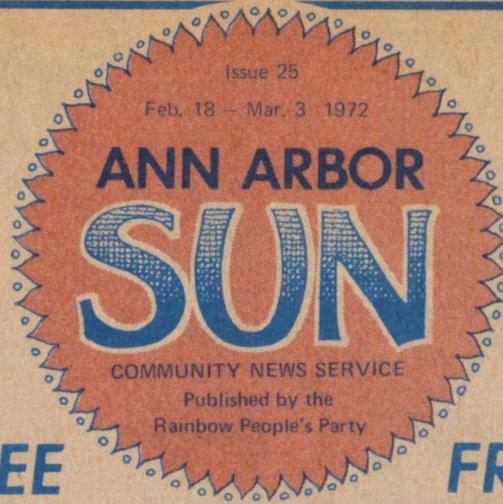


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VOTE GENIE P. ON APRIL 3!

Genie Plamondon, Rainbow People's Party member, community worker, Psychedelic Ranger organizer, and local news coordinator for the SUN, is running to win a seat on the Ann Arbor City Council from the Third Ward, as a member of the Human Rights Party, along with 4 other HRP candidates. There are five city council seats up for re-election on April 3, and the Human Rights Party is going after all of them.

This year in Ann Arbor, with the new 18-year old vote and the fact that students can vote where they go to school, there's a very good chance that Rainbow people can begin to gain representation on the council and start having an affect on the development of the city as a whole. But in order to take advantage of the opportunity that exists, everyone eligible must

REGISTER TO VOTE BY MARCH 3rd. So far HRP estimates that 50 percent of the eligible new voters have registered; during the few weeks we have left various community groups will be carrying on a massive registration drive to get that other 50% signed up.

You can register to vote any weekday during business hours at the City Clerk's office, which is on the second floor of City Hall, at the upcoming Daystar Bonn and Delaney concert, at the February 27th Tribal Stomp at the Union Ballroom (details coming soon), and at tables that will be set up soon all over town. A door to door registration drive is also planned, so you might be able to register when you least expect it.

The only requirements are that you be at least 18 and have lived in Ann Arbor for at least 30 days by April 3rd and aren't registered anywhere else.

The Human Rights Party is *on the ballot*; this isn't a write in campaign or a publicity stunt, and with your help their candidates can actually become members of the government. The HRP Platform and program, along with a brief introduction to each of the five candidates, can be found in the centerfold of this issue of the SUN.

The City Council controls the police department when it wants to guide the overall growth of the city, and, maybe most importantly, gives all the city agencies and services their money. The Democrats and Republicans have historically managed the city and its economy from the point of view of the interests of the big businesses in the city, and have paid attention to the needs of the people in



Register Now!

The time to register to vote in the April 3rd Ann Arbor City Council elections is **now!** Registration closes **March 3rd** for the April 3 elections, which means that people who want to vote in the City Council elections **must** be registered by March 3rd or else they won't be able to participate in the election. This year's City Council elections are extremely important to our whole community: we have the chance to elect at least two representatives ourselves, but only a unified effort by the entire rainbow community will make this possibility real. We strongly urge our sisters and brothers in the community to register **now** for the April 3rd elections and to vote for the people's candidates—including sister Genie Plamondon of the RPP and her running mates on the Human Rights Party ticket—in those elections.

The Rainbow People's Party is sponsoring, with the Ann Arbor Tribal Council, the Human Rights Party, and the Student Government Council at the University of Michigan, an intensive voter registration drive between now and March 3rd. Our goal is to register every eligible voter in the Ann Arbor Rainbow community. The drive will culminate in Voter Registration Week February 27-March 3, beginning with a dance/rally at the Union Ballroom Sunday the 27th and continuing with a thorough-going voter registration effort throughout the week. But we can do only so much—people in the community have to take an active interest in the situation and get themselves over to the nearest registration station to register before it's too late. **MARCH 3rd IS THE DEADLINE. REGISTER NOW! VOTE HUMAN! GENIE P. APRIL 3!**

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
—John Sinclair, Chairman RPP

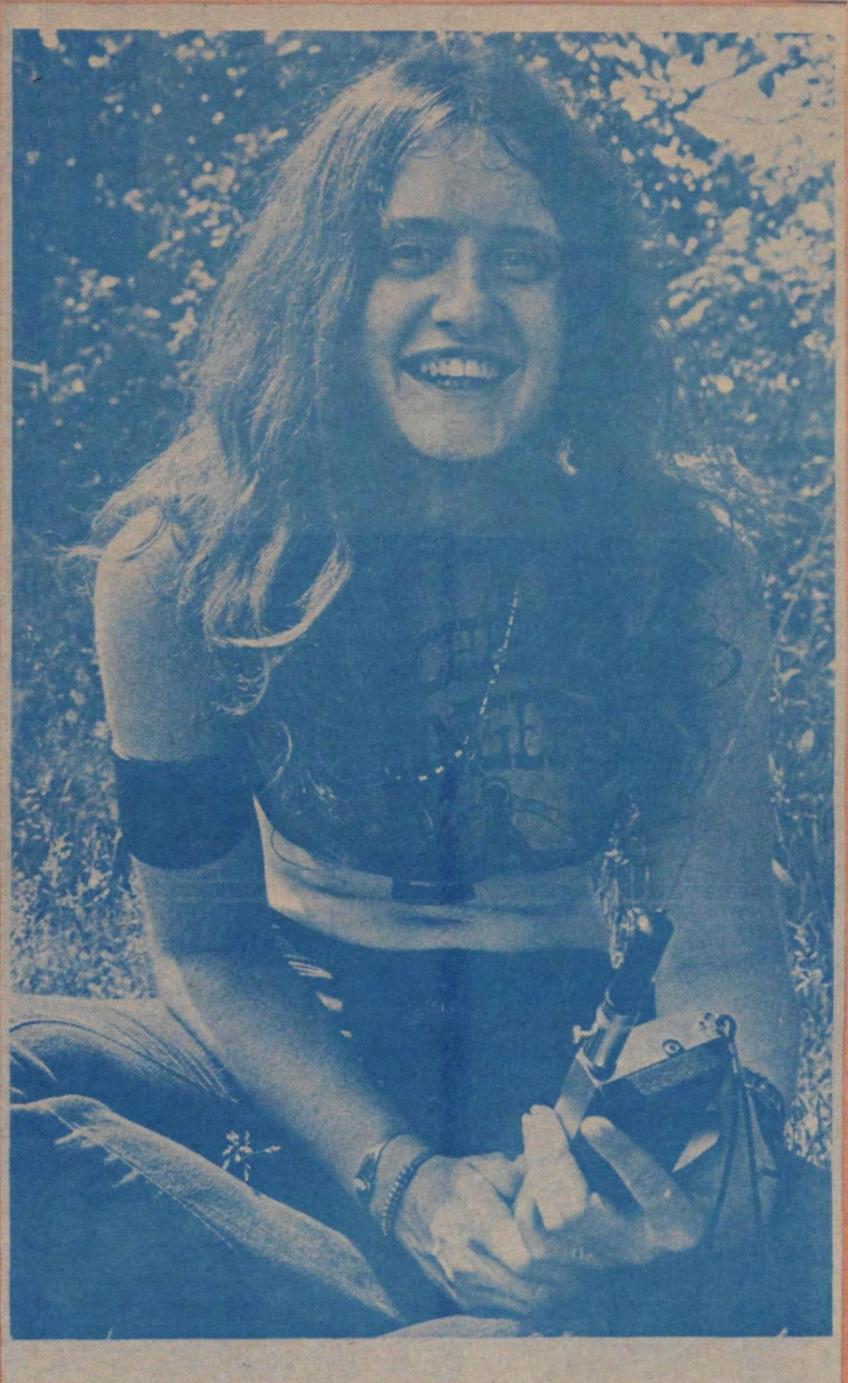


Photo: David Fenton

GENIE PLAMONDON — ORGANIZER OF THE PSYCHEDELIC RANGERS

general and the Rainbow community in particular **ONLY WHEN THEY'VE BEEN FORCED TO**, only after people have gotten themselves together to bring pressure on the government and forced them to act. The fact that the city decided to rent the Fisher-Cadillac building to the community came about only through hard struggle with the city, not because services like it are a basic part of the Democrats or Republicans program.

What we need is a City Council (and eventually new forms of government altogether) that makes providing for the needs of the community its sole reason for existence.

With that in mind, here's how the races look in each ward; in the First ward the Democratic candidate incumbent is Jack Kirscht, the Republicans are running Richard Foster, and the Human candidate is Jerry DeGriek. In the Second ward Democrat Michael Norris is running against Republican Thomas Burnham and Human

Nancy Wechsler. The Third ward has Democrat Ulrich Stowl, Republican C. William Colburn, and Human Genie Plamondon. The fourth ward is a little complicated—there's a primary taking place on February 21st which will determine the Democratic and Republican candidates; the Human candidate in that ward is David Black. And in the fifth ward we have the Republican incumbent, Lloyd Fairbanks, running against a Democrat who will also be picked in the primary, and Human Nancy Romer Burghardt.

So **REGISTER TO VOTE** by March 3 or you can't vote at all on April 3rd. Watch the SUN and other media for more on the campaign as it progresses, come to the Union Ballroom on February 27, and if you want to volunteer and help work on the campaign call the Human Rights Party at 761-6621 and let them know.

USE THE POWER!
VOTE HUMAN IN '72!
—David Fenton, RPP

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

How did you react to the news that the Human Rights Party is running candidates for City Council?

Peter Falkenstein — student
If this is going to be a successful coalition, the RPP is going to have to move their organizing abilities into electoral politics. If they can't, their coalition might drag on the Human Rights Party, especially with the stigma of the former White Panther Party. If they can get it together, it'll be a great thing.



Gail Lattie — student. I believe they aren't going to support the city income tax, which I agree with. But there really isn't that much information on the party, that I've seen anyway. I don't know if they have much support right now.



Don Rucknagel — Human Genetics Prof. I'm torn with the issue of strategy here as to whether one spends one's time with the Human Right's Party where one's goal has to be a long-range thing, because I doubt they have very much influence, or whether you try to subvert the existing party.



Andy Golding — student. I don't know too many of the details about the candidates, but I think it's a good idea for an alternative for an people to express their opinions in the election. With the 18 yr-old vote, I think there's a good opportunity to capture one or two seats on the council.



Ann Arbor's City Council elections will be held April 3rd. If you plan to participate in this spring's elections—and we certainly hope you do!—

you must register to vote by March 3rd.

The SUN's coverage of the 1972 electoral campaign will begin with the next issue, but please don't wait for that to get down to City Hall and REGISTER! You don't have to vote if you register, but if you don't register then you can't vote no matter how hard you might want to. REGISTER NOW! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

PAPER RADIO



"I just cancelled your vote..."

FLASH!

WOMEN! Come to the All Women's Poetry Reading, Monday, Feb. 21 at 8 pm at the Conspiracy coffee house, 330 Maynard. Read your own poetry or the works of other women. Free admission!

The Ann Arbor SUN is supported by and paid for largely through Ann Arbor's local merchant's advertising.

FLASH!

National Chess Tournament to be held in the Congregational Church across from Marks on Williams on April 7, 8, 9. The weekend will raise funds for the Free People's Clinic and give brothers and sisters a chance to get together and play with other brothers and sisters. For more information call Rudy 663-7106

FLASH!

The Creative Arts Workshop is having an Art Sale and Open House at the Washington St. Community Center on April 9. If you have any farout art you'd like to donate to be sold contact Robin or Walden at 663-6746 before March 26. All profits will go to help build the Creative Arts Workshop!

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City Council's Iron-Triangle To Choke Black Community

Packard-Beakes Bypass Approved



Photo: Matt Lampe

BROADWAY BRIDE - 1990 PROJECTION: 43,000 CARS/DAY!

The following is a report written by Matt Lampe for the Tribal Council about plans for changing some of the city that would have great effects on the A² community as a whole. We hope people will get the information and help in the continuing struggle.

On Monday, January 31, the Ann Arbor City Council voted to go ahead with the Packard-Beakes Bypass, over the loud and strenuous objections of the Model Cities Program. To explain the importance of this issue, it is necessary to explain the history of the design, the impact on the Model Cities area, and an explanation of the political systems that were operational in reaching this decision.

The Packard-Beakes bypass was first conceived of in the Guide for Action, a 1962 plan drawn up by the businessman for the improvement of the Central Business District. Essentially the design focused on the Main Street area and did not concern itself at all with the impact on the neighborhood to the North, a predominantly poor area. That neighborhood, starting in the early sixties, vigorously protested the plan. When the Model Cities Program was formed in 1969, encompassing that neighborhood in the Model Cities area to try to socially rehabilitate the area, they took up the fight against the pressure of the businesses interests. The Model Cities led opposition got the road

halted last spring. Constant pressure by the downtown businessmen led to a re-consideration of the issue. With the decaying of the downtown and the approval of Briarwood Shopping Center, the businessmen see this road as vital to the saving of the downtown.

The road design connects traffic from Asheley and First streets to Packard on the south and to the Broadway bridge on the north, providing a funneling of traffic across the north central residential area, loosely bounded by Division, Depot, Kingsley and Main Street. It chops that neighborhood into two triangles, each too small to be isolated by heavy traffic and still survive as residential neighborhoods. This to-be-chopped neighborhood is one of the key target areas for the Model Cities program to rehabilitate the neighborhood for the poor, predominantly black people that live there. It should be pointed out that the Model Cities board is now 2/3 elected by the people of the Model Cities Area and the last 1/3 will be elected this August. Planned for this area are the redevelopment of a park, which will be isolated by this road in one of the triangles, which seriously hampers its use by neighborhood kids. Also planned is a community Multi-purpose center which will be similarly isolated. The dividing of the neighborhood into these two small triangles, each with three residential blocks may well point to the death of that area as a low-cost residential area. When that is almost the only neighborhood in which low-income peopsons can live, it spells a message of this city's care for the poor.

In January, 1970, the Model Cities program proposed an alternative conceptual design to the Packard-Beakes bypass that consisted of two parts. The first part was a long-range solution to the 1990 traffic projections if the city does not plan to shift emphasis from the automobile, and a short range solution that accomplishes the near future goals of the Packard-Beakes bypass without impairing the future develop,emt of the North Central Area as a real model neighborhood. The only part of the Model Cities plan that was seriously looked at was the long-range plan, which dealt with the heavy traffic in a much more complete way than does Packard-beakes, which was deemed far too expensive. Then this summer, the Planning Department brought forward a suggestion that was similar to the Model Cities interim solution—it did not utilize Beakes, so that the two triangles were avoided, leaving a much more

developable 6+ block area to develop into a model neighborhood.

The most relevant analysis of the conflict over the Packard-Beakes proposal is the analysis of the political systems in operation. Essentially there are three relevant groups, the downtown businessmen, the neighborhood residents, and the area property owners. It is important to notice the separation between the North Central Property owners and the residents—the property owners represent the group that is most likely to make money by the elimination of that area as residential, as their land value will increase. The thrust was CBD and property owners against other residents and Model Cities. The issue, when all the alignment details are taken out boil down to a few questions of great importance for members of the Ann Arbor community.

1) Do the residents of a neighborhood, especially one which is over 70% black, have the right to want to be able to protect their neighborhoods for redevelopment for themselves against the wishes to make it 5 minutes faster to get downtown?

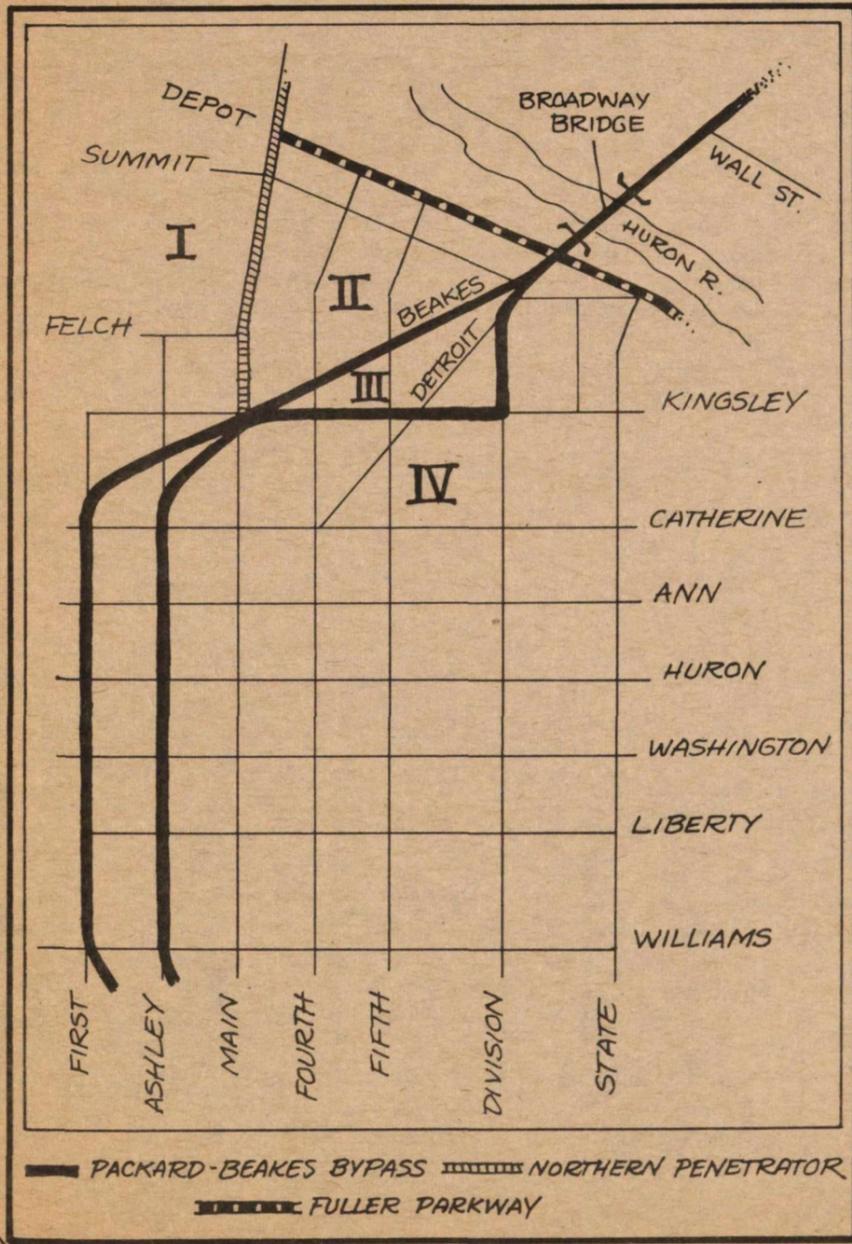
2) Can a neighborhood group resist against plans to fragment it?

3) Is the City ready to submit to the traffic projections for the future, with its terribly destructive character, without taking moves to reduce traffic? (It has been shown that improving the road system in anticipation of heavier traffic actually brings about heavier traffic sooner.)

4) Is the City ready to recognize that the traffic problem is not the primary cause of the downtown problem, and that Packard-Beakes will not solve the decaying of the Downtown?

In reviewing the systems in operation here, it must be remembered that Packard-Beakes, once approved and bonded, was reversed in the Spring of 1970, and only after the approval of Briarwood in the Spring of 1971, did the pressure really begin again to again complete the road. Anyway, the council on Monday night voted with the CBD men and the property speculators against the Model Cities residents. The vote went along party lines with the Republicans voting for the road, the Democrats voting against it, with the exception of Mayor Harris, who voted for it. This vote should be critically analyzed. By the time it got to him it had already passed with the 6 Republicans voting for it. His vote could have meant two things—one that he favored that route, the original Packard-

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TRIBAL COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting Notes...

Since we moved the Tribal Council Steering Committee meetings to the Washington St. Community Center, the energy level has been rising and we've really been able to get into some good discussions and make some dynamite plans for future community gatherings and projects. More people have been coming to the meetings and those people who spend a lot of time at the community center can listen in on the meetings. Although our time doesn't allow us to have everyone participate, at least we have space now to have open meetings, and that's good!

Before getting into the meeting reports we'd just like to announce the next Community Pot-Luck dinner and Tribal Council meeting Tuesday, February 22, at 6:00 pm at the Ark, located at 1422 Hill St. Hope to see you there! The last meeting was really farout and productive (see SUN, issue 24) and now that a lot more people are hip to these community meetings, this one should be far-out for sure!!!! Everyone's welcome to come and participate.

Since a lot of the issues that were discussed at the past two Tribal Council meetings developed from one week to the next, this issue of the SUN we're not going to break the meetings into two separate reports but we'll just deal with the things discussed as a whole. If anyone has any questions they should contact either Jeanie Walsh or Genie Plamondon at the SUN. 761-1709.

In the past couple issues of the SUN we've been trying to keep everyone up to date on the investigation into the death of Dirk Fisher. At this time there are a lot of loose ends that have to be gathered up before another factual report can be given on the progress of meetings that have been scheduled with the A² News and the police department. To avoid any rumors that might get started from anything that could be pieced together here we'd just like to say that next issue we'll have a complete report on those meetings. Also, the final autopsy has come in and there were no harmful chemicals found in Dirk's stomach which rules out the "death by LSD" ruse totally just in

case anyone might still have thoughts in that direction. It's really a drag that we can't wrap up this whole issue and get a public retraction in the News from Krasney. Our people have spent a lot of time trying to meet with Krasney and the A² News jointly to try and get this issue cleared up but we are continually put off by one faction or the other. We have certainly shown our willingness to cooperate with those people on this matter. We only want to make the truth known and abolish all rumors and lies on this and every issue, and get some real information about drugs to the people who read the A² News. Check out the article on these pages written by a gay brother here in A² pointing out one of the most important aspects of this whole issue. We may still find it necessary to go to the City Council to demand action about Chief Krasny, so watch the SUN.

Brother Dave Kaimewitz from Youth Liberation Front asked the Tribal Council's endorsement for their struggle of Tappan Jr. H'S. to organize and conduct a Student Union. We support them in their struggle!!! And what a struggle it has become, with the vice-principal of the school bodily attacking Dave K. himself. We find this to be an *atrocious* way to conduct education and hope to strengthen the People's Education Committee to begin dealing with such problems. See the related article in this issue.

The Packard-Beakes by-pass was passed at City Council. We're against such a by-pass being constructed because it will destroy the neighborhood and only further oppress the black community in Ann Arbor. We call for a reconsideration of Mayor Harris' support for this program, and wonder what his motives are for supporting a position so obviously backward. Hopefully we will have more power in this area soon.

The SGC Defense Fund was also discussed. For those who might not be aware of it, it is primarily a fund that serves students but does give aid to community people as well. For those of you who aren't students but do need help from this source, you should call Ozone House because they are working in conjunction



with SGC and are handling the community calls. Eventually those calls will be turned over to A² Network once they get their set-up together.

A sister from the Robert Williams Defense Fund came to ask for and lend support to the Tribal Council. The petition that was on the back page of the last issue of the SUN should be sent to the Chinese Center located in Lane Hall on the U of M campus. Support the Robert Williams Defense Fund!

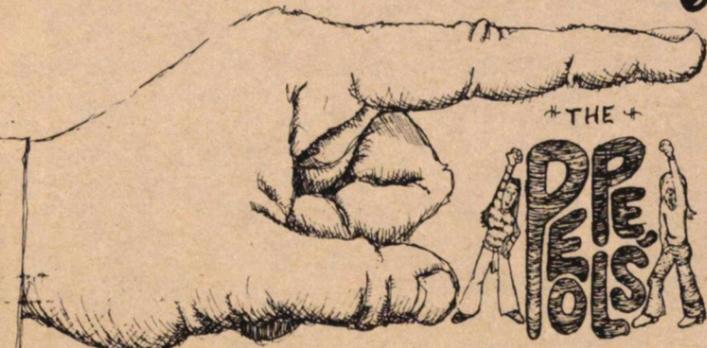
The People's Ballroom should have heat by the time you read this! There was a delay last week when the primary worker came down with pneumonia but work is proceeding now. All those who are interested in the Artist's Workshop development should meet on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Bring your dinner with you.

Although it is not clear yet exactly what position the Tribal Council will take on city elections there has been a great deal of discussion about those elections and electoral politics in general. More discussion is necessary before we can make any collective Tribal Council statements. We did decide however to endorse and participate in the voter registration drive that is going to be conducted here in Ann Arbor. We urge everyone who is 18 or older to register to vote before the March 3rd deadline! There is power to be used!

That's all for this issue, see you at the Community Pot-Luck Dinner!!! Join the Tribal Council! **HELP IT GROW!!!!!!**

—Jeanie Walsh
for the Tribal Council
Steering Committee

PLEASE HELP!

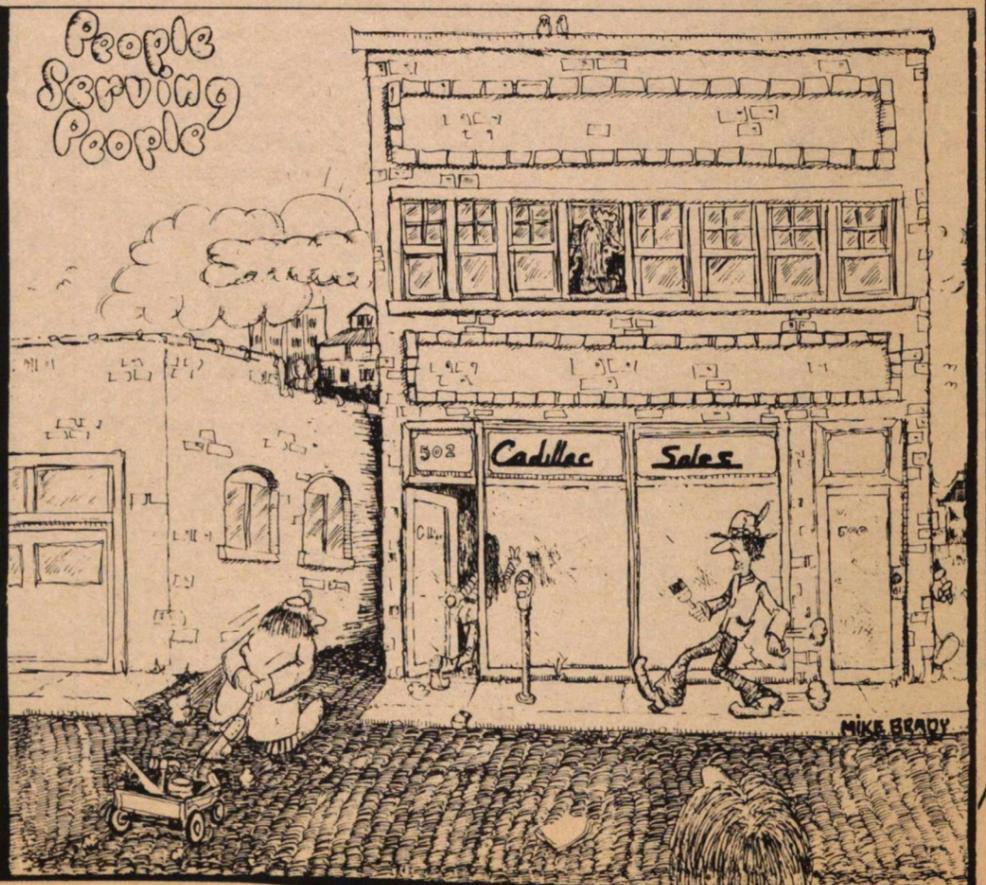


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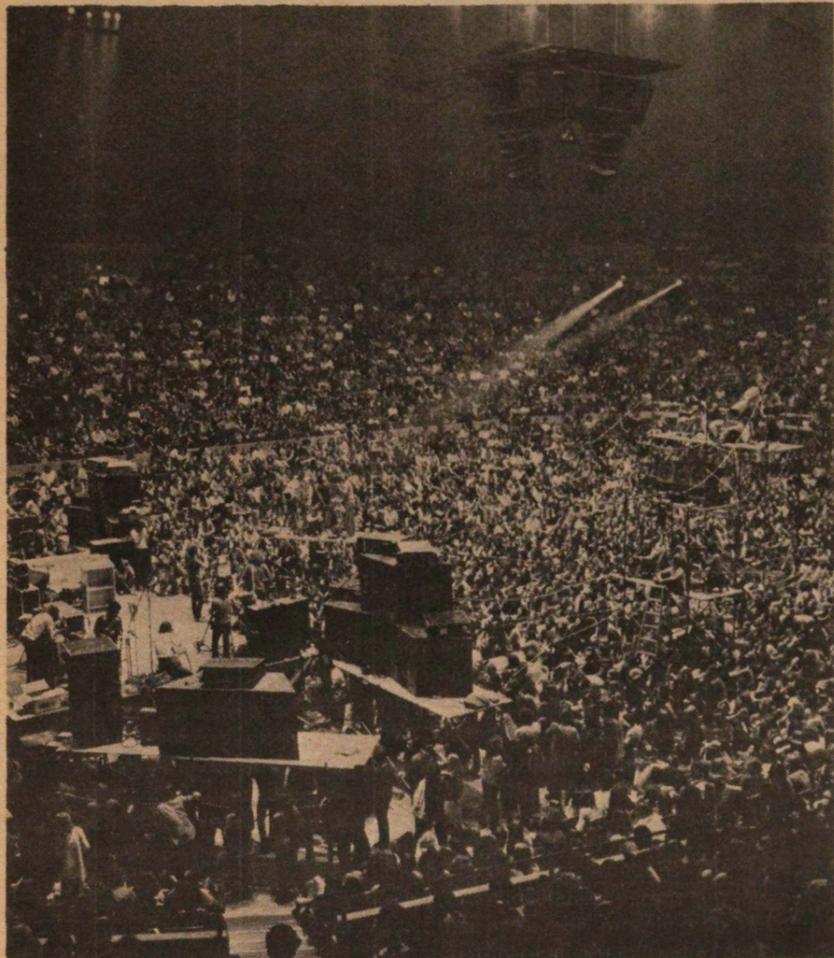
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TRIBAL COUNCIL NEWS



The power of all of us together as in this picture of the Dec. 10 JS Freedom Rally had direct results in our community! So can the April 3 City Council Elections!

USE the POWER!

REGISTER NOW!

The Ann Arbor Tribal Council is presently engaged in a voter registration drive. We wish to make it clear at this time that we feel that electoral politics is not the only means to our eventual goal of SELF-DETERMINATION OF OUR LIVES, OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR PLANET!

Our analysis shows that, among other things, an electoral campaign can highlight and expose the deficiencies and exploitativeness of our community's elected officials. An electoral campaign can politically educate people about the nature of the local corporate power structure and how it undemocratically exerts its influence over our daily lives.

Further, we feel that by having some of our people in elected offices we may be able to limit the degree of repression and oppression and thereby preserve our political and cultural institutions. In this process we broaden the political consciousness of our people.

Finally, the rulers of our community state that they support many of our goals, and we would like to give them an opportunity to put their preachings into practice. We can, through electoral procedures, force and confront the issues of community control of educational, medical, police and prison facilities.

In summary, we are revolutionaries who will use any effective means to achieve our goal of self-determination, including electoral politics. Therefore, we urge everyone to register to vote, to enable them to make their politics felt!

All Power to the People!
-Ann Arbor Tribal Council

(Voter Registration ends March 3rd for the April 3rd City Council Elections. If you want to vote then, you have to register by March 3rd. You can register at City Hall, and also at the [Washington St.] Community Center—Ask for Walden.)

Life To The Life Culture!

In all the discussion over the blatant distortion of the facts concerning Dirk Fisher's death, one aspect that I consider very important has been almost overlooked. The first SUN article stated that Dirk was beaten up by two dudes who called him a "faggot" because he was walking with his arm around another brother, and that this beating was very likely responsible for his sudden death later that evening. Now the fact that showing your love for a brother or sister in a way considered unacceptable by straight Amerikan society can often lead to serious injury, imprisonment, or even death is well known to gay men and women, as well as many freeks who are not gay, but who have also been harassed, beaten, and worse, because their hair or clothes or way of talking and acting did not live up to some honky's definition of acceptable masculine or feminine behavior.

This is not necessarily to say that Dirk was gay. I knew him personally and was never aware of any specific sexual orientation on his part, nor did I consider it of any importance. What is significant is that two self-appointed guardians of the Amerikan social order beat him up and possibly killed him just because it looked like he might be gay. An incident like this, which is not at all unusual, should serve to underscore the point I am trying to make, that sexism is not merely a negative force, it is a *deadly* force; one of the most serious evils ecking the life out of Amerika today and turning it into a death culture. If human beings are not free to

touch and love their fellow human beings in whatever way feels good to them, how much more empty and meaningless must life be?

It has been said before that Amerikan imperialism rests on the twin pillars of sexism and racism. Both serve to keep people divided and oppressing each other instead of recognizing the true oppression that affects everybody. Being free to love each other as we choose is an integral part of a revolutionary culture that aspires to a goal of total freedom for everybody. Attacks like the one on Dirk are attacks on our community, and they should make us stronger rather than intimidate us. Our love for each other is the strongest force for change in the world, and it belongs out in the streets and the parks and everywhere, not behind locked doors.

So, dig it, people. We have to create a climate of love and respect for each other so that unnecessary and tragic deaths like that of Dirk Fisher will become a thing of the past. If you're gay, don't be afraid to show it. Be proud and beautiful, and be strong in your love. And those of you who don't consider yourselves gay, you can still give a smile and a greeting to your gay brothers and sisters on the streets to let them know you support them in their struggle. Sexism has got to go; it's one of the most muderous forces abroad in our land today.

POWER TO GAY PEOPLE! POWER TO ALL PEOPLE! SMASH SEXISM NOW!

-Larry Hayes

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 11am-3pm--Mon-Thurs Dave Dixon
 11am-3pm--Fri Dick Thyne
 3pm-7pm--Mon Dick Thyne
 3pm-7pm--Tues-Fri Mark Parenteau
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 11pm-3am--Mon-Fri Ann Christ
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Weekend

Saturday

7am-noon--Dick Thyne
 noon-5pm--Mark Parenteau
 5pm-10pm--rotates
 10pm-1am--Larry Monroe
 1am-7am--Jim Dulzo

Sunday

7am-noon--Dick Thyne
 noon-5pm--Dave Dixon
 5pm-10pm--Larry Monroe
 10pm-2:30 am Jim Dulzo

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 9pm-1am--Larry Himmel
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Saturday-Sunday

rotating schedule

Sunday

Rainbow Radio--6pm-10pm with
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Feb 21

ALL TOGETHER NOW 8pm Features
 women in history.
 JAZZ TODAY 9pm With Bud Spangler



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Feb 22

DIMENSIONS-10:30pm With Charles
 Moore

Feb 23

WE ARE TOGETHER-11:30 pm On the
 the American Indian

Feb 26

12 noon-FOR MY PEOPLE Five hours
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 JAZZ TODAY with Bud Spangler

Feb 28

All Together Now-8 pm On alternative
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ALL TOGETHER NOW-8 pm with
 Bud Spangler

JAZZ TODAY-9 pm With Bud Spangler

Feb 29

DIMENSION-10:30 pm With Charles
 Moore

WCBN 89.5 FM 761-3500

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Wednesday

11:15am-3pm--Chuck Cooper

Thursday

11:15am-3pm--Josh Pactner

Friday

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Saturday

11:15pm-3am--Jeff Hursh

Sunday

11:15pm-3am--Randy Brooks

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Michigan-boogie



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Detroit and Mitch Ryder stand behind lawyer Robert Fenton after signing papers dissolving their relationship with manager Barry Kramer.

By Bob Rudnick

While the distillers of pop opinion propagate the myth of "The Day the Music Died," rock and roll is smokin' through the grassroots of the planet like a spliff of Jamaican weed. The official dungeons of pop culture atrophy and die out in spasms of greed and downers, but anybody in their right mind knows that there's as much rock and roll happening now as in the days when the music was being squeezed for every nickel that could be torn out of it by the likes of Russ Gibb, Gabe Glantz, and Mike Quatro. You might have to look for a minute to find it, but people on the street know where it's at whenever the jams are being righteously kicked out, and that's happening now in the places where the music got its birth—in the high school gymnasiums, YMCAs, community colleges, artists' lefts in Ann Arbor, university ballrooms and everywhere people can be brought together in a room with some dynamite rock and roll.

And this time, no honkies are running the sedances— these stomps are being organized and brought off by brothers and sisters who can't live without the music, workin 24 hours a day to get the music out to the people because they *have to have it!* The greed creeps who are only in it for the money fall farther behind every day, but the rock and roll maniacs who live for the music are keeping the scene alive so it can get itself back together again. No more Eastown. no more Grande, no more teen clubs in the suburbs run by timid rock and roll—hating businessmen,

but Mitch Ryder and Detroit at Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights, the Up at the Royal Oak YMCA, Harvey Khek at the Clawson YWCA, Mixed Generation at Oakland Community College, Bad Luck & Trouble at the Carawee Ballroom in Flat Rock run by freeks, Guardian Angle at Hartland High School, brother Mark Farnar making a surprise appearance at the Free Medicine Rally in Flint (see article elsewhere in the SUN), the killer 75¢ East Hall dances at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo where the Patriot-Mauler collective puts on the *only* live rock and roll jamborees in town, and anywhere else out people are gettin' into their bodies and doin' it *themselves!* Self-Determination Music!

Maybe on the national/universal scene people are lookin' for satellites and shit to bring them the latest hot-shot gossip from the French Riviera, or they're waiting for some new supergroup to come along and save them all, or they're pissin' and moanin' about how it's impossible for anything to ever happen again, but as comrade Mao says, "We should rid ourselves of all impotent thinking. All views that overestimate the strength of the enemy and underestimate the strength of the people are *wrong.*" The point is that the people are recreating the kind of public life they need out of the materials available to them, just like that, and this time not only will it be more beautiful than it ever was before, *but it'll be the way it's supposed to be, with the people* in control of the whole thing all the way through. We won't make the same mistakes we

made before, and *we won't get fooled again* by the creeps in the music industry who try to manipulate our culture and use it for their own selfish ends—record company executives like Jac Holzman of Elektra Parking Lots, cynical cult-mongering elitist image pimps who try to bullshit the people in the pages of *Rolling Stone*, and reactionary 24-year-old pop critics who attempt to homogenize and *adulterate* out music and render it into fodder for fifty-year-old honkies, like Jon Landau the producer of the dowse-out 2nd MC5 album.

The enemy weakens and we gather strength as People's Ballrooms blossom forth in Michigan like marijuana tops at harvest time.

For the first time in Amerika we are participating in developing our own rock halls. Profit-making dances are drying up and People's Ballrooms are being built to pump rock n' roll energy into the community. *Once on its feet* the People's Ballroom will give support to a whole set of community service programs such as food co-ops, drug programs, medical clinics and whatever else is needed. But primarily it will replace pig-style rip-off Eastowns with dances organized and run by the same freeks who make and dig the music. In Ann Arbor the People's Ballroom has become a physical reality as the community renovates the Cadillac garage on Washington; in Detroit the Ballroom committee has been formed including Center House and rock band Harvey Kehk.

Yes, the Midwestern rock soil is as fertile as ever while the West Coast music scene is becoming barren, being eroded

by the low energy, inane offerings of counter revolutionary music for-the-head only, totally ignoring the body. The purpose of this column, the Michigan Boogie, is to chronicle the culture of this area so please let us know what's going on.

Detroit and Mitch Ryder are free having dissolved their strained relationship with Manager Barry Kramer, midwestern pop-magnate and publisher of *Creem*. Their version of Lou Reed's "Rock n' Roll" is one of the hottest records in the country . . . An absolute must for Michigan Rock n' Roll maniacs is the first Motown single by *Blue Scepter* also known as SRC. The soulful "Gypsy Eyes" and flip side "Outing the Night" are a far cry from "Checkmate" and "Hall of the Mountain King" . . . *The Boogie Brothers* who brought people in Hill Auditorium dancing to their feet at the Daystar Commander Cody Concert, have left Ann Arbor for a sojourn in the San Francisco Bay Area. Replacing them Monday nights at Mr. Flood's Party will be the dangerous Hog Tate. The Lost Planet Airmen, by the way, should be returning home sometime next month. Also winding their way back are the Crack family who have been out histling Joe Banana's in Arizona . . . Peter Andrews of Daystar, formally a partner of Jeep Holland and manager of the SRC, has signed the Guardian Angel to a management contract. G.A. is Scott Morgan's new band formally the Rationals, one of the most important groups in the history of rock n' roll . . .

KICK OUT THE JAMS
MOTHERFUCKERS!

Mark Farner Sings For Free Health!

Mark Farner, lead singer and guitarist in Grand Funk Railroad, made a surprise appearance on February 4th in Flint at a benefit for a Free Medical Clinic that some brothers and sisters are trying to set up. Mark took the stage by himself and sang a tune, accompanying himself on accoustis. The tune is called, "Flint, You're Making Me Sick" and is directed at the choking pollution that greets you on a visit to the city.

The benefit was organized by the same people who put out the killer Flint paper, the Freedom Reader, which was started with some help from Mark, who also serves on its editorial board. Also appearing at the rally were Big Red and the Sherm Mitchell Quartet, both from Flint, and Doctor Ross, and old time Flint bluesman who really boogies. The Up were scheduled to play, but their equipment truck broke down on the way up, so they couldn't. Speakers included John Sinclair, members of the Vietnam Vets, and Ann Berrigan, daughter of the imprisoned Reverend Daniel Berrigan.

Ballenger Field House was packed, so the benefit produced over %1500 which

can now go to provide free medical care for people who need it. It's great to see other communities setting up the kind of people's institutions which Ann Arbor has been developing recently; as the Freedom Reader put it "With the cost of medical expenses getting higher all the time, people just can't afford to take care of their health. All the money this government spends on war and it doesn't even provide for the people. It is obvious that the people who run this government do not care for its' citizens, so we have to care for ourselves."

Brother Mark, who's newest album, E Pluribus Funk, is definitely worth checking out, is beginning to put his tremendous economic and political power in the service of the people. The more our bands do that, the more of our needs we'll be able to take care of, and the more we'll be about to make our communities the kind of places we all dream about.

BUILD THE RAINBOW NATION

David Fenton R.P.P.

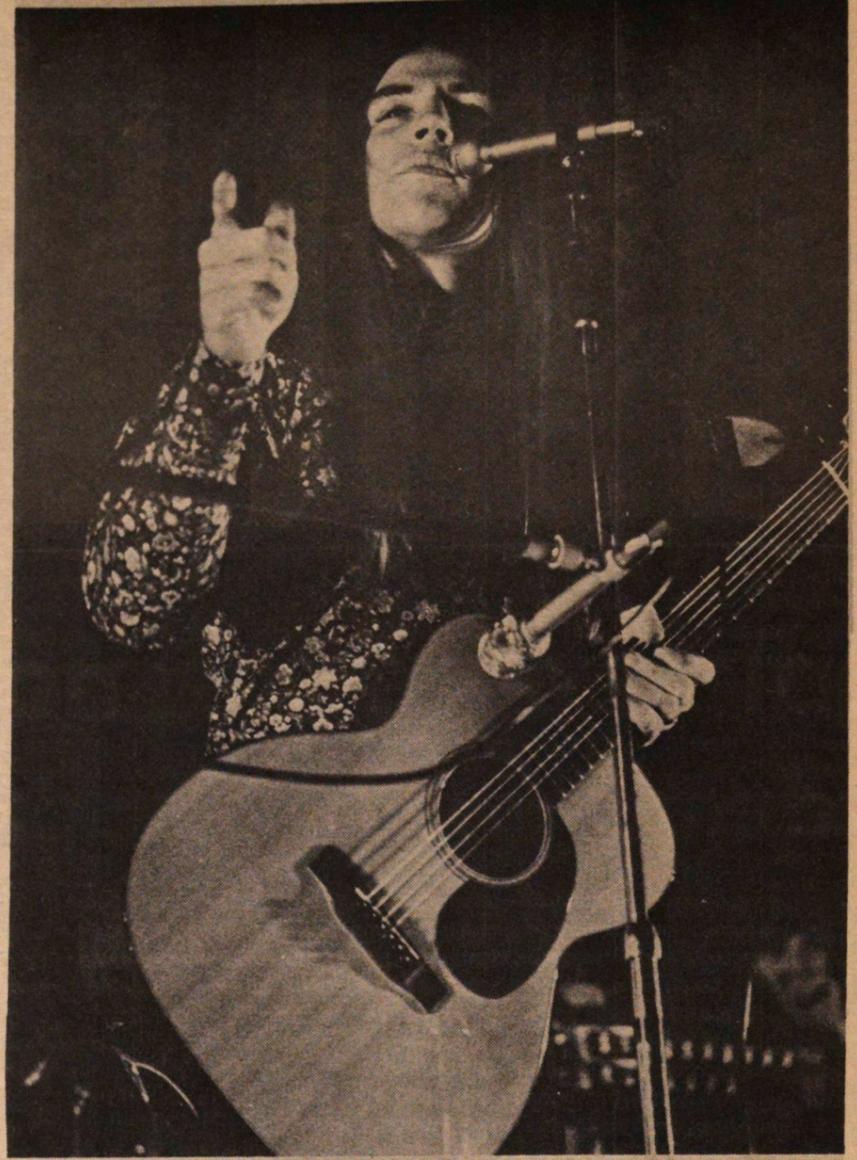


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Mark Farner at the Free Medicine Rally

WCBN ON THE AIR

WCBN-FM, operated by the students at the University of Michigan, recently came on the air, broadcasting out to a 7 mile radius of Ann Arbor with a 10 watt transmitter. Until last month, CBN was confined to sending jams through the electrical current system in dormitories, and WCBN-AM still does just that, but now you can pick up the FM station on your dial.

SBN's programming at this point is varied—from free-form evening spots to right-on shows for the black community to rigidly controlled morning shows where the DJ's have to follow playlists and other brainwash techniques characteristic of Amerikan radio. But the evening and nighttime programming really IS loose, and the DJ's can do pretty much what they want to. The station is legally owned by the Board of Regents of the University, but they exercise little editorial and musical control, leaving the evening spots open to the possibility of real, relevant, community, rainbow radio.

Which is just what Randy Brooks, who takes over the studios and kicks out the people's music every Sunday night from 11:15 to 3 in the morning, has been making his show. Randy, a University senior, hails from Dearborn, and is deep into making media serve the people, working full-time at the University television center in addition to his gig on FM.

The SUN interviewed Randy during his show last Sunday, and in case you weren't listening, it was *dynamite*. "My intention is to run a show which is relevant, righteous, and most important, reflective of the community it serves. That's why it's called Reflections with Randy.

"After all, in the terms of Marshall McLuhan, radio is an extension of the ear, just as the automobile is an extension of the foot. Consequently, I feel that what you hear on the radio should be the same



Randy Brooks

as what you hear on the street. The vibrations of the community should emanate from your receiver and if they DON'T then something is wrong! You should change the frequency on your dial, or better yet change the mind frequencies of the people who are running the station you're listening to. Because after all that's what the radio's all about—the public. The public owns the airwaves, and I'm just there to give the community what it wants to hear. Specifically, I'm concerned with high-energy rock and roll."

Randy urges everyone listening to call him up at 761-3500 and let him know how it sounds. (The same number is good for all the other CBN programming, so let them know, too.) WCBN is located in the basement of the Student Activities Building, and you're also invited to come down and bring records and help him do the show.

CBN also has some news and public affairs shows put together by students, including WCBN Reports which Randy works on every week. "Several of us are getting together to do a documentary on the People's Community Center, because I feel that it's very important to let people know about it. And in the Future we'll try to do stuff on the elections coming up by analyzing the political movement of the people in the community.

So check out Reflections with Randy, Sunday at 11:15 pm. The other free-form shows on CBN all start at 11:15 as well; John Blatner on Monday, Mike O'Brien (formerly with WNRZ) Tuesday, Chuck Cooper every Wednesday night, Josh Packner on Thursdays, Rich Sannasat's oldies show on Friday, and Jeff Hirsch on Saturday.

**LIBERATE THE AIRWAVES!
Rock and Roll Is Here to Stay .
—David Fenton, RPP**

STOP THE FIRES!

For the past two weeks or more a series apparently deliberate fires was touched off on the University of Michigan campus, resulting in the destruction of a collection of rare books, minor smoke and fire damage to buildings like the University Library, a certain amount of inconvenience to the local fire and police departments, and a general wave of revulsion throughout the entire community. Police and newspaper sources report that the arsonist has communicated threats to the effect that the fires will continue until Angela Davis is set free, or until the British withdraw from Ireland, or until some other accommodation to his or her activity is made. Official spokespeople for the Free Angela Davis organization and the Irish liberation struggle have absolutely discredited the firebug's claims to represent their causes, but that doesn't stop the individual or individuals who are setting the fires from acting wrongly in the name of these righteous people's causes.

It seems that there are three possible explanations for this phenomenon: (1) the firebug is simply a pyromaniac who gets off from watching buildings and other materials go up in flames; (2) the fires are the result of a conspiracy to discredit the Free Angela Davis campaign, the Irish liberation struggle, or the revolutionary movement in general, particularly at a time when the reactionary politicians who are running for re-election this year are searching desperately for ways to smear the people's power movement and thus to cover up the very real contradictions their policies have engendered, with a smokescreen of fascist backlash, or (3) the fires are the work of a dangerously mis-guided ultra-leftist brother or sister from the community who is clearly acting directly out of frustration and a feeling of

powerlessness rather than from any kind of revolutionary political analysis, and who is objectively advancing the interests of the right-wing clique by smearing his or her comrades in the struggle with the brush of irresponsible violence, nihilism, and stupidity.

The Rainbow People's Party unequivocally condemns these meaningless acts of petty vandalism, particularly if the perpetrator of these fires considers his or her actions to be only of "revolutionary violence" or "armed propaganda." In reality such actions have only a counter-revolutionary effect, since they accomplish nothing in terms of "destroying the system" but only serve to turn the broad masses of the people against the revolutionary movement during a period where a real basis of unity has come increasingly to exist.

If the firebug is a sister or brother from the community acting under the delusion that she or he is engaged in political actions, we would strongly urge that they sit down with us and discuss this question in some depth before carrying out any more such "actions" because they are bogging out the whole community and are systematically discrediting the hard work we and other workers in this community have been doing on a daily basis over a period of years. The way to Free Angela Davis and the people as a whole is through daily organizational work among the people, winning people over to the revolution by serving their needs and carrying on mass educational work, and **not** through sporadic acts of petty, ineffectual vandalism. Dig yourself.

**STOP THE FIRES!
SERVE THE PEOPLE!
Rainbow People's Party**

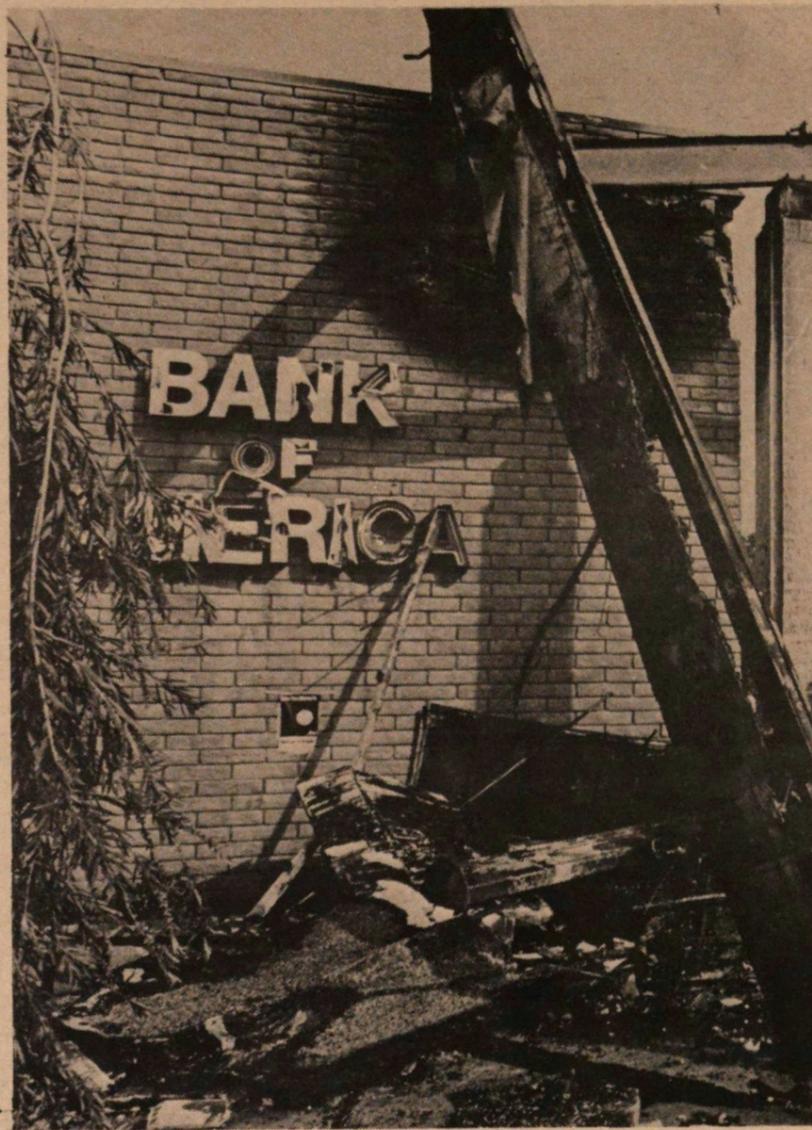


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Burning the bank didn't stop it; the same goes for University Buildings.

WEED BUSTS CONTINUE

There have been an atrocious number of busts going on all over the state in these past weeks—a large number of them are for marijuana. We are led to believe over and over again through mass media like the Ann Arbor News, radio broadcasts, and television that things are getting better and more liberal—even the President's own commission has come to the conclusion that marijuana and indeed all drugs should be legal and dealt with in entirely different ways than through the barbaric court-jail-prison railroad that continues to run over too many people's lives every day. Even our parents are seeing and beginning to understand the horrors being perpetrated by the present system of government.

It is not only busts, but continued petty harassment on the streets, being stopped for long periods of time for minor things like license plate lights which could be pointed out in a few short phrases, as well as increasing numbers of people every day who have relatives or close friends in jail or prison somewhere and are getting their minds blown by the *incredibly* atrocious nightmare conditions that prevail. Paranoia looms also with the FBI escalating their harassment and information gathering techniques, such as marijuana detecting devices locked in the bellies of satellites, to be bothering everyone possible (you do *not* have to talk with an FBI person under any circumstances without a lawyer present unless they have a specific warrant with someone's name at least on it—more about

this in future issues of the SUN). We have to remember that any information we give government agents at all about anything will be used by them against anyone they can use it against.

The local narc activity is increasing in various guises also. We see three basic types of narcs emerging. First there are the oldtimers who were trained some years ago as detectives and work undercover part of their time. Then there are young people who have been busted and because of their lack of understanding of their relationship to the rest of our people and our common struggle to put an end to this bullshit, they get scared and successfully separated and agree to give up whatever information they have to make a deal, or agree to help in a set-up to bust someone or many people. But the third type may well be the most dangerous. Those are the young police cadets who are objectively of our people as are all young people, but subjectively are still caught under the control of the death culture in power now. They look just like us but are going through training to deliberately infiltrate and do whatever damage possible.

We are point this stuff out because of all the busts going on recently and the still very little information or sense about them. The new law goes into effect April 1st so we know they are getting in their last licks. But if they can get away with this without us even understanding it in context then who knows what other diabolical plans they will move on to? These are very cold people we are dealing with and it will only be through all of us working together that we will be able to build a new life culture. We hope in future issues of the SUN to have more detailed information about busts and FBI and undercover activity and how to deal with it legally and communally, and what we can do together about it. **LIFE TO THE LIFE CULTURE!!!**

—Genie Plamondon, RPP

SOLSTICE SCHOOL CARRIES ON

Solstice School, located at 706 Oakland, is 2½ years old and has grown from an idea to a core group of about 50 brothers and sisters who are interested in getting together an alternative to the present educational system offered in Ann Arbor. There are about 100 people that participate in Solstice activities; some like Paul Kennan have been with the project since the beginning. The main problem is that the school is not accredited and to be really successful that's what's needed. If Solstice could become accredited it would mean at least one teacher would be provided by the city school system and a new building in which to house the school. The present house on Oakland has a third floor that has been condemned so only the first and second floors and the basement can be used. If accredited with only 50 people Solstice would be classified as an experimental school and would be open to a lot of far-out possibilities.

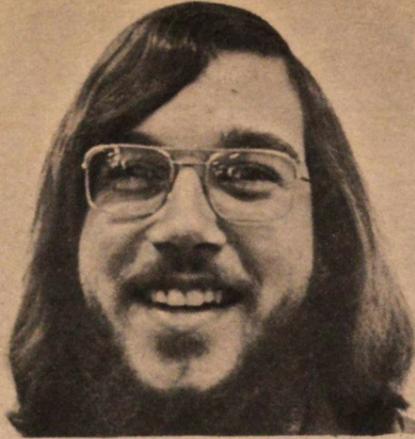
In the meantime, brothers and sisters still meet at Solstice on a part-time schedule to carry on with what they feel is a more productive educational process. On Monday evenings they have a T-group session from 5-7 pm and a general meeting beginning at 7:30 pm where business is dealt with and new projects are discussed. Everyone at the meeting has a vote and a spare change hat is passed. The

rent is \$250 per month and there is also a debt of about \$1000 that is owed to parents who helped out last year when the wiring and furnace needed replacing. On Thursdays—there is an irregular schedule that runs roughly from 1:00-10:00 pm. People who want to have classes hold them during this time, the house is cleaned and other projects are taken care of. The school is organized so that on the first floor there is a living room and a kitchen (without a stove). The second floor has a communications room, a library and a living room. The basement houses the art room, records and a stereo and tools to fix people's bikes with.

Friday evenings are pot-luck dinner nights and it gives everyone a chance to get together and exchange ideas and talk to new people. Sunday activities are irregular but have been running along the lines of group stuff like sports in the summer and sledding during the winter. People also get together at each other's houses on Sundays. Solstice asks more people to get involved and help develop Solstice to where it's functioning every day of the week.

The people who participate in Solstice express the desire to do things for themselves and although a lot of parents support their activities most of the time the brothers and sisters at Solstice practice self-determination. They expressed a desire to deal with racism, needing more black students that would become part of Solstice and devote energy to building a free school that could deal realistically with the problems of racism in the educational process. Anyone who's interested in helping brothers and sisters free themselves from the oppressive educational system that this country offers and in building a real alternative should try to contact them on the days mentioned above at 706 Oakland or call 769-2052. **SELF DETERMINATION EDUCATION!**

—Jeanie Walsh RPP



**JERRY
DEGRIECK**
First Ward

Jerry DeGriek, HRP candidate for City Council from the First Ward, is a 22 year old senior majoring in History at U of M. He is a former SGC executive vice-president and a former member of the Office of Student Services Policy Board and Housing Policy Board. He was the HRP candidate for City Council from the Second Ward last year.

"I am running for City Council to advocate the principles and platform of an open, democratic, and leftist political party, the Human Rights Party.

"The principle of community-control will be a major factor during the campaign. The city presently is not providing the necessary services to the people. But just as important as health care, child care, and housing, is the idea that the people affected by the services are in control of them.

"Community Control of the police department will also be a major issue. Increased funding for the police does not fight the root causes of crime. There must be a re-ordering of priorities within the department. People are still being arrested on marijuana charges. Homosexuals, street people, young people, and blacks are still being harrassed. Police still do not effectively fight crime in the black and poorer areas of the city. Only a police department responsive to the community can end these problems.

Nancy Wechsler is 22, graduated from U of M in April 1971 in General Studies, and works at the University Cellar. She was an active member of the Tenants Union during the Rent Strike, and has been with the Human Rights Party since its beginning in Dec. 1970 when it was known as the Radical Independent Party. She was coordinator of the party this Sept. to Feb. She took an active role in starting the womens caucus, feeling it was an important way of dealing with sexism. Nancy Wechsler has been active in the women's movement in Ann Arbor on such issues as women's studies, child care and abortion, and in rap groups and every day life.

"Two years ago if someone had asked me to register to vote I would have laughed. What was the purpose of registering to vote when there was no one to vote for? Passively voting for the lesser of two evils would get this country no where. But things have changed, and Ann Arbor has a radical party on the ballot—with open meetings where everyone who comes can help decide party policy. So now everyone should REGISTER TO VOTE IN ANN ARBOR. It is here your vote will count. 'A vote for us is a vote for you' since our candidates are bound to vote on city council by decisions made at mass meetings and by the party's platform.

"The Ann Arbor HRP sees two major ways to redistribute income and wealth. The first is the provision of free or low cost services—available on equal terms to

The Human Rights Party of Ann Arbor is an independent third political party. It is organized on the principle that the Democratic and Republican parties are servants of the existing social order and they are not legitimate vehicles for serious social and economic changes.

HRP of Ann Arbor, originally the radical-Independent Party, was founded in December, 1970, and ran candidates in the April elections last year. Restrictive election laws kept these candidates off the ballot and deprived the party of a real chance to test its strength. A write-in campaign was waged, however, and succeeded in raising people's awareness that a serious effort was going on to change the city.

In June the party ran Bob Hefner in the non-partisan School Board election. He got about 11% of the city-wide vote and picked up support in every ward.

In July the party helped in the strike against Buhr Machine Tool Company and supported the Ann Arbor's teacher's strike. Through such actions the party is beginning to make alliances with other progressive forces in the community and to expand its activities outside of electoral politics.

During that summer the party decided to affiliate with the Human Rights Party of Michigan, which was organized with the same intent as the local party. The affiliation represented the desire to expand and join with other radical efforts.

In a long struggle to get on the ballot, HRP collected 21,000 signatures on petitions and was finally granted ballot status.

The coming election will be the first election with HRP on the ballot and it will be a test of the influence of new voters on electoral politics.

In contrast to the Republicans and Democrats, HRP makes all its major decisions at

open meetings and anyone who attends can participate.

The day-to-day functions of the party are coordinated by an elected steering committee whose decisions are reviewed by the membership at open meetings.

HRP has a women's caucus which has helped the party begin to develop as an organization where women share equally in the leadership and political functions of the group.

HRP has nominated candidates for City Council and has adopted a platform stating its position on major issues which follows:

The Human Rights Party of Ann Arbor seeks a society in which all people are able to grow fully, free from discrimination and oppression, and in which everyone shares equitably in the wealth of the country and the decisions which affect their lives.

The party is a vehicle for bringing radical ideas before the people. It can spark the debate necessary to show the possibility and desirability of a new order. Radical change must be sought on many fronts. We work in electoral politics because it is an important political arena of most Americans.

We seek to build a party with a strong local base before applying our energies to a national effort. We are beginning in Ann Arbor, where we live, but in the long run radical change here must be coupled with a nationwide transformation. Therefore we have affiliated with the Human Rights Party of Michigan and will seek eventually to join with similar efforts elsewhere.

The Democrats and Republicans cannot create real change because they represent the interests of business and the rich. In Ann Arbor they have placed a low priority on attacking sexism and racism and on providing adequate city services. They have in-

stead given highest budgetary priority to the police. As both the city and the University have grown, the pressure has driven rents sky-high and forced low to middle income people out of the city. And the established parties have excluded students and the poor from participation in government. The two parties have differed in style and rhetoric, but little in substance.

The Human Rights Party does differ. Human needs should be the highest priority of government. City resources should go toward providing housing, healthcare, child care education, transportation, food, and clothing, which are the rights of all people regardless of income. Community control is necessary to give power over these services to the people who need them. City programs should be financed through a highly progressive tax structure.

Many of our proposals, however, are impossible without massive changes in American society. Capitalism and the accompanying political systems have denied economic and political power to the vast majority of people. To maintain its position those in power oppress people throughout the world by means of war, sexism, racism, and exploitation of wage labor. The oppressed are expected to be content with tokens and tidbits but have little share in the real wealth and little power to end their oppression.

America should guarantee the human right to a living income, the human right to choose productive work, and the human right to be free of undemocratic political control. Such rights, however, cannot be guaranteed under our present economic and political conditions. They will only be possible as we move closer to a truly democratic socialist system. While recognizing that the attainment of such a system is a long and arduous process, we hope that the Human

Rights Party will play a part in bringing that goal closer to reality.

COMMUNICATIONS

— Mass participation is essential to achieve real community control, and cable television can be a revolutionary tool to make it possible. Ann Arbor's cable TV ordinance should provide for more steeply graduated fees with low-income people receiving service free and for more participation by minority groups on the Cable TV Commission. The University should provide technical assistance in exchange for a channel which would be run by a board including students, faculty, and other employees.

— In general the media should be controlled neither by business, through advertising, nor by the government. Ultimately, freedom of the press can only be guaranteed by a blind, automatic government subsidy and a wide diversity of news vehicles.

FOREIGN POLICY

— U.S. foreign policy and investments are major obstacles to freedom and self-determination for many people and nations throughout the world. Our government, in conjunction with multi-national corporations serves the interest of the rich and powerful against the great masses of people by supporting dictatorships on every continent. In keeping with a broad reversal of foreign policy, the U.S. should withdraw from Vietnam completely and immediately and pay war reparations to help rebuild that country.

— Planks on community planning and growth, the elderly, and recreation, are forthcoming.

EDUCATION

— The public schools of Michigan are horri-



**NANCY
WECHSLER**
Second Ward

everyone. The second is through progressive taxation such as a steeply graduated income tax and a tax on corporate profits that would not be passed on to the consumer. We would urge everyone to vote NO on the Feb. 21st advisory vote on whether the city should levy a flat-rate income tax on everyone."

Genie Plamondon, HRP candidate from the Third Ward, is on the Central Committee of The Rainbow People's Party and has been actively working in the Ann Arbor community since the summer of 1968. 24 years old, she has worked with the Community Parks Program, being responsible for internal security at the free summer concerts, organized and brought together the Psychedelic Rangers, and actively works with the Ann Arbor Tribal Council.

"We are trying to help set up alternate institutions to deal with our people's problems, from housing and food to health care, to providing places for musicians to present music and for the people to dance and get together. We see a whole new culture of Rainbow People developing around the planet, and definitely here in Ann Arbor, with specific needs and new ways of dealing with those needs. Building the Tribal Council and the People's Committees is our main work, stuff like the Food Co-op and the Tribal Council Park Program, which has been growing since 1967 here in Ann Arbor, stuff like the Community Center on Washington St. which houses the Free People's Clinic, Drug Help, Ozone House, the People's Ballroom, and more. Running for City Council is merely an extension of the work we are already doing in the community. It's time that we become fully represented in the workings of the city. We

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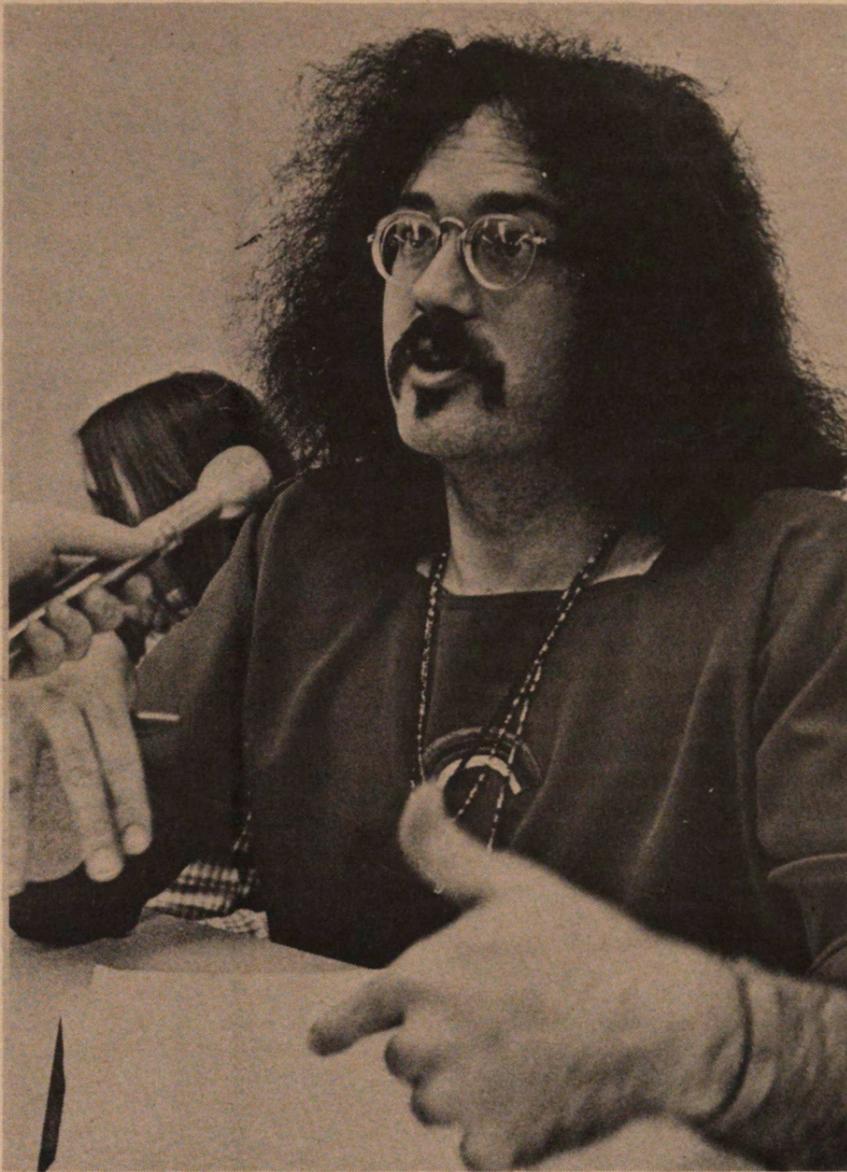
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To Our Sisters and Brothers in the Ann Arbor Rainbow Community:

For the past two months since John was returned to us our party has been going through the process of systematically reorganizing itself. For the first time in our history as the Rainbow People's Party we have sat down with our Chairman and carried on prolonged intensive discussions of our history and development, our historic role as rainbow people and as a revolutionary party which purports to represent our people as a whole, our organizational tasks as a party and as members of the immediate community, our structural strengths and weaknesses and how we might correct them, our internal contradictions and the contradictions that still exist between our party and different people and groups in the community. This is all new to us — in the past more than seven years of our organizational existence we have never undertaken such a systematic investigation of our situation, and we're just now learning how to organize ourselves so as to make the best possible use of the resources available to us. We're excited about the results we've achieved using this method of work, and we want to share some of the things we've worked out with our brothers and sisters in the community in the hope that it'll help us all get ourselves together better.

First of all we want to express our appreciation and gratitude once again for all the support everyone gave us during the struggle to Free John Now — we can never thank you enough, and all of us know that it was only through the unified efforts of the entire community, led by its conscious rock and roll musicians, that we were able to win the victory we achieved on December 13th. Rainbow Power! We also know that the only effective way we can express our appreciation is through our practice in the community now that the people have brought John back home, and we've been spending so much time in meetings over the past two months precisely because that's the way we feel we can best organize ourselves and make ourselves capable of dealing with the problems all of us face as a people.

We also want to thank all of our brothers and sisters who have helped us with our meetings, taking over the duties of party members so that all of us can meet at once, making their homes available to us when we needed more privacy than we could get at our headquarters, having patience with us and the untogether quality of our work while we were concentrating on our meetings so we can do better work in the future, and just generally offering us their encouragement and support during what has been a very difficult period for us. Again, we have never done this before, it's been a hard struggle for us to get down together like we've been doing for the past two months, and we hope it'll all



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be worth it to people when we start putting our plans into practice. We're sorry it's taken us so long to get to where we had planned and hoped to get in a much shorter period of time, but we had to take as much time as the situation called for and we're doing the best we can under the circumstances.

We constitute ourselves as a people's party, and it is extremely important to us that the people we work with in the community understand what we are about. We call ourselves servants of the people, and our goal is to make ourselves capable of serving the people's needs the best way possible, which means that primarily we are concerned with developing organizational forms through which our people can express their energy and genius in such a way that they will be able to solve their collective problems for themselves, following the principle of self-reliance and self-determination. By organizing ourselves to serve the people 24 hours a day, year in and year out, through the course of a protracted struggle against the dinosaur imperialist order, we are taking the first major step toward organizing our

whole people into a powerful political force which will be capable of eliminating capitalism, imperialism, racism, sexism, and the other evils of western civilization and of building up in its place a New World based on revolutionary humanism — the Rainbow Nation which will grow to include all the people on the planet.

We are engaged in a serious struggle, and there is no way we could be more serious about what we are doing. We have committed ourselves individually and organizationally to the struggle of our people — of all people — for liberation and self-determination, by any means necessary, and we are prepared to accept whatever consequences this commitment brings us, whether it's giving up our "free time" and our individual pursuits in order to deal with the needs of the people, giving up our freedom on the streets for long periods of time while we serve prison sentences arising out of our work in the community, or facing the armed might of the imperialist state. All of us are totally committed to the revolution, and we express our commitment through our daily work in the party and in the community as well

as through the more sensational activity which is the only aspect of our work most people want to know about.

One of our primary concerns is that the people in our community know as much as possible about what we're doing and what we are trying to do here in Ann Arbor — we take this space in the community newspaper to talk about our activities and our plans because they affect everybody in the community finally, and if we're going to be a people's party then the people have to understand and approve our work. We aren't doing any of this just because it's what we want to do — we want to serve the people, and everything we come up with is designed to deal with what we see as the people's needs in the most efficient and the most effective way possible. We know that we make a lot of mistakes in the course of our work, and we know our analyses aren't always right, but the best way to check up on the correctness of what we're doing is to submit it to the people like this and ask for your criticisms and suggestions so we'll know when we're doing something wrong.

The main thing we want to say now or any time is that essentially we're just freaks off the street like anybody else in our community, without any experience in political work except what we've gained by plunging ahead the best way we could, and we don't want to create any mystique around what we're trying to do as a revolutionary political party. Because we are just freaks off the street like the rest of our people, we feel it's important to make every attempt to de-mystify our activity so everybody in the community can share in the knowledge and experience we've gained through our practice, and so there won't be any weird separation between our party and the people we want to serve. Our point is that if we can do what we're doing, if we can organize ourselves to deal with our own problems and the problems of our people in a systematic fashion, if we can commit ourselves to the struggle and work in the struggle day after day taking our pleasure from the well-being of the people and the progress of the people's programs rather than from little individualist trips, if we as the Rainbow People's Party can do this then all of us can organize ourselves and commit ourselves to the struggle that will free all of us finally from the condition which causes all our problems. There ain't nothin' weird about us at all — we're just like everybody else in the rainbow community, only maybe more so, and if we can do this then anybody can!

The other thing, before we go into specific detail, is that there isn't anything weird about meetings either — meetings are a necessity in taking care of business, and sisters and brothers who are serious about dealing with the needs of our people are beginning to understand, as we are, that meetings are an absolutely essential part of our communal life if we want to

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take care of business. Meetings are where people share their information and figure things out together, like sitting around taking down and rapping only in an organized, more or less systematic fashion, so that everything that needs to be discussed and taken care of will get done before the meeting's over. The harder the problem—and when you're talking about eliminating imperialism and all its manifestations you're talking about a *hard* problem—the longer and more intense the meetings are, especially when you're starting out from scratch and doing it all for the first time like we've been doing, but in the end there's nothing mystical or strange about *any* kind of meetings at all. They're just instances of people getting together to work out their collective problems collectively, and all of us are going to have to start relating to meeting and talking a lot more about our common problems if we even want to *survive* as a people.

THE PRESENT SITUATION

In our party meetings we started out discussing the present situation on the international, national, regional and local levels. Our primary conclusion was that the revolutionary forces throughout the world are definitely on the rise while the reactionary forces, led by the United States government and the imperialist financial interests fronts for, are definitely on the decline. This is true on every front, starting with the international front where the people of Vietnam have forced greater and greater concessions from the U.S. government even while they've been subjected to the most vicious exterminated campaign ever faced by a people in all of history thus far, where the 800 million people of the People's Republic of China have won a great victory in the twenty-two-year struggle to force the reactionary governments of Euro-America to recognize their revolutionary government on its own terms, and where the national liberation struggles of oppressed Third World peoples have grown in intensity and scope again this past year as they have year by year since the end of the second world war. The revolutionary forces are growing stronger while the reactionary forces are growing weaker and weaker all the time, and we are quickly entering the decisive period of the struggle against the international octopus of imperialism.

On the national level we see that the revolutionary forces are growing and maturing more each day despite the tremendous toll taken by the vanguard workers in struggle—the assassination of George Jackson at San Quentin and the massacre of 32 prisoners and ten guards at Attica are only the most sensational instances of the genocidal campaign that is being carried out against oppressed peoples all over the planet—and that the reactionary forces have suffered serious setbacks even as they try desperately to reassure themselves that everything is going according to plan. The Nixon-Mitchell-Kleindeinst-Rhenquist-Kissinger conspiracy to smear the revolutionary movement with the brush of nihilism while systematically eliminating its most public activists has been consistently combatted and exposed by the people and can be said decisively to have failed. Bobby Seale and Erika Huggins are free to continue their work in the black community, Huey P. Newton has finally acquitted himself of the manslaughter charges which were meant to keep him off the streets for 15 years, political trial after political trial has ended in acquittal or a hung jury, Bernadine Dohrn and Bill Ayres and their comrades in Weather Underground are still on the loose, and every move the government makes against revolutionaries now is immediately exposed, opposed, and defeated.

This doesn't mean that the picture is a

absolutely rosy by any means, but it does mean that we are definitely making progress in our struggle, and that the government, despite all its seeming strength, is powerless to carry out its plans against the people without the most resolute resistance by increasingly larger masses of people in this country. There are still thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters locked up in prison, there are still millions of people starving every day, the U.S. government is still dropping tons and tons of bombs on Vietnam and Cambodia and Loasevery hour, the people still have no effective control over the means of production or the institutions which affect their lives, the *conditions* which have driven us to struggle against the monstrous beast of imperialism have really only worsened instead of improved, but in the final analysis it is an incontestable fact that the size and scope of the people's movement for change have continued to grow more this past year than ever before, and if we measure our progress against where we started from instead of against where we're trying to get to we can see that we're making tremendous strides in the correct direction.

As far as the rainbow colony is concerned, we can see that our numbers are growing by the day, that there are millions of us now instead of hundreds or thousands as was the case five years ago, that we represent an increasingly greater threat to the reactionary forces by virtue of our very existence, and that the cultural suppression movement which has been carried out by the government over the past few years (including the psychedelic genocide/operation jones campaign) has almost totally failed in its task of stopping or at least defusing the mass cultural movement in this country. We can see that the strategic importance of the rainbow colony as the closet child of the mother country and the mother country's anticipated heir is looming larger all the time, and that a victory in our struggle for self-determination and freedom will mean victory for oppressed peoples all over the planet.

We can see that we really *do* have the numbers, that our revolutionary potential as a people is growing all the time, and that our strength is limited now only by our general state of disorganization and untogetherness. Objectively we are tremendously powerful, we have almost unlimited energies and resources, we have the ability to start taking over our lives and directing them the way we see fit, but we will remain relatively weak as long as we persist in remaining disorganized and isolated from each other. We think we're weak and powerless, but in actuality we have an incredible amount of potential which will start to actualize itself as soon as we begin to organize ourselves and to move together to get what we need. We are no longer in a position of weakness, we're in a position of strength, and that strength has only to be organized to make itself felt immediately in the centers of power.

In this regard, there are two major areas of work to which we are ready to commit ourselves: the first is the creation of a Rainbow National Economic Development program which would enable us to reclaim some of our national wealth and to start developing a stable economic base for our people as a whole; and the second is the creation of a mass-based national political movement which would work through the electoral process as well as every other effective way first to evict Richard Nixon, and then to develop itself into a stable, multi-national, thorough thoroughly unified political force with the ability to elect its own candidates to major public offices and to force the Property Party (Democrats/Republicans) to speak to the needs of the people and to expose their inability to deal with those needs under capitalism.

We are basically a local organization now, and these are national issues, but they affect all of us on a daily basis here in

in Ann Arbor and they can only be dealt with on the level of national work. We all suffer from the economic exploitation and the cultural adulteration of our national wealth—our culture, and particularly our music—and we all suffer under the super-reactionary regime of Nixon and his rap partners. On the world-historical level there is no difference between the Republicans and the Democrats and right-wing Republicans, and as a revolutionary organization we are particularly concerned with removing Mitchell and Kleindeinst and their gang from their positions of power if only to lessen the possibility of trumped-up political trials and the prison sentences that go with them. We still have three of our comrades—Pun Plamondon, Skip Taube, and Jack Forrest—locked up in the federal penitentiary system as a result of the Mitchell-Kleindeinst conspiracy against the revolutionary movement, and we want not only to get them back on the streets with the rest of us but also to keep the rest of our people out of those situations in the future.

As of now there is no clear cut plan for the 1972 electoral campaign on the part of the movement, so we still are aren't equipped to detail our plans in this area, but we will lay them out for you as soon as they're finalized and ready to put into action. Talk now is centering on a People's Campaign which would include a protracted series of major rock and roll bashes on the John Sinclair Freedom rally model, a People's Platform which would

be presented to the people through the people's press and at the rock and roll rallies for their endorsement, a massive national voter registration effort, and a five-or-six day MUSIC & POLITICS festival near San Diego just prior to the Republican National Convention. The details of this Campaign and the extent to which the RPP will be involved in it will be announced in the SUN as soon as they're available.

We are also working on a Rainbow National Economic Development plan which is still in the preliminary stages and which will be announced in its entirety as soon as it's ready to be implemented. Generally, as people know, we are interested in creating an alternative economic system, based on the communal, non-profit model, which would be under the control of rainbow people and which would provide us as a people with the economic base and the major means of production we need in order to carry on our struggle against capitalism and imperialism on all levels. Our primary commitment is to wresting our people's hands back out of the clutches of the greed creeps and returning the music and the economic power of the music to the people's communities where they belong, and our plan will be dedicated to this end.

THE LOCAL SITUATION

Turning to the local situation—Michigan in general and Ann Arbor in particular—we could only conclude that the outlook is even brighter for our people here than almost anywhere else, and that our original decision seven years ago to commit

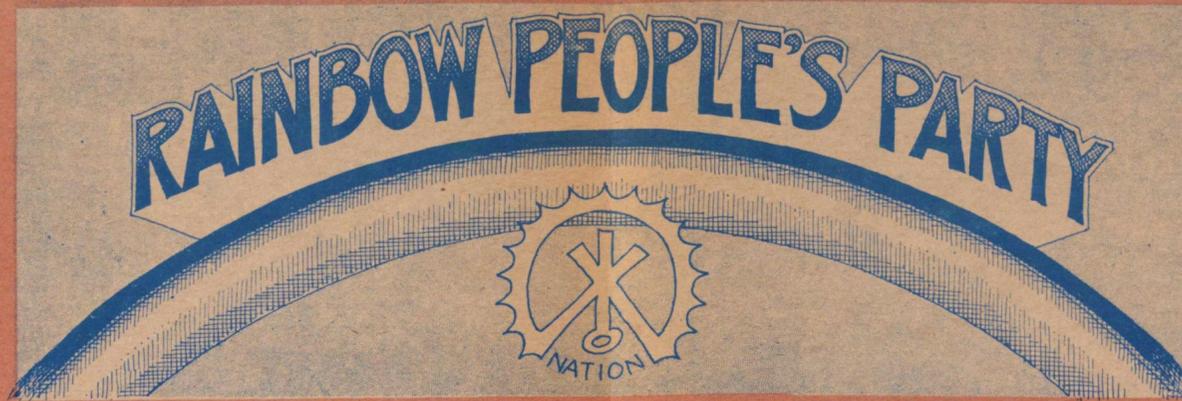
ourselves to this geographical area—Ann Arbor/Detroit—has been proved correct beyond a doubt. Here in our base area conditions are ripe for the even more rapid development of our mass movement, not only among rainbow people but also among the broad masses of Euro-American people, and the potential strength of the people in the rainbow community is far greater than the ability of our party to organize that strength. Where in the past there were not enough rainbow people on the set to support the programs we were proposing, now the situation is just the opposite: there are far more people ready to move into active participation in the people's programs than there are people to help them organize themselves, and our basic task in the immediate future is to try to catch up to the people and help them create the organizational forms they need to develop in order to deal with their own needs.

In the local situation also, the government's plan to smear the active revolutionary forces in the community while dragging our leaders off the set and into the penitentiaries forever has been vigorously combatted and virtually defeated, even though our party itself still suffers the continued imprisonment of our three comrades, and even though we are still forced actively to combat the negative images of our organization and our movement which the sensation-mongers in the capitalist information media have projected over the past few years. Our success in this area is due largely to the correction of our own ultra-leftist, super-radical mistakes, our concerted efforts to redefine the revolution for people in this

area as a positive process from which they can only benefit, the change in our methods of work which followed our transformation from the White Panthers to the Rainbow People's Party, and especially to the overwhelming support of the broad masses of rainbow people who came forward as soon as we gave them the chance and demanded the release of Chairman John Sinclair from the Michigan penitentiaries. We concluded that we were able to win the support of the people for the Free John Now campaign, and for our programs in general, because we were able to recognize our most blatant mistakes, to correct them and our methods of work as well, to go to the people with our corrected analysis and explain it, along with our mistakes, to them, and to give the people concrete channels through which they could actually express their support and their outrage over John's situation.

We discussed the Free John Now campaign at great length, since that campaign constituted by far the largest part of our activity during the first eight months of our party's existence, and we concluded that the campaign had been immensely successful not only in its first term—freeing John now!—but also in the way it involved many thousands of people in a political effort, in the way it brought new energy and life to our community and raised the spirit of our people to a whole new level, in the way it brought so many of our people's hands back together with the people in support of a common goal, and in the way it mobilized a great many mother-country elements behind an issue which directly concerns so many rainbow people and which provides a basis of unity

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The Central Committee of the Rainbow People's Party

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between our people and the increasing number of mother-country people who are beginning to smoke the sacrament on the one hand, and to wake up to the incredible political repression that's going down in this place on the other. On top of all that, the Free John/Free Marijuana campaign, we feel, brought about the change in the Michigan marijuana statutes which is going to affect all of us starting April 1st, and which is a major political victory for our people in this state. As such, the victory in the initial state of the battle puts us in a significantly different position on the state-wide level—we're riding on a forward surge of energy, we're now dealing from a position of relative strength rather than relative weakness, and our future activity in this area has to be undertaken within that context.

On the local level, that is in Ann Arbor, we're in a greater position of strength than ever before—by defining the situation in our own terms and moving along the lines of our analysis of the local situation we've been able to keep our community growing, and its institutions along with it, while enjoying a relative degree of security within the community itself due to the nature of the relations we've established with the city government and its various political/military agencies. Our rainbow community has begun very clearly to define itself and to consolidate itself in order to increase our collective strength, and our most immediate goal is to complete the process of consolidation, through the Tribal Council and its People's Committees, while expanding our services and the scope and size of our communal institutions at the same time. The consolidation of our initial base will provide a stable foundation for our community's growth in the future, and the more we increase people's participation in the people's programs and the people's committees, the more rapidly our community will be able to grow, and the stronger we'll all become as a result.

During the first stage of our development as the Rainbow People's Party we explained to our sisters and brothers in the community that we couldn't participate in the Tribal Council and the People's Committees as much as we needed to because we had to concentrate almost all our energies and resources on the struggle to Free John Now; our position now that John is back with us is that we will participate in the development of the Tribal Council, the People's Committees, and the People's Community Center as fully as we possibly can. The development of the people's political and economic institutions is the first priority in all our mass work, and we are particularly committed to building up the Tribal Council, transforming it from a loose coalition of activist groups (RPP, Drug Help, Ozone House, Free People's Clinic, the People's Food Co-op, Youth Liberation Front, and other groups) into a solidly representative communal political institution which is capable of coordinating all the people's energies and resources, administering the public affairs of the community, seeing to it that adequate services are provided the people through the various people's committees, and serving as a model of the people's government of the future.

We see the Tribal Council eventually encompassing every brother and sister in the community, with the people representing themselves directly at regular mass meetings (like at the free concerts in the part in the summertime) and being represented in the community's formal dealings with the established communities by the Steering Committee, the group which has created and nurtured the Tribal Council from its first tentative days as a coalition of community service organizations. The mass meetings and the weekly Steering Committee meetings would serve as coordinating sessions and information exchange opportunities, while the actual work of the Tribal Council, and of the community as a set of institutions, would be carried on through the agency of the People's Committees and the various ser-

vice organizations which would function under the banner of the People's Committees. The People's Committees would then serve as the backbone of the entire community, and each committee would be responsible for consolidation of all the existing institutions in its particular field, coordinating their activities so as to make the most economical use possible of the community's energies and resources, initiating new service programs and new community institutions to deal with more and more of the people's needs, and providing a means through which sisters and brothers from the community who want to get involved in serving the people can plug into the organized life of the community.

The People's Committees are where the work gets done, and it is through working on the People's Committees that all of us can build up the kind of alternative social order we all dream about. Our party will be committing at least two of its members to each of the People's Committees, not only to contribute its proper share to the organized life of the community but also to demonstrate our commitment to the development of the Tribal Council as the kind of alternative communist political institution we need in order to survive and grow as a people. We need these institutions, all of us need them to provide for our collective needs as a community, and if we are serious about developing our community then we have to be serious about joining the People's Committees and working with our brothers and sisters on the People's Committees to deal with our collective problems.

On the individual level we see the People's Food Committee developing strong ties between all the people's food cooperative projects in the community, consolidating the buying power of the community, and increasingly serving the food needs of our people. We envision a time when all of our food is grown on people's farms in the countryside and trucked into the city in the people's truck trucks to be distributed through the people's food warehouse, a time when we can provide for all our food needs without going outside our own community, and we see the People's Food Committee working actively toward this end.

We see the People's Housing Committee, which has barely begun to organize itself up to now, developing into an agency which can provide for the people's housing needs, whether through renting community-owned houses and apartments to tribes and individuals, constructing people's communes on a mass scale with the residents sharing in the ownership of their housing units, providing emergency housing for sisters and brothers passing through town with no place to stay, dealing with the housing problems of escapees from suburbia and the other dungeons of America, operation a people's housing information exchange service, or whatever other means may be available to us at any given time.

We see the People's Health Committee developing further the Free People's Clinic, adding a Free Dental Clinic as is already planned, and moving into the area of People's Hospitals and People's Dispensaries as soon as conditions permit. We see the People's Drug Committee developing strong programs for dealing with heroin use and addiction in our community, the adulteration of the psychedelics by unscrupulous greedheads and/or the government itself, the problem of the presence of other destructive chemical agents such as speed and barbiturates in our community, and other problems relating to drug use and abuse, with the eventual goal of merging itself with the People's Health Committee under the social aspect of the drug problem is eliminated.

We see the People's Defense Committee developing in essentially three directions: (1) the establishment of a permanent Legal Self-Defense program in the community, including a legal information service, a bail-bond fund for brothers and

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sisters on the street who run into the slimy tentacles of the law, and a legal education program which would systematically inform people of their rights and of the legal services available to them through the People's Defense Committee; (2) the establishment of a stable force of Psychedelic Rangers (People's Peace Officers) which would be capable of dealing with all the security problems of the community, including street patrols, park rangers, security guards, and the like, and the creation of a training program in armed self-defense, including karate, firearms, and other forms of self-defense, which could result in the establishment of a well-trained, well-equipped People's Militia which would insure the safety and security of our community from outside attacks.

We see the People's Education Committee developing a multi-faceted Children's Community School as the first step toward the creation of a whole alternative educational system which would serve the educational needs of the entire community, from the cradle to the grave. We envision the near future a functioning Children's Community School which would include a nursery school, a revolutionary day-care center and school for people between the ages roughly of 2 and 5, and a grade school program for people who would otherwise have to attend the cesspools of the capitalist-industrial school system.

We see the People's Communications Committee developing a through-going community information exchange program, including a newspaper, a central switchboard with information on everything that's happening in town, community bulletin boards situated around town so that people on the street can know what's happening, people's radio and television stations and whatever else we need to keep ourselves tuned into the life of the community on all levels. We see the Network operation developing rapidly into a full-fledged community switchboard, and we in the RPP are looking forward to the day, hopefully in the near future, when we can turn the Ann Arbor SUN over to the People's Communications Committee to serve as the official news organ of the Ann Arbor Tribal Council. We see the paper going back to a weekly schedule as soon as possible, increasing both its circulation and its physical size, and drawing more and more people from the community into the day-to-day operations of a people's newspaper. We see the bulletin boards functioning by the summertime, and more and more communication among all of us who live together in this community.

We see the People's Music and Ballroom Committee developing the People's Ballroom in the Community Center, the 1972 Free Concert Series in the parks, and a regular series of fund-raising events involving the people's bands which would raise money for the Community Center, the Ballroom Project, the LSD Bail Fund, and other community service programs. We also see the People's Music Committee establishing a dynamic Musicians' change/People's Booking Agency which would hook bands up with the people who need their services, and vice versa. We see particularly the People's Ballroom developing into a true community cultural center, a place where our people can gather to get down in the music together, where our bands can make a decent living playing for their friends and neighbors at reasonable prices, where musicians without places to rehearse can possibly get together to work out their music, where theatre events, poetry readings, film screenings, workshops, meetings, and other community functions can be held regularly without the threat of interference from outside authorities.

We see the Artists' Workshop Committee developing in two ways: (1) toward the creation of a permanent Creative Workshop in the Community Center, a

project which is already planned and which waits only upon the completion of the People's Ballroom for its implementation—a people's workshop where artisans and crafts people can practice their skills and market their products through a people's store, where people from the community can learn and practice skills such as carpentry, mimeographing, silk-screening, pottery, leather-working, macrame, and photography; and (2) toward the establishment of an Ann Arbor Artists' Workshop which would provide a forum for poets and other art workers from the community—musicians, filmmakers, painters, writers, photographers, dancers, and other artists—through which to present their work to the people. The Artists' Workshop would be centered in the People's Ballroom and would be engaged in a whole range of artistic activity, limited only by the human resources available in the community at any given time.

Finally, we see the People's Finance Committee developing into a massive fund-raising agency and economic development council which would serve the interests of the rainbow community by producing fund-raising events for the Tribal Council, the Community Center, and the various people's service organizations, by generating capital to be used for the purchase of productive equipment on a large scale, by establishing and collecting Community Taxes which would go towards the financial needs of the people's institutions, and by providing financial advice and direction to progressive entrepreneurs in the community who want to develop independent cooperative businesses which would help serve the needs of the people.

Those are the existing People's Committees right now; we see further the need for a People's Labor Committee sometime in the near future, which would procure jobs for brothers and sisters in the community, organize people's task forces to raise money individually and collectively by painting houses, doing landscaping and gardening work, and engaging in other forms of productive activity in an organized basis. We see the need for rides around town and around the country, which would work out plans for eliminating automobile traffic within the community, and which would develop means for dealing with all the people's transportation needs. We see the need for People's Committees to deal with every problem people have in our community, and we cannot be satisfied until all those needs

are being dealt with on a regular, systematic basis.

In summary, we see the Tribal Council and the People's Committees developing into strong communal institutions which will enable us to solve our collective problems in this community and to move together to build the kind of society where we can all be free to develop our humanity to its highest possible level. Our party is irrevocably committed to the establishment and development of these institutions, not because they're something we dreamed up over a few joints but because they are *necessary* to deal with the needs of the people, and the needs of the people *must* be served. We have demonstrated through our practice in the past, even while we were primarily committed to freeing our Chairman, that we are determined to have what we need and to create it ourselves, and we will be working from this point, with the active participation of Chairman John Sinclair, to demonstrate further our absolute dedication to this task.

We have space here only to report briefly on one last area of our local work which will be discussed in more detail in the next issue of the Sun—the question of electoral politics and our participation in the electoral system. The Rainbow People's Party, after taking fully into consideration the changes in the local political situation brought about by the granting of the 18-year-old vote, the enfranchisement of students of voting age in the communities in which they live and work, and the internal development of the Radical Independent Party as it established its base and affiliated itself with the Human Rights Party, has decided to support the efforts, the platform and the candidates of the Human Rights Party of Ann Arbor not only in the April 3rd City Council elections but in the local elections to follow. Since we believe that social practice is the criterion of truth, we offered for nomination and had accepted as an HRP candidate for City Council in the Third Ward our sister and comrade Genie Plamondon, who will be running on the platform of the Human Rights Party.

We are not an electoral party; the Rainbow People's Party is a democratic-centralist revolutionary political party dedicated wholly to revolutionary social change and the creation of an intercommunalist social order on this planet, and we will work with any progressive forces in our community which have demonstrated their stability and commitment beyond a doubt. The Human Rights Party

is such a force in the Ann Arbor community, and we are happy to have the opportunity to work with them in this election campaign. We will be involved in a serious campaign to win for the people, through the HRP, at least two seats on the Ann Arbor City Council, and to move from there for more effective control over the institutions and agencies which affect people's lives in this community. We do not propose the securing of two or more City Council seats as any kind of ultimate victory for the people, because we all know that our problems are incapable of being solved by *any* agency operating within the framework of imperialist society; but we do propose that a victory for the Human Rights Party in the April 3rd elections will be a tremendous victory for the people of the Ann Arbor rainbow community, and we urge all of our sisters and brothers in the community to register now and to vote April 3rd for sister Genie Plamondon and her running mates—Jerry DeGriek, Nancy Wechsler, David Balck and Nancy Romer Burghardt—on the Human Rights Party ticket. VOTE HUMAN—Genie P. April 3!

This report just barely scrapes the surface of our two months of meetings and discussions, and it by no means covers the full range of our projected activities for the next period of our organization's development, but hopefully it can serve as a start toward a really comprehensive report by our party to all of you in the community who we profess to serve through our work. We welcome your comments, criticisms, and suggestions—which isn't to say that we'll always agree with you, because we try to have a pretty clear idea at any given time of what we're doing, what we're trying to do, and why we're doing it that way—and we hope you will help us to develop into the kind of people's organization our community needs during this particular stage of its development. This is just the beginning, but we're certainly ready to start, and you'll be able to keep a close check on us as we work to carry out our programs.

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Third Ward



have shown our seriousness and sincerity in dealing with people's needs, and we don't want to restrict our abilities, we want to expand them to some day meet *everyone's* needs. The City Council is one important way to do this. My running on a democratically defined Human Rights Party platform should show people that we are not just interested in working for young people, but for *all* people in the community."

David Black is HRP candidate from the Fourth Ward. He is a 24 year old graduate student and teaching fellow in Political Science at the U of M, and has been a resident of Ann Arbor for 2½ years.

"I am the only candidate who is not presently legally qualified to run for City Council. Thus, part of my candidacy is a challenge to the present unfair requirements. As it stands now, a candidate must be registered to vote in Ann Arbor for one year before he or she can run for city office. This restriction is unfair to people who, for whatever reason, have only recently registered and is especially unfair to young people, as this year no one under 22 years old can legally run for office.

"While this challenge to the unfair city election law is part of my candidacy, it is by no means all of it. I am running from the Fourth Ward, which is *not* primarily made up of students and young people. The party's determination to run candidates from every ward is evidence of our belief that a truly democratic party dedicated to radical social change will eventually appeal to the vast majority of the American people."

DAVID BLACK

Fourth Ward



NANCY ROMER BURGHARDT

Fifth Ward



Nancy Romer Burghardt, HRP candidate from the Fifth Ward, is a 25 year old graduate student in Education and Psychology. She is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Columbia, South America, and teacher from Willow Run, Mich., and East Harlem, N.Y. She also helped organize for the Tenants Union and worked with the Women's Liberation Child Care Action Group and the Ann Arbor Women's Liberation Coalition. She served as HRP party coordinator in the summer of 1971.

"This election has not only local significance. The peace movement, women's movement, and other radicals are looking for a means of relating to communities. We feel that a democratic, leftist electoral party with clearly radical politics is a meaningful direction in which to move.

"As a candidate I want to stress the importance of getting strong women with leftist politics on City Council. We want women to participate fully in all political processes.

"The Fifth Ward, as a community, is in severe need of community control of public services. Blacks in one ward are harassed by police and at the same time do not receive adequate police protection. There is also a tremendous need for child-care, health-care, and low cost housing. These are services HRP sees as rights that people must demand and receive."

Party Platform

examples of mis-education. They perpetuate the myth of an open and free society but in practice are instruments of class, racial and sexual oppression.

They oppress working class people and racial minorities through the tracking system and teach distorted and narrowly sexist role models.

Students must be guaranteed basic rights: privacy, dignity, due process, and the right to have a democratic voice in the decisions which affect their lives.

Community control of the schools through boards composed of students, parents, and staff is essential.

The schools should be financed through a properly graduated personal income tax equalized on a state-wide basis.

CHILD CARE

Around half of the mothers in Ann Arbor work, yet there are day care spaces for only a small fraction of their children. Child care is more than just a women's demand, it is a people's demand because all of society is responsible for its children. The city should seek subsidies for child care and should use more of its own funds for setting up a system of child care centers spread out in the city. Employers should shoulder much of the cost. Parents, staff, and children should participate in running the centers.

THE YOUNG

Every person, regardless of age, has a right to dignity and respect and to participation in decisions affecting their lives. The Youth Liberation movement should be supported in its fight against age chauvinism and in its efforts to organize and politicize the young. The age of majority should be lowered and constitutional rights should be extended to all young people. Laws holding parents re-

sponsible for the actions of their children should be abolished.

THE LEGAL SYSTEM

— The present legal-judicial system in Washtenaw County reflects a system of drastically mistaken priorities that tie up police in enforcing laws against individual behavior such as gambling, prostitution, abortion, vagrancy, public intoxication and other drug use and homosexuality. These laws must be repealed.

— The County Jail is neither humane nor rehabilitative and it contains a population which is primarily poor, young, or black.

— Our society must face its responsibility to cure the social inequities which are the real source of most crime

— Defendants accused of non-violent crimes should be freed without bail, and bondsmen must be replaced by a community bail fund with bonds set in relation to a defendant's ability to pay.

— The police department must be completely supervised by a community control board.

— Prisons should be replaced by rehabilitation centers designed to aid the reintegration of convicted criminals into the society.

— Present drug laws stimulate both organized crime and street crime, keep addicts from getting help, and send people to prison for using harmless drugs or at worst hurting only themselves. All use and possession laws must be repealed.

— Until that is possible, Ann Arbor should adopt ordinances with minimal penalties and order the police to use these ordinances instead of stricter state laws.

— The city should fund treatment and maintenance programs for addicts. Honest drug education programs should be instituted in the schools.

ECONOMICS

— The American economic system concentrates the wealth and power in a wealthy minority of the population. The tax system does little to correct this inequity, indeed it may exacerbate it.

— All legal and economic bars to the right of working people to organize labor unions must be eliminated (this includes so-called "public employees"). The right to strike at any time must not be abridged.

— Workers must be guaranteed safe and healthy job environments and protected against lay-offs, compulsory overtime, continual speed-ups and the general dehumanization of working conditions.

TAXATION

— Progressive taxation is essential to help reduce the extreme inequality of income distribution and to pay for badly needed city services. The proposed flat-rate income tax with its windfall for landlords is no more progressive than the present tax system. The city should work for a steeply graduated income tax with high personal exemptions and an end to the property tax.

SEXISM

— Sexual preference and sexual activity are matters of personal choice and no form of sexual expression should be discouraged or suppressed so long as it does not infringe upon the rights of any person.

— All basic human rights must be guaranteed to all citizens regardless of sex or sexual preferences.

— All laws against homosexuality, prostitution, etc., must be repealed.

— Individual, parental, legal, and property rights should not be denied because of marital status. Immediate divorce should be granted to consenting married people.

— Discrimination against single people in tax

laws, housing, jobs and credit must end.

— All pornography and obscenity laws must be repealed.

— Birth control information and the services of qualified gynecologists should be provided through community-controlled health clinics.

— Anti-abortion laws should be repealed and abortions provided free and on demand.

RACISM

— All minority groups must have the right to self-determination and community control.

— The City's Human Relations Department should have expanded power and a larger budget so it can investigate and combat discrimination in all areas of city life.

— Courses on minority cultures should be offered in the schools. The University must comply with its obligations to native American Indians under the Fort Meios Treaty and to black students under the BAM settlement.

— Community control of the police department is necessary to end police racism, which the city administration and police chief have done virtually nothing to stop.

MODEL CITIES

— The Model Cities Program is designed to pacify minorities and poor people and to undercut their efforts to develop united communities. It suffers not only from inadequate funding and unkept promises but also from the refusal of the city government to grant any real power to the people in the Model Cities area over decisions which affect their lives, such as the Packard-Beakes project, which will run a highway right through the black community. An effective and representative program of community control is needed much more than gestures like the Model Cities Program.

Carnal Kitchen Ripped Off !!!

The Carnal Kitchen, long a people's band in Ann Arbor, has met the fate of many bands and got ripped off for a large portion of its equipment. Another example of the pitifully backwards way people are forced to relate to each other. We can't help but connect this with bogus dope problems since our own information as well as figures shows that 60% of all so-called crimes are drug-related (we feel that the real crime is the perpetration of the death culture in power now that forces such separations and viciousness among the people).

Steve McKay, killer saxophone player for the Kitchen, told us the following list of equipment taken: 1 Fender Rhodes Mark I Stage Piano, serial no. 21045; 1 Fender Super REverb Amplifier; 1 Fender Bantam Bass Amplifier; 1 Fender Show-

man Amplifier top; 1 Fender Stratocaster Guitar, blond finish with a dark fingerboard, 1 Shure Unisphere balltop microphone in white plastic carry case.

The equipment was apparently taken by someone who knew what the deal was. The Kitchen has just finished a two week gig at a local bar where the equipment had been kept. It was ripped shortly after being transferred to the band's house for the first time in those two weeks. Ironically the tracks of the vehicle used could be traced as far as Jones Street in A² where the guitar case was found lying beside the street with Carnal Kitchen leaflets thrown about. Steve pointed out the awful thing about it is that the people who did it probably needed to rip something else off within a couple days.

We hope there is some way to help the Kitchen get their equipment back. If anyone has any word please let us know, we gotta have their music!



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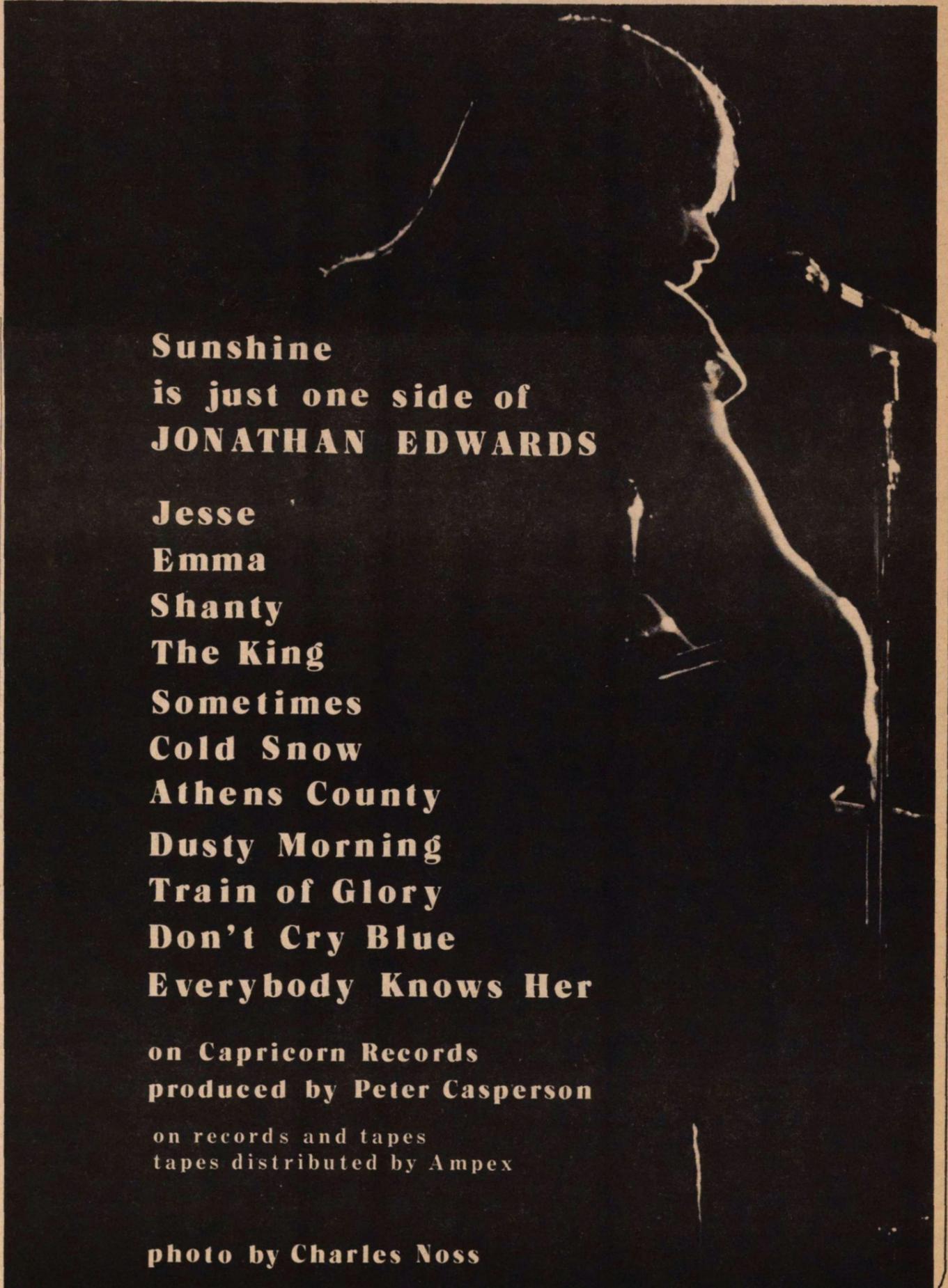
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Tappan Student Union Sues Administrators

Students today are in the position working men and women were in earlier in the 20th Century. Prior to recognition accorded to labor unions by legislation and judicial decree, laborers possessed only the right to quit: if they were compelled to work for a living they had to accept the authority of management, no matter how arbitrary and unreasonable that might be. And management relied on legal support whenever the workers got out of hand.

Students are in a similar situation in Public Schools today. They are compelled to attend and to submit to the authority of administrators, no matter how arbitrary and unreasonable this might be.

It was for these reasons and more that the student unions were formed. The unions hope to be the militant arm of the student body. But unfortunately the

unions, like those of the workers in the early part of the century, have been met with brutality and harassment on the part of certain administrators. The Ann Arbor Student Union Statement of Purpose states: "That we, with a strong representative organization can fulfill these interests and needs and work towards securing a valid education." But how can they be a strong student union under present circumstances? How can they represent the student body, or claim to represent it, when members are physically attacked or physically punished by suspensions from school?

It is for these reasons that they decided to file suit against Duane Peterson and Neil Mueller, assistant principal and principal at Tappan Junior High School. The precise allegations in the lawsuit are:

1. They have acted to deny students rights to which we are entitled under the 1st and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution specifically

the right to assemble for the purpose of organizing an association. The Defendants have discriminated against members of the Student Union at Tappan by denying us the same rights and privileges which they have granted to students who are members of the administration-created student council.

2. Duane Peterson intentionally, willfully and maliciously assaulted student David Kaimowitz.

3. Such assault in the presence of numerous other student members was designed and intended to stop the exercise of 1st Amendment rights by these students so that they would be discouraged from participating in the Union in the future.

To redress these injuries to us, the Student Union is asking for a sum of \$16,000 in damages (\$10,000 for physical and mental harm to David Kaimowitz, \$5,000 for consequential and punitive damages and \$1,000 for damages because

of violation of the constitutional rights of the Student Union) and for an injunction to keep those school administrators from denying us our 1st Amendment rights.

The situation at the time of the assault was this: the student union had called a meeting for 1 pm on Friday, January 21st at Tappan. As students started to gather for the meeting, Mr. Peterson appeared at the door. He was trying to stop students from attending the meeting by telling them it was "unauthorized" and they would be truant if they attended. He also tried to lock the doors of the cafeteria where the meeting was to be held. He was unable to do this because as he closed one door, students would open another. You could see that he was getting angry, David Kaimowitz, a student union member, was at the same time walking to the other side of the hall to encourage people to attend the meeting. Then Peterson (Mueller had been standing by the whole time watching) walked up to Dave and asked if he had to get physical. As Dave said no he was knocked to the ground and punched by Peterson, his glasses flying off in the process. (All in front of numerous students.) Then David got up and made no attempt to fight back; he returned to the meeting which was attended by some 60 students. David, spokesman for the student union, said that "the union was left with no other possibilities but legal action. We realize that this was a last resort, but the students have to protect their rights infringed upon by the repressive nature of the Tappan school administration."

At the show cause hearing on Friday, February 4, approximately 35 brothers and sisters jammed the courtroom to show show unity with the suit. Presiding Judge Campbell stated that we were to submit another brief showing why "infants" could form an unincorporated association and to prove that there had been damage done to the student's constitutional rights. He also said that he would set a second hearing at a later date.

The student union at Tappan previously had worked on numerous issues at the school. These included the locking of bathrooms by the administration to prevent their use by students, the evaluating of teachers, as well as the running of a student union slate for student council to give us the chance to make our views more public. The Tappan Student Union is a chapter of the Ann Arbor Student Union, like others at Forsythe, Huron, Pioneer, Slauson, Scarlett, Angell, and Burns Park, we have adopted a similar statement of purpose.

—Tappan Chapter of the Ann Arbor Student Union



A SCAR THROUGH THE BLACK COMMUNITY

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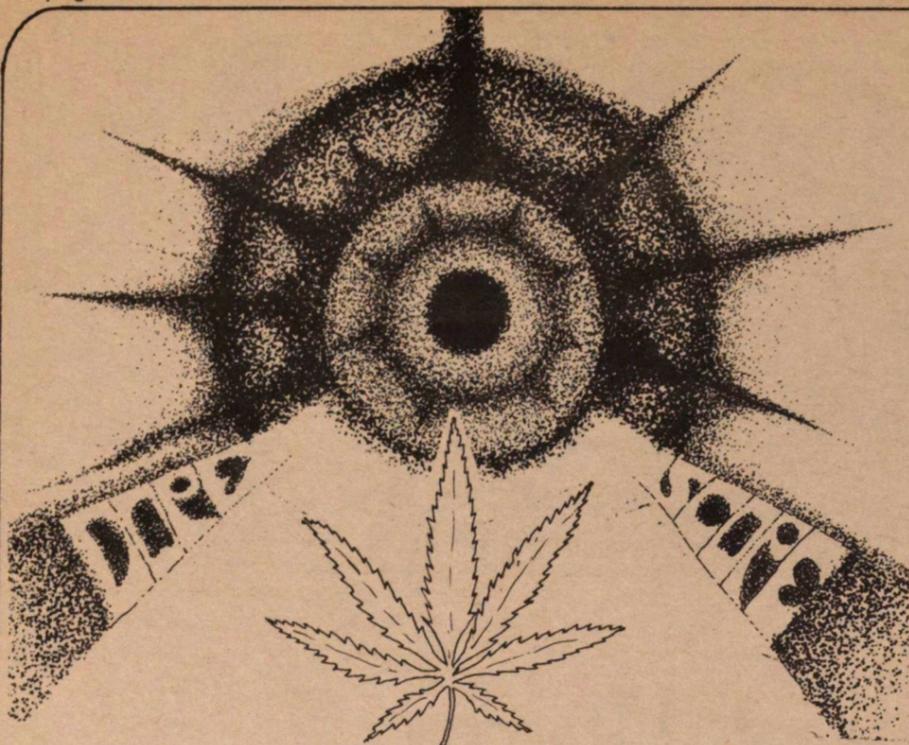
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that was used in the argument that should be looked at was the creation of an Ad Hoc committee to review the problem and produce a recommendation, with everyone involved—Model Cities, The Property Owners and the Businessmen. The ruse here is that the Council forced Model Cities to elect the board, providing true democratic community input into program, then stacked the sub-committee with an overwhelming number of special interest groups.

What is the impact of this decision on brothers and sisters outside of the Model Cities area? It shows that the business interests still rule over people here. It shows that we have to pay close attention to what is being planned for the whole city and to see what plans are destructive to building a community. And it shows that we have to make our voice heard, the people and neighborhoods must and do indeed count in our community.

At the next city council meeting our "progressive" Mayor did not breathe a word of reconsideration on Packard-Beakes—another example of a liberal turning his back on his supporters and finking out in a crisis.

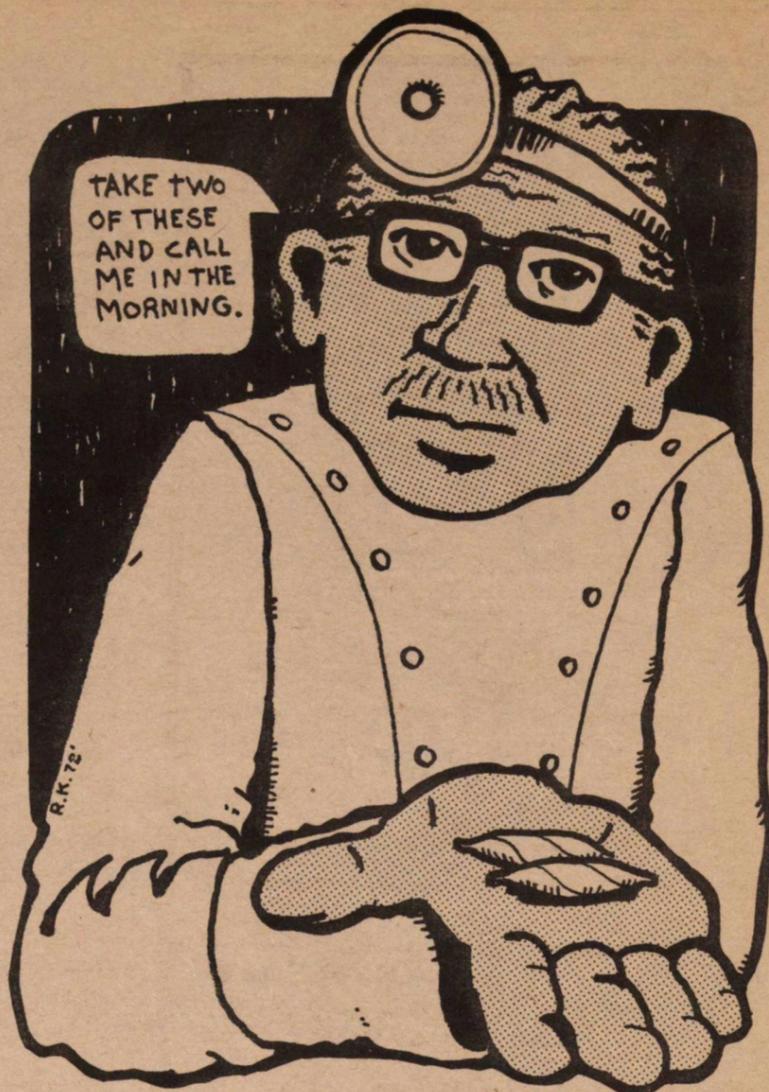
The city council approved putting Packard-Beakes on the Ballot as a bond issue in the April election—IT MUST BE VOTED DOWN—REGISTER AND VOTE NO!



A recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association has a small article on a medical use for marijuana. It talked about using marijuana for people who have "high occipital pressure," pressure in the eyeball that is a cause of glaucoma. The article pointed out that marijuana is effective in reducing this for most people. This article was particularly important as it begins to show the cracks in the ruse that "marijuana is a bad drug because it has no medical use," that the medical profession and the pharmaceutical industry has laid down on us for years. Marijuana has been used medically in the past for numerous ailments, and is being explored as a safer tranquilizer and sedative than ones used now. When the indus-

try cannot control the production of a drug, it becomes very repressive about its use. Marijuana, like alcohol, is informal medication; the pharmaceutical industry will never be able to control the profits like they do on other drugs. Remember, that the pharmaceutical manufacturers have the biggest profit margin in the production of their products of all the major industries.

In this society, a lot of our physical ailments come from the condition of our heads—how tired, or under stress we are, how hard we push ourselves. This constant pressure may start causing a lot of sick feelings. Sometimes we must keep on to complete a necessary task and something is indeed called for to get us through



the work, something to "tranquilize" us—but not necessarily the garbage that the pharmaceutical industry "pushes" on us through our local doctors every day. Other times, it is best to just RELAX to let this pressure fade, to let our systems unwind. This can be done with innumerable things—dope, a walk in the country, listening to some good jams, etc. Marijuana may be far better than the tranqs, just because it isn't something that you gobble and run. The here and now process of smoking a jay may be a very useful part of relaxing.

The pharmaceutical industry is really incredible. Did you know that:
—It spends an average of \$3,600 per physicians per year on advertising?

—It produces enough Barbs every year to overdose every man, woman and child in this country? (8-10 million)

—That approximately 50% of the amphetamines, produced in this country are diverted into illegal channels, and that a large percentage of the rest, the legal prescriptions have no medical value (diet pills after the first two or three weeks for example)?

These legitimate, concerned, benevolent people (B.S.!) are now "helping" us bring the drug abuse problem under control. More on the maneuverings of this rip-off monster later!

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In Issue 22 and 24 of the Ann Arbor SUN we ran a four part series of articles entitled "Some Myths About Women," taken from *Our Bodies Our Selves*, a new printing of *Women and Their Bodies*. Our *Bodies Our Selves* came from group discussions and individual thought over a period of one year. Sisters who live in and around Boston, wrote the book viewing it as a tool which could be used to increase consciousness and to build our struggle for liberation.

"Some Myths About Women" presented a basic view of women and the roles they play in this society. What we hope to do with the analysis presented here is to bring everything said there closer to the Rainbow Culture. Bring it to sisters and brothers in the collectives, communes and streets here in Ann Arbor. To do this four of the sisters living here at the Rainbow House got together to discuss the article. What I hope to do is present those ideas and thoughts clearly and make them understandable to everyone, open to further criticism of course.

Many of us must feel that the housewife-mother images used as examples in "Some Myths About Women" do not relate to our culture, but lets take a closer look. One place to start would be at our dealers the people keeping our righteous sacraments in supply and on the streets. Our brothers are usually the dealers, they make the contacts, take care of business, have the knowledge and the skill to survive, all the while keeping themselves and their brothers and sisters high. But, lots of times, the beautiful sisters that are these brothers partners are very often caught in the same ruse as their mothers. Keeping the house clean, cooking and serving food to the brothers, and caring for their children, with the brothers taking little active part. All this meaning the sisters have very little contact with business and what taking care of business means. WE have even known of instances where sister dealers who joined up with brother dealers eventually stopped dealing and fell into the housework ruse. Here at the Rainbow House we have, in the house, broken down these sexual roles. We all share in cooking, cleaning and caring for each other and our three small sisters.

Dealing with the physical work, dividing it equally between brothers and sisters is a major step, it means dealing with a very basic and extremely deep rooted thing, which is the beginning of dealing with sexism. When this step takes place it means that sisters come out of the dish-

water and diapers to develop and grow, taking on more responsibility, taking care of business unrelated to housework and babies directly. This very new freedom brings about incredible changes, freeing both brothers and sisters, involving both in more varied work necessary to develop into whole new complete people. Brothers are able to get closer to children, slow down and relate to their emotions, something which is smothered in our brothers while dealing with growing up in Amerikan culture. They are able to see what spaces their sisters were relating to, they are able to see where sisters are com-

ing from. It's so beautiful to see our brothers getting out of their heads, relating to things on a more human, less dominating ego oriented, honky level. Realizing the needs of people, realizing the understanding it takes to care for each other, and help us grow. And our sisters! Being freed from relating to things on a cooking pot, dirty dish level, having our lives not just center, merely, around our brothers and children but also to learning skills, working and using our creativeness. Being able to develop a view of our sisters on a comradely level and not as threats to our relationships with brothers.

Here, at the Rainbow House, we are constantly struggling with our sexism, trying to define and grow out of all the sexist bullshit built inside of us. We have gone through incredible changes just dealing with the basics, like equally dividing the work needed to run the house

smoothly. A lot of our brothers reacted very negatively to having to care for our children, cook food for everyone, and do the huge amount of cleaning necessary to keep our house together. The changes are slow and very confusing, and we have made a lot of mistakes, but every day the equality becomes more of a reality. We sisters take on more responsibility and gain more skills that generally only the brothers had, but we must remember where the Rainbow Culture as a whole is growing from in order to deal with our own sexism effectively. Our culture, with all the beautiful, progressive things about it is still filled with sexism and the oppression that results from it. Even our rock 'n roll music is filled with this bullshit, the lyrics, the way brothers who are musicians relate to sisters, the lack of sisters who are musicians and, of course, the way sisters relate to rock 'n roll musicians. But, very positive changes are happening on the rock 'n roll scene. Take for example the rock 'n roll band named Joy of Cooking, with sisters playing lead guitar, organ and playing a major role in writing songs. We all must realize that sexist feelings go to the very center and that to deal with it we have to go to the very center and realize that we are all sexist and begin to deal with it. This is the first step, realizing, and defining the problem and then taking steps to correct it, such as equalizing the house work load, discussing sexism and discovering its origins in history, with your sisters and brothers and then struggling to overcome it. We are developing a whole new Rainbow Culture that breaks down artificial separations like racism and sexism and we have to develop whole new ways to relate to each other. The struggle ahead of us in terms of opposition from the existing social and economic order demands that we all participate fully. Sexism is a major contradiction and we all must struggle to overcome it!

**All Power to the Rainbow Culture!
Sisters and Brothers Unite!
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—Kathy Kelley RPP



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HASH OIL AND MARIJUANA EXTRACTS

By Michael R. Aldrich
Co-Director of AMORPHIA, The Cannabis Cooperative

(RNS) — Marijuana extracts, used in Western medicine since 1839, are the wave of the future in the psychedelic underground. When scientists in the 1960's succeeded in synthesizing THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), underground chemists tried to produce it for the mass market, but the attempt failed because THC synthesis is extremely costly (\$15 a dose). Unscrupulous dealers sold the animal tranquilizer PCP as "THC" or ripped off high prices for low-grade acid labelled "THC." Now for the first time, organic extractions of marijuana and hashish with incredibly high THC content are slowly becoming available.

The first to appear, in the late 1970, was "THE ONE," manufactured by a group calling itself "The Cosmic Traveler." Prescription vials containing 5 or 6 grams sold for \$135 up, complete with two small pyrex One Pipes and a xerox blurb of smoking instructions. The gritty, oily, dark chocolate-odiferous goo was identified as "a pure, organic resin-THC extract of marijuana stabilized to optimum smoking consistency with pure ground super grass." Analysis revealed that it was probably an alcohol extraction of high-quality Mexican weed, and it bio-assayed at 13% THC.

For comparison, average marijuana runs a little over 1% THC; killer weed from Asia rarely exceeds 4%; and fresh hashish usually runs between 8% and 15% THC. At the NIMH pot farm in Mississippi, bracts (leaves around top flowers) occasionally test at 11%, but the dope used in government research projects is only 2% THC, and most subjects say it's the strongest weed they've ever smoked.

"SON OF ONE" came out around September, 1971, a 5-gram vial going for \$125 up, complete with a slightly larger One Pipe. Sources claimed it was made from Afghani primo, mixed with powdered Mexican grass, and it smelled camphorated or mentholated, in addition to the deep hash-flower pugnacy shared by all these substances. It was less potent than the original ONE, but it got you off well.

"BLACK OIL" appeared on the West Coast in late December, 1971, a thin black runny fluid made from marijuana but not mixed with powdered weed. Evidently



Photo: David Fenton

TOKIN' HASH OIL

some of the alcohol was left in it to thin it out, making it the closest thing to a real tincture of all these preparations. It also had the sharp, cutting scent of ether, indication probably a double alcohol-ether extraction: one or two whiffs over the vial would dry and clear the nose for several minutes. It smoked rather harshly and left a bitter taste in the mouth, but was as potent as anybody's Gold.

The highest-quality extract was "HASH OIL," also called "RED OIL" in honor of the preparations made in the 1940's by Dr. Roger Adams from wild Minnesota hemp. It appeared in mid-1971, tawny amber-colored like honey, so thick that a cutting agent such as pine oil may have been used: Sources said it was ether-extracted from Lebanese hash, and fractional

distillation may have been used to separate the active THC isomers from the 40-odd other cannabinoids found in the plant. Its boiling point was very low, and, like all extracts, it had to be stored in a cold dark place. A single gram of HASH OIL retailed for about \$50, with an ounce costing dealers \$750. Experienced smokers estimated the THC content at about 20 percent!

Each of these extracts can be eaten, but only by persons quite experienced in hash-eating: the risk of overdose is great. The key to successful smoking is to *draw much, much more slowly* than usual, and to take in *less* than you think you need.

Because the extracts are so volatile, flame must not be applied directly to them. Instead, they must be vaporized

inside the bowl of a special ONE PIPE (see illustration), with the flame held under the bowl rather than over it. Handblown pyrex One Pipes were available from most extract dealers, and before long they will probably appear in selected head shops. Two other pieces of special equipment are best to use, but not absolutely necessary: a metal tong (or straightened paper clip) with a flat end spatula about a third the size of a coke spoon, to transfer the extract from the vial into the pipe; and an alcohol burner, preferable to matches or a candle flame because the latter carbon-film the bottom of the Pipe. The One Pipe may be held directly in an alcohol-lamp flame, but must be held at least a quarter-inch above an ordinary flame or the blackened pipe will be difficult to use.

The smoking process itself is quite different from toking a joint or a hash-pipe. Using the swab, smear a bit of the oil or extract on the inside of the bowl. You can leave the tong in the bowl during smoking if you like—it's easier. Hold the pipe in the hot blue top of the flame, letting the substance "cook" a few seconds, till you hear it "crackle" and see wisps of vapor begin to curl up from it. Oils liquify, then vaporize. At that moment, having exhaled completely, puff out your cheeks and place your mouth on the pipestem, leaving the bowl in the flame. Instead of inhaling, simply suck your cheeks together gently. This will draw the vapor up the stem into your mouth, at which point you inhale *very slowly*, taking in no more than half a toke. If you take too much, or inhale too quickly, you'll cough really badly for several minutes. You'll cough a little anyway, but being careful will minimize it; and you should start to feel the effects almost immediately.

Experienced HASH OIL smokers say it is the clearest high obtainable, getting you superbly stoned without the depressing heaviness of killer weed or hash. Two good hits get you stoned; three hits are optimal for about an hour's clear high. Four hits are too heavy for most smokers, and if you take five you'll probably spin out. Stay high and think righteous.

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RAINBOW NATION NEWS



CIA Exposed In 'Operation Jones'

As former member of the U.S. Special Forces Team in Laos stepped forward this week to give an "eyewitness" account of CIA-supported plane smuggling opium from Laos.

Paul F. Withers, a member of the Army Special Forces who received nine purple hearts during his three years of service in Southeast Asia, told radio station KSFJ-FM in San Francisco that he actually purchased opium from Meo tribesmen when he worked for the CIA in 1966. Withers testified that he had been assigned by the CIA in early 1966 to work with and train the Meo tribe members to fight against communist forces.

Withers said that he worked with the CIA-supported guerillas at a remote base in Laos; he reported that his assigned task was to maintain radio contacts with other CIA operatives, and that he would notify his contacts by radio when a shipment of opium was ready to be picked up. Withers said that about every other week, an Air America flight—an airline controlled by the CIA—would land at the small airstrip near the village where he worked. The tribesmen, said Withers, would unload Chinese and Czechoslovakian arms and small bags of gold dust, and would exchange these for bags of opium grown by the tribesmen. According to Withers, the Air America plane, now loaded with 25 to 100 pounds of raw heroin, would take off toward the southeast, "in the direction of South Vietnam."

Withers added that he was in-

structed to deal for the opium in exchange for the loyalty of the Meo tribesmen who would then fight for the CIA against the various revolutionary forces in the area.

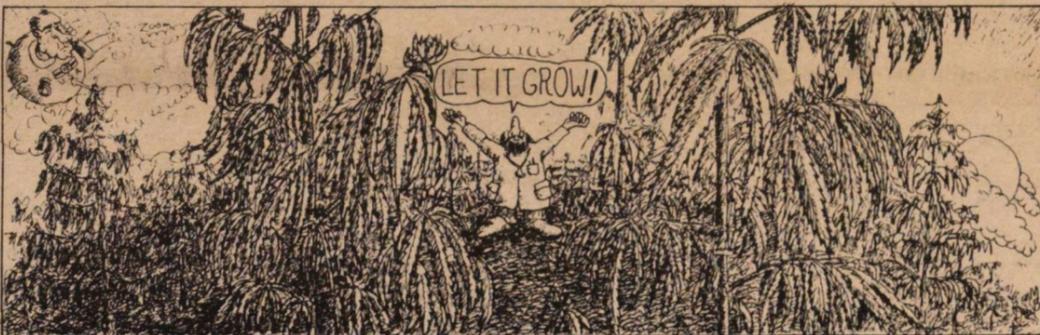
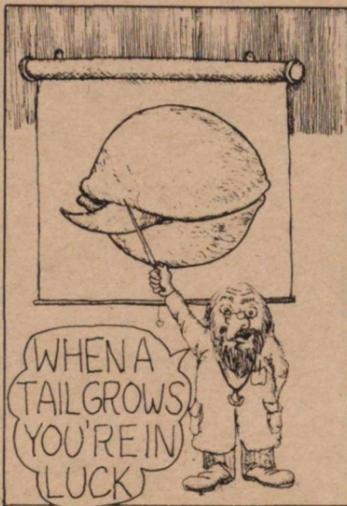
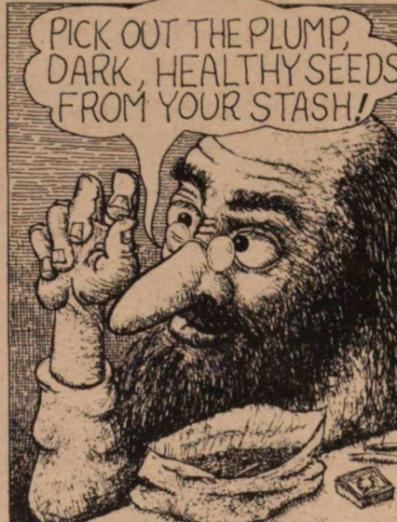
Withers admitted that he did not know "for sure" where the Air America flights eventually took their cargo. But he insisted that, after leaving his assignment and returning to Saigon, he actually saw some of the opium—refined down to heroin—being sold in the To Do street market in Saigon. He said the heroin in Saigon was in bags identical to that he had seen made by the Meo tribesmen.

Withers, who is now living in Kansas, said he was extremely fearful of action being taken against him because of his testimony. He told KSFJ newsman Paul Lambert that he is currently being protected against physical harm by members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War in Kansas.

Withers reported his account to KSFJ after *Earth* magazine in its March issue accused the CIA of supporting the heroin traffic as it made its way from Southeast Asia to the streets of the United States. *Earth* magazine issued a call for any potential witnesses to the smuggling to come forward and tell their stories.

The CIA has refused to comment specifically on the latest charges—but CIA director Richard Helms, in a speech last year, stoutly denied any Agency connection to drug trafficking:

EARTH NEWS



Supernarc Quits To Join Other Side

John Finlator, recently retired Deputy Director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, has announced that he strongly urges the immediate decriminalization of marijuana, and predicts eventual legalization.

"I have reached this decision after much thought and considerable study. I've watched the numbers of marijuana arrests and convictions reach tremendous proportions," Finlator said, "yet I have been unable to find any evidence which justifies the harm that is inflicted by these laws.

"We have to deal realistically with the marijuana issue before we can get to the more serious drug issues. The rhetoric and emotion surrounding the marijuana debate make significant progress in other areas an impos-

sibility for both law enforcement and educational efforts."

Finlator, age 60, retired as of January 1 of this year. During 36 years of government service Finlator became known as "supernarc" by many of his colleagues because of his hard-nose tactics in dealing with drugs. Now, after abusing the current marijuana laws to their fullest, supernarc has joined the board of NORML (The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws). NORML is a Washington, D.C. based lobby which is working toward a governmentally-controlled led system for marijuana similar to the one used for alcohol. Finlator plans to take an active role over the next months in getting the laws changed.

"In the 1930's, when marijuana was first made illegal, there

were less than 50,000 smokers in the whole country. Yet today, after four decades of incredibly harsh penalties, the Marijuana Commission tells us that 24 million Americans, including 15% of the population over 12 years of age, have smoked marijuana," Finlator said.

"Many (drugs) have such a deleterious effect both on the user and society as a whole. But drugs such as cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana are different. But who would seriously suggest criminal penalties for those who smoke cigarettes or drink alcohol? Yet, both of these drugs have proven far more harmful effects than marijuana. Our current laws must be based on medical research, rather than on the false myths surrounding marijuana."

New Mexico-\$100 if Popped

New Mexico is well on the way to establishing the nation's most lenient marijuana laws—the penalty for simple possession of marijuana would be \$100.

The bill which will authorize the liberalized enforcement has been passed by the state senate and will now go to the house and then to the governor. Sources at the state capital in Santa Fe say the bill will pass.

State Senator Otis Echols, the sponsor of the bill, said that he decided not to classify marijuana with hard drugs. "We felt that marijuana had to be separate penalties, separate concepts and separate philosophies. It's more of a social phenomenon than it is a drug problem," Echols said.

The Federal Bureau of Narcotics has told Echols that if the bill passes the Bureau will recommend that New Mexico law be

used as model legislation for the other 49 states.

For possession of one to eight ounces of marijuana a penalty of \$50 to \$100 could be assessed as well as a maximum of seven days in jail. Possession of more than eight ounces could get an offender a \$100 to \$1000 fine and up to a year in jail. Felony penalties still exist for the possession of hard drugs and for the sale of marijuana to anyone under 18.

Echols told Lloyd Covens at KRWG-FM in Las Cruces that he is not in favor of "outright legalization of marijuana." He said his bill will give law enforcement people more time to concentrate on the trafficking of drugs. "Nobody dies of an overdose of marijuana, but a lot of people die of overdoses from amphetamines and heroin," *Earth News*

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MONDAY FEB. 21

FILMS

- * "Straw Dog," State, 1-3-5-7-9
- * "Billy Jack," Campus, 7:00 & 9:30
- * "Man In The Wilderness," Michigan, 1-3-5-7-9

TV

- * "Yoga & You," WTVS - Channel 56, 8:00
- * "Firing Line," WTVS - Channel 56, 10:00

EVENTS

- * Free Womens Poetry Reading, Women only, Conspiracy, 8:00

TUESDAY FEB. 22

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Monday
- * "Fury," 4:30, 7:00, & 10:15, "Tomb of Ligeia," 3:00, 8:45, 12:00, Conspiracy, \$1:00 (ARM)
- * "The Abominable Dr. Phibes," 7:00 & 10:00, "Psych-Out," 8:30, Aud. A Angell Hall, \$.75 (Ann Arbor Film Coop)
- * "Land Is Rich," "Decision at Delano," "Felix Revolts," UGLI multi-purpose room, 7:30 Free Community Film Series, (Newsreel)
- * "Secret Six," Architecture Aud. 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)

TV

- * "A Woman's Place," WTVS - Channel 56, 2:00
- * Black Journal, "Who Killed Malcolm?" WTVS - Channel 56, 9:30

EVENTS

- * Ann Arbor Tribal Council Pot Luck Dinner/Community Meeting, Ark, 6:00

WEDNESDAY FEB. 23

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Tuesday
- * "Fury," 7:00 & 10:15, "Tomb of Ligeria," 8:45 12:00, Conspiracy, \$1.00 (ARM)
- * "The Maltese Falcon," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)

MUSIC

- SRC, Odyssey, \$.50
- Hoot, Ark, \$.50, 8:30

TV

- * "All About Welfare," WTVS - Channel 56, 2:00
- * "Vibrations," w/Dave & Chris Brubeck, WTVS - Channel 56, 9:00
- * "Soul," WTVS - Channel 56, 10:00

EVENTS

- Food Coop Meeting, 3rd floor SAB, 7:30

THURSDAY FEB. 24

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Wednesday
- * "The Student Prince," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)
- * "Claire's Knee," Aud. A Angell Hall, 7:00 & 9:30, \$.75 (Ann Arbor Film Coop)

MUSIC

- * Buddies in the Saddle, Flood Floods, \$.50
- * Odyssey - same as Wednesday

TV

- * "Yoga and You," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30
- * "A Woman's Place," WTVS-Channel 56, 7:30

FRIDAY FEB. 25

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan, ARM - same as Thursday
- * "Trouble In Paradise," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)
- * "Tristana," Aud A Angell Hall, 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)

MUSIC

- * Buddies in the Saddle, Floods, \$.75
- * Sativa, Odyssey, \$.50
- * The Golden Ring, Ark, 8:30, \$1.50

TV

- * Film Odyssey, "Ivan the Terrible," WTVS-Channel 56, 8:30

SATURDAY FEB. 26

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan, C Cinema II - same as Friday
- * "Cluny Brown," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)



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SUNDAY FEB. 27

MUSIC

- * Floods, Odyssey, Ark - same as Friday

EVENTS

- * Speaker - Sister Elizabeth McAllister of Harrisburg 8, Conspiracy, 7:15 & 9:30, \$1.50, all proceeds toward Harrisburg 8 Defense Fund

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Saturday
- * "Design For Living," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)
- * "Chapaqua," Aud A Angell Hall, 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75

(Cinema II)

MUSIC

- * Benefit for Irish Relief Fund, Owen McBride & others, Ark, 8:30, \$1.50

EVENTS

- * Speaker - Sister Elizabeth McAllister of Harrisburg 8, Conspiracy, 3:00, \$1.50, all proceeds toward Harrisburg 8 Defense funds

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MONDAY, Feb. 28

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Sunday
- * "Shop Around the Corner," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)
- * Ten UPA Cartoons, Architecture Aud., 1:00 & 3:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)

MUSIC

- * Salamander, Conspiracy, 4:00, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, \$.60/set

TV

- * "Yoga and You," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30
- * "Firing Line," WTVS-Channel 56, 10:00

TUESDAY FEB. 29

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Monday
- * "The Lady Dances," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema Guild)
- * "The Damned," Aud A Angell Hall, 7:00 & 9:30, \$.75 (Ann Arbor Film Coop)
- * Free Community Film Series Topic: Black History "Listen Whitey," "Tribute to Malcolm X," and Racism "Now" "Community Control," UGLI multi-purpose room, 7:30

TV

- * "A Woman's Place," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:00

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

FILMS

- * State, Campus, Michigan - same as Tuesday
- * "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers," Architecture Aud., 7:00 & 9:00, \$.75 (Cinema G)

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