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SAN JOSE STATE SIGNS CONTRACT WITH BOLIVIAN POLICE STATE



"The first person who, having fenced off a plot of ground, took it into his head to say this is mine and found people simple enough to believe him, was the true founder of civil society. What crimes, wars murders, what miseries and horrors would the human race have been spared by someone who, uprooting the stakes had shouted to his fellow-men: Beware of listening to this impostor; you are lost if you forget the fruits belong to all and the earth to no one!"—Rousseau

STUDENTS BOMBED IN THE UNIVERSITIES:
THE CIA-LED COUP

Early last year, Bolivia was beginning a transition to socialism. The National Bolivian Workers' Union (COB), the largest union in Bolivia, voted back in May 1970 to call and work for a socialist transformation of their country. Also, since the murder of Che Guevara in 1967, the Army of National Liberation (ELN) has fought a popular urban guerrilla struggle to wrest control of Bolivia's national resources from the hands of U.S. and other foreign economic interests. Together workers, students, peasants, and the ELN pressured the liberal government of General Torres to sanction a People's Assembly in 1971.

The People's Assembly voted for the establishment of diplomatic relations with Chile and Cuba, the expulsion of all U.S. military and intelligence personnel, workers' control of the economy, and equalization of all salaries.

Too much for the military and the pro-U.S. right-wing to bear, the opposition declared a civil war on August 19, and, as the army slaughtered hundreds of workers and students with superior weaponry and bombing attacks, Hugo Banzer Suarez declared himself President. However, the forces behind the coup were much more complex than they appeared. 48 hours before the uprising began or was known about, the U.S. Embassy in La Paz instructed its personnel and the U.S. citizens in the country to make food reserves and not to leave their homes for the next few days. In February 1971, the Brazilian ambassador in La Paz, Hugo Bethlem, gave \$100,000 to Banzer to use for the coup. (Brazil is the U.S.'s closest ally and favorite tool for its machinations in Latin America.)

In fact, even the San Francisco Chronicle's Foreign Correspondent has reported, "Although it has been officially denied, CIA money, training, and advice was liberally given to the rebel strategists who masterminded overthrow of Bolivia's leftist President Juan Jose Torres...part of a far-reaching movement, backed by U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to seize power in a total of six South American republics." In fact, Colonel Banzer himself was host to U.S. military instruction at Fort Bragg, training headquarters of the anti-guerrilla "Green Berets." The troops which Banzer led against the popular government of Torres have an English name—"The Rangers"—copied from their North American teachers (the CIA). Additionally, two of the top new cabinet members, Minister of Interior Andres Selich, and Minister of Labor Ciro Humboldt, have been documented as former top CIA functionaries.

When the coup occurred, American businessmen, with almost 50 million dollars invested in Bolivia, were worried their firms might be nationalized with the growing trend toward socialism. Now, however, Banzer has declared that he will "stimulate foreign investment" and give special guarantees to all foreign investors to protect their capital.

Since the government was seized, Col. Andres Selich, who along with the CIA was responsible for the assassination of Che Guevara in 1967, has stated that he will "eliminate every leftist" still alive in Bolivia. They have already made a pretty good beginning. After its victory, the new regime ordered government planes to attack the university in La Paz, while the infantry surrounded it, killing at least eight of the 1,000 unarmed students inside, injuring countless others; 7 local labor union offices have been assaulted; fifty unarmed communists were herded into a park and shot; leaders of the popular resistance have been either imprisoned or killed. 8 Since then, all the schools have been shut down.

Col. Banzer has asserted that his new regime will be "nationalist and fascist." German experts honed the Bolivian military until they were called back home by the Chancellor of the Reich. Banzer's party, the Bolivian Socialist Falange, admits to being modeled after the "nationalist socialism" of Hitler. 9 "Banzer has no nation behind him. His only strength is the weakness of any and every government based on repression." 10

SAN JOSE STATE'S ROLE

On December 1st, a \$208,000 contract was signed between the new government of Bolivia and San Jose State College, to be financed through the U.S. AID program (Agency for International Development). SJS' School of Education is training twelve Bolivian educators to help its national Ministries of Planning and Education in a nationwide reform of its elementary and secondary school system. Tasks include the creation of a high level national policy board to coordinate policy making and implementation in all the educational institutions in Bolivia, restructuring the Office of Educational Planning, Budget Administration, and General Administration of Education, and reclassification of positions and administrative hierarchy.

According to Associate Professor of Education, Dr. Gene Lamb, who is directing the project, the Bolivian team is fairly well split between members of the "Nazi-likell" Falange, and members of the EBR (Revolutionary Nationalist Movement), the Falange's partner in the coup, "who wear a reformist mask in order to cover up the crimes of fascism." 12

The head of the delegation is a Falangist. Lamb mentioned other people that have participated in the project: Mexican-American Graduate Studies, Jose Villa of the San Jose Unified School District, and Leo Baréllis.

Two full-time consultants will be going to Bolivia from the U.S.: Gil Martinez, a Chicano from the County Office of Education in Sonoma County, and Louis Thornton, a Mexican Education Contract Officer from the International Reconstruction and Development Agency (World Bank).



Left: Pres. Hugo Banzer. His party, "the Bolivian Socialist Falange, admits to being modeled after the 'nationalist socialism' of Hitler." 9 Minister of Education, Augusto Moya (right) is also a Falangist.

The contract between the Bolivian government and the San Jose State Foundation was signed by Pres. John Bunzel, with the stipulation that it "will aid the (San Jose State) community in some way." Apparently adding to a few bureaucrats pocketbooks is justification enough, for it has been kept strictly secret from the San Jose State community as a whole. Although we read about the signing of the contract in the San Jose Mercury, the school's official newspaper, the Spartan Daily, has chosen not to cover the story at all. Somebody is awfully worried about this information getting out to students, or in fact out to anyone, as the contract contains a stipulation: "All information is the property of the government and by no means should be reproduced or published in any form, either partial or total, by the contractor, nor divulged to any native person or persons outside the jurisdiction of the government of U.S. AID, without written authorization from the government." 13

This is not the first time that San Jose State has played a direct part in U.S. imperialism in Latin America: after the CIA-led invasion by 30,000 U.S. marines of the Dominican Republic in April, 1965 under Pres. Johnson, SJS received a \$797,000 Aid-financed contract with the Dominican Republic for advice and assistance in developing curriculum. 14 This contract was supervised by SJS School of Education's G. W. Ford, who was also instrumental in obtaining the Bolivian contract.

San Jose State's program is just one part of the plan for total revision of the Bolivian educational system. Central to the plan is reform of the country's universities. For, as the introduction to Bolivian's "Reforma Integral de la Educacion" states: "Since 1960, the University was converted into general headquarters for red extremism, and in 1967 the High Command of the guerrillas and later the incubator of the same with expenses paid by the State." Banzer might be said to have a special interest in education: He was Minister of Education under former Pres. Rene Barrientos, the greatest tyrant and mass murderer Bolivia has ever known.

THE NEW FACE OF AMERICAN COUNTERINSURGENCY

In 1961, when Cuba became openly Communist, Latin American studies took on a new importance to the strategy of American businessmen, since "their" marketplace and "their" hemisphere were being threatened. Having learned a lesson from Vietnam, they have switched their tactics from direct military intervention to control of the local police (see page 11) and of society's basic institutions, like educational systems. In the last decade, U.S. corporations have expanded their direct foreign investments by 60%—and it stood at \$40 billion in 1963. 15 New American plants are going up every day. Thus U.S. businessmen have a vital interest in maintaining political stability under governments friendly to the U.S. in Latin America. The U.S. government naturally has a vital stake in seeing that their wishes are carried out, since politicians depend on them for campaign contributions, and the big capitalists have their men in most of the important positions in government any way (oil company men in the State Dept., for example).

The American strategy focuses on the campuses for many reasons. First, by running the schools with American procedures, American ideology, and with American developed-curriculum, the corporations are insured of the highly trained and properly motivated work force so necessary to their overseas operations. Education stimulates purchasing power and encourages political stability. Americanization gives access to raw materials, labor pools, and markets. Additionally, it is on the campuses that the demand for social and economic change is the most vocal. Student leaders are often radical leftists, and some universities are centers of urban guerilla warfare. Since most Latin American universities presently have relative autonomy from the governments, and since the students have considerable power to control their operations, centralization and de-politicization of the universities are a must if American counter-insurgency is to work. Once education is centralized, the administrator necessarily gains more power, and the students lose it. 16 These aspects have been stressed in all the American plans.

The best tool for developing these programs is the American universities. They can do research into Latin American affairs, they can maintain U.S.-Latin American inter-university cooperative programs, and they can develop and run assistance programs for Latin American governments, businesses, institutions, and societies (most exchanges are between Schools of Engineering, Business, Law, Economics, and Education). This is how San Jose State is being used.

Technical assistance contracts for U.S. universities through the AID program alone jumped from 20 in 1960 to 57 in 1968. 17 There have been over 150 contracts with more than 75 U.S. universities for research and assistance in Latin American affairs since 1960, when the threat of Communist takeover of U.S. firms was so vividly pictured in Cuba.

These development programs are usually financed either through corporate foundations, like the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, that have a direct monetary stake in training their own technicians, or through the U.S. AID program. AID (Agency for International Development), set up under Kennedy, is perhaps the embodiment of the new American technique in counter-insurgency. It is responsible for the training and arming of Latin American police forces with the latest weapons and paramilitary techniques to put down dissent, so the U.S. army won't have to go in (see page 11). In some cases, AID provides cover for the "technical" operations of the CIA as has been acknowledged to be the case in Thailand. 18 AID, under the leadership of David Bell, now vice-president of the Ford Foundation, began to increase expenditures for educational projects overseas, to the point that U.S. penetration of higher education in the Third World is carried out through contracts with over 70 American universities.

Latin American students oppose the U.S.-influenced reforms of Latin American universities for two reasons: they want reforms to be initiated and controlled by Latin Americans, and they see that the use of technology will not benefit the society until the political system is rebuilt. \$208,000 of taxpayer's money could certainly be put to better use than supporting Bolivian fascism, and there is no justification for using it to pave the way for increased profits for the few who own the American corporations. As students especially we must refuse to let our universities be used by these men, for programs under liberal guises serving a total strategy known only to a few. We have shown our opposition to U.S. imperialism in the form it takes in Vietnam, and we must attack it with equal commitment as it moves to more sophisticated levels.

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THE PEOPLE'S YELLOW PAGES has information on alternatives: crash pads, switchboards, free and inexpensive services at 2351 Jackson #9, S.F. Send \$1.25.

DYNAMITE CHICKEN, with Jimi Hendrix, John and Yoko, Red Stockings, Andy Warhol and other notables at the Towne, 1433 The Alameda, Sat. midnight. \$1.50.

FOOD STAMP CUT-OFF is finally coming Feb. 1. (They'll write to you around the 15th) More information Wed., Jan. 12 in the Ballroom at 11 a.m., or at 298-1315.

SAN JOSE FREE UNIVERSITY CATALOG in the next Red Eye, Jan. 13.

MOBY GRAPE at the Bodega Thursday the 13th for \$2. Must be over 18.

TEATRO CAMPESINO, Jan. 13 in Morris Dailey for free, 7:30 p.m.

SWITCHBOARD has a new number: 293-0224 at 210 S. 1st St., rm. 405, and a benefit at the Warehouse this Sunday.

SOLEDAD BROS. trial, every Tues-Fri. at the S.F. Hall of Justice. Get there before 9:30.

If you can't find it at Carroll & Bishop's, the Humidor or the Comix Collector's Shop, then it's not in town.

SACCO & VANZETTI, supposed to be a great movie, is coming to the Studio (1st & San Salvador) Jan. 19. Usually \$1-\$1.50.

THE FOOD STAMP GOURMET tells how to fix gourmet meals for 60¢ a serving and less, at the Comix Collector's Shop, next to Happi Pillow.

THE TAMALES FACTORY, which wasn't yet cleared for Food Stamps when we first mentioned them, is now, with low prices: 1139 E. William.

SEND A DOLLAR TO SEDI-TION! If only 182 of our 5000 readers send one, we'll have enough for our next issue. We need your support! P.O. Box 4534, S.J. 95126.

THE CHICANO DAILY, an informative newsletter is available every day outside MAGS, MSW & EOP.

For good food in a non-plastic restaurant run by good people, try the CACHITO DEL TERRE, 478 E. Santa Clara (off 10th) open for lunch & dinner.

BERKELEY YOUTH HOSTEL, 711 Harrison (near 4th) provides bed, blankets, shower, soap, storage, free store all for only \$1. Four night limit.

RADIO FREE IRELAND, Sun. 5-6 PM, KQED FM 88.5. Latest news from Ireland, music, sports, commentaries, interviews & Gaelic lessons.

Don't throw away old marking pens. Gain entry into pen & add equal amounts food coloring & water (two drops may be enough). You can refill at least 30 times.

PAUL JENKINS SHOW at the SF Museum of Art, Jan. 7-Feb. 20 (my favorite!)

THE IRISH REPUBLIC CLUB is having its first meeting Wed., Jan. 12 in room 316, Faculty Office Building, for all supporters of the Irish Republican Movement.

RUCHELL MAGEE: UP AGAINST THE SLAVE SYSTEM

"The slave revolts were the beginning of the revolutionary struggle for the uplift of the laboring masses in the modern world. They have been minimized in extent because of the propaganda in favor of slavery and the feeling that the knowledge of slave revolt would hurt the system."

W. E. B. DuBois

To many people whose backgrounds stem from the enclaves of white bourgeois suburbia, the case of Ruchell Magee is very hard to relate to. Ruchell Magee, or brother Cinque as he is known to some of his brothers and sisters, has spent almost his entire adult life behind bars, largely because he is Black and poor.

Ruchell Magee, who now stands accused of having murdered Judge Harold Haley during the August 7, 1970 Marin County courthouse massacre, faced his first arrest before he turned thirteen in his home state of Louisiana. Since then he has been subjected to one racist assault after another upon his person and his legal and human rights.

Louisiana is a state which up to this day still relies on Black slave labor from its overcrowded prisons. For a black male to look at a white woman in Louisiana is sometimes enough to get him arrested for "attempted rape"; a charge that sent Ruchell to the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola when he was only sixteen.

It was not until 6½ years later that Ruchell was able to leave Angola, a prison notorious for its extremely brutal conditions, and found himself unskilled, illiterate and unfree in a hostile racist society. The stipulation of his parole was that he would leave his home state, a condition that brought him to Los Angeles the year of his release.

For the next six months Ruchell worked at a car wash and painted houses to sustain himself physically. However, his life outside prison was rudely altered on March 23, 1963 when he was arrested and beaten by two police officers over a dispute involving a marijuana deal of ten dollars. He was charged with kidnap and robbery, got convicted and received an indeterminate sentence of life imprisonment! Ruchell's own personal testimony of the incident reports the following:

A Ben Howard Brown had sold Ruchell and his cousin, Leroy Stewart, ten dollars of marijuana. The same Ben Howard Brown then agreed to drive Ruchell, his cousin, and a young woman to 68th and Central Avenues. En route a heated argument between Brown and Ruchell developed which ended up in a brief scuffle when they reached their destination. Brown ran to call the sheriff and reported that he had been kidnapped and robbed of both his car and ten dollars. Shortly thereafter officers arrived on the scene and charged Ruchell and Stewart with kidnap and robbery. When Ruchell denied the charges on the ground that he didn't have Brown's car keys, he was beaten unmercifully by two arresting officers. Later he was coughing so much blood in his cell he has to be transferred to the L.A. County Hospital for a five-day stay.

The trial that followed showed that the application of justice "AmeriKKKan style" was not limited to the South. At the trial, despite bitter objections by Ruchell, a "public defender" was assigned to take up his defense. Ben Howard Brown's testimony was so contradictory that it was thrown out of court. The prosecution used a taped confession by Leroy Stewart to convict Ruchell. Logic: if his cousin, Leroy, pleads guilty (advised to do so by his court-appointed attorney!) then Ruchell must be guilty, too.

According to Ruchell, Leroy confessed to the kidnap charge only after being roughed up. Consequently, Ruchell was sentenced to life in prison under California's infamous indeterminate sentence law.

Intent on fighting obvious and flagrant injustices committed against him by the court, Ruchell started to study law inside the prison walls. Teaching himself to read, using the U. S. Constitution and a legal dictionary as a basis, Ruchell began his internship as a "jailhouse lawyer."

Deeply convinced of his innocence, a determined Ruchell managed (without outside legal aid) to get his conviction set aside through his own writs and appeals. A new trial was ordered in December 1964. Again the state refused to grant Ruchell a just and fair trial. In an incredible move a court-appointed attorney, without having consulted Ruchell at all, entered a plea of not guilty by reason of INSANITY. Ruchell immediately objected to the plea, an act that angered Judge Herbert V. Walker, who ordered him gagged. At one time he was beaten and dragged from the courtroom, injured so badly that he had to be taken to the county jail hospital.

Judge Walker, with the altered testimony of the same Ben Howard Brown whose testimony was thrown out during the first trial, instructed the jury to find Ruchell either insane or guilty. Found guilty, Ruchell was sentenced to life imprisonment without the chance of parole!



Ruchell Magee

Back in jail, Ruchell returned to the law books. Writing writs and helping in his prison comrades with their own cases, he earned the respected title of "jailhouse lawyer." Under the constant pressure of guards who were bent on breaking this "nigger jailhouse lawyer," Ruchell continued his legal fight. Many times he was thrown into the solitary confines of the so-called Adjustment Center, better known as "the hole" by prisoners.

The more Ruchell struggled with his own case and studied the cases of other prisoners, the more he became convinced that a person's economic class and skin color predetermined his "due process" in the U.S. Not unlike many of his Black comrades in jail, Ruchell developed a revolutionary consciousness—the knowledge that the "system as a whole" is beyond reform.

THE KILLING OF FRED BILLINGSLEA AND AUGUST 7, 1970

This revolutionary consciousness was heightened for many prisoners in Feb., 1970, when Fred Billingslea, a black prisoner, was killed by San Quentin guards. According to prison autho-

rities, Billingslea died when he set fire to his mattress and suffocated. But his comrades knew better. Billingslea, because he was "emotionally disturbed," was placed in the Adjustment Center where he did set fire to his mattress. However, when guards arrived on the scene, Billingslea refused to come out of his cell. The guards in turn threw tear gas canisters into his cell and locked the door until he was unconscious. He was then dragged down three flights of stairs and severely beaten, according to prisoners' affidavits. The next morning he was dead.

Determined to let the outside know about the way Billingslea was killed, Ruchell and other prisoners collected witness statements, wrote to friends, and filed legal papers exposing the murder. Prison guards reacted in the usual brutal way. Prisoners working on Billingslea's case and witnesses were threatened, beaten, and thrown in the "hole."

On August 7, 1970, Ruchell found himself in a courtroom as witness for James McClain, facing his second trial accused of having stabbed a guard. The first time he had defended himself so effectively that an all white jury could not agree on a verdict despite the testimony of five white prison guards. The presiding judge was Harold Haley, who had also presided over McClain's first trial. Prosecutor Garry Thomas was husband of Judge Haley's niece.

Into this courtroom walked Jonathan Jackson, armed not only with a submachine gun but also an acute awareness of the vicious nature of the judicial-penal system and its treatment of people of color. As the three Black prisoners were released at gunpoint, several guards handed over their weapons. Judge Haley, D.A. Thomas and three jurists were taken hostage to a van waiting outside. Jonathan himself got behind the steering wheel. When the crowded van sped away, San Quentin guards, directly disobeying Judge Haley's orders not to shoot, began to fire away at the van. Shortly thereafter, Jonathan, James McClain, Christmas and Judge Haley had died as the other passengers received injuries.

The death of Judge Haley, a man who learned the hard way how much the State values human life, was immediately blamed upon Ruchell Magee, the sole Black survivor in the massacre. The D. A.'s office has since admitted that the first shots were fired by San Quentin guards. Also, a recent coroner's report indicates that the fatal bullet that killed Judge Haley came from outside the van.

CONSPIRACY?

While Ruchell Magee was undergoing major surgery for bullet wounds received during his bid for freedom (only fifteen days after the operation Magee was forced into a filthy strip cell with no plumbing and just concrete to sleep on, his repeated requests for medical attention denied) the state was dreaming up their version of a sophisticated conspiracy that triggered off the August 7 massacre.

Radical Black scholar and activist Angela Davis, close friend of the Jackson family, and Ruchell Magee became the state's chief defendants in the alleged conspiracy to kidnap and murder. But according to spokesmen for the Ruchell Magee Committee for Black Prisoners, if there was any conspiracy it was the "conspiracy" to take over the nearest radio station and inform the public about the murder of Fred Billingslea.

The case of Ruchell Magee, extraordinary only in that a series of circumstances have brought it into the public eye, is undoubtedly the norm for the thousands of Black people and other people of color who find themselves illegally held in the prisons of AmeriKKKa.

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ROLLING STONE INVADED!

A bunch of freaks under the aegis of the Rock Liberation Front recently forcibly invaded and occupied the offices of Rolling Stone magazine for several hours. The occupation followed several hours of demonstrations in front of a town house owned by Paul McCartney's manager and father-in-law, John Eastman.

Marching to the Rolling Stone offices, they found the place locked up. An infiltrator threw open the door and about 60 people stormed in and occupied the floor. Michael Marcus, a Rolling Stone hack, was hit in the face with a pie in the midst of a macho attempt to repel the invaders.

The demonstrators put forth a long list of grievances against the magazine, including RS's attempts to turn people's energy into product consumption: records, tape recorders, plastic marijuana plants, etc.; RS's intimate relationship with a few established recording companies and their artists, and exclusion of people's bands; RS's close ties with Xerox, Warner Brothers, and National Periodicals, and their exploitive book division, Straight Arrow Books (which published a \$7.95 book on making your own clothes, a \$6.95 cookbook, and a \$5 re-binding of the two John Lennon interviews); the publication of Pun Plamondon's picture with a note to call the FBI while Pun was on the ten most wanted list (Pun is a White Panther leader charged with blowing up a CIA building).

While confusion reigned in the office, members of the so-called "Magic Christian Collective" rifled the files in search of something incriminating. As a large bundle of liberated files were carried towards the door, three RS thugs jumped the perpetrators, and a 20-minute free-for-all ensued. Finally A.J. Weberman leapt into the fray swinging a chair, and the man with the goodies escaped, only to be recaptured on the lower floor in a Japanese restaurant where he was mistaken for a thief, although he explained to the angry Japanese mob he was only saving the files from the "commies" upstairs. The timely arrival of several conspirators created enough diversion for the agent to escape into a mysterious black Volkswagen that had been waiting at the curb.

The contents of the files were fascinating. There was owner Jan Wenner saying, "When we get enough ads, we can tell everybody to go fuck themselves."

There was discussion of a photo contest for readers, for the purpose of convincing camera manufacturers that RS readers were into cameras, so that they would advertise.

There was a similar reference to a car decorating contest, with letters to the presidents of Ford and American Motors.

There were letters to booze manufacturers. (Perhaps you saw the recent ad, "Slow down with Italian Swiss," a psychedelic picture of an empty-headed man with ants crawling all over him.)

There were repeated exhortations to keep writer's fees as low as possible, although private communiques bragged of increasing sales and profits on all fronts. (An income report showed that each RS issue grosses about \$53,000 in advertising alone, not even counting returns from actual RS sales.)

There was continuous emphasis on the buying power of the RS audience, based on a Roper Survey. They're selling us to Madison Avenue!

It was repeatedly pointed out to advertisers that over 80% of RS's audience is male. Of course, all editorial and managerial positions are held by men, if you look at the masthead.

There was a statement that RS wants to branch out into non-rock content, to become sort of a hip Playboy. The dilemma they face over doing so is that they would tend to lose rock ads while temporarily not gaining other ads like cosmetics, clothes, electronic garbage, etc.

There was all this and much, much more. The image that emerged was of a bunch of hustlers trying to convert revolutionary energy into consumerism as fast and as profitably as possible. (They're being helped in this respect by the loan of one Joe Shaughnessy, a marketing and sales expert from National Lampoon, which is also distributed by Kinney.)

Don't get us wrong. We think Rolling Stone is a good magazine. It is the only one that gives coverage to many of the events that are important to us, and its reporting can be incisive and deep. But this is attributable to the writers, who are being even more blatantly ripped off by the owners, who are simply capitalizing on the youth culture and are only in it for the bread.

Santana Stoned Out in Peru

Santana was recently run out of Lima, Peru, just before what was to be the first of eight concerts to benefit victims of the 1970 earthquake. Students at the San Marcos University, however, saw the sponsoring of the group by the U.S. State Department as an attempt to break the months-long protest strike they were holding at the university where the group was to perform. They called it "an imperialist invasion," and burned the stadium stage to the ground two days before the event was to take place.

Band members were questioned by the government for several hours before they were charged with "acting contrary to good taste and the moralizing objectives of the revolutionary government," and put on an L.A.-bound plane. They were not allowed to collect their luggage and equipment, which was valued at over \$300,000.

THE BANGLA DESH ALBUM

The Concert for Bangla Desh album is finally out, and reportedly selling faster than any album in history, with the possible exception of Sgt. Pepper's. But where the profits are going remains unclear.

George Harrison brought the struggle into the open when, appearing on the Dick Cavett TV show, he called the collaborating record companies (Capitol and Columbia) "capitalist bastards," and gave them the finger, as well as other portions that were covered by commercials. Apparently the companies were attempting to skim the profits that were slated to go to the UNICEF fund

for refugees of Bangla Desh. The two concerts netted a total of \$243,488.50 for Bangla Desh (the check is reproduced on the photo booklet that comes with the album), and estimates for album sales run as high as \$3,000,000.

In any case, the record companies are selling the album to dealers for \$10, with a list price of \$12.98 (the usual wholesale price to dealers is six or seven dollars), so no stores are able to offer it at a discount. Some are offering it for \$10, making no profit themselves. Others have marked it up as high as \$14.98, out to make a big profit on this "album of the decade," although the performers are receiving no royalties themselves.

L.A. POLICE CHIEF DECLARES WAR ON GAYS

Los Angeles gays have taken to the streets in reaction to Police Chief Edward Davis' announcement that he has added homosexuals to the vice squad's "most wanted list."

Explaining his policy, Davis referred to gays as criminals and murderers. "We are going to treat the gay liberation groups the same as female prostitutes," he said. A recent weekend saw 80 gays arrested at bars and in the streets.

L.A. gays have responded by attending by the hundreds a protest rally outside of the Federal Building, by marching on the police station, and by undertaking a week-long fast, demanding Davis' removal from office.

The war was touched off when David Glascock, president of the Gay Community Alliance, requested that a liaison officer be appointed to the gay community, as had been done with other minority groups. Davis' office responded that the police department does not conduct liaisons with criminals.

News from the Farm Workers

AS 1355 was a bill that would have provided unemployment insurance to farm workers (a right that is guaranteed to members of all other unions and most occupations). It passed the state legislature, but was vetoed by Gov. Reagan on Christmas Eve! In vetoing this long overdue reform, Reagan explained that he didn't want to further tax the "already overburdened" California agriculture industry.

Modern agribusiness is a multi-million dollar industry! That Reagan wouldn't require these corporation heads to set aside a small portion of their profits to enable farm workers to feed and clothe their families during unworkable months is another example of the shameless way that government exists to protect and enhance the profits of big capitalists. It is an atrocity.

The United Farm Workers have tried to meet with a number of wineries in the Napa Valley, to discuss negotiations and elections. They have been met with she-riffs, dogs, and guns. Workers have been fired for union organizing. This last harvest season some families had to live in their cars and in nearby parks because there isn't enough housing for farm workers in the Napa Valley. This despite the fact that wine grapes lead in vineyard planting. Wine grape growers have the largest profit-potential in California agriculture.

Consequently, the Union has begun to boycott nine Napa wineries: Berringer Brothers, Korbel, Kornell Champagne Cellars, Charles Krug, Robert Mondavi, Louis Martini, Wente, Weibel, and Samuele Sebastiani.

If you want to help the farm workers, call them up at 292-4651 or visit their office at 237 No. 1st.

NEWS

Heroin ends your sex life

Dr. Hardin B. Jones, University of California biophysicist has charged that information disseminated about heroin usually omits one important fact: that continuous use will eliminate your sex life. He recently went to South Vietnam for the National Council for the Prevention of Drug Abuse, and revealed that all the addicted soldiers he talked to without exception told him they had lost all ability to have sexual intercourse. This matched the findings "of my interviews with thousands of students."

Jones claims that maintaining on methadone is a terrible mistake, since it is also an opiate. "The opiate user is still relatively paranoid and not sexually arousable."

He added that even after total withdrawal from drugs, it may take six months or more of regimented exercise for a former user to recover his sex drive.

Yale switches to health food

One of Yale University's largest dining halls has switched from dripping gravies, mushy vegetables, and french fries to natural foods. Increasing numbers of students were drifting away from the official dining halls to vegetarian restaurants and health food stores, but almost all have returned. The director of food services is considering introducing some of the more popular dishes, like pinto bean goulash and lentil cakes, into the other dining halls.

SMOG REACHES ANTARCTICA

Scientists are beginning to find most of the pollutants that strangle L.A. now in Antarctica, where cars and industrial plants never come. These pollutants have all spread there from the Northern Hemisphere. Scientists have also found DDT in penguins and increasing deposits of lead in falling snow.

FOOD STAMPS ALTERED FOR ECOLOGY'S SAKE

The Department of Agriculture has requested that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing remove the smoke from the smokestacks of factories on the 50-cent and \$2 Food Stamp coupons "in the interest of ecology."

If someone would only order the removal of pollutants from the smokestacks of the real-life plants, maybe pollution wouldn't have crossed the seas all the way to Antarctica.

In other Food Stamp news, the Agriculture Department, at Pres. Nixon's request, will not allow people to receive cash change from food stamps, starting March 1. A House-Senate conference reported that allowing low-income people to receive up to 49 cents change from stamps "threatens the success of the food stamp program and should be stopped."

NIXON: ILLUSIONARY PRES.

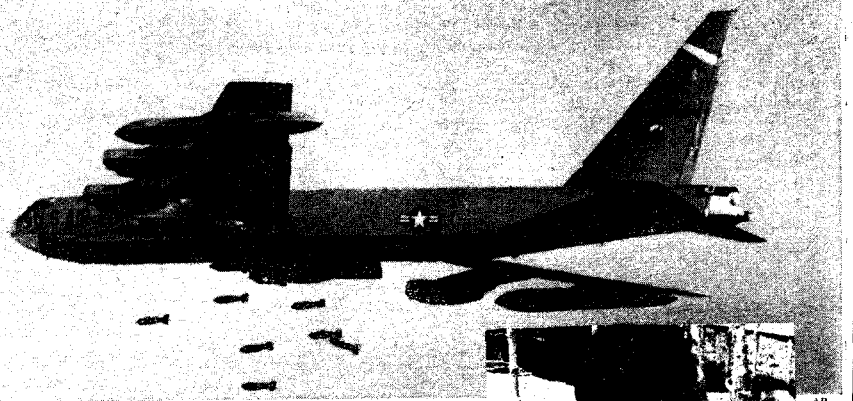
The recent secret documents on the government's India-Pakistan planning sessions, released by columnist Jack Anderson, revealed some very interesting things. Like for instance, that although Nixon thought he was giving the orders, his aides were actually calling the whole strategy without him.



"Dr. Kissinger said that whoever was putting out background information relative to the current situation is provoking presidential wrath. THE PRESIDENT IS UNDER THE 'ILLUSION' THAT HE IS GIVING INSTRUCTIONS; NOT THAT HE IS MERELY KEPT APPRISED OF AFFAIRS AS THEY PROGRESS. Dr. Kissinger asked that this be kept in mind.

WHITE BABY SHORTAGE

American couples are offering to fly to Ireland by the hundreds in order to adopt Irish orphans into their families. Here in the U.S. there is an acute shortage of white-skinned babies available for adoption. But few are ready to comply with the stiff residency requirement, which normally requires at least 18 months residency in Ireland.



B-52 bomber raid

BOMBS AWAY !!



Sunday, December 28, three hundred and fifty American fighter-bombers, almost all the planes in the South East Asian sector, attacked the North Vietnamese people. It was the most massive attack on the North since April, 1968. Although few noticed the small news items, bombing had begun again inside North Vietnam several weeks before.

This in a war that is supposed to be "winding down," with American troops leaving. Of course, many things show that Americans will not leave for a long, long time: the 30-year oil leases, the new Ford plant, the increased military staff at Phnom Penh, the undiminished CIA heroin trade.

It is impossible to pinpoint-bomb a target as small as a village. Bombs that fall in the villages destroy homes, bombs that fall in the rice paddies destroy crops, and bombs that fall in the jungle form crater lakes in which malaria mosquitoes breed. Over a third of the population of South Vietnam are now refugees (approximately four million people), and about a third of the forests are destroyed. This all in a mere ten years. The once populous Plain of Jars in Laos is now completely deserted due to the American bombing campaign (a strike by six or seven B-52's will leave a swath a half-mile wide and three miles long where nothing can survive). Anti-personnel weapons which explode into thousands of pieces, gashing flesh, and leaving gaping wounds are deemed more effective than the traditional bombs which affect fewer people, but do so more intensely (like with death). Anti-personnel weapons are better because they injure a person and render him/her dependant on one-to-five others to care for him/her, thus removing two-to-six people out of the fighting force. Some anti-personnel bombs are especially designed to attract children (by attaching bright colored pieces of cloth to them—they explode as soon as they're picked up), thus crippling someone for life.

Planned to coincide with the Christmas-New Year's vacation, many of us were reduced to watching as Vietnam veterans occupied the Statue of Liberty and the Betsy Ross House, seized the Lincoln Memorial, barricaded themselves inside a Travis military unit, and shut down S.F.'s South Vietnamese Consulate. Additionally, NPAC picketed the White House on New Year's Eve and held a demonstration at the Federal Building here. People chanted anti-war slogans over television at the Rose Parade, and the Anti-Imperialist Contingent called for a march in the City.

As it turned out, fighter pilots were amazed at North Vietnam's strength in the air, and military men (Nixon's opinion to the contrary) termed the strike an almost total failure due to poor weather conditions.

However, now that many American troops are leaving the rice paddies of Vietnam, the Pentagon's strategy to counter a people's war remains basically the same: physical elimination of the people's part of the war. Bombing the Vietnamese into submission is not a new tactic. Mechanistic bombing and electronic warfare also seem to diminish the wide and potentially explosive public antiwar sentiment at home since it kills less Americans—only Asians.

U.S. churches=war profiteers

American churches are making huge profits off the genocide of the Vietnam war.

A recent study found that ten major Protestant denominations have invested \$203 million in 39 of the top 60 corporations producing bombers, missiles, guns, anti-personnel mines, and tanks for the Vietnam war effort.

The United Methodist Church has nearly \$60 million invested in military contractors. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has 41% of its \$8.6 million in investments in corporations producing war machinery.

Earnings on these investments totaled \$5.2 million in 1970, a relatively bad year for profits, said the Corporate Information Center, set up to aid churches in their choice of investments.

THIRD WORLD HAS A LONG WAY TO GO

Of the nearly 1500 delegates representing 95 countries at the Third World Conference held in Lima, Peru, this month, only six were women.



HHH OVERCOMES CONSTIPATION

"I'm as confident and as eager as a young colt. The juices are running. I don't feel clogged up any more."

Brave New World reaches Brazil

A model city is being built for workers on one of the world's largest dams near Sao Paulo, Brazil. The town, designed by scientist in the best interests of the company building the dam, offers some insights into life in 1984.

The population is divided into six classes, according to occupation. Class 1 are laborers; class 2, craftsmen; class 3, administrators; class 4, technicians and nurses, etc. Class 5 families get deluxe, 5-room apartments, while class 1 families are confined to two small rooms. The classes are forbidden to intermingle. There are separate shops and recreational facilities for each class, and no squares in the town where people can meet.

Breaking the rules is a serious crime. For example, Jose Eduardo Lopes (class 2) was fired for having "non-business relationships" when seen in the company of his cousin (class 3) late at night.

The company (CESP) feels that the organization of the town will eliminate social conflicts and that a certain military stratification will insure the best production.

LOCAL JAILS: "CONDITIONS INFINITELY BETTER IN VIETNAM"

Statistics show that more than half of the 28,000 inmates held in the state's city and county jails today are legally innocent, as they have not even been brought to trial. Due to the huge backlog of court cases, nearly all of them will spend more time behind bars while they are legally presumed innocent than they will even if later convicted of a felony.

In California, these prisoners are kept in conditions generally regarded as the worst in the penal system. For instance, a Federal judge recently ruled that conditions at the Greystone center of the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center were so abhorrent "as to constitute cruel and unusual punishment for man or beast." Congressman Robert Drinian, who had visited the "tiger cages" of South Vietnam as well as the Santa Rita prison testified, "Conditions were infinitely better in Vietnam." These facilities are still being used.

These city and county jails, according to the Keldogord Report to the State Department of Corrections, are the most costly mistake in the history of the criminal justice system. Men who undergo this experience and then are found innocent emerge embittered, hampered by social stigma, more than half unable to return to their old jobs. For \$75 million each year, California taxpayers are producing an ever more bitter, more dangerous ex-convict population.

ROBERT ALEXANDER KILLED IN COUNTY JAIL

Robert Alexander, a 40 year old white male who had just begun serving a 90 day sentence in the county jail for drunk driving died about 33 hours after being involved in a fight with seven guards. Alexander was pronounced dead on arrival on December 5 at 11:45 A.M. at VMC. The news of the incident was not released until Monday afternoon, when a very carefully worded article appeared in the San Jose News. The Sheriffs' Department denies that Alexander was struck by any deputies; they also claim Alexander was found beating his head against the door of the drunk tank! Five and one-half hours after the fight he was taken to VMC to close a 6 centimeter wound behind his left ear. He was returned to the main jail by 9:00 A.M. on December 4 and then over twenty-four hours later was rushed back to VMC. The coroner's report states that Alexander died of brain injuries. Hopefully, the Sheriffs' Department will not attempt the kind of whitewash in this case as the SJPD attempted in the John Henry Smith incident.

F.D.A. may do its job

A bill is now pending in Congress that would have the Food and Drug Administration do testing on drugs to determine their proper usage and relative effectiveness. Up to now the drug companies have named their own investigators and done their own testing in their own laboratories. The FDA would then automatically certify the effectiveness and function of the drug on the basis of these tests.

According to an official source, "The FDA has been fooled many times on this account."

Seattle's Care packages from Japan

15,000 families in Seattle were being kept from starving by mercy shipments of food from its sister city in Japan while the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture refused for nearly a year to release food surpluses to people who were too poor to buy food stamps.

More than 15% of the city's workers had lost their jobs as a result of cutbacks by Boeing and other aerospace contractors. When their unemployment checks ran out, they discovered they had too much property to qualify for state or Federal aid. Many other who qualified for food stamps didn't have any money to buy them.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture refused to operate food stamp and food surplus programs together in the same district.

A November report of a Senate committee headed by George McGovern and Charles Percy on their October survey (more than eight months after the crisis had begun) found that the Agriculture Department clearly had authority to distribute food along with its food stamp program.

Still nothing happened.

Finally, a month later, after a blistering Senate speech by Warren Magnuson, the Agriculture Department declared it would implement a distribution campaign of canned meat, peanut butter, and instant potatoes to the afflicted families.

UNDERGROUND PAPERS ARE EVERYWHERE

Underground papers have reached the offices of Standard Oil, Metropolitan Life Insurance, National Can Company, and Pacific Telephone. Most of these papers, published by workers in the different firms, offer satirical impressions of company administrators and mentality, while others include attacks on the company product, the Vietnam war, the wage-price freeze and the capitalist system.

These papers, which each reach about 600 readers, have succeeded in creating movements around various reforms, like abolishing executive dining rooms and heating drafty plants. While company officials insist publicly they are indifferent to these publications, editors insist there is growing discontent among office workers and other employees.

NADER: "CHEMICAL WARFARE ON INDUSTRIAL WORKERS"

Ralph Nader and a team of prominent scientists warned recently that industrial poisons in mines and factories cause death and disease in a least 200,000 to half a million workers a year.

They claimed that 6000 poisonous chemicals are presently being used in industry, with an additional 600 added every year. Department of Labor figures list 14,000 deaths a year from industrial accidents, 2.5 million disabling work injuries, and 200,000 to 500,000 disabling diseases--numbers that are undoubtedly grossly underestimated. "Black lung disease" alone kills 4000 mine workers every year, and similar afflictions are faced by textile workers, asbestos workers, and people in plants crushing sand, stone and glass.

Although there are Federal industrial health standards, the average fine is usually only \$18.

Nader predicted that once union members become informed and militant about hazards of industrial pollution, industrial health standards will become a major issue of the 1970s--and that wildcat strikes may shut down many plants if federal safety standards are not strictly enforced.

30 WITNESSES DON'T SWAY D.A.

Remember Clarence Johnson, the Black laborer who was killed in Hunter's Point a few months ago by a cop in front of 30 witnesses? The cop, Richard Lewis, claimed that Johnson, who was standing with both hands atop a police car while being searched, made a gesture with his elbow that forced Lewis to accidentally discharge his weapon point blank into Johnson's head. 30 witnesses, mostly Black schoolchildren, appeared on the front page of the Chronicle disputing Lewis' story, calling it out and out murder. U.S. District Attorney James Browning found Lewis innocent of any wrongdoing in the case.

It's interesting to imagine what might have happened if the people of S.F. had created an uproar as our community did in the case of John Henry Smith, which at least produced a manslaughter indictment for killer Rocklin Wooley.

A MESSAGE FROM ANGELA

On Dec. 16, about 250 people held a demonstration for Angela Davis outside her prison cell in Palo Alto. The chants of the demonstrators and speeches by Fania Jordan, her sister; Inez Williams, mother of Fleeta Drumgo; Bettina Aptheker, her lawyers, and others, all emphasized the importance of building a movement to free not only Angela, but Ruchell, Fleeta, John, the Berrigan brothers, the San Quentin Six, and all political prisoners.

On Dec. 31, many people gave up part of their New Year's celebration to attend an all-night vigil outside the jail.

Working to free Angela is not a futile and hopeless task. As Angela herself has said, "I do not think that fascism has yet consolidated itself in America; and as long as a vestige of the democratic process remains, then the sheer force of the people ought to be capable of freeing (any political prisoner)." This has been demonstrated in the cases of Bobby Seale, Huey Newton, Ericka Huggins, Los Siete, John Sinclair, and the many Black Panthers that are now being found innocent after the full scale offensive brought against them by the F.B.I. and the police.

Here is a statement Angela wrote during the demonstration on the 16th, that was brought out and read by her sister Fania:

"Sisters and brothers,

"For the first time in many seasons I can actually hear you--each time you reach this side of the building your voices ring out loud and clear. I can feel your strength and love and your determination to see me free.

"It's just a matter of time--soon you'll be joined by scores of thousands demanding and securing the free-

dom of all our sisters and brothers in chains.

"Now especially, Fleeta and John--we have a responsibility to them and to George who gave his life to prevent twelve white people from sending our brothers to their deaths--and thus from affirming the machinery of repression which we all suffer under in varying degrees.

"Now too, it is time to see to it that the movement around Ruchell and around the San Quentin Six gains impetus.

"And there are all the innocents--for the first time since New York I've seen and talked with large numbers of my sisters. Yesterday I was at the jail in Milpitas. There are strong and beautiful sisters there, many of whom want to use their time in captivity to learn more about the reasons we are all oppressed. They want to study and are tired of the mysteries, romance stories, and bad novels they're given to read.

"I told them yesterday that I'd deliver a message to the people. I promised I'd ask you, sisters and brothers, to do what you can to gather up some books which can be donated to the women's library in Milpitas.

"Long live the message and mission of George and Jonathan Jackson!
"Free all political prisoners!"

A rally will be held for Angela January 8th at 8 p.m. at Longshoremen's Hall, 400 Northpoint Road, S.F. (near Fisherman's Wharf). Speakers will include Angela's mother and a negotiator from Attica. It is sponsored by 26 different community groups, and cost to students is \$1.00.

If you'd like to work on the Angela Davis Defense Committee, it meets every Wednesday night at 8 at 892 E. Santa Clara Street.

If you want to donate books to the women's library in Milpitas, leave them at the box on the information desk in the Union or at our table outside, and we'll take them over.

The power of the people can free Angela!

ANGELA'S ANGUISH

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a, Angel-a angel
saw her brothers dying
before her lying,
hearts pumping torrents of
live blood from dead shells,
yesterday's niggah seeing
tomorrow's dreams of freedom answered
by today's sweat and blood,
before her lying dying,
mistreated by a mistreated mad dog
whose master is a mad dream gone wild...

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a, Angel-a angel
screamed in agony
for the agony was/is
searing/scorching/pain-killing/mind-chilling
mind-chilling/mind-chilling...mind-cooling
mind-cooling to deal, her mind cooled
to deal for real...to deal for real with getting our
brothers out of what you and I have never been
exposed to...out of what you and I have never
been exposed to...out of what we have never
been exposed to...never been exposed to...
have never been exposed to
the realism of bars...360-degrees of bars,
hell-holes of shit called solitary confinement.
solitarily confined to the
unharnessed terrorism employed
by a terrified tool of a
senile-mad-scientist, senile-
mad scientist, insensitive to
cries of passion from a
misunderstood-life-style
whose planned death is symbolized
by the gross genocide employed
in populating the prisons of
this amerika, senile-mad-scientist
insensitive to the brothers-
kidnapped-an-gone list gettin'
longer and longer...

A senile-mad-scientist embodied in an unknowing you and me, unknowing, ignorant of our brother's plight,
She saw us ignorant of our brother's plight...

And screamed,

And screamed:

FREE THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS!

FREE THE SOLEDAD BROTHERS!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

Screamed, trying to free us from
our mental-political-prisons
guarded by a system-sponsored media...

channel 7 news...

new york times...

laugh-in...

anytime spent away from yourself, anytime
spent away from yourself not realizing the
necessity of dealing with your realities,
is your mental-political-prison...

Your realities are/is a dying system trying to choke
an invigorated people...

Wake-up and feel

she screamed,

feel your brother's pain,

See you must see the pain!

See...

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a, Angel-a angel
spoke compassionately to a senile-mad-scientist...
and he/us/we/you/me/
yes for we are the mad-senile-mad-scientist
yes, for we too sit,
yes, for we too sit and watch
While our brothers are cast away into
shit-holes of depression...

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a, Angel-a angel
A senile-mad-scientist turned his/our back
on a angel
A angel, while his/our hate-crazed guard-dog
swallows her into the very entrails of the
very same beastly-tool
of genocide that will grip
us all if we don't listen to
her screams...listen to her
scream as this
beast

bears before our very eyes his total disregard
for life, and people who adhere to the principals
of life...

As he bears before our eyes his blatant
antagonism against justice...

Listen to her screams...

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

See the monster chain her,

See the monster confine her,

See the monster squeeze her,

See the monster squeeze her,

See them torture her

See them torture Angela

See them torture Angela, Angela Angela Angela

See them torture Angela Angela Angel-a angel

See them torture a angel a angel...

We must stop the torture of our Angel,

We must stop the torture of our Angel and all political
prisoners...We must stop the torture of

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a, Angel-a angel
and all political prisoners...

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a
A angel a angel a angel a angel a angel...

A Black Woman...

A spirit-life of eternal-glow manifested in
time-space-realm/earth, just-before-the-dawn...
projected in the earth-form most symbolic of what
the dawn will bring,

A Black Woman...

full of life/a light

Angela will see the dawn, for she is the dawn...

Angela Angela Angela Angela Angela Angel-a, Angel-a angel
A Angel must be free!!

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PEOPLE FREE JOHN SINCLAIR!

On Dec. 10th in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 15,000 people attended a massive rally to Free John Sinclair. Speakers and performers included John Lennon and Yoko Ono, Stevie Wonder, Commander Cody, Phil Ochs, Bobby Seale, Jerry Rubin, Rennie Davis, Allen Ginsberg, Dave Dellinger, Ed Sanders, and William Kunstler, to name but a few.

3 days later, the Michigan Supreme Court voted 6 to 1 to release John from jail on a \$2500 appeal bond. Sinclair, head of the Rainbow People's Party (formerly the White Panther Party, a radical/hip-cultural organization) had been sentenced to ten years in prison for possession of two joints! He had already served two and a half years in jail.

In the course of the eight-hour benefit, John and Yoko sang their latest composition: "Sisters O Sisters," a song about women's liberation, "Attica State," about the massacre of 43 prisoners and guards, and "The Luck of the Irish," about the IRA's struggle against British oc-

cupation. The evening was climaxed by "John Sinclair," the tune Lennon wrote for the night.

The Michigan Legislature has recently reduced the penalty for marijuana possession from a felony to a misdemeanor with one year maximum sentence, which will make it a little harder the next time they try to frame up a political activist.



LETTERS

A REPLY TO "ANOTHER PARTY FOR PEACE"

More than 1400 people from 41 states, Canada, and New Zealand attended the national anti-war convention sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition, NPAC, in Cleveland, Ohio, on Dec. 3-5. The convention called for mass demonstrations against the war on April 22 in New York and in a city on the West Coast to be decided by the anti-war groups in the western states.

NPAC is made up of a diverse number of groups, political tendencies, and individuals. To create the broadest type of coalition a policy of non-exclusion, regardless of political affiliation, is a logical necessity. NPAC centers on the single issue of being against the war in Southeast Asia so as to bring in the largest number of groups and individuals who can agree on that single issue, in spite of people's stands on other issues.

NPAC has periodically been red-baited by people from the left and the right. Specifically, NPAC has been said to be controlled by the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party (SWP) and the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) of which the author of this article is a member.

NPAC is not controlled by any political tendency. Democratic decision making is another component of this group. At the national convention, anyone can make a proposal and whoever comes to the convention has a vote. There is free discussion on the issues and the majority decision is carried out.

The SWP and the YSA agree with the politics of NPAC and so give considerable support to and participation in it.

The assertion is raised by some people that the antiwar movement has failed to acquire a broad anti-imperialist outlook. Clearly, by forcing the immediate and total withdrawal of U.S. troops and equipment from Southeast Asia would deal a severe blow to U.S. imperialism. NPAC also raised the slogan, "No more Vietnams" when the U.S. was ready to interfere on the side of King Hussein against the Palestinians during the Jordan civil uprising.

The only way to end imperialism is to end capitalism and this is what

the Socialist Workers Party and Young Socialist Alliance is fighting for. The SWP educates people by selling its press, the Militant, selling literature, holding educational forums and other varied activities.

The so-called anti-imperialist contingent says it failed to get one of its representatives to speak. Whatever groups participate in NPAC and builds the anti-war movement would get a fair amount of representative speakers. As it so happened, representatives from the anti-imperialist contingent demanded from NPAC that they get four speakers or they would disrupt the Nov. 5 demonstration in San Francisco. This type of sectarianism cannot be tolerated in the anti-war movement!

What is going to end this hated war of aggression? Are mass antiwar demonstrations ridiculous? The power of mass action is the most effective tactic of keeping Nixon aware that there exists a visible force in opposition to his policies of genocide that is independent of the capitalist Democratic and Republican parties.

Students have played a vanguard role in building the antiwar movement and reaching out to other oppressed sectors of this society.

It was mass actions that won the gains for the blacks in the civil rights marches. It was mass action which gave the suffragettes the right to vote and it will be mass action that will defeat U.S. imperialism in Southeast Asia.

Most students have become involved in the antiwar movement out of moral indignation. Unfortunately, the more powerful sectors of this society, in relation to their power of ending the war, are guided more by their objective circumstances. I'm speaking of the workers and the GI's.

The average worker is troubled enough by his daily exploitation and alienation. Now the class antagonisms between the workers and the bosses has been intensified by the wage freeze. The wage freeze is a direct consequence of the inflationary war spending of this government.

The most effective thing students can do is to leaflet the communities, the factories, and the work areas so as to educate the working class on the relation between the wage freeze and the war. They must be brought into the anti-war movement. This process will

further radicalize them and possibly give impetus to independent action on their part, such as the strike. The strike is what will close this country down.

The GI movement is potentially a very explosive movement. The Nov. 8 and 12 Stop Our Ship (SOS) demonstrations organized by defiant sailors of the USS Coral Sea are a possible harbinger of things to come. When GIs refuse to fight there is no war.

One specific thing that these sailors pointed out was that they need the civilian support of mass demonstrations to build their struggle. Anti-war demonstrations must continue until one way or another this infamous war is ended. — Mick Rosner

Editors' reply: An NPAC spokesman was recently heard to say on the radio: "The American people will take to the streets and stay in the streets until every last American boy is out of Vietnam." So what are they supposed to do then, go home? Go home while the most advanced technology ever developed maintains an electronic battlefield and unstopped bombing raids, killing scores of Vietnamese for years to come? We think that this is a woefully inadequate goal.

Ending the war in Vietnam is something we are all working toward, but NPAC's short-sightedness in this area has retarded and damaged the movement to a considerable extent. NPAC supporters have often said that a defeat in Vietnam would minimize the chance of the U.S. sending its armed forces to intervene in other countries. This is rather misguided. The U.S. doesn't plan to use its army en masse in other countries in the future, since it has developed more sophisticated methods of control. We are referring to the elaborate plans to train and equip police forces in over 30 countries to cut down any further revolutionary stirrings at their inception. This, coupled with a program of "cultural imperialism" which is establishing American-designed schools, procedures, and institutions at all levels of society in these countries, will successfully render them helpless to U.S. economic penetration and control. Especially if people in the anti-war movement are kept ignorant of these developments and conditioned to respond only to the spectre of American troops.

SUPPORT FOREIGN STUDENTS' TUITION FIGHT

Until 1969, foreign students at the California State Colleges paid only \$8.50 tuition per unit enrolled. Since then, the tuition fee has been raised higher and higher: first to \$12, then to \$20. Presently it is set at \$37 a unit, or a lump sum of \$1250 per year including A.S.3. fees.

This 400% increase in such a short time has created an alarming situation. Many foreign students from lower income families will be thrown out of school, while the school doors remain open to a selected handful of rich students.

As a result of this increase, many foreign students will have to drop out without a chance to see the results of their many years of hard work and studies.

To deny any student the education and future they

have been promised is an undemocratic act. Furthermore, to deny education to the poor is an application of the pattern by which our society is being ruled.

The foreign students, in all fairness, have agreed to pay the rate of \$20 per unit, but they cannot assume the financial responsibility for the recent \$17 increase. The foreign students at San Jose and Los Angeles have taken the issue to courts. So far the outcome of the trials has been to their disadvantage.

Foreign students, not being citizens, are not able to affect the political careers of the state legislatures, board of trustees, and the Governor. Hence the state executives may brutally decide to keep increasing the tuition, unless the people of California offer their help and support to the foreign students in their struggle to stop the tuition increase.

If we stop the undemocratic tuition increase, we will provide the poor as well as the rich with the opportunity to be educated and to serve their people.

--THE COMMITTEE ON TUITION

TOWARDS COMMUNITY

Well we made it into 1972 and Sediton is still alive! It was a hard struggle financially but our spirits still run high as this issue is reaching you, one of our 5,000 hopefully avid readers. From its inception, we decided that Sediton was going to be a paper that would reflect the needs we personally felt were of importance to most people like ourselves, who are longing and struggling for a new day and the birth of a new society.

Aside from condemning the exploitive and alienating capitalist order we live under with radical analysis, we also set out to provide our readers with practical information that one could use everyday to counter in a small way the institutions that perpetuate our oppression and alienation. Starting various cooperatives in the San Jose area and publishing information about them is one way we think people can start seeing the advantages of sharing their resources, the basis of a socialist

society.

In 1972, we will continue to supply you with information about cooperatives and non-exploitive community services, along with radical critiques and news articles. Also we would like your opinions of what we're doing as well as your much needed support.

BEST WISHES FOR 1972
the year to increase the global struggle for peace

THE STAFF

Coffeeshouse

San Jose State now has its own coffeeshouse, and while it isn't the community center we've always wished for (college chauvinism demanded the exclusion of high school students and people from the halfway houses and the East Side) at least it is a place where people can hang out on Monday, Friday, and Saturday nights. We hear they're going to have Mose Allison pretty soon, and have been negotiating with the Grateful Dead. For further information read the Spartan Daily.

Artist's Co-op

A group of artists and craftsmen who call themselves CHILDREN OF THE EARTH have acquired space for workshops and retail shops, rent free for the next two months. Darkroom facilities also. Call "Artists Switchboard"

Betty 258-6606
Harry 964-8622
Larry 246-9818

WOMEN'S CENTER

The San Jose Women's Center will be open in February. An open house will probably held on Susan B. Anthony Day in the middle of the month. People interested in working on the open house and on publicity should contact Lori Helmbold at New College or at 295-4387.

The center will be open from 10-2 and 6-8 Five days a week. It will make its services available to all women on campus and in the community. Such services will include: birth control information, literature, a speaker's bureau, legal aid, child care, and self-defense classes.

The Center is located at Building Z, at Ninth and San Carlos (enter from the side). The phone number is 294-7265. Women are probably there now, painting and fixing up the place, so why not call if you'd like to lend a hand.

Mechanic's Co-op

A mechanic's co-op is alive in San Jose. We are equipped to tune up, lubricate, change oil, adjust valves, pack wheel bearings, repair brakes, starters, generators, and other electrical problems on several makes of cars.

Call the following according to your needs:

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New Man, New Woman

Testimony by Joan Lamb Ullyot, M.D., before the Judiciary Committee of the California State Assembly, October 22, 1970.

I am a doctor of medicine as well as the mother of two small boys who, I assure you, were very much planned and wanted. My experience as both doctor and mother has led me to the conviction that enforced pregnancy, resulting from legal restrictions on birth control, sterilization and abortion, is an immoral and unjust invasion of human rights. These include the right of a woman to decide when and whether she will bear a child, and equally importantly, the right of every fetus, every potential human being, to be wanted, loved, and cared for. I urge you, as legislators, to help remove the entire question of abortion from the legal to the medical realm, as has already been done with contraception. I urge you to support the repeal of all laws limiting the circumstances under which a woman is allowed an abortion, and the professional judgment of her physician.

There are numerous compelling reasons which have led me to this view. First, I have personal knowledge as a pathologist of the horrifying extent and danger of criminal abortion, estimated conservatively as at least one million per year across the country. Desperate women intent on abortion do not, in general, docilely submit to the law and resign themselves to pregnancy when legal abortion is too slow, too difficult or expensive to obtain. They resort instead to soap, lysol and other irritants, sharp pointed instruments, and generally place their lives in the hands of hacks. In one single year, at one medium-sized hospital, I performed autopsies on three young women who had died in the attempt to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. One of these was a 28 year old, married mother of five, who had had soap injected into her uterus by her husband and a neighbor woman, trying to help where the law and the medical profession stood back. The injection resulted in a gangrenous uterus, kidney failure and death. The second case was that of a twenty-three year old school-teacher from an upper-middle class family, threatened by disgrace and loss of her job because of pregnancy. Her criminal abortion resulted in blood infection and heart failure. The third victim of our savage abortion laws was an unmarried mother, only 17 years old, who had used contraception faithfully since the birth of her first child at age 15. She died of peritonitis from a perforated uterus after a backstreet abortion. For those interested in statistics, none of these cases was recorded as an "abortion death"—death was officially due to kidney failure, heart failure and peritonitis, respectively.

It is worth emphasizing that abortions resulting in death are only a miniscule fraction of those leading to hospitalization, which are in turn estimated as one out of every hundred criminal abortions. At our hospital, which was about average, we saw 1-2 cases each day of so-called "septic abortions"—that is, hemorrhage and infection resulting usually from botched criminal abortions. This high rate of complications is to be contrasted with the good results of early, sterile hospital abortion. A therapeutic hospital abortion, performed in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, has a mortality rate of less than 1/100,000. For purposes of comparison, contra-

ception via the Pill has a mortality rate of 2-3/100,000 users per year, and childbirth itself carries a mortality rate of 20/100,000. I do not by any means advocate abortion in place of contraception—I think we are all in agreement that prevention of unwanted pregnancy by contraception is far preferable to termination of pregnancy after implantation of the fertilized ovum. I submit though, that restrictive abortion laws that have the result of driving women in large numbers to dangerous criminal abortions are, in fact, as a Quaker study group concluded, "socially irresponsible and morally indefensible," whatever their original intent. I also have the impression that our present laws are more punitive than helpful in their intent as well as in practice.

In summary, I urge you to end legal interference in matters of purely personal ethics, and to recognize the severe defects even in the present, slightly liberalized California law. These include:

1) Abortion is not yet recognized as the logical and necessary backstop to contraception. As I am sure you know, every contraception method, no matter how faithfully practiced, has an inherent failure rate, ranging from 1% per year for the Pill to 30% per year or more for the rhythm method approved by the Catholic Church. Simply because the law does not recognize this problem of imperfect contraception, any woman who finds herself pregnant, even with a coil (IUD) in place, is compelled by law to demonstrate mental instability or incompetence as a prerequisite for abortion, or be punished by compulsory pregnancy, childbirth (with all its hazards), and parenthood (with all its responsibilities). This seems to me to be a bizarre punishment for mechanical failure. A woman should be entitled to exercise control over her own reproductive function, before fertilization if possible (contraception), after fertilization if necessary (abortion).

2) I must emphasize that the present law is highly discriminatory and hypocritical, in that the rich, sophisticated or well-educated, who have access to a sympathetic private physician and a spare \$800-1000, can easily obtain an abortion. The poor or naive woman, or the girls under 16, who usually do not know they are legally entitled to an abortion on grounds of statutory rape, often do not have the time, knowledge, or money to submit to examination by a gynecologist and two psychiatrists (\$100 each), plus lengthy review by a hospital board. These requirements not only cause great mental anguish to the pregnant woman, but they often prolong pregnancy beyond the safe 12-week limit, and cause the woman to suffer much greater risk from later abortion methods. Such delay has resulted in one death in California this year that I know of personally—that of a 15 year old girl whose legal abortion was delayed by red tape until she was 16 weeks pregnant.

3) Finally, I remind you of the sad fate of unwanted or defective children who should never have been conceived. A recent Swedish study showed an enormous increase in crime, maladjustment, alienation and hospitalization for mental illness in children born to mothers whose request for an abortion had been denied. In this country, every doctor is all too familiar with the syndrome of the "battered" or neglected child of unwilling and resentful parents. A law which condemns any potential human being to a blighted life, because of accidental conception, is immoral and in great need of change.

POLICE BRUTALITY IN SAN JOSE

People out in the community, especially on the East Side of San Jose, continue to experience day to day police brutality and harassment. New "administrative directives" from Chief Murphy and minor bureaucratic alterations have had no perceivable effect on police conduct. To the contrary, as the community begins to get together to pressure for overdue reforms, the cops get even more uptight. (Shortly after John Henry Smith was killed by Officer Wooley of the SJPd, over 70 police officers responded to a call for help when an officer reported seeing a black man with a gun walking along the street. Noble was riddled with police bullets and died instantly. Overkill.)

In order to help prove the existence of police brutality to those who aren't yet its immediate victims, the People's Legal Defense Office and the Peninsula Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild have been documenting cases of police misconduct during the last year. The following chart, incomplete as it is, is at least an indication of the extent of the problem:

1. Killings by Peace Officers:
6 in the last 2 years: 3 blacks, 2 Chicanos, 1 white
2. Invasions of and beatings at people's homes:
8 incidents in the last 9 months, involving 35 Chicanos, 3 whites
3. Physical brutality at the time of arrest, other than at home:
21 beatings in the last year: 11 Chicanos, 8 whites, 2 blacks
4. Beatings at the Processing Room
15 in the last year, all Chicanos
5. Beatings at Party Busts:
10 in last 6 months, all Chicanos
6. Brandishing and/or firing of police weapons with no injury:
4 in the last 5 months, 3 Chicanos, 2 whites
7. False arrests:
10 in the last 6 months, 8 Chicanos, 2 whites
8. Not to mention harassment at political rallies, of anti-war students, and use as strike breakers.

Facts compiled by the local staff of the National Lawyers Guild.

What's happening in IRELAND

Joe Salisbury, an official representative of the Irish Republican Movement, spoke to a group of us Dec. 3rd about what's really behind the outbreak of hostilities in Ireland.

The official Irish Republican Army: a fifty-year-old organization that seeks an independent Irish Socialist Republic and the overthrow of British Imperial Rule in Ireland. They claim the ownership of the wealth of Ireland for the people of Ireland. They place the rights of the common man before the right of property, and oppose all foreign investors.

They seek reunification of Ireland as a democratic workers' republic with a socialist economy. They are active in civil rights campaigns against injustices in housing and unemployment, and are presently employed in community defense against the British invasion. They never wanted violence and do not engage in terrorism.

The provisional Irish Republican Army: This branch broke off from the official IRA in 1970, to take up a terrorist campaign against Protestants. It's hard to pin down what their program actually is, since they put out a different line when trying to raise money from different people. But a united Ireland will only come about when both the Protestant and Catholic people want it, and the terrorists are systematically eliminating that possibility.

The next four groups, along with the Official IRA, make up the National Liberation Front. The first three are completely integrated with both Protestant and Catholic membership.

People's Democracy: a civil rights group from Queens College that was able to focus world attention on the tremendous injustices in voting and housing. They still do a large amount of neighborhood organizing.

Young Socialists: also do hard work for the group's platforms.

Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association: the foremost civil rights activists.

The Dairy Housing Action Committee: This group is primarily active in Dairy City, a Catholic town where all housing has recently become owned and administered by the city. The city has used this monopoly to segregate and control the Catholic and Protestant working class neighborhoods. This "welfare" measure was only instituted within the last 30 years, and before that all the neighborhoods were thoroughly integrated. The DHAC has instituted grievance procedures against these policies.

The Social Democratic Labour Party: This group of parliamentarians want an end to violence and a unified Ireland within the framework of the empire.

The Unionist Party: This so-called "ruling" party in Ulster is composed of Protestant, middle class men involved in business and commerce, who

want to maintain the formal imperialistic relationship with England. Being functionally a branch of the English Conservative Party, they are in reality controlled by England.

The Orange Order: is the way rich Protestants control the middle and working class Protestants. Participation in the Orange Order is necessary for Protestants to get a house from the Housing Authority or a job in the shipyards, which are both controlled by the Orange Order.

To the right of all these groups is the New Presbyterian Church, which is Ian Paisley's church. This group believes Ulster is a Protestant country and that all Catholics should be eliminated from it. They are more Ulster Patriots than they are pro-England, and differ from those Irishmen who are pro-England because they have a piece of action in the empire.

Further to the right is the Ulster Volunteer Force, which is the Protestant equivalent of the Provisional IRA. They engage in terrorism to protect their Protestant community against the Catholics, and are more aligned with Paisley's thinking than pro-English.

The real heavies are the English Army. They are a professional army that terrorizes the Catholic people every day of the week. The other Protestant organizations really stand behind these guys, who do the burden of their work for them and give them a release from thinking.

The situation in Ireland was pretty good throughout the summer. A tremendous amount of political education was going on in the ghettos, and communication was open between the IRA and the Ulster Volunteer Force. This was a situation that the British could not allow to continue.

On August 7, the English Army decided to get the whole thing off the ground. Harry Thornton and his friend were driving to work that morning, followed by their boss in another car. Two English soldiers off the road raised their rifles and blew Harry's head off. They jailed his mate and tortured him to get him to say that Harry had attacked the troopers. Two members of the Social Democratic party managed to get the workmate released within an hour, and he, along with the boss who had witnessed the whole thing told the people the story.

The Catholic people of nearby Lower Falls went crazy when they heard of the cold blooded murder and began stoning the occupying troops. Tear gas and rubber bullets were used for crowd control in a riot that went on all night. Then the IRA came out, and a shooting war began.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister of Ireland was in England with British

Prime Minister Heath.

The next day, a guy was standing on a street corner in a Catholic neighborhood, smoking a cigarette. A British soldier calmly shot him in the head with an automatic weapon, and he crumpled to the ground. A priest rushed out to administer last rites, and the soldier blew his head off. Another man came out to aid the priest and the soldier killed him too.

The first man survived to tell the story, and there were many witnesses, as it all happened in broad daylight. Needless to say, the people became enraged.

The next morning, internment papers were signed, on the grounds that people were rioting in Northern Ireland. (Internment means that the Prime Minister's agents can arrest anyone at any time without any charges. You are locked up for a month, and then if the guy that arrested you decides that he wants it, you are left there for seven years.) The British had set the whole thing up by committing atrocities with the express purpose of driving these people crazy. And then England, the saviour of Western Civilization, stepped in to stop the savages of Northern Ireland from killing each other over some kind of "religious war."

On August 9th, the English Army marched in and arrested 220 people—the best of the neighborhood organizers and political educators, and left all the terrorists on the street.

In October, they brought in the S.A.S., (Special Air Services), which is involved with the U.S. Army's Special Forces. These are agent provocateurs and specialists in interrogation. One of their methods is to use massive dosages of LSD in conjunction with torture to extract information.

Another common practice upon seizing a man for arrest is to drag him behind an armored car over cobblestone streets for three miles or so on the way to jail, where he is then subjugated to sophisticated torture techniques for seven days or more.

Polls show that the English people (55%) want immediate withdrawal of British troops from Ireland, but there, as here, what the people want really doesn't make a difference.

And there, as here, the presence and persistence of British troops can be explained by many reasons, but essentially one fact: the British are imperialists. One characteristic of imperialists is their attitude that they're supposed to be everywhere, running everything. Another consideration is that Ireland is incredibly wealthy in minerals: gold, silver, copper, coal, and off-shore oil. (English are nuts on the subject of oil, since they live in constant fear that their oil supply from the Arab countries will be cut off.) And lastly is the fact that it is the nature of the perverted mind of the imperialist not to get out anywhere, if he doesn't have to.



Nazi-like Falangists rendered their Nazi-like salute at their biggest political rally in years

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OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BUILDING POLICE STATES IN LATIN AMERICA

The U.S. government is requesting \$26 million from Congress this year to develop, train, equip, and indoctrinate police forces in 25 different countries in the underdeveloped world. Local forces receive extensive training not only in routine police matters, but also in paramilitary and counterinsurgency techniques to deal with internal dissent.

Why should the United States involve itself in these far-away countries, to the extent of arming and training the local police? The answer is simple. Private U.S. interests have over \$12 billion invested in Latin America. In the last eight years in Guatemala alone, General Mills, Pillsbury, Foremost-McKessen, Purina, Coca-Cola (with General Foods), Kellogg's Kraft, Pan-American Standard Brands, and CPC International have all set up plants. In 1966, 41% of all Latin America's manufactured exports originated from U.S. firms based in Latin America, with the profits going to U.S. capitalists. The United Fruit Company in 1954 held 20.4% of the total crop land in four Central American countries. In some cases Latin American countries are the sole source for resources vital to U.S. manufactures, such as some elements used in jet engines.

Existing governments in Latin America are increasingly being threatened by revolutionary movements that seek the return of the country's wealth to the people of the land. Unemployment, housing and food shortages continue to escalate in urban areas. Guerrillas in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay are launching increasing numbers of attacks against their governments.

This shatters the stable climate required for protection of corporate investments, expansion, and profit by U.S. investors. So they influence American foreign policy in various ways, directly in the case of major capitalists elected or appointed to government positions (such as Rockefeller's fact-finding trip to Latin America for Pres. Nixon, after which he called for greater U.S. aid to police), or indirectly through the spectre of campaign contri-

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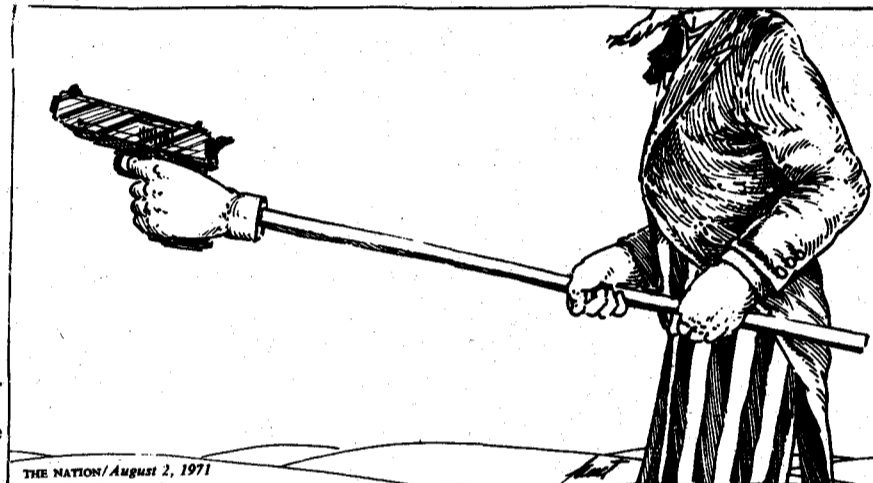
butions.

American businessmen have seen, in the case of Vietnam, that sending American boys abroad to put down revolutionary movements is a grossly unpopular move domestically and only damages the American public image abroad. This is bad for profits. Consequently they have hit upon the idea of training the local police forces in the beginning to quell any incipient insurrections. They have a greater facility to do intelligence work, are cheaper to maintain than armies and seem to have a greater legitimacy to the local population. If they are highly equipped and visible, they create a sense of fear and hopelessness in the minds of their potential opponents. Additionally, police are a highly trained and indoctrinated professional force, while draftees are often poorly trained and unmotivated. Officers are further motivated by luxurious U.S. junkets (a recent million dollar two-week tour for Brazilian military offi-

cers involved Las Vegas night club shows, trips to Disneyland, 15-gun salutes, and accommodations in plush hotels.)

These programs are carried out by the Office of Public Safety (OPS), a division of the U.S. Agency of International Development (AID). (This is the same agency that recently signed a contract with San Jose State to train Bolivian educators.) The OPS and the International Police Academy (IPA), which trains the officers, were both set up by Kennedy in 1962. Instructors at the IPA are from the FBI, CIA, and other U.S. law enforcement agencies. They train officers in general police operations as well as riot control, internal security, terrorism, and torture. They receive training on the spot by U.S. public safety advisor, chiefly from the FBI and CIA, and equipment such as mobile units, weapons, ammunition, and computers from the OPS. Most of the officers trained have been from Latin America, but increasingly they are from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Additionally, police are frequently the base for quasi-clandestine right wing terrorist groups, which in reality operate with unofficial government approval, such as "Mano Blanca" and "Ojo



por Ojo" in Guatemala, "La Banda" in the Dominican Republic, and the "Death Squad" in Brazil. (These three countries received the largest U.S. police aid grants in Latin America in 1970.) Off-duty policemen and other right-wing sympathizers commit the political assassinations, torture, and terrorism that might hurt the credibility of the regular police forces. Needless to say, the police don't prosecute or interfere with them. (The existence of these groups and their ties with the local police has been confirmed even by such establishment bulwarks as the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, etc.)

The OPS program has come in for criticism by senators such as Frank Church, especially when aid has been given to brutal dictatorships. In addition, the current regimes in Guatemala and the Dominican Republic, two large U.S. AID clients, have even forced the U.S.-dominated Organization of American States (OAS) to condemn them as violators of human rights.

Oftentimes weapons and programs that have proved effective in combating riots, demonstrations, and guerrilla warfare in other countries can be brought back home for use in the U.S. Already pilot projects are being carried out at local levels to build up data banks and dossiers on "dangerous elements" in the society, geared toward developing a nationwide computerized intelligence system for use by local police. Building police states in developing countries makes it that much easier to create one at home.

For further information on this subject with documented copies of AID's budget requests to Congress and their own description of their activities, send 50¢ to NACLA (North American Congress on Latin America), Box 226, Berkeley, Ca., 94701, for their July-August 1971 newsletter.

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