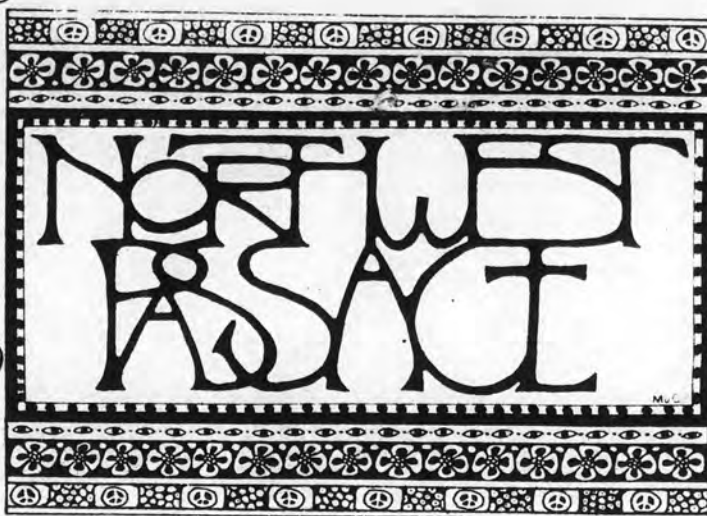




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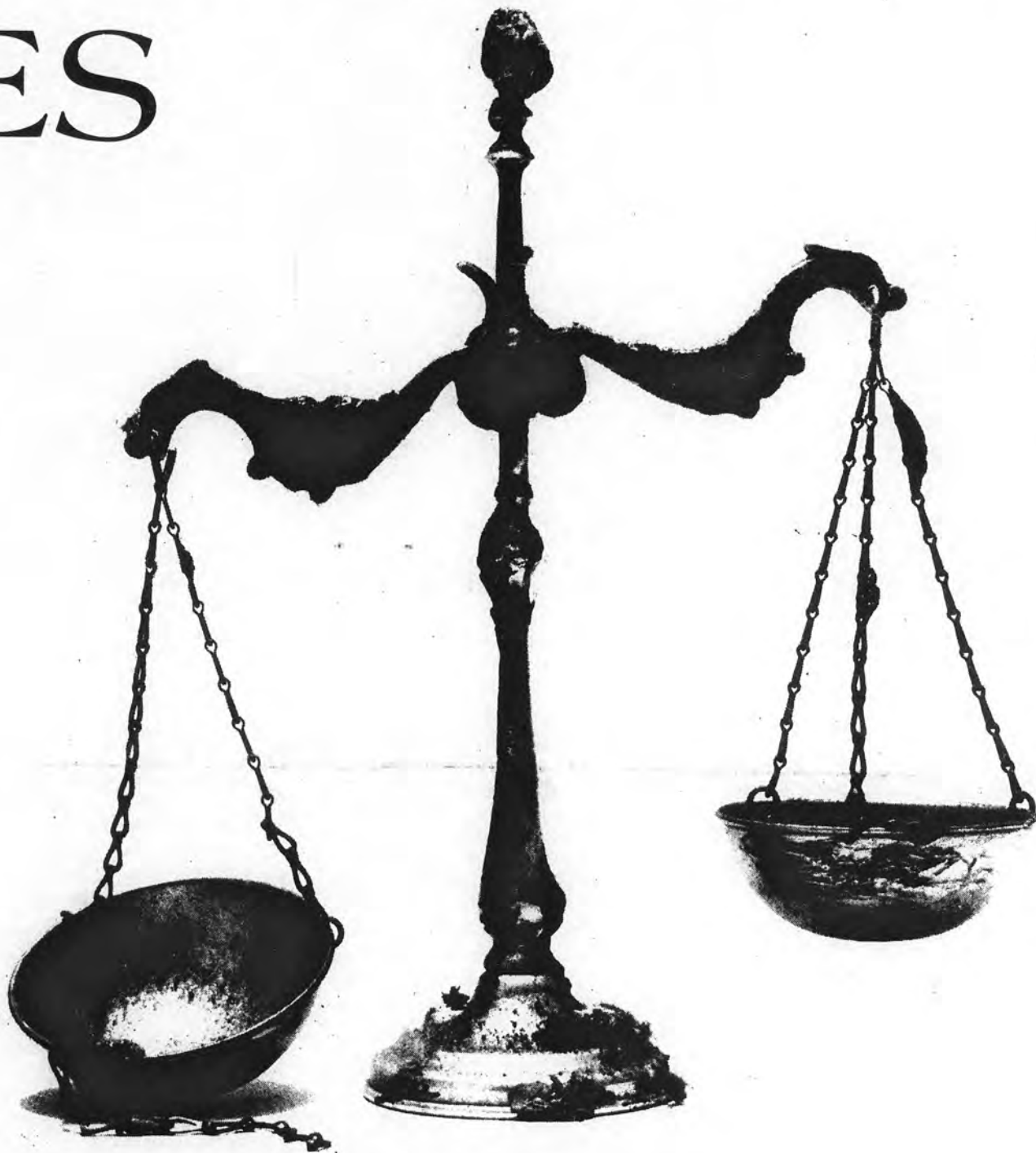
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A 1970 BANK ROBBERY INVOLVING THE DEATH OF A GUARD and the subsequent indictments of Katherine Power and Susan Saxe began a chain of events which has led to an exposure of the FBI's abuse of the grand jury system. In 1971 Saxe and Power were put on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List." For three years they frustrated FBI attempts to find them. In early November 1974 the search led to Lexington, Kentucky, where the FBI believes Saxe and Power, traveling as Lena Paley and May Kelley, stayed last summer. A chance meeting with these

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LETTERS

FORD BLUES

Friends,

Speaking in behalf of the Bellingham Chapter of Vietnam Veterans Against the War / Winter Soldier Organization (VVAW / WSO), we are appalled with the actions and positions of the Ford Administration. We deem these recent actions and positions consistent with U.S. Economic Imperialism and their god-like Big Brother attitude.

We in this country are facing an inflation with thousands upon thousands of Americans unable to find work because there are no jobs. Needy people on fixed incomes such as Social Security and Welfare find themselves unable to cope with the rising prices and higher deposits forced on them because of inflation. Food Stamps once helped needed people to eat just better than poorly and now these same food stamps are a necessity to even eat poorly, if they even last the month. We have in this country thousands of needy children who are suffering due to cut-backs in federal programs and we have thousands of children in dire need of adoption. Yet the Ford Administration is airlifting children to this country and is telling Congress to cut back spending, that we must tighten our belts, that we may lick inflation.

At the same time Ford is desperately seeking American sympathy that millions of dollars can be sent to Saigon at the same time South Vietnamese soldiers themselves are trying to take over the Thieu Regime and have its corruption abolished. We are kidnapping Vietnamese orphans instead of aiding the refugee program there as a humanistic country should. Is it our government's real intent to seek millions for arms, but nothing for shelter, reconstruction and other programs in behalf of the Vietnamese, and have our needy pay for it?

It is time our government stopped being the imperialist aggressors and stopped pretending to be the Big Brother know-it-all god that impersonally determines or terminates and alters for good thousands of innocent people's lives.

Jim Johnson, Coord'r
VVAW / WSO

CHANGING MEN

Dear NWP:

I've been meaning to write you for a long time in appreciation of your "Changing Men" issue and I almost didn't since it has become so long ago. But I decided it wasn't too late if I would just sit down and do it.

That paper was my first real glimpse of the Men's Movement, and such a relief it was to see that there are men who are working on their shit. Profoundly beautiful, in fact revolutionary, that they are breaking through the loneliness and isolation, learning to love one another.

I feel uncomfortable being a woman and writing about this. (It sounds so male-identified!) But I used to, like so many other women, feel so compelled to take care of men, and I became so frustrated and angry with doing that that I had to say good-bye to persons I loved because I was so drained by them and my own pattern of accommodating them. . . and I felt bad about the whole thing, in fact pretty hopeless.

In doing that, I have grown much stronger and (I hope) away from some of those nasty old compulsions, into loving myself and other women more. So if it's seen in the context that I realized awhile back that I can't do it for them, perhaps it makes clearer my gladness that some men are taking up their end of the task, beginning with the most basic human skills of caring for one another. Love, Judith Ann



KEEP ON TRYIN

Dear Passage People:

Recently I received a notice indicating that my subscription had run out or was about to. In Feb. 1974, I got a two-year subscription for \$11.00. That should mean my subscription runs out next February. Please check it out for me.

Also, despite two reminders, I still have yet to receive my copies of the NWP at my new address. It is: 1260 E. 12th, Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Thirdly, inasmuch as I am making a reasonable salary for the time being, I am redistributing some of the wealth, in this case to you and the paper. Enclosed is a check for \$25.00.

Thanks, In peace & continuing struggle,

Wilson

Dear Wilson:

And thanks to you, for your patience as well as your contribution. You seem to have a clear understanding of the continual struggle the Passage is involved in as we try to keep it all together.

As you know, we've recently revised our mailing system, hopefully for the better. If, despite our best efforts, you still fail to receive the paper, don't hesitate to write us again. We try harder!

The Passage

Cho-Sen GENERATION

Dear NWP:

The northwest is a very high spiritual area. Many tall trees and mountains. Many seekers of truth. A wonderful atmosphere for growth.

It's obvious to us all that on a physical level human kind has gone far beyond our spiritual capacity in our dealings with creation. We've taken and taken. . . and then there appeared a generation of young people somehow stolen from their ancestors progressively materialistically oriented concept of life. Suddenly en-mass we left our parent's homes and life styles. We rejected most of what they embraced in their lives from their politics to their religions.

I always wondered why this happened. It was truly an incredible phenomenon. There were many vehicles used in the expansion of our consciousness; drugs, worldwide communication, air travel, astrology, meditation. But why did it happen?

There's always been a feeling that we were being prepared for some special mission in human history. We watched and waited. We searched our internal and external world for the answer. Through science and religion we searched for the meaning of the physical and spiritual nature of the universe.

What is the source? What is man's and woman's relationship to that source?

We lived in Apple Woods for four years trying to find some of the answers that human beings have puzzled over all through history. We did what many others did before us, we returned to the creation. We tried to understand the author through the works. . . the painter through the masterpiece. We looked to the creation for there we found. . . harmony. Yet where more than even deep in a forest or along a seashore, should we find knowledge of that source than in humanity and its history? The being with dominion, power over all the rest of creation surely must be the physical manifestation of the source. The mind is invisible, yet thought rules our physical bodies. So it is with God and human beings. If the creation shows us a God of harmony and people do not — where did we deviate and why?

All our dreams for our own lives were centered around growth. We really felt there was nothing more we could do than live as harmoniously as possible with nature, and to personally pursue the course of self surrender.

Yet so much of what we did in the end only strengthened self. . . only isolated us more from God's point of view, separating us from one.

We were as self-sufficient as possible, trying to grow as close to the source of life as we could. . . thinking both in terms of physical and spiritual food. We really had no hope for the majority of people. We awaited catastrophic events in all areas of life. Ecological. Environmental. Political. . . .

But as we grow and come to understand more just what it means to have the freedom to search, to create, to live as we choose — the understanding of why America was founded becomes clearer from God's viewpoint. We understand that there need be a place where science and religion, the physical and spiritual, the external and internal of life must find communion. The United States for all her [sic] many faults is such a place. Look at the small cross-section of lifestyles and ideas in Bellingham alone. . . .

What is happening? Everybody senses something is happening. Environmentalists, spiritualists, historians, religions are all awaiting some great change. We all recognize a very delicate balance in these days. We all feel we are on the verge of some new age — terrible or wonderful. It is absolutely urgent to come to an understanding of what is taking place in the world.

All major religions are awaiting some further revelation — the Maitreya Buddha, the True Man or New Confucius, the Imam or Amadhi by Muslims, and the Lord of the Second Advent — as a key to the mysteries. Christ said if you do not understand earthly things, how can I speak to you of heavenly things? . . .

We ARE that age. We are the dawning of the age of Aquarius. Spiritual phenomenon is rampant. Our great musicians are being spiritually inspired. Look at Bob Dylan. Did he understand what he was writing about when he wrote the Hour that the Ship Comes in? It's that hour. That time to unite and come together. Buddhists, Christians, humanists and scientists. Look at Kirlean photography. The union of science and spiritualism.

But where do we find the truth that ties together all the pieces of truth around the world? Where will it come from? Can we, in our wildest hopes and dreams, really believe that it can be realized? That the time is here for people to realize their perfect nature. To be perfect even as our heavenly Father is perfect. The kingdom of Heaven is within. . . .

Jackie, Jack, Gregg, Dominica, Tom and Debbie have all been so profoundly affected by one weekend seminar on Divine Principle that we gave away our cows and horses and lifestyles so that we could be here where we could study Principle and learn how to apply it in our own lives.

There is a revolution here in the true sense of the world. Political revolutions only treat the effects, as medicine treats symptoms. They offer you at best some social change. But like Orwell's Animal Farm, the problem still remains. Man's endless search for self-gratification. Selfish greed.

The revolution must come in the hearts of people, and what can touch the hearts of man but the greatest force of all, the source, love.

We've found great hope that humanity can actually realize the unity of people on a worldwide level, under God's guidance. You are each eagerly invited to come and share this new understanding of truth and history, and find the method for actualizing this truth on a physical level. . . .

We are crossing over the crest of the hill. Let us sing together with a new heart. We will see the dawn of a great new day!

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EDITORIAL

Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh— Viet Nam is gonna Win. It doesn't seem too long ago since we were chanting that in the streets as both a Utopian vision and a warning to our militarist rulers that the times WOULD change. With the collapse of Saigon and Pnom Penh imminent and leading conservatives saying that not one more penny should be wasted on Thieu, I almost need to pinch myself to believe that it is really almost all over. At first the NVA/NLF offensive and the fleeing refugees were used in abortive attempts to drum up more red scare blood money. When it came out that in many cases refugees were not in fact fleeing the liberation armies but the ARVN troops. According to the AP, in many cases they were ordered out of their homes and forced to flee. To refuse would have made them communists. If they would have stayed it would have been only to be carpet bombed. Saigon's "reward" for areas falling to the reds. The spectacle of beserk Saigon troops stomping and shooting refugees at Da Nang Harbor and airport has provided the final insult to humanity that should clear the air of U.S. lies about what and who the Saigon troops were really fighting for.

I'm not enthused, as a rule, about Communist governments or for any governments for that matter, but somehow it seems like an extremely wise trade for the Viet Nameese to dump Thieu and his repression, torture, starvation and neglect for the limited freedom, socialism, general prosperity, national unity and national self determination which are the trademarks of the Hanoi regime. Although the war is presented in the press like a football game, I find it difficult as a pacifist to root for the NLF and NVA. Yet after 21 years of needless bloodshed on the hands of the American public, I know that peace and reconstruction in Indochina can only come with a victory for National Liberation forces.

"Operation Babylift" is the latest American insult to the Indochinese. Although, according to the American



Friends Service Committee, the NLF does a very good job of caring for orphans, we persist in projecting our racist attitudes on them to make us believe they would mistreat the bastard orphans of American servicemen. One of those involved in the evacuation said the orphan boom is "like getting meat in a meat market." The sensationalized hysteria surrounding the whole baby incident is indicative of the American shoot from the hip approach which has characterized our foreign and domestic policy for longer than I've been alive. The crash of the first baby cargo plane out of Saigon symbolizes the entire U.S. involvement in Indochina: disaster.

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What to do when THE FBI COMES

Across the country, the FBI has been making visits to many people's homes. These visits are as much for the purpose of general information gathering as they are for apprehending those they seek. Talking to them now will only make their job of intimidation & oppression easier in the future!

TALK, PUNK, OR ELSE WE KNOW YOU'RE GUILTY!



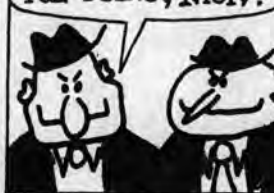
THEY MAY COME ON TOUGH...

WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED, OLD BUDDY.



THEY MAY COME ON FRIENDLY...

HOW'S THAT CORN ON YOUR LEFT BIG TOE DOING, NICK?



OR AS IF THEY ALL READY KNOW A LOT

THEY MAY PLAY DUMB AND TEMPT YOU TO TRY TO OUTSMART THEM...



DUH...

IT IS A FEDERAL CRIME TO LIE TO THEM!

THERE IS ONLY ONE SAFE, LEGAL RESPONSE YOU SHOULD MAKE:



GO AWAY- I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU!

THEY MAY TELL YOU TO CALL YOUR LAWYER- THIS IS A TRICK- IGNORE THEM! DO NOT LET THEM IN YOUR HOUSE IF THEY DON'T HAVE A WARRANT. THEY MAY REMAIN ON YOUR DOORSTEP OR FOUND ON YOUR WINDOWS... IGNORE THEM. THEY HAVE MORE TRICKS THAT AREN'T LISTED HERE. FOLLOW THE ONE SAFE RULE: DON'T TALK TO THE F.B.I.!!

Not So Grand Juries

(continued from front cover)

... two women has put four women and one man behind bars for up to fourteen months.

In early November the FBI approached Jill Raymond, Maria Seymour, Gail Cohee, Debbie Hands, Linda Link and Carey Junkin, all in their early twenties and members of the small gay community near the University of Kentucky, asking about their possible acquaintance with either Paley or Kelley. Each exercised their rights and refused to talk to the FBI. The FBI returned, threatening each with grand jury subpoenas should they refuse to cooperate with the bureau. All refused to talk despite the threats of these second and third visits.

Immediately the FBI began a two-week cross-country interrogation of scores of people who knew any of the six witnesses. Some of the names of these people were obtained through the use of records of long-distance phone calls and private gasoline credit cards. When interviewing relatives, the FBI used techniques such as "You may not know this, but your daughter is a Lesbian," to gain cooperation. They interviewed family, friends, and former employers of all six witnesses, including Jill Raymond's 78 year old grandmother. In at least one instance, the FBI lied to one set of parents as a means of inducing cooperation, saying the six witnesses were in jail, before they had even appeared before the grand jury. In another session the FBI asked Alan Russell, a friend of Raymond, to fly from Detroit to Lexington at FBI's expense, to try to convince her to testify.

In early February the six witnesses were subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury which had been convened at the FBI's request. Each refused to answer the questions offering a personal explanation or reading from a statement prepared by their lawyers citing the First, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth and Ninth Amendments and Title 18 of the Federal Code.

The Prosecutor immediately asked for and received "use immunity" for each of the witnesses. "Use immunity, only recently legalized, prevents the government from using one's own testimony against oneself, information from independent sources might still result in the witness being prosecuted. "Transactional immunity" prohibits the government from ever indicting the witness in regard to any matter about which s/he has offered testimony. Use immunity is currently being challenged as unconstitutional. The witnesses returned on March 7th and again refused to testify. During the March 7th testimony, the defense presented two witnesses who testified that in a conversation with them, the FBI agent in charge of this investigation stated that he had concluded that no one in Lexington knew the two women were fugitives while they were

there. To be indicted for harboring a fugitive, it is necessary to have evidence that the crime was committed knowingly.

On Saturday, March 8th, the six witnesses were convicted of contempt of court. After their conviction the witnesses affirmed that their refusal to answer was based on principle and was not an effort to conceal information. Their lawyer read a statement in open court which maintained that none of the six knew of the present whereabouts of Paley or Kelley, nor did they know that Paley or Kelley were other than who they claimed to be or that they were fugitives from justice.

Judge Moynahan then asked the grand jury, which had been present throughout the contempt proceedings, whether they wanted to continue the investigation which led to the witnesses' imprisonment. Waiting six minutes while the grand jury voted, the Foreman reported that they wanted the witnesses to testify. Later he was to say, "I think that it should be put in the record that we (the grand jury) think it should be the maximum (punishment) for these people (the witnesses). The six were immediately sentenced to jail for the duration of the jury (another 14 months) or until they talked. Since their incarceration, one woman has talked. The remaining five supported her decision noting that she had nothing to tell and that she was the only woman among them who was isolated in her jail (the six are in three different jails) and therefore subject to greater pressure.

What has happened that has allowed six people, who have committed no crime, to be put in jail for over a year? Once grand juries were thought of as "the people's panel" -- a buffer between the individual and a possibly corrupt government. In pre-Revolutionary America, grand jurors regularly quashed British efforts to indict radicals and reporters. In fact, on occasion they indicted the Crown's soldiers. Later, in frontier communities, such jurors refused to indict fellow settlers for acts defined as criminal by federal prosecutors. On other occasions, they called their own witnesses (refusing to be used by corrupt prosecutors) and issued indictments of public servants turned criminal.

Today, little is as rare as an independent federal grand jury. Though they retain the function of authorizing federal indictments, and theoretically could still protect the private citizen from arbitrary harassment by government officials, in fact they are little more than the rubber stamps of prosecutors.

Although Congress has consistently refused to grant the FBI's repeated requests for subpoena power, the FBI has successfully skirted Congress' will through the "special" grand juries now functioning throughout the

United States. Consequently, those persons who exercise their right not to answer the FBI's questions are routinely threatened that their failure to cooperate will result in the same questions being put to them by a grand jury and the agents remind their listener that there are penalties for keeping silent before grand juries. Lately FBI agents have, for the first time, begun delivering grand jury subpoenas in political cases themselves. It used to be the U.S. Marshal's responsibility.

The grand jury in this case was not convened to bring indictments against any of the six witnesses. If Saxe and Power were in Lexington they are long gone. The six have stated publicly that they do not know anything about the present whereabouts of Paley or Kelley. What is happening is that the FBI has finally concluded that such fugitives as Mark Rudd, Bernadette Dohrn and Patricia Hearst, to name well known examples, are not being hid by an "underground" but that they are simply and successfully continuing to move while changing their identities.

What the FBI is after is a rundown of the lives and private affairs of people in the Women's Movement, whether gay or straight. They hope that if they can discover a characteristic patterning of the feminist radical sub-culture they will be able to anticipate Power and Saxe and others like them, and capture them.

What the FBI and the Justice Department (who actually convene the grand juries) have ignored is that to use the grand jury as an investigative tool, which it was never intended to be, is to subvert the right to privacy of innocent people throughout the United States. The use of the grand jury in this case is particularly conspicuous because all of the defendants in the bank robbery were indicted years ago.

It is in recognition of these heavy-handed tactics that the remaining five witnesses have refused to cooperate, despite the fact that they have no useful information regarding Saxe and Power. It is because they have taken this stand to resist the abuse of the grand jury system by the federal government that their plight should be publicized and our support offered.

Donations and letters of support can be sent to:
Grand Jury Defense Fund
1625 Nicholasville Rd.
Lexington, Kentucky 40503
Much of the information in this article was obtained from Laurie Raymond, Jill's sister, who lives in Seattle.

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[Editor's Note: Since this article was written, Susan Saxe and Katherine Power have been apprehended by the FBI]

Ken Hertz

early bird candidate



photo by Aaron White

"Some people are activity oriented. They do things but don't accomplish anything. I feel I have the perceptions and sensitivities to get something done."

Whatcom County Parks director Ken Hertz believes that he could use the Bellingham mayor's office to bring innovation and co-operation to city government. He talks of his vision of basic services provided for all. "I can imagine these things, see how they might work. And if I can imagine something I can make a plan to accomplish it".

Ambitious talk usually comes from early bird candidates. But as I talked to him amidst the late afternoon hub-bub of the Kulshan, I began to understand that here was a person that was used to accomplishing what he'd set out to do and who could very well be our next mayor.

There are currently two announced candidates, Hertz and Councilperson Dave Porter. Mayor Reg Williams is reportedly not running for re-election. But we won't know for sure until filing time. Porter, a long term councilperson, has lined up pretty consistently with the Chamber of Commerce on major issues. Hertz is running on his record as Parks director and a commitment to making some changes. His work as Park director has been strongly praised by several whose opinions I value highly (including a former Parks employee). It was said of him that he had the imagination to envision changes and the ability to institute them. He sees his candidacy as a challenge to the traditional relationship

between business and government in Bellingham. The present philosophy of the mayor's office, he told me, is "to let business do it". The task of the city executive has been that of caretaker, trying to keep things rolling along at their usual pace: cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce, keep Bellingham safe for business. This has been the response to the decades-old Bellingham lament: "How come our children grow up and move away? Why don't we have the jobs to keep them here?"

Rather than trying to solve the unemployment problem by giving industry and commerce free rein, Hertz sees another way of attracting jobs. He believes we should do all we can to upgrade our basic services and provide a clean and pleasant environment to attract new jobs. We can then be extremely selective about the types of industries we allow in and where they locate, "deal with them on our terms". As the mayor's basic job, Ken sees providing the best possible services. He says that the "helter-skelter way" they are provided now has to be revamped and a comprehensive plan formulated to define just what the city should be expected to accomplish; He said planners should go into every neighborhood and find out what people want for their neighborhood, and take that input and design a comprehensive plan not only for the city as a whole, but with specifics for each neighborhood. He mentioned the downtown area and the Fairhaven district as examples of neighborhoods.

I was told that once the priorities for and forms of

city services was determined the obvious problem is, "Where does the money come from?" Vigorous pursuit of as much state and federal funding as possible was one important task he'd fulfill as Mayor, he told me. Hertz then cited examples of the present city administration letting a lot of money go begging for lack of asking in the past few years. He cited monies which were not applied for that could have funded or helped fund programs and facilities such as a Padden Creek Park, juvenile employment and day care. There are current programs as well whose money will slip away if not grabbed.

Hertz also believes that much could be done to improve community services by simply helping coordinate and provide information about existing public and private service agencies. He also felt that the city, at little cost, could do much to aid in the work of non-governmental agencies. An example would be that of a city maintenance truck hauling some manure for the co-op garden on the way back from a gravel run. To facilitate this kind of action he is proposing to hire a community services coordinator.

I asked Ken a number of questions about specific areas of city business. Following is a synopsis of what he said about each.

SEWAGE — is aware of the land treatment process in which crops can be grown with all sewage wastes. Stressed advance planning in response to approaching federal deadlines for complete sewage treatment. Avoid the crisis planning which characterizes present and past city officials.

HIRING — for administrative jobs "find the unusual" someone who can see beyond the old methods. For all jobs affirmative action.

BUSSES — extend service into evenings. Find the funds.

BIKEWAYS — possibility of more state funds for these. Integrate them into upcoming street improvement projects.

REVENUE SHARING — should be used to fund the day to day services which were once attempted to be met by the OEO programs cancelled in deference to it. Not for capital improvements like courthouses and remodeled city halls. Other funds are available for those purposes.

DAYCARE CENTER — the concept should be expanded to include planned parenthood, rape relief, legal aides, etc. in a Community Services Center.

The preceding has been an account of what I learned from talking to Ken Hertz for two hours. There were many questions I could not think to ask him. Many more will arise in the course of the campaign. Specific issues will arise on which we should hear his stand as well as those of the other candidates. The PASSAGE will try to keep you informed on the stands of all the candidates and the progress of the campaigns. But it is up to all of us to question and examine these candidates. If you have any further questions for Ken Hertz you can call However, from my first evaluation of him, he seems to be progressive enough to be of use to the people and thoughtful and perceptive enough to get something done.

Jim Hansen

[Editors Note: Students and others who might be away for the summer without permanent address in Bellingham should be sure to register or change your registration before leaving, if you wish to vote in next fall's election]

DES: The

by wendy marcus

Cancer is the last thing you'd want your mother to give you.

But if you are a woman under 30 and your mother took diethylstilbestrol (DES) while pregnant, you may run the risk of developing cancer of the vagina or cervix.

Dr. Arthur Herbst, the gynecologist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston who first made the connection between DES and vaginal cancer in 1971, estimated 220 women have to date developed this rare cancer - - clear cell adenocarcinoma. Those 220 are the children of over two million DES-taking mothers; the University of Washington Hospital has had five of these cases under observation.

What medical authorities fear, though, is that adenocarcinoma is not often detected by conventional examinations for vaginal cancer; many young women exposed to DES may mistakenly believe themselves to be cancer-free.

DES is a synthetic, nonsteroidal estrogen which produces all the biological effects exhibited in natural estrogens. Developed in 1938, it was the first inexpensive, orally effective estrogen introduced into medicine - - its effects are now being seen in the daughters whose mothers were given the drug.

Widely prescribed in the late 1940's and 50's, DES was originally used to help prevent miscarriages. Dr. Lawrence Donohue, assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Washington, said prescribing DES during pregnancy is not approved. But the drug is still in use as a morning-after pill, for

post-menopausal symptoms in women and as a cattle and poultry fattener.

"I don't use it as a morning-after pill either, though," Donohue said one afternoon at a women's clinic in Seattle.

"Most doctors think DES is an inflammatory word. Some have switched to the drug Estinyl, but that has been shown to do the same thing in rodents, as DES does in vaginas."

No doctors seem certain they understand the mechanism by which DES or chemically related estrogens influence the development of the sex organs in female embryos.

What doctors, including Donohue, are more sure of is the evidence of DES exposure.

In normal women, mucous cells are found in the canal at the mouth of the womb. In DES daughters those same mucous cells are found in the vagina itself.

The change to an acidity in the vagina at puberty easily damages these less protected mucous cells, which in repairing themselves often change to a different kind of benign cell - - a process called metaplasia, or, the mucous cells mend themselves malignantly, causing the rare cancer, clear cell adenocarcinoma.

It's a very emotional issue, Donohue emphasized. For years, mothers have been congratulating themselves and their doctors on their ability to carry a full term pregnancy and have those long awaited children. They have loved and cherished those female children

(to date DES is not known to affect male fetuses), only to find out they had been instrumental in passing along a carcinogenic disease to their offspring. The feelings of the mothers are traumatic.

Another emotionally charged aspect of DES deals with the DES daughter, Donohue continued. Because of too little knowledge about too new a disorder, most doctors are hesitant about performing full-scale surgery but are at a loss for alternatives.

"The idea of a young woman undergoing radical surgery or radiation therapy, both which could sterilize her, in the prime of her life, is literally playing games with her life," Donohue declared.

The connection between DES and adenocarcinoma then, brings into serious question the responsibilities of the medical profession concerning unforeseen future complications in administering drugs.

Donohue felt doctors are always trying to balance risks.

"On theoretic grounds it seems to make sense that DES would help. Nothing at that time (1940's and 50's) was known that something bad would happen. I guess what I am saying is don't judge 1950 doctors by 1970 standards."

Perhaps the drug had not been tested extensively enough before being put on the market, Donohue conceded, but he reckoned medical progress would stop if drugs were tested as long as the 20 years it has taken to reveal the "time-bomb" DES connection. It's a balance of risks. . . and ethics and priorities.



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Carcinogenic Legacy

"How much cancer in our organs is worth how much fat in our meat?"

The alert concerning DES was first sounded in 1971 when Dr. Arthur Herbst notified the Food and Drug Administration of his evidence linking DES and vaginal cancer. He had seen the first casualty in 1966 when a 15 year old girl was admitted to Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital with an extremely rare form of cancer.

The following facts were recorded at the hearing:

1. DES is a proven carcinogen in several species of experimental animals.
2. DES has been linked to cancer of the vagina in women.
3. Since 1968 DES has been found in the livers and in at least one or two cases, in the musculature of cattle. DES has also been found in cattle kidneys.

Umberto Saffiotti, associate scientific director of the National Cancer Institute, added to the DES puzzle when he testified: "Everything DES has done would equally well be done by the natural estrogen in a woman's ovaries." This led one of the questioners on the FDA panel to ask if any contraceptives on the market today have been shown to be carcinogenic.

"Yes," replied Dr. Lipsett of The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "because they contain synthetic estrogens which can be carcinogenic."

But Donohue felt that women with a DES background would not be exposing themselves to a greater risk by exposing themselves to more estrogen through the use of birth control pills. "The method of birth control should be picked independently of this history," he said.

In December 1972 the FDA banned DES, but in January 1974, a U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overturned that ban, saying the FDA had not given the people involved an opportunity for a hearing, according to Raymond V. Mlecko, director of compliance in the Seattle district FDA. Last month in hearings in Washington D.C. DES was

deemed legal as a post-coital drug, but only in emergency situations such as rape, Mlecko explained.

"We (the FDA) can not take action against a doctor if the doctor uses DES for a pregnant woman," he said. We have nothing to do with the practice of medicine, so if someone markets a certain type of birth control, what we say is that it has to have a certain type of labeling. We're not telling Doctors they can't use DES."

A number of women now in Boston's registry for adenocarcinoma patients did not have exposure to DES in their histories during fetal life, suggesting a different carcinogenic factor coming into play—DES in the diets of their mothers and themselves.

"We have had problems with DES in the livers of animals but no where else," says Dr. John W. Howder, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and area supervisor for meat and poultry in Alaska and Washington, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. DES, unlike other chemicals, such as DDT, passes through the bodies of animals with an actual depletion time of around 14 hours. For safety's sake, he claims, cattle are kept for a fourteen day period without DES before slaughter. University of Washington medical instructors take issue with Howder's statements.

"What people want to hear is a yes, it's dangerous or no it's not. We can only say maybe," said Dr. Edward A. Smuckler, University pathology professor. Another physician, Dr. August Piper, instructor in the department of internal medicine, said his "gut level reaction" is that there is enough suggestive evidence that DES in meat is potentially carcinogenic. The DES goes through the stomach and intestines before it comes to the large bowel, which stores water and feces before elimination. The large bowel is teeming with bacteria that can break down certain DES residues to a potentially carcinogenic substance, Piper explained. "The use of DES is an economic and moral question as well as a medical balance of risks. How much cancer in our organs is worth how much

fat in our meats?" he queried.

Echoing Piper's sentiments, Smuckler said he was not convinced that enough is known about the effect of the drug to justify its use in cattle feed. "But the really important issue is that we as human beings should be concerned about the modification of our environments," he expanded "I'm talking about things like the use of cigarettes—the nation's largest industry that's producing cancer, the indiscriminate use of insecticides, and DES. . ."

The effectiveness of treatment of clear cell adenocarcinoma, as with all cancers, depends in part on early diagnosis.

Donahue felt any woman who was exposed to DES as a fetus should make sure to have annual physical examinations when she reaches puberty, the time when the hormonal changes seem to trigger the development of the disease.

Physical examination includes:

Schiller test, an iodine solution applied to the vagina walls which stains normal tissues but leaves malignant and premalignant cells unstained.

Pap smear, taking specimens from vaginal areas in addition to the two usual cervical sites.

Visual examination of vagina and cervix with a colposcope, a type of microscope which brilliantly illuminates the cervix and vaginal walls. This should be done every six months. All three screening proposals are available at the University of Washington as well as most women's clinics around the Seattle area.

The doctors are looking for three things. Donohue said: one, vaginal cancer, two, if the mucous cells are repairing themselves normally, and, three, if the mucous cells are in a transition stage between metaplasia and cancer.

It is a "scary subject" for those who don't know all the facts, Donohue concluded. But it appears to be just as "scary" for those who do.

from the welfare dep't.

While the state legislature is cutting funds for social and health services, federal officials are ordering local case workers to take up police duties. The Bellingham office has recently received orders from the USDA to make a home visit to check on any food stamp recipient who receives foodstamps for no cost for three consecutive months. This campaign, which will affect P.L.S. volunteers who receive free foodstamps as a "fringe benefit" and students with college loans, will begin next week.

Two case workers who formerly interviewed clients will soon spend their days investigating people's homes. They are authorized to check all information that recipients attested to on their applications. They may check to see that you have cooking facilities, separate stockpiles of food if individuals in the house filed for stamps separately, and they may ask to see income verification and expense receipts once more.

Or they may just ask your name, tip their hat and leave because they don't have time to make a thorough check. In the past week, the files of

Almost half the people receiving general assistance may be cut off if the Dep't. of Social and Health Services (DSHS) budget is approved as it came out of the House Ways and Means Committee in Olympia last week.

General Assistance is a grant program for single people who are unemployable due to temporary physical problems or mental health problems.

It is speculated that key legislators are making this one of their focus areas — along with education and services to minorities and the handicapped — for justifying a tax increase.

For further details, contact Welfare Rights, 734-5121, Bellingham.

more than a hundred recipients have been marked for investigation.

Meanwhile both client, caseworker and taxpayer suffer. Though appointments are reportedly easier to obtain, food stamp applicants must sit for up to two hours past their appointment to be interviewed. Caseworkers must take up the workload of the "new" investigators and taxpayers must foot the bill for this charade.

At the same time, the USDA is asking for public comment on a plan to waste even more tax dollars. Phyllis Thomas of the Extension Office announced that the USDA is proposing that states review annually each area which issues more than \$500,000 worth of stamps per month. The Bellingham office now issues about \$8 million per month. However, Ms. Thomas had no information as to what this "review" would entail or how much it would cost. To demand more information you should call Ms. Thomas at 676-6736 or write F. Royal Shipp, director of food stamp division, food & nutrition service, USDA, Washington, D.C., 20250.

POEMS

by glen hersman

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splitting wood
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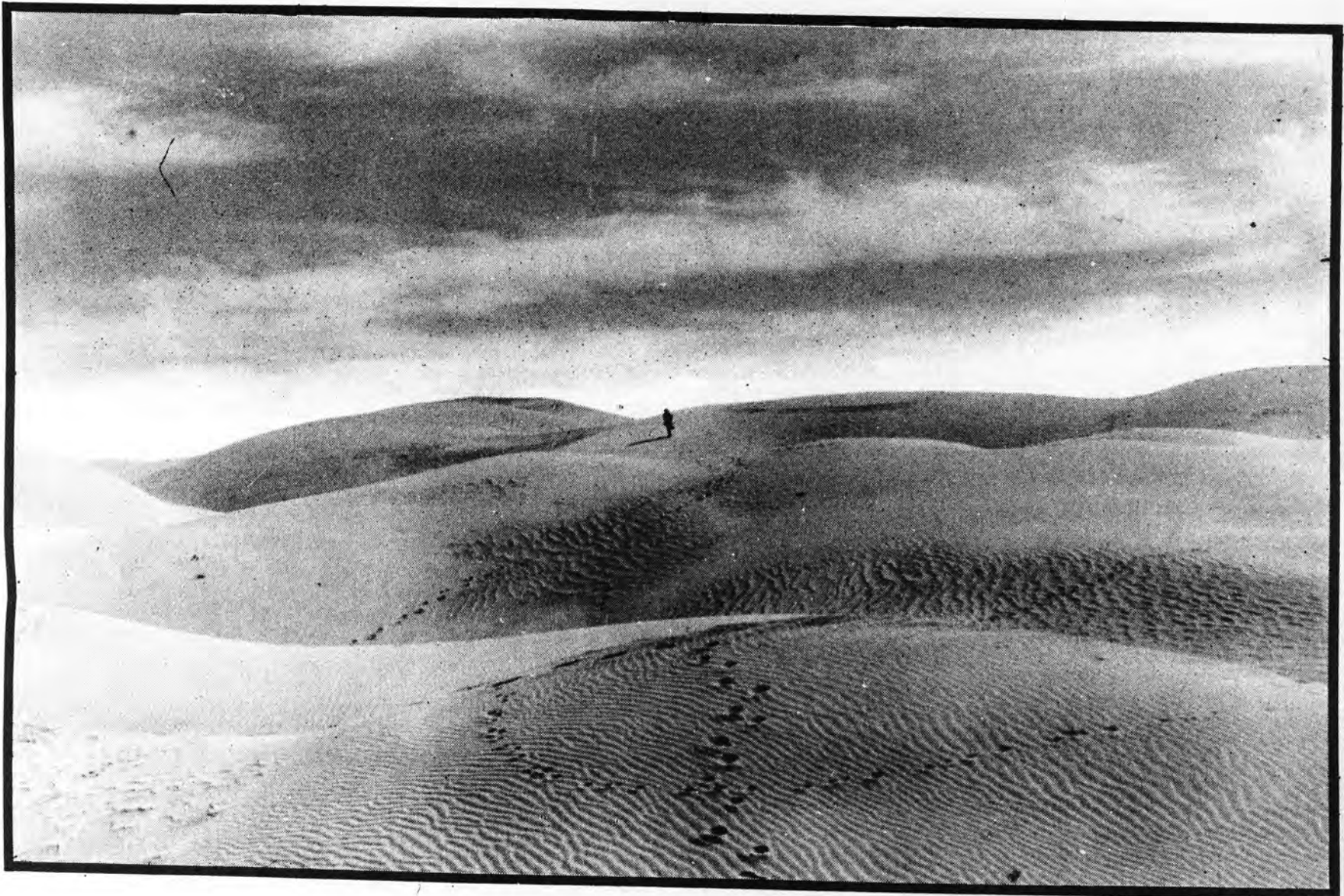


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against a gray sky



photo by bill patz

we sang chants in the sea cave
softly absorbed by the darkness
floating the crests of our sound

making long thin fire
eating shaggy manes,
inky caps
sniffing jasmine tea

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THE POLITICS OF FOOD



photo by judy calhoun

"What, No Bread? Let Them Eat Cake!"

Is food a political issue? Any who doubt that it is, read the following and see if it will change your mind.

"Today we annually feed our livestock as much grain as all the people in China and India eat in a year".¹

The "food" industry (which now includes corporations such as ITT and Dow Chemical) spends over \$4 billion a year on advertising, which predominately promotes junk foods such as sugar-coated cereal and soda-pop.

One million Americans die each year from heart disease, stroke, bowel cancer, and other illnesses that are due in part to diet. Some 40% of all Americans are overweight. Yet (according to President Ford), 41 million Americans are hungry.

These statements point to several aspects of food and hunger which Food Day hopes to bring to nationwide public attention. Food Day, scheduled for April 17, is organized by the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington D.C. Its purpose is to focus attention on three major areas involving food: hunger, the food industry's power, and nutrition, by means of community action in the form of demonstrations, teach-ins, establishment of community gardens and food co-operatives, food stamp outreach campaigns, or however a community chooses to highlight the issue. The organizations supporting the effort are a diverse group which includes the Consumer Federation of America, the Black Panthers, Friends of the Earth, United Farm Workers, American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, United Auto Workers, and many other groups across the country.

Food Day is intended to bring people together to think about what they eat and where it comes from, and to challenge those forces in industry and government who are making choices — and bad ones at that — for them. It will be a failure if it merely rouses people for one day, but judging from all appearances that is not likely to be the case. Yet, like other environmental issues, it presents a challenge also to lifestyle, one that most Americans will probably be unwilling to accept. Few people are geared as yet to realize that their eating a steak or drinking a cup of coffee is depriving some South American of a meal any more than they can believe that their electric dishwasher may contribute to corruption in Southeast Asia. Yet, through a

long and circuitous chain of events, each may be true. Hunger and poverty have the same ugly face whether in Kentucky or Iran; in both places, there is a wealthy minority which always wins. ("The rich get richer, and the poor gets children"). But as a group, Americans obviously consume far more than their share of the world's goods. Average income in this country is now about \$4500 percapita (this clearly shows that some are making a lot and some very little), compared to figures of \$40 to \$100 per year in many poor countries. One U.S. citizen consumes 22 times as much as the average Indian.

What is important to realize is that hunger in America and hunger in India have the same origins, just as do oppression overseas and oppression at home. It is not the poor Americans who are depriving Asians of their rice: But the affluence which a very large proportion (comparatively) of Americans do enjoy is related. The profits which create that affluence exploit the poor both here and abroad, but more drastically in the nations which supply the (thus far) cheap and plentiful raw materials which American industry requires. "For massive supplies of cheap raw materials from these countries to be insured, their social order must serve the interests of the United States and of their own affluent minorities".² If it's not raw materials they're supplying us with, it's non-nutritional "cash crops" such as coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, or it is high protein feed for American livestock. And here at home, prime agricultural land is also used to grow grain to fatten cattle, cattle which could actually be fed on grass and even such substances as cornstalks, treated cow manure and newspapers, all of which are clearly humanly inedible. By 1973, American livestock consumed the protein equivalent of 6 times human consumption. Thus, agribusiness disposes of its "surplus" production, and we get grade—A marbled beef with which to clog our arteries.

The solution to world and national hunger is not to be found as simply (!) as by individuals becoming vegetarians, although it may come to that and some may prefer to get used to it now. It lies in creating a society which puts government and industry at the service of the people rather than in a position which exploits them, and which recognizes that one small group of countries cannot monopolize the resources of an entire

world. That creation may seem like an impossible task, but it is no practical to worry about impossibilities when faced with all that needs to be done!

carola burroughs,
coordinator HERB
local Coord. Food Day

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BELLINGHAM/WHATCOM COUNTY organizations involved in Food Day activities — watch for announcements of events.

Alternatives to Hunger	Bea Todhunter 733-5154
Bellingham Community Gardens	Hugh Beattie, 676-1894
Campus Christian Ministry (WWSC)	Jim Rogers, 733-3400
Fairhaven Outback Project	Lou Young, 676-9840
Huxley Environmental Reference Bureau	Carola Burroughs 733-0394 or 676-3974
Lynden Council on Aging	Dorothy Verduin, 354-4545
Title VII Nutrition Project	Jean Gott or Ruth Jorgensen, 733-4030
Welfare Rights	Billie Berton, 592-2815
United Farm Workers Boycott Committee	Kathleen Person, 676-4755

Ladybug

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Ladybug, Ladybug, fly away home, Your
house is on fire and your children will burn

Ladybug, Ladybug, why aren't you
there?
Don't you know you're supposed to care.

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Well I went to the tavern to have a beer
First time out in over a year I've
got
three little kids under five years old, I
live alone and it's taking its toll.

by mully

2.
Well, I fix them their breakfasts,
hang out their clothes,
Bandage their knees and I tickle their toes.
Seven days a week I'm working so hard,
Don't give me no shit for going to the bar.
(chorus)

3.
Well, I didn't come here to be with a man,
Just want to be by myself when I can.
All day long it's like a nursery school,
There's a lot of other things I'd like to do.
(chorus)

WOMEN'S



SONGS

Let's Start All Over Again

I lost my sisters to their children, I lost my sisters to their men,
Come on sweet sisters let's start all over a gain

1. In a garden, in the flowers, underneath a tree
I will sit down oh the grass if you will dance with me please.
Show me a simple ballet or your favorite improvisation come on sweet sister

Let's share our dedication

In a creek in the water,
Let's take off all our clothes
And splash ourselves all over,
We'll sparkle from head to toe.
Let's check out all the creatures,
The salamanders and grubs,
Let's spend the day together,
and share our joyous love.

In a house in the livingroom,
let's build ourselves a fire
and pull up the overstuffed chairs
and watch the flames grow higher.
Please tell me an old fashioned story,
or I'll read you a poem,
come on sweet sisters,
Let's spend the evening at home.

(chorus)

VICTIM

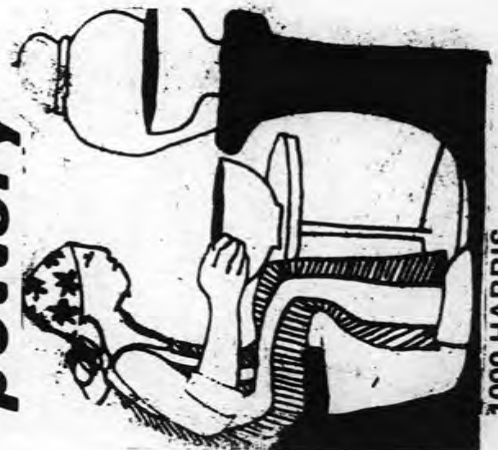
I'm tired of being a victim, I'm going to make a life for myself
I'm gonna push on up-ward, I want to be free

I used to blame my mother, for telling me what I should be,
Now I know it is the system, Trying to keep control of me.
It's taught me to sacrifice and suffer, It's taught me to martyr and moan,
It wants me to be a housewife and mind my business at home

2.
I used to think I was worthless,
Because I didn't feel fulfilled
Now I knew it's the system.
Trying to keep me down on myself.
It's taught me to compete
with other women,
for the love and attention of men
They're afraid if I learn to think
for myself,
I won't do what I'm told again.

by mully

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fruit philosophy

We are accustomed in western Washington to seeing abandoned fruit orchards in every settled valley. These shaggy and unkempt oldtimers bear witness to a past era of agricultural fruitfulness, before people came to be convinced that any fruit worth eating must be shipped to the supermarket from large commercial (and 'necessarily' heavily sprayed) orchards east of the Cascades. However, the people who planted these trees weren't just taking a chance on trees that might bear a few fruit, or trying to add a bit of ornament to their pastures. They knew how well apples, pears, plums, and other fruit would do in the mild coastal climate. And they would surely be saddened today to see the state of ruination that most of their diligent efforts have come to. Here, then, is a prime example of the wastefulness of 'supermarket consciousness', as crop after crop of fruit, particularly apples, falls and is absorbed into the wet winter earth, with only passing birds, deer, and an occasional human partaking of this annual bounty. And in time, the aged fruit tree, unpruned and uncared for, will fall to a winter storm, and the continuing to produce meager crops until the last, will itself be taken back into the cool earth, to be forgotten and lost, joining the legion of other forgotten varieties of fruit whose names and flavors fade into another chapter of Americana Past — the Old Days, B.S. (Before Supermarkets).

This eulogy is prompted by a recent visit to the former experimental orchard and farm of Luther Burbank in Sebastopol, California. There, in the early 1900's, Mr. Burbank devoted much time working with fruits and berries from all over the world, developing strains that promised an incredibly diverse and bountiful future for humankind as a cultivator and harvester of the fruits of the earth. His work formed an agricultural synthesis of East and West, and though he made some truly momentous breakthroughs in plant breeding, his work, as he was often to point out, was only a beginning, a finger pointing the direction that we might go in developing varieties of food-producing plants for a promising future. A further study of his work boggles the mind; the potential for harmonious development of hardy and productive plants is immense indeed. We came to Sebastopol expecting perhaps a monument of national gratitude, at least a vibrant experimental farm carrying on the work of Burbank, who was characterized by Yogananda as "an American saint". We found, after asking around, a new pop-up housing development stuck amidst bull-dozed apple trees, shrubbery, and brambles, representing the monumental work of an extraordinarily creative man whose life was devoted to bringing people and plants together in harmony.

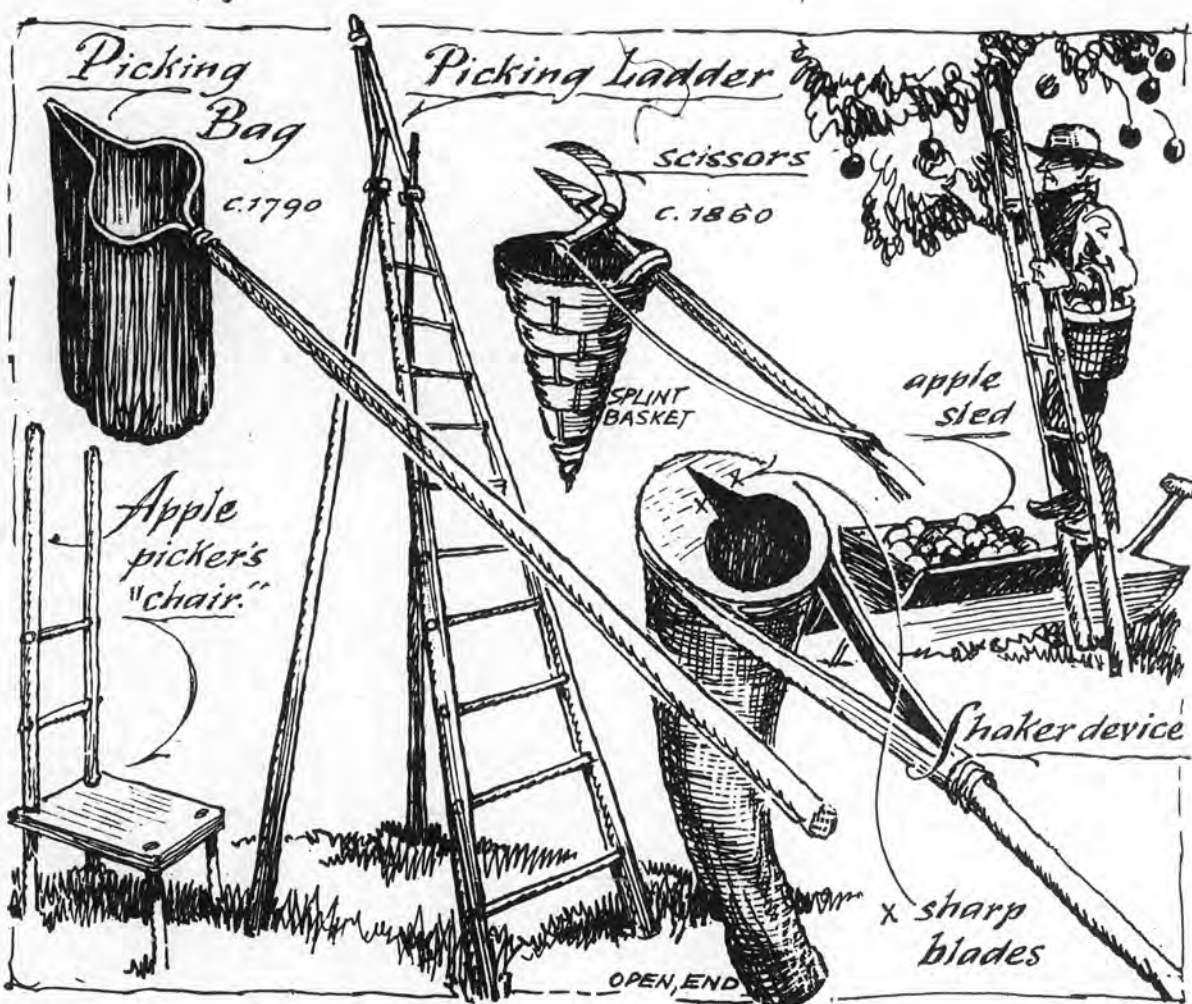
What manner of madness, of drunkenness, has overtaken modern society, that we would so quickly forget and abandon the painstakingly developed heritage of our forebears? This neglect of the available and freely provided fruits of the earth must surely be a cosmic reflection of a greater loss of contact with the earthly Garden of Eden, in seeking after the 'perfect', and yet somehow duller, Big Apple in the Sky. I find the Red Delicious apple somewhat representative of this attitude — huge, uniform in color, "ideal" form, but rather mealy inside and lacking in flavor — strictly for looks (and the cold storage room).

But enough philopophy — the time is at hand for action. Right now, it's not yet too late, before the dormant trees begin to bud out, get out your pruning shears and saw. Head on down to that abandoned tree or orchard, try your hand at a bit of pruning. The idea is to let light into the interior of the tree, to bring the fruit within better reach, to help the tree to concentrate its vital energies on growing fruit instead of leaves and watersprouts. Don't get too carried away at first — the trees are old and our experience is small — check out a couple books on pruning, look at the tree, try to find its most fruitful shape within the dense, mossy mass of limbs. Clean out wounds that aren't too far along. Fruit

trees are surprisingly strong, and will continue to produce even if they are quite rotten inside. Become acquainted with these old patrons and their ways. Be sure to come back in the fall to harvest the fruit, always leaving some for the other foragers,

the birds and deer. And plant some seedlings yourself; even though you won't get any immediate gratification from doing so, you will be giving a gift that will bear for many seasons to come.

micheal maki



planting friends

Some plants in the garden like to live near other plants in a mutually supportive relationship. Other plants are happier being far away from each other. The reasons are many: Some plants provide shade for others who need it; Some plants protect their neighbors because of their odor or taste repels predators; Some plants create a mulch around the base of tall plants with stalks; Tall, strong plants can support climbing plants; Some plants produce nutrients that others need; Some plants in combination with each other give off mysterious mutual growth enhancing substances; Some plants poison each other.

The list of suggested companions that follows is a compilation from several sources. Some of the suggested combinations are based on empirical study; others are gardener's lore.

PLANT	FRIENDS	ENEMIES
asparagus	tomato	
beans	onions, rosemary, summer savory, squash, marigold, corn, (to climb on)	fennel
beets	cabbage, kohlrabi, onions	
broccoli	sage, mint	
cabbage	beets, mustard, radish, chamomile, dill, hyssops, mint, nasturtium, rosemary, sage	
bursel sprouts	sage, mint	
carrots	chives, rosemary, sage	dill
cauliflower	spinach	

corn	beans, squash, pumpkin, cucumber
cucumber	lettuce, corn, marigold
kohlrabi	beets, sage, mint
lettuce	cucumber, carrots, radish
onion	beans, chamomile, summer savory
potato	horseradish, nettle, pigweed
radish	chervil, nasturtium, horseradish, lettuce, cabbage
rutabaga	radish
strawberry	borage, marigold
squash	borage, beans, corn
tomato	basil, borage, mint, asparagus, summer savory, marigold
turnip	radish

When planting vegetables with their friends, it is best to plant several companions close together in the same row, or plant overlapping zig-zag rows. The border of the garden can be made up of plants which discourage garden pests. Suggested plants are garlic, chives, coriander, anise, rue, wormwood, aster, mum, feverfew and painted daisies, yarrow, and catnip.

Have fun attempting to reproduce in your garden the conditions that plants would choose if they were given the time and allowed to make their own friends.

mary cooper

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by mully

Please tell me an old fashioned story,
or I'll read you a poem,
come on sweet sisters,
Let's spend the evening at home.

(chorus)

And splash ourselves all over,
We'll sparkle from head to toe.
Let's check out all the creatures,
The salamanders and grubs,
Let's spend the day together,
and share our joyous love.

RE-OPENING THE ROSENBERG CASE

Michael Meeropol, the older son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, will be in Bellingham on April 24th. As people who remember the McCarthy era in the early 50's know, the government of the United States executed the Rosenbergs on June 19, 1953 for conspiracy to commit espionage. Now as a direct result of the Watergate scandal, and the publication of the book THE IMPLOSION CONSPIRACY, the Meeropol brothers are touring the country speaking on behalf on the National Committee to Re-Open the Rosenberg Case. The NCRRC is actively engaged in exploring the legal, legislative and political means for making public all the files in the case and to go into court to determine the truth in the Rosenberg case.

Who were the Rosenbergs? Was there really an atomic secret? Was the case a frame-up? Was there evidence that a crime had been committed? What was the political climate during the case? The documentary film, *The Unquiet Death of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg*, produced

by PBS for national use on educational television and recently nominated for an Emmy award, examines these questions and insists on answers. The final verdict is left to the viewer, but there is no question, especially in light of our increased political awareness of government and CIA corruption, that the case merits re-opening.

The Whatcom County Chapter



Morton Sobell (left) and Julius and Ethel Rosenberg on the night before the verdict. The Rosenbergs were executed two years later and Sobell was sentenced to prison. It was April 4, 1951. (LNS)

of the American Civil Liberties Union is bringing Michael Meeropol to Bellingham on April 24. He will be on "Impact" radio program, on KGMI, from 10 - 11 am, which is aired again that night at 6 pm. At noon, he will speak in the Viking Union Lounge at WWSC and answer questions from the audience, then visit classes and tape a TV interview for later release.

There will be a pot-luck fund-raising dinner with Michael at 6 pm at the Unitarian Fellowship, corner of Gladstone and Franklin Sts. Call Margaret Larner for reservations at 734-8233. The public is invited again to hear him that evening at 8 pm in the Unitarian Fellowship Hall.

Margaret Larner

THIRD WORLD BICENTENNIAL

We as American citizens are about to recognize the 200th anniversary from colonial England, but for all the Red, Yellow, Black and Brown skinned people the Bicentennial will make another 200 years of white supremacy. This anniversary especially should not let us forget that America is in need of change to correct the social injustices inflicted upon the Third World people which helped it grow, though it is not yet acknowledged. We see this as an opportunity to bring together Third World people who are doing things in hope of spreading around their knowledge and experience towards a goal of justice for all.

This will not be just another "conference": we've all been through

that before. We know what the problems are and we know the proper channels to work through. Our goal is to bring together people who are involved in their communities, who have their hands into working plans helping the people at the grass-roots level.

What you should expect out of this forum will be three days of listening and learning, vigorous seminar, workshops of various methods, lots of people-to-people interaction, plus a festival of ethnic entertainment and arts. Be prepared to see applications in action. Come to compare plans, share information, to develop resources,

and a willingness to teach and learn.

We are inviting all Third World people who have a vested interest in effecting change. Community activists, organizations, individuals of all facets of the non-white movement are welcome to attend either as participants or as spectators. People in cultural, in social, in political or economic activities are requested to come. An exhibition of Third World arts is also being planned. If you wish more information, write to the THIRD WORLD BICENTENNIAL FORUM, The Evergreen State College Library 3236, Olympia, Wa 98505.

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Thousands of workers have demonstrated for jobs in the last few months. Now the six-million member Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO - that means the Machinists, Steelworkers, State, County and Municipal workers and others - are organizing a massive assembly in Washington, D.C. on April 26. This followed a call by the National Coalition to Fight Inflation and Unemployment for demonstrations on April 26.

The Puget Sound Coalition to Stop Inflation and Unemployment, in agreement with the national coalition is initiating a local supportive action as the most effective way to support this growing national movement. The coalition favors the idea of a march on Olympia as a concrete way to move the legislature. This will occur on April 26.

The local coalition is placing major emphasis on the need for Black, Brown, White and Asian unity. No group of workers is responsible for unemploy-

ment. To use the need for priority hiring of Black, Brown, and Asian workers as a reason for white unemployment as much as the news media did around the U.C.W.A. demonstrations is pure racism. To blame "illegal aliens" in this country for white unemployment is more of the same racism. The only basis for a meaningful jobs program is to demand jobs for all unemployed workers.

Many workers support military spending - the Trident base and the B-1 bomber - as a way to create jobs. By large meaningful participation in the struggle to win peacetime jobs, the peace movement can show how military spending causes inflation and wastes the country's resources.

Add the strength of YOUR organization, YOUR voice to make this march on Olympia an historic day. Call Puget Sound Coalition to Stop Inflation and Unemployment, 105 14th Ave - suite 2-c, Seattle, Wa 98122, 464-6138.

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public safety committee

Bellingham City Transit was the subject of the April 1 meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Ed Griemsmann, manager of Bellingham's transit system, told the committee that ridership on the Bellingham system is up over 100% from the same time 2 years ago and that this city's ridership on the transit buses is the best of any community in the state. He attributed this in large part to the low fare, and thus said he would not like to see a

rate increase, as this would defeat the gains made by lowering the fare in the first place.

He asked the Public Safety Committee to recommend to the City Council that they authorize Bellingham Transit to purchase at least one more bus. He said that an additional bus is needed in order to service the existing buses adequately. He has only one qualified mechanic and pointed out that in a recent twenty-day period, there were 65 repeated write-ups on City Transit buses. There were things that the mechanics had not had time to repair permanently the first time and the buses had

come back one or several times to have the same things repaired again.

Al Lucas, administrative assistant to the mayor, suggested that City Transit look into the possibility of employing more people, and have them work evening and nights when the buses are not in service.

The Public Safety Committee voted to recommend to the Finance Committee that funds be allocated from revenue sharing money for one and possibly two buses. The cost of these buses is about \$47,000 each and delivery taked from ten to twelve months.

planning and development committee

Tempers flared and emotions ran high at the April 4 meeting of the Bellingham Planning and Development Committee, as councilperson George Drake and members of Bellingham's recreation programs confronted each other.

Last month, in a letter to Ron Jepson, head of the Bellingham School Board, which was later made public, George accused the Recreation Commission of "hidden government." The commission meets only several times a year, but when they do it is a breakfast meeting at the Horseshoe Cafe. It is open to the public, but is not well advertised, and usually the Commission invites people THEY think would be interested in the proceedings. George feels that the early morning hour is prohibitive for many members of the public and that it is an insult for any who do come to have to sit and watch the Commission eat.

The Recreation Commission reacted angrily, stating that it was certainly not their intention to bar members of the public from their meetings, and if George had any specific complaints about recreation he should state them. Stuart Litzinger, the city councilperson on the Commission, replied to George's allegations that the Commission is not highly visible by saying "No, they just do a quiet, good job."

George apologized for implying that the Commission was intentionally going about its business in an undemocratic way. He said that he thinks the Recreation program in Bellingham is a very good one and realizes that the Commission is already stretching its budget to the limit. However, he said he feels that changing community values dictate changing priorities. Two priorities he would like to see are more girls' programs, and more programs addressed to adults as well as young people, particularly non-competitive "sports" like hiking, biking and swimming. He feels that if the Commission is charged with fulfilling the needs of the community, then the entire community must be served.

George suggested the formation of an advisory board to the Recreation Commission to keep tabs on the recreation needs and desires of the community and inform the Commission of them.

city council

Requests from Northwest Legal Services for \$4,179 and from Bellingham's alcoholism programs for \$5,000 were passed on the third and final reading at the weekly meeting of the Bellingham City Council on April 7. Both were emergency requests since the needs for these funds could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time the original budgets were submitted. Turned down was a request from the Bellingham Street Academy for \$2,577 for repairs to their facilities, and a \$7,500 request from the Whatcom County Opportunity Council for their Consumer Credit Education and Counselling Bureau. The City Attorney said it was unconstitutional for a city government to make a "gift" of funds to a private venture such as the Street Academy. Several council members felt that the functions of a Consumer Credit Bureau could adequately be handled by other private facilities.

Also before the Council was an ordinance granting raises to the mayor, finance director, and city councilpeople. In a "division of the question," each raise was discussed and voted on separately. George Drake spoke vehemently against a pro-

posed raise for the office of mayor. He labelled the proposed salary of \$25,000 a year, a raise of \$3,000, "obscene," and registered displeasure that the mayor was already getting about twice the amount of the average Bellingham citizen's salary. Other councilpeople, including Stuart Litzinger, felt that the higher salary would attract more capable people to the job. The raise passed first and second readings by a vote of 4 - 3.

A raise from \$17,000 to \$20,000 a year passed with little opposition, for the position of finance director.

The raise for councilpeople from \$3,000 to \$3,600 a year was also the subject of some discussion. It is a part-time position, but requires a great deal of time and effort. George Drake and Stuart Litzinger for once agreed on an issue - that public service and not money should be the major motivation and reward for the position, and both voted against it. However, the raise passed by

a vote of 4 - 3. The issue will come up again on April 21 for a final vote.

In other action, the Council voted to attach an amendment to the Industrial Waste Ordinance prohibiting any dumping of radioactive isotopes. This already is prohibited by federal law.

The Council also voted to make application to the federal government so that Bellingham residents who build their homes in flood plains can apply for federally-subsidized flood insurance. The city must assure the federal government that it will incorporate provisions in its building code requiring flood plain builders to use materials that would be resistant to flood damage, install plumbing and sewers that would not cause contamination of flood waters, and various requirements.

The City Council has also set April 20-26 as Volunteer Recognition Week.

The next meeting of the City Council will be April 14. It is a public hearing on Ken Imus' plans for the southside and whether the City Council should rezone several blocks in the Fairhaven district to accommodate the shops and stores that are already there.

council hears about rape

A start toward improving the rape situation in Bellingham was made at the March 8 hearing on rape before the Public Safety Committee of the City Council. The purpose of the hearing was to discuss what the City Council could do to help alleviate the rape problem and lend support to Rape Relief. Three definite plans of action were recommended:

1. Members of Rape Relief will produce a video tape for the Bellingham Police Department, showing the feelings and needs of rape victims.

2. The city may provide money for rape sensitivity training for police officers.

3. There is a possibility of providing money to hire additional female police officers during the coming year to handle rape cases.

In addition to these plans, suggestions were made to help reduce the number of rapes presently occurring. Council member Dennis Braddock is in-

terested in working out a cooperative transit plan with the college to provide after-hours bus service.

There was also concern with promoting public education about rape. John Hermann, chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, stressed that the purpose of education should be to help people understand the problem of rape and how to cope with it, and not to make women more afraid to go out or lead normal lives. He strongly disagreed with placing the blame for rape on women, and making a woman feel that she is inviting rape by walking alone or hitchhiking.


Most importantly, the hearing marked the start of a dialogue between city officials, Police Chief Burley, and members of Rape Relief. Hopefully this dialogue will continue and will lead to improvements of the rape situation in Bellingham.

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the facilitator

As a meeting was breaking up, recently, I heard one woman remark to the other that, "These are the first meetings where I've ever enjoyed myself". I chimed in to say I felt the same. Our woman's organization has agreed upon a very structured form for its meetings. A facilitator and an evaluation at the end of each meeting, are elements we've adopted to encourage the greatest involvement of members on an equal and human basis. I am eager to share in this article some of the techniques that have helped us, in hopes they will help other groups. Your group may not accept all do's and don't's recommended here, or the structure I am proposing. An idea that works well for one group won't always work for another.

who needs a facilitator?

If your group has meetings that routinely start late, has certain people who are perpetually silent while others are perpetually talking, has many conversations going on at once, or has people streaming out the door before the meetings is over, then maybe your group might benefit from a facilitator. When our group started, we had all these problems and more. We needed someone to moderate the progress of the meeting, to help free us from old patterns of social interaction we wanted to break (like interrupting, getting defensive about our ideas, dominating discussions, needlessly competing) and also to make us more aware

of our feelings. But we did not want a 'chairman' or president who would control the rest of us. We wanted someone who would help us do what we wanted to do; so we decided on a facilitator. The dictionary defines facilitating as meaning to "make easier or less difficult; help forward 2. to assist the progress of". Having a facilitator does not mean that individual members are no longer personally responsible for helping the meeting along; it means that one person is concentrating exclusively on that task.

what does a facilitator do?

Each group needs to define the tasks of the facilitator according to their needs and values. I've included a

list of what a facilitator does in our group as a possible example.

The facilitator asks each person to introduce themselves when new people are present, calls for the minutes to be read, asks for a volunteer to record, starts the meeting on time, and occasionally reminds the group of the time throughout the meeting. Items for a collective agenda are solicited by the facilitator and recorded on a very large piece of paper or chalkboard which everyone can read.

The facilitator watches for digressions in the discussion, and notifies the group when they are off track, asking for either a decision to continue or to backtrack to the agenda. Facial and body expressions

"your role is not to settle disputes or force a certain outcome"

of members are watched by the facilitator. If someone looks like they want to say something, but they are not saying it — the facilitator may ask them, "Do you want to get in here?" or "Do you want to add something?" The facilitator avoids putting the person on the spot by asking them if they agree or what they think.

At the end, the facilitator calls for an evaluation of the meeting. Evaluation is when people discuss their feelings about the process of the meeting. People are usually tired by this time, so the facilitator should ask the group if they'd like to set a time limit on the discussion. Sometimes at our evaluations we say only,

"That was a LONG meeting; let's go home!" and we do. Other times, lengthy discussions, sometimes very personal and emotional ensue.

Each group needs to, in addition to letting the facilitator know exactly what their responsibilities are, also let the facilitator know in general how problems should be dealt with in the context of the group's values. For example, our group views confrontation as a positive process, so when there is underground tension, we would rather have the facilitator help bring it out into the open rather than gloss over it.

cold wars

"Talk openly of power struggles, personal interests, and hidden issues with the group. Don't avoid confrontation — bring disagreements out into the open". This is good advice though many groups are afraid of confrontation, and prefer cold wars to active debate or the expression of personal feelings. This seems to be particularly true of "counter-culture" groups, who frequently maintain an artificial atmosphere of sweet peace and harmony at the cost of group honesty. Like Gandhi said, "Truthfulness is even more important than peacefulness".

when arguments get going

When argument or confrontation does arise, don't panic. Don't take sides. The neutrality of the facilitator is vital to the group. Take a deep breath and try to remember that your role is not to settle disputes or force a certain outcome. Try to establish both points of agreement and contention. You can help make sure that only one person is speaking at a time and that everyone gets a chance to speak. A clarification technique that is especially good for focusing a discussion during an argument (and other times as well) is active listening.

active listening

This means paraphrasing back to someone what you think they are saying. Often people are saying the same thing, but arguing about it because they are saying it differently. This also "lets people know that they are being listened to". Many people continue to repeat themselves because they think no one understands or is paying attention. Active listening also prevents repetitiveness.

when individuals dominate

Sometimes a person gets onto a long tangent about an issue which concerns them, but not the rest of the group. Maybe they are monologuing about a personal problem or a deep political conviction. This can be very awkward, especially for the facilitator, whose duty it is to speak up if no one else will. If the group deals too extensively with the personal needs of the individual, it may not have enough energy left to get its work done. If the group ignores or cuts the person off cold, they may feel hurt and neglected. The facilitator must use their judgement, based on what they know about the goals of the group and how members wish to relate to each other.

People who consistently dominate group discussions need to realize the oppressiveness of their behavior.

Usually it is up to the facilitator and group to point this out to them, because they are too busy talking to see it. During evaluation, the others can help an overly aggressive (or an always silent) member figure out why they act the way they do, how they feel about it, and ways the groups can support them in the future as they try to balance their behavior.

splits

Some problems may not have solutions. Feeling unable to compromise their beliefs, individuals may drop out, the group may split or totally disband over an important issue. These things, I think, should not always be looked at in a negative light. A split or changes in membership can be a healthy or natural progression for a group. The facilitator should remember this and not feel as though they must keep the group together at all costs. In any event, a good facilitator is not personally responsible for these things.

group depressions

Every group has a time when it feels very, very low. When people are depressed, the facilitator must make a special effort not to let that feeling infect them also. The authors of the ORGANIZER'S MANUAL, believe that "disappointment and despair have disbanded more groups than any other problem. They are contagious and must be dealt with as soon as they arise". The facilitator should point out those things the group has done well and help the group objectively examine the causes for its depression.

brainstorming

I cannot end this article before mentioning a technique every facilitator should know about — brainstorming. When a group needs creative answers to a difficult question, the facilitator may suggest a brainstorming session. "The basic theory behind brainstorming is that imagination and judgement are two distinct processes in the production of ideas and that imagination should be given free reign before judgement is brought onto the scene. When the goal is a solution, one wants as many creative ideas as possible. Temporary withholding of evaluation generates the greatest number of ideas..." There are rules to the game of brainstorming and the process will fail unless everyone understands them and sticks to them.

The rules are:

— Criticism is out. Everyone should suspend judgement until all the ideas are out.

— Freewheeling is welcome. The wilder the ideas, the better. Everyone should let their imagination soar. It is far easier to tame an idea down than to think one up.

— Hitchhiking is invited. Each person is encouraged to ride on, improve on, add to, divide from, and combine with everyone's ideas.

— Quantity is wanted. The more ideas the better. Piling up ideas produces an atmosphere that encourages people to be spontaneous.

For best results brainstorming should be intensive. A time limit should be set. Hopefully the facilitator made sure someone was taking notes. At that time the group can decide what ideas they want to act upon and perfect.

learning to facilitate

If you chose to learn to facilitate, don't expect to be a success overnight. Don't be disappointed if things don't go well the first few times. The first requirement for successful facilitating is a clear understanding of the purpose and goals of the group so the facilitator can act consistently with them. The second requirement is practice. If your group is supportive, it will provide a facilitator with constructive criticism during the evaluation on how they performed their job.

Good luck!

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A COOPERATIVE FEDERATION

In one sense the co-op federation does not exist — it is not a building, or a legal entity, or a clearly defined group. Yet the idea of the federation, and visions of its potentialities, have been powerful enough to some folks in the northwest that we are beginning to work on realizing this idea.

The federation will provide a qualitative step beyond the participating organizations as they now exist — the storefront co-ops, food conspiracies or buying clubs, and warehouses — for it will enable us to transcend or transform a conspicuous dichotomy in our present food distribution process: wholesalers on the one hand (C.C. Grains and Community Produce) and all the rest of us on the other. Co-ops and conspiracies will have input into wholesaling activities and will also spend time working at warehouses; warehouse (not to be confused with Weyerhaeuser) will participate in discussions and decisions concerning co-ops, and will spend some time working in stores and with conspiracies.

Furthermore, the federation will enable all of us — wholesalers, retailers and conspirators alike — to feel a part of a larger regional whole, not just in an abstract ideological sense, but in a down to earth, practical, working together and sharing responsibility sense. Beyond the obvious advantages of cheaper food and getting to work with a lot of neat people, we will be broadening our political base in the northwest and in the country as a whole.

I will be the representative from Bellingham's Food Co-op to the federation council and would appreciate any input. The first council meeting will be in Seattle on the morning of Saturday, April 19, and anyone who wants to should come.

Peggy Blum

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LESBIAN MOTHERS DEFENSE FUND

Lesbian Mothers National Defense Fund is a Seattle based organization which is especially concerned with giving support to lesbian mothers who are or who may be faced with child custody suits. Our service extends, however, to women of all sexual identities. We are not crusading for women to keep their children, we feel that that decision is best made by each individual woman. We are fighting against the attitudes and judgments of courts in this country and throughout the world where women have been enslaved and victimized for centuries by the patriarchal system.

There are unknown numbers of lesbian mothers and their children who are in hiding. There are still more lesbian mothers who are so terrified of going into court that they



give up their children against their real wishes. There are lesbian mothers who have gone to court and had their children torn from them. Women who have been so railroaded by the courts that they were not even given visiting rights are now seeking those rights. Women who have lost their children but have visitation rights often have difficulties getting those rights fulfilled. And there are those few who won... won the right to raise their own children, a right that does not come cheaply.

The Lesbian Mothers Defense Fund is directly concerned with the kinds of problems these women and children face. We feel that only through direct emotional and financial support can a positive outcome be reached. We've found that many people agree with us and our membership has grown extraordinarily

fast. Incorporated just 5 months ago under the name of Libra, the justice scales, our membership has expanded to 146 and branches out into 18 states. We are continually collecting and evaluating information which can be used by women and their attorneys. We see no end to the work that must be done to insure that women have rights in regard to the welfare of their children.

Membership in the organization is \$5 a year, but the fee can be waived according to the individual's financial ability. Membership includes our bi-monthly newsletter, MOM'S APPLE PIE. Subscription to the newsletter only is \$2 a year. For more information write to 2446 Lorentz Pl.N, Seattle, Washington 98109.

BOYCOTT GROWS IN SEATTLE

The Gallo boycott is developing growing public support in the Seattle area. After seven weeks of picketing and leafletting, the Inside Passage Tavern on 1st and Washington, the UFWA committee won an agreement from the tavern owners that all Gallo wines would be removed from their shelves. The reason that Inside Passage was chosen as a target was that it was the only tavern with music selling Gallo Wine in Pioneer Square, it had twice broken a promise not to sell Gallo, and because of racist attacks upon Chicanos who approached the tavern owners concerning Gallo.

About a dozen merchants in the Pioneer Square area, including some tavern owners, signed a letter urging Inside Passage to remove Gallo Wines.

Picketing of Inside Passage began with Fridays and Saturdays, from 8 pm until midnight. Then it was extended to include four days a week from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. During this time the King County Democratic Headquarters, directly behind the tavern, turned over its facilities for the pickets, donating hot coffee and cookies. They also took part in the picketing, 30 to 40 joining in the last Friday evening.

Dave Van Pelt, co-ordinator for the boycott movement said that the campaign against Gallo has resulted in four markets and 25 taverns in Seattle removing Gallo from their shelves.

by Lenus Westman

DIRTY URINE BLUES

There are hundreds of people in Washington state being punished, usually by doing extra time, because somebody decided there was something in their urine that shouldn't be there. For example, work release programs and halfway houses customarily send people back to the joint for "dirty urines," considered scientific evidence of illegal drug abuse.

Dr. Bellamy, director of Cytolab, Inc., admitted to Coyote that the lab may sometimes fail to see a drug that is really there, and will report urine "clean" when it is really "dirty." Dr. Bellamy insists that the lab never reports a drug that isn't there. But just how easy is it to be sure that the faint blur on the plate is heroin (Rf 0.80, color red-violet) instead of caffeine (Rf 0.80, color blue) — especially when you are running through people's urines on an assembly line basis, to make as much money as possible, and when the person cannot possibly sue you or defend herself???

In this state there are two common techniques for finding this dirt in your urine. One involves reading the dial of a machine (a spectrophotometer) that gives you different numbers (representing different "colors") for different classes of drugs. This method is not so accurate. A more accurate technique includes a spatial separation of the different drugs on a flat, paper-like substance stuck onto a glass plate: thin layer chromatography (TLC). Cytolab is the only laboratory in the state which can supply this kind of analysis to institutions and

drug programs in Washington.

Chromatography is an excellent and useful scientific technique, and modern medicine and science depend on it. You can detect millions of drugs and other substances that way. An example of some of the substances that show up in this technique are: caffeine (found in coffee, coca cola, chocolate, tea, many drug store remedies); nicotine (tobacco); phenacetin (a common painkiller ingredient, in Emperin tablets, etc.); and 20 different antihistamines, showing up in different colors, in different locations on the plate. (Note: neither marijuana nor alcohol can be detected using TLC.)

COYOTE (P.O. Box 4155, Seattle, Wa 98104, 323-2281) would appreciate feedback on this article, particularly from experts, even if they are not necessarily objective. Coyote also considers everybody to be an expert on their own piss. After all, you DO usually know what drugs you've been taking. (But don't forget legal medications, vitamins, and the drugs and drug-like substances in food.)

Please let us know your experiences with urinalysis. What do you think? Is it really a science? Or, as Dr. Bellamy claims, an art?

Information for this article was obtained from Dr. Bellamy at Cytolab, Inc., 5534 Tallman, N.W., Seattle 782-2342, and from a reference he provided: Davidow, Petri and Quame (1968), American Journal of Clinical Pathology 50 (no.6): pps 714 - 719.

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PROTESTING NUCLEAR PLANT

A public rally protesting the proposed Puget Nuclear Power Plant will be held Tuesday, April 15th, the Puget Power ratepayers Association has announced. Protesters gathering at the Main Branch of the Bellingham Public Library will march to the Federal Building where the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be conferring with Puget Power attorneys.

speakers and public discussion at the library, with the showing of a film, "How Safe Are America's Nuclear Reactors?" at 1:30 pm.

- Schedule of the day's activities:
- 9 am MEETING between members of US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and lawyers representing Puget Power and the opposition, SCANP. Rm 218, B'ham Federal Bldg. Public welcome.
 - 10 am FILM, "How Safe Are America's Reactors?" Bellingham Public Library, downstairs lecture room.
 - 11 am MARCH from Lottie St. (behind library) to Federal Bldg. demonstrating public opposition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Puget Power at their meeting. Marchers will circle

- back to the library for a rally.
- 12:00 RALLY on the lawn behind the library with: Ron Carstens of Skagitonians Concerned About Nuclear Plants; Dr. Elouise Kailin of Protect the Peninsula's Future; Will Davis of the Whatcom County Energy Council; and others.
- 1:30 pm FILM, "How Safe Are America's Reactors?" Bellingham Public Library, downstairs lecture hall.

Informational literature and petitions to sign will be available throughout the day. Let's fill the streets and impress upon people that we don't want nuclear power. Something to be thinking about — in Why!, Germany, 2,000 people blockaded the site of a reactor, and 20,000 people marched in support of the protestors.

RECYCLING CENTER

The Huxley Community Recycling Center reopened Tuesday, April 1. After the October fire which destroyed the original center at 635 21 St., the CERB staff began the arduous task of developing a new approach to the program, and putting this approach to

work. The new center is located at 519 21st St (first house on the east side on the street, south of parking lot 21D.) You reach the center, which is behind the house, by driving into the parking lot. You'll then see a sign on the side of the center building. The center is accepting the following recyclables: cans (steel and aluminum), cleaned, smashed and labels removed; paper and cardboard, bundled and tied; glass, cleaned and separated by colors (label removal not necessary). Also, featured for the first time is the free household item and clothing exchange — bring

what you can, take what you want. Unfortunately, due to the immediate unavailability of an adequate market, we cannot accept plastics at this time. However, there seems to be a demand for egg cartons, and we'd appreciate you bringing them in. A change from the first center, the new depot is opened only between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, 7 days a week. In order to try and eliminate much of the vandalism experienced previously, the new center will be locked at all other times, and will be regularly patrolled by Campus Security. from the Huxley Humus — Chris Abel

JOANNE LITTLE BENEFIT DANCE



18th at 8 pm in room 450 of the VU at Western Wash. State College. Donations of \$1 per person (children and senior citizens free) will go to the Joanne Little Defense fund, to support Joanne in her upcoming murder trial. The dance is for everyone.

Joanne Little, a 20 year old black woman in North Carolina, was charged with 1st degree murder after killing a white, male, prison guard who entered her cell with an ice pick and attempted to rape her. Joanne and her supporters maintain she killed him out of self-defense and evidence of the rape was hushed up by the local press. If convicted, she faces a mandatory death penalty.

The Southern Law Poverty Center is defending Joanne for free, but funds are needed to provide a criminologist, which will run into thousands of dollars. Hopefully, with the contributions of people throughout the nation, a fair trial can be provided.

A sock-hop dance to benefit Joanne Little will be held Friday, April

WOMEN IN PRINT

A conference of women printers, typesetters, book publishers, distributors and all women interested in the printing media is being planned for Memorial Day week-end, May 24-26 on land outside of Portland, Ore.

"As women come into control of the graphic and industrial arts, it becomes increasingly apparent that we need to come together to share information, skills, resources and dreams," write the women of Jackrabbit Press in Eugene and Olive Press in Portland. "The printing media is a powerful political tool which, when used effectively, can be a guiding force in creating a new society."

Registration will be \$5 to cover food and supplies. Women in the Bellingham area who are interested and have ideas for the conference should contact Michelle at the PAS SAGE 733-9672. Women from other areas should write Jackrabbit Women's Press, 454 Willamette St., Eugene, Ore. 97401

RAPE BILL UPDATE

The rape bill was passed by the state Senate last week in amended form and is now in a joint committee to work out a compromise between Senate and House versions.

The House version, passed earlier in March, is similar to the original bill drafted by the Seattle Women's Commission, and includes provisions barring use of the victim's previous sexual history in court and allowing a woman to file rape charges against her estranged husband.

The Senate, however, removed these two sections from the original bill, and instead passed an amendment allowing the judge and defense attorney to conduct a closed hearing into the victim's previous sexual life. Opponents of the Senate's amendment warn that this provision will sanction a "fishing trip" into the victim's private life, and could make court experiences for rape victims even more traumatic than they often are now.

Pressure should be brought on the legislators working out the compromise to reject the Senate amendment as further encumbering and denying justice to rape victims. Legislators can be contacted via the toll-free legislative hot line to Olympia: 1-800-562-6000.

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Portugal's Political Pulse

The first Portuguese elections to be held in half a century have been postponed for almost two weeks, according to a report in the Portuguese socialist paper *Republica*.

The communique from the Ministry of Information published on March 18 said that the elections for a constituent assembly would take place on April 25 the first anniversary of the overthrow of the Portuguese dictatorship, and that "only technical reasons" could justify the "slight postponement." So far the announcement has not been denied by the Portuguese government.

The elections were postponed amidst intense political activity in Portugal on all fronts. Since the March 11 coup attempt, the ruling Armed Forces Movement (MFA) has established a Superior Council of the Revolution which presently controls all political decisions in Portugal. It has nationalized banks and insurance companies, and it has banned three political parties from taking part in April's elections.

But the political activity is not confined solely to the institutions of government. In the first three days after March 11, 45 factories in Portugal were occupied, and according to reports in the French leftist daily, *Liberation*, most of them are still under the control of their workers.

After the announcement of the bank nationalizations, employees occupied many of Lisbon's banks. In the days following the coup attempt, a committee of bank employees began an investigation of the banks' involvement in the two attempted coups of September 28 and March 11, and the inquiry has turned up strong links between the administrators of Portugal's banks and the conservative army officers seeking to regain power.

The investigation also found that the banks had organized the flow of currency out of Portugal, contributing to Portugal's already serious economic problems.

The holdings of the Bank of the Atlantic are impressive. It holds, according to *Liberation*, 16% of all deposits in all commercial banks in Portugal, and major shares in five insurance companies, and Portuguese oil refining, cement production, beer brewing, real estate, glass production, tourism, movie-making and distribution, with branches in Angola and Mozambique that own textile mills and a hydroelectric plant there.

By nationalizing the banks, the banks holdings, and 27 insurance companies, the Portuguese government has in effect nationalized more than 50% of Portuguese industry.

Fearful of a possible economic blockade like the one that the United States has led against Cuba since 1960, the Portuguese government stopped short of nationalizing foreign banks in Portugal, and insurance companies that have large participation of foreign interests.

The employees of one bank have proposed a plan for permanent workers control of the banks. In each bank workers would elect the members of the administrative committee that would run the bank. One of the leftist political parties, the Movement of the Socialist Left (MES) supports this plan.

Up to now, besides the more than 125 civilian and military officials arrested, the following heads of Portugal's most influential families have been placed in the Caxias prison, where formerly, Communist Party leader, Alvaro Cinhal and socialist leader Mario Soares along with thousands of other anti-fascists had been imprisoned before the April 25 coup: Jorge and Jose de Melo, owners of CUF, the largest Portuguese holding company with control of many of the country's productive sectors and large holdings in the ex-colonies, especially in Guinea-Bissau; and the Espirito Santo brothers and several admin-



A Portuguese demonstration for the nationalization of banks. Here protesters are seen occupying the "Banco Pinto & Sotomayor", one of Portugal's largest banks. Credit Lotta Continua / LNS

istrators of their financial empire. Besides these members of Portugal's ruling sixteen families, several other banking and industrial figures have been arrested.

The Superior Council of the Revolution declared on March 18, that three political parties would be prohibited from participating in the upcoming election. Two are from the extreme left, the Movement for the Reconstitution of the Proletarian Party (MRPP), and the Alliance of Peasants and Workers Marxist-Leninist, (AOC). The third is the rightist Christian Democratic Party (PDC). The measure does not prohibit internal political activity or participation in demonstrations that the MFA considers lawful.

Considered by *Le Monde* to be the most powerful of all the extreme left groups, the MRPP has strong roots among students and soldiers. In January it was responsible for a shutdown of the University of Lisbon, and in February it organized a strike of high school students. At the time the MFA accused the MRPP of leading the high school students in "a seditious strike with agents of the PIDE," (the old fascist political police.)

The MRPP, a Maoist group, denounces the Communist Party which has the most influence in the government and the MFA of all the present political parties, as "social fascists." Recently, after the March 11 coup attempt, eight leaders of the MRPP were arrested for handing out pamphlets which criticized the MFA and what they called "the military dictatorship."

The MRPP has declared that it will not abide by the prohibition. It says it is ready to continue its activities underground, if forced to, as it did since its founding in 1970. It says it will also organize a boycott of the April elections.

Only two hours after it was announced that the MRPP's activities were suspended for the duration of the political campaign, over 3500 of its militants and sympathizers demonstrated in the streets of Lisbon against "fascism and social-fascism." They marched on one of the government palaces where army units trained their machine guns on them, but the demonstration dispersed peacefully.

The two leftist groups that were banned from participation in the elections were thought to be singled out to placate more moderate members of the armed forces who have criticized the extreme left for its attacks on recent meetings of rightist parties in the past several months. Most recently two people were killed in the city of Setubal near Lisbon on the night of March 7 when police opened fire on demonstrators who had disrupted a meeting of the Popular Democratic Party (PPD).

The banning of the three political parties still leaves a total of twelve parties participating in the elections. The extreme leftist parties include the Democratic Workers Union (Marxist-Leninist) whose power has grown considerably in the last year. This group organized a demonstration on February 7 against the presence of 30,000 NATO troops in Portugal, that promoted rumors of a foreign invasion.

Other leftist parties are the Popular Unity Party a Maoist group, the Communist Electoral Front, and the International Communist League, a Trotskyist organization.

A split-off from the Socialist Party, the Popular Socialist Front, will participate in the elections as will the Movement of the Socialist Left (MES) considered by some to be the most important of the groups on the extreme left. The MES has criticized the MFA for banning the activities of MRPP, saying that "it is for the people and the working class to judge the organizations of the left and the extreme left."

The traditional left organizations — the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP) which is considered to be quite close to the Communist Party — are all running candidates.

On the right are the PPD and the CDS.

Several leftist groups are not participating in the elections. They include the LUAR, and the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat/Revolutionary Brigades, both of which conducted armed actions against the Salazar and Caetano regimes.

—LNS

LATE NEWS FLASH !!!

The elections are to be held as scheduled April 25, but their significance has been scaled down from a act of popular sovereignty to a sort of political punctuation.

Portugal's main political parties signed a pledge recently to write a constitution that gives fundamental lawmaking powers to the country's increasingly leftist military rulers.

The pact removes any doubt about where power lies. It establishes that the principal organ of power will be the all-military Revolutionary Council. The pact permits a civilian parliament, but the Revolutionary Council will decide on the "necessary programmatic orientation of domestic and foreign policy and stand guard over its fulfillment."

The council is to have the final voice in economic, social and financial policy, foreign relations, national defense, and "the regulation of political activity."

The president is to be chosen by a 240 man armed forces assembly and the parliament while the president is required to "have the confidence" of the armed forces.

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Barcelona Feminists

The Barcelona Women's Conference was being organized by several groups of women who met clandestinely. Security was such in these women's groups that most of the women don't know the names of their sisters.

The women planning the conference relied heavily on Lidia Falcon's leadership. She, being an attorney, was supposed to know the intricacies of the Spanish legal labyrinth and rescue the conference women in case the expected legal difficulties arose.

On Sept. 13, a cafe where the police hung out in Madrid was bombed. People were killed and injured—including one police officer. Evidence points to the possibility that the right-wing did the bombing; apparently police were warned ahead of time not to frequent the cafe that day. Three days after the bombing eleven intellectuals were rounded up from all over Spain and carted off to Madrid. Lidia Falcon, her husband Elisco Bayo, her daughter Regina Bonas

Falcon, Genoveva Forest (feminist and political activist) were among those arrested. Regina was later released unharmed. The bombing was used as the excuse; later the group was charged with being political terrorists—of having "hiding places" in their homes where they "planned to hold political prisoners they had kidnapped". These were places to hide from the police, yes. In a fascist state that is one way to avoid hassle.

After Lidia and Eva were arrested, the various groups of women who had planned the conference met together. They decided it wasn't possible to hold a conference at this time and it was postponed until next year.

These women are now participating in various activities to win support for the eleven prisoners, especially Lidia and Eva. What is needed especially is international pressure on Spain, bad press about Spain's overflowing prisons, about its hundreds of political prisoners, about its use of torture (both Lidia and Eva have been hospitalized because of

injuries suffered while under interrogation.), about the despicable state of its prisons, about the total lack of civil rights here for Spanish citizens, about women's non-existent rights, etc.

Now Lidia Falcon is in jail in Madrid. So is Eva Forest. Their trial was supposed to be in January, before a military court. Eva is expected to get the death sentence; Lidia several decades in prison. Lidia's reputation as a feminist lawyer has spread through the prison and now she is constantly besieged by other women inmates asking her about their legal rights, about the women's movement.

All Lidia Falcon and Eva Forest and the other political prisoners in Spain can hope for now is international pressure that might lighten their sentences or for the overthrow of fascism in Spain before they are interned or executed.

To protest, write the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

[From Women's Press]

Farmers Storm Nuclear Site

Why!, West Germany (PTS/LNS) Nearly 20,000 local farmers and residents stormed the police-occupied construction site of a nuclear power plant in Why!, West Germany February 23. The protesters ripped apart ten rows of barbed-wire fence that the police had erected and, after a lengthy battle with police and police dogs, reoccupied the site, forcing the 3000 police to request safe conduct out of the area.

Critics of the plant's construction say that its presence will have devastating ecological effects on the area. The massive development of industry that the plant's inexpensive power will bring, they charge, will totally destroy local agriculture, and may cause drastic changes in the climate of the area.

The effects of the massive water cooling system, which is necessary to release 2/3 of the atomic generated heat that cannot be transformed into power, are unknown.

Some estimates indicate that the water level of the Rhine, from which water to cool the plant will be drawn, would drop nearly sixty feet, and that the temperature of the Rhine would increase to 86 degrees F. The proposed industries, studies show, would further pollute the Rhine, already Europe's largest sewer. As with all nuclear power plants, there are the dangers of leaks of atomic waste material.

Due to intense community opposition the government was forced to hold a referendum on January 22, asking the residents of Why! whether the

site should be sold to the company. The government conducted a massive campaign in support of the company, in which all opponents of the plant were labelled "leftist mentally-ill extremists". Despite this and the government's threat of economic stagnation and energy crisis, 43% opposed the plant.

The following day, however, officials gave the go ahead for construction. Three hundred local residents demonstrated at the construction site February 18. After talking with the construction workers, they took control of the machines and halted the work.

The demonstrators set up a tent, and more townspeople began pouring into the construction area with meat, wine, and blankets. Supporters from across the Rhine in France also streamed into the area.

The situation intensified the next morning when new workers arrived to resume their work. The protesters set up barricades around the machines, and most of the workers joined the occupation.

While a steady stream of police entered the site during that day and night, the farmers organized security watches throughout the area. The occupiers were finally expelled February 20 when police attacked with water hoses and clubs.

Two days later, however, more than 5000 local residents demonstrated in front of the barbed wire fences that police had set up at the site. At a sec-

ond demonstration February 23, more than 20,000 residents from the entire area, along with Swiss and French supporters, joined in a mass protest.

Following the mass meeting, the farmers began ripping down the more than ten rows of barbed wire fencing and destroyed the signs that threatened trespassers with penalties. 3000 police troops which had been assembled during the week from all over Germany responded by unleashing their dogs. Stones began to fly. Two thousand demonstrators broke through police lines, forcing the police to retreat and release the few protesters they had arrested. Many of the police who before had known nothing about the nuclear reactor refused to fight the demonstrators.

The demonstrators blocked access roads to the site with tree trunks. All persons entering the area were inspected and police spies were thrown out. More than 1500 people decided to remain over night, proposing to occupy the site permanently and construct a village there.

"Writing us off as radicals?" one farmer responded. "They can try that with students, but it won't work here". Another said, "I'm beginning to understand the Baader-Meinhof group (a German revolutionary group many of whose members are presently in prison) and if the police keep it up, I may end up one of them".

As of March 2, 1500 people were still occupying the site.

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political earthquake

by joan barnes

WASHINGTON D.C., (PNS) Picture a jungle-covered nation whose president owns 25 percent of the arable land, the country's only airline and shipping line, the largest cement company and textile factories, newspapers, TV, hotels and banks while 99 percent of the people have no safe drinking water.

That's no fictional cliché -- that's Nicaragua today.

The scene is less than tranquil in the heart of Central America. Sources in Washington fear that with the present political divisions in Nicaragua, the best organized political force may be the underground Communist Party. They are worried about the specter of a new Portugal rising out of the Gulf of Mexico.

Nicaragua today is still feeling the aftershocks from a political earthquake which struck last December -- and shook the government more than the devastating quake of 1972. Guerrillas from the revolutionary Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) invaded a party in honor of the U.S. ambassador and made off with Nicaragua's foreign minister and ambassador to the U.S., high executives of the Bank of America and Esso-Standard Oil operations in Nicaragua, the mayor of Managua

(Nicaragua's principal city) and even some members of the president's own family.

Within three days the FSLN kidnapers flew to Cuba and released their hostages, but not before all of the nation's newspapers and the official radio network publicized a 12,000 word communique denouncing the regime of General Anastasio ("Tachito") Somoza -- the first criticism of the government heard through official channels in the 40 years the Somoza family has ruled.

The guerrillas also secured freedom for 14 of their members and \$1 million. Somoza did not agree to their demand for an increase in the minimum wage for all workers, but the general did raise the salaries of his soldiers.

Then the government clamped down on all sectors of the population. It proclaimed a state of martial law, imposed strict censorship and announced the creation of a special counter-insurgency unit within the National Guard to crush the FSLN. The government also established a permanent military tribunal to deal with "crimes against the internal and external security of the state."

The following month, January, the state of martial law was re-classified as a state of war. The National University was stormed, students were arrested, house to house searches were underway, and people stayed in their homes at night, for fear of the military

equipment always in the streets.

Opposition to the Somoza regime seems now to be more than a radical phenomenon, however. Before "Tachito" was re-elected in September, 1974, opposition forces led by Chamorro urged the electorate not to vote at all. Although voting is mandatory, less than 50 per cent of the people cast ballots.

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Corruption is the main gripe of the more moderate opposition. The extent of this corruption was revealed in the aftermath of the 1972 earthquake which

killed 10,000 people and destroyed 90 per cent of the commercial establishments. Relief aid from the U.S. and international agencies was used for land speculation and black market purchases by public officials and National Guardsmen. Even badly

needed food was taken by the corrupt officials.

Two years following the earthquake, little rebuilding has taken place. Refugees live in tents around the edge of the capital city, with the city's center cordoned off and virtually dead.

Somoza himself has a financial foothold in almost every sector of the economy of Nicaragua, as well as investments in Guatemala and Costa Rica. But beyond his economic control is his political importance in the region. Somoza is reputed to be the one man whose actions affect all of Central America. In the space of a few months in the spring of 1974, Somoza was charged with helping to rig an election in Guatemala and with plotting to overthrow the government of Honduras.

While Somoza plays a pivotal role in Central America, his people suffer from ever-worsening conditions. Since 1973, the people have participated in a wave of strikes and demonstrations. The protests have included students, Standard Fruit employees, and hospital, textile, construction and metal workers.

Somoza's line is more optimistic than that taken unofficially by Latin American specialists in the U.S. government. These sources have conceded that the FSLN action had a tremendous effect on the stability of Somoza's regime. Fearing that Nicaragua could turn into another Portugal, officials in Washington are backing Somoza as the one strong man capable of keeping a lid on the country.



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Chilean singers denied visa

NEW YORK (LNS)-- Members of a group of exiled Chilean folk singers were denied visas to enter the U.S. and forced to cancel four scheduled concerts before finally being allowed to enter. The visas were denied, said an Immigration and Naturalization official, because, "They're commies. They're automatically inadmissible."

"Quilapayun," seven singers and musicians, once the most popular singing group in Chile, were stripped of their citizenship by the Chilean junta in 1973. Their songs are banned from the Chilean airways, and they now live in exile in Paris.

When they first requested visas to come to the U.S. for a short tour, scheduling them to play 12 concerts, the American Consulate in Paris delayed sending a cable to Chile.

By the time the U.S. Consulate in Chile claimed that all seven members were ineligible, it was too late to get a waiver of the ruling in time for the beginning of the Quilapayun tour. Responding to public pressure, the State Department finally granted the waiver.

The performers arrived from Paris at 11:15 PM on March 21 for a New York concert scheduled to begin three hours earlier. The enthusiastic audience was still waiting for them.

Leonard Walentynowicz, administrator for the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs for the State Department, explained the government's denial of visas, stating, "Under 212-A-28, aliens who have been members of the Communist Party are denied visas. This is congressional law and we are bound to abide by the law. What makes this country great is that we are a people who live by the laws."



Shoshana captured by FBI

Pat Swinton, the last member still at large of a radical group that was accused of bombing various sites in New York City during 1969, was arrested in Brattleboro, Vermont, on March 12. She had been living for about ten months at Packers Corner Farm, a commune whose residents include WIN writer and editor Marty Jezer, and which operates under generally pacifist principles.

She was indicted in 1970 along with Sam Melville, Jane Alpert and David Hughey for conspiring to blow up army trucks at a National Guard armory in Manhattan and for possession of dynamite.

Sam Melville pleaded guilty to a variety of charges stemming from the case and was sent to Attica prison where he subsequently lost his life during the 1971 rebellion. Last year Jane Alpert surfaced from the underground and was sentenced to 27 months in prison. Prior to that she had renounced her previous political commitments and declared her allegiance to feminism. David Hughey pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two and a half years in prison, a term which he has completed.

A great deal has been made of Jane Alpert's connection with the arrest of Shoshana (as Pat Swinton now prefers to be called). Since returning to public life last year a number of statements have been circulated by groups of feminists both attacking her and defending her on charges of collaborating with the authorities. As in the case of Tim Leary,

speculation is widespread as to whether she is now an informer.

Shoshana herself, in a statement to WIN, flatly declared that "I certainly don't think that she's an informer" and added that although there was a possibility that the FBI may have found her trail as a result of information inadvertently obtained from Jane, and "despite pressures that the Justice Department may be trying to bring to bear on her in terms of parole and that sort of thing, Jane would not knowingly collaborate with the authorities."

In an open letter to women on the issue of Jane Alpert, Off Our Backs wrote:—

"It is the essence of oppression to set us against other oppressed peoples. It is a strategy we must recognize and struggle against wherever it shows itself, under whatever name it disguises itself. Particularly when it hides under the name of 'feminism'."

"Jane Alpert is not important, what is important is that women stop playing games, dangerous games, deadly games. There are two kinds of justice in this country. The system of justice for people like Jane Alpert, and the system of justice for people like Assata Shakur [a Black political prisoner]. Is this what we want the women's movement to represent? The kind of movement Jane Alpert represents. A movement based on class privilege, on white privilege. A racist movement completely cut off from real needs."

Third world aid

PARIS (PTS/LNS)--The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) gave \$17 billion in aid to Third World countries in 1974, according to a report released March 17. The aid, representing 10 percent of the gross national product of the thirteen OPEC member nations, is many times greater than the amount given by the industrialized countries over the past few years. Four billion dollars of the aid was transferred in cash, and the remaining \$13 billion mostly in oil and fertilizer credits.

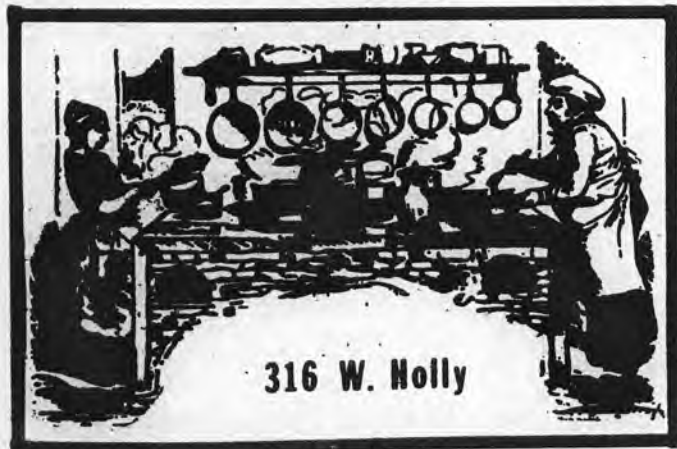
In contrast, the industrialized countries have so far refused to honor a recent U.N. resolution stating that industrial nations should allocate 1 percent of their gross national product to finance development programs in Third World countries.

Gay input

NBC passed an affirmative action statement including protection on the basis of sexual preference and announced this January 27, 1975. NBC told gay representatives that NBC will hold a series of meetings on both coasts to allow direct gay input to production personnel and program executives. This may open the way for positive gay images to appear on TV.

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The plant units, the means used to meet the limits on sulfur dioxide emissions, and the deadline for meeting them follow:

Chattahoochee-Scholz No. 1, flue gas desulfurization (scrubbers) by 1978; Scholz No. 2, scrubbers, this year. The company already has a scrubber in operation on an experimental basis.

Panama City-Lansing Smith No. 1, if low sulfur fuel, by 1976; if scrubbers, by 1979; Lansing Smith No. 2, if low sulfur fuel, by 1976; if scrubbers, by 1980. The company has until July 1, 1975, to decide whether to use low sulfur fuel or scrubbers to comply with sulfur dioxide and particulate limits.

Pensacola-Crist Nos. 4 and 5, if low sulfur fuel, by 1978; if scrubbers, by 1979. Crist No. 6 and 7, if low sulfur fuel, by 1980; if scrubbers, by 1980. The company has until July 1, 1975, to decide whether to use low sulfur fuel or scrubbers to comply with sulfur dioxide and particulate limits (EPA)

POLYVINYL CHLORIDE GOES OVERSEAS

The two biggest manufacturers of vinyl chloride, that odorless gas that produces baby pacifiers, food wraps -- and cancer -- are exporting their operations overseas.

Meanwhile, a federal appeals panel has ordered them to drastically reduce the level of vinyl chloride workers breathe in U.S. plants.

Vinyl chloride (VC) exemplifies a growing problem -- the "export of pollution." As popular sentiment -- and laws -- in this country grow against polluting industries or unsafe work conditions, multinational companies simply shift production to other countries where regulations are less stringent.

Dow Chemical Corps. and BF Goodrich Co., which together account for over one-third of vinyl chloride production in the U.S., have announced plans for new ventures overseas. Goodrich will invest \$7 million in a joint VC venture in New Zealand, while Dow's huge \$205 million petro-chemical complex in South Korea will include a vinyl chloride plant.

Subsidiaries or affiliates of U.S. firms already produce or plan to produce vinyl chloride, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), or PVC products in Brazil, India, Iran, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, Venezuela, Taiwan, and Australia. And First National City Bank of New York and the Export-Import Bank are financing the construction of vinyl chloride and PVC production plants in Indonesia.

Most of these countries have poor populations and developing economies -- and hesitate to impose stringent controls on foreign companies, because the new plants mean much needed jobs.

Their relatively lax pollution and safety standards help increase profit. The trade magazine Chemical Week reported that U.S. chemical companies spent 44 percent less on pollution control at their overseas plants last year than at those inside the U.S. Overall, while anti-pollution costs as a percentage of total costs rose over 1973 inside the U.S., they actually declined overseas.

With budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars, these differences mean significant savings for the multinationals. (PNS)

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ECOLOGISTS VS SMALL LOGGERS

OLYMPIA--A letter sent by Rep. Art Moreau, D-Bellingham, to the House Natural Resources Committee has brought results.

Moreau sent a letter to Rep. John Marinis, D-Everett, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee asking for a review of the Forest Practices Act.

The Committee in turn has sent a letter to Bert Cole, chairman of the Forest Practices Board, asking that the regulation of the act be modified.

The fuss is between the small loggers and ecologists. The ecologists say the act should be stiffened, but the small loggers say the administration of the law is driving them out of business.

The law was intended to prevent logging practices that tend to damage water quality and erode forest lands, especially along streambeds.

"The intent of the law is laudable, but the present administration of it makes enforcement inequitable. The problem doesn't seem to be that the small loggers can't fulfill the requirements to protect the environment, but that the time involved in making applications for cutting permits and handling the other paperwork is becoming onerous," Moreau said.

"The effect," Moreau added, "is to give the large operators an advantage."

The letter from the Natural Resources Committee asks Chairman Cole to modify the regulations as they now stand to give the small loggers and the citizens of the state "something we can all live with."

Honesty is asking, "What does it cost to do anything? What are the implications in terms of non-renewable resource systems?" Whether you're talking about cutting down more forests, or building new freeways, or tourism, what does it take? What does it take to support a tourist for 24 hours?

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SOLAR ACT PASSES

President Gerald R. Ford has signed into law the Solar Heating and Cooling Demonstration Act of 1974, designed to introduce solar energy into American homes and businesses over the next five years. The bill represents a compromise among several different House and Senate versions, arrived at following a year of intense argument over what agency should handle the project and prolonged handwringing over previous failures to exploit so attractive an energy source.

In the final version, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is given responsibility for procuring and developing the necessary technology to heat and cool homes and office buildings at a reasonable price, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is charged with demonstrating the effectiveness of such systems under a variety of conditions. In practice, this means that NASA will try to cut the cost of solar collectors from their present \$5.50 a square foot to around \$2 a square foot - the cost level considered necessary for solar energy to compete with alternative sources. Developers will also have to concentrate on increasing reliability so that when the units are eventually marketed, companies can guarantee their performance for 10 to 15 years. Meanwhile, HUD will subsidize the installation and testing of trial units on private homes and other buildings throughout the country. The National Bureau of Standards will work with HUD to develop performance standards and testing procedures.

Congress has authorized \$60 million for the five-year project, which does not affect ongoing basic research on solar energy being conducted by the National Science Foundation. A separate bill, to give as much as a billion dollars for research and development of solar energy over the next five years, passed the Senate this week. A recent study sponsored by NSF indicated that if the federal Government would undertake an initial incentive program, private industry would rapidly show increased interest. With such participation, the study concluded, by the year 2000, some 4 million buildings may be solar equipped. Until now, the solar industry has been dominated by small entrepreneurs using highly experimental designs, while major companies have taken a "wait and see" attitude.

The two lead agencies are now expected to draw up a tentative working plan, which they will submit to the Congress within four months, together with requests for specific appropriations. Since simple heating systems have progressed further toward marketability than the more involved heating-cooling systems, the timescales proposed for the two projects are expected to be substantially different. Other agencies are also expected to become involved in the effort. The Department of Defense, for example, is expected to work with HUD on installing solar units on military bases.

Besides working out the technical bugs in present solar systems, the five-year demonstration project is designed to boost public acceptance of solar energy. In part this will be accomplished simply by distributing working models around the country, so that soon the average American will personally have seen solar energy in action (supposedly, people are most conservative when it comes to buying homes, and the home building industry fears the acceptability of "unsightly" solar collectors). A more subtle problem will be changing the current financing arrangements that put solar systems at a disadvantage because of their large initial cost. A major educational program will aim at introducing the concept of "life-cycle" costs, which will show homeowners that solar systems theoretically increase the resale value of their houses.

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SAVE A DESERT

The much-abused California desert may have much to be thankful for this year. People, fed up with waiting for the Congress to pass necessary legislation, volunteer organizations are going to work to protect some of the Mojave's ancient Indian rock art sites from further "quarrying" by thieves and souvenir-hunters. "Vehicle barricades are being constructed at the major critically endangered sites," explained Ike Eastvold, Sierra Club project coordinator and chairman of the Rock Art Subcommittee of the state-wide Society for California Archaeology. "Visitors will still enjoy the ancient sites, but they will leave their vehicles a hundred yards or so back at the barricade and walk to see the petroglyphs, making it next to impossible for vandals to lug away the heavy stones." Using surplus railroad ties donated by Santa Fe and scrap strand from Edison and General Telephone, the Sierra Club has begun the protective effort at one of the biggest Mojave sites. "For years the club has been prodding the Congress to pass legislation protecting the California desert," said Sierra Club Southern California Representative Mary Ann Eriksen. "We are all tired of watching helplessly while this desert heritage is ripped off. So our members have volunteered to save what we can."



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The Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it will hold a public hearing April 25 in Honolulu and April 28 in San Francisco to discuss an application by the U.S. Air Force to dispose of 2.3 million gallons of a weed killer, Herbicide Orange, by incinerating it in the mid-Pacific Ocean.

Announcement of the hearing accompanies the Agency's tentative determination to allow the Air Force to conduct a trial "burn" of about 4,200 metric tons of Orange under carefully controlled conditions. The hearing will help the Agency to make a final decision as to the feasibility of this method to dispose of the remaining stock.

EPA regulates the incineration and dumping of wastes at sea under authority of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to insure that such activities do not cause significant harm to the marine environment. The Agency has tentatively determined from data received thus far that the proposed burn would cause no unreasonable harm.

The proposed burn would occur aboard the specially equipped Dutch incinerator ship Vulcanus 1,000 miles west of Hawaii near Johnston Island, a U.S. possession. The ship was recently used by the Shell Chemical Company to dispose of organo-chlorine wastes in the Gulf of Mexico.

In addition to ocean incineration, the Air Force is also exploring the possibility of transferring the herbicide to commercial pesticide producers for chemical reprocessing which might permit eventual marketing of the product in this country as a pesticide or industrial chemical. To comply with Federal policy on the disposal of pesticides, this option must be fully explored before EPA may permit the destruction of the chemicals by ocean incineration.

A final decision by EPA to approve the request to incinerate will be contingent upon a showing by the Air Force at the hearing that no feasible alternative to incineration exists. Among other things the Air Force must also show that it can monitor effectively the constituents of exhaust gases to determine the efficiency of destruction of the toxic chemicals.

Herbicide Orange is a 50-50 mixture of 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D, two weed killers currently registered by EPA but at much lower concentrations than the Air Force Stock. The primary question to be resolved in reformulating Orange is whether its "dioxin" content can be reduced to the 0.1 part per million level considered safe by EPA. Dioxin is a highly toxic impurity created in 2,4,5-T during its manufacture.

About 1.4 million gallons, or over 60 percent of total Air Force stocks, are now stored on Johnston Island approximately 800 miles west of Hawaii. An additional 860,000 gallons are stockpiled in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Herbicide Orange had been used as a defoliant in Vietnam, but this use was discontinued by the Air Force in 1970.

Notice of receipt of the Air Force's application and the Agency's tentative determination, as well as the proposed designation of the incineration site, are published in today's Federal Register.

If you look at a rain forest, which is an example of a steady state, the energy coming in equals the energy coming out and the patterns keep reproducing themselves. And if you look within a rain forest you find that there's very little competition within species. Dog-eat-dog competition does not exist in a steady state system.

ADDY CASE

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has granted the Sierra Club & WEC a partial injunction halting transmission right-of-way clearing - thus preventing delivery of federally-produced hydroelectric power for a proposed Alcoa magnesium plant near Addy in northeastern Washington. William Rives, Chairman of the Puget Sound Group and attorney in the case noted that, "In the old days of the 'cheap electric power' myth, energy-intensive light metals processing plants were attracted to the region. But the Federal Bonneville Power Administration did not consider the serious environmental consequences of perpetuating this pattern with this newest plant, and no NEPA review was made." Hydroelectric energy in the northwest is now functioning at maximum capacity. Because of heavy federal subsidy, it is far underpricing attracts, such as the Alcoa plant, it will be necessary to turn to environmentally destructive sources, such as nuclear reactors. A favorable decision on these issues by the Court could clear the way for correcting the energy pricing problem. This would remove a major incentive for environmentally destructive growth in the Northwest. (WEC)

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(WWSC) 4 pm - National Film Board of Canada films, Western Library Presentation room. FREE

(WWSC) 7 pm - Western Go Club meeting, novices and the curious welcome. VU Coffee Den. FREE

15 tuesday

(B) 7:30 pm - Democratic Issues Forum: Washington State Government. Be a grass root at the Unitarian Church, 1474 Franklin

(B) 8:15 pm - Opera Workshop, Menotti's "Old Maid and the Thief" at Bellingham Theatre Guild

(B) 8 pm - County Planning Board meeting, County Courthouse

(WWSC) 12 to 4 pm - Canada Week films: Western Library Presentation room. FREE

(WWSC) 6:30 pm - "The Seven Samurai" lecture hall 2

(WWSC) 7 pm - Introduction to Eckankar - the ancient science of soul travel in VU room 360. FREE

(WWSC) 7:30 pm - film on life of Guru Maharaj Ji. Music by Celestial String Band. VU room 354. FREE

(S) War Resisters League/War Tax Resisters demonstration against destructive use of income tax dollars. call Louise 525-9486

(S) 7:30 pm - Puget Sound Boeing Stockholders Group meeting at American Friends Service Committee, 814 NE 40th St.

(S) 7:30 pm - Lesbian Health Collective meeting. Gail Hethcote discusses message Fremont Women's Clinic, 6817 Greenwood Ave. N. 782-5788

(B) 10 am - ANTI NUCLEAR RALLY AND MARCH meet behind b'ham public library for film and speakers

16 wednesday

(B) 6:30 pm - Northwest Passage Potluck meeting. 1119 19th St.

(B) 8 pm - City Planning Board meeting City Hall

(WWSC) Theodore Roszak, author of "The Making of a Counter Culture" will speak on "Ethics and Ecstasy" 10 am at Fairhaven College Auditorium; 3 pm at Huxley College ESC 100; and 8 pm in the VU Lounge

(WWSC) 4 pm - Canada Week films, Western Library Presentation room. FREE

(WWSC) 6:30 and 9 pm - "Singing in the Rain" Fairhaven College Auditorium 50c

(WWSC) 8:15 pm - Concert by Louis-Edward Smart, bassist in Concert Hall FREE

(S) 8 pm - WRL/WTR dessert and potluck at Pacem in Terris House, 331 17th E.

17 thursday

FOOD DAY

(B) UFW Support Committee will be leaf letting at supermarkets. To help these friendly folk, call Kathy Person at 676-4758 or Charlie Countryman at 676-8840

(B) 2:30 pm - Free films "Portrait of the Orient" and "Sailing in Newfoundland" at B'ham Public Library

6:30 pm - Community Meeting & Potluck at 900 25th St

(B) 7:30 pm - Council of governments meeting County Courthouse

(B) 7:30 pm - Shoreline Management Committee

(WWSC) 9 to 11 am - Don Brice, KIRO-TV speaking on anti-advocacy in lecture hall 3. FREE

(WWSC) 5 pm - Food Day Forum at CCM House. Rice & tea dinner at 6pm. Speakers & films following

(WWSC) 6:30 & 9 pm - "A Woman Rebels" lecture hall 4, 75c

(WWSC) 7:30 pm - UFW Support Committee meeting at Campus Christian Ministry, 102 Highland Drive

(S) 6:30 pm - Radical Women Potluck; 7:30 pm meeting; 8:30 pm educational "From Rebel Girl to Woman Leader" childcare available, call 632-7449

(S) 7:30 pm - Vernal Equinox Film Festival - Quatre Nuits D'un Reveur (Four Nights of a Dreamer) Seattle Art Museum \$1.50

18 friday

(B) PEOPLE'S PALACE HOUSEWARMING POTLUCK

(WWSC) 8pm - Joanne Little Benefit sock-hop dance in VU room 450. \$1 children and senior citizens free

(WWSC) 8 pm Mama Sundays Open Mike 9:30 pm "An Initial Effort" with H. Jack Hansen and B. Gordon Kirkman in VU Coffee Den. FREE

(Lynden) 7 pm - Free films: "Holland against the Sea" and "Brown Wolf" at Lynden Community Center

(S) 6:30 pm - Fellowship of Reconciliation, 60th Anniversary Potluck at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave

(S) 7:30 pm - "Art of the American Wilderness" a full color slide show at the general membership meeting of the Sierra Club at Faith Lutheran Church, 18th NE and NE 82nd

(S) 8 pm - Bee Smith - soul, blues & hand clapping spirituals at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE \$1.50

19 saturday

(WWSC) 6 pm - Hawaiian Luau - an evening of feast & fun in VU Lounge. \$ 4

(WWSC) 6:30 & 9 pm - "Fritz the Cat" - film benefit for KUGS-FM in Music Auditorium. 75c

(S) 1 pm - Community Convention (June 13-15) Planning at University Christian Church, 4731 15th Ave NE

(S) 8 pm - Maggie Unrue & Mike Pixley - strong, clear voice and good harmony at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE \$1.50

20 sunday

(B) 3 pm - Mt. Baker Performance Center Dance Company and Ballet Northwest. \$2.00

(WWSC) 3 pm - Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra in WWSC Concert Hall

(WWSC) 6:30 & 9 pm - "The Harder They Come" Music Auditorium 75c

(S) KRAB-FM After-Pledge-Week Performing Arts Therapy at One World Family on Broadway. details on air

(S) 1 pm - Pennywhistle techniques & tunes workshop with Nick Voreas at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE 75c

(S) 3 pm - Fellowship of Reconciliation discussion with United Farm Workers at 947 Broadway



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21 monday

(W) 7 pm - Go Club meeting - everyone welcome in VU Coffee Den FREE

(W) 7 & 9 pm - "Dead End" Arntzen Hall Auditorium 50c

(W) 7:30 pm - Campus Christian Fellowship presents Jimmy Swaggart speaking in Carver Gym

(W) 7:30 pm - Wildlife Film Series in VU Lounge FREE

22 tuesday

(W) 6:30 & 9 pm - "Red Nightmare" and "F Stone's Weekly" Music Auditorium 75c

(W) 8:15 pm - Western Symphony Orchestra Performance in Concert Hall. FREE

7:30 pm - Lesbian Health Collective meeting community rap on Women & Violence at Front Women's Clinic, 6817 Greenwood Ave N. 2-5788

23 wednesday

(W) 6:30 & 9 pm - "East of Eden" starring Dean in Fairhaven College Auditorium 50c

(W) 8:15 pm - Invitational Choral Concert Concert Hall FREE

8 pm - "Story of Eric" free film sponsored by La Leche League at B'ham Public Library

8 pm - Contemporary Group, concert in W Studio Theatre 50c

24 thursday

RAB-FM 7:30 pm - WRL/WTR discussion

11 noon - 1:30 pm - YWCA Thursday Forum presents "Women's Legal Rights" current legislation affecting women with Judith Bush, lawyer

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(WWSC) noon - Highline Community College band in Concert Hall. FREE

(WWSC) 9 to 11am - Andy Reynolds, KING-TV speaking on teen crime and drinking in lecture hall 3. FREE

(WWSC) 6:30 & 9 pm - "Summer Wishes, Winter Dreams" Music Auditorium 75c

(WWSC) 7 pm - Bellingham Poetry Association first meeting at VU room 361

(S) 7:30 pm - New Member meeting of Sierra Club at Barbara Russell's, 526 Lakeside S. no 6, call 329-9459

(S) 8 pm - KYOGEN - National Comic Theatre of Japan at U of W Meany Hall \$3.50

25 friday

(WWSC) 7:30 pm - Crescent Valley Swing Choir (Corvallis, Ore.) in Concert Hall. FREE

(WWSC) 8 pm - Mama Sundays presents Old Coast Highway & Tatoo Parlor. FREE

(S) 8 pm - Professor Michael Meeropol, son of ethel and Julius Rosenberg, presents "Re-opening the Past in Light of the Present" at University Unitarian Church, 6566 35th Ave NE

(S) 8 pm - Florence Mesler, lyric-spinto soprano and Dr. Stanley Chapple, pianist present arias from American Opera at U of W Meany Hall \$1

(S) Richard Tubbs - fine original songs at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE \$1.50

26 saturday

(B) 8:30 pm - Northwest Passage Benefit Boogie featuring the Fruitland Famine Band at Welcome Grange, corner of Mt Baker Highway and Mosquito Lake Rd. refreshments for sale. \$1.50

(Olympia) noon - Rally for Jobs For All (parallels rallies in D.C., L.A., S.F., by Industrial Unions Departments) gather at Capitol Building & Rotunda

(WWSC) 6:30 & 9 pm - "The Conversation" Music Auditorium 75c

(S) 8 pm - The Trio from Reach - songs of the 30's & 40's on piano and banjo at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE

27 sunday

(B) 6 pm - Southfork Bluegrass Band and Rose and the Dirt Boys at Welcome Grange, corner of Mt Baker Highway and Mosquito Lake Rd. \$2

(WWSC) 6:30 & 9 pm - "Jimi Hendrix Plays Berkeley" Music Auditorium 75c

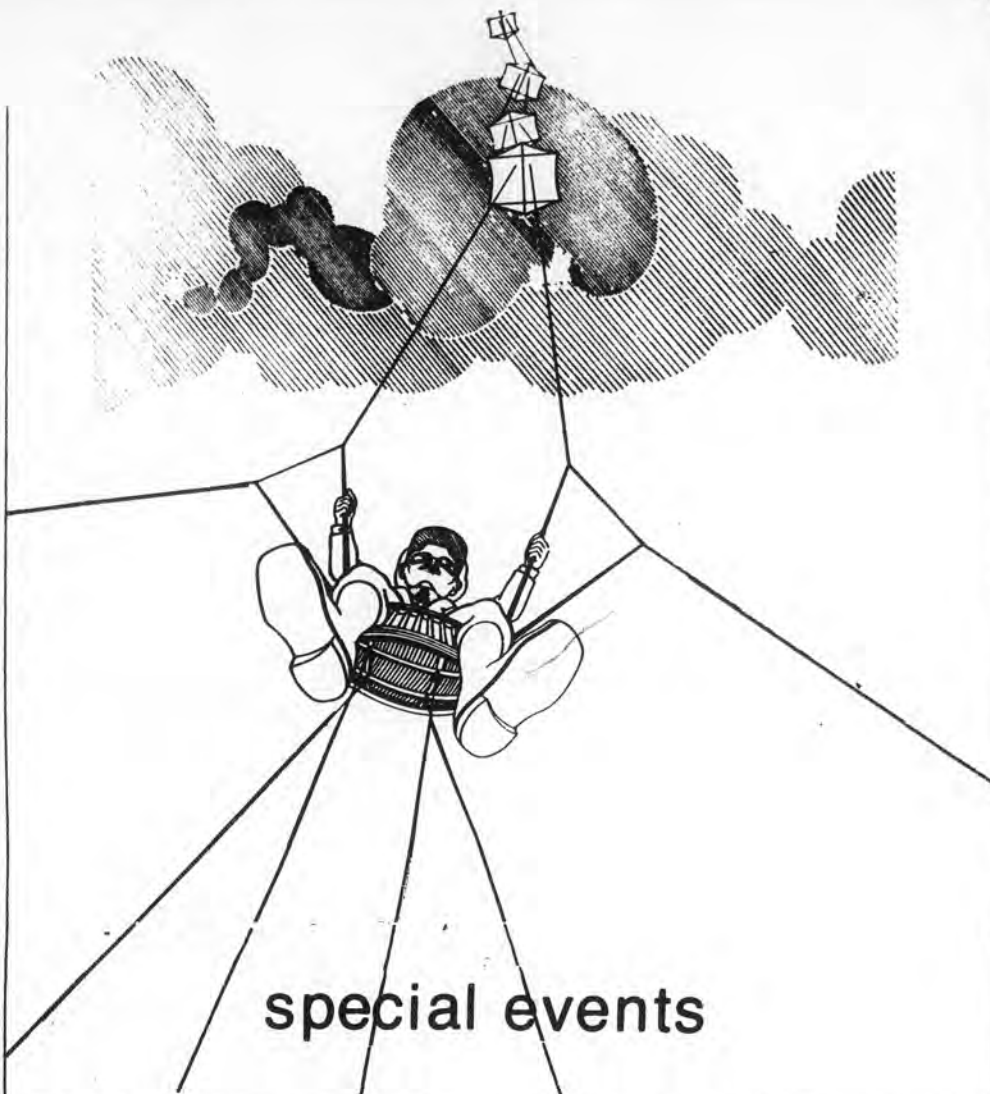
(S) 1 pm - Beginning flat pick buitar workshop with Richard Levine at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE 75c

(S) 3 pm - "Indian Sculpture and Its Influence in Southeast Asia" lecture by Dr. Prata-paditya in Auditorium of Seattle Art Museum Volunteer Park \$2

3:30 pm - Collegium Musicum, Silvia Kind, director presents an all Bach program at U of W Meany Hall FREE

(S) 7 pm - Film Festival for Peace and Justice (every other Sunday) presents "Inheritance" tells of garment workers union on the move in a time of crisis at Lakeside Middle School, 1501 10th Ave E. \$2.50 donation for benefit of PCPJ

(S) 8 pm - Recorder Group, Renaissance music at the Clubhouse, 5257 University Way NE \$1.75



special events

May Day Kite Flying Contest - Fairhaven Park

2nd Annual Futures Fair at WWSC, April 24 thru 27. Tentative schedule: Thursday - Goals For Bellingham; Friday - World Problems; Saturday - Alternative Energy; Sunday - Planning for the Future.

Kundalini Yoga weekend workshop at WWSC, Room VU 008, April 26 & 27, 1 to 6 pm. An intro to the basic techniques of breathing, exercise, and meditation as taught by Yogi Bhasan, as well as the practical application of yogic philosophy and practices. Conducted by Gurupreet Singh, Director 3HO Foundation of Washington. For further info call 524-3686 in Seattle or 734-9697 in Bellingham

Sculpture exhibit by George Bishop and Tom McClellan thru April 18 at VU Art Gallery; Paintings by Julia Hurd and prints by Kristine Bak from April 21 thru May 2

Asian Awareness week at WWSC including "Pride and Shame" exhibit in VU Lounge and Asian Food Fair in VU Plaza, week of April 15 thru 19

Former Senator Eugene McCarthy will be speaking at WWSC on Monday April 28 at 2 pm in the Music Auditorium. A 50c admission will be collected. McCarthy will also attend a public reception at the Campus Christian Ministry from 3:30

A No-Fee Clinic will administer the Pap Test to detect cervical cancer at St. Luke's Hospital, April 24, 7 to 9 pm; April 25, 10 am to 2 pm; April 26, 8 am to 12 noon

Sexual Violence in the Community at Yakima Valley Community College- April 17, April 24, and May 1 at 7:30 pm

Third World Bicentennial Forum at Evergreen State College - see community news for details

Woman's Sexuality Workshop in Seattle, April 25, 26, 27 sponsored by Seattle Coyote. Registration cost \$20 per person (flexible) for more info call 636-2275 or WWSC Women's Commission, VU Room 215

Contemporary American Art Exhibit at Seattle Center Art Museum Pavilion thru May 6

regular meetings

SUNDAYS

(B) First Sunday of each month, potluck and meeting of the ELIZABETH BLACKWELL WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER, at 409 Maplewood, 4 pm.

MONDAYS

(B) Well Adult Clinic for Senior Citizens, FREE at Senior Activity Center, 314 E. Holly. Sign up in advance.

every other Monday

(B) PASSAGE MAILING PARTY, 1 pm, after the new issue comes out. Help us get the paper to our subscribers. Also pick up your copies to deal on the street. All at the office on the 2nd floor of the Good Earth Bldg.

(B) City Council meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, except for months with 5 Mondays, then it's on the second and fourth. City Hall at 8 pm.

TUESDAYS

(B) Weekly meetings of the WHATCOM ENERGY Council, at 7:30 pm at their office in the Clover Building, 203 W. Holly, office no. m 12.

However, on the first Tuesday of the month, the meeting is at 5:30 and a potluck dinner is shared.

WEDNESDAYS

(B) FOOD CO-OP WEEKLY Meeting at noon, at the store, 1000 Harris. All welcome.

(B) Third Wednesday of the month, City Land Use Commission meets. 8 pm at City Hall.

THURSDAYS

(S) WOMEN OUT NOW prison project holds open meetings on the Third Thursday of the month. call 325-6498.

(S) Radical Women meeting each week, 7:30 pm at 3815 5th Ave NE.

(B) Free Dental Clinic, 6 to 9 pm at Bellingham Tech School, 3028 Lindberg Ave.

(B) LAND TRUST meeting. 1000 Harris. 3 pm.

THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS

(B) Co-op GARDEN Work Party. 10 am, 32nd St., south of Taylor.

Reviews Views Reviews

The Three Marias NEW PORTUGUESE LETTERS

By Maria Isabel Barreno, Maria Teresa Horta, Maria Velho de Costa
Doubleday (hardcover) \$10

by michelle celarier

THE THREE MARIAS: NEW PORTUGUESE LETTERS has just been published in this country after being banned and its authors jailed on "obscenity" charges over two years ago. Waves of protest from both the feminist and literary community ensued, and charges were finally dropped after the April 74 coup in Portugal.

This now famous book is an elegant, moving and often depressing statement of the beginnings of collective consciousness among women as they struggle—however futilely—to free themselves from the reigns of marriage, the family, the church and a dictatorial government—all of which help keep women isolated and desperate.

The process of collective undertaking by three women—admittedly bourgeois writers capable of spending their time on such an endeavor—is inextricably woven into the theme and style of the book. It begins with the three Marias, the authors, discussing their decision to write about the plight of women through the use of a conventional literary form—the famous "Letters of a Portuguese Nun" of the 17th century. This woman, Mariana de Aldofodora, was renounced by her family after she had an affair with a swashbuckling French chevalier, and carted off to the convent. The repressive character of both the church and the family are thus inherent in the book from its conception.

The "letters," which unify the book, are on the theme of passion. In writing to her "lover," Mariana remains a woman

unpossessed, except by her desires which she sees as the only way to freedom. Yet her exercise of passion, however enriching, has given men (and the church) power over her. Passion and death are often spoken of together in this book, emphasizing the desperation which such "freedom" implies and the intensity with which it is felt. Mariana's emotional distance from her passion is her only armour. In an essay on "intimacy" is written:

And thus Mariana asserts herself, kills herself, thus she yields herself, surrenders herself, doubts herself. Thus the woman-Mariana silences herself: a fenced-in preserve, herself the prey, the low stand of trees, the weapon she uses to affirm herself, to steady herself.

Her lover's response is to call her selfish, furious that he cannot possess her totally.

The juxtaposition of the letters with essays, poems and word games showing the lives of different women—ancestors, descendants, daughters, mothers, Marias, Marianas—is structurally powerful. It brings the lives of all these women together. Their problems are not unique: this is not just the story of one woman confined within the celibacy of the convent because of her rebellion from societal codes, but the struggle of all women who seek in some way to be free. In an essay entitled "The Prison," a woman is beaten by her husband for calling him a pig; in "The Father," a daughter is raped by her father, then banished by her family for her "perversity;" in "The Mother," a woman dreams of murdering her son. All of the segments are unsigned works of art, also emphasizing the collective nature of the writing.

Much of the book deals explicitly with the sexual relationship between women and men. The passion is so often wrapped up in vengeance and hatred for the way men, specifically, and society, generally, treat women that it is for the most part unpleasantly erotic. In one instance, a woman murders her lover as the climax to an intense sexual experience. Vengeance validates anger which has no other outlet.

Yet it seems doubtful that the tracts on passion and sexual intercourse are



"mary and elisabeth" by kathe kollwit

what was so shocking to the fascist Portuguese government in 1972. One of the first letters mentions the "serious nature of our undertaking"—

Men have always been involved with and have always dreamed of what is extroverted form, in what rises up straight and tall, in what rends space. And so they know nothing of the abysses and depths, they know nothing about us women. They say to you: "You're fluid," and fail to recognize the solid rock that sustains the weight of this ocean. . .

The lyrical sensuality of the above takes on more political import as only a few pages later is written:

*Our passion is bread,
Our exercise the world, our objects
The masters of working women and whores
Then another woman responds:
The only sisterhood
Is the convent.
No one is our true companion.
We are given in marriage and sold by our own selves.
There was no bread for us at men's tables.*

Still another woman expands the theme:

*Our hope
Is the ruin of houses. This is how you will
Emerge from your passion.
Marriage, the church, all institutions—
"houses"— which keep women (and all
oppressed peoples) in their position in
society, which keep passion repressive,
must be destroyed.*

Two hundred pages later, in 1940, a woman, Ana Maria, a descendant of a long line of philosophic nuns which began with the jilted Mariana, writes in her "diary" on the subject of revolution:

I am well aware that revolt on the part of the woman is what leads to disruption in every social class; nothing can ever be the same afterwards, neither class nor relations between groups, nor relations between individuals. . . The woman's real problem is not whether she is going to win or lose; it is, rather, the problem of her identity. There is little doubt that in this society there are many things she finds satisfying; but there is even less doubt that the woman (and the man as well) are not aware of how they are manipulated and conditioned. Perfect repression is the sort that is not felt by the person suffering from it, the sort that is unconsciously accepted.

Perfect repression. Dona Maria Ana, the seventh generation of nuns, is seen as writing of the virtue in not relating to men at all, if men and women are not equal, the convent being preferable to marriage;

The spirit of contradiction gradually becomes a passive virtue, and all the imposed vows of self-deprivation—pain, poverty, obedience, chastity—little by little are transformed into a sort of self-satisfied, absolute unquestioned virtue.

In this way she validates her ancestor Mariana's refusal to accept her traditional role, though her alternative was to be "possessed" by passion, passion which she never renounces, even in the convent. She refuses to pray, saying she is not seeking God but fleeing "Him."

The depths and beauty of this book are vast. The sensitivity, power and tragedy of women are so intricately woven among the various literary elements that, even if it were not on its way to becoming a bestseller, it is still a work of creative genius.

The situation of women in Portugal has changed somewhat since the coup, with the beginnings of a women's movement. Working women's wages have improved slightly, but Portugal still has the lowest minimum wage in Europe. In a country dominated by fascism, machismo and catholicism, the struggle will be long and painful. Yet, as is written:

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Men and Masculinity

by carol ehlich
(research group one)

Joseph Pleck & Jack Sawyer, eds.
Prentice-Hall

The flood of books and articles about women's liberation has been accompanied by a small trickle of writings about men's liberation. This must puzzle many people who know that the women's movement is a necessary response to male oppression. MEN'S liberation? What do men think they have to be liberated from?

A partial answer can be found in a new collection of readings entitled MEN AND MASCULINITY. MEN AND MASCULINITY is edited by two psychologists—Joseph H. Pleck of the University of Michigan and Jack Sawyer of the University of California at Berkeley. It is one of Prentice-Hall's series of short paperback texts intended for use in sociology and psychology courses. The existence of such a book is encouraging,

aspects of himself, such as gentleness and caring for others.

Inevitably, the reader becomes witness to the inner journeys of men who describe the relationships of individual men with other men, with women, with children. We learn of the traumas suffered by males who are good at sports/not good at sports; males who have erections when they don't want them, or—far worse in our culture—can't have them when they want them. We learn that the latter problem is called "sexual dysfunction." We read about men who cannot decide whether to relate sexually to men or to women. There are males who can't talk to each other; can't cry; can't love. There are men involved in child care, but the emphasis tends to be on the man

among capitalist institutions, hierarchical behavior, and the masculine role, their only real suggestion for action is that men reject "getting ahead" and "staying cool." This is hardly an adequate response to the inhumanity of our political economy. Nor does it confront this fact: An individual man may reject what he sees as oppressive elements of his role, but because he is male, he will still retain certain privileges of masculinity, even if he does not want them.

Because this is true, it is arrogant and ugly for Sawyer to try to lay equal responsibility on women for their own oppression, as he does; and for the authors of the "Berkeley Men's Center Manifesto" to put down the women's movement (and, by extension, all other movements) by insisting that "all liberation movements are equally important; there is no hierarchy of oppression." And then, of course, they inflate the search of sensitive men for another way of life by calling it a "liberation movement." Or, as Sawyer neatly puts it, "being a master has its burdens." Imagine the reaction if this comment were translated into a situation of racial or economic dominance! Imagine white telling black, boss telling worker, slave-owner telling slave—"Being a master has its burdens."

Obviously, Sawyer is only partly correct when he writes: "The battle of women to be free need not be a battle against men as oppressors. The choice about whether men are the enemy is up to men themselves." He is right when he says men can choose which side to be on. But that choice must entail something more than modifying inappropriate personal behavior. Suppose Sawyer, Pleck, and their male friends "give up power" over others. Then what? Outside their own immediate circles, where it will undoubtedly make a considerable difference, what difference can it make in the lives of everyone else? Will it destroy institutional racism and sexism? End American manipulation of the economies of Third World countries? End our support of military dictatorships? Prevent another intervention such as the one against the socialist government of Chile?

It will, of course, do none of these things. Men must work simultaneously to change their individual relationships with women (and with other men) and to change our political-economic system that thrives on the power of a few privileged men over the masses of Americans, both men and women.

The Pleck-Sawyer reader has too many examples of hip academics and gentle dropouts who are striving for quiet personal change. I wish them well. But Pleck and Sawyer, at least, should know that this social system can easily accommodate a few renegades, especially if these renegades confine their activism to Getting Their Heads Together, alone or in concern with like-minded men. And today, tomorrow, in the foreseeable future, nothing else has to change very much.



by heinrich kley

because the editors and many of the writers insist that men must give up all power to dominate women (as well as other men). But because the anthology dwells almost exclusively upon the personal aspects of the masculine role, it is unbalanced and without scope.

Perhaps this is because both editors are psychologists, and psychologists tend to act as if personal solutions are the answer to all social ills. Or perhaps the problem lies in the class and race characteristics of most of these writers. As the editors state frankly, this is a book by and for "males who are white, middle-class, heterosexual, and live in the United States" (p.2). It is, by and large, about relatively privileged men who have become aware of the personal costs of the "good life" open to them in a capitalist society. It is about men who know that the good life requires conformity to the masculine role, and who—to extend the capitalist theme—are not buying it. These are men who have learned that a man who is successfully socialized into the twin role demands of "getting ahead" and "staying cool" loses touch with other valuable

rather than the children, on men getting in touch with their buried inner selves.

Many of these men describe their struggles to overcome sexism in their everyday lives. Yet, most seem barely aware of the power of institutional sexism, and relatively little space is given to its discussion. As a result, any politically aware reader has to struggle with contradictory reactions of sympathy for their obvious personal pain and anger at their apolitical self-indulgence.

When institutional sexism is mentioned—for example, by Sawyer—it is called a result of individual sexism.

"The acceptance of sex-role stereotypes not only limits the individual but also has bad effects on society generally... The main effect now is to help sustain a system in which private 'virtues' become public vices" (p.172).

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Chinatown revisited

Roman Polanski's CHINATOWN now showing at the Viking 2, is an extremely well done movie that goes for the jugular of American concepts of democracy, individual conscience, and private power. Starring Jack

Nicholson and Faye Dunaway, it is set in the Los Angeles of the 1930s, described by one of the characters as a small town. The sets, costumes, props and language used, go together to present a very convincing im-

age of the culture of that period. The Polanski eye for detail utilized period newspaper headlines, posters and lots of vintage autos to set the stage. He then peopled it with a spectrum of characters from the richest men and women in the county to hyper-subservient Chinese domestics. The blatant paternalism, sexism and racism displayed by the men in the film recreates a time when these attitudes did not need to be concealed to the extent that they are today.

The basic plot—when extricated from a carefully fabricated mystery, danger and suspense story—is one of the assertive individual standing up against the ever present powers of corruption and exploitation. J. J. Gettys (Nicholson) is a private detective who specializes in divorce work complete with indiscriminating photographs. Having worked as an assistant prosecutor in the Chinatown of white slavery and opium traffic while having his hands tied by his superiors has forced him into a self serving and cynical attitude towards himself and others. His express attitude is "Let sleeping dogs lie." But some combination of sexual attraction, pique at being fooled with, and latent hate for oppression get him involved in challenging the very forces that own and control L.A. He uncovers an elaborate plot to con the voters of L. A. into approving a new dam to provide more water, ostensibly for the thirsty citizens of the city. In reality, however, water is being dumped into the ocean at night and the new dam is needed to irrigate thousands of acres of desert land which had just been secretly purchased by Noah Cross, the personally and corporately corrupt head of the local power elite. When Gettys is almost shot and has his nose half severed from his face by one of Cross' sadistic henchmen, he isn't discouraged but only more determined. Putting himself in the quixotic role, he delves ever deeper into the tangle which threatens to devour him.

I had expected the movie to end with right triumphing and the the strong individual thwarting evil. But instead, he was crushed and destroyed by forces so powerful and pervasive that it becomes clear he never had a chance. And the metaphor of Chinatown becomes brutally clear as the last sequence takes us for the first time to that jungle where anything goes and the people are treated less than human.

The world of Jake Gettys comes crashing down, and he is told by his partner as he begins to initiate another vain struggle, "Forget it Jake, it's Chinatown." The realization comes home that Chinatown is not just a place but a basic fact of life. When Gettys asked multimillionaire Cross what he could possibly buy with more money, he was

told "the future." From a look at present day L.A. it becomes apparent that he succeeded. And it becomes apparent to me that lone crusaders and vainglorious heroes cannot take back for us our future.

jim hansen

Hollywood feminism

Hollywood's feminism does not appease me. What Warner Brothers offers as the 1975 liberated woman only reminds me of a slightly transformed Doris Day film. Doris, in her day, was also cast as a strong woman, a woman alone (for a while), who could get angry and even sing (viz. "Pajama Game" and "It Happened to Jane"). Doris' plots had a familiar conclusion; in the end she works things out and rides into the sunset with her man. In "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," Ellen Burstyn has learned to swear and has far surpassed her predecessor in acting ability. But I am not convinced that this movie has any new feminist message.

Waylaid in Tuscon on a midle-aged return to her happy childhood home Ellen Burstyn, as Alice, is in the midst of changing her life after her husband's death. One afternoon in her garden she announced she could do just fine without any men in her life at all. I remembered that. But, in the end, Alice must admit in a bathroom conference that she does not know how to live without a man. The lights come on and the curtain comes down and we all sigh to the tune of a traditional film ending.

There are redeeming qualities to the film. Alice is a strong and intelligent main character. She is funny and real; she can scream "Socorro sucks" about her life in the town where she, her husband and son live. The film shows women being close to one another. Alice's two friends are her main succor through good and bad times. The strength and compassion of women sharing together is beautifully shown. Naturally neither of these women develop into characters of central personal importance to Alice in the plot. They are only her neighbor and co-worker.

As the movie ends, she is a woman struggling for her own existence and meaning in a new relationship with Kris Kristofferson, a conciliatory man. I think that we are meant to believe that it will work, that things will be better.

"Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" is Hollywood's rendering of feminism. I do not think that their picture has changed drastically in the last twenty years. Nothing is threatened by their meaning of feminism; no one gets hurt; Alice wants to sing and can even swear. The film is a small step for feminism in the media and it is not enough.

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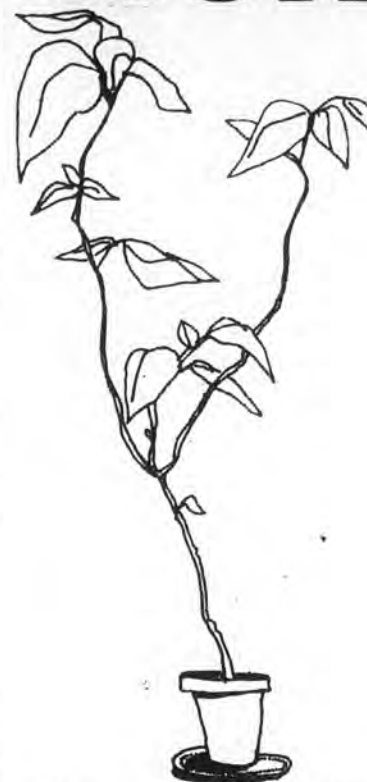
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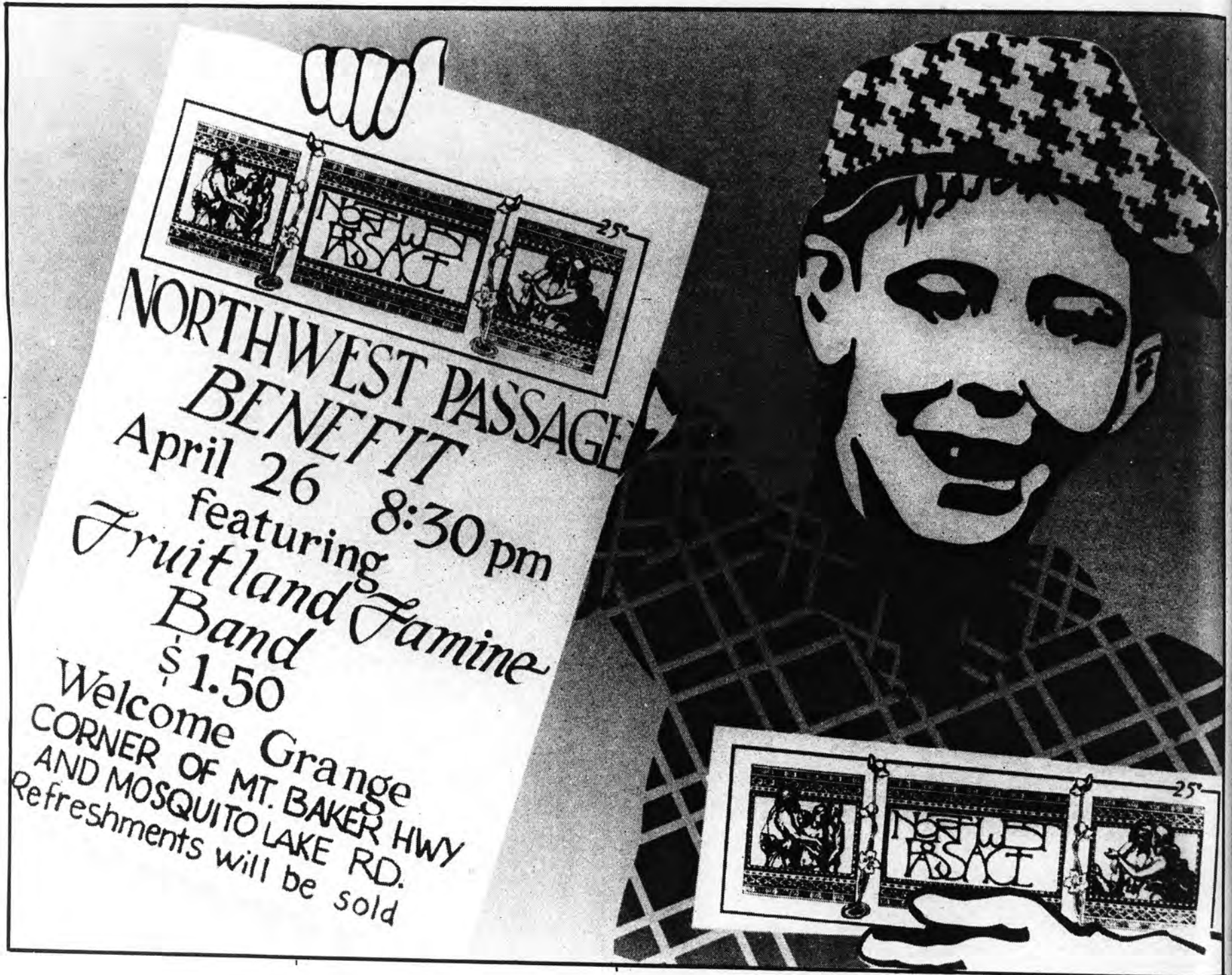
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the seer crawled from the ruins of the empire and stood bleeding,
bleeding on the border and said passion has led to chaos
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