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# Practical Politics for Peoples' Power!

**HRP PRIMARY FEB. 19th**

Brother David Sinclair got his campaign for City Council underway last week with a pledge to the people of the Second Ward that, "I'm running so people can work together to obtain control of our community and to implement proposals that will serve the needs of the people of the community."

David is a member of the Rainbow People's Party and has lived at the present RPP complex, at 1510 & 1520 Hill Street since 1968 and plans to unseat the Democratic Party which holds the Second Ward Council seat up in this election.

Before he can challenge the Democratic candidate, however, Dave must win the Human Rights Party primary on Feb. 19. He is opposed in the primary by Frank Schoichet and Lisa North, both members of the HRP's "Old Guard".

In his opening campaign statement the brother explained the principles of a people's campaign, the type of campaign he intends to run. "I'm not going to be able to do this job without the help of all of you. Nobody, no one person alone has the answers to all the problems faced by people of this community everyday. I'm just another person who's dedicated and committed to this community, and getting elected to City Council will mean something only if all of you work with me, before and after the election. People power is the only basis we have for political power."

David has not attacked any of his opponents in the HRP primary, but stresses that his candidacy will lead HRP in a new direction, away from the abstract philosophies and "ideas" that have dominated it in the past. Dave's candidacy will force HRP to come to terms with the pressing real question of people's survival and people's power.

"We all need food that is good for our bodies and minds, within reach of our budgets and available close to our homes. People need clothing that is warm, sturdy and comfortable, that will not cost us outrageous prices. We need medical care that will help us, not exploit us and send us to the poorhouse. The community needs public transportation to keep our air cleaner valid educational programs for all of us and justice for the people against the police power of the government, are some of the issues outlined in his opening statement.

Although HRP has "gone on record" for these tenets; in the past, it has failed to open up and put "people power" behind the issues. Rather than dwell on the "idea" of community control, Dave will move to put some "practice" into the concept of community control. As examples Dave ran down a partial list of priorities and proposals that he will work for, based on what people have come forward and articulated as their righteous needs.

**WARD MEETINGS** — In addition to opening up the HRP "mass meetings" to the community, regular meetings will be set up in the dorms and in the neighborhoods of the second ward. He will be at these meetings — to listen, rap and discuss with people, their ideas and their needs, complaints, demands and desires. "I've



## DAVID SINCLAIR 2nd Ward

been a community organizer in this town for five years and I've learned that people very seldom get a chance to address themselves directly to elected officials and the powers-that-be," David said.

**PUBLICIZING PEOPLE'S RIGHTS** — Full use of all available media, including Cable TV, the Michigan Daily, the SUN, Ann Arbor News, leaflets, posters, etc., to educate and inform people of their full rights under the law. "The people who need the rights the most are told the least about their rights. Consequently, people are denied jobs illegally, moved out of their houses illegally, people's cars and persons are searched and violated by the police illegally, people pay inflated prices for illegally marketed food, the list goes on and on."

**REVENUE SHARING** — The City Council has been given \$1 million in revenue-sharing funds that President Nixon siphoned out of federal anti-poverty programs. In order to prevent a rip-off, all \$1 million must go to help poor people, rather than to expand City Hall or build a new police station as the Republicans have proposed. "What has got to come first are things like low-cost housing or a new Community Center, things that are going to benefit the masses of people. The HRP right now is talking to people and preparing a list of priorities."

**CHILD CARE** — At least \$200,000 of the \$1 million in revenue-sharing funds the city just received should go to setting up child care facilities and paying staffers. But control of the child care centers should re-

main in the hands of the parents and children of a neighborhood. David explained, "The Rainbow People's Party has had a child care system of its own for a long time, in which all the adult men and women in our household share in taking care of the children. But under the present conditions in this society, it's necessary that the city subsidize child care programs to give women a chance to expand and grow from the roles of housewife and mother."

**COMMUNITY CONTROL OF POLICE** At every City Council meeting David Sinclair will give a list of citizen complaints against the police to the city administrator and demand a full investigation of each and every complaint. Until a righteous community control mechanism can be set up, Dave will work to see that HRP establishes a central phone number for citizens' complaints against the police. "I know how the police in this community treat certain kinds of people, because I'm one of those 'certain' kinds of people myself. I've been stopped lots of times and held up for 30 minutes while a cop checks me out for some fictitious reason. If the City were to pay the minimum wage to people for every hour they are illegally detained and harassed by the police, the City would go broke in a week. This stuff has got to stop!"

**SALARY CUTS** — Every city employee should have a salary cut of 50 percent of everything they earn over \$14,000 a year. "There's a lot of fat in the City budget,

starting with the salaries of the city administrator and police chief who function to protect the interests of the landlords, bankers and businessmen," David pointed out. "We should go at this job with a meat-axe, not a paring knife."

**FOOD COOPERATIVES** — The University of Michigan Regents have held up an \$18,000 SGC allotment for a food co-op. Only the City Council has the clout to force the Regents to cough up the money; and only the City Council has the bankroll to subsidize a fullscale food co-op program for every poor person in the community. Dave demands a \$100,000 allocation for food co-ops.

**RECYCLING CANS AND BOTTLES** The City Council should subsidize the People's Recycling Committee of the Ann Arbor Tribal Council and other similar groups that are collecting cans and bottles from people's homes, public events and businesses around town. "This is a really good example of how the City can do something down to earth that is both progressive and beneficial to all the people in the community," Dave added.

**RAPID TRANSIT** — The two-mill proposal for a new Ann Arbor bus line should be approved by the voters. Integrating the new bus line with the present bus system should then take place to ensure that people who can't afford cars or who won't pollute the air can go shopping and visiting — and, more importantly, since St. Joe's Hospital is planning to pull out of the city it is necessary that people have ready access to transportation.

David closed his statement by saying, "Obviously, there are many, many more proposals that people need and that I will work for. This is just the beginning of a list. . . and the list won't end until we collectively kick the landlords and bankers out of City Hall. The most important thing, I believe, is that I address myself to, and am concerned with the real life needs of the people."

David Sinclair has been a college student, a draft resister, a poet, an editor, and is right now a fulltime community worker and organizer. Part of his biography includes a degree in English from Dartmouth College, a key organizer of the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Festival, the Free John Sinclair movement, the Ann Arbor Blues Jamboree, the Ann Arbor Voter Registration Drive, the Free summer concerts of the Community Parks Program, local anti-war rallies and countless legal defense funds. Dave is a member of the City Cable Casting Commission, and his everyday work in securing attorneys and bondsmen has helped a lot of people stay out of jail.

He was deemed "psychotically anti-authoritarian" by the U.S. Army.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

DAVID SINCLAIR

FOR PEOPLE POWER!

# VOICE of a PEOPLE

## WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH BOGUS DOPE?

Billy Lucken—  
SUN seller—I saw one guy at the People's Ballroom and I had a fake camera with a little light on it and when you clicked it the little light would go on. I did it once to the guy and I didn't know he was bummed out and he hit me. The first time I heard of drugs I was scared of them but now I'm not. The hard drugs like smack and stuff I don't like.



Kathy Feldkamp—  
The only drug I do is marijuana. I figure that's the only thing you can be sure of. There's a lot of bogus LSD and quaaludes are definitely bad. I have a cigarette habit like crazy and I can't get rid of it. My lungs are a garbage pile.



Steve Forbrick—  
SUN seller—I haven't had many experiences with bogus drugs. I have a friend that used to be a junky, we didn't find out for a while. He used to rip off and finally he got sent away. We were friends and he used to think we weren't; like we were his enemies and we wanted to get money or dope off of him. He was really fucked up.



Hare Krishna  
Brother—I've never taken them myself. People shouldn't do them unless they can regulate themselves and do only 1 or 2 a week. People I know can't do that, they take too many and they're always tripping around and sloppy.



Phyllis—Being a person who has experienced quaaludes, I feel they're dangerous to anybody's mental and physical wellbeing.



For me it was just another experience of learning that peace has to come from within and not from without. Not from drugs, not from people around you but just by accepting life. Downers are not the way.

This week's Voice of a People done by Alice Robertson and Heidi Lucken.



SUN,

As I see it — which is limited to what I have learned in my lifetime thus far (taken into account) — no emphasis has been put on the children of the revolution working with (always a revolutionary attitude) and inside the brain of this capitalist imperialist pig-monster.

The emphasis being, that the media get out to the people this need for working the monster over through knowledge of it and then manipulation. We must prepare for the struggle; this means to study intensely, to learn, to unite with brothers and sisters in our love for the revolution.

We must encourage our brothers and sisters (youth especially with the potential), to engage in the "Institute of Higher Learning." To attend universities and graduate with "credentials." Doctors, teachers, chemists, lawyers, engineers, politicians . . . and too, farmers, skilled trades people, artists and firemen and firewomen (remember the ballroom) . . . workers of the revolution — UNITE!

Co-operating with the honky systems' form of education — practicing stoicism and always with a revolutionary attitude — we can build a society in which the next generation will not have to cop to the pig-monster's "education" (programmed oppression).

Specifically, I think of the Rainbow People trying to set up a free school for their children and having to find the pig-monster who says you gotta have teaching "credentials" etc etc. . . along with all the other bullshit that they try to push upon us. Now, if we had a sister or brother (or several) with these "credentials", we would have the leverage to throw this pig-monster oppressor, which is trying to sap our energies, off our back and get down to the other vital work which requires our attention and energy.

The revolution needs people, educated within the system, in specific fields to work over the honkies by utilizing this leverage to annihilate them — for the good of all oppressed sisters and brothers. We must deal (play the game for the good of all) with this capitalist imperialist pig-monster so that, ultimately, we are able to crush it to death.

**Power to the People!**

—a sister of the revolution

SUN,

I am a brother at the Cassidy Lake prison camp and I would like to have a list of the names of the sounds of John Coltrane that happened on the night of Sunday January 14 and I would also like to send in not only this letter but thanks and appreciation to the brothers and sisters of WNRZ for putting on a beautiful program and playing the sounds of our late and great brother John Coltrane.

—Fred Rico Porter

SUN,

Thanks for the SUNS, once again Amerikan Death Kulture has shown its teeth, we're up against the wall again, it's time to escalate our struggle. I'm sending you the latest news on what's happening out in the country, a few miles west of Philadelphia. I'm meeting more and more people involved in this fight against the master kompter. Artists, farmers, architects, philosophers, ecologists and many others are fighting for self-determination. They say that they will even resort to armed love if it is unavoidable. We all have to defend ourselves here. Maybe you can do something with this information to communicate to liberate. Also enclosed are some poems by Tim Leary, Ed Sanders, John Sinclair, Diane DiPrima, and the Jefferson Airplane that I used in a class at a free school on Valley Forge Mountain that I have been working with. We don't get paid and the children come from one form or another of rainbow enclaves in the mountain area. This particular class was for sisters and brothers who are mostly above 14 years old and it's done a lot of good. One of the brothers is now teaching himself, it produces a lot of energy. How did the Blues & Jazz Festival come out? I saw Sun Ra yesterday and he was fantastic!

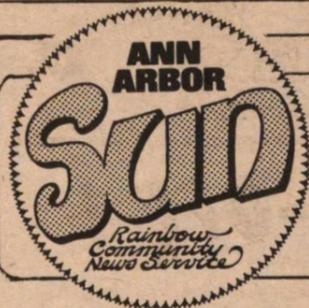
ONE TRIBE

ONE PEOPLE

ONE NATION

—Larry Filippone

P.S. The Rainbow Bridge sections by Chairman John are great!! When will Guitar Army be in print?



# Editorial

*The idea of a Community Center, a place where our people can get together with each other, learn and share skills, and organize the programs necessary to grow as a self-determinate people, has been in people's minds for a long time. A Community Center is an integral part of organizing and consolidating any community, and especially in dealing with the plague of downers and other bogus drugs that has swept through communities across the country.*

*The Tribal Council is an organization dedicated to coming up with real, workable alternatives to the problems that affect every aspect of people's lives, and we know that if we are going to rid our community of bogus dope, we have to create positive alternatives for people so that they don't feel the need to obliterate their consciousness into a stoned stupor with quaaludes, heroin, and other downer drugs.*

*During the summer of 1970, a number of people from Tribal Council formed the Hard Drugs Committee to educate the people about the dangers of certain drugs and to begin to build those alternatives necessary to bring the people up from the depression and hopelessness of the bogus dope scene. Building a Community Center was seen as one of the most important, concrete programs that could be instituted. Some members of the Hard Drugs Committee formed the Community Center Project through a grant from HEW, and moved to make the Community Center, at 502 E. Washington, a reality.*

*The People's Ballroom is a very important part of eliminating the bogus dope plague. Not only does it provide a place for people to get together with other people, but also provides an opportunity to talk with dealers as well as people who are taking bad drugs, and to show them in clear, concrete terms how it can be different, how they don't have to down themselves out, and how they can organize themselves to eliminate the oppression that made them get into those drugs in the first place.*

*Since the fire at the Community Center, our people have had no place to get together, to hear the music we have to have, and to serve as an energy and organizing center for our rapidly growing rainbow community. The decision of City Council to tear down the entire building immediately, is one more example of the great lack of concern on the part of the City for the problems and needs of oppressed people in this community, in this case, specifically, rainbow people. The City has a responsibility to serve the interests of all the people in this community, and not merely a handful of bankers and businessmen.*

*There are a number of ways that people can help get a new Community Center and People's Ballroom. You can help financially be either going to any of the benefits or by sending contributions to the Tribal Council Fire Fund, Box 372, Ann Arbor. Also, you should keep your eyes open for a large building capable of housing a People's Ballroom and Tribal Council offices. We need a Community Center and a People's Ballroom, and only by moving ahead, through our own efforts as a unified people, in an organized and consolidated manner, can we fulfill that need. JOIN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL! HELP IT GROW! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!*

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 "All The News That Fits We Print!"

# Livonia Students Protest New Repressive Policies

Last November a brother who goes to Franklin High in Livonia, Rick Shatter, was expelled from school for wearing a Michigan Marijuana Initiative button. Soon afterwards more than 150 students went down to the offices of Franklin Principal Mr. Ammerman to angrily protest this violation of their freedom of speech. Their action forced Ammerman to reconsider and agree to allow students to wear MMI buttons in school.

The SUN went to Livonia to investigate this incident and in a recent issue we described what happened that day at Franklin Prison. As part of our article we interviewed Ammerman, who at that time notified us that the SUN would be banned from the school grounds "because it promoted the use of illegal substances" and contained what he called "obscenities." As a result of our publishing the article exposing his repression disguised as education, Ammerman last week issued a new set of "Regulations Pertaining to Oral and Written Expression and Distribution of Printed Materials" meant to amend the previous set of censorship and control rules in the official Franklin Student Handbook.

The new regulations start off claiming that "in accordance with the Bill of Rights freedom of speech and expression will be encouraged in the Livonia Public Schools," but quickly takes that back by

restricting this so-called freedom of expression "within the limitations necessary to assure the orderly conduct of classes and school activities" and putting the decision as to what is "within those limitations" entirely up to Ammerman's distorted view of reality.

The new regulations set Ammerman up as total school dictator—students and teachers get no say in making the rules. Not only is it entirely up to him what kind of "expression" will be tolerated within these purposely vague guidelines, but they also allow him "in the case of suspicion of violation of any of the above restrictions" to order the students to "cease and desist forthwith until given further direction. Refusal of students to conform to direction shall be considered gross disobedience subject to more severe disciplinary measures."

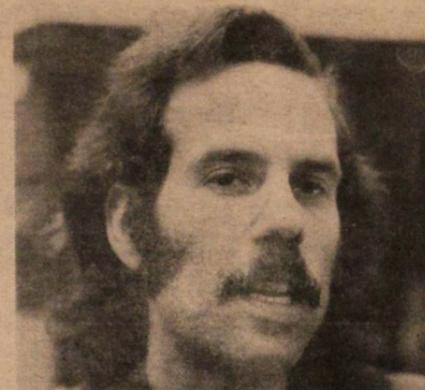
But Ammerman's efforts aren't working. One week after he issued these rules leaflets from the newly formed Livonia High School Student Union flooded the school urging a boycott of classes in all 4 Livonia high schools to start on Tuesday, January 16. The immediate issue was the new attendance policy, which has already resulted this year in 830 students being kicked out of school or their classes for being late or absent from class.

Urging that last year's more liberal attendance policy (which allowed 30 ab-

sences during the year and didn't hassle people if they were tardy) be reinstated, a total of 1320 students staged boycotts and sit-ins at the four schools last Tuesday.

At Franklin 300 students sat in at the library while irate teachers patrolled the halls and refused to allow anyone to leave the building. The principal's office was used as a jail where one brother was suspended for dealing the SUN. At Bentley High a group of greasers threw firecrackers at the boycotters which prompted uptight school officials to kick everyone out and lock the doors. From there about 100 went to the Board of Education office where they partied on the steps until a spokesperson was chosen and taken inside to confer with the Board, which simply offered them the tedious and diversionary Livonia "appeal" process as the only route for change.

The four boycotts broke up by the late afternoon, but plans are already being made for more organized actions to open up the schools and bring more power to the students over their own lives. The Livonia High School Student Union has time on the agenda at the next Board meeting to ask for a less dictatorial attendance policy and for more time in between classes. Stay tuned to the SUN for more developments as they happen.



## U-M Kicks Out Anti-War Prof

Mark Green, the U-M chemistry professor who caused a ruckus last fall by showing an anti-war flick in class, was told Jan. 11 that after the winter term of 1974 he's through teaching at the university.

Prof. Green's firing, through what the U-M calls "a denial of tenure," came after Green seemed to have won a victory in the anti-war film controversy.

Green was suspended Oct. 9 after showing his class what napalm and other chemical weapons have done to civilians in Indochina. But, when 500 students gathered in a demonstration to support Green, the professor was reinstated a week later.

A review committee of four professors and three students later criticized the film as "an inappropriate use of class time" but declared that Green should keep his job.

Thomas Dunn, the acting chairman of the chemistry department, had wanted Green fired but grudgingly gave in to the review committee's decision.

He bided his time — until the winter months when student demonstrations are hard to organize — and then hit Green with a new tactic, chopping off his job slowly instead of quickly.

Dunn claimed that Green had been denied tenure because the quality of his research and teaching had gone down.

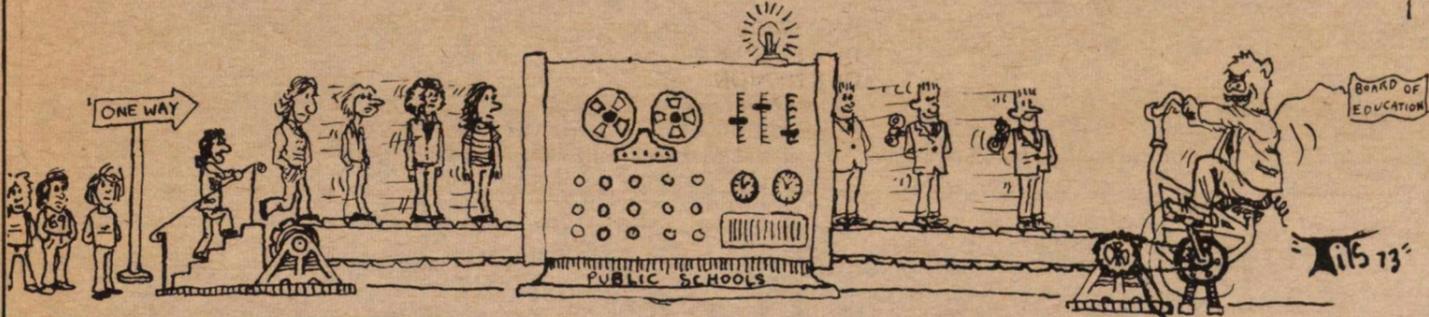
But Green insisted he is working on a three-year research grant recently awarded him by the National Institute of Health and that student evaluations of his last two courses have been "very, very good."

"For whatever reasons it happened, those reasons clearly do not pertain," Green charged. "I'm sure the film had something to do with it."

He said he will appeal the decision rather than take the boot.

Green's firing once again points up the top-to-bottom chain of command that still exists at the U-M. Students and professors working for reforms have not yet been able to crack the upper levels of decision making.

Until that happens, the right to freedom of speech and the right to academic freedom will remain only so many empty expressions



## Women's Classes Underway

Ann Arbor Women's Community School will begin its Winter Session January 22, 1973. Most courses will be at the Michigan Union, 3rd floor, South Wing on Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

This is the third session of the Women's Community School which attempts to provide informal courses which develop women's practical skills as well as broaden women's knowledge in an informal setting.

"The number of women who have attended courses has increased and the returnees have said that the relaxed atmosphere has been one of the most important parts of the school," according to Karon Van Gelder, one of the organizers of the school. She reiterated that "all women are welcome."

This session's courses include: Auto Mechanics, Children's Literature, Dance, French Gourmet Cooking, Home Repair, Lesbianism, Marriages: A Complex Contract, Pen and Ink, Women in Political Philosophy, and Women's Survival: Day to Day Methods.

Childcare and carpools will be arranged, and each woman will be asked to contribute \$2.00 to cover child care and printing costs.

All classes except Home Repair, Marriage and Auto Mechanics will be conducted on the 3rd floor, Michigan Union South Wing.

Women's Community School will also be sponsoring other events this winter, including a series of one evening discussions on related topics. For more information, call 763-4186.

## BEWARE RIP-OFF!

The SUN has learned from members of a commune near Ann Arbor of an outrageous rip-off of a substantial sum for their communal money by a "brother" who frequents the Ann Arbor area from time to time. Since this information has been confirmed by disinterested witnesses and since this "brother" may well intend to rip-off some of his other "friends," the SUN feels compelled to identify him as a public service. This dude's name is Ewe (pronounced "oo-vay") Wheeler. He's about 19, about 5'6" tall, weighs about 145 pounds, has brown semi-shoulder-length hair, and speaks with a heavy German accent.

Wheeler is supposedly staying in the Traverse City—Elk Rapids area.  
 —SUN Editorial Board

## Old Weed Law Still Enforced

Jim Ujczak, now 23, went to prison Feb. 23, 1971, after copping a plea to attempted sale of marijuana.

He had been dealing weed in the Detroit suburb of Westland for about six months and had just gotten married when he got popped.

Ujczak has been in prison almost two years. If he were caught right now and convicted, the maximum sentence he could receive for attempted sale is two years.

But because Ujczak was sentenced under the old, harsh state pot law — a law the State Supreme Court threw out when it freed John Sinclair last spring — Ujczak may stay in prison until Sept. 10, 1974. Even though it was his first arrest, he was given the maximum sentence.

"I think this is a clear miscarriage of justice," argued Mary Ujczak, his partner.

Ujczak is one of about 30 men and women still serving time in state prisons for violations under the old law the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional.

Gov. Milliken had ordered the five-member state parole board to review all such cases last spring and recommend that anyone serving more than the maximum sentence under the new law be released.

But the parole board has made about 30 exceptions.

In Ujczak's case the parole board says it decided to keep him locked up because some prison guards "suspect" that Ujczak is dealing weed to other inmates at Prison Camp Waterloo outside Ann Arbor.

"It's true that we don't have any proof of this," admitted Frank Buchko, a parole board member and the brother of the ex-warden at Marquette Prison.

The guards have conducted several shakedowns of Ujczak's property and found nothing.

"But the majority of parole board members felt that the guards have had a good reason to 'suspect' him or they wouldn't have put it in their report," Buchko said.

The only other demerits against Ujczak

were the smuggling of a pair of sandals into prison and smoking a joint, Buchko said.

Ujczak's work record and his behavior were rated "fair to good."

Mary Ujczak has appealed to the parole board and to Gov. Milliken for the freedom of her partner. But so far the only concession she's won is a promise by the parole board to review his case again in May.

"Maybe we'll let him out then," Buchko said. "I have to agree that he's really no menace to society and maybe he'll straighten himself up."

It is this petty, backward attitude on the part of the parole board — which seems to ignore the presumption of innocence until proven guilty — that is also keeping in the other prisoners sentenced under the old law.

A letter to Gov. Milliken, who is up for re-election next year, might not help much, but it might help some. If the people don't get something stirred up, it seems clear that these brothers and sisters will remain caged up.

# CITY-COUNCIL NEWS

## A<sup>2</sup> COULD CLAMP DOWN ON WARMONGERS!

Once again the Human Rights Party representatives on City Council have attempted to get the city to face up to its responsibility for the endless atrocities perpetrated by the war in Vietnam.

First Ward Councilman Jerry DeGriek claimed, "Nixon's latest hoax of stopping the bombing right before the inauguration won't fool the people. We have been bombing and destroying all of Vietnam, north and south. It is important for the people of Ann Arbor to join us and show that U.S. imperialism will be stopped."

He introduced a resolution in support of the counter-inaugural demonstrations in Washington and calling on Nixon to sign last October's peace accords and to immediately end the war. Only the absence of 3rd ward Democrat kept the measure from passing, since the vote was tied 5-5, with HRP and all Dem's present voting yes and all 5 Republicans voting no. A second resolution to allocate \$1,000 to the counter-inaugural march was defeated 8-2 with only HRP voting for it as expected.

During the discussion of the proposals Republican Bruce Benner said that Council was out of order in considering such resolutions since, "Nixon was re-elected by one of the greatest majorities in history," and

"we should give thanks to him for getting 500,000 U.S. troops out of Vietnam." He added that "protests only give comfort to the enemy".

Last summer HRP introduced anti-war measures declaring local war industries "public nuisances" since they contribute to the destruction of animal and human life in Vietnam and giving people the right to sue these same companies. It was defeated because of lack of Democratic support. No one expected any Republican votes for it.

Now in East Lansing the City Council has voted to award city contracts to companies and corporations who are doing the least amount of business with the Defense Department. Council instructed city officials to rank all potential city contractors by the amount of dollar business they do with the Pentagon. E. Lansing will give preference to bidders for city business who have the least Defense Department involvement, even if their bids are not the lowest! (As long as the company's bids aren't more than 10% above the defense contractors bids).

Which goes to show that local governments can take concrete measures to put pressure on the U.S. government to stop the war. The SUN strongly urges similar legislation be introduced and passed in Ann Arbor.

## Advertise for Human Rights

Hardly anyone knows it, but Ann Arbor has a Human Rights Department that handles people's complaints that they have been discriminated against and acts as their advocate.

HRP Councilman Jerry DeGriek figured it was about time people knew about it, so

he proposed that the Human Rights Dept. take out ads to let people know there was a way to take legal action, if discriminated against. It failed this time by one vote but will come up again and hopefully pass. The SUN thinks everyone should know about this service so we have printed the first ad.

**Denied a Job Cause You're a Woman?  
Can't Rent a Room Cause You're Black  
or Gay?**

**Tired of Hearing  
"Married Couples Only" ?**

*It is against the law to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual preference (homosexual, bisexual, heterosexual), marital status (single, married, widowed, divorced) or University association (student, non-student) in the areas of employment, housing or public accommodations.*

yet

IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY IN THE U.S. of A.

If it happens to you —

CALL CITY HALL 761-2400 AND ASK FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

or the City Attorney's Office or call the  
HUMAN RIGHTS PARTY at 761-6650

**WE'VE LIVED IN FEAR TOO LONG!  
WE WANT SAFE STREETS!  
safe from the police, that is**

**come & demonstrate for a  
public hearing on the  
ann arbor POLICE dept.**

The HRP is organizing a demonstration to put pressure on city council to call a public hearing on the Police Dept.

**CITY HALL MONDAY, JAN. 29 7:00**

stay to see if council ok's the hearing

## Balance of Power on Council

The filing deadline for the Feb. 19th Primary before the April 2nd City Council and Mayor's races has passed, signaling the start of the Spring campaign.

There are eleven positions on City Council, consisting of the mayor and 10 City Council people (2 from each of the 5 wards). The mayor is elected every two years and one Council person is elected every year from each ward. This year the mayor and 5 Council seats are up for election.

Human Rights Party representatives Nancy Wechsler and Jerry DeGriek both have a year to go yet in their terms on Council as do Republicans Colburn, Fairbanks, and Benner. Running for re-election is First Ward Democrat Norris Thomas and 4th & 5th Ward Republicans Hadler and McCormick. Democrats Harris, Faber and Meade are not seeking re-election.

Right now no party has a majority of six votes on Council. HRP has two votes, the Democrats have 4 (3 council seats and mayor) and the Republicans have 5. This forces either the HRP and Democrats to get together to pass anything or the Democrats to vote with the Republicans.

To get a majority this time around the HRP would have to win 4 seats, the Dems all 6 seats and the Republicans 3 seats, none of which is likely to happen.

What is more likely is HRP will win one seat in the 2nd ward, HRP or the Dems will win the 1st ward, the Dems will win the 4th and 5th wards with the Republicans right on their tails, and the Republicans will get the 3rd ward hands down. The Democrats are also expected to come through in the mayor's race.

No one will get the seats they need for a majority on Council, so once again no one

party will control it. Which means that the HRP and the Democrats will have to vote together in order to pass any progressive legislation.

Candidates who have filed for the city-wide primary on Feb. 19th are:

### Mayoral Candidates

Democrats — Franz J. Mogids, 942 Fountain; Robert Elton, 609 Lawrence, John M. Feiner, 2307 Kent;  
HRP — Anne L. Bobroff, 531 Third St.; David W. Allen, 2170 Stone Dr.; Richard Steinhart, 908 Lawrence; Benita Kaimowitz, 2007 Washtenaw  
Republican — Lewis Ernst, 314 S. Fifth Ave.; James E. Stephenson, 2217 Delaware.

### CITY COUNCIL

**First Ward**  
Democrats — Norris J. Thomas, 1611 Chandler.  
HRP — Andrei Ian Joseph, 504 N. Fifth Ave.  
Republican — David J. Wiarda, 1622 Pontiac.

**Second Ward**  
Democrat — Carol Jones, 701 E. University;  
HRP — Lisa North, 1331 Geddes; David A. Sinclair, 1520 Hill; Alexander J. Stevenson, 1435 Broadway; Frank W. Shochet, 536 S. Forest;  
Republican — Clan Crawford, 2024 Geddes Ave.

**Third Ward**  
Democrat — Elizabeth Kaufman, 679 Skynob;  
Republican — Robert I. Henry Jr., 2805 Yost; Roger Bertoia, 3226 Edgewood.

**Fourth Ward**  
Democrat — Richard Kaufman, 1007 S. State;  
Carl S. Hallier, 2325 Jonathan Ct.; Ethel K. Lewis, 1106 S. Forest Ave.  
HRP — Philip S. Carroll, 1006 Lincoln; Kathleen Kozachenko, 1415 Brooklyn;  
Republican — Richard A. Hadler, 2121 Greenview.

**Fifth Ward**  
Democrat — Mona L. Walz, 1718 Arbordale;  
HRP — John R. Minock, 2012 Dexter;  
Republican — John D. McCormick, 1045 Hasper.

## Council Candidates On Cable TV!

The Cablecasting Commission of Ann Arbor, which regulates the four public Access Channels provided by Michigan CATV Associates in exchange for its local franchise, is considering broadcasting political statements by candidates for local political offices over one of the public access channels. The members of the commission propose that the 4th channel broadcast candidate statements and debates during the month preceding an election or a primary. All local electoral parties would get equal time.

FCC regulations say equal time must be given to all candidates and this proposal guarantees that, plus it would give people a close up, live view of who they were actually electing. No one could hide behind a barrage of advertising anymore, because

they would be exposed right there on the TV screen, live, in full color which would give people the best possible information to make a decision with.

Times proposed for candidates on TV are Monday-Friday: 7-8:30 a.m., 12-1 p.m., 6-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 12-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m.

The Commission wants to set the rules for the coming spring primary and election at this meeting. Questions are: Is this enough time? Are the hours right? Which public access channel should be used? and in general what do people think of this proposal?

The meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council chambers at City Hall.

—Linda Ross

# Michigan BOOGIE!

## PEOPLE'S BALLROOM

With the burning of the People's Ballroom we now have in front of us a people's struggle for a new building. A struggle for property that the city and the banks hold onto with a death grip. Using the parking lot ruse as an excuse to tear down the entire Washington St. structure, including the Ballroom which could have been made usable once again except for the whims of City Council and the Ann Arbor Bank, the city has now forced upon rainbow people all over the community the task of re-creating the Ballroom someplace else. Several proposed sites are being looked into at full speed because WE KNOW WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT IT. We know as long as we are separated, put back into the streets, apartments, dorms and communes of Ann Arbor that there isn't enough room for us to grow like we have to.

The People's Ballroom was, and most importantly will be again, a place where rainbow workers and community organizers from all areas, music, defense, food, skilled trades work together to determine our conditions, our food, our media and entire lives. A place where we can become a powerful collective force that can deal with all aspects of life on the planet from health to culture ACCORDING TO OUR NEEDS not the needs of a few individuals who right now determine the laws and rules that form conditions all around us. WE KNOW WHAT WE NEED . . .

The WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON has provided one active way for people to move on re-establishing the Ballroom, the Free Clinic, Ozone House, Drug Help, and a People's Community Center. With a week-long storewide bucket drive and a day-long street bucket drive, three benefits, going out to the radio station to rap, answering phoned in pledges, selling the advertising, and working on the live broadcasts from the benefits, there was tremendous amounts of work for people to plug into. And musicians have been coming forth to be among the hardest workers on the project. A joint effort with RADIO KING Gil Thomas of DIESEL-SMOKE/DANGEROUS CURVES, Al Jacquez of LIGHTNIN'

and the People's Communications Committee put a Marathon benefit radio ad on the air . . . LIGHTNIN' also produced by themselves a 60 second spot with their new single HIJACKING LOVE in the background letting everyone know about the benefits and the bucket drives . . . Jeff Jones of LIGHTNIN' has been working on the technical end of the broadcasts to make sure the bands sound really good on your radio . . . THE ROCKETS and the MOJO BOOGIE BAND also made testimonial tapes for the Marathon . . . It's the SURVIVAL BOOGIE!

## MUSIC ANYTIME YOU NEED IT

It's good to hear that IRON HORSE EXCHANGE will be taking the stage again; last time Ann Arbor had a chance to hear them was at the park last summer . . . Coming up next Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 23-25, you can catch a special return appearance by MIGHTY JOE YOUNG and his 4 piece Chicago Blues band at the infamous Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., . . . MILES DAVIS is coming to the Pease Auditorium at EMU on February 10 . . . MORE CHANGES: RADIO KING has brought a new singer into the Court, a sister who used to sing gospel . . . Bad, Luck and Trouble from Ypsilanti changed their name to LOCOMOBILE. Certainly fits better as things keep surging ahead like they've been . . . The MOJO BOOGIE BAND just added a new bass player from the wilds of Butte, Montana, Doug Stoughton. The Mojos did a truly fine set at the Power Center last week with LUTHER ALLISON from sweet home, Chicago . . . The WILD BOYS, finally out of the practice room and into the bars with last: Tuesday's People's Ballroom benefit at the Odyssey, just spent a night putting their material on tape at Morgan Sound Theater which you'll be hearing SOON . . . WALRUS, just back from gigs in Marquette, put their feelings about it out at their second set at the Odyssey benefit . . .

The all-new DETROIT with Rusty Day has just shifted personnel and is working on some new material getting ready to get

back where they belong . . . Mitch Ryder did a set (like he almost did the night the People's Ballroom burned) with the KNOCK DOWN PARTY BAND last week at Bimbo's in Ypsilanti . . . The rising ROCKETS just finished a long gig at the Rock and Roll Farm in Wayne . . . COMMANDER CODY will be taking the ozone crew with him on a tour of European army bases . . . Michigan's own BOB SEGER is currently recording his next Palladium album at Leon Russell's \$6,000,000 sound studio in Tijuana, Oklahoma . . . GRAND FUNK RAILROAD was featured last week along with FREDDIE KING on the special ABC "In Concert" night time t.v. fm stereo-simulcast program over robot WRIF. It was a great show all in all, watching the Funksters (with their killer new keyboard player) get down right along with the jumping, screaming audience right there on the boob-tube. Wish t.v. was like that more of the time! At one point Farner singing "I'm Your Captain" was faded out into a film segment of Mark, Don and Mel rapping with people from Phoenix House, a heroin treatment program in New York that received the proceeds from 2 of the Funks New York appearances. GRAND FUNK's been taking the lead among nationally known musicians in the fight to keep the pollution-genocide of death drugs out of our communities . . . And even the ROLLING STONES are doing a benefit in L.A. next week for the victims of the Nicaraguan earthquake. Jagger's wife, Bianca, comes from Nicaragua so it touched Mick's heart. That's cool, but why don't they take some of their economic power and BRING IT ON BACK HOME to the needs of the People who buy their records and make their existence possible in the first place . . .

DR. JOHN has a new single out appropriately titled IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME which hasn't been released yet but can be heard by tuning in on WNRZ-FM, which got a hold of a test-pressing of the record in advance . . . MORE ACTION AT THE BIG Z: included recent interviews with Lucille Spann and Luther Allison done by Righteous Rudnick . . . John Sinclair's TOKE-TIME Sunday night

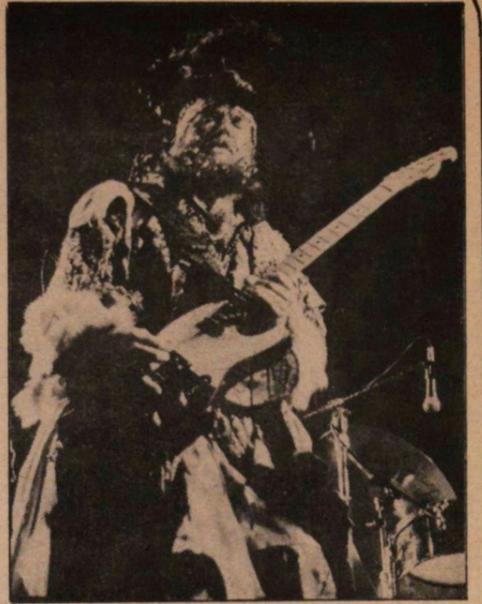


Photo: Freddie Brooks

## DOCTOR JOHN

radio program at 102.9 fm has been featuring some of the tastiest tads of tunes ever, including two recent 6 hour specials on the music of John Coltrane (part III is coming up soon) and a special SUPER-1/2 TOKES new years eve program featuring the best jams from the program so far . . . The People's Communications Committee continues to rock out every Sunday afternoon on NRZ, playing tapes from the rising new Michigan bands, puttin tunes on the turn tables featuring radio reports on the Michigan Committee for Prisoner's Rights, the upcoming City Council and Mayoral elections, John Sinclair's new Book GUITAR ARMY, the activities of the Tribal Council, the Michigan Boogie of the air, the entire soundtrack of the movie TEN FOR TWO and other relevant rock & roll radio. Tune-in on it every Sunday from 3-7 pm. . .

LET IT ROCK!

The Tribal Council People's Communications Committee Presents

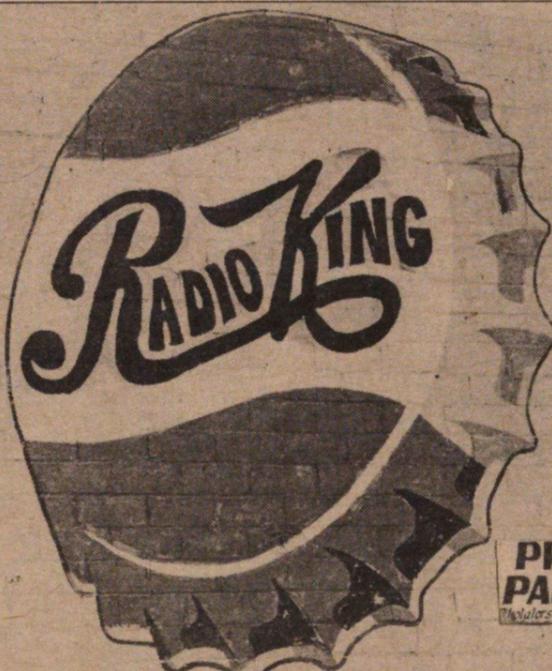
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The Ann Arbor SUN needs your help if it is to grow and survive as a community newspaper. If you have anything you would like to see in the SUN, write it down and bring it over to 1520 Hill St., or give us a call at 761-1709, and we'll take the information. We need people interested in working on layout and design, artists, people interested in working on the calendar — people who can get into working on the SUN to make it a true community newspaper. We also need any office supplies, desks, typewriters, art supplies, paper, everything needed for the production of a newspaper. Got any news? Call the SUN at 761-1709. SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER — HELP IT GROW!



## EDUCATION

The Children's Community Center is in immediate need of educational materials (books, paints, games, blocks, instruments, tools, etc.), a reliable vehicle for trips around town, and volunteers who can work at least two 1/2 days per week. If you can help, please leave a message for Skip at 761-1709.

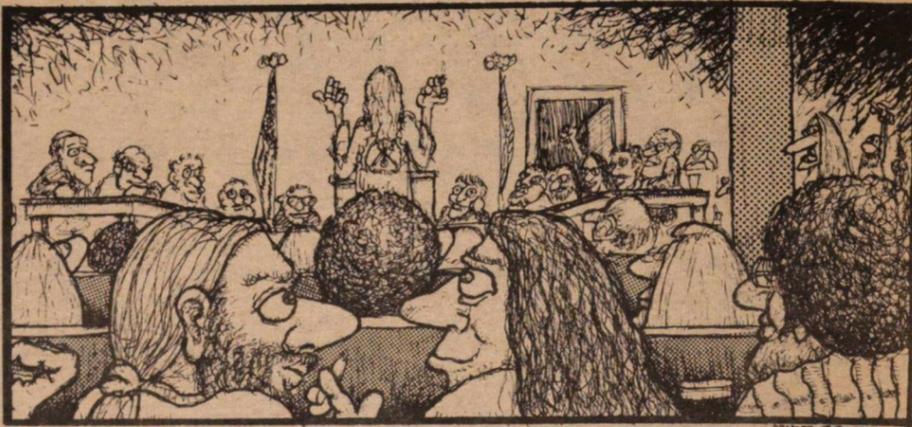
The Ann Arbor People's Produce Co-op, serving the people since 1969, just opened a third distribution point.

- (1) Order & Pick Up — Northside School, 912 Barton Dr., 662-0395, 761-9281
- (2) Order — 1006 Lincoln — order before Thursday 8pm, 662-6036. Pick Up — 1035 Martin Place
- (3) Pick Up & Order — 634 S Main St., 665-6580. Order M-W 5-11pm, Thurs. 5-8pm.

The Tribal Council Hard Drugs Committee is now organizing to wage a campaign to rid our community of quaaludes and other death drugs. If you are interested in working with us, call 761-1709 and leave your name and number, or come to our meetings every Thursday at 2:00, 1520 Hill Street. LIFE TO THE LIFE CULTURE — DEATH TO THE DEATH CLUTURE!

The Human Rights Party will be holding a platform convention Feb. 3 and 4. Call up the HRP office at 761-6650 and sign up for one or more committees of people who will sit down and figure out basic plans for dealing with education, health, child care, transportation, police, etc.

The next mass meeting of the Washtenaw County Human Rights Party will be Thursday, Feb. 1 — call the HRP at 761-6650 for time and place. (And for those of you who were bogged out by the Jan. 11 meeting — there's a committee working on humanizing the procedures). Come to the meeting — Re-humanize HRP!



Human Rights Party Women's Caucus will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the HRP office at 516 E. William above the Campus Bike Shop.

The City Committee of HRP that creates legislation on behalf of HRP for City Council meets every Sunday at 3:00 pm in the HRP office.

And Steering Committee meetings are on Tuesday nights at 7:30 at the HRP office.

Lettuce Boycott will be passing out leaflets at the A&P on Thursday, Jan. 25, since the A&P has been carrying non-union lettuce & is now a target nationwide for the lettuce boycott. Call 763-0285 for information.

In case you missed the WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON Jan. 22 and 23, you can still help the People's Ballroom and Tribal Council by sending contributions to Box 372, Ann Arbor, MI. We are still looking for a space for the Ballroom and People's Community Center — if you know of a large suitable building, call Walden at 769-9360 or leave a message at 761-1709. HELP IT GROW!

The People's Recycling Committee now has an office in Solstis School, 706 Oakland. If you have recycling you want done or want to participate in the Recycling Committee (whose motto is "Nothing is waste!") come to the Recycling Committee meetings every Thursday at 4:30 at Solstis, or stop by the office.

The Human Rights Party will hold a statewide convention on Feb. 27 and 28, starting at 11:30 on Saturday and 12 on Sunday, in the Faculty Lounge of the Michigan Union — call the HRP, 761-6650, for more information about what will be discussed.

The People's Defense Committee of the Tribal Council has been conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the Dec. 15 Community Center fire. If you were at the ballroom or the Community Center the night of the fire or next morning, or if you've had experience with the Ann Arbor Fire Department before — contact us by calling 761-1729.

There's a new newspaper in town, *New Morning*, put out by Media Access Center and New Morning Bookstore — costs 50¢. Check it out — Power to the people's press!

JANUARY 24 — 6 YEARS OF STRUGGLE! On Jan. 24, 1967, 56 people were busted in Detroit, mostly freeks who worked with the Artist's Workshop, allegedly a "Campus Dope Ring." A result of this was the filing of a brief challenging the constitutionality of the Michigan dope laws — and subsequently the law was struck down, and a new law was passed making it a misdemeanor to smoke the sacrament. We're still struggling with that law — WE WANT FREE LEGAL BACKYARD MARIJUANA!



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# TRIBAL NOTES



The Tribal Council Steering Committee meets weekly (sometimes more often) to talk about current and future Tribal Council activities — to report on what the different committees are doing, and to discuss what's going on in the Ann Arbor community. The goal of the Tribal Council is to build a strong rainbow community in Ann Arbor — to provide alternative ways of dealing with our brothers and sisters' needs — basic needs like healthy food, non-honk education, adequate housing, good health, good drugs (and we're dealing with the bogus death drugs too), communications, transportation, finances, defense, music (and if you aren't convinced that music *is* a very basic need — can you honestly say that you don't miss the People's Ballroom?? We haven't had it for over a month!), and all the other things we need to be a strong community. In the Tribal Council, we conceive and carry out programs that relate to meeting these needs. All the Committees are represented on the Steering Committee and we've been taking steps to make the Steering Committee and the Tribal Council as organized as possible.

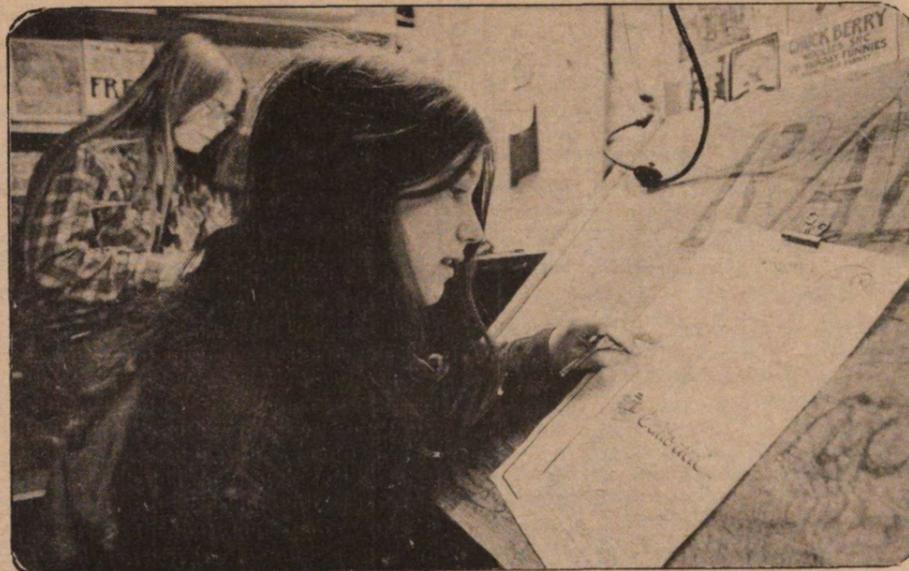
In the Steering Committee we talk a lot about the direction the Tribal Council should take as a progressive political organization in the community. Different local problems, possible projects and activities are discussed at Steering Committee meetings and decisions are reached — collective decisions arrived at through much thorough discussions — consensus is usually reached. We've also been trying to think of the best way for people who are interested in working with the Tribal Council to get more information about how the Tribal Council works and exactly what we do in our community work. We feel that the best way is for people to check out the people's committees — see what we're dealing with and what people's programs are functioning now in Ann Arbor — chances are there's one or two or three committees that they'd want to check out. (See list of committees and meeting information following article). In the past most people have gotten involved in the Steering Committee meetings first, *then* checked out the committees. We decided that the committee meetings, which are usually smaller in number and agenda points than the Steering Committee meetings, would be the ideal place to explain to people what the committee is doing and what the Tribal Council as a political group is doing. Join the Tribal Council!

## PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER AND PEOPLE'S MUSIC AND BALLROOM COMMITTEE

Since the Community Center burned on December 15, a lot of people have been out of a space to work in. We were down at the People's Ballroom a day after the fire, chopping the ice off the bathrooms, scraping the insulation off the floor — there were about 30 people there at one point, getting high and working to clean up our Ballroom,

ready and waitin' to rock and roll again as *soon* as possible!! In that first week after the fire we cleaned the Ballroom and the old Crafts area — we started planning a Tribal Council People's Community Center for the old Crafts area (which hadn't been built yet — the space was being used for storage.) Indian Summer provided good hot lunches for the workers every day. Then the Ballroom was declared unsafe to be in because of structural damage to the roof, so we concentrated our energy on scraping the paint off the walls and cleaning up in the planned People's Community Center.

Meanwhile the lease with the City on the building was terminated — at that point it wasn't clear whether the city would come through and negotiate a new lease with the



Alice Robertson and Walden Simper of the Ann Arbor SUN staff produc' some paper radio jams for you!

Tribal Council for the parts of the building we wanted to continue to use — Jim Hudak from the administrator's office talked very positively about the city negotiating a new lease with us. At City Council 2 weeks ago Genie Plamondon talked about the need for a community center (see centerfold of the Tribal Council Extra, last issue). Later in the council meeting voted 9-2 to tear the building down now, and build the parking lot now, saying it would cost too much to repair after we had already checked it out — it would have cost \$800-\$1400 to fix the People's Ballroom.

So, what were doing now is checking out all the city owned buildings, and any other large buildings that we could use for the Ann Arbor People's Ballroom and People's Community Center. The Community Center would include the People's Communications Committee offices, (including the Tribal Network, Ann Arbor SUN (editorial, business, and production), Radio Workshop, and Rainbow Distribution), People's Food Committee office, People's Music and Ballroom committee office, People's Defense Committee office, People's Education committee office, Re-

cycling Committee space, and space for the rest of the committees, which aren't as developed yet — Transportation, Housing, Hard Drugs, Health, Finance, Artist's Workshop, Skilled Trades. So, all of you who want to see and hear the People's Ballroom operating again, and who want to see a People's Community Center providing a place where we can work and get together — keep your eyes open for a large vacant building. If you know of one, call Walden at 769-9360 or leave a message at 761-1709.

The People's Music and Ballroom Committee has had two People's Ballroom benefits at the Odyssey, and netted about \$225 total. AND — get ready for the second edition of the People's Ballroom T-shirt — on sale at stores around town for only two bucks — with all the proceeds going to help build the Ann Arbor People's Ballroom! If people are wondering what's going to happen with the Ballroom — we need *your* help in finding a place for the Ballroom, and after we find a place, we need *you* to help build the Ballroom. We've found several buildings that are large enough to be People's Ballrooms — but it seems the Feds want to build a Federal Building in Ann Arbor, tearing down three of those buildings which would be suitable for a People's Ballroom and People's Community Center!! We've been checking on what the Feds plan of action is as far as

those buildings are concerned — and the deeper we get into it, the more confusing and unclear the whole situation gets. More next issue on what's happening as far as a building.

## HUMAN RIGHTS PARTY

The Tribal Council has been talking about the Human Rights Party and what the Tribal Council's participation and role in the HRP would be during the up-coming campaign and city council elections, and in the future. The Tribal Council, as members of the Human Rights Party, is working towards *re-humanizing* the HRP; that is, we want to make the "open" meetings truly open, non-parliamentary meetings where people can voice their opinions without the threat of being cut off in the middle of the sentence, or not even being allowed to speak at all — which was the case throughout the January 11 meeting. The problem of unbearable meetings is being worked on, and the meeting on the 18th was better in many respects.

## PEOPLE'S RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The People's Recycling Committee is getting organized to recycle people's "waste" — this committee's motto is, "Nothing is waste!". The PRC needs the use of a truck in order to truck around town and pick up what's in this town's garbage cans. The Recycling Committee now has an office in Solstis School, 706 Oakland, and meetings are held in the office every Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

## PEOPLE'S COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Ann Arbor SUN has been trying to get the information about everything that's going on out to the community — which is why we're coming out so soon after the last issue. Issue 46 came out a month after Issue 45, but a lot of things were left unclear. (See Tribal Council statement in the centerfold). The SUN is looking for a space so that the whole operation can move out of the basement of 1520 Hill Street — and the Tribal Network could start operating again in the same space. And, the SUN is also looking for PEOPLE who want to work on the SUN to help make it a true rainbow community newspaper!

The Communications Committee is in the process of determining a new meeting time because Sunday at 4 is a bad time to meet, judging from the size of the past meetings. Hopefully by the next issue — which will come out the first week in February, we will have set up a meeting time.

## PEOPLE'S FOOD COMMITTEE

The Ann Arbor People's Produce Co-op has expanded in order to get more good healthy food out to more people. There is now a third ordering and pick-up point, in Northside School, 912 Barton Dr. "Serving the People since 1969"

## TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES

People's Music and Ballroom Committee — 7:30 Mondays, 1522 Hill St.  
 People's Food Committee — 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Call Jeanie Walsh 761-1709 for place.  
 People's Defense Committee — 4 p.m. Tuesdays, 1520 Hill St.  
 People's Hard Drugs Committee — 2 p.m. Thursdays, 1520 Hill St.  
 People's Communications Committee — (SUN, Tribal Network, Radio Workshop) — check next issue  
 People's Recycling Committee — 4:30 Thursdays, Solstis School (706 Oakland),  
 People's Education Committee — 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 427 Hamilton St.

## HELP IT GROW — JOIN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL!!

—Walden Simper, for the Tribal Council Steering Committee



# ANN ARBOR - LET IT GROW!

## Tribal Council Statement on the Community Center

The December 15 fire that destroyed the Community Center and People's Ballroom on Washington St. marked a turning point in the history of Ann Arbor. You would think that such a crisis would bond all the organizations and people involved into a tighter unity through the struggle to survive and get back in working order again. Instead, the fire served to illuminate the contradictions between two basic working forces in the community: the Tribal Council and the Community Center Coordinating Council (C4) organizations. These contradictions have developed to a point of mutual agreement that the two organizations cannot work in the same building, that the different approaches of the organizations make it necessary for two community centers to be rebuilt from the ashes. This situation has developed over a period of years and points to a series of events that make up a picture of a part of Ann Arbor's history never told before in total.

A lot of us were in Ann Arbor in 1969 when things were so bad there were street riots from lack of anything better to do—street fighting began spontaneously because there was little of the holy weed around, thanks to "Operation Intercept" at the border, the bogus dope scene was just beginning to grow in the rainbow community, and there was no place but the streets to get together with anyone. The City tried to sweep the people off the streets with their clubs and tear gas and the people came back for three nights until the disproportionate disorganization forced the people to stop entirely to figure out what to do.

That fall, 1969, the White Panther Party published a 10-Point Program for Serving the Needs of the Youth Culture in Ann Arbor. The City never responded to the report, but a group of people got together and wrote a grant request to HEW in Washington, D.C. based on the understanding gained from the report. One of the basic ideas put forth was the importance of a people's community center where young people could get together and begin to deal collectively with the problems shared commonly among us all. (See the SUN, Issue No. 46, Jan. 12-26, for a reprint of the Report.) At the same time the Ann Arbor Tribal Council was organizing itself to deal with common problems of every day existence. The people who requested and were given the grant from Washington were then the Hard Drugs Committee of the Tribal Council—the main purpose of the grant was to form the Community Center Project.

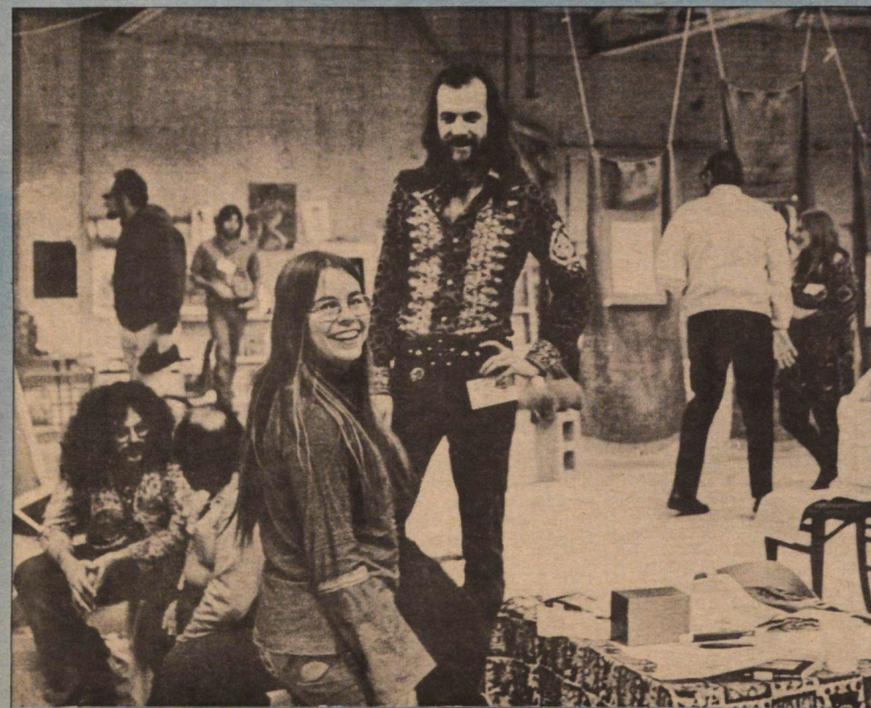
Negotiations with the city produced the old Washington St. Fisher Cadillac garage and for two years the Community Center grew before our eyes until the fire December 15, 1972. At that point the Community Center housed the Free People's Clinic, Ozone House (to deal with runaways and other related family problems and crashing people), Drug Help, and the Community Center Project which included within it the People's Ballroom, the Tribal Network communications central, the to-be-built Artists' Workshop, and the Ann Arbor SUN which was scheduled to move into the basement the very week of the fire.

The afternoon before the fire there had been a C4 meeting, very heated and angry, around the subject of smoking marijuana in the building. Smoking the weed had been prohibited, along with fighting, sleeping, weapons, and drugs of all kinds. The Ann Arbor SUN was getting ready to move in, insisting on the right to smoke good weed while working. C4 would absolutely not hear of it because of the jeopardy with the city, people's parents, and the grant money. The SUN workers were baffled, having worked so hard to get the marijuana laws changed so we could all smoke it.

Long before then, the same people who had originally gotten the grant had stopped working with Tribal Council, changed the name of the grant to the Community Center Project, and were accusing Tribal Council of being no more than members of the Rainbow People's Party, and therefore a threat to their grant money and good position with City officials. The Rainbow People's Party had grown out of the White Panther Party, Tribal Council worked with both as they developed, and the City did its best to ignore publicly and conspire privately to eliminate what they saw as problems posed by these organizations. There was a period of time when Tribal Council floundered for existence—it had no grant money, indeed no money at all except what came from benefits, or the sale of t-shirts—and people from Tribal Council didn't participate in the activity of the Community Center during that time of its own beginning. The people who were originally the Hard Drugs Committee quietly changed the name of the grant without even telling anyone in Tribal Council.

Tribal Council grew stronger, and worked closely with members of the Rainbow People's Party without feeling bad at all about it. There came a point when Tribal Council was capable of working with the Community Center in an effective way again and it was instrumental in getting the People's Ballroom together and organizing the Tribal Network and the Ann Arbor SUN. Refreshments at the Ballroom were sold by the People's Food Committee, the security was done by the Psychedelic Rangers from the People's Defense Committee, kids were taken care of by the People's Education Committee, and the over all coordination was done by the People's Music and Ballroom Committee, all of the Tribal Council. This work brought the Tribal Council and C4 organizations closer together again, or so it seemed.

During this period of development of the Community Center and the Tribal Council, the Rainbow People's Party was also developing. John Sinclair, Chairman of the Party, did 2 1/2 years in prison in order to fight the marijuana laws and was successful in bringing about changes in the laws in Michigan, ultimately freeing some 150 Michigan prisoners. The Program mentioned above came out of Marquette Prison, and served as a foundation for the growth of a coherent rainbow community in Ann Arbor. The struggle for free concerts in the parks has brought thousands of people together during the summer



Rainbow community workers paint the Community Center just weeks before the fire.

months beginning in 1966, and since then is a basic part of Ann Arbor life now. The Human Rights Party, was born, and with the requested help of the Rainbow People's Party, grew to a substantial third party in a very short time. The establishment of the Ann Arbor SUN as a bi-weekly rainbow community news service was one of the most integral parts of building the amount of organization and consciousness in Ann Arbor now.

The night of the fire, as the building was burning, some people from the C4 organizations were standing around crying at the loss of all the incredible work that had gone into the building. Many people, including some from Tribal Council, were running around yelling at the firemen to put out the fire, frantically thinking that the firemen must have been letting it burn on purpose, which would have been in keeping with the City's amount of cooperation in the project. The next morning after the fire, meetings were called to figure out how best to deal with the situation. The C4 organizations wanted to spend the meetings righteously figuring out the emergency steps to be taken to keep their crisis services operating. But when it came down to talking about the fire itself, how it was handled, and the questions that were raised about the Ann Arbor Fire Dept., they didn't want to hear it. Also, many of them didn't particularly think that getting immediate space for the People's Ballroom was very important. There were many hours of heated arguments trying to bring out as many of the contradictions as possible.

At an especially historical meeting of about 100 people from both C4 and Tribal Council, held at the Human Rights Party office, a lot of things were made clear that hadn't been before, and Tribal Council members at least came away with a good feeling about the whole thing. We all mutually agreed that the Tribal Council and C4 organizations couldn't be in the same building, if only because in counseling irate and/or dangerous parents and runaways it isn't the most neutralizing thing to do to smoke dope. And the C4 organizations get their money mainly from government grants and donations from organizations like Kiwanis, the Jaycees, and individuals with a lot of money. The C4 organizations also don't want to be in the same building with the People's Ballroom because they don't want to be a community center where people can come and hang out, they don't want to deal with large numbers of people at one time because they mainly deal with crisis situations like drug problems, runaways, and medical care—they in fact had come to Tribal Council weeks before and asked that the Tribal Council help more in figuring out a way to deal with all the hundreds of people that still don't have much to do since rejecting their parents' way of life.

Tribal Council does on the other hand want a People's Community Center where we can figure out together with Rainbow people a way for us to live in cooperation and peace. We want to smoke marijuana while we work and bring people together to dance and talk to them about how bogus the downers are, like the qualuludes that people are taking because their lives are so intolerable. We want to come together with our people to make beautiful lives out of the ruins. Tribal Council people came away from that meeting with a better understanding of the different roles the two groups play in the community and the fact that they can complement each other in their different areas. We looked upon the need for two community centers as an expansion rather than a split.

But the contradictions were brought to a peak again around the issue of the Fire Dept. The People's Defense Committee of the Tribal Council was calling for an investigation into the many charges made all during and after the fire that the Dept. hadn't dealt with the fire efficiently. The C4 organizations didn't want to raise the question at all before the people. They seemed to feel overwhelmingly that the firemen did everything they could have done to

put it out, and C4 representatives spoke of their fear of "alienating" the Fire Dept. and the City with an investigation. When the People's Defense Committee decided to go ahead and call for the investigation, the C4 organizations spent a long time convincing them of the necessity for the media to be clear on the fact that charges had come from the community that had not yet been proven in any way, and that we were merely calling for people to give up their information to help in determining the validity of the charges.

But the information the media put out after a press conference was totally bogged to the point of it being reported that the Rainbow People's Party house had burned down and charges were of gross negligence against the Fire Dept. The boggle came partly from an erroneous leaflet prepared by a Tribal Council member, and partly from not enough follow-up on the media to make sure they got the story straight. That was enough to warrant charges to this day from C4 people against Tribal Council that we are deceptive and don't abide by collective decisions made at mass meetings. We've criticized ourselves publicly for not being on top of the situation and have since then tried to make the investigation as clear as possible. The information gathered so far points to sincere firemen trying to do a good job, with a literally dangerous Dept. to work within—there's more on that in this issue and in ones to come.

Getting back to the grant and the Community Center Project, the situation now is that there are six paid staff members of the Project: three are from C4 and three are from Tribal Council. Before hardly any discussion about the remaining money from the grant, people from C4 went to Washington, explained the whole situation and agreed to split up the Community Center Project between the two groups. They came back and told us that if there was any stink raised about smoking dope, we could jeopardize the rest of the grant money for both organizations, when they had been the ones who raised the question of reffer in Washington in the first place. One of the major people involved in that has since then agreed he should have at least talked to someone from Tribal Council about it first.

The grant money runs up to June 30 of this year. Part of the money is earmarked for rent and renovation, part for salaries, part for operating expenses. A third grant has been applied for by C4 members of the Community Project already, which does not include any Tribal Council functions or anything about the People's Ballroom, done again without talking to anyone from Tribal Council.

Right after the fire members of the People's Skilled Trades Committee looked over the buildings, and we found that the People's Ballroom and the area to be built into the Artists' Workshop were structurally sound except for one place in the roof of the Ballroom which could be fixed. There were meetings between C4, Tribal Council, and Jim Hudak from the city administrator's office. Tribal Council made it clear at that time that we thought those buildings were usable and that we'd like to renegotiate the lease with the city, making a specific request to C4 not to terminate the lease until it was clear that the lease would be renegotiated with the Tribal Council. Shortly after that a letter was sent to the city terminating the lease stating that it was with the understanding that the lease would be renegotiated with Tribal Council. People from Tribal Council knew a letter was being sent, but misunderstood its intent and thought it was only to inform the City formally of the desire to change the name of the lease to Tribal Council. When everyone realized the lease had been terminated, C4 said they thought that's what Tribal Council had wanted them to do, adding later that termination was the only step available to them, since some of C4's associated organizations had decided not to sub-lease to Tribal Council in any event.

The circumstances surrounding the letter of termination have resulted in a further C4-Tribal Council contradiction, which the two groups are trying to resolve by means of discussion. At any rate, the City got back in control of the building and the people's hard work and high energy dedication in cleaning up the area after the fire was wasted.

At the next City Council meeting January 8th, an open statement was presented with the intentions of impressing on City Council members the importance and need for the People's Ballroom and Community Center to continue to function in Ann Arbor, especially in light of the ever increasing bogus-drug-rip-off scene. (See SUN Issue No. 46, Jan. 12-26 for the full text of the statement.) The thrust of the statement was to get the City to begin to feel more of a sense of their responsibility for its kids, and to recognize the need for a people's community center which it should have built a long time ago, as first put forth in 1969 in the White Panther Report to City Council. Later on that evening they voted to go ahead and tear down all the buildings and build parking lots as had been planned for the buildings when the lease terminated October 31, '73 as per a dubious agreement with the Ann Arbor Bank-ers to whom the buildings had belonged.

When the City was approached in a meeting soon after the City Council decision to destroy all the buildings, Tribal Council members were advised that we would have to start all over again with an educational campaign about the importance of the People's Ballroom and such a People's Community Center. We were told to come to the City with a proposal for a specific building, that we have to find with enough education well in advance for Council members to be "convinced" of the importance of such a center. Even then we would have to get eight votes to appropriate money from the City and it's usually quite a struggle to make up six votes, which can only get certain things done. When we asked about the tens of thousands of dollars appropriated every year for the Recreation Dept. to keep up the Little League Baseball diamonds in the city we were told that the City just had different priorities than we do.

In a recent meeting with Community Center Project people, we learned that some C4 people were angry at the statement we had presented to City Council—they had given a short support statement before with what they said was an understanding that we were only going to ask for a renegotiation of the lease, and not for that as well as an understanding on the part of the city that we need more than that. They criticized us for not having a more detailed proposal for the City that night and we explained that it was our feeling, and we proved it to be right, that they weren't going to have very much interest in what we

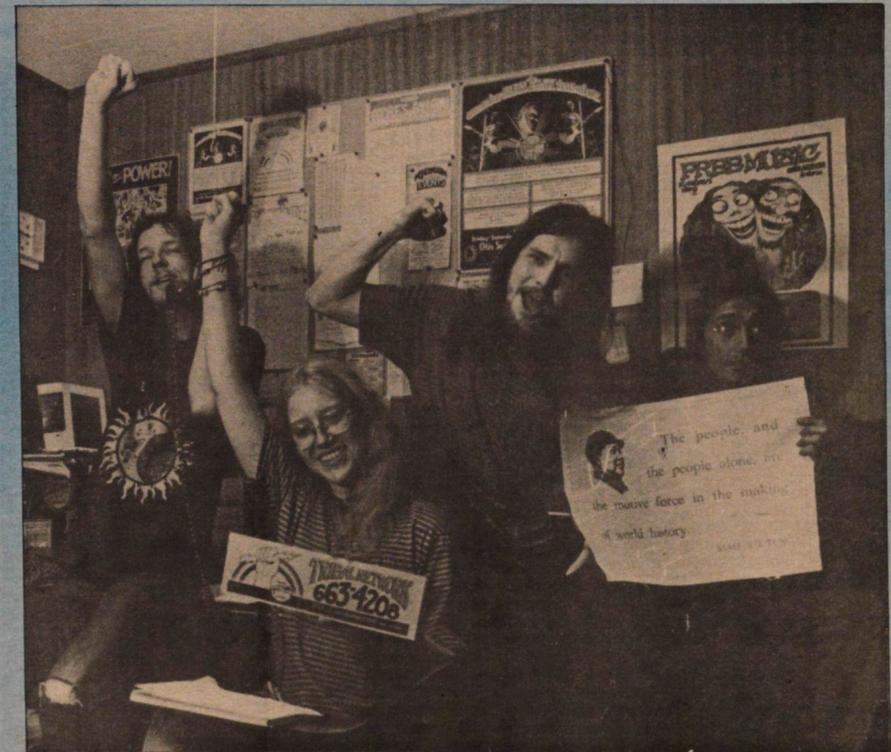
had to say and it was more important to try and impress the enormity of the situation on them as well as a price estimate on what it would cost to get the People's Ballroom and People's Community Center going in those buildings we thought we already had. We had even said we would come up with the money ourselves if the City would just negotiate the lease with us.

At this point we are looking for a building to house the People's Ballroom and People's Community Center. The C4 organizations have located temporary offices together in the old Canterbury House above Mark's Coffee House and are looking also for a building they can use together. The left over money from the Washington HEW grant, as well as the \$750 a month rent money the City had allocated for the Community Center on Washington St., has not yet been finally settled among the Community Center Project, C4, and Tribal Council.

Throughout this whole period Tribal Council has been trying to come to agreement that the need for two centers should be viewed as an expansion in the community and not a split. Tribal Council proposed that the Community Center Project be a joint project between C4 and Tribal Council and that we do joint fund raising for both community centers and split it 50/50, retaining total autonomy for the different organizations to decide on what to do with their portions of the money. A tentative agreement was reached that the left-over money will be split pretty much 50/50, and plans were made for the Community Marathon proposed by WNRZ which splits the money 50/50 between C4 and Tribal Council. But the new grant request doesn't include anything about Tribal Council or the People's Ballroom and no more has been concretely planned to maximize unity. Many times it has been said that affiliation with Tribal Council has hurt the C4 organizations in terms of money and support from the monied sectors of the city.

Tribal Council feels strongly that the C4 organizations are providing badly needed services to the Ann Arbor community. But we also feel strongly the need for a People's Community Center and Ballroom, and for a Tribal Council with its People's Committees to develop working programs on a much broader scale that will help people to organize on the principles of self-determination and cooperation to meet the every day needs of all our lives. At this time in particular we call upon the Ann Arbor community for support in helping us find a location for the People's Community Center and People's Ballroom. We see many struggles and a bright future ahead—and the more we work together, the faster we'll come together. JOIN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL! LET IT GROW!

—Genie Plamondon  
for the Ann Arbor Tribal Council



Tribal Network workers soon after historic opening last July.

# STOP THE PLAGUE!

## Join the Tribal Council HARD DRUGS COMMITTEE

We are a people, a new nation of rainbow people, a whole new culture that is different than anything else that has existed before on the planet. And as with all other peoples, we have a history. Throughout that history, different drugs have played an important role in the development of our people and our culture.

Around 1967, thousands of young people began to question who they were and why they were here on the planet. And as we looked at the world around us, we realized that the Euro-American culture of war, racism, and competition was a bankrupt system, and we wanted no part of it. We didn't want to work in the factories, go to school (just another type of factory), get jobs, and end up like our parents. We started smoking weed and taking LSD and it only re-enforced our rejection of the honk culture we had grown up in. At the same time, the use of marijuana and LSD gave us visions of a whole new way that things could be done, having a system based on communalism, where all people can live together in peace and cooperation and develop to their highest human potential. During the "Summer of Love" of 1967, thousands of people dropped out, left home to gather in communities across the country, and moved to make their visions a reality.

As more and more people migrated to these various communities, we began to realize that it was not just an isolated phenomena Woodstock proved to us that there were millions of people across the country who shared our culture, that we were a people, and that we were ready to move to share our new lives with people all across the planet.

But the Amerikan control addicts who run this country, could not let this upsurge of freedom go unchecked. Operation Intercept was introduced in 1968 when Nixon took office, and soon after there was a noticeable decrease in the supply of weed and at the same time speed and later smack began to appear in large numbers on the streets of our communities.

As Nixon and his cohorts increased their repression, a great feeling of despair came over many of our people. Smack fit perfectly in the control addicts plan to smash the spirit of resistance of the people, and keep them under control.

As the use of smack and other bogus drugs increased in rainbow communities across the country, the people began to organize to deal with this plague. Here in Ann Arbor, some people from Tribal Council formed the Hard Drugs Committee to get information out to the people about the dangers of smack and other bogus drugs, and at the same time work towards building alternatives for every aspect of people's lives so that they would not be so unbearable that they would feel the need to down themselves out with bogus drugs.

One of the most important of these alternatives was a Community Center, a place where our people could get together and organize and build our rainbow community. Some members of the Hard Drugs Committee formed a Community Center Project through a grant from the Federal Govt.



and began to build the Community Center at 502 E. Washington. Many of the people who had started the Hard Drugs Committee decided to put a major portion of

their energy into building the Community Center and the Hard Drugs Committee ceased as a functioning Committee.

The campaign against smack in Ann

### Facts about Quaaludes

*Methaqualone, described in the Physicians Desk Reference as a sedative hypnotic, is produced and marketed by seven different pharmaceutical companies under various names; quaalude, sopors, optimalis, pararest. The drug companies are very reluctant to give out any information about the effects and dangers of quaalude, but there are a number of things that are known.*

*One of the biggest dangers of quaalude is, although your body builds up a tolerance, needing more of the drug to get the same effect the more often you take it, the amount needed to overdose remains the same. This is the direct opposite of heroin, where both the tolerance and the overdose amount increases at the same rate. So, the regular quaalude user, unlike the heroin user, will eventually reach a point where they will no longer feel any physical effects of the drug, but can still OD.*

*Another major danger with quaalude is taking them combined with alcohol and/or on a hot day. Both alcohol and heat will potentiate the effect of the quaalude, which means that the combined effect will be much greater than the separate effects added together.*

*Initially, the people had no knowledge of quaalude being addictive. The drug companies in their promotion literature say that addiction is "rarely reported." But over the past year, a number of cases of quaalude addiction have come to the attention of Drug Help and the Free People's Clinic. If a person is addicted to quaaludes, withdrawal can be extremely dangerous and should only be done under medical supervision. Presently there are two methods used to withdraw people from quaaludes. The first is to very slowly decrease the amount of quaalude daily consumed. This method is very slow and is still very dangerous. The other way is to withdraw from the quaalude by becoming addicted to barbs, which is easier to withdraw from, and then withdraw from the barbs. Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to quit cold turkey. Sudden withdrawal from quaalude can send your body into convulsions, and it can be fatal! If you think you may be addicted to quaalude and you would like to kick, call Drug Help, or the Free People's Clinic, 761-8952, and they will arrange for whatever help you need.*

Arbor was very successful, and many people's consciousness was raised as to what Jones was doing to our people and our community. But as more and more people get hip to their plans, the control addicts constantly develop new drugs to keep the people under control. These vampires are continually searching for the "perfect" drug that will keep people passive, obedient, and controlled, and yet causes no serious social problems.

*Quaaludes first began to appear on the streets over a year and a half ago, and since that time, literally millions of quaaludes have flooded our communities and the bodies of our people. Quaalude was first advertised as a "safe" sleeping pill, the miracle drug to replace barbiturates, but as more and more of our people have gotten fucked over by quaaludes, it has proved to be not so "safe" after all.*

For a long time, the Hard Drugs Committee has not been very active. Members of Tribal Council felt because of the existence of Drug Help, and given the lack of people and resources, that the Hard Drugs Committee was not necessary at the present time. Drug Help provides very valuable services to the people of this community, but ultimately they are only a crisis organization, and much more is needed to deal with the problem. Because of the severity of the problem and the massive increase of the use of quaaludes and other downers by our people over the past few months, Tribal Council has found it necessary to activate the Hard Drugs Committee again and to find ways to rid our community of this cancer that is spreading like fire.

There are a number of ideas that we have come with. We plan to do a massive campaign aimed at educating people about the true nature of quaaludes and other bogus drugs, putting posters and leaflets all over town, writing articles in newspapers, doing spots on the radio, and continually talking to people, particularly to dealers, about the effect that these drugs have on our people and our community, where they come from, and in whose interests it is to keep the people downed out. We also plan to investigate the pharmaceutical companies that produce quaaludes; how many are produced, what are the profits made from their sale, and why adequate information is not disclosed concerning the dangers of quaaludes to people's lives.

If we are to be successful in our campaign to drive this plague from our community, we need the help and support of people throughout the rainbow community. If you are interested in working on the Hard Drugs Committee, leave your name and number at 761-1709 or come to our meetings on Thursdays at 2:00, 1520 Hill St. With your support, we will be able to rid our community of bogus dope once and for all. LIFE TO THE LIFE CULTURE. DEATH TO THE DEATH CULTURE. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Mike Minnich,  
for the Tribal Council Hard  
Drugs Committee

## TURN IN YOUR TESTIMONIES!! Fire Investigation Updates

The Tribal Council People's Defense Committee investigation into the fire that destroyed the Community Center on Washington Street has been developing slowly but surely. Our plan has been to contact as many people as possible who were there, and take written testimony of their experience that night and what they observed. Our main interests were in finding out information about the start of the fire as well as the way the Fire Department handled the situation.

So far we've got a list of about 100 names of people who were there—there were around 300 people the night of the fire, so we have a ways to go. Part of the problem has been in gathering full names—we get a lot of first names, as people think about who they saw there that night, and

then we have to do a whole thing to get the full names. After that the problem is figuring out how to do about getting in touch with all these people. We're gathering phone numbers and calling the people and asking them to meet with us, which is another whole problem with transportation, either to take us out to meet with people where they are or for them to come where we are. Included is the problem of time, figuring out when people can get together. It all adds up to taking a lot longer than we thought it would.

But as it turns out this part of the investigation is not as primary as it was at first. The night of the fire there were a lot of people who felt the firemen were neglecting the fire and letting the building burn. We called for an investigation thinking that

it would be entirely possible for that to happen if the Fire Department dealt with rainbow people the way other city departments tend to. We were criticized heavily by different segments of the community for even questioning the firemen's handling of the situation, but to us it was too important to let slide.

Once we started the investigation the information we received almost immediately changed the whole thrust of what we were doing. We don't doubt the sincerity of the firemen at this point at all. What has come into question is the entire Fire Department and its policies and practices. The Community Center fire served to show the contradictions within the Fire Department to organized community workers dedicated to dealing with people's needs. Seeing the way

they handled that fire there was nothing else we could do but to call for an investigation. We criticize ourselves for letting the first public information sound as if we had proof the firemen were negligent—we know they are sincere with their jobs and are no doubt frustrated at the conditions of their work.

So what we need now is any information at all from anybody who has had any experience with the Fire Department which they would like people to know about which they think might be useful. We feel pretty strongly that there is a danger to the community, that it can be shown clearly and that it can change. Be sure and contact us at 761-1729, all together is how we can bring change.

—People's Defense Committee

In the last few years there have been numerous attempts to limit the media in bringing the news to the people, with the media continuously being under constant attack from the administration in an attempt to sour the quality and quantity of investigative reporting and news presentations.

This is the first in a three part series on this struggle against government seizure of absolute power over the press and the increasing muzzlement of the real news.

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"One more time — are you ready to reveal your news sources?"

# MEDIA: PAWN OF GOVERNMENTAL CHARADES!

PART I

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The method of news reporting, historically, has consisted mostly of the mere reiteration of the propaganda line handed down by the various administrative and social agencies on national and local levels.

It has been interspersed at times with a few feeble attempts at investigative reporting that have disclosed discrepancies between the programmed line of the government and their agencies and the real situations as they occur.

On these rare occasions the media has been hit with charges of being bias on its face and have been reprimanded by both government spokesmen and the media editors themselves, who tend to believe the government before their own reporters.

The more objective and revealing the news reporting become the more aggressive the reactive attacks on the press become also.

Perhaps the matter of hostile and insidious attacks of slander on the press is Spiro Agnew, whose nonsensical nebulous verbiage has bombarded the press and their presented issues into irreparable confusion. These insipid besiegements have intimidated the publishers of newspapers and the owners of electronic media into refusing, to a small degree, to publish opinions contrary to governmental positions.

The beginning of the Nixon era has marked a change in strategy for obtaining governmental control/manipulation of the media. Besides clearing the floor for low level sorties of Agnewian intimidation the administration has waged judicial and economic war against the media businesses and the individual news reporters themselves.

The first concrete judicial actions against the media, shortly after Nixon first took office, were leveled at the news reporters in an effort to force the exposing of confidential sources for information.

In conjunction with the rise in use of the investigative grand juries, came a rise in judicial action against reporters who had used confidential sources to write stories pertaining to areas where the grand juries needed information. These news personnel were subpoenaed before the grand jury in an unscrupulous effort to obtain the media's sources of information. Most were threatened with contempt charges, refused to testify, and were sentenced to time in jail.

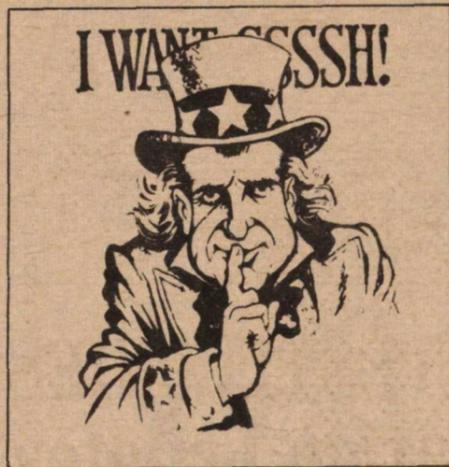
Three of these investigative reporters appealed their cases all the way to the U.S.

Supreme Court, which upheld the grand jury charges and ruled that freedom of press wasn't in any way a license to refuse testimony before the juries. The sentences stuck, raising the level of suppression of the news, and the intimidation of the press above the previous low-level attacks by Agnewists.

The most notable result of this ruling was the eventual subpoena and imprisonment of Daniel Ellsberg for releasing the Pentagon Papers to the Washington Post, who under threat, exposed Ellsberg.

Editors and publishers are now extremely hesitant to allow news stories and investigations that they know will lead to an eventual grand jury indictment. And reporters can no longer offer confidentiality to their sources making them (the sources) unwilling to help in any way for fear of exposure, squashing most attempts at investigative reporting and forcing the media to print only government propaganda or stories of little interest or applicability to the problems facing communities.

With all this behind him in his first term, Nixon has manipulated himself into



the position for shutting out the media during his re-election campaign. Holding no press conferences that would have led to his exposure Rabid Richard sent out tons of propaganda that lead everyone to believe that 'peace is at hand,' and created an information blackout on the extent of present U.S. involvement in South East Asia. He totally controlled the information available and quickly denied any and all allegations to the contrary. By not letting anyone except Ronald Ziegler, White House press secretary, speak about the actions of the executive branch of the government, Nixon sewed up the election without having to present himself or defend any of his actions.



"Newspaper reporters and TV network news commentators are trying to tell you about that war, and about other things the President is doing. They are jailed for trying to inform you," says commissioner Nicholas Johnson of the F.C.C.

And when the only information that can come from the administrative departments is of a detrimental nature Nixon creates a news black out, as in the case of the recent stepped up bombing raids over North Vietnam. All personnel, civilian or military, connected with the defense department were silenced no matter what their position.

At the same time, to insure even more that the electronic media doesn't let anything slip up, Nixon intends to introduce legislation that will hold individual, local TV stations responsible for all network programming they broadcast, along with their own material — at the risk of losing their license.

Realizing that such fascist legislation couldn't get by on its own merits, the stations have been blinded with promised amendments to the Communications Act of 1934. The proposed amendments would allow stations to renew their licenses every five years instead of three. And to go even further Nixon has added to the smokescreen by proposing that the present challenges of license renewal by poor and powerless organizations be made so lengthy and expensive that they couldn't afford to protest.

In essence what the administration's intended legislation means to the stations is that in exchange for shaping the news to the government's requests the stations will be protected economically. (It costs about \$10,000 to renew a license.)

"When the question is free speech or profits, they'll pick more profit every time," said Terry Westen of a law center in Washington.

Clay T. Whitehead, director of the White House Office of Telecommunications

Policy, spearheading the proposed legislation, spoke in Indiana to a fraternal organization of journalists:

"When there are only a few sources of national news on television editorial responsibility must be exercised more effectively. . . Station managers and network officials who fail to correct imbalance or consistent bias in the networks — or who acquiesce by silence — can only be considered willing participants, to be held fully accountable. . . at license renewal time."

He went on to say: "Who else but management can or should correct so-called professionals who confuse sensationalism with sense and who dispense elitist gossip in the guise of news analysis."

Not depending entirely on the station management's willingness to censor under the guise of the First Amendment, news programs and documentaries that offend the administration, Nixon has begun to get business associates to try to buy the licenses of those stations that continue to be indignant of judicial and economic intimidation.

One such station, in Jacksonville, Florida, has waged a continuing media war against the injustices of big business operations and the Nixon administration. A CBS affiliate, WJXT, is owned and operated by Newsweek magazine and the Washington Post, both frequent critics of the Nixon Administration.

The war between the media and the Nixon administration continues as the facade of information is shut off more and more, and the media's rights are violated on an ever increasing scale.

David Brinkley, a TV commentator of repute, has perhaps best presented the established media's position on this increase of Nixon's fascist suppression:

"There are numerous countries in the world where politicians have seized absolute power and muzzled the press. There is no country in the world where the press has seized absolute power and muzzled the politicians."

"So if people are concerned about danger to their rights and freedoms, they should be aware of where the danger comes from. And it does not come from the press."

"Without the press, there is nobody. Nobody to watch over them. Nobody at all . . ."

—John Collins

Next issue: SUN interview with Detroit Free Press reporter Paul Branzberg, whose case the suppressive landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court against the freedom of the press, was based on.

On September 9, 1971, 1,280 prisoners at Attica prison in New York could no longer stand the gross injustices inflicted upon them by state and prison authorities and began a four day physical resistance against their intolerable oppression.

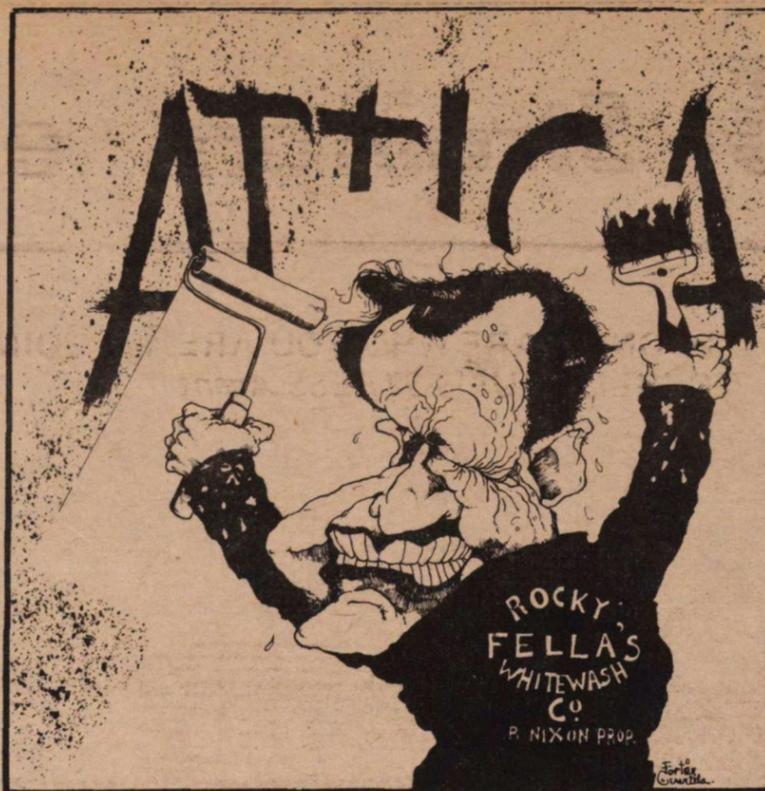
On September 13, amid shouts of "White Power!", State Police and prison guards opened up on the prisoners and hostages enmassed in D yard with shotguns and high-powered rifles. In the aftermath of this orgy of brutality thirty-nine people, including ten hostages, were left dead and hundreds were wounded in the bloody barrage that lasted less than five minutes.

In following days at least 700 prisoners were beaten, tortured, and abused by the Troopers and prison guards, despite the promise that there would be no physical reprisals.

This is the history of Attica, and of a thousand prisons and jails like it — a history of broken promises, of continual harassment, and constant oppression.

Many times before the September massacre, the prisoners at Attica had peacefully attempted negotiations with the prison administration, and each time the negotiators were beaten and shipped to the hole or other maximum security areas where they still remain. Each time their demands have been left by the prison administration to rot in the wastebasket as the people who wrote them continue to rot in an unchanged environment.

The demands presented over and over again by the prisoners are not frivolous, nor are they an attempt to make the prison into a resort hotel. They were an attempt to regain their right to life as human beings, an attempt to change the conditions that denied the humanity of the prisoners on every level, inedible food, one shower a week, 25¢ a day for wages, five minutes for parole hearings, racist doctors who refuse to treat them, the constant hostility, bru-



## Attica Solidarity

tality and abuse by an all-white corps of guards, no programs for return to the streets, and no contact with their families. All of which only the prisoners themselves were aware of because of their complete isolation from the community.

Of a list of 28 demands, not one has been met yet and the conditions that

sparked the prison revolt still exist today, while the brothers who resisted their oppression face the state's retaliation.

At present, in an attempt to color over the police riot and discourage any future action by prisoners to change their conditions, the Wyoming County Grand Jury has handed down indictments the Attica

Brothers. One or two prison guards have also been indicted for public appeasement, with the same concern for them by the prison administration as the 10 hostages that were killed by police.

This grand jury is one of the most blatantly stacked in judicial history, with twelve members having friends who are prison guards or state troopers, and five of them with friends who were hostages.

And the man appointed by Rockefeller to investigate and prosecute all crimes committed at Attica, Deputy Attorney General Robert Fisher, has been the only one giving evidence to the grand jury over the last year. He had defended the state officials involved in the Attica killings when they went to court.

There is no one investigating or prosecuting the men responsible for the primary violence at Attica, or the tortures that continue to go at present, and unless it is demanded by the people, no one will.

The only notable change at Attica has been the erection of gun towers and unless the people who recognize these brothers as human beings demand that the indictments be dropped; demand that the state officials responsible be brought to justice; and demand that the 28 demands of the Attica Brothers are implemented the conspiracy to put these brothers away for life will continue.

The Attica Defense Committee needs help in the defense against the state retaliation on these brothers — they can't do it alone!

This means raising funds for their legal defense, and working to educate all people in our community as to what really happened at Attica and what the state is now attempting. Write: Attica Defense Committee, Box 74, Bidweel Station, Buffalo, New York 14222.

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

# NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Of the original seven men charged in an eight count indictment including conspiracy, burglary, bugging and wiretapping, five have pleaded guilty and the remaining two are in their second week of trial. The five, former White House consultant E. Howard Hunt; and Bernard L. Barker, Eugenio R. Martinez, Frank A. Sturgis, Virigilio R. Gonzalez, all with former CIA backgrounds all face maximum possible prison sentences of 55 years each.

Defense sources said the latter four, all connected with the Bay of Pigs invasion, had been under intense pressure to plead guilty to avoid a full disclosure of the charges against them.

But the four denied any pressure behind their cops and stated that they were acting patriotically under the impression that their activities were going to somehow stop "a Communist conspiracy" against the United States.

"I would do anything to protect this country against a Communist conspiracy," said Frank Sturgis. "Anything!"

## Watergate Intrigue Unfolds

Barker and Hunt had somehow "led" the four to believe that the political situation in the United States was the same as in Cuba and somehow related.

Even though, in court, the four had denied that they had received any promises of early prison releases and that "their families would be taken care of" Sturgis had said later that he suspected that the money that they were still being paid was coming from the Committee to Re-elect the President.

Defense sources were also quoted as saying that Hunt, after he had copped his plea, had led the four to believe also that

their families would indeed be taken care of. Sturgis has finally stuck to the later story.

Meanwhile, in the trail of the remaining two, James W. McCord and G. Gordon Liddy, the government's central witness, former FBI agent Alfred C. Baldwin (the third!), testified to the climax of his three weeks of monitoring the wiretap of the Democratic National Headquarters. McCord was security co-ordinator for the Committee to Re-elect the President and Liddy, at time of arrest, was a financial counsel to the Committee.

The night of their capture, Baldwin said

that he was monitoring the wiretap as usual when McCord came into the room, built a bugging device and handed him a walkie-talkie, ordering him to watch the building and call him (McCord) if anything unusual happened.

Then the end to the election conspiracy ended when three men pulled up and entered the building.

"A few minutes later, lights went on in the reception area of Democratic Headquarters and two of the gentlemen went out on the balcony with guns drawn," Baldwin testified.

"I got on the walkie-talkie and called 'base to unit one; base to any unit.' Somebody answered and I asked if our people were dressed or in casual clothes. They said 'We're dressed in suits — why?' And I said, 'Well, we've got some trouble. There are some people there in casual clothes and they've got weapons drawn.'"

Minutes later the police arrived and Baldwin stated: "A voice came on the radio saying in a whisper, 'They've got us.'"

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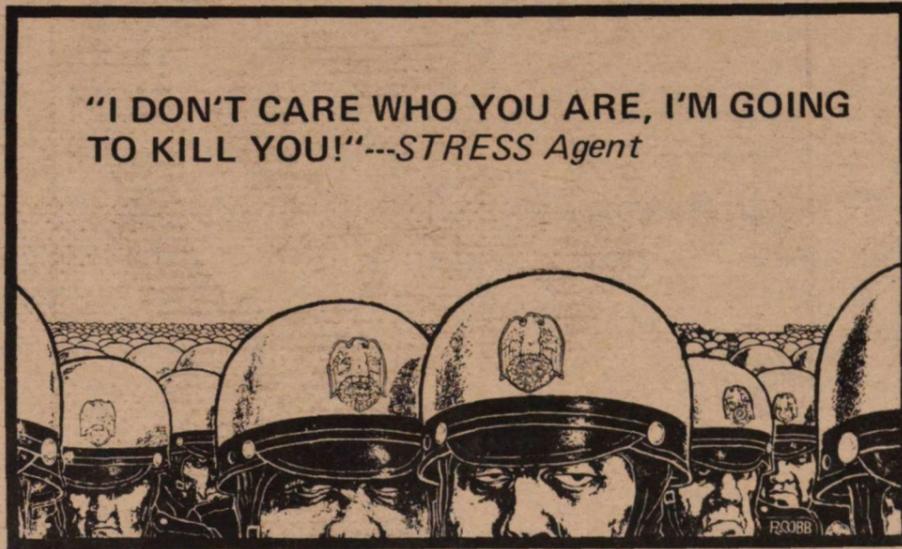
# STRESS: Strain on the People

The notorious Detroit Police Department has organized a vigilanti group of racists, hoodlums, thugs, murderers and pigs of various disciplines, given them a badge and a gun and turned them loose on the streets of Detroit's black colony to sow fear, terror and death among the population in the hopes that they can keep in check and under control of the rising rage of poor people in their war against the rich for survival.

STRESS (Stop The Robberies: Enjoy Safe Streets) began operations in January of 1971, since that time over 20 people have been gunned down dead by the mad dog killers in STRESS. The historical rotten roots of STRESS are as old as the Detroit Police Department. STRESS grew out of the "Big 4", which consisted of one uniformed policeman who chauffeured around three plainclothes police in a black, unmarked sedan. They had the reputation of being big, dumb, deadly brutal, pigs. Later came the Tactical Mobile Units, their PR was that they were super trained rollers, highly mobile with deadly striking power. They rode in flashy white cars with blue lettering, giving off the impression that the community was wall to wall with pigs. Next comes the Precinct Support Units, no dumb thug cop image here, or flashy whizz bang TMU's, just stone cops, highly mobile, ready to deal.

The "Big 4", TMU's and Precinct Support Units, as well as regular Detroit hogs, move throughout the black community daily, intimidating, brutalizing and terrorizing the people. This visible show of police force is now added to by the existence of a secret police terror squad, STRESS.

Through the mass terror tactics of STRESS the DPD is beginning to establish a police dictatorship, a military/police machine with unlimited, unchecked power, answerable to no one, controlled by no one. They parallel the secret police organizations that exist in fascist and neo-fascist countries, particularly in South America.



**"I DON'T CARE WHO YOU ARE, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!" ---STRESS Agent**

The police in these countries organize themselves into secret groups, and use their police power to strike terror and death in the people in response to acts of revolutionaries struggling to get out from under the boot heels of fascism. The DPD will not release the names of STRESS officers, they will not release the number of men assigned to STRESS operations.

During the recent manhunt, the largest manhunt in the history of Detroit, the whole Detroit community was subjected to a reign of terror and caught a glimpse of the fascist machinery of the DPD in operation. Friends, family and loved ones of the 3 men who are wanted in connection with the most recent shoot out with police, have been harrassed, brutalized, their rights violated and their lives threatened. Even absolutely innocent people have suffered and even been killed by these pigs who run amok.

Durwood Foshee is a 60 year old man, he lives alone in the black colony. Detroit police got a "tip" that one of the hunted men was in Foshee's home. Police surrounded the house, kicked in the door, and shot and killed Foshee before he could even get out of bed. 90 rounds of ammunition were fired into the ceiling and walls of Foshees home, needless to say the wanted man was not there, also needless to say, no charges were ever brought against the police involved.

A dragnet for the hunted men involved hundreds of police, they sealed off a 70 block area, used a helicopter (which almost ran out of gas & crashed), they used indiscriminate searches of people's homes and stopped cars to pull people out and shake them down. Again, needless to say, the wanted men were never found. And again, no legal action was brought against the DPD.

The strategy and tactics of the DPD have been perfected and developed over long years of practice in the defense of world wide honk. The psychological, chemical (drugs) and military warfare directed against the people of the black colony comes from the US Army, the role of the police in Detroit is parallel to the role of the US military on a world wide scale. To serve and protect the rich. The strategy, tactics and weapons are the same. STRESS could better be known as "search and destroy," or "counter-insurgency", the purpose is the same though the words are different.

In an apparent attempt to pacify the people and defuse the explosive situation that the DPD created, Police Commissioner John Nichols, returned from vacation to address the black community in Common Council (City Council) chambers, the response from the population was so great that the meeting had to be moved out of the chambers and over to Ford Auditorium. 1,200 righteously enraged citizens packed the meeting. The Commissioner was not allowed to run his tissue of horseshit by the people, for every oink uttered from his lips a thousand voices responded, until finally it was necessary for the Chief Chump to make a rapid exit from the Auditorium.

The spirit of the people is stronger than the pig's technology, for every fascist maneuver made by the police, the people respond with greater and greater unity. The Guardians of Michigan, a black police officers organization, has denounced STRESS and have guaranteed the safety of the wanted men if they turn themselves in, the black community as a whole has responded to this neo-fascism with new levels of solidarity, the police forces become more and more isolated from the masses of people. The people in turn become closer and closer as they learn to depend on one another for survival.

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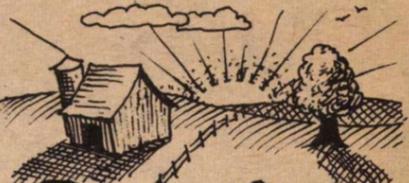
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**Tues. 23**  
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Flicks—Mojo Boogie Band 50¢  
 Floods—Erlewine Bros. and friends 25¢  
 Odyssey—Iron Horse Exchange and Locomobile 75¢  
 Blind Pig—Mighty Joe Young \$1.50  
 Cinema Guild—Gold Rush with Charlie Chaplin, Arch. Auditorium 7 and 9:05pm  
 HRP Steering Committee—516 William 7:30  
 Tribal Council Steering Committee—1522 Hill, 7:30pm  
 New World Films—Raja with Ravi Shankar and George Harrison, and Monterey Pop \$1.25 for each or \$2.00 for both, Modern Language Aud. 3

**Wed. 24**  
*mp*

Floods—John Nuzzo and Howard from Brooklyn Blues Busters 25¢  
 Odyssey—Grand Dude Express  
 Blind Pig—Mighty Joe Young \$1.50  
 Cinema Guild—The General with Buster Keaton, Arch. Auditorium 7 & 9:05  
 New World Films—same as Tuesday  
 Education Committee, 427 Hamilton, 8:00

**Thurs. 25**  
*mp* 12:53 pm

Blind Pig—Mighty Joe Young \$1.50  
 Odyssey—Long John Silver  
 HRP Women's Caucus, 516 William, 7:30  
 Cinema Guild—Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde With Spenser Tracy, Arch. Auditorium 7 & 9:05pm  
 New World Films—same as Tues

**Fri. 26**  
*W*

Blind Pig—Okra 75¢  
 Odyssey—Stonefront  
 Mackinac Jacks—Ramblecrowe  
 Cinema Guild—same as Thurs.

**Sat. 27**  
*W*

Blind Pig—Okra 75¢  
 Odyssey—Stonefront  
 Mackinac Jacks—Ramblecrowe  
 Cinema Guild—Lenny Bruce at Basin Street West, Arch. Audit. 7 & 9:05

**Sun. 28**  
*W* 1:11 AM

Blind Pig—classical music, no cover  
 Takin Over—Peoples Communications Committee on WNRZ, 102.9 FM 3-7  
 Toke Time—John Sinclair on WNRZ, 102.9 FM, 7pm—1am  
 Michigan Committee for Prisoners Rights—1520 Hill, 9pm

**Mon. 29**  
*W*

Mr. Floods—Loran and Gill from Deisel Smoke, Dangerous Curves 25¢  
 Blind Pig—movie—That Man Larabee with James Stewart 50¢  
 Mackinac Jacks—live music  
 People's Music and Ballroom Committee 1522 Hill 7:30pm

**Tues. 30**  
*W* 1:54 pm

Floods—Erlewine Bros. 25¢

Flicks—Mojo Boogie Band 50¢  
 Odyssey—Sun Benefit, bands to be announced  
 Blind Pig—Okra 75¢  
 Cinema Guild—Animal Crackers with the Marx Brothers, Arch. Audit. 7&9:05pm  
 New World Films—Fellini Satyricon, Modern Language Aud. 3 \$1.50  
 T.C. Steering Committee—1522 Hill 7:30pm

Blind Pig—Okra 75¢  
 Odyssey—Mojo Boogie Band  
 Cinema Guild—Goin to Town with Mae West, Arch. Audit. 7&9:05 pm  
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**Wed. 31**  
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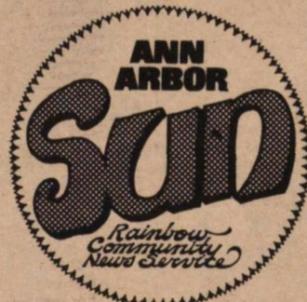
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**Thurs. 1**  
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Odyssey—Mojo Boogie Band  
 Blind Pig—Terry Tate 75¢  
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