and like 10% of the population is reading it and saying,"Hey, printing's coming, and this is going to be some fuckin' thing!," you know? And the rest of the people are doing illuminated manuscripts—it was that kind of a moment in history. So there was a war-and we were able to overcome our racism and isolationism, and identify with these people-Vietnamese who are fighting against US imperialism— and became part of a global

The Pentagon People, the people from the other culture-weren't able to experience any kind of global feeling. That was, ah-very exciting. Europeans talk about that period as one that will be important for another hundred or two hundred years in the history of world civilization. They said that was the first time that a people rose up against its own army in Western military history. I couldn't find another example. So it's the first time that the population rose up and said, 'You know, we don't want to fight in the war,' 'War is bad.'

DB: France itself-all during the colonial

AH: No, nothing like this, though—these were French intellectuals, who studied the whole

AJ: There were riots during the civil war...draft-riots but not like millions and millions of people. It's true, it's true.

This has discouraged America from getting involved in any kind of anti-communist military action, anywhere.

AH: Absolutely. Absolutely, but of course. they are involved. I mean, the CIA was into Angola, I mean it's been active during all the

AJ: Not with American troops...that was

AH: Uh, right...It's a change in policy, I guess. Maybe the soldiers that are going to have to die for American Imperialism are going to be better paid for it. But I mean, somebody's gonna do the fighting.

AJ: I don't know, though. Look what happened in Afghanistan last week. There seems to be a pretty firmly-established communist coup right on the doorstep of Iran...a strategic coun-

AH: Uh-huh, very strategic, yeah. Left-wing military coups, though, leave me a minor shiv-

AJ: They may be having a communist party chief as their premier. He's also a KGB agent, he worked with the American Embassy there for

AH: Well, from what I've read about Afghanistan-it looked like a positive step.

AJ: No more Afghani hash... DB: They're not going to interfere with

Afghani hash. AJ: Ha, ha ha-vou wanna bet?

DB: My information is that they're not going to interfere with it 'cause they need the foreign

AJ: A lot of that hash goes to Russia, I'm sure. The people, you know.

AH: Oh yeah, they do-right.

DB: Well look, that is an aside, I wanted to ask (before we get off the subject totally): you went in to Chicago, right? And one of the things that people say now about the Yippies alot is that at that time—we projected much more than

Like, Robin Palmer came around, and he said, "We never had anything like this!," you

AH: Like what?

media coverage. But it was the indictments-that was what the big media was about.

DB: I'm not asking about that, I'm asking: What preparations did they make? Here you are, the week before Chicago, you're sitting down and putting it all together-the way it's finally going to be. Yippies want to know this...the people who read Yipster Times.

AJ: In other words, Dana is ready to restage the whole Chicago demonstration..

DB: It might be a good idea, if we had the

AH: You could have, ah ... AJ: ...make a movie out of it.

AH: Well, Yippies-like god-shouldn't repeat themselves.

## "It's a nice feeling to outlive the people who were trying to beat the shit out of you."

DB: Well, like the whole East Bleecker scene. You'd have to see the whole scene to appreciate what I mean. It's proliferated, anyway. But he compared it to the "big media image" then..

AH: You're raising, ahh, a philosophical

DB: What I wanted to know was ..

AH: Oh, I thought you wanted to know the answer to that ..

DB: Given that this is widely said, what kind of images, or media-preparations that you made-that they were that afraid of, that were that effective. I mean, to an extent it was, huh?

AH: (laughing)You'll need Rosemary Woods to edit this...you asked a question, I was going to answer it for ya', I missed the second question 'cause I was into the first.

DB: No, no...They're actually interrelated, but I'm saying: it's like a small band of

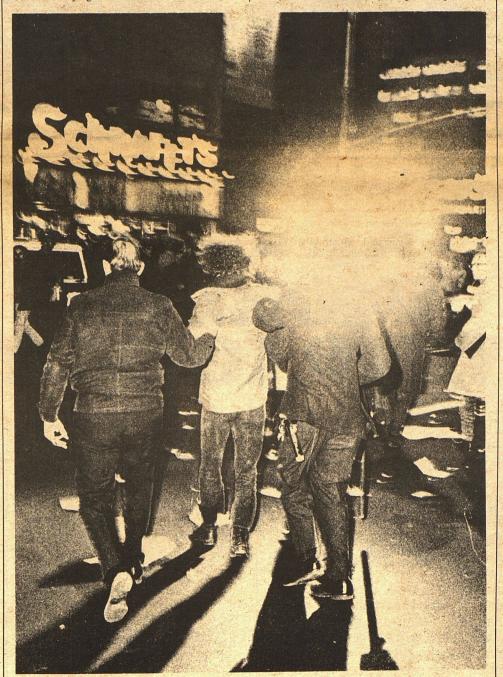
DB: We're not trying to repeat ourselves.

AH: I think that it was a combination of events that culminated then. Number one, you had a chaotic moment in history—when things were more-or-less up for grabs. Johnson had just resigned, the first president to be ousted from the streets. He was out. There had been a couple of assassinations: Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, that threw people into states of...unsettledness

AJ: Right, right.

AH: And there was the fighting in Vietnam that the US seemed locked into, so out came this force that was going to oppose it, and wasn't going to be bought-off, cajoled, or whatever means the establishment had of repressing that dissent-wasn't going to be beaten-off.

And, of course, we had come out of a long series of demonstrations, and gatherings so that



guys-it's exactly like a guerrilla army-a small band of guys goes in with a very advanced technique, and they wipe out a HUGE force that far outnumbers them.

AH: That's right. Right.

DB: What did you have in the way of images, specific media...I saw the kind of media you did in '72, and it wasn't like...

AH: We had more support.

DB:We had more support in '68... from ar-

AJ: It was the novelty of the thing, and the fact that Yippie was just on the scene for the first time. It must have affected the widespread they, the administration, could've expected—rightly or wrongly—depending on their own paranoia, or their own good intelligence, who knows-there could've been 20 times the number of people that were there.

DB: If there hadn't been threats of violence

there would've been. AH: Yes, there would've been.

DB: And, if in fact all—a great deal of the left had not said, 'Oh, we can't go to Chicago-there might be violence!'

AH: There would've been, but the ...

DB: It wasn't respectable. AH: But there were just enough people to make the point, and there was just enough innocence on our side, and guilt on their side, so that villains and heroes were created. And in creating villains and heroes the rest of the population had to choose—they had to choose vicariously, and they were being pressed. When you have a movement in the streets—you press people to make decisions. I mean, there were people watching on television, and they ran away from their dinners; they had fights with their parents and ran out of the house and got on the plane, and came to Chicago.

The situation kept building over the days, and of course it was splitting the entire world...during that whole period; that year there wasn't a city in the world-not Rio, Mexico City, Tokyo, Rome, Paris, Prague...where this wasn't occuring-the same cultural split. So, it happened at a correct moment in history. You can't reduplicate those exact same factors to make that happen again.

DB: So basically what it was was that you had a group of people who had gone to many demonstrations, who knew how to work together, and they just went in and rose to the

AH: We had a local base in Chicago. We had an active counter-cultural community. We had good methods of communication on our own, I won't call it underground, 'cause it wasn't exactly underground, that was a misuse of the term, of course. I'm finding out! But we had countercultural communication methods that were very sophisticated, you know? And they were beginning to match the sophistication of above-ground media.

AH: Well, we had the wire-service, LNS, that was very good. We had a method and a language that other people didn't understand, and a method of presentation. They said, 'Oh if the cover looks like that, I'm with that, that's part of my identity,' and you could communicate through those people. You could stand at a press conference and talk in such a way-be communicative-it was almost like blacks talking to blacks, you know what I mean-they say, 'Oh, there's one of us,' and then they listen. They don't listen to the rest of the news, or the cultural presentation. So there was, ah-there was some sympathy growing in the press at this time. Don't forget, people were getting pissed about the Vietnam war, that was of course the ultimate factor.

There was a sort of grand purpose; moral purpose, righteous indignation that people felt on a gut level-with an object and a goal in mind, and out of that grew all sorts of other issues, other consciousness expansion. Today this society's scene is much more complex, it's not a them-and-us mentality...I don't have it, and I don't think that most people do. I mean, I have all my antipathy against the system, but -Do I pay taxes-I pay taxes under different names, you see-well, some jobs-it's just taken out. I've had several of them. DB: What was your response to the rest of

that other thing that I said, that you got cut off from the second half of the question?

AH: About what kind of ah, weapons did we bring in a sense; what were our advantages?

DB: No, not just what were your advantages, I was thinking more, more in specific terms. I remember all the stuff they did in '72-the Republican Convention, where they had, like, exhibits—Expo— they had this whole thing...They did different demonstrations with the big names a couple of nights down by the Convention Hall.

AH: I don't know what you, uh...oh, '72!—we switched; we switched.

DB: I wasn't there in '68, so I just don't know-I wish I did ...

AH: I've been to conventions since '64, so I got a whole other orientation about conventions in the '60s. I'm older, I'm a grandfather, almost-in a year or so.

DB: In '64,...

AH: Yes, I was working in the South...

DB: They went, and they were a part of the convention, the protesters; as far as the coverage: I'm looking at the civil rights protesters-and the way it came across.

AH: We were welcomed inside, we were liberal heroes.

DB: I think that you can say that they were afraid of a repetition of you getting welcomed in

AH: Yes, I think that, ahh-Who was 'they,' though?

DB: The regular Democrats, Cold War

AH: Well, In '64 we were welcomed inside, and we were sort of the heroes of the Convention. But the Convention was being controlled outside of the Convention; in other words it was a Democratic facade thing, and that was all set up for SHOW, when behind the scenes Lyndon Johnson had Hubert Humphrey and said,"If you don't get those niggers and queers off the boardwalk, you're not gonna be Vice President.'

And they start callin' up people, you know, and "Your husband's supposed to be a

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Peace Breaks Out

## SMOKE-INS SWEED COUNTRY

Ann Arbor; Atlanta; Grand Junction, Colorado—for 3 consecutive weekends, April 1st, 7th, and 14th, organizers at Smoke-In Central noted the out-and-out police riots at these 3 Smoke-Ins, probing for the level of federal direction, comparing the ominous signs of what might be in store for the 5th Avenue Pot Parade this year unless a handle could be gotten on the NY Police before May 6th.

day, because it proved the p

For the past two years massed riot police had turned the 5th Avenue Pot Parade aside at 23rd Street; last year there was isolated clubbing and gassing after a breakaway protest march on the U.N.

It wasn't easy—but the first indications of a break came as early as Amherst, on April 22nd, just a week after the Grand Junction police riot. In Amherst, Massachusetts, where heavy narc intimidation and one actual arrest dispersed last fall's harvest festival, thousands toked up to the accompaniment of five bands from New York, Maine and Massachusetts with spirited raps by Aron Kay and Dana Beal—and without a single cop even being visible all day!

Local Yippie! Russ Swann reported that authorities, after first getting heavy, backed off in the middle of the week and offered a deal: no cops, if the toking was confined to U. Mass campus, 2 miles from downtown.

Peaceful Protests Pre-dominate
This became the pattern in Iowa
City—where 500 toked up and protested paraquat while watching a
thunder storm approach—at Hash
Wednesday in Champagne-Urbana,
Illinois; at both Bloomington smokeins (Indiana and Illinois); at the
Oshkosh, Wisconsin toke-down and

literally dozens of others where 500-1,000 freex turned out to turn on. In one small town after another—at protests directly challenging local police abuses—fuzz were conspicuous in their absence.

Analysts at Smoke-in Central (212-533-5028) immediately saw that higher authorities, realizing a

hundred-odd smoke-ins were scheduled in less than a month, calculating that a few more Atlantas would set off a chain reaction thru the media, like the anti-nuke furor, had overruled the hardliner feds intent on new methods and hardware (like the mobile booking units on buses in Ann Arbor, for mass arrests without mass jailing).

Met everywhere with confidence and determination to turn a single arrest into mass turn-ins, mass jailings, and bail solidarity (ie, nobody leaves 'til charges are dropped against everyone), narc nerve snapped.

Yippies Take Offensive
One week after Amherst, we put into effect Plan B: If police are avoiding confrontation, the time is obviously ripe to go looking for them.

The Kent Memorial Smoke-In at Cleveland, April 30th, was going pleasantly but too uneventfully for the organizers, with 1,500 heads gathered in a sunny park under the chill winds off Lake Erie.

Mayor Dennis Kuchinich had just announced a crackdown on toking up at rock concerts, but not a single cop could be found all afternoon—in direct eyesight of the City Jail—who would enforce it for waiting TV crews.

Finally the high command of the the

gubernatorial campaign of long-time smoke-in organizer Steve Conliff egged the crowd on over to the steps of the jail, where inmates upstairs chanted along until the TV crews arrived

That night on the 11 o'clock news was obvious the concert in the park was totally ignored. Only police confronting demonstrators was news. And they were still only willing to bring out three cops and one squad car, to deal with 400-500 people on their jail steps.

Smoke-In organizers improved the approach the next day, Cannabis Monday, in Carbondale, Illinois, where 1,000 heads investigating the mysterious total disappearance of law enforcement from their event, went downtown, first to the city center, then occupied the adjacent Interstate Highway for 30 minutes. Only then did police arrive, as freex were already wending their way back to the park—against oneway traffic during rush hour—causing the most monumental traffic jam in Carbondale history.

Lucky Breaks

The Washington Post editorialized bemoaning that protests against para-

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Photo: Donna Ferrato



Police first went beserk when New Mexico Yipster Cabin Lance, here being arrested, non-violently linked arms with somebody being busted for a joint.

by Howard DeDuck

"You can't single out a certain person in the crowd. You just start swinging at anyone out there," reasoned Captain Fred Becker. With that, the Grand Junction Police Department, aided by the Mesa County Sheriff's Department, Colorado Highway Patrol, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and the FBI, violently attacked the First Annual Grand Junction Free Festival, held April 15th.

The scene was peaceful that morning when scouts checked the park, appropriately named Lincoln Park. Three out of town visitors had braved the rain and drizzle all night, determined to be the first participants of the Smoke-In. The sky was solid clouds.

Back at "Head" quarters, Yippies from five states began the last minute arrangements and discussed final strategy.

At ten o'clock another group left to reconnoitre continued page 14

Carbondale's First Smoke-In and Festival of Life

## Camnabis Monday!

by Kevin Rogers

Mayday, International Workers Day, was a beautiful day in Carbondale, Illinois. Not only was the weather beautiful, but apathy evaporated and the people turned out heavily for our first Smoke-In and Festival of Life. The crowd grew quickly on the

grassy free speech area in front of S. Ill. Univ's Administration building. Unfortunately, the band that was going to play cancelled that morning due to equipment problems, but we set up a PA and tape-deck as the crowd grew to over 500 happy freex. Many people had already started playing acoustic instruments keeping everyone entertained, while others played frisbee, or just toked away in the tightly-knit crowd sitting on the grass. Although the smokers were sitting close, it must have been to pass joints, for no uniformed police could be seen. SIU security coppers said earlier they would be there with cameras but would make no busts. There were so many cameras there, we couldn't tell who were the narcs and who were the counternarcs. It didn't matter, the people smoked freely. Some people wore masks, and painted faces in protest of the narc's feeble threats. The

administration offered no problems, and said they would support our first amendment rights to the fullest, except our potsmoking-still, no problems! The scene was complete when our 12 foot chicken-wire and bed-sheet joint arrived and was paraded through the still growing mass.

I officially kicked it off by welcoming everyone and explaining that we were there for more than just another big party, we were there because we all believe pot laws should be abolished and pot prisoners released immediately, also to protest against the amerikan government poisoning of the people on this continent.

Locally we were calling for an immediate end to SIU involvement and support of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG). MEG, a name

despised throughout Illinois by dealer and user alike, is a vigilante group of narcs sponsored through state funds, \$30,000 of which comes from SIU, along with two security coppers to boot. Although lack of accountability in funding, frame-ups, illegal search and seizure, hardcore drug use among agents, and brutality have been proven in many MEG cases—they still receive annual budget allocations, and even increases! MEG busts are mainly centered on middle-men and users, although local director Richard Pariser claims their goal is to clean up the big traffickers. Their yearly task is to make enough busts in the dorms (where all the big dealers stay,) to make sure they get the budget money over the summer. These always come down during their famous 6 a.m. finals week raid each semester.

Bob Angel of NYC and Ben Masel of DC had made it down the hight before, and were both extremely helpful with last minute details. They both agreed to speak at the event, Old Main, shortly after the Kent State

massacre in May, 1970.

The people were having fun and sticking together even though we of-fered no live music. This made my day, because it proved the people were there for what they believed in-not just to party. They were there to publicly disobey an outdated, and useless law.

The crowd seemed to swell and then thin slightly with each passing hour as the students strolled by our almostideal location. With each swell a fresh cloud of green smoke could be seen rising over smiling faces in the group, Ben appeared from this mass, smiling hugely himself, long enough to cap-ture the audience with his talk on the invisible government of Amerika. Citing the fact that former FBI agents area now working for Bell Telephone, and that the DEA are the narcs supplying the Mexican government with paraquat and the helicopters to spread it with. He drew cheers from the responsive crowd more than once as he told them how we all had to come together to fight the capitalist repressions. The reaction to the speech very uplifting and we ourselves to ascend onto the town by firing up more numbers. A half-hour before the scheduled parade the presi-

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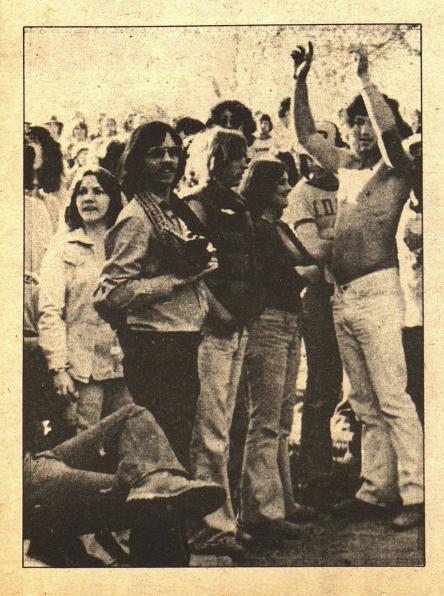
which Bob did first, explaining what YIP is all about, and what effect the Smoke-Ins are having across the nation. The crowd then settled back to some tunes and heavy duty smokin' as joints of free dope were distributed successfully. There were still no uniformed oinkers, but the press was there full force, noting that nothing this big had happened in Carbondale since the anti-war riots and burning of

dent, and chief capitalist, of the university, made his token (no pun) appearance. Strolling by with his money-mad associates, he was greeted by a standing ovation for so graciously allowing us to smoke in on campus.

Everyone being glassy-eyed and happy, we began the parade through campus toward the main drag of town, (site of the riots in '70.) The line continued page 18

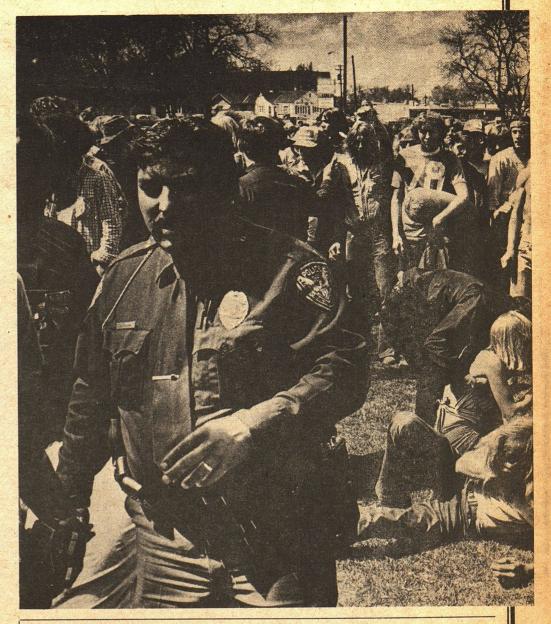
Photo, Top: Donna Ferrato; Photo, Bottom: John Gurney











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the park. They reported about 100 participants and 20 cops. Narcs and feds were also setting up cameras and surveillance equipment on the roof of a building across the street.

At 12:10 p.m., April 15th, the Flag of the New Nation was raised to the cheers of a crowd which had grown to nearly 500. Papers, posters, and flags were distributed and the banners went up behind the stage. The crowd waited patiently as the first band set up and Yippies solved last minute problems with the generator. By this time, there were nearly 50 policemen, narcs, and feds hanging out in small groups, milling about the perimeters of the crowd.

The clouds disappeared and the sun came out. The sky turned a deep shade of blue.

As the band was warming up, M.C. Dave Bernis took the microphone to welcome everyone to the festival, telling everyone to get close together, near the stage. "The pigs aren't going to come into the middle of our crowd! Now if you're going to smoke marijuana, wait until the band starts playing!" Everything looked good, people were ready to boogie. Folks had come from as far away as Indiana to dig some good music and smoke pot. Television cameras were there from Denver and the Networks.

"Okay," Bernis continued, "You all know why we're here! (The crowd cheers!) How many of you want the marijuana laws repealed? Raise your hands!" T.V. cameras panned the crowd to reveal nearly 500 outstretched arms and nearly as many voices emphatically raised in support of ending "pothibition"

As the first band came on, doobies started burning all through the crowd and almost immediately the cops attacked.

The first group of four oinkers headed into the middle of the crowd to apprehend "decriminals" smoking herb. (Simple possession in Colorado is a 100 dollar fine, no jail sentence violation.)

Cabin Lance, of New Mexico YIP held on to one of the first bustees, not

allowing the cops to take him. Others followed suit as the pigs found themselves trapped in the middle of the crowd with no route to escape.

Out came the mace! Out came the billy-clubs and knucklesaps! Out came about 15 more cops, who became more violent and started to make with the mace so freely that they provoked a defensive barrage of bottles. One pig's head was split, and he was taken to the hospital for stitches. This first confrontation lasted about 10 minutes and resulted in 5 arrests.

Bernis was on stage telling everyone to "sit down and be non-violent. The pigs want violence," he shouted, "Don't give it to them! Everyone sit down and we'll turn ourselves in and take over the jail peacefully!" When everyone calmed down, the police retreated and the band started to play again. The pigs fell back around the perimeters, but within a few minutes another confrontation began.

About five demonstrators were moving toward the policeline when Bernis stepped in between them and the cops. As he tried to move pro-testers back away from the cops, he

was grabbed by two plainclothes pigs.
"Okay, come with us."
"Hold it!! Am I under arrest?" "Yes."

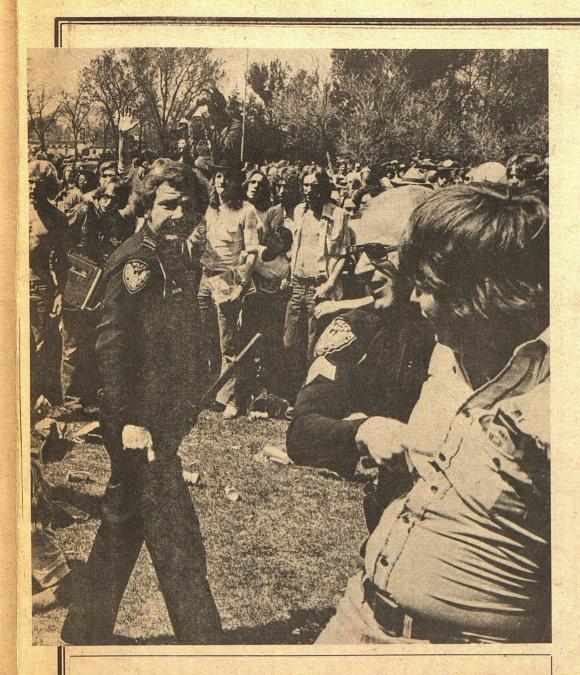
"What's the charge?"

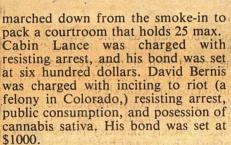
"Ah.....obstruction."

"Okay, I'm going peacefully!!"

With that they pushed him against the stage and handcuffed him. The two narcs became four, and they escorted him to a mickey-mouse booking station they had set up in the park. Just before arriving at the booking station one of the cops turned to another and said, "What should we charge him with?" The other one thought for a second (longer than usual!) and replied, "Resisting arrest". Bernis was booked and taken to the Mesa County Jail, personally escorted by bozo Ed Vandertook, Chief of Policia.

Grand Junction police were in for an even bigger surprise an hour later when, no sooner had the arrestees been arraigned, than 75 supporters





Back at the park, a bail fund was started and the remaining organizers began collecting money. The pigs continued to harass demonstrators, spraying mace in every direction. There were several hundred violations committed by people drinking alcohol in the park (which carries the same penalty as smoking pot,) yet none of those people were arrested or harassed.

Ben Masel, world-renowned phlegm expert, was grabbed—but he managed to slip through the pigs' fingers, and was lost in the middle of the crowd.

Around 4:00 in the afternoon Walter Hyde was on stage advising people what to do if arrested. But it was while he was making a pitch for the bail fund that three or four pigs came right up on stage to arrest him! Walter, who is nearly twice the size of any cop there, put his hands behind his back, and stood still while the pigs handcuffed him. He leaned down to the mic, and told the crowd of nearly 800 people, "I'm going peacefully."

He was later charged with resisting arrest and his bond was set at six hundred dollars.

At about 7:00 p.m. a small fire was started on a manhole cover in the park. The fire engines were brought in, but the firemen somehow managed to spray more people than flames. The crowd started jumping on the firehose and tried to take the hose from the firemen. About twenty to thirty sheriff's deputies had to be called in to re-enforce the more-than-fifty officers already on the scene.

A few moments later they opened fire with mace to disperse the crowd. People were chanting and started to throw bottles back at the pigs. The police line started backing up as they

threw the first tear-gas cannister. They continued to retreat while throwing more cannisters. Someone in the crowd retaliated by throwing one of the cannisters back at the pigs.

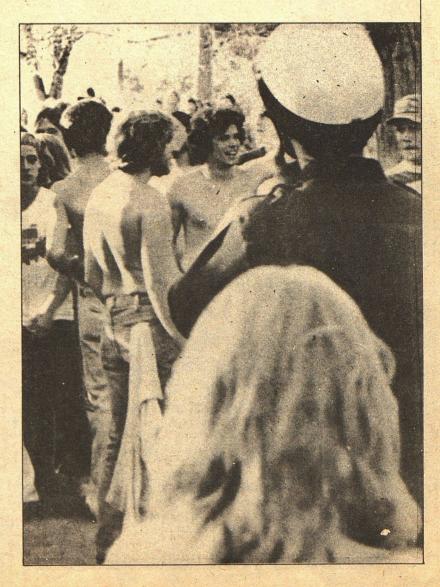
A fifteen-year-old girl was hit on the chin with one of the first cannisters—while it was still on fire! She went to the hospital where she recieved four stitches. A six-foot heavyset college student claimed he was hit with a rubber bullet at close range seconds after he saw a police officer pointing a gun at him. It knocked him to the ground and he couldn't breathe. He still had a burnmark on his chest four days later.

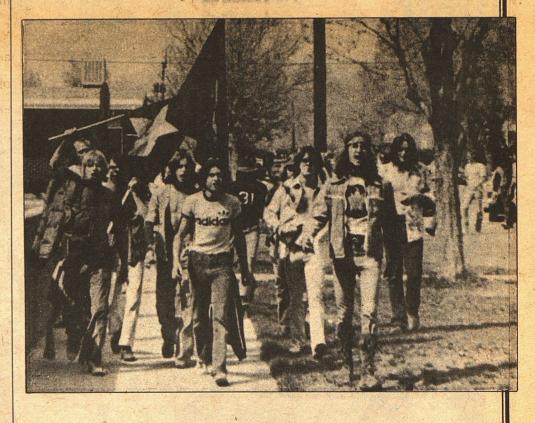
At 7:20 p.m. a fresh tear-gas barrage was laid down on the demonstrators, so heavily that it caused a 30-minute delay in the baseball game on the other side of the park while tear-gas floated across the baseball stadium. By 8:30 p.m. only 40 police were left, guarding the park. All demonstrators were either

All demonstrators were either home, or in jail. Twenty-three persons were arrested at the Smoke—In, but all were free by Sunday except the out-of-towners, including Bernis, who sat in jail for 2 weeks until he was able to get off with time served (not bad for a felony).

On Sunday some of the organizers went back to the park on Sunday to clean up the trash and beer-bottles, as they promised they would. They were met by a police barricade, and refused entry into the park. Walter Hyde was released from jail on April twenty-sixth. Cabin Lance and Dave Bernis were released April twenty-ninth on bond.

Once again an American police department had shown the world how easy it is to start a riot—if you arrest the people who are trying to stop it.-But Smoke-in Central has been looking for a place where cops'll actually bust us, for a successful Turn-in. Thousands of Yippies will come back next time. Plans are now underway for the Grand Junction Harvest Festival, which will be in October, and other future actions for Western Colorado. YIPPIE!



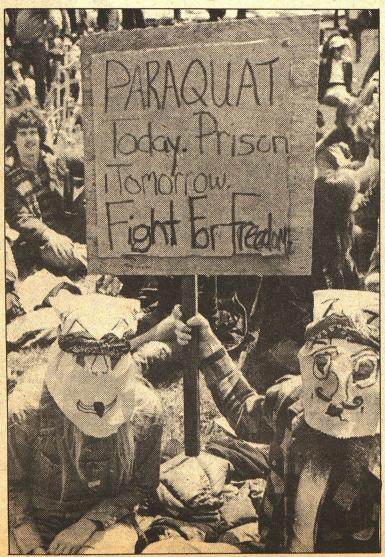




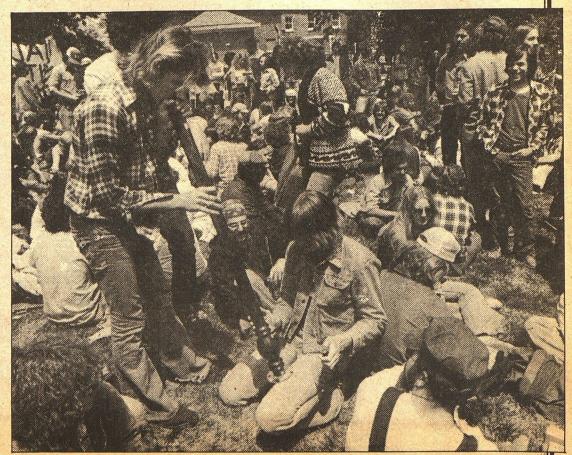




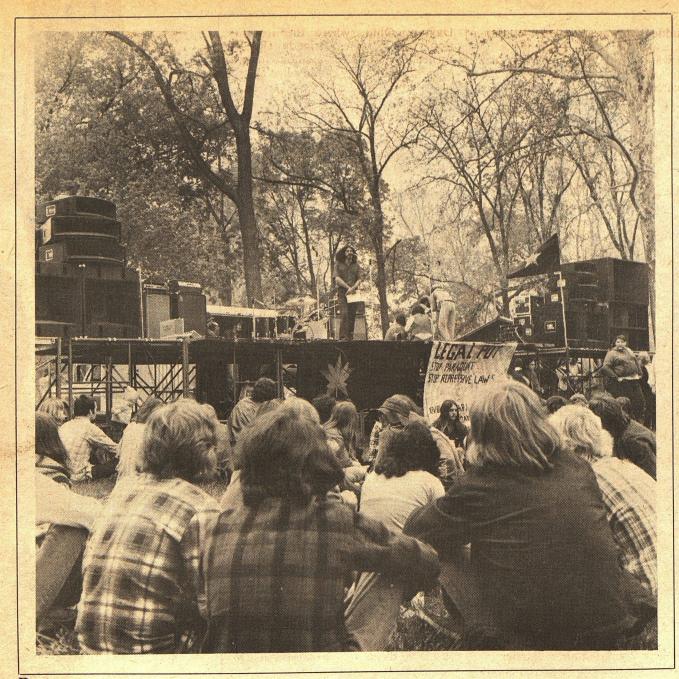
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Dayton
Photo, Bottom: D. Goubeaux

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of about 100 freex was led by the twelve-foot joint and a dozen banners and signs, many of which were made outside our YIP house. The parade proceeded up the street without the promised police traffic direction, although we had a legal permit. This being the case, we took over the entire street instead of the one-lane-only we promised the city. When we reached our destination at a crossing highway our permit said we could go no further, so we sat down filling the street while Ben gave another short talk. We had successfully backed up traffic completely on one of Illinois' major highways for 30 minutes, without a hassle!

The city police, who finally arrived, stood and watched as the remaining potheads marched back down the one way street amongst the cars and on the sidewalk, in an unsceduled parade pass the backed-up motorists and to the Smoke-In site. There the few remaining loyalists smoked a few last joints and cleaned the area.

I hit the Smoke-In trail shortly after our event in C'dale, so I can't predict what the long-term response will be. I'm sure things havn't changed much in town, except summer is almost upon us, but I can feel it starting to—all over! In Carbondale we've crossed that thin line—now is the time for us all to kill apathy everywhere, and put an end to the repressions we live with daily! Now is the time to stand up and blow smoke-in the face of repression! YIPPEE!!!

The New York Red Squad informed the 5th Ave Marijuana Parade Coalition that police had "sufficient forces" to divert the expected numbers from elegant 5th Ave to the more commercial Avenue of the Americas.



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quat were the hottest issues on campuses. Mayor Ed Koch was photographed with David Peel announcing the 5th Ave Pot Parade at the filming of Hair in Central Park's Sheep's Meadow. The New York Times blamed police teargassing at the Kent Memorial Protest May 4th on Yippies. And Finnegan of the New York Red Squad informed the 5th Ave Mariiuana Parade Coalition that police had "sufficient forces" to divert the expected numbers from elegant 5th Ave to the more commercial Avenue of the Americas.

Yippie negotiators Cisco and Aron Kay departed, unwilling to deal with mere police, to prepare a direct appeal to Mayor Ed Koch, who was a proponent of decrim in the House as a

Representative. Meanwhile, a plan was devised to break the thousands who gathered in Washington Square Park into 3 contingents—those in the front, who wanted to take a bust, would sit-in freeing the out-of-towners, in the middle, to move up the east side on the UN Building while the native New Yorkers, bringing up the rear, marched up the west side on Gov Carey's office.

This plan was duly leaked thru a nouveau guru with excessive links with the police, who was in fact pressed to go get the permit for a 5th Ave. March that had eluded the Coalition.

Of course he wasn't told of certain details—like the 4th Column coming down on the rear of the cops from Central Park! That they learned from tapped phones.

Suddenly it was a whole lot less running around to give the heads what they wanted: 5th Avenue. When fuzz brass looked at the drizzly morning, allocated only 68 cops, and 5,000 hardcore YIPs showed up (more paraquat protestors and a lot less rowdies this year), it was all over.

After feeble resistence with a single bus blocking 5th Ave at Waverly Pl., cops virtually evaporated at 23rd St., and coalition organizers got what they really wanted: a 10 minute sit-in in front of S. African Airways dramatizing the identity of the lawless genocide practiced worldwide against heads with the most internationally recognized example of genocide: racist South Africa.

The Associated Press carried the story, noting that this was only a warm-up for the massive trek from hundreds of similar events to Lafayette Park, at Carter's Place, in D.C. 1-4 and to Chicago, for reenactment of the Festival of Life,

Dayton, Ohio, where the Revolutionary 3 Stooges Brigade (R3SB) turned out 8,000 for a smoke-in and stop paraquat rally, and police closed the roads, like the old days at rock concerts.

Dayton is small, too—about the size of Madison or Ann Arbor. What happened was that Mother's Day Smokein, May 14th was rained out, but 1,500 people turned up anyway—much to the consternation of the media and glee of the Yippies, who announced the rain-date for the next Sunday—the

The narcs, who first threatened a hard line, soon backed down before the on-the-half-hour live radio coverage and declared that they'd have to be crazy to bust that many

Nor did the roadblocks keep freeks from hundreds of miles from parking their cars and walking the last miles to converge and welcome pro-pot gubernatorial candidate Steve Conliff, just

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Aug, 26th thru 28th.

The Chicago 8 and their attorneys promised to return to Chicago that week-end to "sleep under the stars"—for, among other things, amnesty for fugitive Abbie Hoffman.

Release of the new film Smoke-in available at a theatre near you if you get it together and call Smoke-In Central or write c/o Box 392, Canal St. Station, NYC 10013, is not expected

**Tokers Break Numbers Barrier** But the big news as we go to press is acquitted by a Columbus jury of criminally assaulting Gov. James A. Rhodes with a pie.

He was acclaimed by 8,000 new supporters—as was Gatewood Gailbraith, for a farsighted plan to save thousands of midwest farmers thru billion dollar marijuana revenues.

And in the excitement, the state representative of NORML announced they're introducing a bill for total legalization in the Ohio Legislature continued page 20 within 90 days.

#### News Flashes!

# Smoking high point for 2,000

I PRE-CHICAGO COVERAGE IN THE SUN TIMES

Special to The Sun Times CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Nearly 2,000 University of Illinois students took part in a promarijuana "Hash Wednesday" demonstration on the campus Quadrangle here.

U. of I. plainclothes police eyed the students as they puffed away on hand-rolled cigarets and water pipes of a suspicious fragrance, but

Many students lolled on the grass, apmade no arrests. propriately, as jugglers, costumed clowns and sitar players circulated among the smoking and

James Hattis, of Highland Park, a member of the student Hash Wednesday committee, beer-drinking students. said the purpose of the second annual event was to protest the illegality of marijuana and "just to have a good time."

HATTIS SAID THE organizers were not encouraging flagrant law-breaking. "They do discourage the dealing of marijuana during the day," he said. "They didn't want it sold during the demonstration."

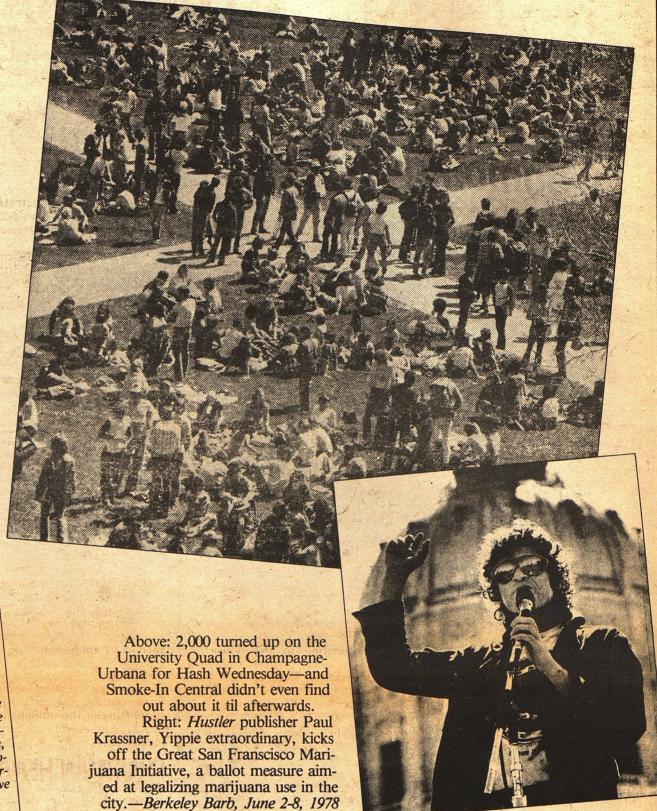
Observers noted, however, that money was freely changing hands among the bystanders.

But there was more beer drinking than pot smoking and more spectators than participants. A few students wore "Hash Wednesday '78" T-shirts.
"Yeah, you could call it a protest in a sense," said one of the jugglers. "But mainly it's just people having a good time."

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Hugh Satterlee, vice chancellor of campus affairs, said campus police were advised to "use their discretion" in enforcing the law. Personally, he said, "I wouldn't know marijuana from a Camel."

(Eds: Hash Wednesday was a big nonconfrontation—a good time for all—far more typical than Grand Junction of the whole Wave of Smoke-ins this Spring. We're still finding out about new ones, as new clippings, stories and pictures come in the mail. This clipping shows what kind of coverage counter-culture gets in the Chicago papers—what we may expect this August ...



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#### **Three Memorial Day Toke-Downs**

6-10,000 Massing supporters around Frisco's City Hall, the Campaign to stop Prosecution of Dennis Peron, a popular dealer, mixed straight pothibition repeal with paraquat protests for one of the largest smoke-ins so far this year.

NORML West Coast Coordinator Gordon Brounell, author/grower Ed Rosenthal, Paul Krassner, Mountain Girl, Margo St. James, Dennis, County Supervisor Harvey Milk and a host of other West Coast Luminaries spoke out while Moby Grape and Leila and the Snakes kept people entertained.

Absent, but frequently mentioned was Mayor George Moscone, who'd first promised to speak, then reneged and threatened to bust it up under

rightwing pressure. But nobody was ever busted, and the holiday celebration that ensued added further momentum for the move on the White House, July 1-4. Bus rides from Frisco can arranged at 415-431-3407, c/o Grimes.

Also, veteran Smoke-Inner Ed Rosenthal has announced a big one for Sacramento, on the steps of the State Capitol, for Aug. 21—just before the re-enactment of the Festival of Life in Chicago.

Torrential rains put the damper on the Boulder (Colorado) Free Festival and a smoke-in at the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota.

In Boulder, where the sheriff had

vowed arrests, the rain kept deputies home while 500 gathered in the park to party anyway. Since 3,000 J's had been prepared, footage on TV that night was full of people clowning around with 3 or 4 J's in their mouth, belying the Sheriff's claim that "no pot was present.'

But further east in Pierre, the rain capped a day in which a small turnout, never more than 200, led the State Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) on a merry round of the Governor's mansion, the State Prosecutor's house, and the State Capitol Building. There travelling Yippie Chuck Brame insisted on equal rights for pot under the Constitution, and demanded that the CID arrest him on the spot for roll-youra tobacco smoking

own-whereupon the officer took a toke, looked at the menacing crowd around his men and Chuck, and backed off.

With that the partying started in earnest, live radio drew more people to the park every hour, and it was rain, not arrests as some had feared, that ended it.

It's growing like weeds.

(YIP)—A Far Rockaway, Queens New York police station was bombarded with rocks and bottles May 25th by 150 people angered by the arrest of 18 men on herb-dealing charges, according to the New York Post. But radio reports at the time and word-of-mouth in the city had it that thousands—a whole beachful—of people descended on a handful of police, ripping out their phone and electricity lines, smashing down their door with a battering ram, pouring in to liberate the prisoners by force.

A survivor compared the melee to an Indian attack on a fort.

Cops inside the building need the aid of eight squad cars full of reinforcements before they were able to disperse the crowd, arresting one man

for assault who was trapped inside after he went inside the precinct and tried to wrest some of the prisoners

The Post reported "barrages of rocks and bottles from the hot night"-but only one broken window and one cop hit in the ankle with a bottle before help arrived.

The eighteen had been popped at the corner of Beach 22nd St. and Cornega Ave. in the eastern part of the Southern Queens peninsula. The busts were made at about 9:30 P.M. after a 21/2-hour surveillance operation in which Oueens Narcotics Squad cops had made three purchases from "joints and bags" hawkers.

Police described the corner as a "zoo" and a drug "supermarket"

where "they seemed to be under the impression they won't get busted for selling marijuana."

"It doesn't take much to get a crowd when there's nothing else to do," was the typical observation of one cop, who like many others is still missing the significance of renewed civil rights protests—this time by marijuana users.

Surely the government cannot expect to paraquat 35,000,000 heads-and justify it on TV as just deserts for a criminal class (lower than second class)—without expecting other, more spontaneous, less controlled and non-violent forms of protest down the road.

Remember the '60's...

## LIVIT THE TIS

#### **US LAND BARONS**

(ZNS) Who owns America? That's what the US Department of Agriculture wants to find out.

The USDA has begun the first nationwide survey of land ownership in the US following a pilot study which indicates that much of the land may be the property of wealthy absentee owners.

The earlier study was conducted in Rappahannock County, Virginia, about 70 miles west of Washington

The study found that 53% of the landowners in that county lived elsewhere, that only 5% of the owners were primarily farmers, and that 41% of the land was deeded to people with annual incomes of at least \$50,000.

The National Land Study has reportedly been long sought by agriculture economists who are worried by the steady decline of crop land in the US, and by people disturbed about the overall impact of widespread foreign investment in the

#### WHAT GOES UP...

(ZNS) "Acid Rains" are becoming an increasingly serious problem in the United States.

Pacific News Service reports that scientists have been finding that the rainfall-particularly in the eastern United States—has become more acidic in recent years, apparently because of pollution.

Cornell University scientists reported in 1955 and 1956 that "very acidic" precipitation was found only in parts of Pennsylvania, New York

Today, 22 years later, similar caustic rains are being measured throughout the entire eastern United States—including Michigan, Illinois, North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennesee, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Con-neticut, and Rhode Island.

Says North Carolina State University researcher Ellis Cowling, "If 60 million tons of sulfur are emitted into the atmosphere, 60 million tons of sulfur are eventually going to come down somewhere in one form or another, including rain."

Preliminary US Government tests have found that acid rainfall has adverse effects on certain crops, such as beans and radishes. Researchers have also found a direct correlation between the levels of acids in mountain lakes and the absence of any fish life in those lakes.

Pacific News reports that one recent survey of lakes in New York's Adirondak Mountains found that about half of the lakes above 2000 feet contained high levels of acid. 80% of these contaminated lakes were completely devoid of all fish life.

#### **GENERAL CENSOR**

General Westmoreland, the former commander of the U.S. troops in Vietnam, is suggesting that if there is another war, the press should be censored.

Speaking before an annual con-

ference on accuracy in media, Westmoreland said that the Vietnam War was the first war fought without some sort of official censorship. He added that his analysis of the Indochina War coverage indicated that reporters in Vietnam handled their jobs in an irresponsible manner.

Westmoreland said Vietnam reporters "tended to become abusive, arrogant and hypocritical...smug and excessively sensitive." He added that the media was "masterfully manipulated" by propaganda from Hangi and Mossey

Hanoi and Moscow

Westmoreland said that he favors a free press, and does not solely blame the media for the collapse of Saigon. He added, however, that in future wars, "a policy should be made to protect the interest of both media and government" to avoid future press problems. Westmoreland added that, 'I think censorship could be imposed ...and would be supported."

#### **ORANGE CANCER**

(ZNS)—The Veterans Administration in Washington DC has formally notified hospitals across the United States to be on the look-out for possible connections between exposure to US herbicides used in Vietnam and cancer and genetic defects among Vietnam Vets. The VA says that instructions relating to the powerful weed-killing chemical "agent orange" have gone out to 370 Veterans Administration hospitals from coast to

Agent Orange is a mixture of two other herbicides: 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T and produces the chemical "dioxin" as a by-product. According to chemical researchers, "dioxin" is one of the most poisonous compounds ever developed and is a powerful cancer and birth-defect causing agent.

The VA's warning about 'Agent Orange' comes in the wake of reports from Chicago that at least 40 Vietnam Veterans there have complained in recent months about medical difficulties possibly caused by their exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam

Most of the Veterans report suffering such symptoms as weakness in the limbs, birth defects in their offspring, spells of dizziness, or loss of their sexual drive. Many of these same Vets say they were assigned a decade ago to areas which were heavily sprayed with 'Agent Orange.'

#### INFORMER U.

(ZNS) The Washington Post reports that a state police agency in California has quietly taught the intricacies of electronic surveillance and undercover intelligence gathering methods to more than 4,000 officers from 30 US states.

According to the Post, the unusual police-training school is located in Sacramento, California, and is known as the "Western Regional Organized Crime Institute."

The institute, a sub-agency of the California Department of Justice, has reportedly received more than \$2 million in Federal monies to operate its training school. It specializes in courses on "informants," "police undercover operators," "recruited penetration agents," and the setting up of "dossiers, contact reports, biographical data and resource

The institute teaches police agencies how to prepare for what it calls "political terrorism." And according to the American Civil Liberties Union this broad term is being used to justify spying on the legal activities of antinuclear groups and even labor unions.

Graduates of the institute have surfaced in two recent anti-nuclear spying cases: In one case, Texas police informants trained by the institute, compiled extensive dossiers on a commercial airlines pilot who publicly crusaded against nuclear power; in the second case, a police graduate from the institute infiltrated California's Anti-Nuclear Abalone Alliance, and participated in demonstrations and defense strategy discussions after demonstrators were arrested in protests last August.

The Post quotes an official with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) as boasting that the California-based Institute is slowly setting up a "national police in-telligence force."

According to the newspaper, dozens of police departments are anxious to have their officers trained because—in the words of one LEAA official: "If you don't have an intelligence unit, you're not with it."

#### **HONEST MUSAK**

(ZNS) Muzak-that background music you hear in supermarkets and drugstores—is being pressed into the war against shoplifting.

Doctor Hal Becker, a biomedical engineer at Tulane University, says that Muzak has begun testing what he calls a "theft deterrent" in a major store.

Becker says that the muzak tape is mixed with subtle, barely audible verbal messages that are designed to stir the consciences of potential shoplifters. He reports that phrases such as, "I am honest," or "I will not steal" are blended in with the melodies.

According to Becker, if the experiments are successful in reducing shoplifting at the unnamed store, it's likely the tapes will then be distributed

#### CHAIRMAN HENRY SEZ

(ZNS) For years, Wheaties has called itself, "The Breakfast of Champions." Now the company is trying out a new slogan: "The Breakfast of Chairmen."

The Christian Science Monitor reports that, because of the troubles General Mills has recently encountered in having athletes such as Bruce Jenner endorse Wheaties, the company has decided to enlist major corporate leaders to appear in television ads instead.

Already signed for the new campaign are the chairmen of the boards of the auto world's "Big Three"-Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler. As an example, the new commercial featuring Henry Ford II goes like this:

"Hi. Maybe you've heard of me. I'm Henry Ford the Second, Chairman of the Ford Motor Company. I've eaten Wheaties every day of my life. So did my father and grandfather. If it weren't for Wheaties there wouldn't be a Ford Motor Company, and worse yet, there wouldn't be a Ford in Your Future." Ford then picks a Toyota and hurls it into the ocean. "I couldn't have done that without my Wheaties," Ford says.
In another ad, the board chairmen

of Ford, GM and Chrysler are featured together, sitting around the breakfast table, chomping down their last spoonfuls of cereal. The three executives then look up from their dishes and exclaim in unison: "They may recall our cars, but they'll never recall our breakfast, 'cause there's never been a bad bowl of...Wheaties, the Breakfast of Chairmen."

#### **ELECTRIC SECURITY**

(ZNS) Anti-nuclear critics have warned that efforts to safeguard the nation's commercial nuclear power facilities could lead to a police state in America.

Now, a study by Ralph Nader's Critical Mass Energy Project in Washington D.C. appears to confirm

some of those fear.

The study found that the nation's 58 electric utilities, which currently operate nuclear power plants, spend more than \$2.8 million in 1976 alone for "outside security expenditures." Twelve of these utilities reportedly paid more than \$50,000 each for private detective services and investigative agencies.

In contrast, only one company among the top 60 non-nuclear electric utilities found it necessary to even use private security firms to safeguard

their plants.

#### PR FOR FASCISTS

(YIP)Some of America's largest public relations companies have been receiving millions of dollars annually to polish the public images of authoritarian regimes like Iran, Argentina, South Africa, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The firms involved include Burson-Marsteller, the nation's second biggest, which got \$1.1 million from Argentina last year, and Doremus & Co., the ninth largest, which recently signed a \$1.7 million contract with the

Philippines.

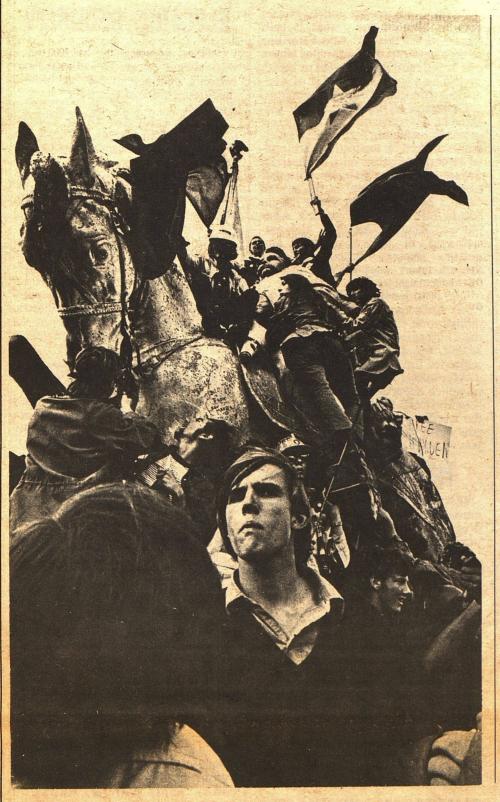
These governments' main motive for hiring PR agencies is to attract investment money that might otherwise be scared away by unpleasantries like torture and political prisoners. ('Only newspaper reports,' as the Moonies say.) A typical example is Nicaragua, which pays the New York firm of Norman, Lawrence, Patterson, and Farrell \$7,000 a month to keep the press from using the Somoza government as a "whipping boy."

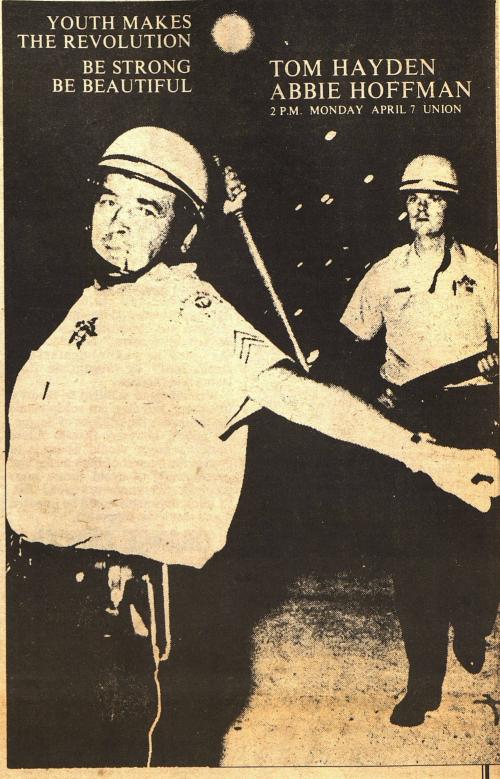
Indonesia, where more than 500,000 Communists and ethnic Chinese were massacred following the 1965 military coup, paid Hill & Knowlton \$1,080,000 to run an economic "information service" for them. South Africa retains Sydney S. Baron for \$650,000 a year, primarily for setting up meetings between South African officials and Americans with large amounts of capital. And Filipino dictator Marcos varies the old Mafia charitable contributions ploy by making large donations to American colleges, including a \$1,500,000 gift to Tufts University.

Other aspects of these make-it-looklike-we've-cleaned-up-our-acts campaigns are more sinister. In San Francisco and Chicago, advertisers have been pressured into dropping their ads from anti-Marcos newspapers, and Filipino stores selling the papers have refused to distribute them, reportedly after being harassed.

Burson-Marsteller's operation is probably the slickest one. The firm monitors press coverage of Argentina to pick out potentially sympathetic reporters and editors, and has rewarded them with information, junkets to Argentina, and interviews with President Jorge Videla. Journalists attending Burson-Marsteller's special briefings" have included editors at Time, the Wall Street Journal, AP, and UPI.

Account manager Vic Emmanuel told New Times that the agency's work was economic and apolitical. "I haven't talked to anyone in prison there, so I don't know why they're there," was his response to a question about political prisoners. Emmanuel also refused to comment on torture. "It's not part of our arrangement with our client," he said.





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judge"...and we learned all about that; you see it was that experience, in my life, anyway, that prepared me for '68 and also for deepening my political consciousness. I started to see a certain facade presented. On the other hand, I saw the realities of American politics. But you've gotta understand, I'm 4l, I came out of a period of the 1940's when I went to school as a kid, and the 1950's. I didn't come out with any experience like the 1960's, you had no legacy that people could actually stand up to authority. I came from Boston, and they didn't even teach us the history of the American Revolution. The fucking word itself was a disgrace.
It was incredible. Incredible period! I think I

was a sophomore in College before I knew that there had been a depression in the country. And so that there was no history, I mean when I saw Pete Seeger singing-that was just like a fucking vision. It was like a fucking vision that there were people like this, with these kinds of ideas. And that was most of us. Now, with the experience of the '60s, and the experience of Watergate-and what happened with the Kennedy Assassination-people are much more receptive on an educational level, much much more receptive. They're a little numb and a little immobile, because nobody knows what to do

with the information. That's unfortunate. Everybody knows that the 60's ended-and we're just waiting for the 70's to begin, still, and it's gone. This has been the quickest decade in History, this is premature ejaculation; the 70's, I mean...still...

DB: There's nothing there.

AH: There's nothing there, and it might be because of the war.

DB: It's like 'punk.'

AH: Yeah, it's like punk, right. I saw 'punk' in England. So it made a lot of sense...in that experience, in that context. Ah, the street movement, ahh, cheap music, deathmusic; back to the streets. They charge like a quid, quid-six; two or three bucks to hear all night live music-it makes good sense. The kids are

real-ah-they have no future. The chances of them going to a mental hospital rather than a college-are like eight to one. And that's supposed to be an 'advanced society'... And so, their lives are all boxed in, they're gonna get no

AJ: Did you see a group called 'the Clash' over there?

AH: I saw Amos & the Ants, the Slits, I saw Blondie-but that's an American group

AJ: There's this group called 'the Clash', second biggest group in the country-they claim to be Yippies, I was listening to their record.

They had a couple good poetry readings, though, good poetry from them.

I don't think I see it the same in the U.S.—as there, or even in France or Holland...it's all such a copy, seems like such a copy. In England they sorta look O.K., the Punks, you know...they got an incredible legacy of music. Shit! They must have more musicians, per capita than any country. Certainly more

I went to punk clubs. I went to a private salon in Monte Carlo, incredible, shit, just incredible-a terrorist's fantasy come true. They know what I mean, right? You shouldn't say where this happened, exactly.

DB: Alright. Look-I got two more basic questions, then we'll have to move on.

AH: ...Let me say something about Chicago that people who feel that there wasn't progress made, and that we weren't pointing in the right direction should look at "Revolution for the Hell of It," and in the back, in the appendix, we had the Yippie program, with about 18 demands, I think. If you eliminate the utopian demands-like abolition of money, etc.-you'd find that almost all of them have happened. Really-everything from the Vietnam War has ended, draft has been abolished, abortion is more or less legalized (certainly much more legalized than then,) unhh... Ecology has become a big issue. People are aware of why it's happened, and those kind of things, to curtail the government's activity in that, there's even, ah-even pay-toilets have been abolished. If you read that document, you'll see that now they don't seem so outrageous.

**DB:** Many people said at the time in Chicago, it felt like they'd been promised more than came

AH: It depends on what you're looking for. You're lookin' to change history—those people that went have a sense that their footsteps are now on history's road, and that they have changed the course of events. They made the globe spin in a more humane, more understanding direction. So they got far more than they expected—than just going to hear some rock

DB: How much of that was the result of the police shutting down the rock concert, though; and how much was really the result of us?

AH: The rock concert and all of those things were an integral part of the political event; the political confrontation. But the blood and guts war was going on in Vietnam, 'twas a much more integral part; much more important fac-

DB: How were the Yippies organized during that period?

AH:I met at least 20 or 30 thousand people that had been there, even though there are only five thousand. I mean, personally I met that many people who told me they were there.

If you ask them what happened and then put

"When you have a movement in the streets you press people to make decisions. I mean, there were people watching on television, and they ran away from their dinners; they had fights with their parents and ran out of the house and got on the plane, and came to Chicago."

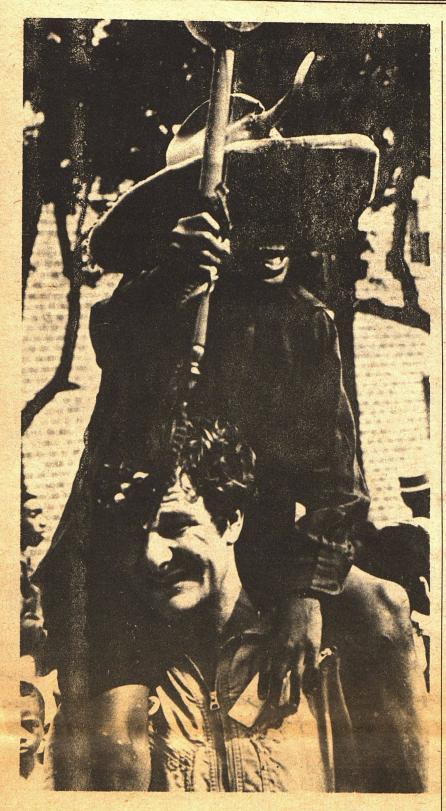
AH: Um, uh-Slaughter & the Dogs, I like them...Oh yeah, 'the Clash'?

AJ: Yeah, they say-ahh-'What can a YIP-PIE do in London Town,' or something like that, you know? And they sing just like David Peel-fuckin' amazing, man, you know...just-same everything! Except the lyrics were a little more sophisticated and deal with Britain, a little different attitude, but ah—it's just a ripoff from Peel, entirely. Fucking amazing

AH: They're boxed-in, there's no jobs; no future...I don't know how long you can go on slashing your wrists, though, and face, before you move on to something else.

bet unlimited amounts... the Italians come there to display their wealth, they can't do it in Italy. There was this one room, so much money, just incredible. But it's dying. It's sort of empty, like an Allen Resnais movie, you know, where everything is in the past, fading. They're in a bad way, a bad, bad way, those kind of rich people. A dying breed. You now, it's not Las

DB: How is life treating you on the run? AH:I don't mind living on the edge. I've gotta watch a couple of things: one of course, who the people are who I was able to contact you through, that's the most important thing, you



the reality of that event—you're going to get a vastly divergent opinions. We didn't get within ten miles of the Convention Hall, and most people think we were stomping on the doors, and doors were cracking, and this was like the Winter Palace—that's because they liked it, they wanted to participate in it, they felt involved, or they felt threatened.

**DB:** Like a year and a half later—the Yippies actually were able to storm the Justice Department.

AH: Both sides overestimated the other; misjudged the other. And therefore both the opposition and ourselves exaggerated what we were doing, and our capability and therefore we became it; we became that.

**DB:** But how did the fact that we then became in the eyes of the media more and more the "urban guerillas" that the authorities have described us as being...How did that effect the effectiveness of YIPPIE?

Like AJ was saying, when it first came on the scene YIPPIE! was fresh, even tho to an extent even though it came out of an identifiable group who'd been the "hippies," and then became the 'Yippies,' but it wasn't certainly as threatening as people felt it was later, say by the time the Yippies were hanging out with the Weatherpeople, getting Weather-communiques—participating in the actual storming of the Justice Department, with John & Martha Mitchell actually watching, not ten miles away!

Well, you could comment on that change, I mean—do you remember it?

AH: You relate to history a little too much as a cult phenomenon. You pick out certain events ... to see history in terms of a sort of armedguards, standing in front of a building with, a group of demonstrators in front of them, that these are the ultimate moments in history. I suppose on one level I have that barricade mentality, too. But that of course is a very romantic view of History.

DB: Romantic views go across in the media, tho. Who could do anything like Moro?

AH: That's absurd.

DB: They love it. They're always say—"Give us something striking, and we'll run it."

AH: You have to do things that you feel in your heart.. You have to have a gut feeling—called "righteous indignation."—you

have to have organizational practice, and studying the society in which you live, and trying to use your brains in terms of how to change that...those two things.

Romanticism, and that kind of 'barricades image,' well, I'll give you an example: I was asked by Warner Brothers to stage a demonstration for the *Woodstock* movie in Berkeley, and it was even suggested that I go up and cut the screen with a knife, and they'd arrange all the media-coverage, and everything because they were doing shitty sales on the West Coast, and this was gonna help them...That was a little mind-fuck!

It was interesting that this person in Warner Bros. who advocated this had been one of the first Americans to go into an Oriente province, and fight with Castro—he was actually thrown in jail by Batista.

He used to own the Bitter End—Fred Wein-

But I don't present this in terms of making Fred Weintraub a villian in this scenario. I mean, I'm trying to get at a larger truth—something about the system in which we live...

**DB:** Right. Now, Warner Brothers is promoting Punk, razor blades 'n...

AH: ...and its possibilities of manipulation. Any barricade confrontation mentality...is just not always productive; it's not always as effective as it was those days in Chicago...It was very effective.

**DB:** It's too bad you didn't read the last couple of *Yipsters*. We brought up something called "The Soft Strategy."

AH:Uh Huh.

**DB:**Speaking of this very great question that I wasn't really thinking of talking about.

AH: Well, I always believed in more coalition politics than you did; I always believed in more coalition.

DB: Could you amplify on that?

AH: There's always a tendency on the Left to try and change things by isolating yourself from the mainstream. And in certain moments—like at that sort of peak, or the first point—as A.J. says, maybe the "first wave" we caught of cultural revolution—at that particular moment it's very good to isolate yourself from the mainstream, because you're looking for people

to run away from home and everything. You wanna break up 'the family,' you wanna break up society, and so therefore you postulate an alternative. But always, within the sort-of coalition to change things, you've got to accept coalition politics.

We never had very sophisticated understanding of power within the groups, and how politics are done within the groups.

For example, this 'righteous indignation'—every group can feel righteous indignation, then they've never had any coalition; they never get together—that isn't enough in itself. I said you had to have a certain amount of smarts of how to make a kind of coalition politics—in order to sustain a larger, and larger movement, and also to analyze society and figure out the weaknesses of it.

**DB:** Now few people will make coalitions with the Yippies because of our quote "violent past" and because we're 'freaky.'

AH: Nah, I don't know about that.

DB: Many straight left groups—

AH: It's pretty one-issue-identified.

AH: Yeah, it's pot. You don't identify with J.P.Stevens.

DB: No, that's because we're not going to go

I see a lot of groups go 'round, like the RSB; I think it's the RCP, or whatever they're called—there's one group, they had a workers' party thing out in Chicago—they had 2000 people at their convention, you know. They're able to always bring the same two thousand people to everything. They brought 2000 people to Kent, you know, a number of times—never more than two thousand, never like 10 thousand or 20'thousand like a really big coalition would do. The biggest coalition was the ones that puton July 4th in '76 in Philadelphia.

That was a pretty big event. That actually had 50, 60 thousand people at it, right? But, none of these groups here seems to be able to actually put as many people on the street—as we were able to put on the street on Saturday.

AH: That ain't what it's measured by, Dana. I told you, you have a barricade mentality! The people who are on the street are out of work.

DB: I know, but I'm talking about leftists who approach it, you know—the Bakke thing was the biggest thing, right?—this spring on the left.

AH: No, nuclear plants—the whole issues around nuclear warfare.

DB: No, I'm speaking of the size of one demonstration.

"Everybody knows that the '60's ended—and we're just waiting for the '70's to begin, still, and it's gone. This has been the quickest decade in history; this is premature ejaculation."

into somebody else's turf.

AH: Okay, we'll talk about dope, and some of the different kinds of issues. We were at a period of cultural awakening where long hair, dope, those kind of things, etcetera were important political issues that made up the whole package of cultural repression. And cultural repression was important because the country was in a certain economic state that allowed for any kind of experimentation.

Now, the country's in an economic crisis. So the issue of whether a person has a job or not, how he or she's exploited on the job occupies peoples' minds on such a bread and butter level that (at least in my opinion) most of the issues that the paper's base is on are secondary issues. *Important* issues; but not primary, considering the nature of economics, 'n things like that.

DB: I don't think you've seen the last three papers.

AH: The last one I saw was the January issue, the one my letter was in.

DB: That was December.

AH: And then I saw one on the street—that Kent State issue... Like I said, I was away three months, so...when that issue was out I left the country, and I just came back a couple of days ago.

I always watch the paper, it's sometimes hard to get, you know, 'cause I'm not in New York, and not a lot of people know how to reach me. Yeah an' you're afraid on the mailing list, and I change, ahh, I change locations so quickly it's sorta hard. It's hard to keep track.

But this is just my own experience—working as a cook, working as a teacher in a school, you know, getting fired. You know, you slip out & ya smoke dope with this guy, an' the next time he don't give a fuck—he's turnin' around and he's firing ya if he can get somebody else in on the job, or something—just to keep his own position in the machine. You know, and you're wading through the food-stamp lines, and everything...I think people are more concerned with what they need to survive during an economic crunch. And they're very unsure of their jobs—jobs have become very important to people

**DB:** This is interesting, just what you say is the conventional wisdom on the left, okay? And

AH: No, I mean on the left. As my other person, I'm active on the left...I think it's the No Nukes that's the major issue. Granted, like Bakke was an affair.

**DB:** The largest!!

AH: That was what I'd call an 'affair.' This No Nuclear...nuclear plants—

DB: Is an issue, I see.

AH: The increased capacity that nuclear power has to centralize authority in any one place and grab the people by the necks!! That's the issue—nuclear power, and nuclear weapons, and I think it's an incredible lot like the Ban the Bomb movement. Even in... There was an anti-Nazi demonstration in London, 88,000 people went. That's pretty huge. They said that they hadn't had anything like that for quite some time in Trafalgar Square. Tom Robinson played, do you know them? Do you know that group?

DB:No

AH: "2-4-6-8 Motorway" they do. British group?

roup? **DB:** The music scene is changing fast.

AH: They're one of the better... Well, ah—I felt that our weakness at the time was that we weren't enough into coalition; and enough into coalition of the whole population.

DB: You mean in Chicago...

AH: Oh, through the whole period. No, in Chicago there was a certain need to keep the images apart—the idea that there was 'them' and 'us,' etc. Confrontational politics was necessary.

DB: I think that's what I'm talking about. There are groups on the left who measure things in terms of confrontational politics, still. And they haven't figured out how to apply the economic or an economist approach to get satisfying results for them with their confrontational head-set, you understand what I'm saying?

(For the answer to this and other fascinating answers to questions about politics today, since Chicago, and the mysteries around Abbie's case, don't miss the exciting conclusion to this interview in the next thrill-packed YIPSTER TIMES.)





## Post

"You could put together a fine newspaper from the people on the hit ' commented Guild unit chairperson Barbara Yuncker. The Guild didn't try to dissuade people from

Originally, Murdoch appeared to want a strike, believing he didn't need the regular workers to put the paper out. Taking advantage of a Supreme Court decision outlawing the union shop, (William F.Buckley had sued to get out of having to join AFTRA to appear on TV; the court ruled that he didn't have to join as long as he paid dues) management cajoled and coerced several people into leaving the

Some of Murdoch's pet writers also quit the Guild, and in March and April they combined with management personnel and imports from the San Antonio Express-News to print two "experimental" not-for-sale editions. His ardor for putting the paper out himself cooled when the scab editions turned out to be possibly the worst-looking papers ever printed under the Post name. They probably could have done a better job if they had used the city room xerox machine.

Two stereotyping machines broke the first weekend they tried it. Murdoch charged the printers with sabotage. The head of the stereotypers union said that all machines had been in order when the plant had shut down for the weekend. The prevailing belief in the building was that incompetent scabs had bozofied them, but a com-mon sentiment was "if it was

## S-1437

continued from page 5 sat down for the "Mark-up" -where actual re-writing is done-threw up their hands when confronted with the hundreds of amendments tacked on at the last minute in the Senate.

Representative James R. Mann (D.-S.C.) denounced the measure as hav-"too many tradeoffs, compromises and special interest influences." Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.-Brooklyn) averred there would be precious little of the Bill of Rights left if S-1437 were passed as is.

The House Subcommittee decision is a lucky break for the Left, whose campaign against the bill suffers from a bad case of sectarianism, with many of the groups fighting the bill ignoring

sabotage, they deserved it,"

Eighteen workers were laid off on May 23, the day after management's deadline for people to quit. All of them had been at the paper for less than two years. Murdoch's future actions are uncertain, but posting job conditions and illegal layoffs are two likely possibilities.

Meanwhile, the remaining workers will be trying to keep a badly rotting paper produced by a unionized, comparatively well-paid staff from turning into an abysmal rag put out by semi-

Daily News columnist Pete Hamill once called Murdoch "the sleaziest character in journalism." It is a widely held belief among present and former Post people that in protecting his money, power, and arrogance he is likely to live up to that label

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horizon?

Everybody once in their life deserves to go wandering. And because we feel that way, we'll happily send you all the papers and other Yippie! stuff you need to spread good

word and even raise a little bread as

out what it looks like beyond the

you trip from scene to scene, crashing rock concerts, etc.

Whether you read this in time to help turn people on to the White House Smoke-In, or you want to do it in the 7 weeks in July & August before the Chicago Commemoration August 26-28, we of the YIPster TIMES are ready to help at 212-533-5028.

Of course, you're probably most effective travelling in your own state or region. It'll be easier to stay in touch with people you meet—and that's what's important. You're setting up your organization, the scene you'll be working with when you want to do something or need help later.

How do you think Steve Conliff of Ohio got away with pieing Governor

Rhodes?

Yippie organizing is most effective when you can work on a statewide or regional basis. Obviously, publicity covers a wider area with several groups of people working on an action from different cities. You can delegate special projects which people in the city hosting the event would be too busy to get together.

But for the kind of communication it takes to pull off statewide activities, the organizers have to know and trust each other. The means to achieve this are statewide travellers, and state con-

Give yourself lots of lead time if you

are trying to put together a first state YIP confab. First of all, call us at the Yipster Times. We can get you addresses and phone numbers of our contacts in the state. Get a mailing out in time to let folks make plans and tell their friends. Follow with phone calls and visits.

Depending on the state and response you get, you can have things at home, tho with a well promoted conference you may need a larger space.

Make sure that proposed means of communication really happen. Many a project has never even started, because the person or group which took responsibility for the initial newsletter "got into something else", or "couldn't get the bread together"

If communication is the project not of one collective, but of a state coordinating committee of two people in each burg, (people with fones), the state group can act much more quickly, and can more readily input into national decisions. (There is obviously no way we can consult everyone directly before making any given move, or taking a particular editorial policy. A state organ can funnel feedback through.)

State travellers also play a key role in the distribution of the Yipster Times and other stuff. We have found it faster and considerably cheaper to haul the Yipster Times bulk orders ourselves, than to ship. But if trucks carrying orders have to make every stop, they lose a lot of time. Ideally, a long distance drop can leave a couple thousand YTs with the state contact, for prompt distribution, both to people we know, and pioneering in new cities. Obviously State travellers have a much better chance to follow up on contacts than someone doing a national route.

each other.

Now that Carter and Bell have drawn the line with this spy between the anti-war movement and the legitimate mainstream, the power of the CP to repeat the effective job it did against S-1 is in doubt.

Previously anti-S-1 forces like NORML and NCARL (National Coalition Against Repressive Legislation) have even worked out minimalist strategies for the current bill if "reformed". But S-1437 is not reformable. When they tried to improve S-1437 in the Senate the reforms that were added were worse than the original.

The chief exponents of the reform line are groups most tied into the liberal-left establishment in Washington, which is under incredible pressure from Ted Kennedy's people.

The House Subcommittee decision not to proceed with HR-6869 (S-1437) only means a new lull.

YIP had said all along that the way to destroy the bill was to tie it down with riders and amendments that galled the right as much as the left. But Bell, Kennedy & the forces they represent have already mounted one surprise attack. The only way to put this thing to its grave is massive pro-

Join us in Washington, July 2nd at the Capitol Bldg, and July 4th in Lafayette Park, for the Carter Veto

**S-1437** blow-out.

## Paraquat

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of his concern. Peter Bourne also got into the act, asking the National Institute of Drug Abuse to conduct a study of paraquat pot's effects.

For the next few months nothing happened, being the summer period when most media people busy themselves with rewrites. In October the story once again took off, owing in large part to High Times revolving news editor A. Craig Copetas, who wrote the story for the New York Daily News, America's largest-selling paper. Later that month the first of two government studies came in. The NIDA study was not that much paraquat pot that could be found coming into the country. Of several shipments generously donated to them by the DEA, they found several "partially contaminated" bales. The study said it was doubtful that paraquat would be harmful if smoked, but that it could be dangerous if ingested. They illustrated the point by postulating that it would take 32 pounds of quat pot brownies at one sitting to be fatal.

These figures themselves were highly dubious. Respectable dealers who worked the Sinaloa region denied that paraquat pot had ever come through their hands. "The buyers have been testing for it," said a dealer from the region "and nobody in Mexico can find any. It's only in the states that it's turning up."

Regardless of the government figures, it was at this point that the pro-pot lobbies should have gotten suspicious. Instead, they gobbled up the figures, and screamed for more. NORML held a press conference, for instance, in which the first fifteen pages were verbatim reprints of NIDA and Health, Education & Welfare shock statements that read like a 50's movie script on the killer weed. And High Times magazine held a press conference in New York saying that not only was the paraquat pot everywhere in America, but that it was of particular danger to school children who could not afford the higherpriced Colombian, and had to take their chances with Mexican.

Segundo explained, "I tried to get the magazine to the press conference, but he insisted that since it was going to be such a big story, we'd better be the ones

spreading the bad news.'

At least two groups, the Yippies and the Confederation, an underground organization of pound and ton dealers who occasionally appear at pot confabs to enter in debate on major topics, quickly branded the media quat onslaught a red herring.

Part of the reason NORML went off the deep end in their acceptance of the government propaganda was because they had arrived late on this issue, missing it in the first High Times articles and in the underground press until it was brought to their attention by NIDA and Peter Bourne. The embarassment at their belated arrival on the biggest issue since the Mari-

juana Tax Act was so acute that they tried to make up for it by making the most outrageous claim. They even outshined the cops in their paranoic descriptions of quat pot at a press conference in Washington D.C. in March of this year. Stroup declared to a group of skeptical reporters that not only was the U.S. brimming with poison pot, but that even the minutest amount would bring about an agonizing death, if not today, then soon. No matter that the pot had been sprayed for the past three years and not a single person had ever sneezed from the effects. Stroup then called for a total boycott of all Mexican pot, a position no doubt applauded by law enforcement agencies dedicated to the same ends everywhere. Stroup was suddenly the darling of the right-wing press, more quoted in his counsel to go cold turkey on pot than he had ever been in his decrim pleas, and he so loved the limelight that he continued to peddle this outrageous fraud long after it had been debunked. He also went on to say at the press conference that no one was safe, not even the rich; the finest Colombian gold could actually be the tainted paraquat Mexican because they look exactly alike! Even the press corps hooted at that one, recognizing the imbecility of the claim and refusing to defame themselves by being identified with it in their articles.

At last, though, it seems the scare is ebbing. A recent Time magazine article quoted some Recognized Laboratory scientists as saying that there seemed to be more style than substance in the paraquat panic. And the New York Times, which prides itself on not getting taken in by the ordinary day to day ruses, recently headlined a story "Mexico Says Marijuana Poison Scare is Propaganda". The Mexican government has contended, correctly, that "the whole campaign has been orchestrated by groups favoring legalization of mari-juana." Mexico's Deputy Attorney General scoffed at the scare stories, pointing out that "The traffickers aren't stupid. They can tell the difference between yellow marijuana and the dark green unsprayed kind. We've tound loads of sprayed marijuana dumped by roadsides because the sellers couldn't find a buyer for it." He also pointed out that paraquat was probably not as harmful as some would suggest, that it is used in 90 countries to protect sugar cane, grapes, tomatoes, cotton and citrus products. It is used extensively in Florida and the U.S. Southwest and allowed to be on the citrus and sugar cane that Americans ingest daily.

Whether or not any of these facts are going to deter the stampede brought on by special interest groups and sensationalizing journalists remains to be seen. Like the dangers of LSD and swine flu, there are some people who will always believe them, who need the Big Lie to substitute for their own analyses, who need the writers, politicians, and NORML.

# Refined Sugar White Trash



by Melissa Rivera

This popular food additive has been the subject of intense argument between nutritionists, food industry bosses, and anyone concerned with what s/he is putting in her/his body.

Today anyone with any reasonable background in nutrition knows that, at best, sugar is a source of empty calories—it has no nutritional value at all. The hype about it being a "good source of energy" is a twisting of the truth by the sugar industry.

All carbohydrates—simple sugars and starches—are eventually broken down into glucose by the body. Your body needs glucose—without it, it goes through a deprivation process called ketosis. But you must make a choice about what source you are going to use to satisfy this need. Fructose, lactose and maltose occur naturally—sucrose is what is left from a chemical process that strips away the protein and fiber from the sugar cane or beet. The glucose found in fruits, milk and grains are both in small, healthy amounts, and have the other nutrients (protein, vitamins, minerals) of that particular food. Sucrose not only has the nutritious part of the plant removed, but it is also a concentrated amount of sugar—2½ pounds of sugar beet needed to make one ounce of white sugar, and the average American easily eats that much sugar in one day.

The danger of such a concentrated amount of sugar is this: sugar, especially when eaten alone without a healthy food to balance out its bad effects, destroys the normally gentle rhythm of your adrenal system. When eaten alone, sucrose goes straight from your intestinal wall into your blood stream. Now, the normal amount of glucose in the blood is 70 to 110 miligrams of glucose in one gram of blood. When sucrose is eaten, this rises too far above 110 mlg.—this is where people get their "energy rush" from. But your body cannot handle such a high amount of sugar. So

within a couple of hours, the body's adrenal system produces insulin, a hormone which lowers the glucose level in the blood to an acceptable ratio. If a moderate amount of glucose is present, then only a small amount of insulin will be released. But a larger amount of insulin is needed to deal with all the sugar the average American eats today. This flooding of the bloodstream with insulin makes the glucose level plunge way down. This is when people get sluggish, hungry and irritable in the middle of the afternoon. So they eat more sugar and go through the same cycle again.

Refined starches (white flour and white rice) have the same effect on the body. Most of the nutritious part of the plant is removed because the modern steel rollers that grind the grains would turn the live part of the food rancid due to the heat produced. So only the dead starchy part of the grain goes through. The naturally occurring oils and fiber are gone and the starch is broken down too quickly for the body to handle. Health is sacrificed for process. It's sick to think of food companies congratulating because they their products; stone-ground whole wheat and brown rice are full of B vitamins and protein in their natural state. These foods, used as staples for centuries, now have literally the life ground out of them. The few B vitamins and iron added don't make up for the rest of the B-complex group that has been removed. The natural plants also may contain unknown nutrients or trace elements that we need. For example, chromium until very recently was considered an 'organic contaminant' in whole wheat flour. IT is now known to be a vital trace element.

Sugar is a slow destroyer for people with comparatively normal blood glucose levels, and a killer for diabetics (those with high blood sugar) and hypoglycemics (those with low blood sugar).

For normal people with "normal" American eating habits-skimpy breakfasts, starchy lunches, in-between "fixes" of candy, coffee, cigarettes, and alcohol at meals-they suffer the up and down stresses of the glucose level jumping. After any length of sugar binging, people will suffer depression, anxiety, irritability and sluggishness. They may develop a craving for alcohol—also pure calories-or caffeine-which has the quick pick-up of sugar. They will eat more and more junk food, which is especially bad, since your body needs more protein and other nutrients when under stress, and the sugar ups-anddowns is a form of stress. It goes without saying that sugar will destroy your teeth and make you even sicker if you come down with any illness.

Continuous sugar indulgence will for many people lead to either hypoglycemia or diabetes. According to a survey done by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, "...out of 134,000 people interviewed, 66,000 cases of hypoglycemia were reported. This represents 49.2% of those interviewed..." This 1966-67 survey was done on non-institutional subjects; that is, these people were not in hospitals being treated for some ailment. If this survey can be considered representative of the whole American public, and if you add to these figures the millions of people who are diabetic or pre-diabetic, then you can see that the majority of people should never eat sugar.

What is hypoglycemia? Simply when insulin is released to counteract the high sugar level, it may someday over-react and release too much. The symptoms of low blood sugar are similar to those mentioned before, but greatly worsened—severe depression, manic-depressive-like behavior, and low energy drive. How severe the condition is will vary from person to person. One may find herself only moderately depressed if she hasn't eaten in a few hours; another may go

through personality changes strong enough and erratically enough to think he is going crazy, and his family and friends will agree with him on that. As a matter of fact, some people who were diagnosed as schizophrenic, manic-depressive, or paranoid had this syndrome; a change in diet drastically changed their behavior for the better. If you find yourself depressed and irritable for no apparent reason, and see that your moods swing around the times you eat or don't eat, see your doctor and ask to have a Glucose Tolerance Test (GTT) done. You come in the morning of the test fasting; the doctor will take a sample of blood then, and will give you some concentrated sugar syrup to drink. For the next several hours, your blood will periodically be taken. The GTT will measure how high and low your blood sugar level goes. Normal blood glucose levels should never drop below 70 mlg. glucose to one gram-blood; if yours does, then you should remove all refined sugar and high starch foods from your diet and eat high protein foods with lots of vegetables and fruits. These foods will both repair your body and your sugar level from going to such extremes. A lot of doctors have poor background in nutrition, and many in the past have put their patients on high-sugar diets when it was found that they were hypoglycemic.

Diabetes is when the body cannot produce enough insulin to bring down the sugar. If this disease runs in your family, you are especially susceptible to it, and should not aggravate your chances of developing it by a high

sugar diet.

Obviously, people should try to kick this habit. But one trip to the supermarket would discourage even the best-intentioned person. Our food supply is controlled by large agribusiness corporations. By adding sugar and corn product fillers to the majority of canned and processed foods (if that is what you want to call them), it both fills up the product with a cheap food source (meaning pro-fit\$\$\$) and keeps the public hooked.(You can also think about the social possibilities of having a nation of people sluggish, apathetic and sick from poor diet. For example, a cook at a women's prison told an interviewer that she is ordered to serve a starchy diet to the inmates; the reason given was that a high-starch diet would keep them sluggish & hopefully apathetic to their environment.) Otherwise, these people would be healthy enough to feel oppressed, and who knows what healthy people are capable of doing?

Nearly everything the modern American eats is sugar-contaminated. From baby food to tomato sauce to toothpaste, sugar is a fact of modern

life.

If you sincerely want to be rid of sugar, you should mercilessly throw out all foods containing either sugar, corn products, or refined flour. If you crave sweetness, try using natural sweetners—honey, fruits—don't use brown sugar; that's only white sugar with molasses added.

Eating healthy is expensive in this society-so what else is new? Is it worth paying the extra money to get the food we need? This question could be the first of many with social values needing to be looked at again. You can also ask how long will people continue to look the other way while corporations manipulate our lives and those of people in other countries. The sugar and coffee we eat not only sicken us; the land these crops were grown on was bought from Third World countries. The people starve while their good soil is sold by their puppet government leaders to US companies to grow these nutritionally worthless foods-people are malnourished because of profitmotivated corporations both here and over there. Think, people!

Photo: Laura Olenick



Dear Friends,

While I support the efforts of the Left and the progressive forces to free Imani, and other prisoners facing violent repression at the hands of the state, I find the article by F. Dzershinsky in the April/May edition of YIPster Times to be somewhat objectionable. He constantly refers to killings of police as "icings" and "executions," as if to trivialize or legitimize their deaths. Additionally, there is an element of glee in Dzershinsky's analysis, and the inference that police deaths somehow advance the cause of the

A more humane outlook is to recognize that while the police are instruments of the ruling class, duped into risking their lives to protect the private property of the few, killing cops really accomplishes nothing, unless it is done against some especially monstrous individual in self defense. What is required is the complete transformation of the capitalist system; if in the struggle to bring about this necessary change, police die, then so be it-but it must be viewed as an unfortunate tragedy, not as a grand accomplishment worthy of celebration. To think otherwise is to fall into the trap of stereotyping and dehumanizing the enemy, and the outcome of that is Stalin and the Gulag.

Yours in struggle, William J. Volonte Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Comrades:

Recieved the first of what I hope will be a series of issues of your terrific paper. It's actually the best thing I've read in here, for it's absolutely different from anything.

My nominations for the Pie would be Mayor Rizzo of Phila. and/or Warden Julius T. Cuyler of Graterford.

Keep putting out a wonderful read! In Struggle,

We are in support of The Committee to Boycott Nixon's Memoirs, the group that is selling posters, tee-shirts, and bumper stickers to support in the boycott of the book R.N. that Tricky Dick and his ghost writers are flooding

But selling the propaganda is just serving those few capitalists in that Committee. Instead, we want to see all Yippies going to the local bookstore that peddles that \$20.00 trash.

(1) Scream at the top of your lungs what great stuff the book is, and how all the motherfucking people better buy the book... or you'll personally rip their lungs out. Tell everyone that you are an employee of the store, and openly carry a bottle of wine and a couple of lit joints, if you

(2) Announce to the manager that you must personally inspect his display of copies. Inspect hem with a Magic Marker, a razor blade, a zippo lighter, a muddy shoe, dog shit, crazy glue (or Elmers, too,) your animals, and/or a temper tantrum.

(3) Accost people on the street, feel them up, drag them into the store, and, in a very loud voice, demand they buy the book.

We're serious. Yippies must do whatever we can to stop the sale of this lousy book.

3 Stoned Yippies DC Suburbs

Greetings:

We read with great interest your article on the Nazis in Skokie. We totally agree that there should be a united effort to smash the fascist slim. Some might think that the Nazis can be ignored because their membership is still relatively small. That could be a fatal error here, as it was in Germany. A few German Nazis soon became a few dozen, then a few hundred, then a few

thousand; finally, in their brown shirts with swastikaed armbands they were goose-stepping by the hundreds of thousands. This frightful growth was not the result of quiet reason or peaceful persuasion—it was brought about by lies, terror; by the threat of joblessness and starvation for any who held out against them.

It is not enough to picket against the Nazis, or even to scare them out of marching. We must carry out defensive action to the offensive. Smash Nazism wherever and whenever it raises its monstrous head!

Fraternally, A.M. Schecker Workers' Defense Evanston, Ill.

P.S: We have SMASH THE NAZIS! buttons and stickers which go for 50 cents apiece, 10 for \$3.00, or 100 for \$25.00.

This year's Kent State May 4th Memorial was the most fucked-up thing I've been to in nine years as a Yippie. An organized contingent of berserkers from one East Coast chapter, along with assorted lone bozos, seemed fanatically determined to justify the worst fears locals had about out-of-town Yippies running amuck and bringing down heat. Refusing to discuss tactics in meetings, they grabbed the flags and stubbornly headed right everytime anyone else wanted to go left.

Up to a point, rattling the gym fence and yelling at the cops made an important political point: pacifists' paranoia was unjustified, Jim Rhodes and Brage Golding were anxious there not be another politically disasterous Kent shooting. But, despite both Kent marshals' and Ohio YIPs' urgings to cool the provocation, the berserker faction continued its onslaughts, eventually getting the cops to fire a couple teargas canisters when a piece of the fence

Since no one had expected teargas, nobody ever talked to the crowd about reacting calmly to teargas. So most people panicked, including our brave fence-rattlers who, like a pack of RSBers, broke and ran at the first whiff of gas. Teargas doesn't disperse a crowd; panic does. Two men actually threw their bodies atop the women they were with, shouting: "They're shooting at us again!"

The anti-Rhodes message we'd carefully spelled out got lost in another futile assault on the fence, and the bonds we in Ohio had been working to build between the Kent community and YIP were shattered. Next May 4th, maybe it would be better if we all stayed home and organized, instead of continuing this pilgrimage to Kent till it becomes a ritual.

Meanwhile, I want to remind all that this is supposed to be a decentralized organization. When we took over YIP from Abbie and Jerry in '72, one of the big complaints everyone had was heavies from NYC floating in to take command of actions. Local and state organizing groups, we said, should control the tenor of actions, not out-of-towners with no sensitivity for local conditions.

"Because I want to, and nobody tells me what to do" is not adequate justification for every human activity: shitting on your host's floor, for example. Argue shitting on the floor's cool and you're arguing Rockefeller's raping South America because he wants to is cool, and you're not an anarchist anymore, just an asshole laissez-faire capitalist.

We Ohioans learned our streetfighting back in the Weatherman days and do more than bend fences when we get mad. Hope it doesn't take a broken glass exhibition next time we demonstrate in the berserker faction's hometown to make them appreciate how unpleasant it is to have to clean up other people's messes.

> Love 'n' Struggle Steve Conliff

Tipster Yimes;

All knees unite!!! Greetings from Toilet

Misproductions. Once again we are delighted with your publication, that last issue was super. Between YIPster Times, Open Road, and Zero, it looks like the uncoming anarchist flip out will be a marvel. We'd like to remind all good freeks everywhere to continue the Nestle boycott, so we can CRUNCH NESTLE QUIK!!! In case you don't know, Nestle is the leading marketer of that awful formula in the Third World, which ironically cannot be used safely by mothers there because of the poor health conditions such as contaminated water, lack of refrigeration etc. Yet multinational pigs like Nestle continue to market the shit there because they are hungry for profits.

Another news item we wish the Yipster Times would pick up on is the group of repressive legislation going through Congress, which would nullify all treaties made between the Indicted States and the Native Nations in the former's boundaries. The biggie is H.R. 9054. This marks the trend started by S-1, and appears to be continuing into other bills and issues. Congress, and the bosses who pull their strings, are on an all-out rampage to illegalize freedom. We must struggle to victory!

We would lastly like to wish everybody down on Bleecker Street a joyous St. Minnie Day.

Clog all sewers, Moshe Coppendred Joan Fadreezick Al Vin

Once again a new political "line" has emerged. This time it's the Youth International Party (YIP) with a cultural-political approach, or the 'Soft Strategy.' Built around that all-important issue of marijuana, YIP hopes that a cultural critique of state repression can succeed in uniting politically isolated minorities & groups.

YIP has finally realized the "trivialization" of our lives. The media has created 'issues' and 'roles' that only divides us organizationally. Caught between the dogma of Marxist-Lenninism where culture reflects the workers' paradise & the cultural milieu of capitalism, the left is fragmented over the issues of gay and women's rights, the nuclear family, drugs, etc. Because China believes in the nuclear family and that being gay is bourgeois decadence, homosexual rights are excluded from political actions of the doctrinaire Left. By questioning all forms of cultural oppression, YIP perceives a continuous field for revolutionary cultural organizing.

YIP maintains that the "movement" hasn't died, and that the "counterculture" still lives. Evidence, of course is the phenomenal success of High Times magazine. The tent city at Kent State, Smoke-Ins, and their influence on NORML has "pushed them back into the forefront of the movement for social change." YIP was successful in having NORML reject S-1437, even though the bill would decriminalize possession of 10 grams of pot.

Either YIP is short-sighted, or their cultural approach must be conditioned by their constituents' orientation. Cultural oppression crosses class lines. While the pot head or gay might rebel against the "total orchestration of society," either that rebellion is based on classconsciousness relations, or it reverts into liberalism. Economic relations transcend cultural injustice & the pot-smoking lesbian president of G.M. is nothing more than a pig

Another problem with YIP's strategy is its reliance on Party formation. YIP quotes G. Jackson's Withdrawal Strategy. We withdraw into our natural bases and as the contradictions of Capital thicken, these communities produce "an increasingly pervasive underground press with new emphasis on a 'mass line;' the popularization of the revolutionary culture and the elevating of it; both under the direction of an ultra-aggressive political party... "

So, the Party controls the culture-not the October League with their mandate from Peking-nor Hitler Youth led by Madison's child molester Rev. Dillabaugh-but the Youth International Party.

YIP still has a good idea. They insist they will stick to their principles while adapting to the new terrain of capitalism. "Like ju jitsu or tai chi, they will move with the flow while hitting 'em low." As Nimzovitch once said, "keep your chin tucked in and your fists up front because the threat is greater than the execution."

Amaya No Limits

#### NEWSPOEM

Lisa Halaby is a willowy blonde, poised, gentle and intelligent.

No one who knows the 26-year-old New Yorker is surprised that she reportedly will wed King Hussein of Jordan.

"She's such a pretty girl, so warm and outgoing," a family friend said yesterday at the Fifth Avenue offices of her father, Najeeb, former Pan Am president who was busily preparing for a formal announcement of the impending mar-

At Princeton University's archi tecture school, where Lisa was a 1974 graduate; assistant dean Thomas Sutherland said:

"She's a natural for a queen... -New York Post May 16th, 1978

She's a natural for a queen (She's no "Ms in between"). She's not ugly, no shmo Can handle kikes or PLO.

She has "breeding", she's well read (& pretty good in bed). Who could ask for anything more? The peasants of Samar?

-Tuli Kupferberg

Washington, May 11-Vladimir Horowitz, whose 50th anniversary piano concert at the White House in February was televised by the Public Broadcasting Service, has been guaranteed at least \$150,000 for the foreign distribution rights of the videotape.

Mr. Horowitz celebrated the anniversary of his American debut with the hourlong concert for 250 guests, and was introduced by President Carter as "a true national treasure."

Mr. Horowitz, certainly the highest paid concert artist in the world, was believed to have donated his services for the honor of the occasion, and did not receive a fee at the time.

Subsequently, however, the videotape of the concert, including Mr. Carter's reminiscent introduction of the 73-year-old pianist, was made available for distribution to television overseas, through Fernseh Produktionsgesellschaft, with head offices in Munich, West Germany...

-New York Times, May 12th, 1978

"A national treasure" Joy without mea\$ure Brilliance, eclat, oh ohh la la-The ultimate artiste, Bravo maestro! Such wit, tendresse, and quelle chutzpah!

Note: Mr. Horowitz is in an old American tradition. America's sweetheart, Bob Hope himself, in such publicized yearly shows performed free 'for the troops' (including our valiants in Vietnam) every Xmas. What was not so well publicized (concealed?) was the millions he made selling the filmings of each of these performances each year to the TV networks (and their grungy advertisers).

-Tuli Kupferberg

Le chat:

Please, Doctor, tell me why I'm here I hold my feline freedom dear And now to my disgust and rage You've locked me in a wire cage. I know you have the best intent Persuing this experiment, but I can't feel that all is well .. You've heard about the road to hell.

The scientist: Dear cat, relax, & be a doll we'll stick you with some Nembutal! To tabbies you'll be most attractive with a brain that's radioactive. We'll keep you under observation, and do another operation. We'll probe around inside your brain, & see if we can drive you insane. Un-normal, that is plain to see, now wouldn't you like to be like me?

-Vincent Titus

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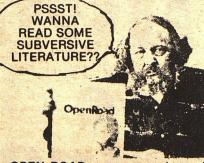
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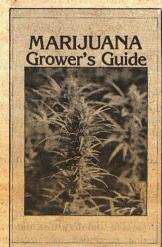
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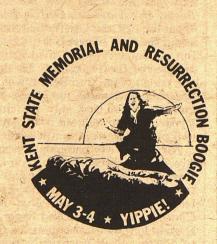
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stands guard over the cornfields and presumably the public morals of the people of Ohio. But within its dark and foreboding walls the US Constitu-tion, the UN Charter on Human Rights and the Helsinki Accords are being systematically violated by a prison bureaucracy trembling with fear and outrage at the growth of a revolutionary community behind the walls. What is unique is that the cons at Lucasville (and their sisters in struggle in Marysville Pen) are doing something about it. To be exact, they have begun a program of severing their fingers and portions of their fingers and mailing them to high government officials, including Jim-my Carter, demanding that their right to political asylum under the Helsinki Accords be granted. It's crisis time for Jimmy and his clique of bol weevils as their elaborate tapestry of concern for human rights crumbles under the blows of the people who have the least human rights of all—the prisoners of America.

In the span of three years, Lucasville has seen its guards go out on strike, an attempted mass break, food and work strikes, and now the self-mutilations. The struggle has gone from a military one to a military/political one, with cons learning through struggle how to exert maximum pressure on the bourgeoisie without needless and permanent sacrifices. They have learned the art of revolu-

tionary survival.

A con involved in the mass break in 1975 tells about Lucasville in those days: "In the 3' years that the prison has been open, there had never been (until us) an attempt to escape from the prison proper. Security arrangements had always discouraged any serious contemplation of escape. Prison officals had come to think of their domain as escape-proof. Such an attitude invariably increased our chances for sucess. It was to our advantage for them to continue thinking that the prison was escape proof... That escape resulted in the death of one brother, and the shooting of several others. It lead directly to the current movement.

The Lucasville 14 contend that they have the right, under the Helinsky Accords, to renounce American citizenship and become political emigres. Many nations in the world recognize this. For example, the Peoples' Republic of China's Constitution says very clearly that, "The Peoples" Republic of China grants the right of residence to any foreign national persecuted for supporting a just cause, for taking part in revolutionary movements or for engaging in scientific activities." Even the gorilla junta in Chile has let its political prisoners (the tamer ones) go into exile. But Richard X. Armstrong, known to his comrades as "Red," a leader of the 14 reported in a letter to a prison periodical, The Morning Sun, two attorneys from the Justice Department told us that the government would see us dead before they would allow us to leave as political dissidents." Clearly China, the UN, and the signers of the Helsinki Accords have one idea about the meaning of human rights and governmental

another. And exploiting that is what the struggle of the Lucasville 14 is all about.

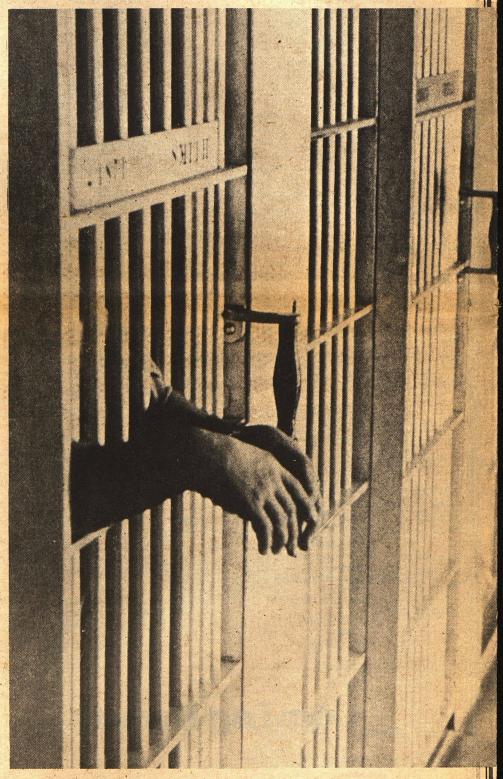
But it is also about using the contradictions between various levels of government and between different governments to push forward the revolutionary struggle. A very intense campaign was launched by the 14 in late November when Red Armstrong mailed one of his fingers to Patricia M. Derian, an Assistant Secretary of State in Washington who deals with human rights. Naturally, she freaked out. I mean, it isn't every day in the life of a staid and petit-bourgeois Washington bureaucrat that he or she gets a severed finger in the mail. But the conditions at Lucasville and the determination of the men fighting in there makes every form of protest and revolutionary rebellion justifiable. Patricia Derain, being a lackey, of course turned the finger over to the FBI, and they of course ran back to Lucasville to find out just why all this shit had come down. Red Armstrong reports that: "We told the FBI that we viewed the civil rights investigation as nothing more than a political ploy to cover up the true nature of the situa-tion being protested, and that the Justice Department was and had been aware of the true situation upon which the protest was premised, for several months. We told the FBI to convey the message back to Washington that we cut off a second finger, on or before January 20th, 1978, unless the government adopted a positive position toward resolving the situation on or before that date. We further told the FBI that we would send the second finger, if cut off—to Griffin Bell..." What the FBI and Griffin Bell thought about this turn of events is not known. But on January 9th, David Cattano, another of the 14, cut off his finger, and tried to mail it to Bell. It was nabbed passing through the prison X-ray machine. The next day the Justice Department announced it was sending two of its attorneys to Lucasville.

After this the campaign mounted steadily. On February 6th, Jon Cummins cut off his small finger and tried to mail it to Carter. It too was intercepted. On February 21st, David Cattano cut off his second finger, and Donald Ferdinand also mailed a finger to Carter. Both apparently made it through the prison X-ray and to the White House, although the White House would not comment. On this same day Red Armstrong tried to sever another finger, but he was mauled by a gang of pigs, and stopped. Cattano and Armstrong were then thrown in the solitary section of the prison hospital and had their typewriters taken away, in an attempt to cut them off from the people and the press. But the story had already made it on to the CBS Evening News. Facing this situation the brothers launched a hunger strike which went on for 16 days.

That is the situation in Lucasville up to the present. The 14 are now mobilizing support on the streets and they are asking people to move to force Carter to live up to the Helsinki Accords. Even the slightest accomadation would bring liberation much closer to the thousands of political prisoners in America. The current im-

broglio between Carter and the Russians has them both very anxious to disprove the charges that they each violate their peoples' human rights. Of course, since both are reactionary dictatorships, they are both guilty of many crimes against their respective peoples. The USSR has jailed and persecuted the revolutionary ML left themselves rather than serve another

The second important point about the Lucasville events is that the people involved have a clear and firm revolutionary committment. After the Attica revolt, the bourgeois press tried to say that the demand for transportation to a non-imperialist country was merely the work of a few radicals and did not express the wishes of the radicals as a whole. The bourgeois press is forever telling people that there is no revolutionary movement behind the wallsjust as some neurotics, gangsters and publicity hounds. But the level of struggle at Lucasville and the brothers' total refusal to compromise has turned many of these pig myths in-



in the USSR, the oppressed nationalities like the Georgians and Ukranians, and people like Orlov. The US has established an even more longlasting reputation for political persecution, and sheer sadism in its prisons. The brothers in Lucasville have correctly seen that this is the time to force the issue in the world arena, to cause maximum embarrasment and to get maximum leverage. They are succeeding. Andy Young was forced to meet with a delegation in Holland who pressed him about the Lucasville case. The extraordinary sacrifice of the 14 is providing an example of courage and making many people look at the prisons and wonder why people will go to the extreme of mutilating

to sawdust. Anyone who thinks the brothers are running down some jive should listen closely to Red Armstrong, who wrote the Morning Sun recently and said, "In essence we are political dissidents. We are trying to escape the entire dimension of capitalism. We are trying to scale the Berlin Wall from this side; we are trying to claw our way through the iron curtain of capitalism, and we are losing our fingers in the process, and it may well be that we lose our lives."

Among other groups, the Columbus Yippies have taken a very active role in the fight to free the 14. At a recent press conference, Steve Conlliff made an open appeal for Kurt Waldheim.

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## Atlanta Migration Abuse, Indignities & Intimidation

A report from Lewisburg Penitentiary with commentary by F. Dzerzhinsky.

On April 10th, Dominique Orsini, a major figure in the so-called French Connection case was killed in the Federal Pen in Atlanta, after being labeled a snitch. Several days later, another informer in the case was murdered and had his body mutilated, while a BOP investigation team was in the prison. Both these killings, which conventional wisdom would put down to a settling of debts among organized crime, have sparked a major wave of repression against radical cons in Atlanta. One convict called it "an event that epitomizes the escalation of fascism in the U.S. Prison Colony. What happened in Atlanta is described in the report below, made available to stripped of all our clothes and belongings. For hours we waited in cells trying to guess what was happening. Questions and speculations passed from cell to cell, until finally bureaucratic forms were passed through slots in the cell doors and revealed the U.S.'s plan for the "Atlanta Migration"—our destinations were fixed as Leavenworth, Kansas; Marion, Illinois; Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Terre Haute, Indiana; Lompoc, California and other places across the nation. In one cell was Herman Bell, one of the political revolutionary "Marion Brothers;" we were aware that Marion was consistent in its barbaric treatment of prisoners.

We had no idea that Lewisburg would play a leading nightmare role in our lives.

No prisoner was allowed to gather up his property from his cell. 'Hacks' (guards) went to the cells, gathering up what they knew, thought, or considered to be our property. This was packaged without our supervision or identification,

the clandestined motive, we left the bus to enter Petersburg for a 'holdover' (an over-night stay to rest the drivers, clean the bus, replenish food and drinking supplies—and probably as an extra fringe benefit, to give us prisoners a break from the muscle-binding, boring ride.)

The entrance to Petersburg is a cyclone fenced enclosure surrounded by barbed wire and guarded with electric eyes. Here we saw for the first time the much-talked-about, razor-sharp coils of "knife-wire" used in Vietnam. This stuff makes barbed wire look like knitting yarn. When a prisoner steps into these coils, it wraps around him, slicing and piercing with needlesharp spurs. It is so mean that it is said that two prisoners, after attempting the barricade, lay for hours after discovery, enmeshed, while hacks worked to free them.

Our stay at Petersburg was without noticable event, but the morning preparation for the journey to Lewisburg was an omen ignored. We were puzzled when on that morning, April 14th, we not only had our hands manacled and chained to our waists, but the annoying, ankleskinning leg irons were added. We were not necessarily surprised, because it is the option of the officer in charge of the bus to use any restraint he wishes on his "cargo." But it is normal practice that the form of restraint stays the same as long as the officer in charge is the same. There was no change in the head hood (Lt. Hume). We let the incident pass.

About halfway to Lewisburg, the hacks riding the bus (each bus carries an armed driver and two armed guards seperated from the prisoners by steel mesh) talked in low, guarded tones on the bus radio. We started getting guarded looks from the hacks. Later we began picking up police escorts in front and back of the bus. Escorts would change as we passed from one jursidiction to another. Until, on what looked like a back highway, the drivers pulled over to the side of the road and the bus was surrounded by police cars.

Men climbed out of the cars armed with ax handles and shotguns. When we became aware of our situation, our surprise changed to terror. Here we were, chained hand and foot, caged in meshed steel and steel bars-completely helpless, on a back road. No action was being taken, but prisoners were speculating wildly. A man in a blue suit (Lt. Wicka, Lewisburg Segregation Lieutenant) entered the bus and talked to the driver and the bus hacks. He then left. The armed hoods withdrew and entered their vehicles. The incident took between five and ten minutes. The escort to Lewisburg continued. It was quite evident that all the prisoners were uneasy and many terrorized. No one knew what was happening!

That evening we arrived at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, and the bus entered the walled confines of the prison colony. The bus stopped and we looked out at what appeared to be 20 hacks in helmets and plexigas face masks, armed with black-stained pick-ax handles. Joseph (Shabazz) Gerald and Picariello, two of the inmates who were recently transferred to Atlanta from Lewisburg on a bogus industry fire charge, recognized some of the hacks as Warden Charles "Axe Handle" Fenton, Sinsheimer (Case Management Coordinator,) Jerry Brookmole (S.I.S.,) Jacobson (Unit Manager,) Lt.Scott, Lt. Hudson, Lt. Cossa, Lt. Kerstetter, C.O.Heller, C.O.Reickenback, Brooks (Industry Foreman) and Unit Manager Blanks.

We were instructed by Lt. Williams that we would leave the bus one at a time, at five second intervals, and proceed down a flight of stairs through the man-made corridor of riot equipped hacks. This is highly unusual, as prisoners generally empty a bus in the fashion of civilian "greyhound" passengers.

We observed a man with a camera taking pictures of the bus and the prisoners as we left the bus. The prisoner Kurtz was the first one; as he passed the camera, he said something like"Hi there, folks!" and immediately was jabbed in the back with a pick axe handle and driven into the basement doorway.

Eventually all our turns came, and we carefully duck-walked with our shackled legs down the bus steps, then down the concrete steps through the corridor of hoods. We knew anger and terror—the helpless feeling of being chained and defenseless before a potential attack. Singly, we entered a room with concrete walls and floors. The t-shirted backs of prisoners sitting on the floor with their feet touching the walls greeted

our eyes. The letters "A&O" (admittance and orientation) printed on the backs of some of the shirts created the illusion of a silent cry of terror.

We were ordered to sit on the floor, next to the man on the end of the line. A hack speaking to us smacked his axe handle in the palm of his hand and told us to keep our feet against the wall and to keep our mouths shut and not move. Chained hand and foot, we sat there, backs and legs and asses aching. Eyes glued to the wall. On the wall we saw shadows of these thugs called correction officers. But we riveted our eyes mostly on the shadows of the axe handles. Men trembled and chains clanked in discomfort. In startling suddenness it began. Men were singled out one at a time. Some were beaten. All were threatened. All were defenseless and definitely not provoking. We dared not look to see what was going on-with the exception of one prisoner, R.Picariello 05812: we heard "I told you to keep your goddamned eyes on the wall"-there was scuffling, and he was dragged through a door that closed behind him. Faintly through the door we could here voices, and among them Picariello's, saying "I'm not resisting! I'm not resisting!"

Silence so sharp that you could hear a rat piss on cotton, if it dared, or a pin drop—and we knew we better not be the one to drop the pin.

Each prisoner was carried through that door. Each prisoner had a story of abuse, indignities suffered, and intimidation.

R."Dickie" Picariello 05812 came off the bus like each prisoner, and duck walked to his position in the line of men sitting on the floor. He was ordered to sit down next to former Lewisburg prisoner J.Gerald 40040. As he squatted to sit on the floor, a hack viciously jabbed an axe handle in his ribs. Dickie turned and told the man to keep the blunt stick out of his ribs. The hack ordered him to keep his eyes on the wall, and Picariello requested that the thug get the bat out of his ribs and he would. This caused a reaction from the guards and he was hauled off behind the door. In the huge room filled with hacks he was forced to lie down on the floor with the butt of a pickaxe handle in his neck. A guard accused him of being tough, and Picariello protested "I'm not resisting! I'm not

As other men were dragged into the room, Picariello lay on his stomach, bound hand and foot in chains. The hard chrome steel of his handcuffs gouged his breast-bone. When Dickie tried to ease the pressure and pain in his chest, the hood with the axe handle would add pressure on Picariello's neck. For two hours these vicious thugs forced Dickie to hold this position, while they verbally abused and physically tortured him.

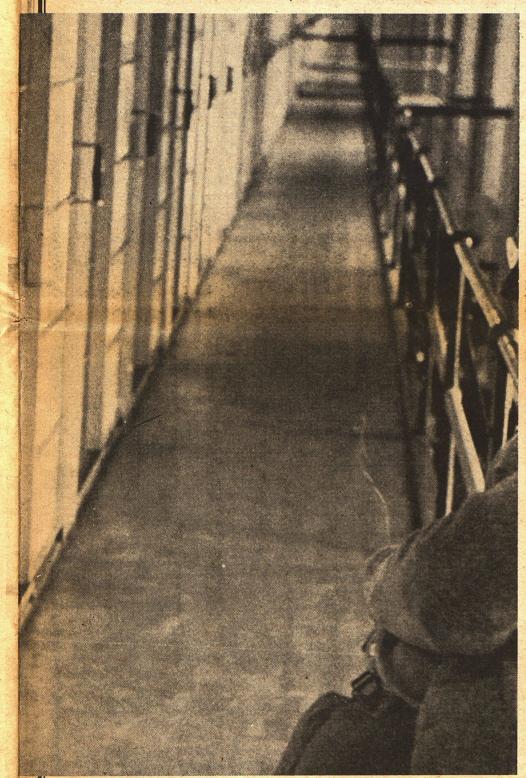
Prisoner M. Cook 20025, waited with the other prisoners. He knew he couldn't hold the sitting position much longer, and when he leaned back to eases muscle and bone, his back met the gray jump-suited leg of a hack. He looked at the shadow on the wall. The silence was broken by one of the frequent hollow bouncings of the butt of an axe handle against the concrete floor. His body chilled, and he tensed with what physical strength he had left. the door opened and a voice called, "Gimme another one."—he was next. A hand shot under each of his armpits and he was dragged off by two jump-suited hoods behind that door that had swallowed up so many of the men.

Amado Lopez, 28102-120, a Cuban prisoner, sat legs extended, muscles aching, feet flat against the wall. "You got another one?" And Lopez was dragged off through the door. Like many Cubans, Lopez could not understand our rapid English, which sounds like mumbling to a non-English speaking person. As he was forced to stand against the wall in the large room, surrounded by hoods, the "police," in rapid fire, gave Lopez the intimidating spiel they gave most of us. But Lopez tried to explain that he could not understand English. The hacks reacted by beating him. (While being processed through other U.S. prisons, Lopez was generally accompanied by an interpreter.)

Former prisoners at Lewisburg who were on the bus were given additional abuse and intimidation aside from that dealt out to the general bus population. These prisoners were accused with many others of being the cause of industrial fires and prisoner dissension at Lewisburg previously. And they had been transferred, with administrative animosity, to other institutions. These prisoners, who bore the brunt of these accusations, should never, under any circumstances, be forced to spend even one day in the U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg.

Documented incident after documented inci-

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Yipster Times through The Morning Sun, a revolutionary organ for the political prisoners of the world, and through the Mark Cook Defense Committee in Seattle. As more information comes in from other camps regarding the Atlanta kidnappings we will print it.

Dear People,

Yesterday ended our experience of the "Atlanta Migration"—an experience we shall never forget, and an event that epitomizes the escalation of fascism in the U.S. Prison Colony.

Shortly after 4 p.m., Georgia time, on Wednesday April 12, scores of prisoners at the U.S. Prison in Atlanta were kidnapped from the prison population. In the outside yard of the detention building (the AWB or Associate Warden's Building—or "the hole") we were

which has resulted in the loss of much property.

On April 13th we had our manacled hands chained to our waists, and we boarded what was known as the "Lewisburg" bus. Rumor spread among us that another bus load and an airlift had left earlier. The rumor later proved to be true. And we were to learn later that another bus and airlift followed our departure.

If we had any idea of the rumors that preceded us, we might have been prepared for the paranoid treatment of the US hoods (guards and staff) at Lewisburg. But even if we had known, we would have probably laughed at our bloody titles of "Murder Squad" and "Execution Squad" that spewed over the closed circuited U.S. wire service.

Late in the evening of April 13th we arrived at the U.S. Prison at Petersburg, Va. After what we considered a normal bus transfer, outside of

# SEARCH FOR THE FLOOR

## Uganda wi'da Wind

Records documenting a series of mysterious flights to Entebbe, Uganda by Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson were discovered by Justice Department officials currently investigating Jackson's activities as "Big Daddy" of Atlanta politics. Hidden away between a tattered volume of "Mein Kampf" and a well-thumbed copy of Machiavelli's "The Prince," these records indicate that Jackson made several hundred such flights which always departed and returned under cover of darkness.

When this data was correlated by computer with known travel records of Uganda's Field Marshall and President for Life Idi Amin, it soon became apparent that each of the notorious Amin's frequent plane trips to destinations-unknown coincided exactly with Jackson's night-time return trips to Atlanta. Checking further into the matter, investigators shed more light on this seeming coincidence when they found that Jackson's night-time departures for destinations-unknown also matched up perfectly with Amin's return flights to Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

This revelation tends to support a growing suspicion of many Atlantans, who have become convinced that Idi

Amin and Maynard Jackson are actually one and the same person. Commuting from Uganda to Atlanta (and vice versa,) over the years has apparently exhausted 'Big Daddy' Jackson (as he is jovially referred to in Atlanta) to the point that he has made several embarassing slip-ups while in office.

Atlantans still talk about the time Jackson announced plans to efect a towering statue of "Uncle Tom" in front of City Hall, plans which were quickly scuttled when 'Big Daddy's' advisors pointed out to him that Uncle Tom's roots had recently been traced back to Israel by Arthur N. Haley, noted genealogist.

This incident occurred the same



week that Amin appeared before the United Nations demanding the "extinction of Israel as a state." Interestingly enough, Jackson was in New York City, that same day, purportedly for a "body-lift." Jackson also postponed plans to stock the nearby Chattahoochee River with crocodiles for "ecological purposes" upon his return to Atlanta.

More clues which neatly fit the developing scenario of a schizophrenic, power-mad politician followed, as the focus of the Justice Department investigation shifted quickly. Dozens of empty cases marked "tetracycline" found lying directly under a window of the Mayor's office, for instance, provided more evidence that Idi Amin and Maynard Jackson share more than just dreams of glory and total political power.

Jackson's response to accusations of police brutality and violation of the civil rights of demonstrators at a CAMP (Coalition for the Abolition of Marijuana Prohibition)-sponsored Smoke-In in early April, took on new dimensions in light of these findings. 'Big Daddy' had said that protestors were injured as a result of a car crash while attempting to escape policemen on the scene. "The accident was a punishment of God, because God

doesn't want people to smoke pot.'
Jackson casualty explained.

This might explain the fact that CAMP representitives were required to kneel before Jackson at a meeting at City Hall to discuss these accusations. Several Atlanta journalists have also begun to wonder out loud if this might explain the circus-like atmosphere of the Mayor's latest news conference, during which reporters had to carry 'Big Daddy' around City Hall three times while he sat atop a heavy wooden sedan chair high in the

Though this is Jackson's last term as Mayor, his political aspirations definitely do not end here. When asked by this reporter in what direction Jackson might travel in his political future, he was quick to reply, "I would love to be the King of the United States. I love Jimmy Carter, but if the American people want me, I will come there and be King."

While a statement by the Mayor's office Thursday emphatically denied allegations that Maynard Jackson is actually Idi Amin, the question was raised anew after the same two narcs re-arrested CAMP spokesman Shay D. Addams June 7th for using his own name—and identified themselves as "State Research Bureau".

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dent has been recorded and submitted against Lewisburg Warden Charles Fenton, but U.S. administrative authorites have whitewashed and supported his actions. What has been said about Fenton here in this letter is only a drop in the bucket, compared to the environment of terror and hate that he generates,

If, as in this case, the U.S. government will support the abuse of authority of a madman over prisoners, it will support the abuse of authority of a madman over the "free" citizen. How soon we forget the "Nixon years." Perhaps prisoners have become more politically aware than the free citizen. We cannot forgive. We will not forget the atrocities of Charlie "Axe-handle" Fenton.

We ask that Charles Fenton and his henchmen be suspended and prosecuted for felony assault without provocation. We ask you to send letters of inquiry and accusation to the following authorities: your United States Representative or Senator. Griffin Bell, Attorney General of the United States, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C.; Norman Carlson, Bureau of Prisons, Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C.

Many people who ought to know better consider Federal prison to be an easier place to do time. It is not. The advanced political consciousness that has emerged out of places like Atlanta, Marion, Leavenworth, and McNeil Island (not to mention the combative support groups that have emerged in support of the brothers in these joints) is a clear and present threat to the entire prison system. While some people

may think that we have entered into a period of liberal relaxation, the most oppressed people in any society, the prisoners, know that the reality is much different. Make no mistake about it, the repression coming down inside is a clear look of the reality of tomorrow on the streets. The movement inside has built and is building a strong infrastructure and the advanced political consciousness that are prerequisites for revolutionary survival in a period of increasing repression. There are some people who dismiss this analysis as being a result of the pressure and tensions of being in prison (an assumption more than slightly racist and petit-bourgeois). But the truth is that our comrades inside have a much greater advantage in that they often have the time and the burning committment to study the dynamics of this society very carefully. This is why their analysis is so important to us. Events since the last YIP Congress in March have been unfolding quicker than many can keep up with them. Those who said at the conference that the prisoners movement was a minor phenomenon are now confronted with the mass demonstrations and media coverage for previously unknown political prisoners. Those who thought that Carter was moving towards a rapprochement with ex-radicals and left leaning cultural figures have seen Carter send David Truong, who was an obvious candidate for such an approach, to prison, possibly for the rest of his life. We have seen city after city

reject gay rights ordinances, even formerly liberal places like Eugene, Oregon. We have seen the Supreme Court strip OHSA of all effective power it might have had, in a court case brought by an admitted member of the John Birch Society. In the ghet-tos and barrios we are seeing more and more crude examples of the racist genocide of the pigs, the ease with which they get away with murder, and the new and hot outcries for a restoration of the death penalty, against the people resisting the pigs. And the pattern keeps going. It is clear that the same thing is going down in the prison movement. The would-be leaders of the CPUSA are seeing some of their cause celebres being seized by more militant and revolutionary forces. Revolutionary violence is increasing in many prisons. Major political trials and appeals—the Harrises, Imani, Jomo, the Seattle guerrillas, the Prairie Fire people—are coming up soon. Only a fool or a traitor would counsel restraint and patience to the

revolutionary prisoners movement at this point in time. Now is the time to go to the people and to fight for the dragons and to show up the repressive features of American fascism under Carter. Then we shall achieve the unity of the pamphlet and the silencer that George Jackson counselled so forcefully. The Atlanta migration does not show the prisoners movement as being weak, confused, or without direction or impetus to fight. Neither does Andy Bruce, Jomo, or the Lucasville 14. What they show us is a movement on the rebound. We should all remember what George said: "The liberalist slogan 'You can't get ahead of the people' is meaningless. From what other position can one lead? From the rear? Rearguard leadership? A typical Yankee innovation. I think most of these irresponsible excuse -slogans are based on dread—a secret wish to avoid the discomfitures of people's war." And that is where it's

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because it will become illegal to take any action without committing conspiracy. THERE WILL BE NO MORE PUBLIC VOICE.

The Congress has been rendered powerless to act on these bills in an obective way. Instead of speaking out they have remained silent, but then, Watergate, Koreagate, and privileged justice have stilled their mouths. Recession, inflation, unemployment, high political and corporate corruption (bribes,) rising taxes and the massive breaking of the law by Federal police agencies, have put the people of America into hard times. We look around and we see the spirit of the people to be suffering. Greed and irrationality have produced a harshness that is hurting the spirit of the people. Now there is legislation to end the rights of the people.

The Federal Government has no concern for the rights of the people. The Constitution of the US is no more than a treaty between the American people and their government. The Constitution guaranteed the rights of the people. That is the treaty. That is the law. Recession, inflation, excessive

taxation and repressive legislation are all violations of that treaty, the Constitution. Look at how technology and progress have shifted the peoples' constitutional rights away from the people and aligned these same rights with the corporate interests and government itself. We are concerned about this attitude of exploitation that does not recognize respect and honor as being a part of our daily needs.

The Federal Government entered into legal agreements with the Indian peoples nations during the history of our peoples. These legal agreements (treaties) are laws. The government has continuously violated these treaties, broken the law. Currently there are 10 bills in Congress that are a continuation of that law breaking. If America is to be a nation of laws, then all the laws must be honored. We have no quarrel with the people of this area, we only want to express our concern about the treaties. The treaties guarantee the human rights of our people, the treaties are our Constitution. We know if we do not speak our minds now, our coming generations will not be permitted to. We are walking to Washington because we want the treaties honored. We walk with the sacred pipe. We walk to rebuild, not to destroy. We walk to be heard. We wish to travel in peace. We do not want nor need any trouble with the people of this area nor their law enforcement agencies. Our differences are with the Federal Government. WE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE.

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For a better understanding of the bills, the following is a brief summary of eleven of the damaging bills;

HR 9054—Cunningham, WA—Native Americans Equal Opportunity Act of 1977. This act will abrogate all treaties, take away our culture, lifestyles, customs which our forefathers gave us. It will close down all Indian hospitals, schools, and housing projects. Hunting and fishing will end. Water rights and land will be stolen. All reservations will no longer exist. It is an end to the sovereign relationship between Indian nations and the federal government.

HR 9950—Meeds, WA— The Omnibus Indian Jurisdiction Act of 1977. This act removes all tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians and it limits the power of tribal jurisdiction over members of the tribe. Indian nations would be forced to deal with individual state governments.

HR 9951—Meeds, WA—Quantification of Federal Reserved Water Rights for Indian Reservations Act. This act

extinguishes all aboriginal rights to the use of water for Indian people. An Indian would have to accept what is given him. Water would be quantified into the amount the state feels the reservation is entitled to.

HR 9736—Cunningham, WA—Steelhead Trout Protection Act.
This act will take away one of Indian peoples means of survival. Indian nations depend on commercial fishing as a means of support. This act will stop Indians from catching steelhead trout and selling them commercially.

HR 9175—Cunningham, WA
—Washington State Fishing and Hunting Equal Rights Act. This act will
provide Washington State complete
control over all Indians hunting and
fishing off reservations. Indians
would have to buy license or permit to
fish or hunt.

HR 4169—Cohen and Emery, ME—SB 842 Hathaway and Muskie, ME—State of Maine Aboriginal Claims Act of 1977. Over 40 % of Maine belongs to the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indian tribes. This act will extinguish all titles and interests in land and water rights. The Indians are claiming only the undeveloped part of Maine. No land will be returned. A monetary payment would be substituted for land.

HR 9906—Walsh, NY—State of New York Aboriginal Claims Act of 1977. This act will extinguish all titles to land and water in New York, which belongs to the Oneida, Cayuga, Saint Regis Mohawk, Onondaga, and the Seneca Indian Tribes. No land will be returned; a monetary payment would be substituted for land.

HR 10246—Walsh, NY—State of New York Indian Claims Act of 1977. Same as 9906 except title.

HJR 1—Meeds Bonker, Dicks, Pritchard, Foley and McCormack—A joint resolution relating to Northwest Indian off-reservation fishing rights. This resolution is mainly against off-reservation fishing for Indian tribes in the states of Oregon and Washington. Indian people won't be able to eat fish or sell commercially for a livelihood.

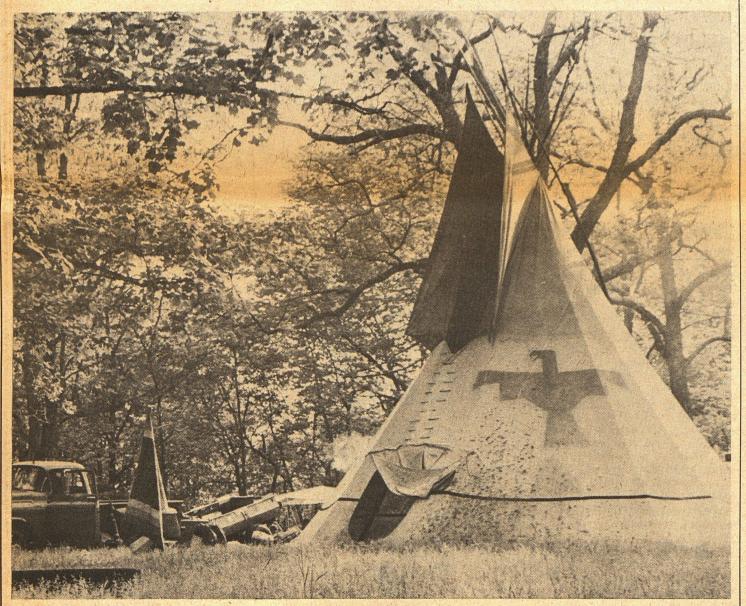
HJR 206—Dingle, MI—Joint resolution relating to regulation by the states of certain Indian hunting and fishing rights. This will keep Indians from fishing and hunting off the reservations, except when the state sets the time. If we let this happen many Indian people will go hungry for lack of food. H.J.R. 522—Ruppe—Same as 206, except author.

SB 1437 (Same—H.R. 6869) Criminal Code Reform Act of 1977.—Kennedy, MA—This is a threat to the freedom of everyone including the right to expression. This is a threat to the Bill of Rights by prohibiting the freedom of speech, or the grievances such as demonstrating against the war. This legislation would be increased on reservations, and major crimes would be increased from 13 to 21. It would abolish the distinction between federal enclaves and Indian reservations, also abolishes all previous treaties between Indian nations and the federal government. This bill has passed the Senate, taking 5 days and is now in the House as HR 6869.

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### Migration

continued from page 28 head of the U.N., to send independant observers into Lucasville to protect the prisoners there. Conliff also reiterated his promise to free all prisoners in Ohio when he is elected. In Washington D.C., the Morning Sun, a revolutionary organ for the political prisoners of the world, has made the case of the 14 the main blow of its campaign for the liberation of prisoners in the next period. In Europe, Hapotoc, an anti-torture group has been very active. It was they who organized the confrontation with Andy Young. But, sadly enough, many other radical groups have

chosen to ignore the case and concentrate on 'safer' prisoners, like the Wilmington 10, or the traitor dope-fiend Huey Newton. There exists a real tendancy in the white North American left to brush off the cases of relatively unknown political prisoners, especially when they are more revolutionary-inspired than people on the streets, and to concentrate on a few 'safe' 'superstars' instead. But as the was of the bourgeoisie against the revolutionary prisoners' movement escalates this jive liberal attitude is becoming more and more blatantly counter-revolutionary, and the people pushing it are a serious impediment to springing anyone. They have no place in this movement, but their influence (the size of their wallets...) is still extensive:

Like Carter, like the Lucasville

bureaucrats, like Rhodes, their petitbourgeois sensibilities are offended by such upfront action as cutting ones own finger off. Being in the presence of men and women who fear nothing, and who are willing to make any sacrifice to attain liberation, some people grow timid and back away. They mutter excuses about "not really a political case," "more important work to do," "haven't studied it enough," etcetera. But these peoples main problem was accurately summed up by Lenin when he wrote: "The movement of the liberal bourgeoisie, on the contrary, and for the same reasons (i.e., by virtue of the essential peculiarities of the bourgeoisie's position,) has a tendency towards compromise instead of struggle, towards opportunism instead of radicalism."

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said NORML Director Keith Stroup to the Washington Post, April 10th, complaining about the high incidence of people who glom onto him, wanting to talk about taking LSD and seeing God.

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