

# YIPSTER TIMES

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# the ISSUE

Since the Vietnam era the mass media, accompanied by a good many radicals, have been looking for *the* single issue that would mobilize the same masses of people on the same scale as the Vietnam War.

Hundreds of people—asked to look beyond the trends of this year or the next—were queried: what do you think the issue will be during the '80's (in the sense that no-nukes has dominated '78)?

- Most frequent answers were:
- War
- Eco-destruction, for profit
- Fighting Repression
- The New Right Threat
- Sex Police; Anti-gay, anti-woman backlash
- Youth Liberation & new Youth Culture Trends (eg: Rock against Racism)
- Stagflation, Tax revolts and the 1980 Election
- Liberating Health from the Establishment
- Worker Self-Management
- Space Travel

The fact that virtually everyone accepted the idea that something will come along and do for the 80's what Vietnam did for the 60's says a lot about popular assumptions and their sources.

Radicalism in the 70's has coasted along on the identity and momentum of the movement that ended Vietnam and impeached Nixon, while looking for the magic issue that once more would conveniently suppress all troublesome differences and internal contradictions.

We have seen armed struggle ('74), government spying ('75), a Revolutionary BiCentennial ('76), Gay Rights ('77) and no nukes ('78), pulled from the same new left matrix by the liberal media and their attendant celebrities as *the* single issue that would do it, only to find that everyone just wasn't going along.

Every single-issue group thinks it has the issue. No one is willing to say *their* issue was less important.

Only a few of our survey

respondents thought the real trend of the 80's might see a new wave of social protest overloading the whole current issue-system whereby polarization in the US is managed, with mass attention shifting to phenomena that are as yet the province of catastrophe theorists.

**C**atastrophe theory (which studies the points of discontinuity between continuous curves) is the latest fad at MIT and the RAND Corp. amongst those seeking mathematical models for wars, depressions and the like.

The applications for the establishment are obvious. The best minds they can hire are busy right this minute mapping out eh likelihood of eco-cataclysm or World War III just so they will be able to react in time and stay on top.

Revolutionaries also have, since Marx, studied predictable trends to ascertain where they meshed—when the rate or volumn

of changes would reach a breaking point.

For it is only during historical ruptures that the hold of established elites upon peoples' thinking snaps, and people instinctively grope for new points of reference, new voices to articulate their perceptions and reactions.

The problem for radical planners is that breaking points almost by definition come as a surprise to popular expectations. Continuous trends seem predictable enough, such as the growth of college populations after Sputnik, or the growth of U.S. involvement in Vietnam; but the exact way they were to collide, 'synch' and feedback until a true revolutionary "moment" occurred—that only became clear as things began to break apart.

Ironically, during the 4 years of relative quiet since Nixon, the left has often been less the voice of change, more of revolutionary continuity and trying to get some goals at least implemented thru mainstream politix.

By looking to jump "sideways" to another hot issue when the War ended, so as not to lose mass momentum, radicals were really reaching backwards. Today the once-mighty Movement, that still sees itself as *one* is nonetheless perceived and presented by the mass media as broken into fractions and competing sectors.

Where the New Right has no problem shifting its attack from abortion, to pot, to gay rights—and orchestrating the results to garner credit for the New Right as a whole—radicals have opted for single-issue coalitions, ideologically 'neutral' a la Nader or Common Cause, which purport to speak for a 'mainstream constituency'.

The idea is to isolate their pet issue from controversy, from radicalism. ERA advocates shy away from the lesbians. NORML distances itself from "the freaks". Govt. spying opponents aren't too enthusiastic about taking on pothibition. And so on.

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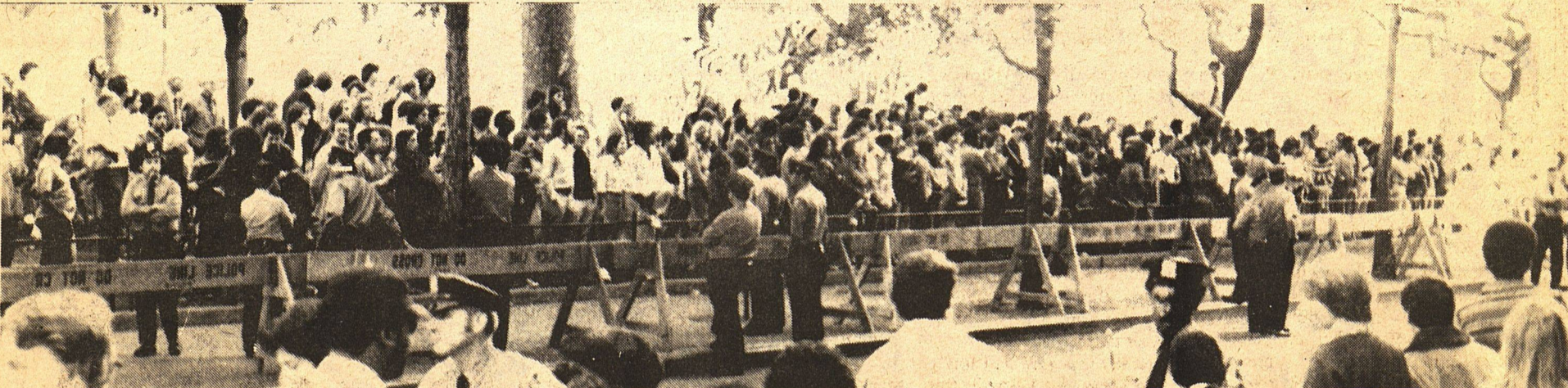
photo Mick Rock

Jet setter Andy Warhol after being pied at High Times party. Piman Aron Kay says he "got Warhol for his business and personal dealings with the Shah." Last fall Warhol attended a dinner in honor of the repressive Iranian monarch the day following a bloody protest between irate Iranian Students and the US Park Police who collaborated with agents of SAVAK, the Shah's secret police.

Activist Ken McLaren stands ready to protest Nixon's visit to NYU and Westway—a plan endorsed by Gov. Carey and Mayor Koch to build an Interstate Highway thru NYC's which would drive lower and middle income people out of Manhattan.



Restless crowd greets the the San Clemente hermit, some with eggs and tomatoes. Three were arrested, Dick's speech drowned out, and the media gave the event wide coverage. photos/Alice Turbush



## SHAH BUYS CONGRESS

(ZNS) *New York* magazine is alleging that at least two key Members of Congress have been entertained with drugs, sex, and other favors provided by the secret police force of Iran, known as the SAVAK.

The magazine says it has compiled several reliable eyewitness accounts as to how two Members of Congress were entertained at opium- and hash-smoking parties at an Iranian ambassador's home in Washington.

*New York* says it has chosen not to reveal the names of the two lawmakers publicly. It says, however, both had been steadfast supporters for increased U.S. military aid for the Shah's government in Iran.

According to the report, the lawmakers smoked either hash or opium during lavish parties, attended by Soviet agents, and sexually cavorted with prostitutes provided by their Iranian hosts.

The magazine says it has also learned that in early 1974 SAVAK agents supplied the Nixon Re-election Committee with \$1,000,000 in cash from the Shah's private bank account in Geneva, Switzerland. The money was reportedly laundered through Mexico.

The magazine quotes one Congressional Ethics Committee investigator as saying about alleged payoffs from SAVAK: "Christ, if you think Koreagate's bad, just hope they never start poking around Tehran."

## CREDIT CARD ECSTASY

(ZNS) The American Express Company promises its credit card holders "instant recognition and virtually unquestioned credit" whenever they're travelling

The *San Jose Mercury News* reports that the company may be a bit red-faced after two men were arrested for charging more than \$100,000 in purchases to forged American Express credit cards.

The most embarrassing part is the fact that the forged cards, which were successfully used for months, bore the personal account numbers of American Express's President and the company's Chairman of the Board.

The Company says it does not know how the alleged forgers learned the account numbers of its two top executives. But it does admit when thousands of dollars of fraudulent charges began pouring in, the computer quickly okayed them because the two executives have very good credit.

## NSA VS ANTI-BUG

(ZNS)—The super-secret National Security Agency (the NSA) is attempting to stop four American inventors from producing an inexpensive device that reportedly would protect private conversations from eavesdroppers.

Carl Nicolai of Seattle and three co-workers had applied for a patent on the device which they say would protect the confidentiality

of phone calls and C.B. radio transmissions.

Instead of having their patent approved, however, they have been informed that their invention poses a threat of "National Security", and they have been issued a secrecy order not to even discuss their new device.

The inventors say that their invention is based on the principal of a caller using the device on one end of a transmission to scramble the message; another device on the other end would then unscramble the message.

One of the inventors, Carl Nicolai, alleges that the NSA opposes the device simply because it would limit that agency's ability to listen in on the calls of American citizens.

## ECO-VICTORY

(ZNS) Reserve Mining Corporation has finally agreed to stop dumping asbestos tailings into Lake Superior, ending a six year battle.

# Yippie Framed For Clinic Blaze

Agents of the Treasury Department's Division of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms assigned to investigate the firebombing of Iowa City's Emma Goldman Abortion Clinic are trying to pin the blaze on Iowa Yippie organizer Steve Wilson.

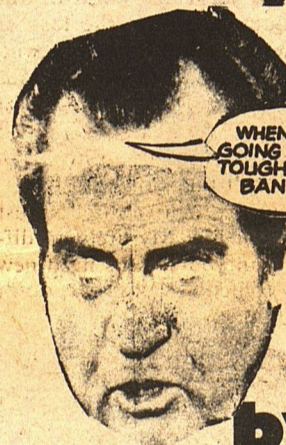
Unwilling to investigate area Right to Lifers, the ATF claims the clinic had themselves torched to gain sympathy. So chauvinist are the ATF agents they can't even fabricate a story framing the women who run the clinic for making a molotov cocktail without help from a man.

Steve was first subpoenaed to appear before a federal Grand Jury in Des Moines. He refused to

testify in closed session, offering to answer any questions the Grand Jury might have—in public. The subpoena was dropped, but the visits from Special Agent John D. Owen began.

First Owen tried to question Steve at home. Owen next approached Steve's roommate, Barb Blevin at the University of Iowa Law School, and finally Barb's Professor, asking if Steve "belonged to any organizations that advocate violence."

The Emma Golding Clinic is not the first abortion clinic to be firebombed, but it is the first case where the authorities have turned up a "suspect".



WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, I GO BANANAS!

# ROCKY & DICKY HORROR SHOW

BY ARON KAY

On September 13, New York University in Greenwich Village was the setting of a recurring time-warping horror movie. It was an updated version of the Rocky Horror Picture Show; except that this production *The Rocky & Dicky Horror Picture Show* co-starred the newly cloned Dick Nixon, Lawrence Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger and 400 angry Yippies and other anti-Nixon protestors. Also in attendance, with fine performances, were 80 pigs and Secret Service Agents, and the many enchiladas of the ruling class.

Arriving at NYU's Bobst Library (where a memorial service was being held for Elmer H. Bobst, a big Nixon contributor) at noon, the Yips were 3 hours early. In the meantime, a banner reading, "Pardon Nixon's Enemies; Equal Pardons for All" was unfurled and photographed by Channel 2 News.

AJ Weberman began to give a long rap on the history of the recurring Nixon nightmare, describing in full living color Dick's ties to organized crime lowlifes Meyer Lansky, Santos Trafficante, Bebe Rebozo, Howard Hunt, Frank Sturgis, etc.

Soon the mike was opened to anyone who wanted to voice grievances against the sludge from San Clemente.

Protesters had been tipped off—Nixon was going to enter the library via the south entrance. Everyone swarmed to get a glimpse of the Transylvanian Messenger of Death—Richard M. Nixon who wine and dined at the expense of Vietnamese and Chilean lives—as he was being wheeled into the library.

Suddenly, Officer Beigel grabbed AJ for throwing a rotten tomato at Nixon's limo. The tomato hit Officer Gallagher in the back of his head. AJ was charged with possession of a concealed tomato and felonious assault with a deadly tomato (which was reduced to disorderly conduct and resulted in a \$25 fine).

In the meantime, Mario Yippie was attacked by one cop, while Charlie Yip was busted for egg tossing. Also, this reporter was followed by 2 detectives from the *Pie Prevention Squad*.

The demonstrators returned to the north side of the library where via a big plate glass window, they were able to observe the rat-faced asshole on the podium.

Orgasmically responding with boos as Nix was welcomed to Greenwich Village, hostile New Yorkers then staged a people's trial which convicted Tricky of fraud, perjury, mass murder, subversion of democracy and genocide. He was sentenced to eternal damnation and ridicule.

The gallery loved its "special guest star" as Herr Kissinger mounted the podium to give a eulogy. This indicated that the "memorial service" was a thinly disguised Convention of Butchers. Kissinger—the architect of the fascist coup in Chile—was subjected to additional catcalls and jeers.

Due to obstruction by the Secret Service and New York's finest, it was impossible to pie, egg or sauerkraut the targeted has beens, but no one could complain. After all these years, it was great to have Nixon to kick around again.

FELT FORUM

8PM BRING ABBIE HOME NIGHT

MON. FEBRUARY 23, 1968, 8:00 PM



What follows is a transcript of a tape by Abbie played at the Forum.

Good evening Judge, Mr. Prosecutor, Billy, Ladies and Gentlemen of the gallery. I've been asked to give testimony. My name is A. I live in **Beep!** but I love N.Y. So how come I'm forced to stay in my hole, cut off from my friends and family? No where to go for a good corn beef sandwich. I always had a need to be wanted but this takes the coke, excuse me, Judge, I mean the cake.

I'm real grateful that all you folks came out tonite, and especially to you who worked so hard to make it all happen.

Even though I'm coming to you courtesy of memorex, I doubt anything I say is gonna shatter any glasses.

Geez, there's never been anything like this. For so many people to aid and abet a fugitive all at once. Underground to the Garden. Only in America, I guess.

It would be less than the truth if

I left you with that dark hole vision of underground life. People should know that it can be done. That you can drop out, disappear and still be happy. Or course, theres more to it than staying up late at night watching David Jansen reruns. But it can be done.

True, I haven't abandoned my old identity completely. I never wanted to...But life does go on and as long as you're alive, there's a chance or two for the good life. I wanted to say that real bad tonite cause two years ago I was in this very room mourning the loss of my Yippie buddy, Phil Ochs-who took his life, not seeing what I was lucky enough to learn these past few years. Maybe you can't take it with you, but the opposite's true too. It can't take you with it.

Actually, Fugitive life is just like regular life. My life's no different than yours. Kids need new shoes, sometimes the car don't

start. Whip cream makes you fat. It's tough meeting someone new at a party, but then if I did, what would Angel say. My mother sends me packages of dental floss with secret notes saying "your teeth are very important."

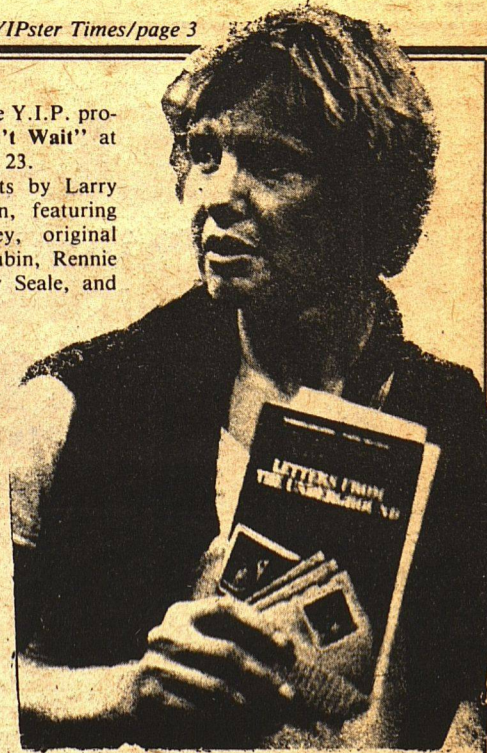
That's life. And we are all in the same steam bath. See I got this theory. That we are all fugitives. I mean everybody. From way back. The Bible had it all wrong. In the beginning there was no *Garden of Eden*. Far from it. In the beginning, you know what there was? There was a big fat prison, that's what there was. Then there was this prison guard named Snake and the apple was really a key. Adam and Eve got us all started with a prison break. No banishment. No shame. In the beginning there was liberation and there was ecstasy! So we're all on the run and we have been from the beginning but somehow we've managed to get by.

Today I'm very active politically. This would be very hard for those-of-you-who-knew-me-when-to believe, unless you saw it, but it's true. I'm as active today as I was ten years ago. Frankly, it's one of the reasons I want to see these charges dropped. I'm active in the "No nukes" movement. And though I can't go into details, I'm smack in the middle of of a local powder-keg struggle.

People here are organizing to take on the power structure. There's a spirit coming alive again and those of us who lived through, yet managed to out-live the sixties, have the skills, and know what mistakes we made, to carry on.

Maybe there's a lot like me out here in the heartland—organizers who dropped out and picked up a new identity, with a new name, but still determined to change

3450 Abbie Advocates saw the Y.I.P. produced extravanza "Haven Can't Wait" at N.Y.'s posh Felt Forum August 23. Scripts by Terry Southern, sets by Larry Rivers, direction by Rip Torn, featuring William Kunstler as attorney, original Chicago 8 defendants Jerry Rubin, Rennie Davis, David Dellinger, Bobby Seale, and John Froines as the defense, Taylor Meade as judge, and a cast of crazies as themselves. Guest stars included John Voight, Paul Kantner, Paul Krassner, Michael O'Donoghue, Odetta, Ann Waldman, and Kinky Friedman as defense witnesses.



# THE TRIALS OF HOFFMAN

## ABBIE: IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

things. I've met several, and I don't buy the media hype that "Theres no activism going on."

But getting to our local fight...Like most worthwhile struggles, it's rapidly nearing a crisis stage. I'm beginning to assume a leadership position—organizing rallies, speaking out, writing, getting my fingers black from the mimeo machine. I've even been on the radio a few times. I'm still a little camera shy and I'm not about to rush over and throw some money on the stock exchange floor, but I'm working.

At the last steering committee meeting, somebody remarked "geez, if we only had Rennie Davis here." And, of course, I couldn't help but *nod* inside. Rennie knew you were supposed to make two keys to every office door and keep one of those little silver gadgets jammed in the

phone dial so the bills didn't skyrocket. Yeah, we could sure use Rennie in this battle.

Eventually, we're gonna have to sit-in, or crawl-in, or march in, or blast in and well....I can't take a bust. So either I gotta get new finger tips or take a powder.

Like I say, I need your help, to get the charges dropped, so I can do my job right. I'd be real thankful. 'Cause I wanna win this fight, just like the others, and if the tables ever got turned and you ended up down here, and me up there,...I promise...I'd be the first to throw you a rope.

So what's it gonna be, Judge?...Fifty years in a cage...Eternal damnation in limbo land? Hey, if it hadn't been for us in Chicago, and Richard Nixon, you wouldn't even know we had any judges in America.

I don't wanna go to jail, Judge. I just wanna come home.

Rip Torn's snickering, simpering portrayal of the one we can't get rid of.



A "Havenly Guard"



# WILL ANIMAL HOUSE TURN INTO ANIMAL FARM?

By Dr. William Pepper

As the return to 'normalcy' of the 20's preceded the New Deal 30's and the McCarthyist 50's heralded the turbulence of the 60's, the hibernation of the 70's could provide one of the most significant opportunities for comprehensive change in the history of the Republic.

It is ominous that the strains of reaction subtly visible from the beginning of the post Vietnam era are now surfacing and traumatically coming together. Thus, wide ranging repression is growing, but, for the nurturing, so is a new seedbed for social action and change.

The degree of cohesion of the various movement groups is critical to the growth and harvest of change. The traditional fragmentation of the change forces constitutes a serious obstacle to their success. In our time, the lack of unity also retards the necessary defense of individual freedoms.

Accordingly, as the struggle is waged separately, the outlook on nearly all fronts appears bleak.

Which effort to enhance individual freedom and humanize our value system is not presently blocked or in retreat?

1. The Equal Rights Amendment is stalled seeking extension of the deadline. It is presently three short of the necessary 38 states (Idaho, Nebraska and Tennessee,) who previously ratified, have rescinded this action, although Congressional sanction for rescission has been defeated. Senate passage of the 39 month extension is certain to meet substantial opposition.

2. The Anti-abortion ("Right to Life") forces, with increasing zeal and extraordinary financial support, are seeking to nullify the *Roe v. Wade* decision through the process of constitutional amendment. Abortion advocates, who a year ago might have scoffed at this possibility, are now running scared. The escalation of violence against abortion clinics illustrates the worst expressions of hatred and intolerance.

3. While the pressure for disarmament builds, the military budget grows, the flames of the cold war are being fanned once more, and the lucrative private and public arms trade expands at a geometric rate. The United States, for example, publicly and privately, still controls more than 50 percent of all weapons sold on the international scene.

4. Following Utah's public execution of Gary Gilmore and increasing alarm about violent crime, legalization of the death penalty is being sanctioned in a growing number of states. A movement to incarcerate young criminals for long fixed terms, often in existing adult prisons, is also taking hold nationally.

5. Assisted by operational time delays and spiralling construction costs, anti-nuclear sentiment is nevertheless facing a massively financed public relations campaign designed to enhance public respectability. This reflects a governmental-corporate commitment to nuclear energy as the nation's alternative to fossil fuels.

6. Inflation and surface affluence coexist with escalating taxes and decreasing quality of services, and taxpayers having less and less control over how their money is being spent, and angrily lamenting about the continued demise of the dollar's value. Government officials incessantly talk about combating inflation, and yet the average person sees price rises going unchecked. The increase in gasoline prices during the tourist season, without interference, and with an abundance of oil available, is a most blatant example.

7. The society continues to be plagued with substantial unemployment that is hardest felt by minorities.

In May of 1978, for example, the national unemployment rate for blacks rose to 12.3 percent—almost double that of whites—and hovered around 50 percent in some urban cities where a permanent underclass has been created. During that month the black civilian labor force increased by 118,000 workers, but only 49,000, or 40 percent, found jobs. Contrasted with this, the white civilian labor force increased by 264,000 workers, with 204,000, or 78 percent, finding work.

8. In addition, affirmative action gains are now in doubt following the ruling of the Court in the *Bakke* case. With the present state of minority employment, even a psychological setback for affirmative action is serious.

As Ramsey Clark recently observed in *The Nation* (July 8-15): "The effect of the *Bakke* decision psychologically, legally, socially and morally is devastating. As recently as 1970, 75% of all black doctors in the United States had graduated from two medical schools, Howard and Meharry. Today, more than a quarter of a century after the Supreme Court admitted blacks to white law schools in *McLaurin v. Oklahoma* and *Sweat v. Painter*, less than two percent of all law and medical students are black. Black and other minorities suffer poorest health and greatest legal disadvantages, yet they are vastly underrepresented in the medical and legal professions."

"But the Supreme Court has said the law renders us powerless to achieve equality now. Incredibly, it says two major historic laws intend to achieve equality—one a constitutional amendment, the other a great civil rights act—bar the accomplishment of the very thing they sought."

9. The rights of native Americans are severely threatened by a series of proposals before the Congress affecting the basic questions of jurisdiction and control of the natural wealth on the tribal lands, which could leave native Americans to the tender mercies of their state governments.

Specifically, these bills would terminate all treaties between the United States and Indian tribes (H.R. 9054), cancel Indian hunting and fishing rights (J.J.R. 1 and H.J.R. 206), limit Indian water rights (H.R. 9051) and

abrogate Indian land titles (S. 842, H.R. 9906 and H.R. 4169). In addition, H.R. 9054 would terminate the federal trust relationship with the Indian tribes and companion H.R. 9950 would severely restrict tribal sovereignty.

It is clear that these legislative moves are symptomatic of a growing backlash in response to moves by Native Americans to compel fulfillment of their treaty promises and rights long denied. If successful now or at any time in the future, they will have the effect of forclosing the gains of successful federal court litigation announcing to Native American the futility of using the federal courts which traditionally provide an opportunity for redress to those without access to the political system. The only other avenue for reform in Native American affairs—The Senate Select Committee on Indian affairs—headed by James Abourezk (D. S.D.) is in danger of being terminated. If this occurs, then, along with passage of legislation repealing legal gains, both legal and legislative vehicles for change will be practically useless.

10. Those concerned about civil liberties and individual freedoms are upset by the potential passage of H.R. 6869 (S.1437—Federal Criminal Code Recodification) which, among other provisions, has the potential to:

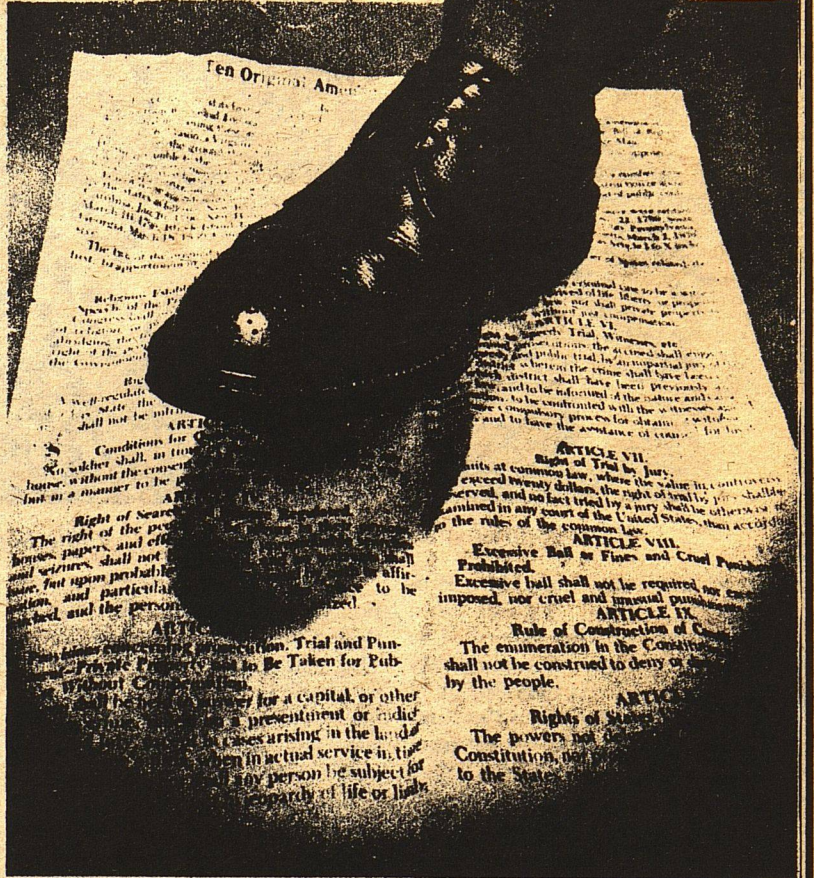
1. Relieve police of the responsibility of advising those arrested of their rights (virtually constitutes a Congressional repeal of the Warren Court's *Miranda* ruling, long a target of police antipathy.)  
2. Reinforce the worst inquisitorial aspects of the present Grand Jury system.

3. Drastically increase sentences for some crimes, eliminate parole in some instances, and either provide for no bail for some crimes, or authorize the levying of an amount so high as to render it impossible to make. (In effect, preventive detention could result in these instances.)  
4. Allow the prosecution to appeal sentences deemed 'too lenient.'

5. Authorize the expansion of wiretap use to security agents not presently so empowered, and otherwise enhancing the use of technological electronic surveillance and wiretap capability of the government.  
6. Allow for obscenity prosecutions to go forward under the Burger Court's "Local Standards Rule" in local communities where success is certain to result in the banning of controversial publications, with nationwide ramifications.

7. Authorize the arrest of journalists who report terrorist threats.  
8. Authorize arrests of demonstrators on 'sabotage' charges for 'obstructing the defense capability' in time of war, or a declared 'national emergency.'

New proposed wiretap legislation compelling the involvement of telephone company personnel constitutes an enormous expansion of the government's technical ability to invade the privacy of its citizens, and First Amendment



freedoms have received ominous setbacks in the Court's rulings in the *Stanford Daily* and the *WBAI* (Radio Pacifica "Seven Dirty Words") cases.

If, for example, the *Stanford Daily* ruling had been the law of the land during the Nixon administration, it is likely that the "Ellsberg Papers" would never have been published by the *Times*, and the revelations of the Watergate excesses could have been nipped in the bud through *Washington Post* newsroom raids by a reliable police authority.

One of the greatest threats to individual freedom and Constitutional rights was mounted by the House UnAmerican Activities Committee (HUAC) in the '50s. Now, in the late '70s, with little fanfare, a resurrection of this body is being orchestrated under the leadership of Congressman Larry McDonald (D. Ga.). McDonald's proposal to re-create a "House Committee on Internal Security" (H. Res. 48) already has 177 co-sponsors, and a vote is anticipated in Autumn, 1978. If formed, this house investigative committee would have enormous powers.

It would have sweeping powers to subpoena witnesses and compel testimony extending investigatory authority to individuals and groups. It is unlikely that any significant person or group involved in social change activity would escape harassment.

Specifically, the Resolution states:

The Committee on Internal Security...is authorized to make investigations from time to time of the extent, character, objectives and activities within the United States of organizations or groups, whether of foreign or domestic origin...which seek to establish or assist in the establishment of a totalitarian dictatorship within the United States...and to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers and documents as it deems necessary."

McDonald is wooing leaders of the Jewish community by claiming that PLO supporters are putting money into American extremist groups. This is reminiscent of the

claims in the 60's that financial support from China and Vietnam was channeled to American anti-war groups.

Further national setbacks for civil liberties are reflected in the epidemic repeal of human rights ordinances guaranteeing equal employment opportunity regardless of sexual preference, and in the continued Prohibition-like gameplaying which goes on in most states with respect to the decriminalization of marijuana.

Also, since the existence of an independent judiciary is a critical bulwark against excesses of either the executive or legislative branches, the pending and misnamed "Judicial Tenure Act" must be regarded with great concern. It would severely restrict life tenure, long associated with the independence of the Federal Judiciary, by providing an alternative suspension or removal method to the deliberately cumbersome impeachment process. Official control and governmental interference, then, in civil activities is receiving greater authorization and broader legitimization. The existence of "political prisoners" may no longer pass unnoticed. They exist in nearly every prison across our land, frequently housed in specially created units for "incorrigibles" rampantly established after Attica and Soledad. Despite the furor over Andy Young's reference and its timing, it is important to understand that in a nation where pure political crimes are few, the system's grinding machinery of criminal justice often acts to designate people who shake the foundations as common criminals. This practice is, of course, not unique to the United States (witness the Bhutto trial in Pakistan) but here it is more efficient. The subsequent ineffectiveness, unemployability or incarceration of the undesirables is revealed to the unsophisticated mass in terms of a criminal rather than political offensiveness.

Finally, the recent Senate adoption of a rider to the Military Appropriations bill reinstating barriers to visits to the United States by Communists, sponsored by Senator Howard Baker, is a prime example of regressive and isolationist legislation which seeks to

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photo Barry J. Locher Springfield State Journal, Register Wide World

# 13 Face Mob Charges

adapted from an article by Michael Lee which originally appeared in the Prairie Sun

(SPRINGFIELD, IL) After dropping "Mob Action" and various misdemeanor charges against all 42 arrestees of the State Capitol Smoke-In here, the State of Illinois has reopened prosecution on fifteen of the defendants considered ringleaders in the fight against pot prohibition in the state.

Organized by central Illinois Yippies, the Smoke-In started around noon. Featuring several speeches, some informal music, and a generally placid atmosphere of frisbees and an occasional joint, the demonstration was termed "sedate" by the *Chicago Tribune*.

However, before the end of the day, scores of Springfield residents would be arrested, a few beaten, and dozens of others witness to "one of the most frightening displays of police arrogance in years."

Speakers wearing whiteface talked about narrow-minded attitudes that prevented Illinois from even decriminalizing pot, much less legalizing it, and blasted the Multi-county Enforcement Group (MEG) squads, considered by many to be the most flagrant rights violators of any state's narx.

Gatewood Galbraith, of the Kentucky Marijuana Feasibility Study, spoke to the sales issue, suggesting that legalized marijuana could help support small farmers, with profits from hemp covering declining earnings from traditional crops.

He reminded the gathering that major tobacco corporations would like to absorb the marijuana industry entirely, but if that happened

that control would be removed from the user even further than it presently is, and that windfall profits would occur.

At ten minutes 'til three, over sixty uniformed police, equipped in full riot gear, marched to the outskirts of the group. A lieutenant from the Secretary of State's Police informed the crowd that they were required to leave at 3 pm, but his bullhorn was drowned out by a mounting chorus of "Yip, yip, yip...!"

Quickly, the armed police, brandishing billyclubs, moved through the Smoke-In, collaring a handful of people they thought were demonstration "leaders".

Don Duda, who had applied for permits (unsuccessfully) for the event was busted first. (The bureaucrat who had the authority to grant a permit had admitted publicly that no permit was really necessary to protest on the Capitol grounds, and that "Police would only be concerned with 'destruction of state property'".)

So at 3 PM Don was trying to negotiate an hour to finish up and disperse the crowd, and failing that, he tried to get time to break down the sound system. Soon thinly disguised plainclothes cops joined the uniformed Brass with whom Don was trying to negotiate, and together they proceeded to beat and eventually arrest him.

Yippies in whiteface were next. Cabin, a veteran of the busts at last spring's Grand Junction Smoke-In, was cracked as he began to sing "The Times They Are A' Changin'" into the PA. Many of those busted at this point were punched, kicked, and clubbed.

Remaining demonstrators split the Capitol, taking the action

through downtown Springfield to the Governor's Mansion. Police pursued, but kept their distance.

"At no time did the crowd get unruly" said Dorothy Glenn, a Decatur feminist.

After briefly stopping at the Mansion, people went to the Abe Lincoln Home, where they were confronted by more "dreary plainclothes cops who thought they were hip," according to Glenn. Selective Arrests resumed.

The group returned to the Capitol for one last round of arrests.

"They would come up and sneer that you had to leave, and some people were thrown down after they'd turned to go." Confusion mounted and small groups of three to four policemen started to chase people they thought were protesters. Among those caught in the expanding web of fear were Springfield *State Journal-Register* photographer Barry Locher, detained in a paddywagon but never charged, and *Illinois Times* editor Budd Farrar, who was threatened with arrest and had an officer grab for his camera.

In a press conference the following week, the Illinois division of the American Civil Liberties Union charged that the police who broke up the rally "Violated their rights to free speech and assembly"

"In this country policemen do not have the right to arbitrarily decide at what point freedom of speech has expired," said Lawrence Golden, a member of the ACLU's board. He noted that the ACLU observer on the scene had described the protest as "Totally peaceful" and that "As far as he could tell, there was not even massive littering."



WHO'S COMMITTING MOB ACTION HERE?

## Pope Popped for Pro-Pot Speech

Police arrested all three speakers immediately following the smoke-in at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, September 16th, in what appears to be a set-up by State and local authorities.

As the small crowd of seventy-five demonstrators began to "disassemble", Texas Yippie Chuck Brame was arrested and charged with being "loud and profane; with intent to cause a breach of peace."

The other two arrested, local organizer "Pope" John Paul Jones, and David Miller, a local guest speaker, were charged with "Theft by Check." "A completely fabricated charge," claims

John Paul. The police said I owe money on some checks I (supposedly) wrote...at a bank I've never even been to!"

Chuck was found guilty by a Lubbock jury, October 4th, and fined \$125.00. While he appeals the guilty verdict, John Paul and David are out on bail awaiting their November 2nd trial.

Undaunted, despite heavy-handed frontal attacks and subtle government interFEARence, Texas Yippies have scheduled yet another Lubbock smoke-in set for October 28th, on the now infamous Tex Tech U. campus. for information, donations, or help, get an audience with the real Pope (the Pope smokes Dope!). Call now at: (806) 762-8258. Yippie!



Shay D. Adams of CAMP addresses Harvest Festival throng at Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. 70 lbs! Smoke-Ins were also held this fall in Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Rochester NY, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Texas. Would you like to organize one where you live for spring? Call Smoke-In Central (212) 533-5028.



Photo Jesse Jason

August 26, 1978, Chicago's Lincoln Park. Knots of five or six nervous, talkative young people surround a makeshift, poorly lit stage. Sundog Summit, a Chicago Punk band, plays Lou Reed's rock classic *I'm Waiting for My Man*. It is 11 PM, so the Chicago Park district's curfew has just run out.

This is the 10th Anniversary Festival of Life, and the knots of young people are Yippie affinity groups from two dozen midwest cities protecting sound equipment from a suspected trashing attempt by a vigilante squad of (offduty?) Chicago Police.

In attendance are '68 veterans, and kids who watched America's most publicized riot—from their playpens. Also, several members of the Grey Panthers, a militant senior citizens' action group. A few children of the Woodstock generation. Secretaries, farmers, artists, marijuana dealers. Schoolteachers, even college students (8-12 years old in '68.) Abbie flits among the shadows. All told there are 2,500 people, digging illegal music, and *Waiting for "The Man"*.

Ten years ago it was lack of a permit, rock music and Yippies sleeping in the park that incited the cops to violence. Now the Yippies were once again denied permits, but went ahead with their scheduled rally. Ben Masel, whose federal lawsuit (see box) failed to secure Chicago Park District permits usually required for special events in the parks, claims "...we wrote ourselves a permit."

Mayor Daley had dusted off an ancient ordinance that closed the Parks at 11:00, so every single night for the intervening ten years there has been an eleven o'clock police sweep. As late as 10:00 the night the Yippies returned, August 26th, 1978, police spokesmen went on T.V. to announce they were going to close Lincoln Park at eleven. But there was no riot—this time. The Witching Hour came and the police didn't.

"Maybe," suggested a holdover underground press publisher, "maybe it's because we won!"

"We wanted to vindicate Yippie's actions by actually holding the revolutionary yet peaceful Festival of Life Daley's pigs prevented."

"We had to follow the script, as closely as possible duplicating the action of August '68..."

**Media Ready**

The original Yippies went to Chicago to hold the Festival of Life as an alternative to the Convention of Death—held by the Democrats to anoint Hubert Humphrey as LBJ's successor as Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Forces in Vietnam. A decade later, our sense of history was acute and heightened by a media surge remembering it all.

ABC broadcast film, suppressed in '68, which showed club-swinging cops, unprovoked, attack peaceful demonstrators in the very first confrontation of the Convention. ABC tabulated that fully 2,000 of the 10,000 demonstrators in Chicago were undercover police agents, and interviewed several who described acts of violence they committed on orders from their superiors.

"Anatomy of a Riot", a secret September, 1968 report to Mayor Daley from John Clarke, a Daley investigator, (later sent to federal prison for filing false income tax returns and obstructing justice) was released on an F.O.I.A. suit just prior to the 10th Anniversary. The report details widespread sabotage, surveillance, infiltration, and promotion of splits within the movement, conducted by the City of Chicago prior to the convention. Perhaps most shocking is the revelation that the Chicago Red Squad maintained undercover agents not just in Chicago,



1968 LINCOLN PARK

but in a dozen other cities. The operatives in New York claimed to have caused a feud within radical ranks which resulted in just five busses, rather than hundreds, taking New Yorkers to confront the Johnson-Daley-Humphrey convention.

The Chicago 8 and their attorneys returned to Federal Court to challenge the government's dirty tricks, what attorney William Kunstler called "Chicagogate," which led to their 9 year old contempt convictions. Court appearances were deliberately scheduled (reportedly at the request of underground conspirator Abbie Hoffman) to coincide with present-day YIP's permit negotiations and lawsuit.

In '78 as in '68, the Yippies placed the first serve, applying in June for permits to use Grant and Lincoln Parks the last weekend in August.

As July negotiations dragged into August, former judge Joe Powers\*, legal counsel for the Chicago Park District, told Y.I.P. negotiators Dave Bernis and Ben Masel that while various "previously scheduled" activities made most of Grant and Lincoln parks unavailable, a permit could be arranged (til 11 o'clock) for "Cricket Hill," a site at the northernmost end of Lincoln Park, 3 miles up the lakefront from the Lincoln Park Zoo, (scene of '68 festivities), and a 7 mile hike to Sunday's rally in Grant Park. Providing

Festival organizers take out a policy liability insurance.

A professional sound and light company booked for the festival, but they, like most anticipated bands, were unwilling to risk permit playing in the parks without a permit.

Knowing that the curfew issue could occur in the park, at 11:00, assuming they could surance hassle in court thanks to precedent," and wanting some piece reassure the sound people, the Yippie ad (regrettably) decided to apply for "Cricket Hill."

When they were turned down, it was change publicity back to the south site. sued, filing before Federal Judge George Leighton denied our motion for a Restraining Order to compel the Park District our requested permits. The judge objected called "excess paraphernalia" (equipment ps), site problems, and our desire to run clock.

He ruled that we had no right to hold "Cricket Hill," but indicated that if we applied would order the Park District to issue a permit.

Interviews originally appeared in *The Reader*.

**Bill Arthrell, 29**

Photos Mathew Kaplan

I was an undergrad at Kent State from 1968 to 1973, so I was in the thick of it from the zenith to the decline of the student movement. I was very active. I was arrested and certainly very willing to be arrested. I've never lost that commitment. I acted it out as a teacher in an alternative school for two years and for a year in a traditional school.

The '68 convention was the event that radicalized me. I came from a very innocent Young Republican background. It was a slap in the face, it really shocked me. I was 'Clean for Gene,' had taken that one step anyway, and had shaved my beard off. I was a little disenchanted with him since he sort of backed down so I suppose I took the more radical route after that.

We've won some victories, the war was ended, the draft was ended, marijuana laws liberalized, long hair fashionable.

The media tries to promote the image that they are all Rennie Davises and Jerry Rubins out there and they've sold out and are driving paneled station wagons in suburbia. And naturally this happens. As Marcuse says, the system accomodates people, it appeases people and brings some back in. It shoots others, scares people away, some are bought off.

Many of us have taken have taken other channels. Some are social workers, teachers, lawyers or journalists. I'm an organizer, I was a teacher.

I think we're a little bit more sober now, and



I think that's valuable too. We have the perspective of the 60's and the sobriety of the 70's. Ultimately, social change doesn't happen with demonstrations as much as with community organizing; people taking power over their own lives. Demonstrations are a manifestation of that.

Right now, I'm a little disappointed. It's boring living in an apathetic era. There's a lull here.

I think we're in an embryonic state, especially with the nuclear movement, the gay movement, and the women's movement. People are getting stronger. It's tough to live in this era. If you can survive the plastic 70's, you'll come out a lot stronger and wiser in the 80's. We're like the early 60s again where the radicals are the nonconformists. I think in the 70s we're digging roots. We're getting into some real commitment and techniques and when we come out of it we won't be tricked so easily.

Everything seemed possible in the 60's. If you remember there was an air of idealism that seemed real. There was so much hope and I think that was a genuine attraction to people. That was healthy. Now there isn't much to feel that way about. With the economy and Watergate people are more cynical than they are radical.

I think if we can have some positive things happen it would wash away some cynicism but it won't be like the 60's and I don't think we should get too nostalgic. It's easy to get sentimental.



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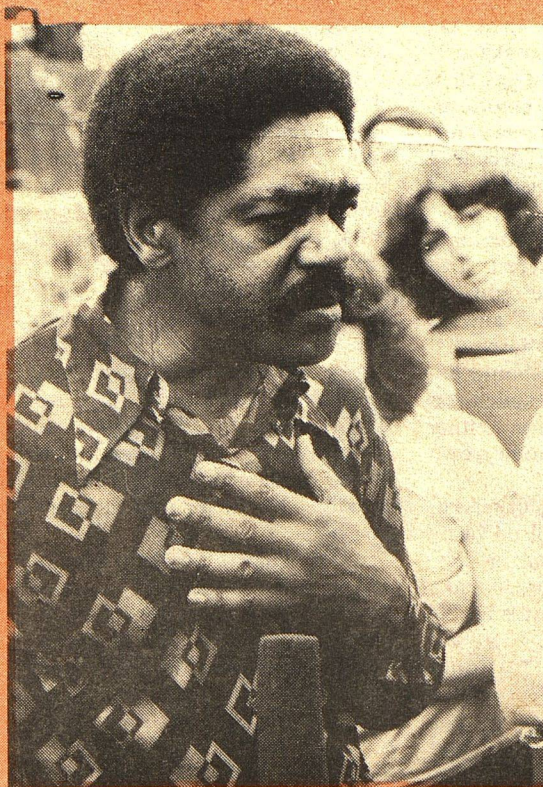
photo Chip Berlet

organizers take out a policy for \$60,000 insurance. Professional sound and light company had been at the festival, but they, like most of the 13 bands, were unwilling to risk their equipment in the parks without a permit. That the curfew issue could only be settled at 11:00, assuming they could beat the in-assault in court thanks to the "Nazi" and wanting some piece of paper to sound people, the Yippie advance people decided to apply for "Cricket Hill." They were turned down, it was too late to get publicity back to the south site. The Yippies, before Federal Judge George Leighton, a few weeks before had granted Chicago's Nazis the use of Marquette Park for a rally insurance. A week before the Festival, denied our motion for a Temporary Order to compel the Park District to issue permits. The judge objected to what he called "paraphernalia" (equipment and problems, and our desire to run around the site) that we had no right to hold an "encampment" indicated that if we applied for it, he would order the Park District to issue a permit for an

uninsured "assembly" until 11 o'clock for Cricket Hill, with exactly the same equipment the Nazis used—one microphone. The plaintiffs stripped their applications to a bare minimum as far as equipment was concerned; dropping proposals for farm animals etc. The new proposal was quickly rejected by the Park District, so "The Youth International Party of Illinois, et al vs Chicago Park District" was back in front of an

**Bobby Seale testified next, called as "an expert witness on the First Amendment, as practiced in Chicago."**

unhappy Judge Leighton. In the courtroom the plaintiff's counsel, Val Klink, called the first witness—Yippie co-plaintiff Ben Masel began the hearing with his testimony, explaining the organizers' reasoning and proposed scenario for the event. On the sidewalk in front of the Everest Dirksen Federal Building, about 25 Yippie demonstrators held a press conference and "advertised" the "two-ring circus" about to take place 20 stories above them.



**Bobby Seale** Photo Chip Berlet

Last but not least, in the lobby of the building the Press Corps gathered to ogle three of the conspiracy defendants and their lawyer Bill Kunstler as they announced the re-opening of the 13 contempt charges still held against them.

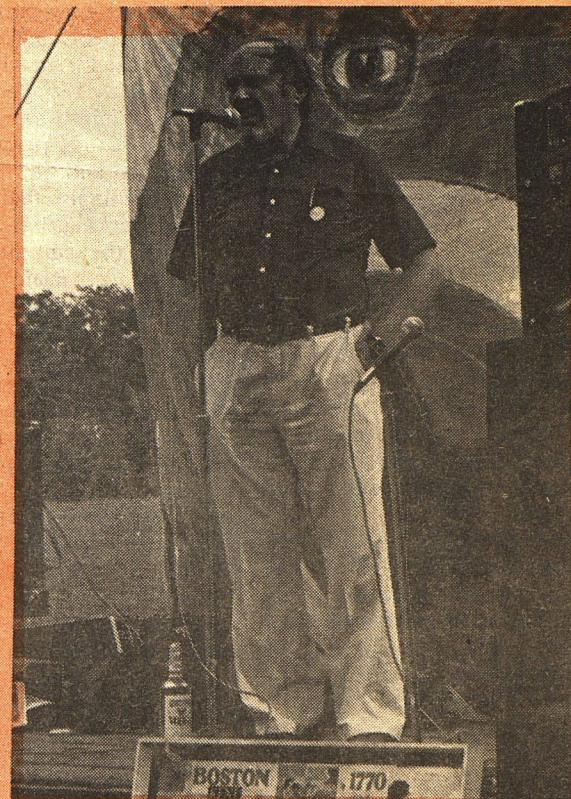
Immediately following their press conference, Bill Kunstler, Dave Dellinger, Jerry Rubin, and Bobby Seale ascended to the highrise courtroom, only a few doors away from their "stage" and "set" of nine years ago, to join the modern day Yippie!

The timing couldn't have been better. Ben explained how, as a commemoration of an event which had happened overnight, 13 bands and 14 speakers had been scheduled. These could be accommodated in a weekend long commemoration only by running straight through. "If I had to cut anyone from the schedule, it would infringe upon their right of free speech. I'm not going to infringe upon anyone's First Amendment rights. If Your Honor wishes to cut anyone from the program he'll have to tell them himself."

Bobby Seale took the stand, called as "an expert witness on the First Amendment as practiced in Chicago." Bobby, one of the Chicago 8 defendants, had been bound and gagged in Judge Hoffman's Court ten years ago when he insisted on his right to defend himself on Conspiracy charges, and eventually had his case severed from that of the other 7 defendants.

Seale testified that he would be speaking at the Festival that weekend, and that his First Amendment Right to commemorate the 1968 events would be limited by the Park District's interpretation of the laws. He backed Masel's testimony, which challenged the park district on the following points:

- 1) If use of the General Logan statue area were to be denied, protesters would be kept from using any of the historically relevant sites of the 1968 convention. (Festival organizers had already compromised too much accepting Cricket Hill and not Lincoln Park proper.) It would be like requiring the annual commemoration of Washington crossing the Delaware... to be held 7 miles up river.



**David Dellinger** Photo Jesse Jason

2) If Masel were forced to close at eleven, and thus cut Bobby (or any other speaker) from the program, or reduce the time allotted for that speaker, then that speaker's right to free expression would be abridged.

3) The Park District was willing to issue a permit for one (1) microphone, as had been used in the previous month's Nazi rally. Allowing the Nazis to set the standards for free expression ignored the fact that other people might have more creative means of expression than monologues.

**"Does freedom of speech include the right to sing?"**

The third witness against the park district plays rhythm guitar for *Above the Storm*, a Chicago rock band.

Norm Siegel told the court how he and his fellow band members express their political and social views through their music. A judicial ban on adequate sound, stage, and, for nighttime sets, lighting equipment would thus stifle their free expression. There is no way to put a band on one microphone. No musician would be insensitive enough to play for the Nazis.

Bob King of the Mobilization for Survival (an anti-nuclear group) told the Judge the ban on equipment for the Festival would violate his group's right to set up a literature booth and educational displays

By now the courtroom was packed with Yippies, Gray Panthers, courthouse hangers-on, a couple reporters, and a squad of U.S. Marshals.

Several witnesses later, Judge Leighton's ruling came down. He would not order a permit issued as requested.

At the sound of the closing gavel the Yippies shouted "Nazis speak free, why can't we?" Astonished, Leighton ordered the courtroom cleared. Marshals first shoved, then began swinging in the hall. Plaintiff Masel was nabbed by 4 Marshals, and seemed destined for the hoosgow. As he was dragged away YIP lawyer Jerry Block pulled Masel's wallet from his pocket to get the \$50 filing fee for a last minute appeal of

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**Annie Savitt, 25**

In 1968 I was 15 and in school. I went to New Trier East. I was involved in the convention. I was in Old Town. I was hanging around there since I was 14. I went to all the demonstrations.

The '68 thing was crazy. It was supposed to be what this is: nonviolent shit, a rally, music, a camp-out, free food, a smoke-in. Before we knew it there was a riot. I was in it. I was involved. I wasn't throwing anything. I was one of the runners trying to figure out where to go, what to do.

I stayed through the whole thing because I wanted to find out what was going to happen. I was mad because what we were going to have here was ruined. I got maced a couple of times and a friend of mine got beat up.

Ten years later, I'm just glad this [the Yippie Memorial] is happening.

I've gotten older, I've learned a few things here and there, but my ideas and my lifestyle haven't changed.

I think a lot of people have been made aware of what we've been trying to say.

I get aggravated when I see the very people who were part of it in the 60s copping out in the seventies. It really bothers me, cutting their hair and everything. We had to fight to get those things.

We've come a long way, but we've go so far to go. Marijuana is still not legal. There's a lot of things going around that are not right. Pollution is ridiculous. I choke when I walk through the alleys half the time. That's why

I'm leaving next year. I can't do anything with this. I'm going somewhere where I can live like I like to live with people I enjoy being with.

I knew about this thing for a long time. I was there ten years ago so I came today. I'll stay, I'll march to wherever we're going to march to.

**Bobby Seale, 41**

The movement in this country, which included the antiwar movement, the civil rights movement, which included the black revolutionary movement, was part of a total movement, I like to call it a total movement. It was hypothetically 80 to 90 percent a consciousness-raising movement, not just for the people involved but for the whole damn nation.

That movement is not what we call "Dead". There is a dormant attitude. I believe that the millions of people, 20 to 40 million, that were involved in one way or another whether they demonstrated or not, I believe that the great majority of those peoples' hearts, minds, and souls, are still in the right place. They just don't have any organizational framework to hook into.

I don't set myself up as the one individual who is going to provide that framework. I'm trying to have as much face-to-face contact as I can with people in organizations and groups from "liberal" to "left" as may exist in this country now.

We're at the low tide of the struggle. When you're at low tide dig in, don't just float.



**Janet Dezutter, 36**

We were there to stop the war. The Vietnamese won the war, but we did a little bit. We made it difficult. We brought down two presidents. It was like a ball we started rolling, and then it was out of our control.

I brought my passport. [She shows a picture of herself from *Rights in Conflict* the paperback version of the Walker Report. The photo shows her at a rally in 1968.] I'm not paying for anything today. That's me in '68 and that's my baby. He's eleven now.

In '68 I worked for something called Concerned Citizens. During the convention another community organizer and I put out a daily mimeographed sheet that was one page. On one side in English what happened, and on the other side in Spanish. We distributed it in the neighborhoods in the Western part of Old Town and Lincoln Park. We were organizing and our purpose was to explain this strange cultural phenomenon to Spanish-speaking people. So we mimeographed it every night after the park...

I feel terrific about what I did. I belong to NOW, the National Organization for Women. I don't live in Chicago, I live in Galena, Illinois. I came back for this. Galena has the strongest women's group for a rural area in Illinois. So yeah, I'm involved. I haven't changed at all.

I'm just delighted to see all these people. Now that we're here where it all happened I feel really good. I'm really happy because I can almost see it all happening all over again. Personally I enjoyed it. I enjoyed the whole thing.

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Keep hostile ideas from our shores.

The victims of such exclusionary repression are not only Communists of different political persuasions but, more importantly, American citizens who seek to learn and teach in an atmosphere where ideas may be freely exchanged. This freedom is, of course, anathema to those interests who seek to consolidate and maintain power in an atmosphere of promoting increasing uniformity of thought and action.

One tends at first to be detached from these events unless they fit into a personal situation. In my own instance, as an educator and lawyer, following years of political reform, civil rights, anti-war and New Politics activity, I became heavily involved in local institutional change efforts impacting on the educational, Corrections and child care bureaucracies. Not only was resistance to change formidable but its form of reaction was vicious, incorporating the worst of Joe McCarthy's tactics. Investigation has enabled us to tie in what for many involved in left-liberal causes would be a new bedfellow to the politics of reaction—organized crime.

Following the dollar (and hundreds of millions are now going into state-administered social and human services programs) "connected" professionals and new "non-profit" entities are emerging as private contractors, with powerful assistance from the awesome interlocking web of influence consisting of seemingly "straight" (in terms of the law) people in key bureaucratic, executive, legislative and judicial positions.

Previously whorishly apolitical, the interests of organized crime in the context of American society are presently best served through an alliance with the forces of reaction.

I suppose this really should not surprise us too much, for it apparently has been a long standing alliance.

Dick Gregory and I both addressed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference 1978 National Convention. At that time, Dick displayed a memorandum signed some years ago by J. Edgar Hoover to the agents covering Gregory. In it Hoover specifically noted the "subject's" hostile comments about organized crime, and suggested that they might "neutralize" him. Looking back now, Dick remembers being told around that time in Chicago that a contract had been put out on him. So it is clear that the most powerful criminal forces do have some ongoing entree into American official life.

In a current political sense, however, we can see this shadowy colossus emerging as a significant contributor to the quiet arrival of peculiarly American Fascism.

And there should be no doubt; since again, here, as in most of the world, freedom's nemesis is excessive governmental control and repression, be it of the left or the right, in a lock step alliance with conglomerate wealth. Ideological distinctions become strangely blurred when the focus of government becomes the maintenance and aggrandizement of power.

Control and regulation of the citizenry and their lives and actions may be sophisticated and subtle (as in the United States) or starkly oppressive (such as South Africa, Uganda or Cambodia) or somewhere in between (as in the U.S.S.R. or Indonesia.)

Daily, in the United States, governmental control and regula-

tion affect how citizens may express themselves, use their tax dollars, and generally make personal decisions regarding their bodies, minds and emotions. Freedom requires eternal vigilance, and in this decade I have no doubt that history will find us lacking.

Since the currently dominant American special interest and power forces are of the right, we apply the label "fascistic" and see the political form as "fascism." This hybrid, however, should not be confused with the explicitness of the Nazi brownshirts (either German or our own homegrown variety.)

As Howard Koch has observed, Fascism in America will be vastly different from European models. It will be uniquely American and a logical extension of what is taking place in our land today. There will be no nationwide National Socialist rallies of the Nuremberg type, or "pagan" rites on the banks of the Potomac. Our brand will be low profile, strictly white tie. Its critical components will be housed in vinyl attache cases and computerized information systems. Religious evangelism, competitive athletics, "enemy hunts" and occasional "limited" wars will provide safety valves for

the legitimate expression and release of the citizens' frustration and aggression.

Our Bill of Rights, now in demise, would never be repealed. Like a faithful old soldier, it will fade away from benign neglect and atrophy—still however to be honored ceremoniously long after, for all practical purposes, it had ceased to exist.

Like Camus' *Plague*, our Fascism creeps stealthily, night and day, corrupting our dreams' vision and ever more controlling our waking decisions and acts. All this is aided by the lack of an understanding and commitment to the fundamental constitutional freedoms by the mass of our people.

As an educator, I am painfully aware that schools and teachers do not emphasize their unique place in our system. This neglect is being perpetuated by each new generation of teachers, each similarly ill-prepared. Few have the opportunity to study under the likes of an Emerson, Commager or Plucknett. As an attorney, it is evident to me that there are only a handful of jurists with the comprehensive commitment to the Constitution of William Douglas, Frank Johnson or a handful of others.

Consequently, only a minority of our people understands the impact of a denial of rights to Women, Blacks, Chicanos, Indians, and the permanent underclass which is perpetuated by welfare/poverty unemployment and underemployment. It takes a constitutional crisis such as Watergate, or abuses such as those perpetrated by a Joe McCarthy or Franklin Roosevelt (the Korematsu Detentions) for the public to become aware. Even then, the concern is usually shallow, long after the fact, and emanating from a select few for most of the nation's living rooms are not directly affected.

Then, the concept of some sort of union, sharing, helping, mutually supporting, was valid. Now, in my judgment, it not only remains valid, but its accomplishment may be our only hope.

Then, we were younger, less aware, more naive.

Now we are older. I am not sure that we—or I, in any event—are really much wiser, but, in any event, we are more mature having been force marched to political awareness, often in spite of ourselves.

Then, we had some tangible victories in the Civil Rights areas and a hated war to pull us together for

the pounding on the nation's conscience. Now, we are in a seedbed time; public awareness is low; two dozen different efforts go forward on their own, often competing for the same constituency and troth.

But each effort relates to the others, and all could benefit from mutual support and in fact need it to prevent failure. And all efforts and individuals may suffer the ultimate loss of freedom if the demise of civil liberties continues.

What is needed, then, is the formation of a loose, federated union of all social change efforts active today. Nothing less than perhaps a Nationwide Coalition for Individual Freedoms or Civil Liberties must come forth. The turf problems of Movement groups have always been real, but they can certainly be worked out and must be negotiated in order to forge a mutually supportive, unified social and political resistance force that will not only react, but also be creatively proactive. If the top Fortune '200' companies can tie their interests together and find common ground acting through the "Business Roundtable," then surely the Movement's people should have their own coalition entity.

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Leighton's ruling. The Marshall's holding Masel raced to rescue their fellows, cornered in the hallway. Ben and the lawyers slipped off to file, while everyone else split the building. The appeal was turned down next morning, two to one.

The "Cricket Hill" rally was kicked off Saturday morning by the rousing speeches of Cort Dorsey of the Clamshell Alliance, Columbus Yippie Margaret Sarber, and former Black Panther Party Chairman Bobby Seale.

Indicted for the speech he gave in Lincoln Park in '68, bound and gagged in Judge Hoffman's courtroom, dragged in chains to a murder frame-up in New Haven, Connecticut, Seale, unlike so many other black leaders, managed to survive the '60's and now heads a new poor people's lobbying group in Washington. Still a radical, Seale expressed his joy that the attorney general who tried to put him away, John Mitchell, is now himself in federal prison, while Mayor Richard Daley—"rest his racist soul"—is dead. "Hitler rose, Hitler fell," chanted the assemblage, "Mayor Daley burns in hell!"

While music and speeches entertained the steadily-growing Festival and undercover cops circulated in the crowd telling Yippies they hoped everyone would "stay here and be cool," cadre from YIP and Workers Defense discussed plans to increase our visibility and decrease our vulnerability. Since we had no permit anyway, we'd be no more illegal three miles south, in the Old Town area where the '68 events actually took place. We wanted to be in a friendly neighborhood, more accessible to media and supporters and witnesses, when the curfew came. So, heeding pleas to "go where the shit actually happened," the Festival of Life, chanting anti-police and -Nazi slogans, up and marched south along the beach, past the Lincoln Park Zoo.

The problem was crossing busy Lake Shore Drive. One of several underpasses seemed the best bet, but the first one we scouted out was occupied by a hundred cops. Though not showing themselves to avoid "POLICE STATE RETURNS" headlines, the cops were determined not to let us crash through into media visibility.

A leaflet distributed at "Cricket Hill" had urged people, if dispersed, to regroup at the Fullerton Exit off Lake Shore, but scouts reported 200 cops now occupied the Fullerton Exit. So, guided by Chicago natives from Workers Defense, the march slipped through an unguarded tunnel beneath a bridge, and emerged on the other side of Lake Shore Drive. Circling a small harbor would bring us out right behind the safety of Mayor Bilandic's festival.

A small group of bozos, however, charged into Lake Shore Drive, leading perhaps a fourth of the crowd further south, in what superficially appeared a more militant action but was, in fact, a trap; with the Lake on their left, the harbor on their right, and nothing ahead of them but 200 cops at the Fullerton Exit, the breakaway was charging into a cul-de-sac, a blind alley. Had march organizers not lured them back over the bridge, down through the tunnel, the only way they could have rejoined the march, assuming the cops didn't get them, would have been to swim 200 yards across the harbor.

(The agent-as-bozo seemed to be the Chicago Red Squad's chief weapon against us. Despite incredibly heavy surveillance of YIP headquarters and organizers—including cops posing as hospital attendants, ice cream men, hookers, and of course, joggers—and a cut-off of our phone two days prior to the event—there was practically no overt pig presence. What there was were dozens of bozos, heckling speakers, sabotaging marches, breaking into rousing choruses of "T.V. sucks!" everytime they saw a camera. Obviously reporters have no control over prime-time programing—just 60 seconds or so of news time, during which they can make you look O.K. or like shit, depending on how hard you make their job—whether, for example, you waste their film. And anyway, if the bozos didn't dig photography, how come so many of them had cameras?)

The march, slightly swollen along the way to well over 1,000—arrived without further incident at the now-deserted Human Resources "Country Fair in the City" and settled down to dig the punk sounds of Chicago's Sundog Summit. The next confrontation would be at 11, when the city parks' notorious curfew went into effect.



#### THE SATURDAY NIGHT MASSACRE THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

It was an invisible confrontation. At 10:00, with our crowd now over 2,500, police tried to scare people away by promising to sweep the park at 11:00. We could close our eyes and see the head cop in the police lockerroom, pounding his club into his palm and exorting the boys to "win dis one for da Mare."

But came 11:00 and there wasn't a pig in sight. If we didn't win the '60's, how come they backed down instead of us?

We whipped them by being less afraid to die than they were to kill us with the whole world watching.

Sundog Summit rocked on, followed by "Lobotomy" and the "Millenium Band", and only sporadic rains kept thousands from sleeping illegally in the park, though a hundred or so sturdy souls did.

Next morning was billed as a March and Rally

for Human Rights in the USA, which started with a tiny rally in front of the *Sun Times* and *Tribune* buildings. It was at this time, of course, that reporters were on hand, to see the smallest turnout of the weekend.

We had secured a permit—the only one for the weekend—from Streets and Sanitation to march the last mile down Michigan Avenue, main drag of Belandicland.

They passed the "Balbo and Michigan Memorial Battleground," sat in briefly in front of the Conrad Hilton, and headed to the Gen. Logan Statue and the "Rally for Human Rights." The crowd attempted to re-create a historic scene from Amerika's past by posing on and around old Gen Logan.

Then everyone settled back and listened to Yippie Dana Beal as the portable stage was brought in, set up, and secured. Speeches by representatives of local organizations came next, including Joan Albert of Clergy and Laity concerned, followed by Ruppert and his fantastic Ozone music, and Jeffrey Skywalker's Iowa folk-punk.

Shortly after 4:00 PM, Bill Hampton gave a short rap about his brother, Black Panther Fred Hampton, who was shot and killed by Chicago Pigs and the Feds in 1969. The Hampton family is currently involved with a lawsuit filed against the city of Chicago and the Feds, in which they charge the Pigs with conspiracy and the murders of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark.

Dave Dellinger, Chicago 8 Defendant and former chairperson of the National Mobilization to End the War gave a short speech on the achievements of the past and the goals of the future. Nancy Borman, publisher of Majority Report, a leading feminist newspaper, spoke next, followed by Nancy Cooper of the Chicago Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights, attacking repressive provisions of the myriad Sons of Senate Bill 1.

The gleeful news media reported how silly we looked that day, chanting that the whole world was watching. Both the CBS and NBC affiliates gave us five minutes and the FBI-controlled Chicago Tribune gave us front page coverage—just in case the whole world wasn't watching and didn't know the whole world wasn't watching. No threat these Yippies, chortled *Time*, caricaturing us as insects bugging cops who'd rather be home watering their lawns. Yet, a week later at the smoke-in at the Illinois State House in Springfield, the minute *Time* and the whole world weren't watching, rioting cops got their revenge, busting 42, beating many.

Organizers had said from the start that to be considered a success by the media this Festival had to draw at least as many people (5,000) as '68. While a myriad of technical fuck-ups—late publicity, the Cricket Hill fiasco, defections of bands and speakers—marred the event, preventing the 10th Anniversary of Chicago '68 from becoming a major event in its own right, we could still take encouragement from the assurances of Franklin Rosemont, a member of the Surrealist Movement and Workers Defense and a '68 veteran: "Keep this in perspective. Twenty-five hundred people is, after all, the biggest national leftist demonstration in Chicago in many, many years."



# Jailhouse Rock Women Behind Bars



BY JANET CARVER

The FBI reports that from 1960 to 1972 the number of women arrested for violent crimes went up 246.2 percent, whereas the increase for men was 81.7 percent. This was the ruling class's plain answer to the increased struggle of women during the 60's.

Jail is where people end up who cannot or will not "adjust" to their economic, racial or sexist oppression. The state uses all its "moral" pretenses to try to destroy women who fight back against the poverty, hardship and worthlessness of their lives under capitalism.

A woman waiting in a New York City courtroom described the life and the oppression:

"For me it was just like gettin' on an assembly line, baby. It all started when I was about fifteen years old. I was living on my own and they busted me for hanging around a bar. Shit, it was nice there. I could hear good music. The broads was good to me. But the school officers said I'd been truant and I was promiscuous or something like that. They made me feel like a regular whore—a sho' 'nuff down-and-out little nobody. That first time I got busted, the cop made me blow him and his partner on the way to the station. I guess they would have made me fuck 'em if there'd been more time. That really got me, that really did me in...I'll never forget 'em. I was so scared I didn't know what to do.

The next thing I knowed, I was in jail. And I been here mostly on and off ever since. I been to court so many times, I never could count 'em. Who knows what the fuck goes on in there? They got their own language all hooked up—it might be french to me. They got all their people hooked up too, including their public defenders. I never be knowing what they're saying."

After the abuse by the cops who arrest a woman, she faces special hardship with bail. In Washington, D.C., the D.C. Citizens Council for Criminal Justice found that bail agency officials believe women "pose a higher risk of flight." A far greater percentage of women than men are required to post money bonds, and many women are unable to meet those money requirements. Because most women "offenders" are jobless and don't live in one place for long, they are considered poorer risks for conditional release.

Discrimination follows women through the legal system. In many states women get longer sentences than men for the same crimes. Young women are treated particularly harshly. U.S. Children's Bureau statistics show that women juveniles serve longer sentences on the average than do males, even though the women are sentenced for less serious matters. This situa-

tion does not seem to arise from any laws, but rather from the informal practices of courts and correction authorities. They are more offended by females who misbehave than males, and they see to it that women serve longer sentences.

If young women run away from home, disobey their parents, have a child without marrying, or are "promiscuous," they are branded as juvenile delinquents. Young men engaged in the same conduct are seldom referred to juvenile court. It's estimated that as many as 80% of juvenile women are incarcerated for sex-related "offenses."

Women are never through "sexually offending" the courts. Women are commonly returned to prison on parole violations for living with a man they weren't married to, or "associating" with the "wrong" crowd, or getting pregnant when they weren't legally married.

The whole concept of "rehabilitation" of women in capitalist society means forcing women to conform to the "feminine" role. For instance, the stated goal of the federal penitentiary in Alderson, West Virginia is to "prepare the female federal offender to successfully meet feminine role expectations." Women prisoners often work as housemaids or cooks for the families of prison superintendents. It is an accepted custom that household servants come along with prison administrative positions—to cook, clean, wash and iron for the administrators.

Just as slave mothers were separated from their children, women prisoners today are cut off from their children. Eighty percent of imprisoned women are mothers. No jails or prisons have child care facilities. Nearly 40% of prison mothers permanently lose custody of their daughters or sons.

The violence towards women as mothers is often complete and final. Marilyn Isabel, an ex-convict from the Dwight Correctional Institute in Illinois, comments:

"There's one universal problem to organize around and that's all these strange hysterectomy [sterilization through removal of the uterus] problems that come up, always on Third World women. People who have never complained about any kind of vaginal infection or having any abnormality as far as their periods are concerned, suddenly the doctor says you have to get a hysterectomy. It happens often. And the frightening thing is that it usually happens on young people."

Where women do not have their own institutions—for example, in county jails—they generally fare still worse than in women's prisons. County jails generally offer women no exercise yards, no

dining halls and no vocational programs. "School" courses for the women often end with the eight grade. Women prisoners in county jails are idle 75 to 100% of the time.

#### Women Prisoners Fight Back

Organization and struggle by women challenges the whole image of women which the capitalists push to help keep their society stable. For this reason the organized struggles of women prisoners rarely get publicity.

At the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, following the deaths of prisoners at Attica, the women held a memorial service for their slain brothers. Following the service and a march around the prison grounds, about 130 Black, Latin and white women occupied the old garment factory on the prison grounds and drew up 42 demands to present to the administration. Representatives from various "cottages" sat in on the sessions. After the first day, some 500 women out of the 600 prison population stopped work and school for four days to support the demands.

In December, 1970, prisoners at the old Women's House of Detention in New York refused to be locked up in their cells as a protest against the conditions they were living in. They were sprayed with water hoses and forcibly locked in their cells for nearly two weeks as punishment for protesting.

In fact, resistance in women's prisons is a regular occurrence. Cutting in to crush resistance before it really gets going is important to prison officials. One woman prisoner described the situation:

"There were about 10 or 15 of us who'd been in a whole bunch of months and there were a lot of very tight relationships forming. We started hassling them about food and hassling them about the medical staff and not having a dentist and writing the warden every day. And then when those relationships became more than just a basis to have arguments among ourselves, then they broke up every tight relationship. Once they saw those relationships could form a basis for unity, then they really came down on them."

As everyday conditions of life continue to fall apart for millions of oppressed women in this country, the oppression will breed more struggle. The capitalists will be faced with war against their need for "womanhood" to play a conservatizing role in the working class. The arrest and imprisonment of "unadjusted" women will grow.

Women prisoners break capitalist social and moral codes as well. This makes women prisoners potentially an extremely militant and conscious wing of the prisoner's movement. Drawing the revolutionary conclusions is not an automatic process, but the

material is all there.

In the words of a prisoner at the Ohio Reformatory for Women:

"When women first line up to go into isolation or orientation to the prison, the first thing the matrons try to do is stamp out womanhood and respect. They treat us like children. But many women continue that child thing in here because they are afraid. Where's their courage? They've stood up to society some way outside or they wouldn't be in here."

The courage of our sisters in prison will come from their own hard experiences along with revolutionary political consciousness.

In the pages of *Torch-La Antorcha* we can begin to make the contact necessary to build the political consciousness of women prisoners, and look forward to the day when such institutions as the Ohio Reformatory for Women are burned to the ground.

—Reprinted from *The Torch*

## WANTED: POLITICAL PRISONERS

Taking a cue from Andy Young, our comrades at TAKE OVER are amassing a list of all the political prisoners in this country for publication and dissemination. Many of these political prisoners are there because of acts of conscience, some just because they are poor, or because they are Black, Hispanic, or Native American.

If you are in prison, or know of people in prison for political reasons, please send a letter with a short bio and a story on how you got there (send a picture if possible). Send your list and stories to TAKE OVER, POB 706, Madison, Wisconsin 53701

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The constituencies are the powerless, the poor, the alienated and angry of any economic station of this land. It goes without saying that these are the ones who suffer most when individual freedoms are, under attack. They have everything to gain from coming together. The system and its power interests have everything to gain by keeping them apart. The motto of the Republic E Pluribus Unum ('out of many one') might be more precisely phrased for the Movement as Non Nobis Solum Nate Sumas (We exist not for ourselves alone.)

Acknowledging the competing issues for activist loyalty, surely on the political terrain sanctifying individual freedom, many conservatives, liberals, and libertarians have a common ground. It would even appear that there is an opening for dialogue with socialists and anarchists, the historical forces of "red and black" who traditionally have fought, on the one hand, for the end of exploitative capitalism, and, on the other, for the end of central governmental authority.

Now, more than at any time in the history of the Republic, it should be clear that the defense of individual freedom is increasingly going to require a coalition of

people who are not only committed activists but dreamers by day.

Dreamers of the night are essentially harmless for they wake in the light to find their Shavian fantasies confronted by reality.

Dreamers of the day envision things that have never been and say 'why not?': they are the most dangerous persons because they see their visions through eyes opened wide in the light of day, and eventually may just hit on a way to put the vision in place.

The inter-relationship of the serious individual social change efforts should, by now, need no emphasis. While one's focus may be on the ERA, capital punishment, disarmament, jobs, human, and, especially, minority rights, abortion, or whatever issue, all change efforts point to a vastly different set of national priorities, values and attitudes. And all require a society where individual freedoms are maximized.

The long sought link was last aborted a decade ago.

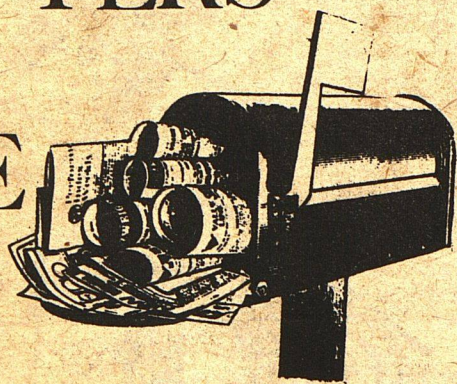
Let us learn from that experience.

As 1980 draws near, it is needed more than ever.

Let us begin anew.

by,  
Dr. William F. Pepper

# LETTERS TO THE



# YIPSTER TIMES

Dear Yippies,

Here's another episode in the continuing saga of the bunch of assholes known to millions as McDonalds.

Earlier this month (Aug 9 & 10) I was unfortunate enough to be in their employ for two whole days.

My first day was spent cleaning their dining room. No problems here. My second day (8/10/78) I was assigned to work the french fry area. During the noon lunch rush (about 12:35) I hit my arm with a french fry basket that had just come out of a 375 degree grease vat.

It burnt the skin off my arm in the design of the fry basket. I showed the burn to the manager on duty with tears in my eyes. (Seriously.)

Now let me make one thing clear—this asshole (the manager) was leaning against the counter looking goofy & doing nothing at the time.

He did not let me get the burn attended to, or even look at it closely. He made me finish my shift, like the slave drivers I had heard they were. As a result, I'll wear a scar the shape of a fry basket compliments of the Golden Arches—probably for the rest of my life.

Friends have advised me to sue the fucking rich-bitch jerkoffs. In your opinion do I have a case and if so can you give me a few pointers how to go about it?

Thanks for Your Ear,  
Amy M. Pratz

Dear YT,

After abandoning YT years ago for being too hippy dippy I'm reading you again—largely through the recommendation of Nancy Borman. I'm getting better at recognizing and appreciating allies as I find them, valuing the strength in our diversity.

Nice coverage of Son of S-I, nukes, McDeath, and the smoke-in. I felt the Abbie interview could have been tightened up a great deal. There were many inside comments flying around with no editorial explanations. I think that's an area we should try to clean up. It's the "big kid" syndrome—we sit around talking political shorthand to each other, which is fine unless you give a shit about bringing in new people and the young folks. And if, in fact, we do care about such outreach, it's the very least we can do to clue them in to what the fuck we're talking about. It certainly isn't a new problem, just a constant one. Ultimately we fuck ourselves with it because we inhibit new people from joining; and so often I've seen fresh energy pushed away out of phoney baloney agent scaring and plain old fear of opening up. I see a lot of old time politicians who have little or no time for folks who either don't know all the right jargon or who say something they feel about an issue that contradicts what we were sure was the last word on that subject two years ago. And this doesn't even count all the politicians who've burned out altogether or traded in their dreams for nostalgia clubs. It is critical for those of us who remain active to remain open: it sounds so obvious but we don't do it! (We could use a little humility?)

In a way, I view the emphasis on pot smoking in YT to be a relic of sorts, "Exhibit A" in the Nostalgia Club Hall of Fame Museum. The problem has nothing at all to do with pot smoking in itself, but with what I feel has become a gradual shift in consciousness: from pot as a symbol of social defiance to pot as THE symbol and eventually now to where it's considered by many to be THE ultimate ACT of social defiance. This becomes a pain in the ass when you're trying to do organizing work at the peasant level (where I come from and live) and you find so many people bought off by the symbols.

Back to YT, your *Livin' in the USA* section is real good—and we could use more translation of Son of S.-1.

I'd like to read more about new ideas in how to live actively political alternative lifestyles, anarchy, healing, survival skills, creative resistance and nutrition. I didn't mention it earlier, but I assume you're aware that you need more participation by women.

I have some suggestions for the '80's conference that I'll pass on to the San Diego contact person in writing as soon as I get there (I'm moving there next week). I hope someone, preferably a dyke, will review my new album in YT—I've gotten really good responses about it.

For dyke anarchy,  
Kathy Fire  
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Dear Y.T.:

Last spring's Bloomington Smoke-In went so well that we decided to have another, better arranged, again on the Indiana University campus.

The Administration, speaking through Dick McKaig, made their position very clear; as long as we did not advocate engaging in acts of "civil disobedience" we could use the Meadow and the electrical power. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, George Huntington, the chief of I.U.P.D., was catching all kinds of hell for his failure to crack down on the May 20th event. The trustees, the Indiana State Police, and the Indianapolis Daily Star (that redneck rag) made themselves as obnoxious as possible.

The day of the Harvest Festival dawned bright and sunny. Things began to go awry almost immediately. "Extension cord? I thought you brought it!"

We started the music and partied for a bit. Then all the power went off. My heart nearly stopped. I thought the Administration had pulled the plug. It turned out to be a popped circuit breaker.

The crowd kept swelling. YIPPIE! gave out about 1/2 lb. of pot on the sly. At about 3:00 someone dumped a pound in the middle of the Meadow and lit it. The bonfire was quickly surrounded by a swaying mob chanting, "Burn Baby Burn!" A column of smoke that would have been visible from the courthouse rose as folks dumped their own stash onto the bonfire. That tore it. As the fire dwindled to ash we intercepted a police radio call for all cars to assemble, at that point the power went off. I warned the crowd to expect unpleasant company and make themselves legal. The advance warning helped. Within minutes a line of blue began to move through the Meadow, billy clubs drawn, ordering people to move.

Well, they moved alright, they just didn't go anywhere. Suddenly somebody called out "Pick up the trash!" The crowd picked up the call and began to do so. "But I can't leave, officer, I have to clean up after myself, littering is a crime." Impasse. McKaig collared me for a short conference. He seemed to be very sorry to pull our plug, but...Jeff Dible dashes in with the announcement that Huntington is willing to let the rally proceed.

I had spoken briefly with Huntington. He looked every bit as harassed and worried as I felt. The following exchange took place:

Huntington: "I don't want to arrest pot smokers but I have to. I'm really caught in the middle."

Myself: "Hopefully we'll get the damn laws changed and get you out of the middle."

Huntington: "I'd like that."

The police left, the bands played on, and everyone lit up again. No more busts. No more problems. I.U.P.D.'s melodramatic move into the Meadow let Huntington claim to *The Powers That Be* that he had broken up the rally. He came off as a tough cop, we had our rally, and the Administration avoided any messy confrontation. The *Indy Star* article really satisfied me, if Huntington had lost his job we would have gotten someone a lot worse. He claims in print that there is no policy to ignore drug use, we both know better.

We even got the Meadow picked up.  
YIPPIE!  
Eric (Bloomington, Indiana!)

Dear Editor,

I was outraged by President Carter's "prison joke" in his speech to the Mid-Continent Farmers Association Convention in Columbia on August 14th, 1978.

The joke, which the President attributes to his Sunday school teacher, dealt with a new prisoner who was told by the warden of the penitentiary that he would have to pick 150 pounds of cotton a day. The prisoner said, "If I feel like it, I will." As the story goes, at the end of the day the prisoner brings in a sack with only 25 pounds of cotton in it. Seeing this, the warden called his "biggest strongest guard" and told him to "work him [the prisoner] over in the backroom." The next morning, according to the President, the prisoner "hobbled" into the warden's office with "knots on his head," and "couldn't see too well" because of his "two black eyes." The punch line of the joke is; "Boss, if it's out there, I'll get it."

The President's joke smacks of slavery and plantation-mentality, as well as showing his total and blatant disregard for the human rights of Missouri's 5,355 prisoners and America's 300,000 prisoners.

According to "Struggle For Justice," a book by the American Friends Service Committee; "If the choice were between prisons as they now are and no prisons at all, we would promptly choose the latter. We are convinced that it would be far better to tear down all jails now than to perpetuate the inhumanity and horror being carried on in society's name behind prison walls. Prisons as they exist are more of a burden and a disgrace to our society than they are a protection or solution to the problem of crime."

The 70% recidivism rate and the escalation in severity of crimes committed by graduates of our prisons are indicative that Missouri's and America's prisons fail to rehabilitate prisoners in any constructive way—but only exposes them to brutality and degradation. America's prisoners are, in fact, nothing more than violent schools of crime.

The Public is legitimately concerned about crime. The fear is real and victims argue for protection. Politicians respond, usually at election time, by promising more police, more convictions, more prisons and more people in prison. Yet the violence, dreariness and hopelessness of prison life only makes those subjected to it more bitter and dangerous. Building more prisons will not alleviate the overcrowded conditions in our present prisons, but will only increase the flow of prisoners to fill them. An example of this is the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City. Built in 1860, it has a designed capacity of less than 1,800 prisoners. As of July 28th there are 2,617 men packed into it.

According to David Rothenburg, founder of New York's Fortune Society, "The fact that prison populations keep going up means that judges and politicians are dumb. They know that the longer somebody stays in, the less likely they are to function when they get out. Yet they continue to ignore that. It's an exercise in futility. The greatest single cause of crime in this country is the prison system."

It would appear that President Carter would rather make jokes about prison guards beating prisoners half-blind, than to take any steps toward alleviating the overcrowded, barbaric conditions of Missouri's and America's prisons.

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James R. Ellinger YIPPIE!!!

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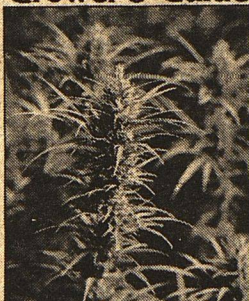
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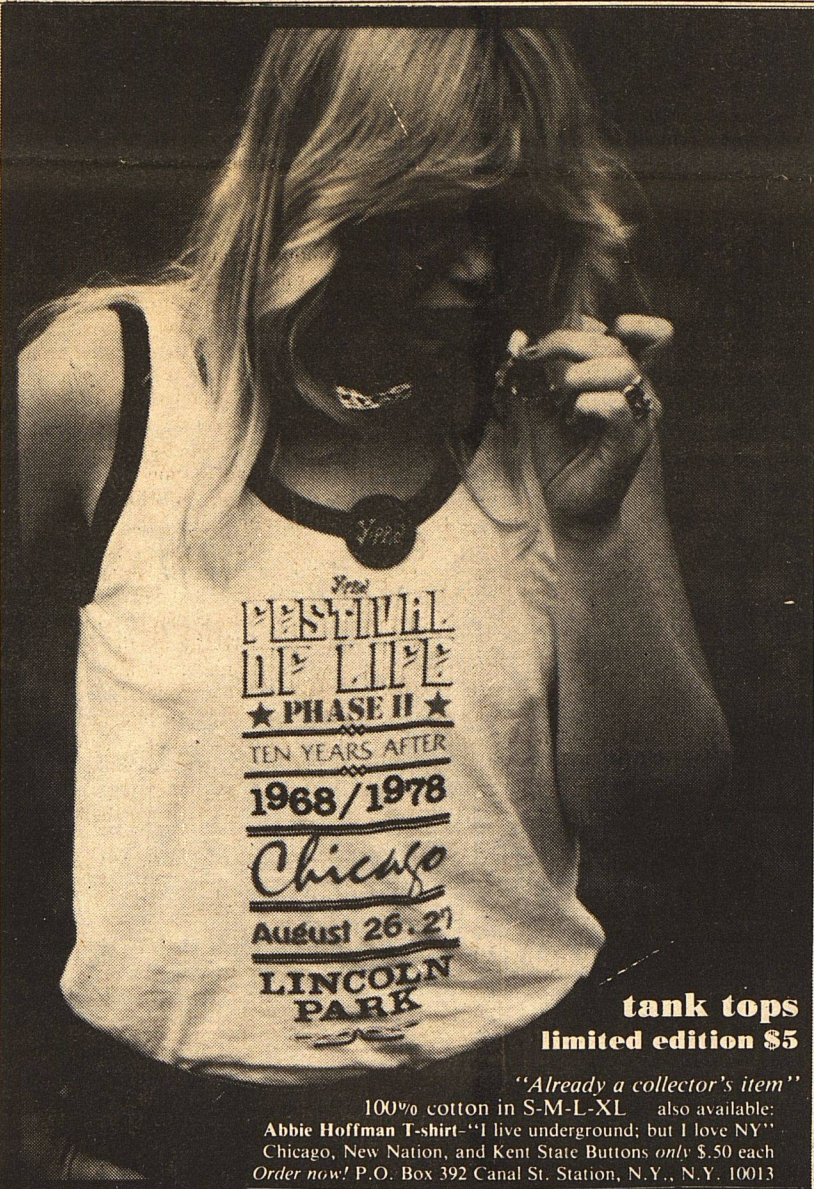
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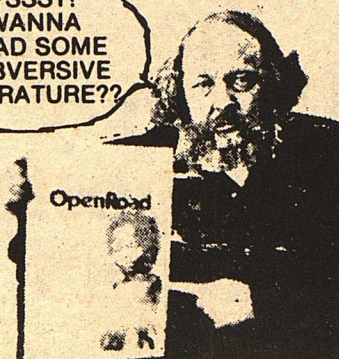
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Unfortunately, the dominant reality of American politix today is an unspoken agreement to channel all initiative and energy to the center, by avoiding anything that moves things to the extremes. Straight media analysis is that "what happened in the '60's" is that the fringes got out of control. What really happened is that the media-industrial complex, led by Nixon, handed the left so many favorable confrontations that whole bunches of people moved over to political positions normally occupied by the fringes.

Nixon's resignation was the signal of a new era, in which the establishment learned to keep what they have by backing down and looking ridiculous, if need be—in which the liberal press would be joined in giving into protest more often than not by police.

In the face of this, trying to 'pick the magic issue' and formulate the most moderate-sounding position only accentuates the drift to the center—alienating the discontented, who are after all the reservoirs of change, while re-enforcing the image of a scattered Movement.

The left, increasing finding constituencies pre-empted by single-issue groups, has responded with the other dominant organizing mode of the 70's: the coalition of leading personalities (organizational affiliation listed for identification only).

While potentially tapping the diversified followings of the entire movement, such coalitions have the shortcomings of being built around *personalities*.

The mass media mostly doesn't recognize as noteworthy radicals who emerged after Vietnam.

And since recognition-factor is a function of media, such coalitions have real problems developing politix beyond the lowest common denominator that will unite the coalition sponsors. Far from anticipating new developments, momentum usually flags after the coalition pulls off maybe one event.

People who've honed their abilities to give the answers the mass media understands are no less immune themselves to the opinion-molding of the media.

In fact the hold of mass media suggestion on radical priorities indicates that among the more important blems of the 80's will be ultra-rightwing press ownership and control and a totally intimidated bunch of media workers.

The real irony of the '80's may be the neat trick where just as more and more people turn again to confrontation, (as they must) because voicing their discontents becomes more compelling than the fading trauma of Vietnam and Kent, radicalism becomes totally Vietnam-era identified.

**T**hat is why the Youth International Party, which is unique in mobilizing *today's* youth thru unvarnished struggle for their rights, has a lot of options in the '80's besides smoke-ins, but a lot of problems in organizing coalitions broad enough to be effective.

Take the 4 actions that have garnered us national publicity since July 4th:

\*Only one, the Springfield Illinois CD with 47 arrests, was a smoke-in. But it was reported in the *Paris International Tribune*.

\*The Abbie Hoffman Benefit was an unqualified success in the media. The *Wall Street Journal* recommended dropping charges. More important was the lesson that at least 4 months of lead-time was required for the coalition to coordinate the following that turned out Aug 23rd.

\*The momentum from this made it possible to pull off the New York Nixon protest on a week's

notice, which netted national radio coverage, and further mention of Abbie's case, but the full coalition was too slow-acting to get the same turn-out.

\*Chicago, because of some clever cointelpro, simply didn't get an early-enough start with the Festival of Life Coalition. Yippies were baffled in attempts to reach beyond their immediate constituency by the obdurate agism of left-lib media "60's survivors," acting in concert with certain paraphernalia moguls.

**I**f there's one thing history teaches us, it's that the 80's may just go to the people who can seize the time and hold on to it for dear life. The forces of youth liberation will continue to radicalize each generation that continues it.

Trends are set by those who act. The agenda of issues at the beginning of this article will probably be sufficient, without intentionally excluding anything, to indicate areas to watch for revolutionary situations.

With the government suggesting 15 year sentences for dealing pot, we must recognize this struggle is reaching a kind of crescendo—the last repressive spasm before the Final Smoke-in.

It's a truism that the *YIPster TIMES* has scooped the mass media sometimes by as much as 3 years. The coalitions to translate that into political actions need nothing so much as this lead-time—time to deploy even a few people strategically and in advance, to prepare for the breaking points.

The kind of organization we need is modest—it's shape can be seen in the networks of friends who this year had the freedom from ideological cant to put on more than 300 smoke-ins nationwide. The really radical direction may lie in the convergence of these scenes, since in the radical experience of Madison, Wisc., or Columbus, O. or somewhere there is a successful formula for every possible confrontation.

The important thing is to be able to intervene decisively in the unique situations where the single-issue people can't (because it's not their schtik), and the big coalitions aren't able to respond in time.

It's not a single issue that we're looking for, but a flexible, forward-looking national network, sure in its sense of history, that is able to handle unique situations as they arise.

If this conference succeeds in keeping the organization a-building until 1980, nothing can stop us.

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