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Last Saturday night Spiro T. Agnew was awarded the "Mouthpiece of the Empire" award in absentia at a demonstration organized by the Just Awards Committee in Palo Alto. The Committee, a coalition of several Bay Area anti-war groups, called for a major demonstration in support of the seven-point peace plan of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam to coincide with Agnew's visit to the Oakland Hyatt House in Palo Alto.

Spiro, however, scheduled to address the California Republican Assembly banquet that night, was scared away by the rapidly-building protest and decided not to be an agitator in any confrontation with anti-war groups. He did speak to the Assembly at a luncheon at noon, supposedly substituting his rhetoric for that of former Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard. Packard, now Bay Area campaign manager for Nixon and recipient of the "Mad Bomber of the Year" award recently, supposedly could not attend because of a "personal emergency".

Strangely enough, his body appeared next to Spiro's at the luncheon. Perplexed news reporters were rudely answered with "no comments" and "ask him (Packard)!" when they asked Vic Gold, Agnew's press secretary, for an explanation of Packard's presence.

Although Spiro's cowardly exit was hailed by the straight media as a "clever move", it was obviously a victory for the anti-war movement. Despite last-minute attempts by some local reactionary FM rock stations to keep people at home, at least 2000 activists came to Palo Alto to show their defiance of the Nixon Administration.

Vietnam Veterans Against the War, farmworkers, servicemen's parents, anti-imperialist committees, students, ADA people, and a contingent of anti-fascist Greeks were some of the groups that massed on the Co-op parking lot at about 6 PM to march on the GOP banquet. The people marching were in high spirits, shouting their support for the Vietnamese revolution and singing familiar anti-war songs. As the short march ended in front of the Hyatt House, demonstrators were met by a heavily armed Santa Clara County Tactical Squad. Armed police also mounted the roof of the Hyatt House, an incredible sight of decadent opulence. Two police helicopters flew lowly overhead as the rally began.

There was a fantastic feeling of unity among the people at the rally, especially when the Red Star Singers energetically sang their revolutionary song. The rally seemed to be a new beginning for an anti-war movement bogged down by cynicism and liberal politics. A representation of the farmworkers summed it all up when he said that we must commit our lifetime to revolution, not just part-time, summer vacations or weekend commitments.

Speculation that new American troops were moved into Vietnam was confirmed by a Palo Alto resident, the father of a Marine who called home from Okinawa, saying that his battalion was being shipped to Vietnam. He got a fantastic ovation when he said that American GI's should refuse to fight in Vietnam and that the "real war is here at home".

Bob Scheer, member of the Bay Area April 22 Coalition, urged people to go to Kezar Stadium in San Francisco on April 22 and to San Diego in August.

On the way back to the parking lot people were singing and dancing. Several demonstrators found their tires slashed, reportedly the work of plainclothes police. Also some rocks were thrown, some breaking the windows of a cop car.

With a 5 to 1 ratio of demonstrator to cop the demonstration remained predominately non-violent and people returned home, ready to move on to April 22 and the San Diego convention this summer.
own apartment or house, ask them if they'll give you what you need at the right time (catering services on your account). They'll tell you how good their product is. You know the type of letter, if you spin a good story.

When he leaves, he takes your bill and leaves, or you found a dead fly in the can of sandwiches. Showing up at these places may not give you what you want, but it makes your point. Legal action is not always the best way to solve your problems. Often you can get stuff sent to you by just telling them how good their product is. Legally, they have to deliver the goods you ordered.

Look up catering services and bus drivers. The boss now pays the workers a lump sum every week while the workers are on strike. The judge denied the injunction and ordered negotiations with the workers. This is the latest in a series of IWW victories. After a month-long strike, the workers won their demand for better pay and working conditions. The management ended the strike by agreeing to the workers' demands. The workers divide the income among themselves. The Black DAWN doesn't serve the people; we are people ourselves who can identify our own oppression and struggle directly against it. We act directly to fight all elites and hierarchies within our organization and other anti-capitalist organizations, and capture management prerogatives on the job. Revolutionary trade unionism is our program; direct action is our method; council communism, or working-class anarchism is our tool.

If you want help on your job to make such advances, write the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD, P.O. Box 4001, Mountain View, Calif.

PLUG TAX LOOPHOLES!

Signature drives are urgently needed on the Capital Gains initiative petitions. This drive is aimed at closing the tax loophole that allows income made from capital speculation to be taxed at half the rate of income from wages. The Committee needs 100,000 signatures by the April 20 deadline.

If you want to join, write the Committee's office on 216 No. First Street, Berkeley, CA 94710 or 294-5131. Times are rapidly running out!

by Abbie Hoffman/Jack Haber (depending on whose story you believe) from STEAL THIS BOOK.
Pick up the Pen!

For years the farmworkers have sought negotiations with their employers, who coldly ignored them. Now that the farmworkers have proven that they can organize powerfully, the Republican Party has stepped in attempting to halt the boycott.

The same people who bring food to the American table three times a day, live in the following conditions:

- Average wage: $1300 a year.
- Average Life Expectancy: 40 years.
- Mortality Rate: 125 percent higher than the national rate.
- Death from Accidente: 300 percent higher than the national rate.
- Child Labor: In California 4% of the farmworkers are children under 16.
- Average Housing only consists of two rooms.
- 90.4 percent of housing does not have a sink.
- 95.6 percent of housing does not have a flush toilet.

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The army's case against Billy consists of one item. They claim that they found a grenade pin in his pocket when they arrested him. This pin has nothing linking it to the grenade that killed the officers. We as veterans all know how common grenade pins are in a combat unit. Billy probably used his as a roach clip.

The army has no witnesses connecting Billy to the incident, but they do have an affidavit stating that Billy, as a black man, hated the racism of the army and the war, and that he said so on a number of occasions. The army considers this "incomprehensible evidence" against Billy. GIs believe that this is why Billy has been singled out. He didn't hide his contempt for the army and the war.

Of course, any enlisted man in that combat unit, or any Vietnamese civilian in the village of Bien Hoa, could have had good cause and ample opportunity to kill those officers. There is no special evidence pointing against Billy. But this is unimportant to the army. That is why Gen. Moore, commanding officer of Ft. Ord, has recommended a guilty verdict and the death penalty. This same man is responsible for selecting the "jury" of white officers who will try Billy Smith.

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Perhaps we should follow the leadership of the GIs. All over the world, from Vietnam to Germany, GIs know about Billy Smith. At Ft. Ord, GIs have circulated Billy's specially made courthouse, and burned other buildings to the ground. They've held militant marches and demonstrations. So far, though, they've said little support from GIs.

We know that if the army thinks they can get away with killing Billy, they'll do it again. The concept of a "fair trial" in a military courtroom is meaningless. We know too that Billy is not being tried at Ft. Ord because of the isolated actions of some individual. He is being railroaded and murdered as an example to all GIs and to anyone who dares stand up for the rights of his people.

So Billy won't be freed by a fair trial or legal trickery. The only way for the army to be afraid of what would happen if they killed him, that means Billy's life depends on our ability to show massive support for him and outrage against the army. This means working to educate people around Billy's case and our experience in the military, uniting and joining with the GIs in searing the hell out of the brass!

Here at San Jose State a veteran's group has been formed to deal with problems that concern veterans. Billy Smith's case is first on our list. We need interested veterans to contact us. Civilians are also working to save Billy from "military justice", through the Bay Area Coalition to Free Billy Smith. The Coalition has called a rally in support of Billy on May 6, in front of the San Francisco Presidio.

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OPEN LETTER TO VETERANS

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in Monterey, at Fort Ord, something is going on which concerns every veteran, something we have to get together and deal with. This is the case of Billy Dean Smith.

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Free Movies and Concerts

To sneak into entertainment houses, arrive early with a group of friends, after casing the joint and selecting the most convenient exit. Pay for one person to get in. When he does he simply opens the designated exit door when the ushers are out of sight and everyone rushes inside.

Free Gas

If you have a car and need some gas late at night you can get a quart or more by emptying the hoses from the pumps into your tank. There is always a fair amount of surplus gas left when the pumps are shut off.

These ridiculous introductory offers you get in the mail often have a postage-guaranteed return postcard for your convenience. The next one you get, paste it on a brick and drop it in the mailbox. (The company is required by law to pay the postage.)

CALLEY AT FORT BENNING APARTMENT
**Communal Food Stamps Law Suspended!**

According to a San Jose eligibility worker 90 per cent of the students are being cut off food stamps. If you are a member of this 90 per cent don't give up yet.

The Department of Agriculture bowed to a court order temporarily suspending the requirement that food stamp recipients in a household be related as a condition of eligibility.

The rule was aimed at cutting hippie and other comming groups from the food stamp program.

No other eligibility requirement was suspended or modified, the department said.

If you have been denied your stamps on this ground contact Bob Colonna, Community Legal Service, 330 W. Market, San Jose, 298-1315, or call your eligibility worker. Demand your right to food stamps!

**NEIL YOUNG HARVESTS**

Neil Young's new album, "Harvest," earned him over $700,000 in royalties in the first week it was out...

**WOMEN PICKET KSAN**

About thirty sisters celebrated International Women's Day by picketing radio station KSAN, which recently dropped the weekly 10 minute women's news show by the San Francisco Women's Media Collective. Women had demonstrated in the spring of 1970 to demand airtime and won a half-hour slot a week for women's programs by the San Francisco Women's Media Collective.

KSAN has one woman on the news staff at the present, who works part time and receives less than union scale, which all the male employees receive.

The women demanded:

1. Regularly scheduled women's air time that reflects the real needs and concerns of women in the community, not handpicked by KSAN;
2. Recruitment, training and hiring on all levels to reflect the real composition of San Francisco, ending racist and sexist hiring practices;
3. An end to sexist DJ chatter and blatantly sexist advertising.

The demonstration was carried live on KSAN news.

**May Encounters Sex Discrimination**

A man who tried to get a job as a secretary for two weeks was turned down by "40 to 60" companies, not one of which granted him an interview. At least 20 of the companies actually had openings for secretaries, said the counselor for the employment agency that handled the applications.

The applicant had had four years of college, typed sixty words a minute, and was only asking $35 a week, qualifications that would have assured any woman a job.

Prospective employers were blust about their reasons for rejecting a man to the employment counselor. "They want some nice, young chick around who has nice legs," he reported. The companies included banks, financial institutions, public utilities and various smaller companies.

**NAME "CHE" ILLEGAL**

Parents in Bonn, West Germany, were denied by the government the right to name their son "Che" after the late Ernesto (Che) Guevara. Registry officials said the name of the guerrilla leader was not suitable for West Germany, and instead wrote the holding numbers "73-JC" on his birth certificate.

Local and state courts both recently upheld the ruling. The boy, now two years old, is still officially known as "73-JC."
America brought a series of inmate uprisings hit the Santa Clara County jail. Inmates at the men's facility at Elmwood staged a one day hunger strike and work stoppage on the 17th for three hot meals a day served in a sanitary and edible manner, clothes which fit properly and trousers which are pressed, so that inmates would not look like bums when meeting their visitors, a doctor on call twenty-four hours a day, a more flexible bed-check, an increase in the number of men on the work furlough, a posting of the rules and regulations for the inmates, expanded facilities available at the inmate's disposal and finally that no action be taken against any inmate for his participation in the strike. After Captain Riley made written promises to the inmates regarding the demands, the strike was called off.

Women in the Elmwood facility struck the following Friday demanding that women be accorded the same visiting rights as the men, that the methadone withdrawal program be extended to beyond the present limit of two days, that they be allowed to receive vitamin pills because of inadequate meals, that women be allowed to douch, that better kitchen facilities be made available, that clothes be kept in repair, that the commissary list be expanded, that there be mandatory meetings between the matrons and the inmates where grievances could be aired and misunderstandings be cleared up, that counseling be provided and guidance programs set up. In response to these uprisings, 31 men and 3 women "troublemakers" were transferred from Elmwood to other facilities. Many are now under maximum security.

KANGAROO COURT ON INDIAN DEATH

On December 5, 1971, Michael "Bunky" Ferris, a 20-year-old Indian college student from UCLA was shot and killed by Richard Marmon, a white bartender while visiting his parents on the Hoopa Reservation in Northern California.

The murder occurred when "Bunky", who was unarmed, came to the aid of his younger brother, as he was being beaten with a pool cue by Marmon. Marmon, who had quite a reputation for fist-fighting, claimed he had been provoked in self-defense, shot Bunky dead. The local "peacemongers" did not arrest Marmon. Later a Grand Jury hearing was held and despite the testimony of three witnesses who verified the unprovoked murder, the Grand Jury decided not to prosecute the white bartender.

Young Shut Down G.M.

The youthful Lordstown, Ohio chapter of the United Auto Workers union has been shut down twice at the General Motors' only Chevrolet Vega plant in the nation, idling 10,000 workers. Members of Local 1112, whose average age is 27, have been striking not for more money, but for better working conditions and against the speed-up management has been trying to force on them since December.

The Lordstown plant, which has the fastest assembly line in the world, is the key to GM's hopes of meeting foreign competition. It is geared to turn out the Chevy Vega at the unprecedented rate of 101 an hour (Oliver plants turn out about 60 cars an hour).

In the fall of last year, the plant was visited by the General Motors' Assembly Division, GM's toughest management team, with a big reputation for cutting costs and improving productivity. They promptly laid off 500 workers, and reorganized work assignments to force those remaining to absorb the tasks of the men who left—and still turn out 100 cars an hour (36 seconds per car).

The Vegas, pretty shoddy automobiles to start with, got even worse as they were churned out at breakneck speed with a slowdown. Vegas were coming off the line with gaskets missing, carburetors damaged, oilvires cut, and locked with the keys thrown away. GM shut down the lines several times when the number of cars needing repair exceeded the number to be assembled in the balance of the shift.

Local 1112 filed some 500 grievances, not one of which has been dealt with by the company management. In some cases ARVN commanders have given orders to their troops to engage in "tiger attacks"—a brutal method of fighting in which a column of South Vietnamese troops searches out and engages in some of the heaviest fighting of the war.

America is beginning to win the jungle war of Viet Nam, a British general said from Southeast Asia said here Tuesday.

But, said Gen. Sir Nigel Poet, military victory alone won't end the war, that the division between "North" and "South" Viet Nam is merely a fiction of American foreign policy, and totally contrary to the 1954 Geneva Accords. So in retaliation to this invasion, American bombing, operating at peak levels in recent months, has been further escalated.

Major events now taking place in Vietnam should force us all to reevaluate the war and ourselves.

The National Liberation Front has launched a major offensive against South Viet Nam, its boldest attack since the 1965 six offensive campaign to the battle of Dien Bien Phu which drove out the French in 1954. The N.L.F. has opened up four fronts in as many days, moved to within 60 miles of Saigon, and engaged in some of the heaviest fighting of the war.

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A visitor to the Truong Son Mountains, which separates North Vietnam in 1968, the People's Liberation Armed Forces fighting in Indochina.

The Ho Chi Minh Trail is one of the most important aspects of the war in Vietnam. It is the supply route for the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese Army. The trail is also known as the Hanoi Highway, because it runs mainly from Hanoi, the capital of North Vietnam, to the South.

The trail is about 900 miles long and is divided into three sections. The northern section runs from Hanoi to the border with China, the middle section runs from the border with China to the border with Laos, and the southern section runs from the border with Laos to the South.

The Ho Chi Minh Trail was established during the Vietnam War to provide supplies and personnel to the North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong. It was used to transport weapons, ammunition, food, and medicine.

The trail was critical to the success of the North Vietnamese Army and the Viet Cong in the Vietnam War. It allowed them to conduct operations in the South, despite the presence of U.S. and South Vietnamese forces.

The trail was also used to transport prisoners of war and wounded soldiers to hospitals and prisons. It was a symbol of the determination of the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong to continue the fight for independence.

The Ho Chi Minh Trail was finally sealed in 1975, after the fall of Saigon. It was then declared a national historical site in Vietnam.
adjacent to the base look like a small "underground" hamlet. Two persons can live in a shelter that is connected to the others by trenches bigger than a man. In the shelter there is a club with many books and newspapers. During our visit we remembered those four lines dedicated by an unknown author to this engineering squad:

"Although this land has been attacked by B-52 aircraft several hundred times, and although thousands of tons of bombs have been dropped, the determined-to-win banner remains shining against the wall, and beside Uncle Ho's picture a rose is swaying."

When we came to the headquarters, a relatively quiet place, we saw many well-built homes called "barrel homes"—a most popular type of home on the Truong Son. They are like "armos" used to protect men's lives. They were built underground and are bigger than a man. The troops dug a big cave that looks like a barrel in the earth and built a house in it. Among the homes there are big mounds and a bomb shelter for all the people. The shelter is protected from pellet bombs by a small wooden floor or by a thick layer of bamboo stripe. All doors and windows are of special architectural style. The round windows have curtains and bars. In the home there are big mounds and a bomb shelter for all the people, and single beds and desks. In the front part is a table and armchairs. Living in these small, orderly and comfortable, secure homes, everyone feels easy and inwardly encouraged and realises that despite all hardships in combat, life there can help him acquire a beautiful way of living.

With the same pattern, our combatants have built "movie halls" and "theaters." The entertainment groups from the rear have been told that they will give performances beside a stream or on a stony terrain. But they are surprised when they see a stage, screen, sets and all of the necessary lights at the meeting hall. Of course, on the battle field, they cannot enjoy comfort while giving performances. But almost all secure organs and bases possess such "theaters" and "meeting halls."

To Have Good Meals:

Although the meals prepared for troops on the Truong Son route are still scanty because of many difficulties, improved progress has been made in preparing them. Not only have party echelons and cadres of all levels paid attention to leading the cooking of meals, but the troops themselves have been interested in preparing meals in a good way to generate energy and interest in on-going activities around the Bay Area. Following a short march to Kezar Stadium, there will be a huge demonstration by 4 or 5 speakers. The remainder of the afternoon is planned as a time when people can learn about different political organizing and survival projects. This structure should allow a lot of one-to-one interaction. We are urging any group that agrees with our points of unity to set up an exhibit. There will be displays on the air war, China, medical care, child care, etc., as well as movies and music. We hope that it will be an opportunity to the common phrase heard at demonstrations that "this is only a beginning."

THE BAY AREA APRIL 22nd COALITION

—for an end to U.S. aggression in Indochina and support for the PRG 7-point plan

—for an end to U.S. interference in the internal affairs of any country

—for an end to Nixon's policies of economic, political, racial, and sexist repression.
TOWARDS COMMUNITY

FREE MEDIA needs peoples support.

In our society almost all of the media, from television and films to newspapers, radio and music, are in the hands of large private corporate interests. These are the same type of interests that govern most other aspects of our life. The basic trend in our advanced capitalist economy is toward more and more monopolization and centralization of all institutions, including all forms of media.

Many media forms that set out to counter the corporate status quo and still proclaim to be in the youth-oriented, anti-establishment vanguard (if there is such a thing) have fallen to the same greedy profit order either through selling out or cooperation. Most "hip" FM radio stations are really nothing more than tools for corporate America to penetrate the "youth market."

The same can be said for some major so-called underground papers who's major interest seems to be the accumulation of monetary profit. Like the hip FM station, the profit seeking "underground" paper rapidly integrates into the corporate capitalist establishment.

In this context FREE MEDIA does not only mean that the communication form at least on the receiving end is free, but also means free from the controls and limitations of the corporate state. We like to think of Sedition as a free media. However this doesn't mean that we print our paper at no monetary cost. About $300.00 is needed every month to pay for supplies and the printing of 10,000 newspapers. Although the bulk of the money comes from limited advertising (we do not want much more than 1/3 of paper space for ads and have rejected the sexist porno business), at least $50.00 must come from voluntary donations, every month, to pay our printer. We are still distributing Sedition for free, knowing that this isn't too profitable financially, yet it is a way can communicate with more people outside the regular underground readership.

Another FREE MEDIA in the San Jose Area that is struggling against corporate status quo commercialism and domination is KTAO, 95.3. It is fairly easy for any movement or community group to get plenty of air time on KTAO. Right now KTAO is on the verge of bankruptcy. Due to lack of money pledges from listeners KTAO has been forced to sell seven hours of morning air time to a commercial religious broadcaster. Non-commercial air time starts at 1 p.m. and continues for 14 hours. KTAO was recently offered $840,000.00 for the frequency. If sold it would probably mean the end of another much needed FREE MEDIA.

If you want to see FREE MEDIA experiments continue in the S.J. area you must try to support them anyway you can. Please send your money and love to:

Bob-Volvo, W, Land Rover 297-6998
Mark-Motorcycles, American cars 899-9936

Mechanics Co-op is breathing but needs resurrection. We need some more people to help serve the many auto owners whom we cannot now accommodate. Especially needed are those who are knowledgeable on late model V-8's, American cars, and Italian cars (Fiat). We are presently working independently because we lack a central place where we could do more work, more than just tune-ups and minor troubleshooting. People realize the value of this type of work done on a one-to-one basis by people in the community. Don't let us die. 293-5771

On Friday, April 7, the S.J. community tenants union, a community service project financed by Associated Student body funds at San Jose State College, held its second organizing meeting and party on Seventh Street. About 200 people enjoyed the free food and music and many signed up for the Tenants Union. Two far-out community bands, Treehouse and Flying, donated their talents. It was a great way to meet other tenants in the area in a non-alienating way, and for some the first realization that as tenants they had many problems in common.

The purpose of the Tenants Union is essentially to organize tenants collectively around common landlord hassles such as evictions, high rents, repairs and illegal rent increases. Although the Tenants Union is mostly made up of students, it is ready to help any tenant in the area.

One project of the S.J.C.T.U. is a four-page monthly newsletter Squatters Unite! that is free to all tenants. The first issue included articles on illegal rent increases, preventive legal advice on evictions, repairs and security deposits, as well as poetry and cartoons.

Many people are needed to build a successful Tenants Union. Only as organized and informed tenants can we effectively fight common landlord oppression. Tenants' rights through tenants unions!

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good coffee, good people, good music

On Friday, April 7, the S.J. community tenants union, a community service project financed by Associated Student body funds at San Jose State College, held its second organizing meeting and party on Seventh Street. About 200 people enjoyed the free food and music and many signed up for the Tenants Union. Two far-out community bands, Treehouse and Flying, donated their talents. It was a great way to meet other tenants in the area in a non-alienating way, and for some the first realization that as tenants they had many problems in common.

The purpose of the Tenants Union is essentially to organize tenants collectively around common landlord hassles such as evictions, high rents, repairs and illegal rent increases. Although the Tenants Union is mostly made up of students, it is ready to help any tenant in the area.

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The present scandal over supposed “deals made between the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and high officials of the Nixon Administration offers a glimpse into the way that government and big business intermesh on an everyday basis. The private meetings conducted by ITT officials with Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and Attorney General John Mitchell are, by Kleindienst own confession, “not unusual at all.” Kleindienst, awaiting confirmation as head of the Department of Justice, claims “It’s a very common occurrence” for members of Congress to telephone or to write the Department on behalf of corporate constituents, adding “we have a responsibility to permit that kind of thing to occur.”

Large corporations like ITT depend on the federal government for a wide variety of “services” in order to keep their profits growing. Ranked among the top 25 defense contractors in the country, ITT has pulled in an average of $200,000,000 a year in military contracts over the past four years. Its subsidiary, Levitt & Sons, has received multi-million dollar research and development contracts from the Department of Housing and Urban Development which are aiding the company in creating a commercial market for its mass-produced homes.

ITT controls foreign investments of more than $2.2 billion through more than 200 subsidiaries in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia, and as a result depends on US government for military and financial aid. The US Agency for International Development currently insures up to 70% of ITT’s investments in telephone companies throughout Latin America, Iran, and Southeast Asia (mainly in Thailand). In the past, ITT has filed claims against the Federal government for the loss of telephone companies seized by nationalist and socialist regimes in Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, and even in the People’s Republic of China.

One of the biggest corporate constituents of American government, ITT is also one of the largest of the new giant “conglomerates”. Conglomerates are corporations engaged in business activities covering many distinct markets unrelated to one another, and ITT thus now extends far beyond tele-communications into paper processing, rental and leasing service, automotive parts, life insurance, food services, housing—the list includes diverse activities in 67 countries on 6 continents. Most large corporations in the U.S. are conglomerates in some degree, but “pure” conglomerates like ITT have risen to the stature of super-corporations on the crest of a $30 billion wave of mergers which made the 1960’s the greatest of all periods of business consolidation in American history. Between 1960 and 1970, for example, ITT increased its assets through mergers from $811.4 million to almost $6.5 billion. This phenomenal growth gave ITT the distinction of acquiring far more capital assets than any other conglomerate corporation during that period. In addition, its profits rose from $30 million in 1960 to over $190 million in 1970, making it the eighth largest corporation in the United States.

Like other conglomerates, ITT achieved this fantastic rate of growth not through investment in new productive plant and equipment facilities, but through buying up leading companies of different industries. The most lucrative of these ITT acquisitions were: Federal Electric and Gillifan Co., (large defense contractors in California); The Continental Baking Company (the leading producer of bakery goods in the U.S., makers of Wonder Bread, Hostess Twinkies, etc.); Levitt & Sons (the largest home builder in the nation); Avis (the 2nd largest rent-a-car service in the U.S.); Hartford Fire and Casualty Insurance Co. (one of the country’s leading insurance companies); and the Sheraton Corporation of America. ITT also owns and operates the Airport Parking Co. of America, “one of the world’s largest parking companies”, with more than 200 facilities at major airports and downtown locations, including hotels and hospitals. And of course, ITT is one of the largest manufacturers of telecommunications equipment in the world, most made now in Europe—and owns telephone companies and wire services around the world. Along with Avis, ITT holds a big chunk of INTELSAT, the international communications satellite system.

Nixon’s election in ’68 generated a dramatic increase in mergers, pushing the annual rate up to its all-time peak in early 1969. American business believed he would be more tolerant toward business. With Spring, however, the Administration began stepping up the public exposure of corporate mergers, forcing them into fewer and fewer hands, and challenged acquisitions by conglomerates like Gulf & Western, Ling-Temco-Vought, and Litton Industries, as well as the ITT merger with Hartford Fire Insurance.

Since buying up companies is vital to the 10% annual growth rate in profits which distinguished ITT, its executives pulled every string available to get the biggest of all acquisitions, Hartford Fire, approved in Washington. It was Felix G. Rohatyn, an ITT Director and investment banker, who arranged the meeting of ITT officials with Kleindienst and McNairn of the Justice Department’s Anti-trust Division. Rohatyn explained that Harold Geneen, President and Board Chairman of ITT, thought the anti-trust people were “out to destroy the company, the economy, and the nation” and that, therefore the ITT chief would have to contact every government officials he could talk to.

What resulted was a more than favorable settlement for ITT. ITT was allowed to keep Hartford Insurance only if it divested itself within two years of the Canteen Company and the Fire Protection Division of the Grinnell Corporation, and sell off Avis, Levitt & Sons, Hamilton Life Insurance and ITT Life Insurance within 3 years. According to a group of Wall Street analysts, we are convinced that ITT will be able to accomplish its growth objectives (10-12% a year) with Hartford Fire, which already has profits three times that of all the areas being divested combined ($30 million profits a year, 25% of ITT’s total profits). As for limitations on future acquisitions, it should be noted that ITT has really not made any major acquisitions for the past couple of years and acquisitions can still be made abroad.

ITT was not always so successful in getting its own way, which may be why it dealt directly with Mitchell and Kleindienst over the Hartford Fire acquisition. In 1965, ITT tried to merge with the American Broadcasting Company. Although approved by the FTC, the Anti-trust Division and several congressional committees contested the merger. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Chairman of the Senate Monopoly Subcommittee, questioned the political implications of allowing the expansion of a company like ITT into broadcasting.

"Is it possible," Nelson asked, "that ITT, in view of its large foreign investments in so many nations, will tailor its news commentary and reporting so as to minimize any conflict with local governments?" Given recent events, the answer is probably yes.

Martin Gellman/
Pacific News Service
April 8

**Monday**
- **General meeting**
  - N.O. room
  - S.J. Public Library
- **Art Show Opening**
  - De Anza College
- **Women's Center**
  - S.J.U.
  - Russian Hill
- **Women's Week**
  - S.J. Com.
- **Free**
  - SJSU
- **Free**
  - SJC

**Tuesday**
- **Women's Center**
  - S.S.
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