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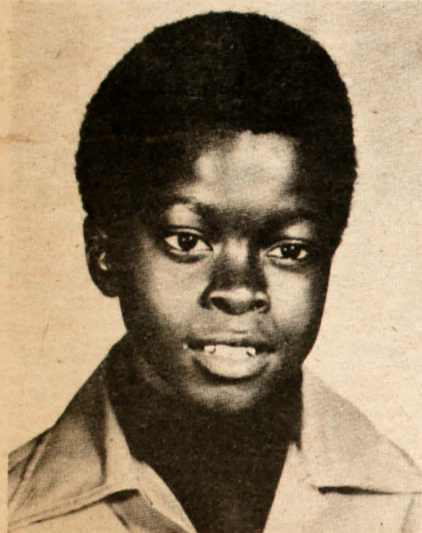
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guyton case RALLY TO END POLICE RACISM



14 year-old Tyrone Guyton was shot to death last year by Emeryville police.

The atrocious "Zebra investigation," last month's shooting of an unarmed Black youth by a Berkeley policeman, the recent police raid on a Black Panther Party house in Berkeley—these and similar racist actions will be the focus of a march and rally slated for Saturday, May 18, in Oakland.

The demonstration is being organized by the Committee for Justice for Tyrone Guyton and will demand an end to police attacks on the Black community. It will also show the continuing outrage in the East Bay community that the police responsible for killing another unarmed Black youth, 14 year old Tyrone Guyton, have not been brought to trial.

It is this issue — and its connection through police racism to other repressive acts against the Black community — that people are mobilizing around. Already it has inspired several recent demonstrations and a number of court cases, and it has moved over 15,000 people to sign a petition demanding the police murderers of Tyrone Guyton be prosecuted.

THE GUYTON CASE

The grisly events leading to Tyrone Guyton's death need to be remembered. The night of Nov. 1, 1973, two Emeryville policemen, Dale Phillips and Thomas Mierkey, saw one or more persons "loitering" around a car. Instead of investigating immediately, they waited until the car drove off and then gave chase. The two cops in one car and Officer William Matthews in another rammed the car from behind and forced it to crash into a house. Tyrone Guyton ran from the car and the three officers all fired at him. One hit him in the back and he fell to the sidewalk. Matthews walked up and fired his .357 Magnum point-blank again into Tyrone's back, killing him instantly.

The police claim that Guyton was armed and fired at them. Twenty-four eyewitnesses say he had no gun. And no gun has ever been recovered. Autopsy lab tests revealed no trace of powder on Tyrone's hands.

SHOT FIRST

There is still confusion about the

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YOU AND ME AGAINST PG&E: NEW ACTION ON INITIATIVE

Two years ago the people of Elbow Lake, Minnesota, offered technical and moral support to the people of Berkeley in a very important struggle. Their community, like many others, had taken back their own electric system in recent years.

In the process, the people of Elbow Lake learned the frustrations of opposing a large monopolistic and politically powerful private electric utility company. Unlike Berkeley, Elbow Lake has won its battle with its PG&E after numerous encounters.

Last year, the people of Berkeley faced their first major battle with PG&E. In the most expensive political campaign in Berkeley history, PG&E and its corporate friends spent upwards of \$100,000 to stop community ownership of Berkeley's electric system. But their propaganda, obfuscation and outright lies could not change the fact that the city's independent feasibility study concluded that "substantial long-term economic benefits would accrue to the people of the City of Berkeley if the city acquired and operated its own electric distribution system" and that early years of operation would net an average \$500,000 per year.

"BATTLE OF BERKELEY"

However, on April 17, 1973, the latest battle of Berkeley was lost to PG&E by a 58 to 42 percent vote. In celebration, PG&E rewarded the people of Berkeley with repeated massive rate increases and requests that will raise average monthly bills more than 50% by the end of this year.

Of course, Berkeley includes only a small part of PG&E's 3 million customers in Northern and Central California. The increases PG&E has gotten since the beginning of last year equal almost \$500 million — ONE HALF BILLION — about half for electric and half for gas — an average of about one increase per month! Berkeley consumers are now poorer by \$5 million per year.

In the meantime, PG&E still has almost \$400 million in additional rate increases pending — somewhat less than half for electric. These increases will lift another \$4 million per year from the pockets of Berkeley consumers. And you can bet that PG&E will be back to the Reagan-appointed Public Utilities Com-

mission for even greater increases in the weeks and months ahead.

As usual, the hardest hit are the unemployed, the elderly, wage earners and other low and moderate income people whose real incomes are falling while the profits of the energy corporations are soaring. In near desperation, many Bay Area groups and individuals, who know the phony "energy crisis" does not justify this blatant thievery on the part of the arrogant energy corporations, are organizing opposition.

E&GP

The largest, broadest-based and potentially most effective organizing effort is led by E&GP (Electricity and Gas for the People — Turn PG&E Around). Its immediate program calls for (1) an end to PG&E rate increases which increase profits, (2) a guaranteed amount of gas and electricity at minimal price to meet the basic needs of poorer people, (3) reversing the present utility rate schedules so that smaller and poorer customers will no longer subsidize larger, richer and industrial users, and so that there will be an economic incentive to conserve as opposed to wasting energy, (4) an end to price fixing and profiteering arrangements between PG&E and its fuel suppliers, and (5) a fair chance for public power.

In Berkeley, members of E&GP, RIOT (Refusers of Illegal and Oppressive Taxes, who led the PG&E takeover attempt previously), neighborhood and environmental organizations, NAM and more traditional consumer and political groups have formed the Committee for Public Power. Our orientation is to bring the E&GP fight with PG&E home to Berkeley and its neighborhoods. As part of this effort, we are organizing a new attempt to take back Berkeley's electric system. We decided on this action because the PG&E rate increases make it more imperative and more beneficial than ever to establish a community owned system.

OUTREACH

Most of our work so far has been outreach. We have contacted about 100 groups and organizations in the community. The response has been favorable, although work commitments

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Photo by Michael P. Miller.

demonstration set against chilean junta

A major rally and march in support of the Chilean people's resistance against the military junta is being organized for 12 noon, May 11, beginning at the Chilean Consulate, 870 Market Street in San Francisco. During the 8 months since the coup in Chile there has been considerable activity in the Bay Area in support of the Chilean struggle; including rallies, benefits and film showings.

When the junta sent its representatives to San Francisco on a propaganda tour last November, they were met by spirited demonstrations at each of their appearances. They were finally forced to leave. The May 11 mass demonstration will be the first about Chile in this area since last year. All persons and groups sympathetic to the Chilean struggle are being invited to participate.

POLITICAL TRIALS

The May 11 demonstration is to be coordinated with demonstrations that same day in many other cities. It will focus on four points: Freedom for Chilean political prisoners, opening U.S. borders to Chilean refugees, stopping U.S. aid to the junta, and support for the Chilean resistance. By this date trials will have begun for 29 of Allende's most prominent advisors and cabinet members. They are the most prominent among some 6,000 prisoners the junta has announced it will bring to trial in the next month.

Meanwhile, the U.S. and multinational lending institutions such as the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) continue to provide the junta with hundreds of millions of dollars in credit and loans. The IDB recently met in Santiago — U.S. Treasury Secretary Schultz attended — and has since approved over \$100,000,000 in credits to the junta. These are the reasons why it is important to demonstrate on May 11 that we have not forgotten Chile, and that our solidarity with the Chilean people is greater than ever.

—Non-Intervention in Chile



Members of a senior citizen group joined E&GP in their demonstration at a PG&E stock holdres' meeting. Photo by Michael P. Miller.

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council's surprising response

The City Council's recent action against the police for their harassment of Blacks was as welcome as it was surprising. It's not often we see our "representatives" respond so readily to their constituency as they did in calling for the indictment of former police Inspector Charles Crane and demanding an end to the Zebra manhunt.

The Council acted at a critical time: the San Francisco police were involved in an unprecedented witch-hunt throughout the Black community, and Oakland and Berkeley police had just conducted a completely unjustified raid on Black Panther Party headquarters. It was also just one week after Crane shot an unarmed twelve-year old Black youth.

Whatever the reasons for this surprisingly progressive vote, we have to suspend our usual criticism of the Council long enough to congratulate that body for taking a strong stand against these outrageous police actions.

We also join the Council in commending City Manager John Taylor for his expeditious firing of Crane. We hope Taylor will continue to use the power of his office to end police racism and brutality. Crane should not simply be a scapegoat to defuse the issue. His firing and possible indictment are good precedents for the city to follow in future cases of police misconduct.

The Council should continue to deal with police racism in as sensitive and direct a manner in the future. That body should follow its recent resolutions with a thorough investigation of racism in the Berkeley Police Department, an investigation which fully involves the Police Review Commission. That investigation should start from the position that police officers not working for the good of the community should not be working as police officers at all.

school board acts in bad faith

When the Berkeley Federation of Teachers and the Berkeley Teachers Association voted, at a joint meeting on April 18, to accept the negotiated package unanimously approved by the Certificated Employees Council (the teachers' negotiating body), the assumption was that the Berkeley school board's ratification of the same package was a formality. However, the board voted unanimously to withdraw three of the negotiated items from the agreement and to send them back for further discussion. The two teachers' organizations had accepted the negotiated package as a good compromise. Though they do agree that one of the issues withdrawn needs clarification, they are unwilling to renegotiate two of the items. While they do not consider the withdrawn items critical enough for a strike, they see rejection of part of the settlement as an act of bad faith on the part of the school board, one which raises the question of how legally binding the settlement really is.

The posture of the administration and the board is a crucial factor in the negotiating process. We call on them to ratify all items in the negotiated package that the teachers are unwilling to renegotiate.

LETTERS TO THE COLLECTIVE

Editor,

Al Verdad runs for Mayor (cf. *Grassroots*, April 24, p. 7) on a platform apparently derived from the Sermon On The Mount. Records reveal no effort by Jesus for election to the city council of Nazareth of the mayoralty of Jerusalem although His entry into Jerusalem was a triumphal mass movement. However as a rumored candidate for King of the Jews he was convicted by a Roman Court

(Pontius Pilate, C. J.) and executed by a local lynch mob. Berkeley's spiritual crusades are tied to bourgeois local elections. A spiritual leader Al Verdad IS - but a future Mayor of Berkeley he AIN'T.

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I think they said something about my licence plate light...

young asians' poems

These poems were written by students in the Asian-American Study program at Columbus School.

I'm proud that I'm Asian,
But when I was in third grade,
People would call me names
Which made me ashamed.
But now I know about Asian History
and I know I should be proud of it.

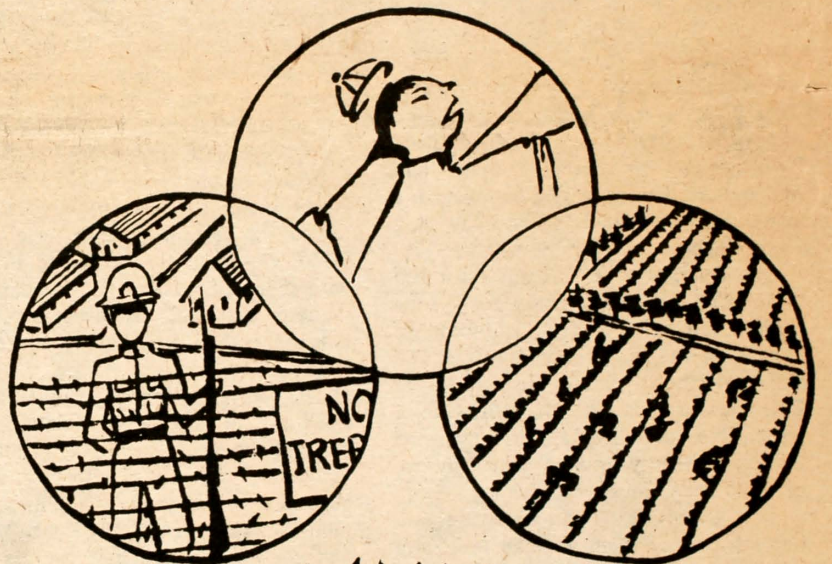
-Mera Chung

ASIANS ARE PEOPLE who came here
for a better living.

ASIANS ARE PEOPLE who got jobs
as railroad builders, laundrymen
and so on.

ASIANS ARE PEOPLE who came here
and got discriminated and neglected.

-Paul Jularbal



ASIAN
STRUGGLE
THEN
AND
NOW

CITY MASTER PLAN GETS UNDERWAY

For months after the passage of the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance in April 1973, the indecision of the Planning Commission, Planning Department, and City Council stalled many eager citizens awaiting the chance to contribute to an updated Master Plan for Berkeley. Finally on November 5, 1973 the Master Plan Revision Committee was able to hold its first meeting, six months after the enactment of the law. Now with less than one year before the expiration of the Ordinance, the committee is in its final

stages of procuring technical staff assistance.

The committee members, two appointed by each Councilperson (Simmons has appointed none, Sweeney has appointed one), represent a broad cross-section of the community. With John Denton as chairperson and Chester McGuire as co-chairperson, they have been quickly educating themselves in the problems and questions of planning for a city as varied, developed and informed as Berkeley. In the biweekly meetings subjects have ranged from the need for adequate, comfortable housing at reasonable costs to the desire for a more comprehensive and meaningful program of social welfare. Members have also discussed their hopes for neighborhood

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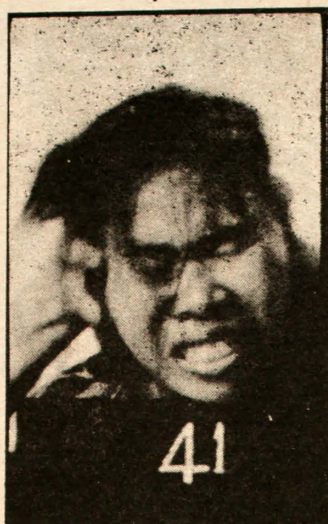
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U.S. TAX DOLLARS PROLONG VIET WAR

Despite the Paris Peace Agreement and the withdrawal of American ground troops, the war in Vietnam continues. Not only are soldiers both in the North and South involved, but many civilians have been left homeless or stranded in Thieu's resettlement camps. The photos below, many of which were taken by Berkeley City Councilwoman Ying Lee Kelley on a recent trip to South Vietnam, give an impression of the conditions under which most civilians are compelled to live in South Vietnam. The photos also include a scene from the recent "Peaster Day Parade."



These female political prisoners are being reclassified as criminals. President Thieu conducted an extensive reclassification program to circumvent the Paris Peace Agreements, which outlawed the jailing of political prisoners.

CƯƠNG QUYẾT ĐÁNH ĐUỐI BỌN CÔNG
SẴN RA KHOI MIỀN NAM VIỆT NAM



This identification photo, required of South Vietnamese families, will be hung in the family's home so the police can check on them periodically. If any family-members portrayed in the picture are missing, the entire family can be imprisoned.



The "Peaster Day Parade," sponsored by Women for Peace, took place recently in San Francisco. Photo by Ray Pinkson.



These refugees have been removed from their homes and placed in "resettlement camps" by the Thieu regime. They were moved from areas where they might serve as a buffer between Thieu's forces and those of the Vietcong.



This street scene occurred in the ChoLon, or Chinatown, section of Saigon. The smog is characteristic of the heavy pollution throughout the South Vietnamese capital.

-master plan revision committee meets-

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control over local development and the distribution of resources and the possibility of a Traffic Commission to administer matters directly related to circulation and transit. More immediate issues such as the Peralta College Learning Pavilion and Alta Bates' request for the widening of Ashby Avenue have prompted serious consideration with resolutions forwarded to the Planning Commission. And their tasks have only begun, for many, if not all, quickly admit the complexity of the assignment is overwhelming.

STAFF HIRED

The City Council has provided a budget for the revision of the Master Plan and the committee has been able to hire staff and rent office space at 2030 Milvia (telephone 845-1877), which it shares with the Transit Study. Edmund Adkins, the City Planner recently hired on a

temporary basis to aid the committee in the revision, formerly served as the Planning Coordinator for the East Palo Alto Municipal Council. He considers his experiences with housing needs and plans as one of his strong points. The temporary Assistant City Planner, Oscar Sung, a Berkeley resident, was most recently employed by the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing. A subcommittee is in the process of interviewing applicants for the six part-time Community Assistant positions, positions for which Berkeley residence and an intimate knowledge of community organizations are extremely important, if not absolutely necessary, if Berkeley residents are actively to participate in any Master Plan revision. Along these lines the committee has expressed the desire to hold its meetings at different locations and with different

groups throughout the city. Several organizations have already extended invitations.

In its advisory capacity the committee will hold public hearings and will forward its recommendations to the Planning Commission and thence to the City Council for adoption and implementation. Through this process, members hope to present the residents of Berkeley with a revised Master Plan which will more accurately reflect realities within the city, indicate some direction for a more liveable city, guarantee a procedure for continued revision of the Master Plan, and perhaps offer some ideas for creativity to a city in which neighborhoods have the spotlight.

-Veronika Fukson

(Veronika Fukson is a member of the Master Plan Revision Committee.)

POETRY

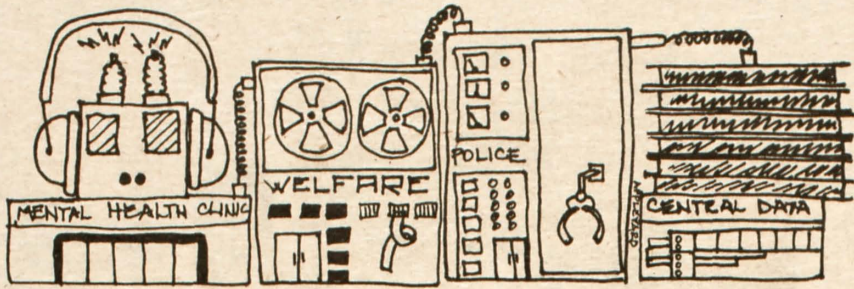
FRIENDS COMMUNE MEETING EXPERIENCE

We are all one body
so the disruptive times we feel
in relation to someone else
a rip-off
or insult to our integrity
should be talked about
like the comments in the house
that bring out all we've felt unsaid
between us
handled with active implication

-Eric Dibner

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COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS?



Have you been feeling depressed, overly anxious, or just out of sorts lately? Maybe you have been considering getting some help from the Alameda County Mental Health Service. Well if you do and if the Mental Health Services Division of the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency has their way, your treatment record and a whole raft of other information about you will become part of a central computer file.

Whether you be classified as a "catatonic schizophrenic," a "manic-depressive psychotic," or as having an ordinary "character" or "behavior" disorder, this information will be on your record.

Your computer file will also include information on your job status, area of residence, sex, ethnic background, and the level of your income and education. It seems that Orwell's 1984 should have been titled 1974.

The proposed system has met strong opposition from several sources. Workers at El Centro de Salud Mental in Oakland, concerned about an already underserved and reluctant Chicano community, have predicted that many persons will not use their center because of the existence of a computerized system.

Workers in alcohol and drug abuse programs have also opposed the system. The dual definition of drug abuse as both a health and legal problem makes protection of client confidentiality essential for the success of any drug program.

Even the slightest possibility of breaches in confidentiality would be enough to drive away most methadone treatment recipients. Consequently the Agency has excluded drug and alcohol programs from revised plans for the proposed system.

WORKSHOP OBJECTS

At a public workshop conducted last fall by the Agency, several citizens raised serious objections to the implementation of any computerized system. One major objection was that the proposed system, the Management Information System (MIS), had been originally designed for use in Orange County, and not specifically for Alameda County and its needs.

In response to this public outcry, the Agency delayed the contract signing for the system, and it now appears unlikely that any contract will be signed for some time to come.

An Ad Hoc Subcommittee on MIS issued a report on January 16 to the full Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board. (The ACMHAB, which advises both the Agency and the Board of Supervisors, will eventually make a recommendation to the Supervisors on whether to fund the system.)

The report raised several issues about

the possible dangers of implementing any computerized personal data-gathering system. Warning that such a system might jeopardize clients' basic right to privacy, the report went on to say that the most disadvantaged, the poor and minorities, would be most subject to potential abuses of such a system. The report also questioned whether the system was needed more by Agency management than by the community.

DEFENSE OF SYSTEM

According to Agency officials, the system is necessary to provide more information which, they say, will lead to better services for the county. With a growing budget of close to \$11 million, the Agency is anxious to maximize the efficiency of their services. The computer system would be used to develop a detailed profile of the client population and to monitor service delivery.

The client profile would aid in program evaluation and planning, to better tailor programs to the needs of the community. The use of individual treatment records coded with unique identifier numbers is necessary to get an unduplicated count of people using services and to monitor the movements of individual clients between different services. Information on "client flow" would be used to avoid duplication of services and to insure continuity of care to individual clients.

OUTCOME UNCLEAR

As the matter stands now, members of the Ad Hoc Committee and Agency officials have been meeting over the last month to establish basic policies for any computerized system. There is now a small conflict between the two groups over the use of unique identifier numbers for individual files. Current Agency specifications include a separate manual Wheeldex file containing identifier numbers and associated client names. Names would not be used in the computer itself.

The subcommittee has seriously questioned the use of unique identifiers. At the most recent meeting of the two groups they suggested completely getting rid of the Orange County system and designing a new system for Alameda County. Starting from scratch, they feel, would allow the county to design a new system which had no possibility for abuse of information. Whatever the outcome, it is clear that it will be a long time before any system gets funding.

RE-EXAMINATION NEEDED

One Agency official, somewhat distressed about the subcommittee's new proposal, felt that it demonstrated the subcommittee's naivete about the current state of protection of confidentiality in the County system. The existing billing already has the potential for abuse. County billing clerks receive clients' treatment diagnoses for billing purposes. Perhaps what is really necessary is a re-examination of current practices and procedures before implementing any new, potentially abusable system.

Citizens wishing to express their opinions on this issue may write:

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on MIS
c/o Office of Mental Health Planning
Room 17
Highland Hospital
1411 East 31st St.
Oakland, Ca. 94602

-Nick Caskey

SUPERINTENDENT DEADLOCK

The Berkeley school board was still unable to select a superintendent as GRASSROOTS goes to press. At their Friday, April 26 meeting (the third one that week), while the board met in private session (they are permitted to do so by law on personnel matters), members of the waiting public were treated to emotionally charged speeches by LaVerda Allen supporters.

The selection process involved both community representatives and school staff members. Robert Frelow, formerly with the Berkeley schools and Laval Wilson are the other finalists for the job. Both are assistant superintendents in different New York school districts.

BEAT THE SYSTEM?

Board president Mary Jane Johnson, who has fought long and hard for the delivery of basic skills to Black and Chicano children, said Friday that "staying alive" is more important than reading and writing. She views Allen as one who can "tell our kids how to pull together" and "how to beat the system." Hazaiah Williams indicated a similar view of Allen's ability to go beyond reading and writing to impart a "sense of how to seize power so they can survive."

Board members Louise Stoll and Marc Monheimer believe Allen is inexperienced in three areas critical to Berkeley's schools: curriculum development, financial management and pulling together a staff of great diversity. Allen has also shown a lack of support for the teachers' organizations on matters of evaluation and other teachers' rights. The teachers themselves consider her to be anti-teacher.

Stoll reports that her choice, Laval Wilson, Assistant Superintendent in Hempstead, pulled together a school district rent by disorder, dissent and a white exodus. (All Berkeley's board members have visited the candidates' home districts.) She also was impressed by Wilson's implementation in the area of individualized instruction.

WILLIAMS MAD AT ROH

Director Williams publicly chastized Gene Roh, the only Asian school director, for not supporting the concept of a "third world consciousness" - the idea of unity among minorities. (Is there an implied assumption that the needs of the minority children are irreconcilable with the majority? And what about the needs of white working class youngsters.) Williams reminded Roh of the \$1,000 he helped raise as a contribution to Roh's campaign.

Roh in turn reminded Williams that there wasn't a Black issue that he hadn't supported, but that "nobody is cashing in a marker on my integrity." He said his decision not to vote for Allen represents his own best judgment, and the feelings of the Asian community. Roh refuses to support either of the two other candidates because he does not want to vote against the two Black board members.

Williams implored Roh as one minority in a "third world consciousness" to defer to another's best insight. And he spoke of his people being on the edge of a "promised land." "The choice is between blackness, but it is being moved by non-Blacks!" Williams said in developing his description of the impasse. Then, to illustrate, he said, "Two of my colleagues sit close to two Black candidates - one for congress and one for the assembly - and they are able to not listen to us because they take umbrage under the fact that they sit close to Dellums and close to Miller. . . . We are being neutralized. . . . All it takes is one Black mind of a non-black head to be a shield against the best we've got to offer when we all come together. . . . When it's a choice between two Blacks, I will never submit to bringing, on a compromise basis, a Black to this town who will bring up another generation, reading and writing, who have no sense of how to seize power so they can survive."

-Anne Deirup

comment

People must take a long look at the situation revealed by the superintendent selection process. We must accept responsibility for some of the vacuum created by the anarchy of the rush to "do your own thing" that came on the heels of desegregation. We must understand the traps of elitism in our "enlightened" non-struggle to create an education in a will-o'-the-wisp image. We must understand and struggle against the insensitivity of believing that integration at the pace and discretion of the white community was ever a valid goal. To build the necessary coalition we must first find out what the needs of the minority children are.

EQUAL ACCESS STRUGGLE

We know that the struggle for equal access to quality education will not produce the promised land. At best, this struggle will expose the necessity to fundamentally change an economic and political system that feeds on racism, sexism, elitism, exploitation of people and natural resources, and violence.

Meanwhile, it wouldn't hurt if we improved our children's environment, let them know we care, and built some leadership and fellowship in community governance.

And if the school board cannot select a new superintendent by May 1, the whole process will have to start over. In either case, the children need us in coalition not in competition.

-Anne Deirup



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teacher unity creates bargaining power

Unity between Berkeley's two teachers organizations in their recent negotiations with the Berkeley Unified School District was in large part responsible for the impressive gains made in working conditions, teachers rights and salaries. Besides the across the board salary increase for all certificated teachers (see the April 24 issue of GRASSROOTS), a 40 percent increase in supplies and the maintenance of present class sizes (K-6), the negotiated package guarantees "due process" in the teacher evaluation procedure (including an agreement to open up teachers' personnel files to the teachers themselves, thus making anonymous accusations impossible) and a streamlined grievance procedure. The settlement also contains a strong personal freedom clause, a comprehensive non-discrimination clause, a rights of teachers as citizens (political rights) clause, a ban on any electronic or mechanical surveillance in the classroom and a guarantee of flexibility of teaching styles.

The above first amendment and civil rights protections are crucial to the evolution of the socially relevant education Berkeley is striving to achieve.

AVOID DISASTERS

In their negotiated agreement, the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, local 1078 AFL-CIO, was intent on avoiding "the disaster of San Francisco's recent experience," BFT president Judy Bodenhausen told GRASSROOTS. Bodenhausen felt that the lack of support of the union on the part of the California Teachers Association was one of the main reasons behind the failure of the San Francisco teachers strike last year. The differences in structure between the BFT and BTA (Berkeley Teachers Association, a local branch of the CTA and the

National Teachers Association) are significant in this respect. Dues for both organizations are \$120.00 per year. But, the BFT local keeps \$80.00 of this fee for their own use whereas the BTA only gets to keep \$20.00. The balance in both cases goes to the national organizations. The BTA is much more dependent on their national organization than is the BFT on theirs. In fact, it was the interference in February of the state California Teachers Association officials which threatened to disrupt the negotiating unity of Berkeley's two teachers organizations. The Berkeley teachers' push toward consolidation was a pioneering move which led to increased teacher power and a settlement far superior to that achieved across the bay (where teacher unity was non-functioning). The BFT and the BTA together represent 90 percent of Berkeley's teachers.

EXPANDING UNITY

There is talk now of trying to include more classified employees in future BFT negotiations. Instructional aids who work in the classroom but fall into the category of classified employees, did not receive an across the board pay raise (the plum of the teachers' agreement) in their recent settlement with the BUSD. The BFT dislikes the distinction made between certificated and classified teaching personnel in hiring and negotiating procedures. They would like to see this type of stratification abolished.

As far as plans for future action are concerned, the two teachers' organizations remain in limbo until the school board is able to select a new superintendent. The attitude of the new school chief will be a decisive determinant in future teacher policy and action.

—Ruth Veres

-guyton rally slated-

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allegedly stolen car Tyrone was in. Its whereabouts and condition after Nov. 1 are fuzzy. Furthermore, the police themselves admit they did not know the car was stolen until two hours after the incident. Shoot first — then investigate. Never mind that the charge would be "car theft for joy riding," a misdemeanor offense, and thus one in which officers are supposedly not permitted to use firearms.

The public outcry against this murder was immediate. Four hundred people went to Tyrone's funeral. But how did Alameda County District Attorney Lowell Jensen proceed in this case? Instead of bringing a complaint against the officers and thereby getting a preliminary hearing before a judge to see if there are grounds for a jury trial, he chose to present the matter to the county grand jury. Grand juries, usually not representative of the community's ethnic or class makeup, are notoriously passive to the will of the D.A. He plans who's to be called as witnesses and what they're to be asked.

Lowell Jensen — 3 time loser in trying to push Huey Newton to the gas chamber — thus presented his case. Not surprisingly, the grand jury refused to indict. This was the first time in about 20 years this has happened when the D.A. "sought" an indictment.

After Alameda County Judge Lionel Wilson, a Black man, reviewed the case and the grand jury proceedings on it, he took the unusual step of requesting Jensen to take up complaint proceedings against the officers. Jensen refused.

After further community pressure, the case was addressed again by the grand jury and it again returned no indictment. Jensen then declared the case closed.

COMMUNITY CONCERN

But the case is very much open in the minds of people in the community. The Committee for Justice for Tyrone

Guyton has had rallies attended by over 600 people at which members of Tyrone's family and school class spoke. His mother, Ms. Mattie Shepherd, has also spoken at Laney College and Berkeley's Rainbow Sign. She is also suing in state and federal court charging the three policeman with denying Tyrone his civil rights.

Last month, attorney Dan Siegel, working for the family, requested intervention by the Office of the U.S. Attorney to initiate FBI investigation into the denial of civil rights in this case. U.S. Attorney James Browning responded unenthusiastically this week. He said his staff had been involved in other cases, but will try to get on the Guyton case when there's time. Meanwhile scores of FBI agents roam the East Bay with more adventuresome pursuits in mind.

SUIT AGAINST JENSEN

Siegel said Tyrone's family is planning a court surprise by bringing a suit against Lowell Jensen for violating Tyrone Guyton's civil rights. The suit may charge that Jensen, by not prosecuting, is a conspirator in protecting the murderers of Tyrone Guyton and thus has conspired to deny Tyrone's civil rights.

RALLY ON MAY 18

The march and rally on Saturday, May 18, is expected to draw large numbers of concerned people. The march will begin at 11-am at 33rd and West Streets and it will go to Bobby Hutton Park at 16th and Adeline, in Oakland. The rally will be held there at 1 pm. Speakers will include Angela Davis, Bobby Seale, Odis Hyde and Ms. Shepherd, Tyrone's mother. The Pointer Sisters, who turn out to be friends with Ms. Shepherd, will also be there to perform.

If you want to sign the petition demanding justice for Tyrone Guyton, or if you want to circulate one, call the Committee for Justice for Tyrone Guyton, 562-5261.

—Stan Dewey

housing program



This photo, together with the photo below, illustrates the effect before and after housing rehabilitation in Berkeley. Photos by Margaret Copeland.

A new, far-reaching housing rehabilitation program will be presented to the City Council on May 7 for study and action. The plan, introduced by Councilmember Loni Hancock, was developed by her staff "to eliminate hazardous conditions in Berkeley housing." The objective of the plan is "to improve the quality of housing in which Berkeleyans live without raising rents or prices beyond the means of current residents."

The program calls for the setting up of one or more rehabilitation districts by the City Council in areas that have the worst housing conditions. Areas will be selected on the basis of substantial citizen support for the repair program.

HOME OWNERS ELIGIBLE

Within designated rehabilitation districts, all rental housing (and cooperative housing) will be required to participate in the program. Home owners can also participate voluntarily and will be eligible for financial assistance.

The initial task will be to remove dangerous conditions as widely as possible. Rehabilitation counselors will perform the inspections, consulting with both landlords and tenants about acute problems. Rehabilitation counselors will not be bound by law to report every violation (minor or otherwise) as housing inspectors are required by law.

RENT INCREASES LIMITED

Repair costs will be financed by joint city-landlord efforts and tenants will be protected from all but very limited rent increases, no more than 2 percent of current rent.

Small, low-income landlords will be given a great deal of assistance. The landlord's share of repair costs will be set so that total revenues minus total costs (including principle and interest on repair

loans) will allow an 8 percent profit. Savings accrued in co-ops will be passed to tenants as lower rents.

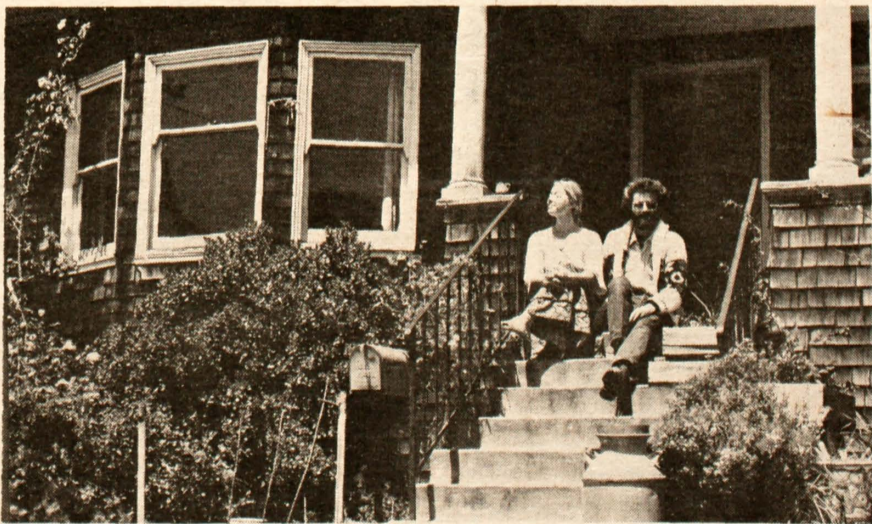
The city is to be responsible for eliminating the gap between repair costs to be absorbed by tenants and landlords and total costs of eliminating hazards. This could be achieved if low or zero interest, loan guarantees, or refinancing opportunities to landlords or housing corporations were made available to landlords.

RENTS ROLLED BACK

If the program is adopted, rents on all rental units in new rehabilitation districts will be rolled back to their levels one year earlier. Rent controls will remain in effect in rehabilitation districts permanently and will be administered by an appointed rent control board. Rent control prevents the transference of repair costs to tenants immediately after repairs are made or at some later date.

The key to the success of this hazard repair plan lies with its provisions for loan financing. Loan guarantee plans, such as those in Fresno and elsewhere, have proven successful. Rehabilitation programs in San Francisco and Norfolk, Va., are financed through direct city loans (cities can sell general obligation or reserve bonds or borrow directly from financial institutions below market interest rates).

Low yield public pension funds could be invested in local housing repair financing schemes, and other financial mechanisms, such as cooperatives, and state and federal housing plans offer realistic support to the new rehabilitation plan. Who knows, with a little serious attention from the council and city administrators, you may not need the pots and pans for the leaky roof next winter.



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have been sparse.

In the meantime, we are combining outreach with the distribution of a draft Electric Energy Control and Ownership Initiative Ordinance. The draft is for comment and input from the community.

In short, the initiative would do the following:

1. Require the City Council on behalf of the people of Berkeley to acquire the PG&E electric distribution system in Berkeley.
2. Establish an interim Electric Energy Commission, with one member appointed by each Councilmember, to supervise the acquisition process. The Commission will also hold public hearings to formulate energy, environmental and economic policies for the system including the type of permanent community ownership and control arrangements which would be most beneficial. There are also very stringent conflict of interest provisions

for Commission members and professionals hired to work on acquisition.

3. The permanent organizational, ownership and governing structure for the electric system must be voted on and passed by the people of Berkeley before it can take effect.
4. The smaller, poorer customers must get the lowest electric rates, while the average rate for electricity must be lower than if PG&E still owned the system.
5. Any city expenses in connection with acquisition or operation of the electric system must be reimbursed.
6. Any tax revenues from PG&E lost by the city, the schools or other citywide agencies when the system is acquired must also be reimbursed.
7. Even though Berkeley will have a guarantee of electric power at regulated wholesale rates from PG&E, the community owned system will join with the eleven other Northern

California public power cities in developing geothermal or other environmentally and economically sound sources of electric energy.

The Committee for Public Power invites your comments on the draft initiative as well as your participation in our efforts. For a complete copy of the initiative in draft form contact Outreach at numbers given below. Our most immediate need is for petition circulators, contacts with and endorsements from community groups and other organizations, and, as always, MONEY!

Our next general meeting will be Monday, May 13, 8:00 p.m., at the University Avenue Coop. For Outreach, call Steve at 849-1168 or Eve at 524-1800. For petition circulation, call Karl at 841-1610 or Lisa at 843-4308. Send checks to the Committee for Public Power, c/o Marian Alzofon, 1225 Talbot Avenue, Berkeley 94706.

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Community announcements

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

The Housing Committee of the City Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing Thursday, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 2134 Grove St. Many aspects of University-related housing, including People's Park, will be discussed.

The primary reason for the meeting is to help establish city policies on such issues as better quality housing, enhancing neighborhood environments, protecting low-income housing, combating discrimination, future student enrollment, and protecting existing housing from conversion to non-residential use. For information on the proposed city policy, call 644-6534.

HOUSING

The Berkeley City Housing Committee is anxious that anyone who is concerned about housing issues and wishes to make some input to the housing planning process has the opportunity. If you are interested in working on the Housing Committee, working on subcommittees, or simply being kept advised of actions and progress as a liaison member, please contact:

Abe Copperman, Associate Planner
Berkeley City Planning Department
City Hall, 2134 Grove Street
Berkeley, CA 94704
phone 644-6534

This contact can also be used for general inquiries regarding items in the newsletter, for relay of information of housing interest, or for information of any sort on the housing planning effort.

COMMUNITY ACTION

The City of Berkeley has received approval from the Regional Office of Economic Opportunity to initiate and sponsor a Community Action Program (CAP). Central to Community Action Program design is community participation. In Berkeley's program, an Advisory Board selected from broad areas of the community with concerns for poverty must be formed. The Board, mandated by Federal guidelines, requires a make-up of one-third public, one-third private, and one-third representatives of the poor.

In order that constructive persons can be considered for seats on the CAP Advisory Board, the City invites all organizations concerned with the Berkeley community to suggest Berkeley residents to serve on the Board,

representing the private sector. We must appoint a board promptly, develop a program, and commit funds all before the end of the current federal fiscal year, June 30. If interested contact City Manager 644-6580 immediately.

BERKELEY WOMEN'S CENTER PROGRAMS FOR MAY:

Wednesday, May 8 7:30 p.m. "What is Feminist Therapy?" an open discussion for women.

Friday, May 10 8:00 p.m. Opening "Roe Sawhill & Lisa Kokin" paintings and drawings at the FIRST MAJORITY women's art gallery, 2134 Allston Way.

Tuesday, May 14 7-9 p.m. Rap, Counselling & Referral meets every Tuesday evening.

8-10 p.m. Gay women's drop-in rap group meets every Tuesday.

Thursday, May 16 8:00 p.m. Bisexual women's rap-discussion group

Friday, May 17 8:30 p.m. Benefit dance at Loaves & Dishes Restaurant, 2314 Bancroft, Berkeley. Music by Pam & Peggy, women only. \$1.25 donation.

WOMEN'S CENTER

The Berkeley Women's Health Collective at 2214 Grove Street is opening a drop-in crisis intervention center for women in distress. One-to-one listening and support will be offered. The center will be open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m., beginning April 14, and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to midnight. For further information call Nancy Dodge, 849-3907.

IMAGES OF WOMEN

The public is invited to attend the opening of Diane Rusnak's show of paintings called "Images of Women" to be held in A Room of Our Own Gallery in the Berkeley Public Library, Kittredge and Shattuck on May 1, 7-9 p.m. The show will run through June 1 1974. The gallery hours are 2-9 Wednesdays, 12-6 Thursday & Friday, and 10-6 on Saturdays.

Diane Rusnak is a painter who has lived in the Bay Area for eight years. She also teaches the course "Woman As Serious Artist" being offered in a number of adult schools throughout the area. At this time she will be exhibiting acrylic paintings expressing female imagery.

DORSEY-MILLER CASE

Hellena Dorsey and Jean Miller are appealing the contempt of court charge imposed on them at the end of their trial last March in which both were acquitted

on a charge of disturbing a City Council meeting. Notice of Appeal was filed recently in Berkeley-Albany Municipal Court. Dorsey and Miller, who represented themselves in the trial, are representing themselves on their appeal.

Miller and Louise Merrill will be representing themselves in a trial scheduled to begin May 13 in Berkeley Municipal Court, Department 3 at 2000 Center Street.

SHAKESPEARE

The Emeryville Shakespeare Company is continuing its production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The performances will be held at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall at Cedar and Bonita in Berkeley at 8:15 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings on the first three weekends of May (May 3-19). \$2.00 donation.

SEALE-BROWN DIALOGUE

Robert McAfee Brown, noted Protestant theologian, and Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, will discuss "The role of the White Church in the Black Community" in a dialogue which will be held Saturday, May 11, at St. John's Presbyterian Center, 2717 Garber (off College Ave.) in Berkeley, at 2:00 p.m. The program is a benefit for the Intercommunal Youth Institute. Entertainment will be provided by the Intercommunal Youth Band, under the direction of Charles Moffett.

The Intercommunal Youth Institute, housed in the Community Learning Center at 6118 E. 14th St. in Oakland, is a school for Black and other poor children between the ages of 2½ and 11. The current enrollment is 90. No tuition is charged and the funds to operate the School come from donations and grants.

\$2 donation is requested. For further information, call 841-6342.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Folksingers Eric Anderson and Mimi Farina will perform in a benefit concert for the War Resisters League/West on Saturday evening May 18 at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, at the corner of Haste and Dana Streets in Berkeley. Tickets are \$2 in advance, and \$2.50 at the door.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Cody's Books in Berkeley, City Lights Bookstore in San Francisco, and Kepler's Books in Menlo Park.

CLAREMONT CANYON WALKS

Hikers, bird watchers, walkers and kite flyers are invited to join the Claremont-Elmwood Neighborhood Assn. on Sunday, May 12, for a series of walks in Claremont Canyon of the Berkeley-Oakland Hills.

Walks are scheduled to leave from behind St. Clement's Church (Russell and Claremont Ave., Berkeley) on Sunday, May 12, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m. Both gentle walks and fairly stiff climbs are planned. More details may be obtained by telephoning 841-0339 or 654-7538.

AFRICAN SLIDES

A free slide lecture at Merritt College on Tuesday, May 14, will explore the folk art and culture of the only group of blacks in the New World to retain their African culture and artistic expression.

The guest speakers will be anthropologist/museum collector Viki Tamardze and her daughter Dianne Crook, who will highlight the world of the Djuka of Surinam, South America.

The 7:30 p.m. lecture in the Merritt Student Lounge 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland.

COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC POWER

General meeting Monday, May 13, 8:00 p.m., University Avenue Coop, to work on final draft of "Electric Energy Control and Ownership Initiative" for Berkeley.

For information call Marian Alzofan at 526-3067.

The next *Grassroots* deadline for receiving articles, ad copy and announcements is May 15.

Send all copy to *Grassroots*, Box 274, Berkeley, Ca. 94701, or drop it off at our office (clearly marked for *Grassroots*) at 2022 Blake St., Berkeley.



QUASIMODO



The Center for Independent Living, whose history I sketched in this column a few months ago, has new offices at 2054 University Avenue in Berkeley. With this move CIL enters a new era in services for the physically disabled.

I paid my respects to CIL's new home last week. I entered the building, rolled down the short entry hall and rang for the elevator. Here's professionalism gone to seed. The ghosts of doctors and dentists, long departed for more opulent quarters, mutter from the faded walls.

The elevator descended. Its doors opened, revealing its walls of green carpeting. . . a defense against onrushing wheelchairs. I rolled in and punched the number two button. The doors shuttered shut and the elevator was hoisted up to the second floor accompanied by the clank and hum of ancient belts and gears. The doors opened again and I backed into the new CIL abode.

MORE SPACE

There's one immediate and striking difference between the old and new offices. Here's room to move . . . a whole floorful of offices. Whenever I visited CIL's former location on Haste Street I had the feeling I was trapped in a model of the Tower of Babel that was erected inside a bottle. The din was deafening, and "walkies" had to be alert and light of foot, ever-ready to leap out of the path of an oncoming wheelchair zig-zagging through tight quarters.

But not here, as I've said before. I would have gotten lost several times had I not been guided through the place by Bill McGregor, CIL's administrative assistant.

CIL SERVICES

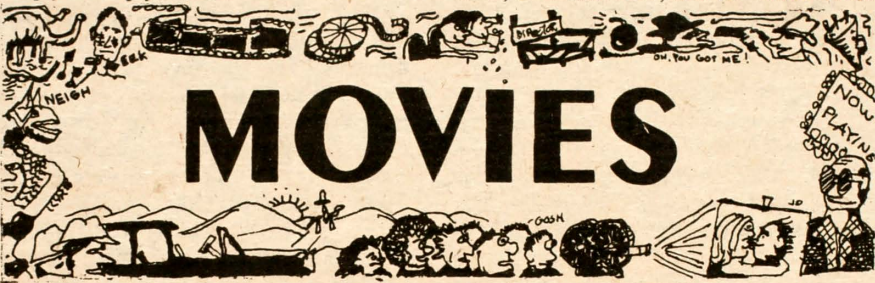
The services of the new CIL are essentially the same as the old. If you are disabled or blind, you can call on CIL and receive assistance in solving a wide range of problems, such as getting help in handling hassles with the welfare department, or getting mobility training if you are blind. It should be said here that some of these services carry a fee, but the fees are almost always negotiable between the client and prospective provider.

In addition to all the old services, CIL has added an all-important wheelchair repair shop. Hopefully, this will keep those of us in wheelchairs rolling along smoothly and take some of the sting out of the high costs of a near monopoly business.

NEWSLETTER

CIL also publishes a splendid newsletter called THE INDEPENDENT. It is superbly edited by Jan McEwen and features lucid and forceful articles by a wide range of the disabled community. If you are at all interested in disabled people and their thoughts and feelings, this publication is well worth your time. A letter to CIL will get you a free copy.

I end this column with a phone number: 841-4776. This is the number of CIL. If you are a disabled person reading this (or having someone read this to you because you are blind) and need help with a problem, call CIL. They exist to help you help yourself.



MOVIES

Two special events are among the most interesting film programs of the upcoming weeks. The Committee for Arts and Lectures is sponsoring the Bay Area premiere of the Ninth International Tournee of Animation. This is a select program of prize-winning animated films representing many different countries and film festivals. Tickets are \$1.50 student / \$2.00 general and showings are at 6, 8 & 10 p.m. on May 10 & 17 and at 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 p.m. on May 11; all showings are in 155 Dwinelle Hall. If that is not exciting enough for you, how about "The State of Erotic Film Art" on May 21 at the Pacific Film Archive? This collection of short films with erotic themes will show at 7:30 & 9:30 p.m. I expect it will be

The I.F. Stone's Weekly Reader. Edited by Neil Middleton. Random House, 321 pp., \$7.95.

I.F. Stone is our most arrogant journalist. Stone not only reports but editorializes, not only describes but directs, not only analyzes but undermines.

His journalistic style is instilled with something hauntingly prophetic. While carefully detailing national events and providing evidence for his arguments from the most obscure sources, Stone is unafraid to lash out like a latter-day Isaiah in predicting the decline and fall of American civilization if reform is not forthcoming. He transmits a sense of urgency which could be ignored only by people as greedy and short-sighted as our national leaders.

For 19 years Stone published a weekly and sometimes bi-weekly newspaper in Washington, a one-man show, researched and written almost entirely alone. The present anthology is a collection from his *Weekly*, and provides a patchwork history of the period from 1953 to 1972, during which he became the "dean of investigative reporting." It includes sections on the McCarthy era, cold war, arms race, peace movement, civil rights, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

THE YOUNG JOURNALIST

Born of Russian immigrant parents in 1907, "Izzy" grew up in New Jersey. At the age of 14 he began his first newspaper. Though this proved to be an abortive affair, he later dropped out of the University of Pennsylvania to continue his journalism career. After working for several East Coast newspapers, he founded *I.F. Stone's Weekly*, and when it closed in 1972 became a contributing editor for the *New York Review*.

Throughout his career Stone has written with a feeling of "apocalyptic pessimism" born of his vision of our political system as a shitpile founded on the sands of scandal and subterfuge, slander and sanctimony. As a journalist writing from the midst of this morass, he realized that conventional muckraking is inadequate. The term itself derives from a shallow and optimistic root. "Muckraking" implies combing with a light but steady hand across the shit which overlays the political system. It disregards the fact that the surface is often so deep as to make it nearly impossible to uncover the firm, fertile ground of political probity. Stone, therefore, does his muckraking with a plough.

THE COMPASSIONATE CRITIC

Often drawing upon sources overlooked by others, he reads between the lines to uncover the lie which underlies the rhetoric. Writing with a feeling of compassion uncharacteristic of straight journalism, he goes beyond the surface of the facts and plumbs the innermost meaning of an event. His style of personalized narrative gives events a wholeness, a resonance and an identity. You can almost feel the texture of the times. Describing the Supreme Court chambers immediately following the 1954 school desegregation ruling, for instance, Stone relates: "It was all one could do to keep from cheering, and a few of us were moved to tears. . . . Among the audience streaming out of the Chamber when the Chief Justice had ended, the lawyers of the NAACP suddenly began to embrace each other outside the doors."

Unlike most reporters, too fearful or cynical, or tethered too closely to the establishment's attempt to provide "objective" coverage of events, Stone strides out continually from behind the self-protective wall of straight journalism. The result is a combination of reporting, critical analysis and possible reform unparalleled by the conventional press. He leaves us with the feeling that if America truly has sown the seeds of its own destruction, Stone is there to tend the crop.

-Ray Riegert

HITCHCOCK

The month of May also offers the opportunity to see three seldom shown Alfred Hitchcock films. The Pacific Film Archive has "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1934) with Peter Lorre at 9:30 on May 9 and 11:20 on May 10. For Hitchcock at a discount (\$1.50 general/\$1 student), try SUPERB's double feature of "Lifeboat" (1944) & "The Wrong Man" (1957) on May 13 at 7 p.m. in 155 Dwinelle. I plan to see all of these because, with the exception of "Torn Curtain," I've never seen a Hitchcock film I didn't like.

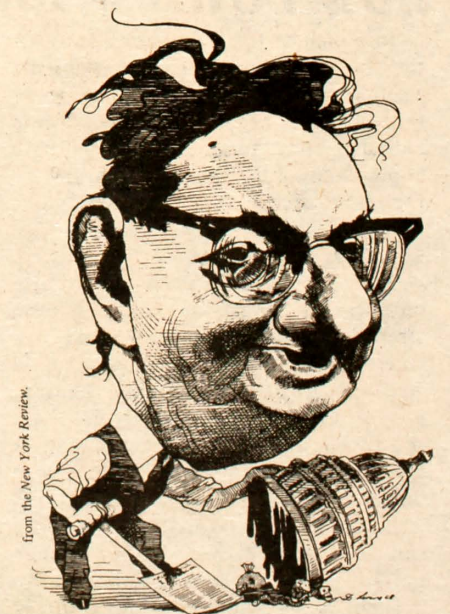
SUPERB also offers several other excellent programs: "Straw Dogs," director Sam Peckinpah's very convincing ode to the territorial imperative, & "If" on May 11; "Catch-22" & Robert Altman's "Brewster McCloud" on May 18; and Marilyn Monroe & Robert Mitchum in "River of No Return" (1954) together with Bunuel's very fine "Robinson Crusoe" (1954) on May 20. The first two programs are in Wheeler Hall with complete shows at 7 & 9:15; the last is in 155 Dwinelle with one showing only beginning at 7 p.m.

FREE FILMS

Laney College is showing two of the classics of world cinema: director Jean Renoir's "Grand Illusion" (1937) on May 9 and Renoir's "The Rules of the Game" (1939) on May 16. Showings are at 6:45 & 9:00 p.m. in the Laney College Forum.

The Laney College "Blacks in the Cinema" series offers three of the most interesting recent films about Blacks: "Sounder" on May 8 & 9; "Malcolm X" on May 15 & 16; and "Sweet Sweetback's Baadass Song" on May 22 & 23. "Sweetback" was the beginning of a whole wave of very violent Black action films but, just like "Bonnie and Clyde," it was in general superior to its offspring. Wednesday showings of the Blacks in the Cinema series are at 12 noon and 7 p.m. in Room D-200 at Laney; Thursday showings are at 7 p.m. at the Learning Temple, 6118 E. 14th St., Oakland.

-Mike Fullerton



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COUNCIL RESPONDS TO DEMONSTRATORS, CALLS FOR EX-COP CRANE'S INDICTMENT



Demonstrators on the steps of City Hall protested the shooting of a 12 year old black youth by former police inspector Charles Crane. The protesters later entered Council Chambers to address the City Council on racism in the police department. Photo by Gail Brown.

In one of its brighter and more responsive moments, the City Council, confronted with approximately 100 demonstrators protesting the shooting of a twelve-year-old Black youth by former police inspector Charles Crane, passed a six-part motion April 23 dealing with the incident.

The motion, introduced by Councilwoman Ying Kelley and amended twice by Councilman Ira Simmons, commended City Manager John Taylor for firing Crane, asked the Alameda County District Attorney to prosecute Crane for attempted murder, and requested that the U.S. Attorney investigate to determine whether the youth's civil rights were violated.

Other sections of the motion requested the City Manager to give his full cooperation to the Police Review Commission in its investigation of the incident and to "come up with a program to end racism in the police department."

The final part of the motion stated, "The Berkeley City Council is outraged by the actions which the San Francisco Police Department is taking toward Black men in particular. We request and urge that the Mayor of San Francisco stop the illegal searching and seizure of Blacks in San Francisco."

BI-PARTISAN VOTE

Commendation of the City Manager was supported by Hancock, Hone, Kallgren, Kelley and Widener, and opposed by Ramsey, Rumford and Simmons while Sweeney abstained. The request for prosecution by the District

Attorney brought forth an equally unusual combination of supporters — Hancock, Kallgren, Kelley, Simmons and Widener. Hone, Ramsey and Sweeney opposed the measure, and Rumford abstained.

While the Zebra statement was passed by acclamation, the other three parts of the motion passed by voice vote with only Ramsey dissenting.

The vote was considered a victory by a significant segment of the Black community, which had demanded that action be taken against the recent wave of stepped-up police harassment of Blacks.

This wave has included the Crane incident, San Francisco's Zebra manhunt, the April 16 raid on Black Panther Party headquarters, and the continued harassment of Police Review Commissioner Bill Walker and his family.

THREE MORE YEARS

One observer noted, however, that the liberal councilmembers supporting most parts of the motion (Hone, Kallgren and Widener) are up for reelection next year. Those in opposition (Ramsey and Sweeney, with the exception of Rumford), on the other hand, will be with us for at least three more years.

It may, however, simply be that even part of the council's liberal majority has become fed up with police antics.

The vote was also another in a series of setbacks for Acting Police Chief Charles Plummer in his attempt to be named permanent Chief. Plummer had tried to outflank the left with his unprecedented

suspension of Crane without pay, and later by his part in Crane's firing.

CHIEF PLUMMER?

Plummer now has less chance than ever of being named Chief. His appointment seems highly unlikely. A nation-wide search for a new Chief is being conducted, and for the first time in history Berkeley may have a Police Chief who has not worked his way up through the ranks of the department.

One source close to the police reported that Plummer was in a City Hall backroom throughout the Council meeting.

Police Review Commissioner Bill Walker, speaking to demonstrators on City Hall steps, called for Plummer's dismissal. "That these type of incidents occur reflects on the leadership of the police department, not just the officers directly involved," he said.

The demonstration was organized by the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Oppression (NAARPO). When demonstrators poured into council chambers, the Council moved to change its agenda to allow the public to speak.

Mark Allen, a member of NAARPO, outlined three of the demonstrators' demands. The demands called for the City Council to take action, for Crane to be prosecuted and for a public investigation on the incident to be conducted. All the demands were met, at least superficially, by the Council.

"MAD DOG CRANE"

At the rally, Allen announced that a meeting would be held soon to organize a drive for community control of police.

Ruth Hyde, speaking to the Council, five of whose nine members are Black males, provided one of the evening's many highlights. "I'm looking for a Black man on the Council, and I'm looking pretty hard," she said. "I hope someday I'll see some Black men on the City Council, some who are not intimidated." She also referred to Crane as a "mad dog."

City Manager Taylor, reporting on the Crane incident, said a two-part approach to the problem — within and without the police department — would be necessary. He said he has therefore asked the police department to investigate and make recommendations, and will request that "outsiders" knowledgeable in police matters and human relations advise on the incident.

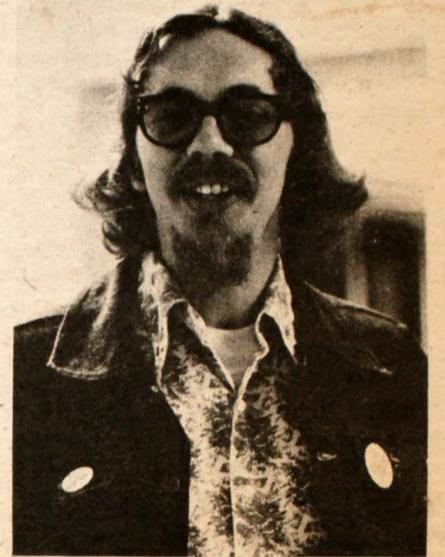
—Ray Riegert

council ignores special campaign spending bill

At its April 23 meeting the City Council failed to enact an emergency 90-day campaign spending limitation ordinance. The measure would have limited campaign expenditures to a total of \$7500 for or against any one ballot measure in the June 4 municipal election.

For the ordinance to take effect in time for the upcoming election seven affirmative votes were required. Councilman Ramsey, Rumford and Sweeney left the meeting, however, before the measure was brought to a vote, leaving the Council with only six votes.

VIET VET WOOD FACES TRIAL



Vietnam veteran Bob Hood faces trial in Superior Court May 21 for allegedly assaulting an Oakland police officer. Photo by Scott Banks.

Bob Hood, Northern California Sub-Regional Coordinator of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, faces trial May 21, in Superior Court. Bob is being tried for an alleged attack on Oakland police officer Ted Burrows.

VVAW/WSO has called the charge against Bob a political attack on VVAW/WSO. The Oakland police have been harassing VVAW/WSO members ever since the emergence of the SLA and the arrest of Joe Remiro. Remiro was a founding but inactive member of VVAW/WSO back in 1972 and he left the organization in March of 1973.

The harassments by Oakland police have included searches of members' homes, stopping and searching members and close surveillance of the Oakland VVAW/WSO office.

CHARGES

Bob is charged with attempting to stab officer Ted Burrows with a Swiss Army knife on the evening of February 26, 1974. Burrows, one of seven officers on the scene, was the only one to testify that Bob had a knife in his hand. According to Bob, officer Burrows took the pocket knife from Bob's pocket after Burrows had beaten him up.

The trial will begin May 21 at 9 a.m. in Dept. 5 of Superior Courthouse in Oakland.

BENEFITS

A benefit garage sale and plant sale will be held May 12 at 2242 Ashby in Berkeley. Donations may be left at the VVAW/WSO storefront, 4919 Telegraph, Oakland, anytime up to May 10.

A legal Defense Benefit will be held on May 19 at the Starry Plough Pub, Prince and Shattuck, Berkeley. Spaghetti dinner will be served starting at 6:30. The program, which will include the Red Star Singers, will begin at 8:30. Donation at the door, \$2.00 for the dinner and the show, \$1.50 for just the show.

—Scott Banks

early electioneering?

RUMFORD MISFIRES IN ATTACKS ON RADICALS

In a prelude to his first attempt to run for the city council in a non-summer election, Councilmember William Rumford Jr. has begun to attack "white radicals" and "ultraliberals" who have imposed unwanted initiative measures on the Black community and are now "going to unseat as many blacks in this City Council as they can."

Rumford Jr. has focused particularly on the initiatives for police reform, asserting that they were planned and voted for by whites. This contention clearly shows how out of touch Rumford is with what he regards as his own constituency. First, the police initiatives appearing on the April 1973 ballot were drawn up by a multi-racial group that included many members from the South and West Berkeley community. Second, the Police Review Commission initiative — about which Rumford is highly critical — carried 22 out of the 24 predominantly black precincts in Berkeley (precincts grouped into 3 census tracts characterized by the 1970 U.S. Census as 67.3%-87.2% black). The Mutual Aid Pact Initiative carried 17 of those same 24 precincts, and even the Police Residency Initiative,

which lost citywide, won in 20 of the 24 precincts.

BILLY SALLIES FORTH

Even more revealing are the results of the August 1973 recall election in which Rumford was elected. "Billy" Rumford, who contemptuously states "I intend to come out into the community and organize the black community the way it should be organized," was unable to convince the majority of voters in a single one of the 24 predominantly black precincts that D'Army Bailey should be recalled.

Rumford Jr. was elected by white reactionary hill votes and is responsible to this constituency. His statements about the disenfranchisement of the South and West Berkeley flatlands and his threats that white radicals are trying to eliminate black councilmembers come from a man wanting issues to win re-election. Apparently Rumford intends to label progressive ideas as white-inspired and racist in the hope that the resulting furor will obscure his lack of support in the minority community. Nevertheless, when the campaign and speeches are over next April, Rumford's chances to gain a full term on the city council will rest on his

following in the North Berkeley hills and Claremont-Elmwood.

—Jim Chanin



City Councilmember William Rumford Jr., whose support derives primarily from the hills, recently attacked "white radicals" as unresponsive to the Black community. Photo by Scott Banks.