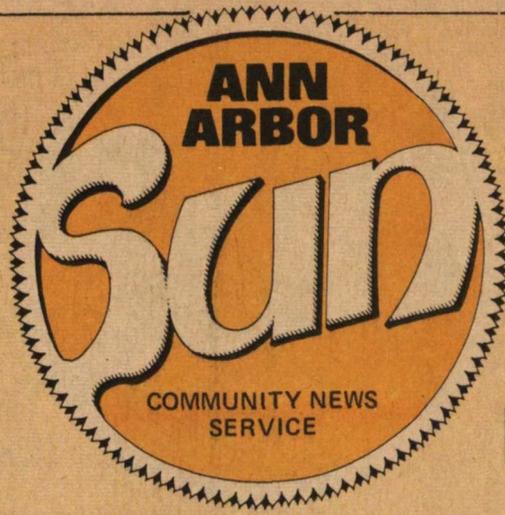


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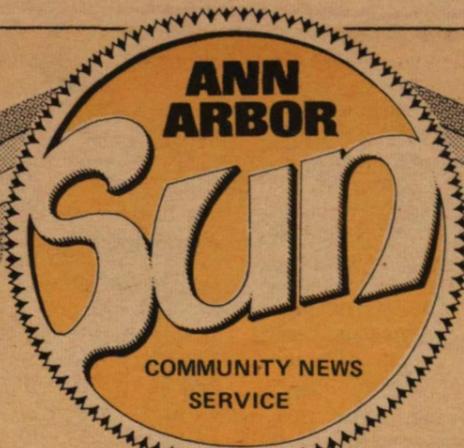
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**STOP
THE
BOMBS!**





PEOPLE, LET'S STOP THE WAR!

In 1968, because of increasing public outrage and huge demonstrations against the war, Lyndon Johnson was forced to halt the bombing of Hanoi and to abandon his plans to run for re-election. Since Richard Nixon has been in the White House, we've had four years of "Vietnamization," a public relations campaign of "withdrawing the troops" by replacing American ground forces with puppet South Vietnamese and making all of Indochina a free-fire zone for American bombs. Nixon hoped to deflate public opinion against the war while continuing the fight, but the plan didn't work. In April 1970, responding to the increasing strenght of the Indochinese liberation movement, Nixon invaded Cambodia, and had the South Vietnamese army invade Laos in 1971. As more and more people united to demonstrate against the war, Nixon publicly stated he would ignore them and proceeded to do just that. The dedicated people's liberation forces in Indochina have won victory after victory in the past few weeks, coming within thirty miles of Saigon, exposing the Vietnamization program as a fraud, and in mad response B-52's have begun to bomb Hanoi and the port city of Haiphong for the first time since 1968. The war is escalating.

Nixon would like nothing better than to be able to end the war and insure his re-election, but at the same time his friends and cronies in business and the military realize that the whole imperialist system is on the line. If the people of Southeast Asia win, it will serve as a go-ahead signal to the revolutionary forces throughout the world, thereby thwarting the imperialist plans to rip-off the whole planet for their greedy selves, turning it into one huge complex of shopping centers, parking lots, and hamburger stands.

Wars like the one in Vietnam are an inevitable result of the capitalist system. As the economic situation gets worse, capitalists have to find new ways to keep increasing their profits. They have sold all their plastic junk and ripped off America, yet they still want more, and are prepared to devastate the planet to get it. Vietnam is one of the last outreaches that the beast is trying to sink its claws into. But the nature of the people's spirit all across the globe is to struggle for life against this expansion. They can only sell Coke to a few Southeast Asians, the rest ain't buying it, as we are starting not to buy it, any of it. This isn't good for the people who run the U.S. economy and the new wave of bombings is just their last-ditch frenzied attempt to hold on to their system. But they're doomed.

And to the people we're talking about, the men who run the corporations like ITT, Honeywell, Lockheed, and the American Oil Company, what better investment is there than war? Bombs and other war materials are the perfect consumer products; they are completely destroyed in one use, and then need to be replaced. The more bombs they get to explode and replace, the more profits the greed creeps of the military-industrial complex are able to rake in, and their will is forced on all of us by the federal government.

The Vietnamese people have shown us that their will to win self-determination is stronger than Amerika's mis-guided technology. They have been fighting for decades and are prepared to fight as long as is necessary, but they know that ultimately they can't stop the war, only we can. And right now the only way we can do that is to force American politicians to stop the war.



Children coming out of a North Vietnamese school, at one point during the day when bombs weren't falling on their homes. VOTE TO END THE WAR in the Michigan primary May 16!!!

THE THREE POINT PROGRAM TO END THE WAR

1. Within twenty-four hours of the Inauguration the next President will end all air, ground and naval operations in all of Indochina.
2. Upon taking office, the next President will announce a date not later than April 20, 1973 by which the withdrawal from Indochina of all remaining U.S. personnel will be completed. The process of withdrawal will begin immediately, will be phased with the return of U.S. prisoners, and will be subject to the reaffirmation by the other side of their commitment to safe conduct for withdrawing U.S. personnel
3. The next President will announce on Inauguration Day that the United States will no longer finance the Thieu government or any government in Saigon that keeps tens of thousands of political prisoners in jail, suppresses opposition newspapers, harasses political meetings or engages in other forms of repression which makes a peaceful political accomodation in South Vietnam impossible. All aid to the regimes of South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia which enables them to carry on the war will be terminated on February 20, 1973.

The Anti-War Union, a mass coalition of people united around ending the war, has proposed a three point program. (see box on this page) The Rainbow People's Party will be working with the Anti-War Union in the coming months to present the three point program to the presidential candidates, demanding that they sign it and make clear their real position on the war. The three point program is very specific: within 24 hours of inauguration, there will be a total cease-fire throughout all of Southeast Asia; within 90 days all American personnel and equipment will be removed from all of Southeast Asia; and within 30 days all economic and political support to all unrepresentative, puppet

governments will cease, particularly to the Thieu-Ky regime in South Vietnam.

If this plan is implemented by the next president, the war will end. We need to elect someone to office who is pledged to immediately implement the three point program. At this point George McGovern is the only candidate who has publicly signed the pledge, and of all the Democratic contenders who might possibly sign it in the future he has the best chance of winning the election. We have to make sure that the war is ended and that Richard Nixon and his thugs are evicted from the White House, and we of the Rainbow People's Party feel that the most effective way to accomplish these goals is to endorse

George McGovern for President and urge people to vote for him in the May 16 Presidential primary in Michigan. We know that this is a drastic move, and it wasn't a decision we reached easily by any means, but WE HAVE TO END THE WAR and get Nixon out of there. And it's clear that demonstrations alone won't do the job.

We don't pretend in any way that electing McGovern can possibly solve America's problems, we know tha McGovern has very reactionary positions on many issues and is unwilling and unable to make all the changes that we need. Actually, no president can make those changes, because it's the huge corporate interests, and not the elected officials, who really control Amerika. But it is possible for SOME changes to come about through that process, and ending the war is one change we need RIGHT NOW! We also want to make it clear that we don't support the Democratic party (of which McGovern is a member) as an organization in any way. It was the Democrats that started the whole Vietnam escalation in the first place; Democrats support no-knock laws, put people in jail for smoking weed, and continually align themselves with the ruling class forces. But there's a presidential primary in Michigan coming up in which people can vote for the three point program to end the war by voting for George McGovern. There are millions of us who have just recently acquired the right to vote, and it's clear that the vast majority of Americans of all ages vigorously oppose the war. We hope to see all these people unite to use their voting strength to end the war. If that's all we accomplish by participating in this election, if we do indeed stop the war, it will be a tremendous victory, the culmination of almost a decade of anti-war struggle.

We realize too that we have to continue building viable third parties as an alternative on the national level like the Human Rights Party is on the local level. We will continue to work on such efforts in the future, but in this election there is no third party running, and by sitting this one out we'd be missing the opportunity to stop the bombs from devastating the countryside and falling on the people of Southeast Asia. That's an opportunity we don't want to miss.

We realize that we can't expect all the needed changes to come through the electoral system. Our most important work is with the Tribal Council, setting up a totally alternative social structure to the honky American death culture and economic system that spawned the war in the first place. We have to organize and unite as a people and gather strength to destroy the monster once and for all. But right now we've got to end this war. If George McGovern is elected president the whole world will look to him to fulfill his pledge. Either he will bow to the will of the people and carry out his word, or he will ignore his promises in the true American political tradition. The three point program is very specific. McGovern will have to act within 24 hours and order a total cease fire. If he fails to keep his word he will completely expose the "democratic" system to the American people as the ruse that it is and dramatically increase the size and strength of the people's movement. If he keeps his word the war will end. VOTE TO END THE WAR AND EVICT NIXON! VOTE FOR GEORGE MCGOVERN MAY 16! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

—RAINBOW PEOPLE'S PARTY
April 28, 1972

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

QUESTION: The Ann Arbor Sun and the Rainbow People's Party is having its first anniversary May 1st. How do you view their past accomplishments and how do you feel they can serve the people more effectively in the future?

Ron Huber- Graduate student— That's a toughy. I think they have accomplished something in the way of getting John Sinclair out of jail. I think that the radical movement is really up against it with the way Nixon has been running things. We're going to have to work hard to do something about this situation. It's going to take more than just beating Nixon—he is a symbol of deeper problems.



Doug Hall-Student There is one type of people and then there is another kind of people. The one type of people is the guys who take pot and the other type are just regular people. And I think you should always have things about regular people in the Sun too.



Dan Ellsworth— Who the hell am I? I'll be a student—I think they were instrumental in getting the Human Rights Party people elected. They acted as real good publicity. They acted like publicity people for the youth culture. I wish they would clean up their front lawns.



Kathy—Waitress: The Sun is great! As far as keeping up with what is going on. They should do something to get closer to the people. The students they should let them know what they are doing. Ann Arbor is a bunch of tight little groups. As an outsider would look at it the Rainbow People's Party is part of that group. They need to get together with more people.



This weeks Voice of the People is by Mike Frizpatrick.



COVER: A family from the village of Ba Gia in Vietnam soon after it was hit by American bombers. This photo was taken several years ago; last week the bombing of Vietnam was drastically increased by Tricky Dick.

PAPER RADIO!



FLASH!

FREE MARIJUANA! Monday, May 8th at 7:30 Ann Arbor's newly proposed laws concerning the marijuana issue will go before City Council in a public hearing. We can force the City to do the Human thing and make the marijuana law a 25¢ fine. You can make your voice heard. Come to City Hall May 8th and tell your council representatives your views. TOKE IT EVERYWHERE!

FLASH!

The workers at the Commission on Professional Hospital Activities (CPHA) are on strike for union recognition. The company has hired strike breakers to try and end this strike. Numerous demonstrations have been held in support of the strikers, with increasing support. The workers need your help. For more information call the Human Rights Party office at 761-6650.

FLASH!

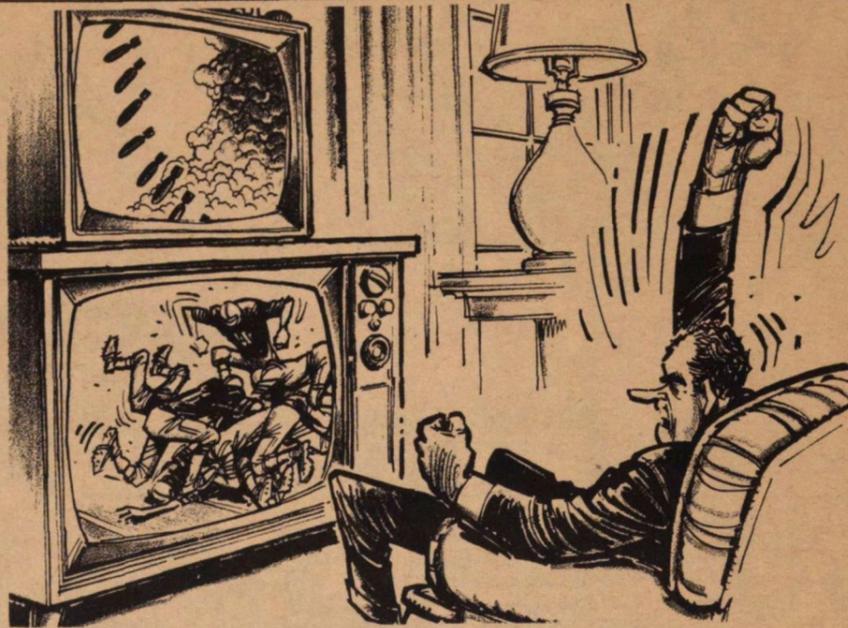
The People's Ballroom will be opening SOON, but we still need people's energy. Skilled carpenters are needed to finish the ballroom floor, and if anyone has any spare lights (especially stage lights), those are needed too! Call or come by the Community Center and help build the Ballroom! (Community Center Project meets at 3:00 every Tuesday.) Watch the Sun for information on a Rock 'n Roll celebration of the opening of the People's Ballroom.

FLASH!

Experienced Freaked Out Bus Driver for the Summer Citys Program—Must have a Chauffer's liscense. Want to spend your summer bussin? Call Richard or leave a message at the Community Center Project Office, 663-6746.

FLASH!

The Creative Arts Workshop needs YOUR energy! When completed, it will provide facilities for many, many arts & crafts, activities, and there will also be a storefront where artwork that is made in the workshop can be sold. We need people to do the physical building of the Workshop, and also people who are into running workshops. Come to the Creative Arts Workshop meeting at 5:30 every Monday, to help make this plan a reality.



"Hit 'em again! Hit 'em again! Harder! Harder!"

FLASH!

Don't Forget To Vote! If you are a registered voter here in Ann Arbor and you are going to be splitting town during the summer REMEMBER that there are school board elections coming up in June. You can vote by Absentee Ballots! For the School Board elections stop by the Human Rights Party office at 304 S. Thayer and sign up. For the Presidential primaries ballots go to City Hall. Ask for the City Clerks desk. USE THE POWER! DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

FLASH!

Drug Help will soon be accepting new people to its staff. This means committing yourself to taking a training course and learning to operate the phones. We need new energy! Come to the organizational meeting May 3rd at 7:00 at the Community Center. Let it Grow!

FLASH!

Happy Birthday to our brother Pun Plamondon, born in Taurus on April 27, 1945. He's the only member of the Central Committee of the RPP left in prison and due to new federal rulings is supposed to be able to receive mail now. Hopefully he'll be on the streets this summer despite efforts by the system to keep him in. More about this soon. Write to him: Pun Plamondon 28859-138 Box 33 Terre Haute, Indiana 47808.

FLASH!

Saturday May 6 - 9:00 - 3:00 GET RID OF YOUR TRASH - HELP YOUR PARK. Once again this year the City of Ann Arbor will not be able to make a Spring refuse pick-up of old furniture, yard trash, etc. The South University Neighborhood Improvement Association (open to all residents of Mack, Elm, Walnut and Linden Streets, Wilmot Court and South University and Geddes Avenues between Elm and Oxford) is providing this service for our neighborhood. Pick-ups will be made Saturday, May 6 between 9 and 3. Please have your trash on the lawn extension by 9 am. We are asking a contribution of one dollar or more per household or apartment to cover the cost of truck rental. The pick-up is the only fund-raising project this season for the South University Neighborhood Park. The park has been developed and is entirely maintained by neighborhood residents. We have no city money!! Clean out your basement and improve your park. Please give your contribution to the pick-up crew or leave them a note and we will call for it later. For further information call Dr. Peter Blos, 1725 South University, 769-8594 or Michael Morris, 535 Walnut, 769-3758.

FLASH!

City Councilwomen Nancy Wechsler (and some friends) need another home for the fall. We're staying in the 2nd Ward so it will have to be in that area. A 3-6 bedroom house or apartment desired. Please call 761-2614 or 761-6650 (HRP office)

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CITY COUNCIL RUNDOWN



Nancy Wechsler being sworn in as 2nd ward Councilwoman at City Council April 10.

During the last two crowded and exciting City Council Meetings on April 17th and on April 24th, the Human Rights Party Council members, Nancy Wechsler and Jerry DeGriek, have continued to introduce legislation in the interests of the people of Ann Arbor. They have exposed the limited visioned, ineffectual programs of the Democrats as being impediments to the progress of the community, while the Republicans don't seem to need any help as they expose their narrow class interests themselves every time they speak or introduce legislation. The HRP ordinances concerning the Air War, marijuana, and strikebreaking have sparked heavy debate of immense educational value in examining the contradictions in a system which is supposed to serve the people of the city but *cannot* serve their needs because it is powerless in the face of its own confining rules plus those of state and federal law.

At the April 17th council meeting Rusty LaValle was denied his right to speak to council because his name hadn't been entered on the agenda as an alternate for a Tenant's Union speaker. Although it was clear to everyone that he did represent the Tenant's Union, which had reserved five minutes of audience participation time, Mayor Harris used council rules to stop Rusty from addressing his elected representatives.

The HRP Ordinance Restricting City Services for firms supporting Viet Nam Air War through Federal Contracts was scheduled under first reading of ordinances, but during Communications from Mayor Harris, over objections from Nancy Wechsler, chose to monopolize 15 minutes of council time with irresponsible and non-productive allegations that the ordinance was "totalitarian." After having earlier refused to discuss the ordinance with concerned citizens on that same Monday afternoon, he took advantage of its vague wording (not unusual for a 1st reading of an ordinance) to say, "this smacks of Hitler and Mussolino," and to read off lists of rights that would be denied to workers of the firms in question, when punishing workers for the crimes of the corporation was obviously not the intention of the HRP ordinance. Harris finished by saying the question of the war would be settled in national elections as Jerry DeGriek countered with, "where ever we are we can't ignore thousands of people being slaughtered by machines in the Air War." The ordinance was defeated 9-2, but a Public Hearing is set for May 17th at 7:30 in City Council Chambers.

Next on the agenda were three marijuana ordinances, one from each party. The Republican's withdrew their ordinance which was of course just a reiteration of the state law, while 2nd Ward Councilman Faber, for the Democrats, proposed an \$11.00 fine for possession or use of marijuana, \$11.00 being so far the lowest fine for a minor misdemeanor. He felt this would encourage the courts to see the legislation as "legitimate instead of trivial." Also, state law requires \$4.00 of every fine go to the state, so Nancy Wechsler in speaking on HRP's proposal of a 25¢ fine said "If the state needs \$4.00, charge a 25¢ fine and let the city make up the difference, making this an initiative for the city to stop busting people." The Public Hearing on the marijuana laws is on May 8th at 7:30 in City Council Chambers.

During Motions and Resolutions, Jerry and Nancy introduced a resolution which would create a new Ward Boundary Commission, which is now all Democratic, (the Republicans having boy-

cotted it because of unfair representation), and which has come up with a plan that would gerrymander HRP out of the running in the City Council race next year by dividing up the precincts supporting HRP into different wards. The plan also makes a special point of putting the Rainbow

House in the second ward eliminating its geographical and political position at the head of the 3rd Ward. The Republicans proposed eleven representatives on the Commission, corresponding to representation of the political parties on city Council. After telling Nancy Wechsler that the commission wasn't an immediate or important issue to discourage her from putting it on the agenda, Mayor Harris said he wouldn't insult the commission a week before it reports and he was going to veto the resolution anyway. On April 26th, there is a public hearing on the Ward Boundary Commission Report which is now on display on the 1st floor of City Hall. Check it out, see what the Democrat's plans are, and come to the hearing.

The April 24th City Council Meeting got off to a rousing start as all the Democratic regulars, including losing council candidates Mike Morris and Ulrich Stoll, trooped up to the mike to speak against the Subdivision and Land Use Control Ordinance, which as it is now makes no provisions for public hearings on city planning. It was a safe stand to take as everyone on council agreed that the people in Ann Arbor should have a voice in the planning of their city. Jerry DeGriek proposed the amendments that; all plans be on display as public information, there would be hearings held before council and the planning commission, and notices of the hearings be in the Sun, Michigan Daily, and Ann Arbor News. After passing the amended parts, Richard Hadler, a stone age 4th Ward Republican who contributes little to city council except no votes, said "the only problem with the ordinance was that notice of hearings is going to be printed in the Ann Arbor Sun." He then motioned to postpone the decision until Monday which passed, 9-2, the HRP council people being the dissenting votes.

Two different sets of amendments to Ann Arbor's present Anti-strike breaker ordinance were presented to city council, one by the Democrats and one by HRP. The Democratic amendments prohibit any outside agency from procuring people to work for a company involved in a labor dispute and require that the firms being struck tell the person being hired personally and through their advertising that he or she is a scab replacing a striking employee. The HRP amendments include the two Democratic provisions plus statements that: No company involved in labor disputes should employ anyone in place of employees involved in the dispute, No person who offers him or herself for employment shall take the place of employees involved in the dispute, No one should hire scabs from outside the city, and the firm hiring the scab must furnish to the City Clerk's Office the scab's name, address and the hiring date. The penalty in both sets of amendments is not more than a \$100 fine or not more than ninety days in jail.

Both versions were passed by the council on a first reading and were sent to an ad hoc committee for further work, but only after the section on the company giving the scab's name and address to City Clerk was deleted from the HRP

amendments. Jerry DeGriek explained that the reason for the list was to enforce other parts of the ordinance and another way of doing this would be as acceptable. He and Nancy agreed to its deletion. Speaking against making the list of scabs public knowledge, Mayor Harris had a hit with "No one likes a scab" and then did an encore of his Anti-War Ordinance performance of the previous week by erroneously calling the report a "blacklist" reminiscent of the McCarthy era, which would "leave to private persons, social and economic sanctions against scabs." Fourth Ward Republican Councilman Richard Hadler expressed concern for the employers who, after all, pay the wages. The Republicans, all except 3rd Ward Councilman Colburn, voiced no on the Democrats amendments and all of them voted no on the HRP amendments. Both versions are under consideration by a committee until next week and the Public Hearing on the whole Anti-strike breaking Ordinance will be on May 8th.

A presentation was made to council on the repaving and widening of Hill St. at its intersection with Main, S. Division, Packard and State. The cost would be removal of two trees and encouragement of greater traffic flow. Two-thirds of this would be paid for by the federal governments through the Concentrated Code Enforcement Program. The consensus of the council was that people wanted repaving, gutter work and bicycle and wheel chair path cuts, but no widening of the street, so the City Administrator will get more data on what the people of Hill St. want and will be back next week.

A report on the University's and city's plans for Hill St. done by William F. Bunting and his University graduate architectural class was given out at the end of the meeting. It seems the city and the University of Michigan have a plan to eventually widen it to a four lane highway which would mean cutting down all the trees and eliminating people's front yards. There will be more on this in future issues.

Although the actual workings of city council may seem tedious at times, it's exciting that issues such as the war and marijuana penalties, which people have been working on for years, are being brought up for discussion and action by City Council, mostly because of the presence of HRP. In the next few weeks we may have a very low monetary fine for the possession and use of marijuana. This means we have greater control over our own lives and every day we learn more about the way the government functions so we can use it to our advantage instead of having it used against us. GET OUT TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND TELL YOUR CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WHAT YOU THINK!!!

- May 8— Public Hearing on Anti-Strike-breaking Ordinances
 - May 8— Public Hearing on Marijuana Ordinances
 - May 17— Public Hearing on Viet Nam Air War
- All hearings held at 7:30 in City Council Chambers.

Demonstrate With Your Vote

On Friday, April 21, in a show of public outrage against Nixon's continuation of the war and the renewed bombing of Hanoi, there was a demonstration resulting in the trashing of two buildings and an attempt to halt traffic on US 23 bringing down Sherrif Harvey's storm troopers to disperse the people.

The demonstration started on the Diag where there were supposed to be speeches. But people did not want to hear speeches. Immediately the crowd started to march, the first target being KMS Industries, a local war manufacturer. After a great deal of chanting demanding that KMS end production of all war materials, the march continued to the Navy Recruiting Station, where people threw rocks and broke windows. As the anger of the crowd increased, the march headed toward the ROTC building. Here a lengthy discussion about tactics arose. Before the effects of any actions could be reasonably discussed, a portion of the crowd stormed the building, occupying two floors, trashing everything in sight. A lot of people got really turned off by the trashing and the march dwindled to half its original size. People continued marching, blocking traffic on Washtenaw, near Ge Ides and S. Forest. At this point a decision was made to march to US 23 to stage a sit down on the highway. This was done and the Washtenaw County Sherriffs Deputies reacted in a typical manner and dispersed the crowd, injuring numerous people.

We support demonstrations, as a clear expression of the people's unity and desire to end the war. We also know that demonstrations have had a great effect in changing consciousness, but we must condemn trashing and other destructive activities as detrimental to our goal of ending the war. We are not non-violent because we know that we live in the midst of the Violence of America. We are prepared to defend ourselves using any means necessary. But at this point in

history, specifically with the 18 year old vote, we believe the only way to actually end the war is to elect a president who is pledged to end the war. (See article page 1) Demonstrations are beautiful but they are consistently ignored. To force the US out of Southeast Asia, we have to unite with as many people as possible and

tactics like trashing and blocking traffic can only divide us and result in the re-election of Nixon. Let's demonstrate against the war by going to the polls.

VOTE TO END THE WAR MAY 16. VOTE FOR GEORGE MCGOVERN FOR PRESIDENT!



To demonstrate what American bombs do to the Indochina countryside, the Interfaith Council For Peace dug this hole, equivalent to a crater made by a 500 lb. American bomb. If Ann Arbor were bombed with the same intensity as Indochina, there would be 3,500 such craters throughout the city.

An average day in the Public School in Ann Arbor includes many things. Among them are locked bathrooms, tardy slips, arbitrary suspensions and classes that divide the students into different levels according to their class background. It was for these reasons and more that the Ann Arbor Student Union was formed. The Student Union is based on the premise that if students get together around specific changes in the conditions they live in, that they would be better off. The Union is a city-wide union with members from all of the Ann Arbor Secondary Schools as well as some of the Elementary schools. Though there has been organizing going on by the unions in each of the schools all year it has not been until recently that the union got together city-wide.

At the first meeting of the city-wide student Union it was unanimously decided that the union should adopt the 3 point program that had already been adopted by the Tappan branch of the union. This program includes: 1. Union Recognition 2. Teacher-Student Equality and 3. The End of Tracking. The union is now working on getting together a united front of all the students around these issues.

The full demands are:

1. Union Recognition—The Ann Arbor Student Union demands recognition by the Board of Education of Ann Arbor. The student union is not just an "interest group" but rather the organization that many students in the schools wish to collectively bargain for them. Recognition would mean that the Board of Education would recognize the Student Union as the collective bargaining agent of the students it represents.

Collective bargaining is the process of all unions. By negotiating out the conditions under which union members will stay in school it is possible to reach an agreement which is acceptable to all sides involved. However without such a bargaining process conflict between students and school official is inevitable.

Union recognition can not be a negotiable demand because if there is no union recognition there can be no collective bargaining and if there is no collective bargaining no reasonable agreement can be reached.

2. Teacher-Student Equality — The Ann Arbor Student Union demands that teachers and students get equal and just treatment in the following areas:

1. Treatment as far as unionization and collective bargaining;
2. Facilities, this includes; open bathrooms lounges and lunch facilities;
3. A voice in school wide decision making;

STUDENTS RIGHTS!



Members of Student Unions all over the city meet to discuss student demands.

4. Arrangements for business and sick leaves, and the end of tardy slips;
5. A voice in curriculum planning;
6. A voice in evaluating teachers and administrators, particularly those coming up for tenure.

All the points mentioned above are negotiable and can be worked out as long as the union is recognized as the collective bargaining agent for the students who want it. Without this as a basis for negotiations they can be neither equal nor reasonable.

3. End of Tracking—The Ann Arbor Student Union demands the end of tracking in all Ann Arbor Public Schools. Tracking or the placing of students into ability groups, divides the students by making them feel better or worse than each other and by pushing them into jobs corresponding to their class status. From Elementary schools on up tracking has become a basis for the Ann Arbor School System. It is used to divide the students into separate racial, sexual or class roles and is not in the best interest of either student nor teacher.

The end of tracking is a negotiable demand. Much investigation of this practice must be made before it can be totally dealt with. But until the union is recognized and the conditions of this investigation can be worked out, the tracking issue can not and will not be properly dealt with.

These demands are now being brought to each of the individual student unions and to other community organizations asking for their support and for help working on these issues.

Some of the actions talked about in relation to the demands are: a city-wide strike of all the schools, a rally at the temporary administration building (now Jones School), and having assemblies in each of the schools explaining what the union is about, to be followed by school-wide referendums on recognition of the Student Union. A benefit will probably be necessary in order to raise money for the communications work needed.

If you are interested in working on these demands there are two main things that need to be worked on now. Communications and negotiations. Communications will involve all of the publicity work necessary, including leaflets, press conferences and posters. Negotiations will be involved in contacting other groups and dealing with administrative problems. For more information about these committees call 662-9229 for the Negotiations Committee and ask for Sonia or if you're into communications call 769-1442 and ask for Dave.

YOUR POWER LIES IN YOUR ORGANIZATION! SUPPORT STUDENT UNIONS!!!

People's TV?

A possibility for sure, but not a reality yet. Within two years the people of Ann Arbor will be able to subscribe to the local cable TV system, which is owned by the Michigan Communications Group, a Ypsilanti Concern. When the Ann Arbor City Council wrote up the franchise, it specified that four of the channels were to be made available to the people at no cost. This means that any shows produced by the people can be shown on a public channel, with only production costs incurred.

In anticipation of this public access, ARM (American Revolutionary Media) ran a series of Video Process Workshops at the Conspiracy from

April 17 through 21. The workshops served as a forum where the various aspects of video technology, cable systems, and People's TV were discussed. First of all, the very concept of People's TV was made possible by the low cost and small size of the equipment. A Sony Videopak costs \$1650 retail, but can be had for around \$1300 if a discount can be arranged. The videotape is about \$12.00 for 30 minutes. An editing deck, which is not necessary but is useful for montage and other effects, runs around \$1000. Compared with the millions of dollars broadcasting networks spend on equipment, these prices are certainly within community or even individual means.

Sony's Portapak is compact and lightweight. It records both image and sound. The camera is similar in size to a home movie camera, and the recorder is the size of a large tape recorder and can be carried from a shoulder strap or like a back pack. The Portapak records on 1/2" tape which cannot be broadcasted on standard equipment without adaptors, but which can be carried on the cable. For this reason, access to the cable implies the possibility of People's TV, whereas the people could never afford to broadcast over the air.

As I mentioned before, the franchise for the cable states that four of the cable channels be set aside for public access. And since the cost of cablecasting on these channels must be absorbed by the profits made by the Michigan Communications Group, the people only have to cover production costs. Now, it becomes the responsibility of the people to create the type of programming that fulfills their desires and needs.

Getting back to the Video Process Workshops of last week, the highlight was a visit by Michael Shamburg, who wrote *Guerilla Television*, and Alan Rucker from the Ant Farm Commune. Both of these men are not only extremely knowledgeable in the field of revolutionary TV, but they have also devoted the last several years to experimentation and the development of a revolutionary philosophy through which they direct their energies.

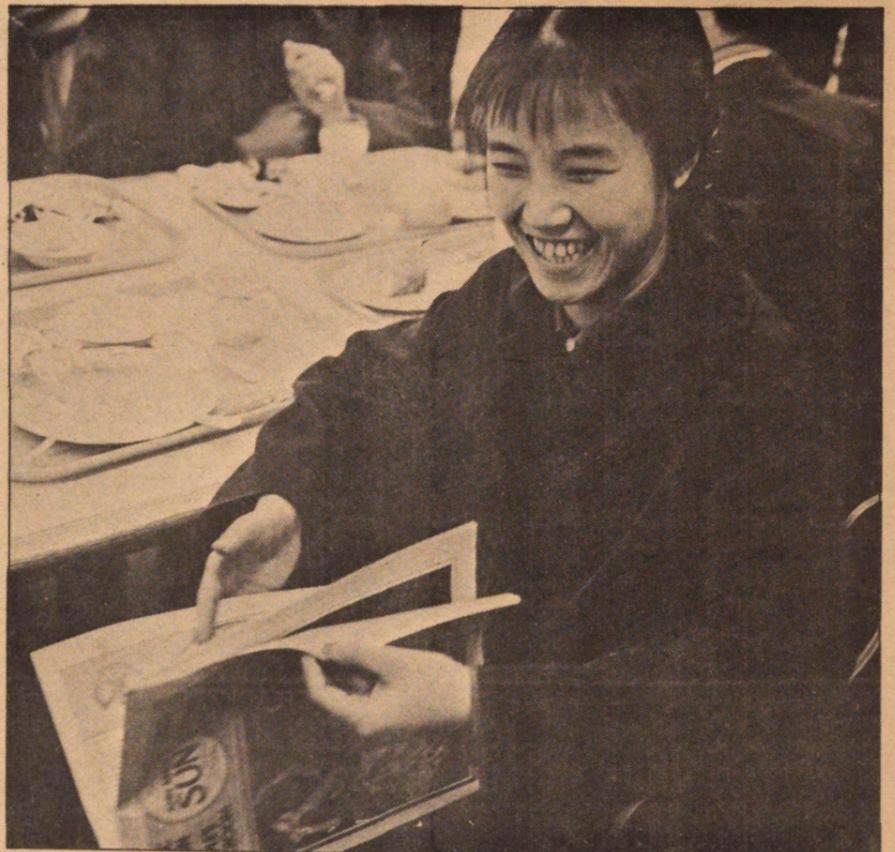
Shamburg sees TV as a cultural phenomenon paralleling rock and roll. And he compares the coming impact of public access to the media to Gutenberg's invention of the printing press: now that the people have the medium, they must take control of the message. Until the development of inexpensive equipment and public access to television, economics and politics forced the people to surrender to the networks the power to control programming and political orientation. And, as is true of Big Business in general, the networks were run by upper-class, white men. With cable access comes de-centralization, that is, each community is no longer subject to the networks' bombardment of a homogenized, stereotyped culture which is inherently saturated with super-capitalistic goals. The crass materialism propagated by broadcast TV can now be opposed by People's TV, whose programming will be directly responsive to the needs and desires of the various factions in each community, and with no advertising.

As a powerful and influential medium and as a new outlet for creative artists, the possibilities for People's TV seem endless. To get more specific information on the philosophy and technology of video, check out your local bookstore for Shamburg's killer book *Guerilla Television*, Holt, Reinhart & Winston publishers, and a periodical called *Radical Software* (the machinery being the hardware). Write to Raindance, 8 E. 12th St., NY 1003, for their publications. Go to City Hall to get copies of the franchise. Look in the Sun.

MEDIA POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!

—Sue Wyborski

People's Ping Pong Player's Visit



A sister from the championship ping-pong team of the People's Republic of China after being presented with a copy of the Ann Arbor SUN. The team passed through town last week on a whirlwind tour, smiling and quietly checking out what must have been a very bizarre scene, whisked around the U of M campus surrounded by State Department security teams who made it close to impossible for anyone to have a few words with them, especially anyone that didn't look respectably Amerikan.

The team's visit to the U.S. has given people in this country, brainwashed all their lives into believing that "Communist China" is their mortal enemy, a first-hand look into what the Chinese are really like. The information about China now reaching America is serving to make people change their views at a pace never paralleled in history, thanks to the electronic insta-flash of television. Many are seeing that there's a lot to be learned from the Chinese system, at the same time that they see their own so-called "democratic" system collapsing on every front.

The Chinese team knocked everybody out at their ping-pong match at Crisler Arena, beating the Americans easily every game, proving once again Chairman Mao's belief that "today the East Wind is prevailing over the West Wind. That is to say, the forces of socialism have become overwhelmingly superior to the forces of imperialism."





TRIBAL COUNCIL NEWS

Meeting Notes

Everyone should first off be reminded that the first Tribal Feast to be held in the new Community Center will take place on May 7th which is the first Sunday in May and about two weeks away so put it on your calendar now so you don't forget about it and miss out on the celebration! The dinner will begin around 5:00 pm this month. As soon as the parks program gets under way we may have to change either the time or the place of the Tribal Feasts. It would be far-out to have the feasts once a month at the park and have everyone bring food and have a real good time listening and dancin' to good music and sharin good food together! Whew!

For all those people who are interested in working at the Community Center, Drug Help is going to have another training session at the beginning of May. Call 761-HELP for more details.

The Free Clinic holds meetings every Sunday evening at the Clinic to discuss business and issues and other plans affecting the Clinic and its relationship to the community. There is going to be discussion at the next few meetings of Clinic ideology and what role the clinic should have in the political life of the community and just general discussion of purpose etc. All those interested are invited to come.

The Parks Program will hopefully begin somewhere around the second week in June. The Food Committee wants to take on the responsibility of providing good food at the park this summer. All those who are interested in working on that project should contact Jeanie Walsh at 761-1709 so we can arrange a meeting. Leave your phone number if she's not there.

The latest report on the ballroom is that the walls are being prepared for painting and we also need to locate skilled carpenters and people who can help lay the hardwood floor. Call Ozone House or come by the Community Center at 502 E. Washington St.

Some people who are working with the Communications Committee have put together a newsletter and reading sheet for the community. It's on sale for 30¢ with 2/3 of the money going to the Artist's Workshop and the other 1/3 goes to the person who sells it. There should be copies available at the community center or at the Rainbow House, 1520 Hill St. The report from the radio workshop is that we are going to be putting together a five minute show every week about the Tribal Council and all the different committees to be aired on WCBN. Watch the Sun for more details about that. Some time in the future we hope to be able to set up classes to teach people the basics of ham radio operation and the necessary information that you need to get an F.C.C. operating license. Watch the Sun and listen to your radio for more information about that. If we can get that particular project together then we will be that much closer to all our brothers and sisters around the state and we will be able to build a real state-wide people's communications network! Free the Airways!

That's all the news that we have to report this issue. We'd like to remind everyone that Tribal Council meetings are held every tuesday evening at the Community Center and if anyone has an agenda point for the meeting please call it in to Jeanie Walsh at 761-1709 before 4 pm of any Tuesday. **HELP BUILD OUR COMMUNITY!! JOIN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL!! LET IT GROW!!**

—Jeanie Walsh - for the Tribal Council Steering Committee

TRIBAL FEAST

AND COMMUNITY MEETING

SUN. MAY 7th 5:00 PM

AT THE PEOPLES CENTER

(502 E. WASHINGTON)

BRING FOOD



Sun Retraction

In the Tribal Council meeting notes last ish we ran the following paragraph:

"The Free People's Clinic is still working on their next plan of action in relation to the Community Advisory Board of St. Joe's Hospital. They have discovered however that the city is legally responsible for the medical care of all the brothers and sisters being held in the city and county jails here in Ann Arbor and they plan to put pressure on the city to comply with the law. More on that as it develops."

The above information is incorrect. The investigation into the St. Joe's Community Advisory Board is being done by the People's Health Committee and the Medical Committee for Human Rights. The thing with the city is that it hasn't been discovered that the city is legally responsible for the citizens' of Ann Arbor medical care—but then again who is responsible for the medical care of the people in the city and county jails, in fact, who is responsible for seeing to it that the health rights of every person in this city are met? Someone has to be.

I wrote a letter of explanation to the Free People's Clinic and it follows below, hoping that it will truly raise questions in people's minds as to what kind of health care they are receiving in the city that boasts one of the finest systems of medical facilities in the world.

Brothers and Sisters—

In issue No. 29, as you probably have well noted, there was gross error on the part of the Sun concerning the on going effort on the part of the People's Health Committee of the Tribal Council and the MCHR to expose the blatant neglect of the health needs of the community by the St. Joe's Administration and specifically the "Community Advisory Board" of said institution.

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a RPP meeting that I must attend, therefore, an explanation to the Clinic is presented in the form of a letter which we would like posted on the Clinic bulletin board for those staff and patients that will not be able to hear of the error through any other means until the next Sun—in which there will be a full retraction of the mis-information.

Firstly, the association given between the Clinic and the investigation into St. Joe's was not a conscious attempt on the part of the Sun collective or any other set/singular person(s) to force the conjunction between the Free Clinic and the people's movement for self-determination, particularly in the area of health needs—it was the result of improper understanding of the present ideology and direction of the Clinic, especially in regards to wielding political

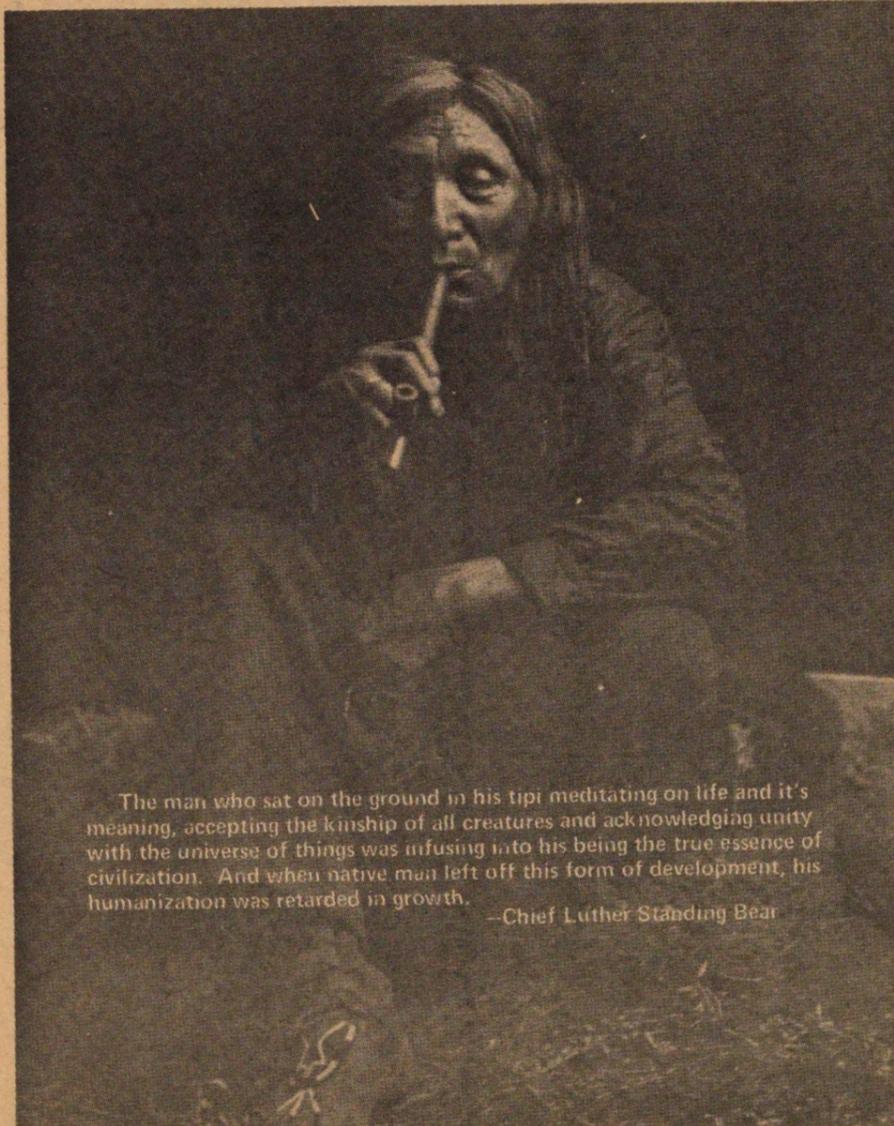
power on behalf of the community to insure that the health complexes in the AA area become responsive to the health needs of the people. I want to make perfectly clear that the Sun Editorial staff is aware of the ideological struggle taking place within the clinic that is now bringing about a very touchy situation between the positions of most professional workers at the clinic versus their positions at other medical institutions—we want in no way to catalyze any detrimental decisions by these workers in terms of the Free People's Clinic by wrongly attributing the Clinic with the investigation into any health facilities that are not meeting the needs of the community. On the other hand the Sun Editorial staff sees that the setting up of the Free People's Clinic was forced upon the people because the health care that is being provided (?) at St. Joe's and U. Hospital is inadequate, or non-existent on a practical level to a large part of the community who are systematically denied their right to healthy bodies by these hospitals. From many years of practical experience in dealing with different establishment institutions we have found that before they become responsive to the needs of the community, that community and its alternative institutions have to demand that those rights are met. Even though this isn't the most secure and euphoric of positions, given the objective situation, any other position by the Sun collective would be hypocritical. Again, while it is ludicrous to believe that the Sun would not support such a position by the Clinic, the Sun was not conscious, maliciously or otherwise, of this gross error until after the printing of the paper.

In the same paragraph, incorrect information concerning the liability of the City of AA in regards to the people locked in the confines of the city and county jail was given, and again the Clinic's name was associated with this accounting of community action.

This neglect on the part of the editorial staff to insure truthful information for the people is a manifestation of the pressure we work under due to lack of people and equipment, not unlike yourselves. For this we strongly criticize ourselves for not performing our tasks without blunder and allowing the pressure of 5:00 am desk conscription to interfere with the editorial function we are responsible for.

To limit an already tautological letter, I am more than willing to discuss this mistake with anyone that would like to do so, as it is my responsibility for seeing that all things printed in the Sun are correct.

In the Spirit of Unity,
—John Collins, for the Sun Editorial Staff



The man who sat on the ground in his tipi meditating on life and it's meaning, accepting the kinship of all creatures and acknowledging unity with the universe of things was infusing into his being the true essence of civilization. And when native man left off this form of development, his humanization was retarded in growth.

—Chief Luther Standing Bear

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Dennis Frawley
Monday-Friday 7pm-11pm
Larry Monroe
Monday 11pm-3am
Thursday & Friday 3am-7am
Saturday & Sunday 2am-7am
Dick Thyne
Monday-Wednesday 3am-7am
Saturday & Sunday 2am-7am
Jim Dulzo
Tuesday-Friday 11pm-3am
Saturday 5pm-10pm
Dan Carlisle
Saturday & Sunday 7am-noon
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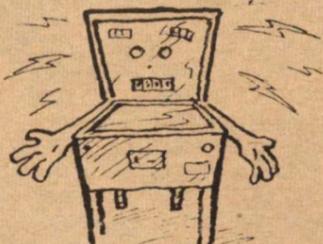
The righteous Bob Rudnick kicks out jams unlike those you'll hear on just about any other radio show at this point in Detroit rainbow history on CJOM-FM, every Sunday night from 9 to 2 a.m. The Rud is soon to get an all-night show on CJ, and has just become an assistant producer of the International Rock Service program broadcast over Channel 62 (see calendar).

Tune-In to Rudnick for a soundful of what radio COULD be and WILL be as we get together with our bands and finally buy a station to broadcast rainbow radio 24 hours a day.....

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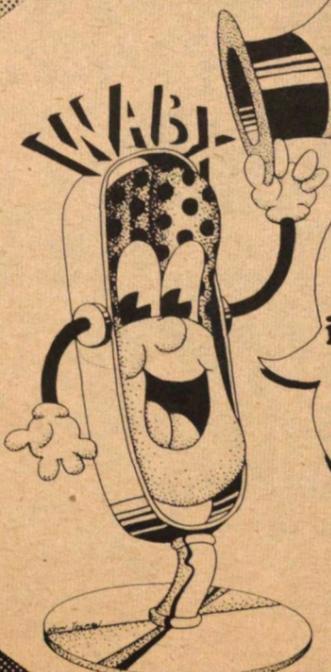
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THE SUN SHINES ON: 30 issues and one year old!

ORGANIZE AND CONSOLIDATE— UNIFY AND COMMUNICATE!!!!!!

This coming Monday, May 1, is the first anniversary of the Ann Arbor Sun as a tabloid, information service published by the Rainbow People's Party, and it is also the first anniversary of the Party itself. A coalition of student and community organizations were planning on holding a STOP THE WAR STOMP at the Union Ballroom, and celebration of the Party and Sun anniversary all money which was going to the Sun. The University nixed all plans to go forward with the benefit saying that they wouldn't allow the stomp to go on because it was associated with the Rainbow People's Party and now we have to have it on the People's Plaza. Of course they have no interest in stopping the war or helping further the people's move to fill their own needs. One of the main organizations that were sponsoring the event is the Ann Arbor People's Food Co-op, which is one of the widest based community/student organizations there is in A2—the Rainbow People's Party belongs and so does Bob Harris, but because of its "affiliation" with the Rainbow People's Party this chomp Hilton of the University saw it as his duty to stop this people's gig. They tried to stop the Election Boogies at Hill Auditorium, as they tried to stop us from electing our own representatives to the city council, and we now have a suit against the University that demands an injunction against the University's continual interference with the benefits, voter's registration rocks, election boogies, and anti-war stomps put on by the community because of political ideologies or affiliation and also demanding monetary responsibility on the part of the University for their actions. Check out future issues of the Sun for more details.



Council, the committees, everything except Free John Now and the free marijuana campaign, this wasn't something we wanted to do, you dig, but it was something that was necessary—that is proven by the fact that it all worked. The people freed John, the people turned the direction of the anti-marijuana legislation, and began mass freeing of the cultural prisoners locked up for dope. We did that and it worked and now we can get back to what we really need to do, the building of the Tribal Council and the People's Committees and a whole alternative social and economic structure.

We feel the best way now to make the Sun into a newspaper put out by the community working to bring about social change is to work through the Tribal Council and specifically the People's Communications Committee, a committee to bring together the Sun, the People's Radio Workshop, the Ann Arbor Network, Matrix, and all progressive media and informational resources under one organization to consolidate and best direct the use of our combined energies. To do this is not an easy task; more people power is needed, financial stability is required, and the organizational structure has to be set up that will both insure that everyone can participate with practical work and theoretical ideas and that the information that we put out comes out organized and unified to be most affective.

We have raised the advertising rates 33 1/3% to be able to just meet the production cost of the paper and to make the paper economically self-reliant—its hard to pay for it out of your own pockets and it costs a heap of bread each issue to get the paper on the streets. Another new policy we are going to implement next issue is the charging of a dime for the paper, not to get



revenue for the paper, but to help give financial support to the people who pass the Sun out on the streets. The whole dime will go to whoever takes on this task and, when looked at in the light of one dime ain't much to give from one pocket but collected together with 50 or 100 other dimes in one pocket that can give that person enough money to buy food for themselves, we can see that it is a worthwhile policy to carry out.

This was something we didn't want to stop in the first place, and now that the primary aspect of raising the circulation of the paper is over, we immediately have to reinstitute this program. Stores, who do not need the money as much as the people or their products, will have to send back 5¢ for each copy sold. Again, this is to help people help themselves, and can only happen if the community, as a whole, supports the policy.

We have space available in the community center for office and production space and we also have a lot of ideas as to what to do with it that we would like to share. There is going to be a People's Communications Committee meeting at the Sun 1520 Hill St. to discuss the Sun, the move to the Community Center, the setting up of the Ann Arbor Network, and what ever else we can think of to talk about at the time. Gathering time is 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 6. Come and share ideas and energy!

—John Collins, for the Ann Arbor Sun

the same time as Trans-Love Energies, its main energy force kicking out the People's news sporadically in the form of a mimeographed street information packet seething with cultural tids and tads. In 1969, the summer of the South University police riots, the community saw the need to put energy into the paper, which was our *only* source to expose the lies that the city and the newspapers were telling about the situation going down in *our lives*, and the Sun began being published by street people in conjunction with the White Panther Party. Moving toward a community controlled newspaper and beginning to understand that in order to have our needs filled we would have to move on that also, we began demanding that the White Panther Report to the City of Ann Arbor be implemented—all the while exposing the fascist tactics of sheriff Douglas Harvey and the unwillingness and inability of the city to take care of our needs. We have to remember that we were all street freeks, right, running around getting high and spreading the spirit to everyone we met, and by no means did we put the paper out regularly, but we did see the use of the paper in bringing about the changes necessary to set up the organizations that could deal with our needs as people was just the thing, along with our music, that was needed. The White Panther Party Report to the city called for the setting up of alternative institutions through which we could best channel our energy—free concerts in the parks, a people's ballroom, a community center, etc.—and the Tribal Council was begun as a direct result of this report and ideas.

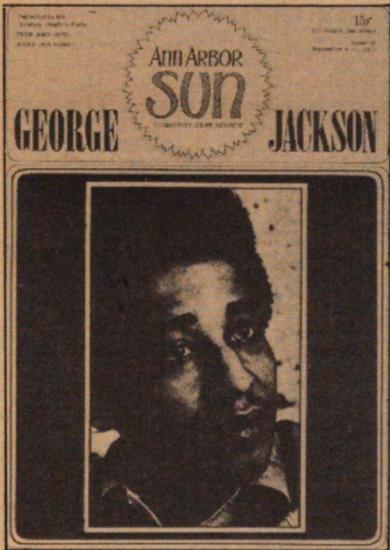
The paper continued to be put out with no regularity or concrete direction, but always speaking to the people's questions, until May 1, 1971, when the first issue to come out in Ann Arbor in tabloid form announced the beginning of the Rainbow People's Party and began publishing every week—15¢ for 16 pages, with a circulation of 3000. The weekly grind of a few people gathering the information, writing and typing it up, laying it out, and then driving it to Chicago to be printed (no one around here capable enough would do it then) made it impossible for the Sun Staff to help with the other work necessary to implement the changes we are talking about—

and particularly it didn't leave us time to carry on our fight to change the unconstitutional anti-marijuana laws and Free John Now the way we knew we would have to take care of right away—brothers and sisters being locked in jail for 10 years for 2 joints is an atrocity, and it was beginning to happen more and more. The dedication to the Free John Now campaign had to be strengthened as more people began turning



on and getting busted, with most of the busts just being blatant harassment tactics, not being accompanied by jail terms, but with the breaking down of minds and pockets through probation and fines.

The paper had to get out to a lot more people than it was if we were going to build a massive enough campaign to change the laws and get our people being busted for reffer out of the slam, and the distribution system and the charging of 15¢ kept the Sun from reaching lots of people. We had to raise the press run to 10,000 and give the paper away free because the main thing *at that time* was to get the information out into the community; we can only act on the information available to us, and all the anti-drug culture shit the established media was forcing on us was only serving to continue the present policy of the state. We had to freeze out other activities, the Tribal



The Sun has a long history of work in the community starting back in '66 and '67 as the Warren/Forest Sun in Detroit when the second issue of the Sun announced the first massive be-in on Belle Isle in the spring of 1967 and since that time on has served as an information source and outlet in which to present and exchange ideas. With all seven issues put out from the office at 499 Forest came blasts from the culture—the first Dope-o-scope was written back then—along with other familiar columns that are run in the present Sun when there is room, written by the community.

The Sun made the move to Ann Arbor



First Anniversary Statement by the Central Committee of the Rainbow People's Party

On May 1st the Rainbow People's Party and the Ann Arbor SUN will be one year old, and we'd like to take this opportunity to briefly run down what has happened since we formed the RPP and what the possibilities are for the future.

First of all, the Rainbow People's Party has roots going back to 1964 when John and Leni Sinclair formed the Artist's Workshop, a small-scale cultural self-determination project in Detroit that worked with the hip community and held regular jazz and poetry sessions. In 1967 the Workshop disbanded when John went to prison for six months on a weed possession charge. By the time John was released the mass rainbow cultural explosion was taking place, thousands and thousands of people were getting high, dropping acid, growing their hair and rockin and rollin to bands that made a whole new kind of music. Trans-Love Energies was formed to help serve the needs of this new rainbow community in Detroit, and at various points in its history Trans-Love helped to run the Grande Ballroom, operated a candle factory and head shop, put on free music in the parks, and managed three rock and roll bands; the UP, the Stooges, and the destroyed MC5. It was at this point that Pun and Genie Plamondon joined Trans-Love, and soon helped to form the White Panther Party in November of 1968. The WPP came about because we were beginning to realize that our culture could not exist unattacked in its pure form until the death culture is destroyed by a political revolution. The WPP worked to forge thousands of Michigan rock and roll addicts into a powerful force for change, based mostly on the power and energy of the MC5. But the WPP made many mistakes, resulting in John's imprisonment in August of 1969, the desertion of the MC5 from the people's cause, and the capture and imprisonment of Pun Plamondon, Skip Taube, and Jack Forest on July 23, 1970. Pun was a federal fugitive and on the FBI's 10-Most Wanted List at the time after going underground, charged with conspiracy to bomb the secret Ann Arbor CIA office by the United States government.

In prison John and Pun in particular, along with the whole WPP began to try and figure out what had happened and gone wrong. They studied the revolutionary science of Marxism-Leninism and the history of past revolutions, and began to realize that much of their past activity was guided by emotional frustration and anguish at the ugliness of America, and not from a clear analysis based on actual conditions. Their studies led to a new analysis and understanding, a whole new strategy, method of thinking and method of work, and a new name. What was needed was positive activity that would unite the people for the fight against the octopus, and running around woffin and screaming Off the Pig, enabling the government to convince the great majority of people that the WPP was their enemy, could not accomplish the task of unity. Almost all of the work we are now involved in as a party was discussed and figured out theoretically during this period of study and re-evaluation preceding the formation of the RPP.

Rainbow Visions

We chose the name Rainbow People's Party after nine months of struggle following Pun, Skip and Jack's capture. The name communicated our vision of the future, when all the people of the earth will live in harmony with each other as one whole. The name Rainbow reflects the culture that defines us as a people, which has combined aspects of different cultures around the planet into a wholly new, rainbow culture. From the cultures of the different colored people's of the earth we have made a whole new thing, made possible by the new post-war electronic technology that gave our generation a TV window on the world and its peoples and allowed us to experience different cultures as none had before us. The name Rainbow communicates the vision we had of the kind of society that will come into being at the end of the storm which will eliminate the octopus imperialism and its death culture once and for all.

So on May 1st we announced the formation of the RPP and published the first issue of this newspaper, issue 30 which you hold in your hands. At first we were extremely ingrown out of necessity; we stopped being a national party and decided to concentrate almost entirely on Ann Arbor and Detroit and on getting ourselves together. We'd decided that our primary activity would be the campaign to free our Chairman, and until John got out the following December we worked mostly on the campaign to FREE JOHN NOW! We also worked hard on getting money and surviving, avoiding eviction from our house, published the SUN, and worked with our rock and roll band, the mighty UP, without who's support we could not have survived and grown to the extent we've been able to. The work that we were able to do in the community at that time centered on developing the Tribal Council, which included working on last summer's Tribal Stomps in the park every Sunday afternoon, and maintaining and expanding the People's Food Co-op, which we started the January before with 9 families, and now services over 400 families every week. But our work in the community, which was clearly what we WANTED to spend most of our time on, was severely limited by everything else and mostly by the state of Michigan's continuing vicious imprisonment of our chairman, supposedly for two joints of weed.

FREE JOHN NOW!

Our work on freeing John took up most of our time. We were following a mostly legalistic approach, thinking that if we continued to go through the courts and petition them reasonably that they would have to eventually uphold the law and the constitution and release him. We went out speaking, raised money, collected signatures for full-page newspaper ads, sent out huge mailings convinced 15,000 people to write the Governor, and put on benefits with the help of many people's musicians to pay for huge court fees and the lawyers who needed money in order to work on the case. We entered motions and quietly went through the legal process. In July of that year the Michigan Court of Appeals surprised us and denied John's appeal and his right to bond, but we went on petitioning the courts believing that we HAD to get justice from the next highest level, the Michigan Supreme Court, because we were clearly in the right, even according to the law.

We decided to go all-out to convince the Supreme Court to at least grant John bond and let him back on the streets while they considered his constitutional challenge to the state's marijuana law

and we honestly didn't expect them to deny it. After all, Lt. William Calley, convicted of murdering 109 Vietnamese, was free on appeal bond, murderers and violent criminals of all kinds were routinely granted bond when their appeal raised a substantial question. And John had ALREADY been in prison for two years for two joints, while more people were waking up to the truth about weed all the time. Several cities and towns in Michigan had changed their laws, including Ann Arbor, the federal government had lessened its penalties, politicians all over were urging liberalized weed laws in their efforts to get elected, and even the Detroit Free Press was running editorials urging reforms in the state's marijuana law and John's release on bond. Surely, we thought, the Court had to see the light this time.

But on September 20 they denied the appeal bond in a 5-2 vote, and we realized at last that we were working from the wrong analysis, that the strictly legalistic approach wouldn't work because it wasn't ABOUT the law any way. The government was determined to keep John locked up as long as we'd let them get away with it, understanding better than we ever thought how our culture threatened its continued rule and how John's work in particular was loosening its grasp of control over America's children. John was clearly a political prisoner—we had said it all along, but the full extent didn't dawn upon us until the Supreme Court denied bond and prepared to deny John's final appeal in Michigan as well.

They weren't going to just let him out, they had to be forced, and it was clear that the level of activity we were maintaining and the nature of it wasn't enough to make them act. We decided at that point, mostly on the basis of increasingly clear and urgent letters from John in Jackson, to freeze all our other activities at their current level and go all out on pressuring the court. We saw that what was needed was to focus as much attention, public opinion and pressure as possible on the Court "Justices" as they decided on John's appeal of the marijuana laws. The time had come being the issue to the people, because the courts weren't doing the job. Let everyone see what was going on, and let the judges know that they wouldn't be able to quietly get away with their repressive designs as they'd hoped. The time had come to stop being reasonable, to express our outrage, and to make it impossible for the Court to ignore the message that people were waking up to their reuse and they'd better FREE JOHN NOW!

Use The Media

We realized that the justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, far from being impartial enforcers of the law, were opportunistic, elected, political beings. We needed to make them respond on that level, and see that if they wanted to keep their jobs they'd better FREE JOHN NOW! or face the wrath of the electorate. We also realized that people in positions like that react heavily to the media, and we had to make sure that the judges couldn't go anywhere without being flashed the message on their radios, in their newspapers and their TV's that they'd better FREE JOHN NOW! Only a massive outcry would force them to act and give up their hold on our chairman.



Leni Sinclair bound and gagged at the Supreme Court, Nov. 2, 1971.

So, based on our new analysis of the situation, we set out to force their hand. We changed our whole tone and style and began to scream and shout and carry on. We made sure the issue would hit the media at least every week and staged events designed to do just that. On November 2nd the Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the case, along with several hundred brothers and sisters who overflowed the Court chambers and sat in the aisles. The headlines rang out the next day "Hippies Invade High Court," along with photos of Leni who we bound and gagged with an American flag outside the courtroom to symbolize John's situation and the fact that he couldn't even speak out at his own hearing. We brought Rennie Davis in to the press conference to let the



15,000 Brothers and Sisters unite to FREE JOHN NOW! at Crisler Arena, Dec. 10, 1971...

judges know that not only was Michigan watching for their next move, but that people all over the country were paying attention, too. Next we convinced Senator Basil Brown to read a statement written by John from prison into the Senate record for all his colleagues to hear. John attacked the Senators as the criminals that most of them are for locking people up for smoking weed, and at that time for holding up passage of a more "liberalized" law that would make possession a misdemeanor. The Senators reacted by freaking out and uttering things about how John "should have been slapped in the mouth more when he was a kid," and their insanity was laid bare for everyone to see on the six o'clock news that night. The heat was on, and John Sinclair was in the air.

We took every opportunity to point out the hypocrisy of politicians who were catering to the youth vote by urging reformed weed laws but who refused to do anything to get John out of the penitentiary, including the Governor and the Attorney General of this state. And we made sure they heard us. We didn't want to spare anyone or any agency that was in any way responsible for keeping John locked up from feeling the heat. John filed suit against Jackson prison and the State Department of Corrections for keeping him locked up in segregation for a year and for violating his civil rights in various ways, and we started drawing attention to that action as well. No opportunity was missed to help blast out the message until those responsible would be backed up against the wall and would have no choice but to FREE JOHN NOW!

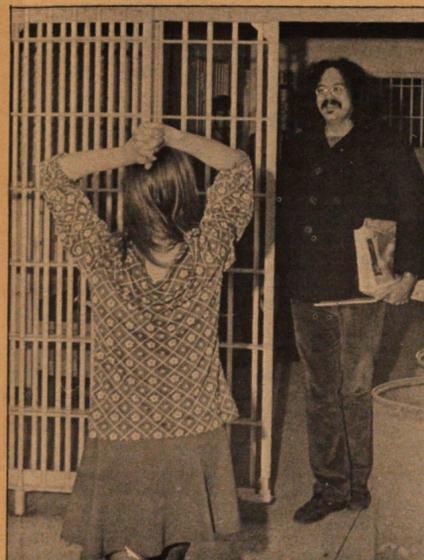
We wanted to have some kind of massive demonstration of the will of the people, and we also needed to raise a huge sum of money to pay for everything we were trying to do, and so the December 10 JOHN SINCLAIR FREEDOM RALLY was born. We picked early December because at that point the Court would be in the midst of making its final decision, and the legislature would be in the midst of passing some kind of new marijuana legislation. The nature and impact of the rally was transformed when John and Yoko Lennon, who we got in touch with through Jerry Rubin, agreed to get involved and appear at the rally. It was their involvement that finally captured the full attention that we were working to get, and the Freedom Rally took off with the tremendous help of the media who seized upon it just as we'd hoped.

Three days before the rally state legislature finally passed the new weed law to go into effect April 1st, making possession a misdemeanor and providing prison sentences far below the time that John had already served. And then 15,000 people got together and communicated their will, fully amplified by tremendous media coverage of all kinds, and the effect was strong and swift. Three days later, on December 13, 1971, the Michigan Supreme Court, acting on its own motion, released John from prison on appeal bond, reversing their decision of a few months before. Several months later they completely overturned John's conviction and agreed with what we'd been saying all along, that the state marijuana law was unconstitutional and that John had been cruelly and unusually punished by 2 1/2 years in prison. And one month later the court ordered the release of 128 brothers locked up in state pens for smoking the sacrament.

The Court's reversal of its position, from a 5-2 vote in September to deny John even the right to be on the street before they made up their minds, to a 6-1 vote in March to completely overturn the state's weed laws and set him free of all charges, came about because of the organized power of the people. If we had remained quiet, if we had continued to quietly present motions and wait out the legal process, careful not to piss off the court or antagonize them in any way, then most likely John would STILL be in prison along with 128 others. The people forced the governments hand and freed John, and we want to thank and thank again everyone who helped in the long campaign for making it work.

JOHN IS FREE

John came home surprisingly early and after a few days of complete frenze we all sat down to try and figure out how to pro-



Three days later John was freed from prison by the People's Power!

ceed. The bulk of our activity was not wiped out, there wasn't anything left we could do to free John and we finally had time to work on the whole range of activities that we had been discussing theoretically for so long. We could finally get to work on helping to organize the Ann Arbor community, as a first step in creating a whole new alternative social system here in the belly of the American beast. We spent day and days in meetings, taking down, and decided to take the entire month of January to re-evaluate things, re-organize and educate ourselves internally, and start to build an economic base so we could survive and grow.

But it took longer than the month of January; problems of immediate survival, a chronic lack of finances, and all kinds of urgent projects that simply HAD to be taken care of slowed the process down. We were so eager to get to work that we took on several tasks before we could fully handle them, and the problems that arose out of that only served to delay us even more. With all we have to do we're STILL not done setting up for business; we still have to organize our political education classes, a party recruitment program, organize the space in our houses and fix them up, and much much more.

In the midst of all this we were approached by members of the Human Rights Party and informed that the HRP was planning to run candidates from all five wards in the April 3rd City Council election. The HRP would be on the ballot, and with the 18-year old vote and U of M students able to vote in Ann Arbor it was clear that there was a good chance of winning at least two council seats. If it was going to happen we'd have to get to work on it right away, setting back out internal work ever further. But the possible gains made it worthwhile, so we started working with the HRP and at their nominating convention offered Genie Plamondon to run from our ward, the third. Genie got the nomination along with Jerry DeGriek, Nancy Wechsler, David Black and Nancy Romer Burghardt.

Running Genie for City Council and supporting and working for the entire HRP was just the kind of activity we had decided to get into in the period preceding the formation of the RPP. We wanted to get involved in the electoral process because we saw that with so many freeks around new we could really WIN elections, gain representation for rainbow people on council and begin to work to expose and change the corrupt and backwards city government. We could start having a voice and forcing changes in all the areas of our life in Ann Arbor that the City Council has to



Genie Plamondon's Rainbow spirit united 1500 people to vote HRP, April 3, 1972.

do with, like supervising and funding the police department, planning the growth of the city, and budgeting and directing all city services. All the attention that would be focused on any HRP candidate who captured a seat would be an opportunity to clearly get the message out that things could be done differently, and that we really did have something to say to all people, not just young people and students. All the information we could gather from the positions of city councilman or woman would help us understand exactly what was wrong with the city and how to change it. The need to build a strong local third party was clear, and the Human Rights Party was just the kind we could relate to. It all fit together, and we got deep into the election for a good month and a half.

The first thing that needed to be done was to get as many of the newly eligible voters as possible registered in the short time left before the March 3 deadline for registration. The massive effort included posters, leaflets, rock and roll get-downs, a central registration phone number, radio and newspaper ads, press conferences—no opportunity was missed to hip people to the fact that registering to vote in this election really meant something. All these efforts succeeded in registering thousands of new voters, but there's still thousands left to register for the upcoming elections.

After the registration drive came the actual campaign. Genie Plamondon for City Council headquarters was set up in our house at 1520 Hill St., and Genie and her campaign staff started getting out in the community, going door to door in an effort to meet each individual voter before the election. The campaign office cranked out tons of fliers, posters, leaflets, brochures and phone calls; Genie went out speaking and doing radio and tv appearances, as did all the other candidates. We helped the HRP hold press conferences, produce radio ads (both paid political advertising and "non-partisan" spots urging people to vote in the election), designed and printed materials of all kinds, organized concerts to get-out-the-vote, and worked all-out in every way along with the killer HRP people to WIN.

And it worked! The people joined with us and put Nancy Wechsler and Jerry DeGriek on the Ann Arbor City Council, which will never be the same again. And the three other HRP candidates did better than anyone had predicted, including Genie who captured more than 1500 votes, making it clear that the Democrats and Republicans better REALLY look out come next election. They seem to have gotten the message and are currently pushing ward-boundary changes that would pull our house out of the Third Ward. Nancy and Jerry have already gotten to work, meeting with Police Chief Krasny, investigating the police, and working to prepare new legislation, including a new city marijuana law that if passed will make possession a 25¢ fine within the city



Ann Arbor community works together to build much needed community center and people's organization.

limits. They've begun checking out exactly what changes will be possible and what we can do to ease people's problems from within the present dinosaur, dying, ineffectual and corrupt Ann Arbor city government. We now have the chance to deal with Ann Arbor and bare the ugly mess that it is. But we realize that "working through the system" cannot possibly accomplish all the changes that are needed. We have to create our own system, one designed to deal with our needs and to function smoothly from the start. We have to create and build alternatives to the madness that surrounds us.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

It's now May again and we're finally going to be able to devote a good portion of our energies to what we've seen all along as our most important community work, the Ann Arbor Tribal Council. We had decided during our months of letter writing and re-evaluation before we changed to the name RPP that what is needed is the creation of alternative institutions that provide for people's needs far better than the American institutions now in operation. We want to help build these alternatives to such an extent that they will confront and eventually replace the old ones and take us into the future when the ugly capitalist system will be dismantled once and for all. Alternatives are needed to show people that there really is another and better way of doing things by actually making it happen. And we decided that the first step in this pro-

cess to develop the alternative rainbow social order was to work on building up the A2 Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council was formed theoretically from ideas that came mostly from John while he was in prison, and had really started the summer before when it helped put on the Community Park program. The Tribal Council is the model government of the future; it exists to hook up, develop and coordinate the growth of a whole range of alternative institutions and services that are run on the basis of communalism, sharing, working together, consolidating resources and utilizing them in the interest of all the people, instead of in the interests of individual power and moneyed interests and their profits, which is how American institutions are run nowadays. The Tribal Council is the organized rainbow community working to change this place around and make Ann Arbor a model community of the future, when "the whole world will belong to the people; monsters of all kinds shall be destroyed," as Chariman Mao has said.

The Tribal Council consists at this point of nine People's Committees, some of which have been functioning and others which are just on the verge of really coming together. It's all new right now, and we're just learning how to make it work, but we hope the community will join with us and help set up the People's Committees: Housing, Music and Ballroom, Drugs, Health, Food, Communications, Finance, Education, Defense, and the special projects the Tribal Council is involved in like the park program, the artist's workshop, and the Washington St. Community Center. The rainbow community in Ann Arbor now has a community center, due to the dedication and persevering hard work of the people from Ozone House, Drug Help, and the Free People's Clinic. The Community Center already houses the offices of organizations like Ozone, Drug Help and the clinic, as well as offices for several People's Committees. The People's Ballroom in the center will be functioning soon, bringing high-energy rock and roll music to people at prices they can afford, in an atmosphere most conducive to getting people the highest, serving at the same time as an economic base for all kinds of community center activities. The Ann Arbor SUN will be moving to Washington St. as soon as possible, to be eventually published by the People's Communications Committee of the Tribal Council, and the People's Food Committee continues to operate the weekly food co-op.

Phew! We're really just starting to move, and now that Nancy and Jerry are on the City Council, the Tribal Council should be able to grow all the more quickly with minimum interference and even aid from the city. We can now build the Tribal Council and at the same time confront the established institutions, utilize their resources for the people's cause and turn THEM into alternatives, too.

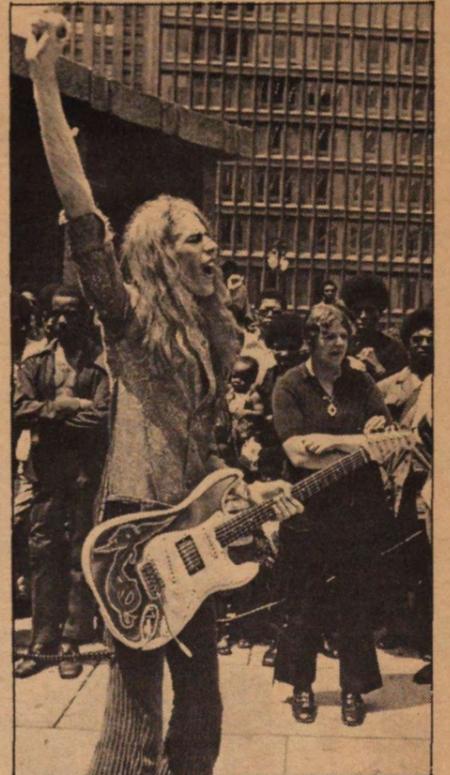
ROCK AND ROLL FOREVER!

There's all kinds of other activities that we want to get involved in, many more than we possibly can at this time. In the near future we're going to prepare to work on the upcoming Ann Arbor School Board election, the elections for Sheriff, State Representative, and the national elections coming up this fall. We've endorsed George McGovern for president in the May 16 Michigan Presidential primary as the most effective way we can see to end the expanding air-war in Southeast Asia. We're active in forming a new organization, the Michigan Committee for Prisoner's Rights, to struggle for decent conditions for the brothers and sisters in the penitentiaries and jails of Michigan, and to keep in contact with them and look out for their rights. We're investigating at this time the California Marijuana Initiative which is aiming to put the question of legalizing weed on the ballot, giving the voters the opportunity to end prohibition once and for all, and are considering the possibility of working on a similar project back here in Michigan. Keeping in touch with our own prisoners, Pun Plamondon, Skip Taube, and Jack Forrest we will continue to try and work on their cases and get them out of the slam and back out working for the people as soon as possible. And the work we've put into developing the Michigan rock and roll community into a conscious force, and helping to start a People's Ballroom in Detroit will continue.

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Rainbow stompin' in the park last summer.



Bob Rassmussen, UP

completely for the people's cause for several years now, and we will continue to work to further build the UP into the sensation they're bound to become. The UP will soon be moving next door to 1510 Hill St., have just completed their new practice room inside 1510, and will soon get ahold of the equipment they need to smash on through. And we'd like to take this opportunity to announce that we're forming, along with Peter Andrews of Ann Arbor, who was responsible for organizing the show at Crisler arena last December 10, the Rainbow Worp., which will as its initial act take on the full management of Detroit, featuring Mitch Ryder.

ONE-YEAR-MAY-1st

The Rainbow People's Party is one year old. It's been a jam-packed year. We've accomplished a great deal and also made uncountable mistakes, doing our best to learn from them. The RPP exists to win self-determination and freedom for our people and, working with other people's and cultures, for all the people on the planet. All 21 of us who live together here on Hill St. are new to all this, and we can't do what we have to without active energy and criticism from the community. We want to do whatever can best bring us closer to our dreams, and urge people to let us know at any point what you honestly feel about what we're doing. Only as a united community can we succeed at the incredible task of survival and growth ahead of us.

So the next time you light up a joint, think about the fact that you don't have to go to jail for 10 years for doing that ever again, realize that we've come a long way but we've still got a long way to go, and remember, the power of the people is a motherfucker!

RAINBOW POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE!

—Central Committee, Rainbow People's Party

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We'll keep re-organizing and educating ourselves in order to most efficiently get on with it. But economics are the basis of everything, and at this point in history in order for the party, the community, and the Tribal Council to grow there has to be money. Right now we don't have enough money to get people clothes when they need them, we can't afford all the telephone lines, cars, and machinery that we have to have to do the job right. But the outlook is bright. As Rainbow people we have a tremendous natural resource that, when properly organized and reclaimed from the greedcreeps who have ripped our music off and used it for their own seedy ends, can provide all the funds for the things we need.

Our bands must be made an integral part of our communities once again, kicking out the music that keeps us moving on towards the world of our visions and bringing in the money we need in order to get there. More and more musicians are beginning to realize this, but it has to go a lot further. The mighty UP have been working

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The People of the freak community are guiding, shaping, and directing the destiny of their own concerts, bands and ballrooms where reason to exist is not solely to suck up outrageous fortunes for one or two slimey, sideburned psychopants slithering up to the excitement of musical popdom. No, the purpose of the People's Ballrooms in Detroit and Ann Arbor is to benefit everyone involved—a rock and roll center where people can come together to define their limits and their potential as a social force.

Freak communities are getting pissed off about being ripped off and fucked over in their own areas. In Cincinnati on Sunday, April 9, the Music Liberation Front successfully prevented the return of piglet Mike Quatro, infamous cultural vampire, who bled the Detroit rock scene for every buck he could grab as he amassed an unbroken string of burns and bogus concerts before his return to Lawrence Welk influenced his show business career. After the following leaflet was distributed in the Cincinnati area, only 25 tickets at \$5.50 were purchased resulting in cancellation of the show which featured Quatro's jam band, Brownsville Station and Detroit.

FREE THE MUSIC

Mike Quatro is back. Yes, it's Mike Quatro—who engineered the Cincinnati Summer Festival at Crosley Field in 1970. He promised campsites, freedom to enjoy our music, top bands and seating in the field. He delivered hundreds of rent-a-pigs and Cincinnati cops, ran people off the field, the bands he advertised didn't show, and there were about 200 busts resulting from the "festival."

Due to community pressure, Quatro promised 10% of the profits would be put back into the community—into projects



like the Switchboard and the Free Clinic, and that only because he could deduct it from his income taxes!

The busts at Crosley Field were to protect the interest of Quatro. The police are here tonight for the same reason, to protect the interest of those who rip off our culture to sell it back to us—the people are forced to pay for it and the rent-a-cops and the city police are here to make sure we do.

"They" are willing to bust heads, work us over, have us arrested so they can make a buck. We don't think anyone should have

to pay \$5.50 for a few hours of music.

Music is a beautiful basic part of our culture. Somehow we must decommercialize it and bring it back to the people. One way to do this is to refuse to pay for it. Crash the Gates! Show Quatro that the Cincinnati community remembers his role in the Plastic \$10 Pop Festival. Show where your head is at by your voices and actions."

MUSIC LIBERATION FRONT

Two states over in a city whose Czarist mayor almost banned rock 'n roll, a diverse music-crazed community of greasers, dopers, politicians and stompin down public school students were unanimous in telling off and forcing out of town a fledging, national super star act, Mountain, whose vanity and piggishness cost Chicago one of its best people's bands, Mountain Bus, and its only alternative record company, Good Records, a division of People's Art Corporation.

For over 4 years the brothers in Mountain Bus had been playing free concerts in Lincoln Park, Yuppies, White Panther rockers, conspiracy benefits anyplace that people would come to move to the jams the Bus would play—usually for little or no money. After a half-a-decade-of-dues, they became the first release for Good Records, a freak-run label that would make fine quality albums that would sell for under \$2.50. Just as their album was being distributed, an unexpected injunction came from the courts grounding Mountain Bus and the community label to a sudden, fatal halt. The suit which also asked for damages and destruction of all material, initiated by Felix Pappalardi's Windfall Records, honking that only the 2 year old second-generation super-star hype trio of Leslie West, Pappalardi, and Corky Laing could use word Mountain. Windfall Records claimed that the millions their 24 month old greening mountain took from communities like Chicago gave them the sole right to the name.

Ironically, the judgement that executed Mountain Bus and Good Records was rendered the day before the legal Mountain was to appear. Last time around they took \$23,000 from the rock 'n roll hungry people of Chicago. But Mountain Bus had played for free whenever they could and they had been ruled out of existence by the agents of West, Pappalardi, and Laing. That was big news in a city where, they were too few high energy concerts because of Daley's overt physical repression of the youth culture. Much publicity on FM stations, community papers, the straight press and in head shops decried the petty and needless elimination of Mountain Bus by the national pop celebrities. Ticket sales were terrible. During the afternoon rehearsal of the concert, West freaked after reading Mike Gold's damning factual story in the Chicago Seed. He showed the paper to Pappalardi who became hysterical refusing to

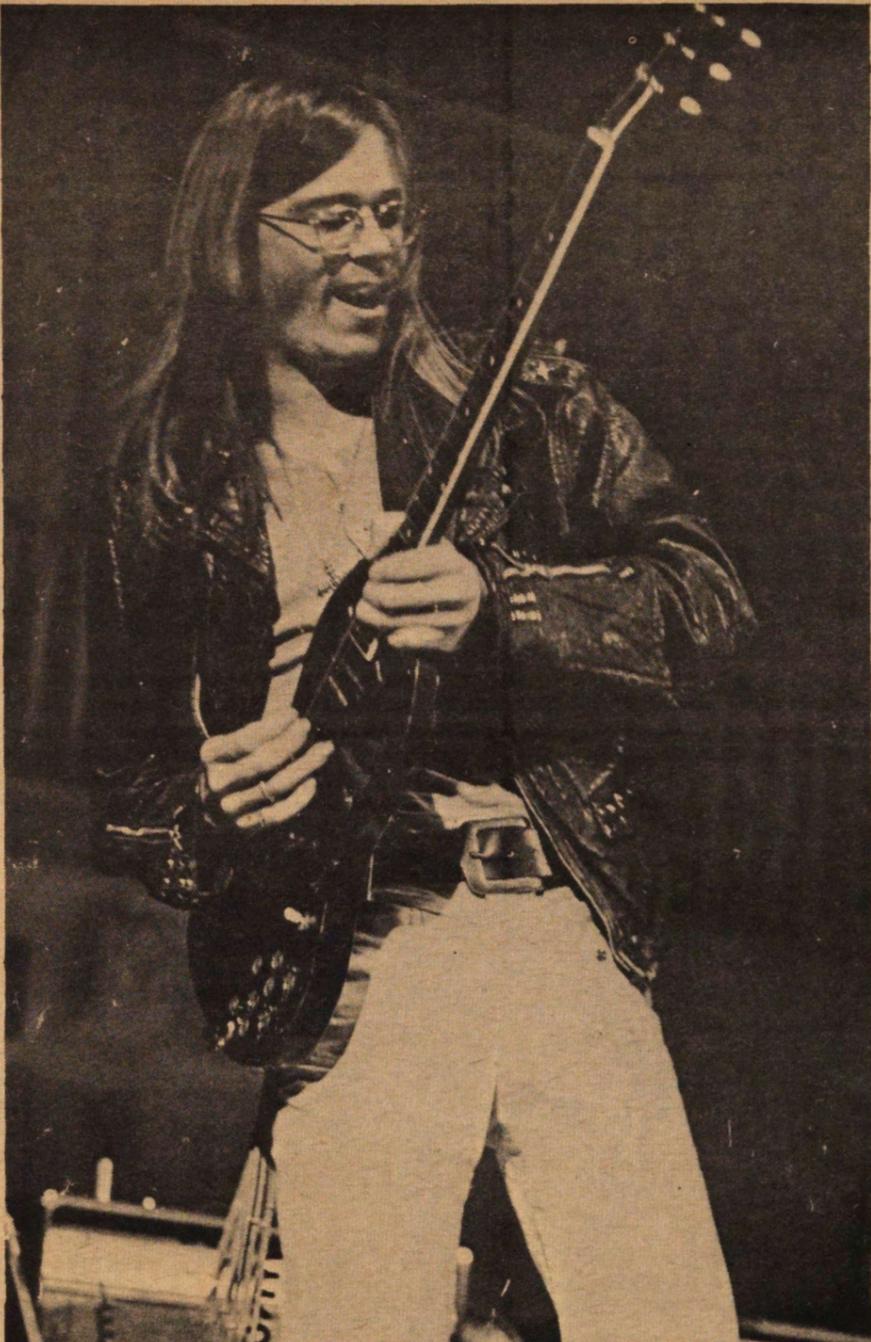
perform that night and leaving immediately for the airport without even stopping at his hotel. He later claimed to have received threats, and denied knowledge of the suit that gave him ownership of the word Mountain. After being eliminated by the Amerikan Capitalist system, Mountain Bus broke up and Good Records went under. Ironically, several months later, Pappalardi, like Sinatra, retired from public performances, the name Mountain was dropped in favor of the Christian names West, Bruce, and Laing. Representatives of the estate of Lenny Bruce, R. P. Laing, and the early Amerikan West are considering seeking an injunction to prevent commercial use of their historical names

The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U.S. Department of Just-us has rejected John and Yoko Lennon's application for permanent residence in America and has ordered them out of the country. The government is claiming that John's 1968 weed bust makes him an "undesireable". Of course they haven't explained why other less prominent people who have similar records to John have been allowed to stay here, and they aren't likely to. The government is freaked at John and Yoko using their power and fame to help get the word out and make changes. They're especially afraid of activities like J and Y's appearance at the December 10 rally which resulted in a free John Sinclair. John and Yoko have made it clear that they plan to continue activities like December 10, so the Nixon administration is moving to make sure they can't stick around to cause any more trouble. The pigs probably REALLY freak when they think about how the people's movement will be strengthened as John and Yoko feed more and more money to causes by playing benefits across the country, as they hope to. (The new John and Yoko Apple release is now out, including some of the tunes they performed at the Freedom Rally, and the money from the album is going to people working on the different causes the songs are about.)

The final hearing on extending their visas comes up on Tuesday, May 2. The Rainbow People's Party and the Ann Arbor community has been greatly aided by John and Yoko in the past, and we'd like to urge everyone to sign the petition elsewhere in this issue of the SUN and send it in to the address listed. Only a massive people's outcry can possibly stop the criminals in the Just-us Department from quietly going ahead with their scheme. It's important that they feel the heat right away, so try and fill up the page with signatures and send it in as soon after reading this as you can....

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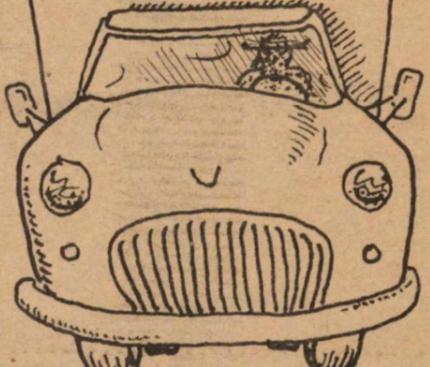
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The repressive hierarchy which governs the Federal Prison System has finally conceded, in allowing uncensored correspondence between federal prisoners and the news media. I chose to write your press because the SUN serves the U of M and MSU campuses. Where many people have been coming from to tour the wonderful FCI at Milan, Michigan.

I hate to say so, but most of these people are misled in what they see. On tour, they are taken to the gym, the fancy mess hall, and the various bull-shit vocational training and academic programs.

After one leaves they are left with the impression that us guys are treated nice and are having a good time here.

I don't blame them, because the administration neglects to explain the functions of Federal Prison Industries. Which exploit the meekness of the inmates, at the slave-wage of 21¢ an hour, making beds for the all-mighty Amerikan forces overseas. Also, these inmates are employed in the task of producing electrical mechanisms used in

nuclear missiles which they're not supposed to know about either.

Nor are these tours taken thru the dormitories to observe the crowded conditions where inmates serving sentences of 10 years and up are forced to live. Nor are they taken thru maximum security "D" block where inmates with severe mental illness's are given quantities of thiorizin and left to vegetate for the remainder of their sentences.

Inmates like myself are mixed with these sick people just because they are deemed a possible hazard to the administration. The true reason, is just because inmates like myself are individual men and refuse to be programmed in to a non-man or mythical image. Which rehabilitation calls for in the administration's eyes.

This is the true reality of Milan. I would like to inform the misled visitors of all these horrors. If at anytime the SUN runs a story on prisons and needs first hand information I will be more than willing to express my experiences of the federal prisons system and Michigan Dept. of Corrections.

Thanks for your time, and all I can say "is better days are coming." So just . . .

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From a brother in Milan
Prison - name withheld

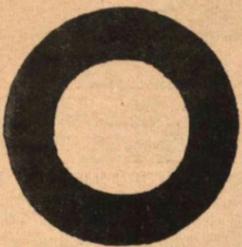
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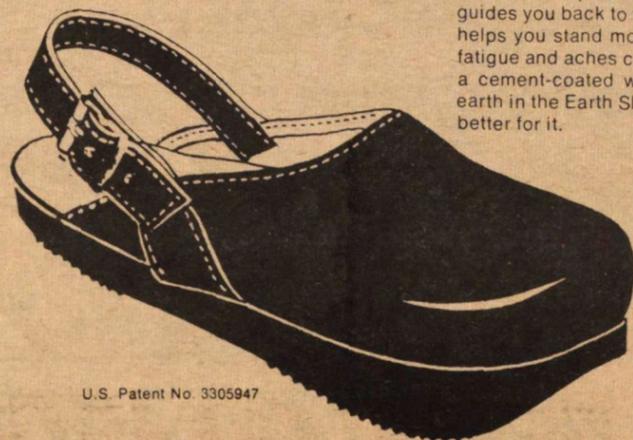
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FRIDAY APRIL 28

EVENTS
Community Rap Session
4:00 pm Community Center

FILMS
Cinema Guild
Sherman's "She Done Him Wrong"
w/Mae West 7 & 9 Architecture Aud.

TV
Channel 56 8:30
Film Odyssey "Knife in the Water"

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's 75¢
Dr. Ross
The Blind Pig 50¢
Lightin' Slim

SUNDAY APRIL 30

FILMS
Cinema Guild
"What No Beer?" W.C. Fields
7 & 9 Architecture Aud.

MUSIC
Del Rio - JAZZ

EVENTS
Writers Workshop, Community Center, 1:00
Free Clinic Meeting, 7:30

SATURDAY APRIL 29

EVENTS
9:30 am City Council
Work session on the budget
Community Media Project Benefit
"The Battle of Algiers" 7 & 9:30

FILMS
Cinema Guild
Griffith's "Sally of the Sawdust"
7 & 9 Architecture Aud.

TV
Channel 62 11:00 pm
INTERNATIONAL ROCK SERVICE

MONDAY MAY 1

EVENTS
City Council 7:30
Public Hearing on Land Use and
Sub-Division Control

MUSIC
SUN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - People's Plaza
Mr. Flood's 50¢
Steve Newhouse

TUESDAY MAY 2

EVENTS
Community Rap Session
Community Center 3:00
Tribal Council Steering Committee
Meeting - 7:30 Community Center

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

EVENTS
Food Co-op Meeting
3rd floor SAB 7:30

MUSIC
The Blind Pig 50¢
Skeleton Rose

THURSDAY MAY 4

EVENTS
Creative Arts Workshop Meeting
5:30 Community Center
Community Rap Session
3:00 Community Center

TV
Channel 62
8:00 pm INTERNATIONAL
ROCK SERVICE

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's 50¢
Jim Tate
The Blind Pig 50¢
Skeleton Rose
EMU Bowen Field House
It's a Beautiful Day
Taj Mahal

FRIDAY MAY 5

EVENTS
Community Rap Session
4:00 Community Center

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's 75¢
Asleep at the Wheel (a band that
plays gigs with Commander Cody
on the coast)
The Blind Pig 50¢
Eddie Burns
(back up for John Lee Hooker)

SATURDAY MAY 6

TV
Channel 62
11 pm INTERNATIONAL ROCK
SERVICE

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's
same as Friday
The Blind Pig
same as Friday

EVENTS
People's Communications Committee Meeting

SUNDAY MAY 7

EVENTS
TRIBAL FEAST AND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
5:30 Community Center

MUSIC
Del Rio - JAZZ

EVENTS
Free Clinic Meeting, 7:30

MONDAY MAY 8

EVENTS
City Council 7:30
Public Hearing on the Marijuana
Ordinance

THEATRE
Conspiracy 7 pm
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MUSIC
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TUESDAY MAY 9

EVENTS
Tribal Council Steering Committee
Meeting 7:30 Community Center
Community Rap Session
3:00 Community Center

THEATRE
Conspiracy
same as Monday

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

EVENTS
Food Co-op Meeting
7:30 3rd floor SAB

FILMS
Conspiracy
"Performance" Mick Jagger
\$1.00 6:30, 8:00, 9:30

MUSIC
The Blind Pig 50¢
Skeleton Rose

THURSDAY MAY 11

EVENTS
Community Rap Session
3:00 Community Center
City Council 7:30
Work Session on the Budget
Creative Arts Workshop
5:30 Community Center
Gay Liberation Front Meeting
8:00 Conference Room South Wing
3rd floor Union

FILMS
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MUSIC
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