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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

A highly recommended birth control center is FAMILY PLANNING ALTERNATIVES at 262 Meridian, 289-9011. They offer non-profit, low-cost birth control information as well as abortion and vasectomy counseling.

Some more good restaurants are THE BURGER HOUSE, on 388 E. Santa Clara, which makes good inexpensive hamburgers; GIORGIO'S PIZZA, 1445 Foxworthy Ave., for excellent pizza; BARRELL'S FISH AND CHIPS at 284B S. 11th, for good shrimp and chips; and SUN 'N SOIL NATURAL FOODS, which has lower prices than any local health food store for delicious lunches.

STRAWBERRY FIELDS, on the corner of 10th and William, changed its happy hour to 8-9 PM and now charges 15¢. (By the way, a friend of ours applied for a job there and said she was told all female employees could not wear slacks, but had to wear short skirts and no bra--even the kitchen help!)

THE INTERLUDE, a bar on the corner of 3rd and Santa Clara, now serves great sandwiches, including some Greek specialties, all on a torpedo roll, and all under \$1.

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Peter and Birgit, please write. We lost your address in the shuffle of moving but are still anxious to send you your subscription. Please write to P.O. Box 4534.  
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The Hi-Life's phone number was reported wrong in our last issue: it's 295-5414.

Two numbers for Telephone War Tax Refusal: 227-7543 and 265-4987.

THE SAN JOSE COMMUNITY TENANTS UNION is having its first general meeting of the year Thursday, Oct 28, at 7:30 in the Umhnum Room of the SJS College Union.

The San Jose Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild is planning a conference on Justice Under the Nixon Years. The conference is tentatively set for the weekends of October 21-22 and 28-29 at San Jose State University. The panelists will be people working on the local level as well as national figures. Topics will be: legislation, the courts, women, workers, and the police. Besides all the speaking there will be films from Newsreel and music. Watch for the next issue of Sedition for a complete schedule.

A class in Irish Political History is available at SJS' New College, Rm. 14, every Wednesday at 7 PM (2 units).

The Joe McCann Irish Republican Club meets every Monday night, 7:30 PM, at 48 S. 4th St. Reach them at 998-2757.

FREE POSTER THIS ISSUE: SEE PAGES 4 & 5.

## TENANTS FIGHT BACK

During the sixties a Brooklyn Judge, Fred G. Moritt, decided that tenants could live rent-free so long as the landlord failed to correct substantial housing violations. He said, "The buildings weren't fit for pigs." He also stated, "If it takes the landlord two years to make the repairs, he gets no rent for two years. Period."

This year, 1972, The Milpitas Tenants Union and the 23rd Street Tenants Union (San Jose) are taking their landlords to court with suits of \$2 million and \$1½ million respectively. Their list of complaints would fill this copy of Sedition. However, a few of the complaints are, an inequity in rents and security deposits; some tenants are paying \$150 to \$185 for a three bedroom apt., all in different states of disrepair. There are affidavits stating that water seepage in the bathroom is common and in one unit, waste water from the upstairs toilet often appears in the downstairs tub of another unit. Similar complaints are behind the 23rd Street Tenants Union rent strike. Luis Juarez, director of the City's Dept. of Housing and Community Development said the complex has "the greatest number of housing and health code violations I have seen in any place in years." Also responding to the squalor conditions brought on by absentee slumlords was City Councilwoman Janet Gray Hayes who was quoted in the Sun "It is deplorable for something like this to exist in San Jose." She further stated, "It's also deplorable that investors are able to use these apartments for tax write-offs. This kind of thing has gotten too far out of control. Something has to be done."

How the Judges in these cases decide will determine in many ways just what kinds of actions tenants will have to take in

the future in order to overcome landlord repression. The question to ask is, should tenants have to rely on an already questionable and expensive legal system as a means to decent living quarters. These court cases may allow us (tenants) an opportunity to carefully analyse in whose behalf the courts favor; however we might have to wait two years before they are settled.

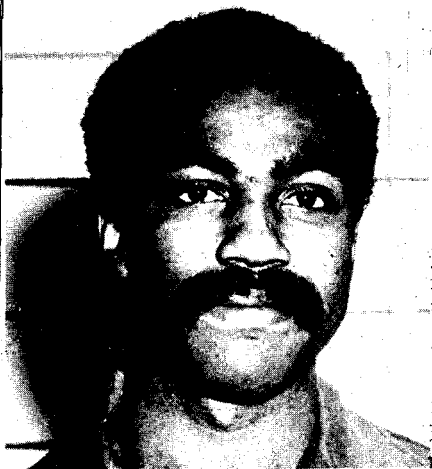
In the meantime we should be thinking of creative ways in which tenants can act against corporate slumlords. In order to accomplish this end we might draw some energy from our creative processes by understanding and gaining insight from the people who are saying "I've been a fighter all along. I just found a means to do what I've always dreamed of doing - put an end to all the garbage that goes on in this country; the fact that corporations can walk all over people, bleed them dry, then walk away. I'm tired of seeing them feed off the poor or near poor" (Carol Gilbert, spokeswoman for the Milpitas Tenants Union). Niki Dalton, spokeswoman for the 23rd Street Tenants Union puts it in similar terms, "I would like some laws brought into effect by our action so people can say, Hey! You can't do that to people, you can't make people live like this. We don't have to put up with it. If you people (landlords) can't maintain your property then you can't have it."

Both the Continental Branch of the Milpitas Tenants Union and the 23rd Street Tenants Union were formed as the result of the tenants' fruitless struggles with the landlord on an individual basis to get repairs done. After the tenants realized that they shared the same set of circumstances they began to unify collectively by implementing a rent strike.

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## BILLY SMITH ON TRIAL



**BILLY DEAN SMITH**

Billy Dean Smith, a black G.I. from Watts, is now standing court-martial trial for murder, attempted murder, assault and resisting arrest. All charges stem from the same incident.

In Bien Hoa, Vietnam, on March 15, at 0045 hours, a fragmentation grenade exploded in an officer's barracks killing two lieutenants and wounding another. Captain Rigby and First Sgt. Willis, who were supposed to be sleeping in the barracks at the time of the explosion, came to the scene and concluded that the act was intended to "off" them, and that Pvt. Bill Dean Smith, considered a "trouble-maker", could be the only possible suspect. After informing the Criminal

Investigation Division (CID) about the fragging incident and their decision of who the guilty one was, all the men in the battalion were called into formation. Billy was then singled out by CID agents and arrested for three capital offenses. One of the main reasons for his automatic guilt charge was his out-spoken hatred for his commanding officers and the killing of innocent Vietnamese people. Billy had been given three Article 15 punishments by Captain Rigby, for a few minor violations and was being processed for a "212" discharge for being an unfit soldier at the time of his arrest. Captain Rigby stated that his "section chiefs prided themselves of rapid, effective artillery fire, but that Billy was unenthusiastic about closing with the enemy".

Sitting in the jury box are seven officers, two of whom are black, who will eventually have to make the decision as to what will happen to Billy's life. It seems as though they might have a hard time convicting him of murder. The only evidence they have is a grenade pin and a pair of black leather gloves "that looked suspicious" that were found during an illegal search at the time of his arrest. Army officials insist that the pin found on Billy matches up with a grenade spoon found near the explosion site. According to laboratory tests made in Japan, plus photographs, there is no possible match between the two items.

A witness who claimed that he saw a man running away from the explosion, admitted in court that he had been in his near-by room "reading a book and doing smack-smoking heroin...I sat there for a couple of minutes, then I went outside and saw a lot of people milling around, and a colored man running," Bradley W. Curtis testified. The prosecution had hoped to use this evidence against the defendant but was quite surprised when Curtis said that the heroin interfered with his powers of observation and that "the man I saw running was not Billy Dean Smith."

As of September 22, the trial has been recessed until the next Tuesday (Sept. 26) because the prosecution has no available witnesses. An informed source has stated that at least five prosecution witnesses have failed to respond to subpoenas.

If anyone wishes to witness this court-martial trial at Fort Ord you are welcome! If you need a ride or maybe have a car to offer rides contact VVAW. Call 998-0367.

## CLASS ALWAYS SHOWS

Richard Millhouse Nixon, the idol of conservative Irish-American politicians has come through with solid evidence on where his true interests are when a contradiction occurs between the imperialists who own him and the capitalists who support him. In order for Great Britain's military heroes to invade the "no go" areas of Northern Ireland more troops were needed. England had already committed these units to NATO duty in the British Army on the Rhine River in Germany, of which an American is the commanding officer. This officer, General Goodpaster, refused to make the decision of releasing the troops as he was aware of the purpose of this move. Goodpaster then consulted with his C.O., none other than R.M. Nixon, who also was aware of the reason that mother England needed 3,000 more of her step-sons, and he agreed.

The releasing of these troops guaranteed the success of "Operation Motorman," the clearance of the "no go" areas and considerable suffering to the already agonizing people of Belfast and Derry Republican neighborhoods. But we should not allow ourselves to think that this demonstration on R.M. Nixon's part will turn around his Irish-American followers, (particularly

those high in the A.F. of L.) because when you are already a class traitor its no problem to sell out your own flesh and blood.

## PARK TRADE ON BALLOT

Recently, several members of the San Jose Community Tenants Union became aware that a portion of Williams Street Park (east of Coyote Creek) would be exchanged for a school site.

Residents of the Olinder neighborhood have been meeting with the Parks and Recreation Department and the San Jose Unified School District for several months. The plan is to exchange 10.8 acres of Williams Street Park for 10.8 acres of land belonging to the old Roosevelt Junior High School. Voters will decide on the exchange in November.

The Tenants Union initially reacted against the proposal, particularly in light of the statements made by City Councilman, Joe Colla, "I don't think it (Williams Street Park) is a logical site for a school. It is a site that leaves much to be desired. An Industrial Park will be built in the area." (SJ Mercury, Sept. 72)

Upon further investigation the Tenants Union discovered that Colla's statement about the building of an Industrial Park in the Williams Street Park area was incorrect. However, he did point out that the school site is illogical; and, the Tenants Union agrees that placing an elementary school next to a railroad track and adjacent to an industrial area is not good planning. But, the present Olinder elementary school sits on an earthquake fault which means that the area cannot be used for the construction of a new school. There is no other area besides Williams Street Park that the school could be built on unless some housing is condemned and people relocated.

The Tenants Union will hold a general meeting on Thur evening Sept. 28 at 7:30 PM at the SJS College Union (Umhunnumroom) 9th St. At this time we will discuss why no one in our community was contacted when negotiations about Williams Street Park started. Also we would like to begin researching what will be necessary in order to establish vest-pocket (mini) parks on vacant lots. Some suggested are 9th and San Salvador, Reed between 7th and 8th, 12th and Reed and 11th and Williams. The community is for people not profit.

## ATTICA: "NO JUSTIFICATION"

The citizen's commission named to investigate last year's uprising at Attica prison concluded earlier this month that there was "no justification" for the "clearly indiscriminate firing" that murdered 43 inmates struggling for basic human rights.

"With the exception of the Indian massacres in the last 19th century," the commission stated, "the state police assault which ended the four-day prison uprising was the bloodiest encounter between Americans since the Civil War."

The prisoners, in a tremendous display of unity that transcended racial lines, were fighting for such basic rights as adequate food, water, and shelter, minimum wages, proper medical treatment, education programs, recreational facilities, an end to censorship of literature and removal of visitation screens.

The assault force of 211 state troopers and unauthorized "correction officers" carried .270-caliber hunting rifles, .38-caliber pistols, and .12-gauge shotguns, and fired over 2200 lethal missiles into the rebelling men.

After the uprising was broken, there were "widespread beatings, proddings, kickings, and verbal abuses of the vilest sort," in the words of the report.

"Attica is every prison, and every prison is Attica," the commission went on to say. "That the explosion occurred at Attica was probably chance." The men and women who are this country's prisoners are continuing to realize that their greatest weapon is unity, and will keep on struggling until they win justice.



We are men. We are not beasts, and we do not intend to be beaten or driven as such... What has happened here is but the sound before the fury of those who are oppressed. We will not compromise on any terms except those that are agreeable to us.

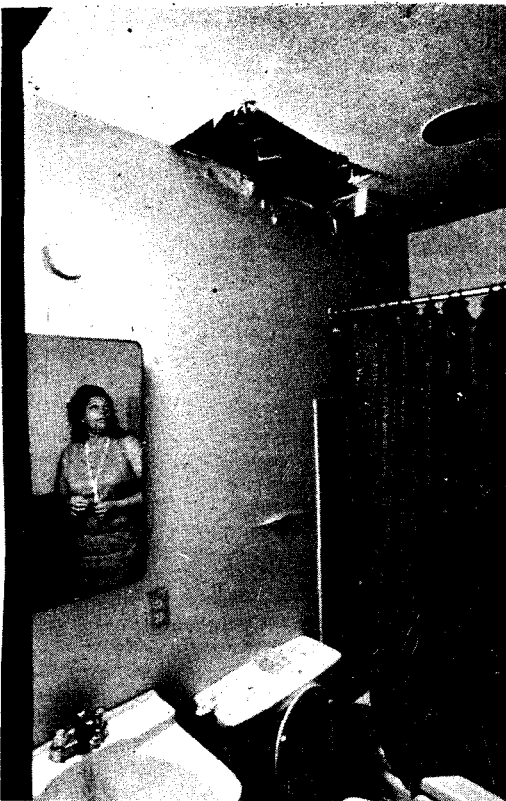
-L.D. (James Elliott Barkley)



## TENANT UNION-CONT. FROM PAGE 1

What is interesting is the fact that both tenant unions emerged independently, and ironically without knowing that each shared the same management firm, Pacific National Financial Corporation. The General Manager, Marshall Pettitt, is one of the many people named in the law suit.

The formation of the 23rd Street Tenants Union occurred when the people decided "We're staying and we're not giving up. We like the community, the school, the people and the 'things' going on around here. We've lived here many years and we're going to fight." With their own money and the backing of the North Side Neighborhood Association, The Community Schools Director - Emmil Canning, and the San Jose Community Tenants Union, the residents of La Casa apartments began to bring their apartment complex up to code in order for the City to release its condemnation and eviction proceedings.



CEILINGS ARE CAVING IN at many of the 23rd street apartments.

This stage in their strike has been accomplished; however, they must go to court, seeking a temporary restraining order to stop further evictions until their law suit is settled.

The Milpitas Tenants Union was organized by Carol Gilbert who said she moved into the Continental apartments because she liked the view of the hills to the front and view of the bay from the rear. When the problems began to get out of hand she put her experience with the Welfare Recipients League (WRL) to work. It was the WRL and the San Jose Community Tenants Union who helped her form the Tenants Union. When she lived in another apartment on Edsel, the tenants started a Tenants Union but the apartment owners fixed the repairs before any militant action became necessary. The residents at the Continental move forward in their struggle in solidarity. Their motto: "United Tenants are Powerful Tenants."

CONTINENTAL APARTMENTS:

THE VIEW from the downstairs toilet in one unit is the upstairs toilet.

Their lawyers Jim King (Milpitas Tenants Union), and Tom Perkins (23rd Street Tenants Union), believe that the Tenant Union's separate cases will bring before the courts and the public the oppression suffered by tenants as well as to help expose the interlocking web of economic relationships that allow instant ghettos and slumlords to exist. Remember: TENANTS RIGHTS THRU TENANTS UNIONS

## THIS LAND IS MY LAND

Richard Oakes, the Mohawk who led the Indian invasion of Alcatraz Island three years ago, was shot and killed Sept. 20 at a remote YMCA camp in Sonoma County.

A camp caretaker, identified as Michael Morgan, was arrested at the scene of the shooting and charged with manslaughter.

Sheriff's deputies said a confrontation between Oakes and Morgan occurred a week before the slaying.

Oakes drew nationwide attention when he led about 100 Indians in the invasion occupation of Alcatraz on Nov. 20, 1969.

"This time we have come to stay," Oakes told federal authorities at the time, proclaiming the island "free Indian land" by "right of discovery."

Since the Alcatraz invasion, Oakes had

faced a series of misfortunes. Jan. 8, 1970, Oakes' 12-year-old daughter died of head injuries suffered in a three-flight fall down a stairwell at Alcatraz. June 8, 1970, he was arrested for trespassing on a PGE campground near the Pit River. June 11, 1970, he was beaten with a pool cue during a fight in the Mission District.

On Sept. 20, 1972, Richard Oakes was killed while hunting on "White man's land."

## MASS TRANSIT

Santa Clara valley had, at one time, a very efficient system of mass transit which served the entire valley. There was even a functioning inter-urban system which served Alum Rock Park, Campbell, Saratoga, Los Gatos, and the city of Santa Clara. Indeed the entire Bay Area had mass transit. For this inter-urban system was tied in with Southern Pacific R.R. which extended from Gilroy thru San Jose to San Francisco and Oakland.

San Jose itself was served by mass transit. A person could travel extensively on electric trolleys and trains throughout the downtown area. The downtown area, which was bound on the east by Coyote Creek, the west by Lincoln Ave. and the Alameda, north to Hedding, and extending south to the Fairgrounds, was served as late as the 1930's.

But the last half a century has witnessed the tidal wave of asphalt, metal, and pollution which naturally follows the automobile. In the last fifty years, much of the land in this valley has been covered over to provide room for the auto, a means of transportation which is proving extremely inefficient and dangerous. Cars kill and maim great numbers of people, are destructive to the environment and are very influential in the deterioration of the American social fabric.

But given the problem that now exists, we once again need mass transit. A form of mass transit which is free, efficient, and compatible with the environment. A system which will serve all, equally. While that sounds a little idealistic, plans for such systems do exist. And if we hope to keep from suffocating to death in this pit then we had better start now towards adopting such a system.

Personalized Rapid Transit is just such a system. There are functioning, full-scale models which show that it can work. There are between 5&10 different systems but eventually they are all rail cars which can be constructed to serve urban areas. Many of the systems are overhead cars on monorails which would make frequent stops and use a minimum of space. Students at S.J. State last semester began a preliminary feasibility study to see if such a system could be applied here and came up with good results. The projected costs they came up with sounds astronomical, \$1.5 million per mile, but, when compared with the cost projection of \$320 billion for freeways in the next 15 years.

Our own county is now considering such a plan. This Saturday, the 30, the Department of Public Works is holding a public forum to get a feel for public opinion. It is certainly important that anyone who feels concerned about the environment show up to make their opinion heard.

The single biggest obstacle in the way of adopting a PRT system is the Director of Public Works, Jim Pot. Mr. Pot is an avid freeway freak and wants desperately to push buses as a means of mass transit. Why this man, who is nothing more than a paid employee, tries so hard to sway things is very odd. But there is one thing we are certain of, that he is one of the most powerful individuals in the county, this paid employee.

Two years ago when Prop. 18 was on the ballots, Jim Pot was interviewed by the Mercury-News, and came out strongly against it. Prop. 18 was the bill which would have diverted some of the money collected from gasoline taxes into studying alternatives to the auto. Pot came out denouncing Prop. 18 after the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors had voted to support the proposition. And this paid employee who should have been fired was never even reprimanded!!

This Jim Pot is infamous for his efforts to block mass transit unless it means building freeways and buying buses. Even the ad which appeared in the Mercury announcing this public forum of Sept. 30 was obviously slanted in favor of buses. The costly ad, which was paid for by taxpayers, was issued by Pot's office to further his own desires.

The public forum is a very important occasion. Buses are obviously not the answer to our transit problems. They pollute, are noisy, and will only add to the already congested streets. Personalized Rapid Transit is a cleaner, quieter, more efficient means of transportation. But unless there is a lot of support for it at this forum, Pot, with his freeway mania, will push through more buses and freeways for his own personal reasons. Come to this forum and show support for PRT, bring signs or just come and make your voices heard. We'll be there!!

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# OCT. 14: JOIN US!

The Union of Vietnamese Students, United Farmworkers, Vietnam veterans Against the War, Bay Area Asian Coalition Against the War, and various other movement groups, are asking people to join them in a march to denounce Nixon's policies and support the PRG 7-Point Peace Plan in San Francisco on Saturday Oct. 14. A two-hour program with several speakers, including a Vietnamese student and Jane Fonda, plus a cultural/musical performance by Vietnamese students and the revolutionary Red Star Singers will conclude the march.

This march, though similar in basic format as past S.F. anti-war marches, is both timely and important because of the present presidential campaigns. Now more than ever, when the official politicians are hitting the American people with their campaign propaganda and promises, we must unite in a popular People's Campaign to expose the lies coming out of governmental circles.

Large marches, like the peace marches of the past, have concretely affected public opinion to the point where now the great majority of the American people oppose the Vietnam war. Public pressure in the form of marches, civil disobedience, student strikes,

etc., have all made the war a decisive issue in the forefront of American politics.

However we must never forget that Nixon has remained THE master politician of deceit in American politics. With his manipulatory skills and his ready access to the media he has convinced millions of people that the war is actually winding down, despite the fact that he has ordered the most brutal and destructive bombing campaign in human history. He has also rejected the only humane peace plan to end the war, the PRG 7-Point Peace Plan. This plan in essence calls for a total end to all U.S. military operations in Vietnam as well as an end to U.S. support to the fascist Thieu regime. Additionally the plan allows for the safe return of all American POWs as well as an independent coalition government in the South.

Although many of us have become cynical about large peaceful marches for many different reasons, including unrealistic expectations which often result in more frustration and alienation, we must see the positive effects of such actions as the march on Oct. 14. For anyone who wants to see an end to U.S. aggression in Vietnam as well as the defeat of Mad Bomber Nixon, the participation in actions that will denounce and expose the real Nixon is of utmost importance at this time.

We hope that SEDITION readers will see the importance of Oct. 14 and join us in the streets of San Francisco for this demonstration. For anyone who needs a ride or has extra room in their car, a San Jose car-pool will be forming in the Lucky's parking lot (7th & Santa Clara St.) at 8:30 A.M. **DENOUNCE NIXON! SUPPORT THE 7 POINTS!**

SEE YOU THERE!



## it's a man's world: THE SEVEN TRAPS IN EVERY WOMAN'S LIFE

Dear Sisters, don't be fooled by Jane Adams, Elizabeth Blackwell, Germaine Greer. They're the "exceptions". It's a trap. It's a well-used diversionary tactic to point somewhere else and say "What's the matter with you? Look at her!"

Don't be fooled by the women-got-the-vote legislationists. They never mention the Civil Rights Act, circa 1964, a farcial bit of paper that tacked on "sex" as rather an after-thought compromise. You can't legislate people's attitudes. Which is why women vote as their husbands, because we're still trained to be non-thinking dependent images of what men want us to be.

Don't be fooled by it's-just-your-hang-up. That's the oldest trap around. And I know it's pretty confusing when some so-called radical man pushes you into that trap. There's men and women trying to deal with all kinds of inequalities in this world, and the men are more and more being confronted with the inequality of women by women and for a man to say to every woman he meets "it's just your hang-up," is incredibly naive, stupid and insensitive. If a whole lot of women have the problems a woman faces in a man's world, obviously none of us are alone. It's the divide-and-conquer trick. Sister, I am with you.

The Pedestal is another trap familiar to us women. You see, pedestals are for displaying art objects. When you let a man put you up there, you give him your human-

ness. He gets to be himself and you as well. And whether you prefer the label "goddess" over "art object," he still doesn't have to relate to you as another human being.

Then there's Enticement, which boils down to the Original Sin of Eve giving the apple to Adam. Well, you say, if you're going to wear those mini-dresses...The other morning I was walking to the store. My hair was un-brushed and my face unwashed. I was wearing baggy levis, a size-too-large sweater, and a man's coat. Doesn't sound like a very appealing picture. Some dude leaned out his window and shouted at me "Hey pussy! Pussy! Pussy!" The point is that no woman should have to cover-up her body to protect some man's dirty mind. Why don't you men clean up your minds?

Which leads us to the sixth trap: I-need-you. The sickening thing is it's true! A man's ego is very dependent on the dependence--translated as feminine inferiority--of women. A man can't achieve all those great things which are his so-called birth-right except that some woman is cleaning up his home and bearing the proof of his virility--translated as masculine superiority. In this way a woman is allowed to share a man's largesse.

Now the last trap: Women-must-want-it-that-way-if-that's-the-way-it-is, otherwise known as Passing the Buck, sometimes as Natural Instinct. This is a cute little piece of circular logic. It actually is

the environment. When a woman all her life is trained to think in terms of White Gown Wedding, Husband and Children, it takes a tremendous struggle to go against her whole life of mal-education. When the only justification a woman is taught for her education is that she'll be able to talk more intelligently to her husband's friends, the battle that rages between the false identity society has given her and the true self lying deep within her is fierce. And to make the whole question complicated is that "struggles" and "battles" are male prerogatives! Sisters, don't be deceived when a man tells you your lot is the way you want it. That's too easy. It's very difficult, especially for a man, to admit the male-dominated society is wrong. It's extremely difficult for a woman to believe in a self she is taught doesn't exist.

You're right: I am angry! But you're wrong if you think we women will continue to follow male advice and turn that anger in on ourselves. That's how the male dominated society keeps us under control, by making us believe we're sick. NO! It's the male power trip that's sick. It's the male power trip that has made every one of --men as well as women--slaves to roles that are at odds with the great potential as complete human beings that lies dormant inside every one of us.

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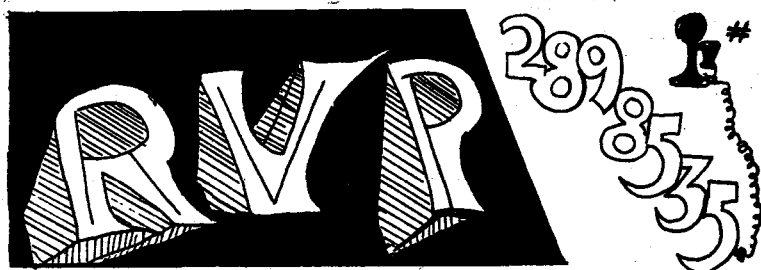
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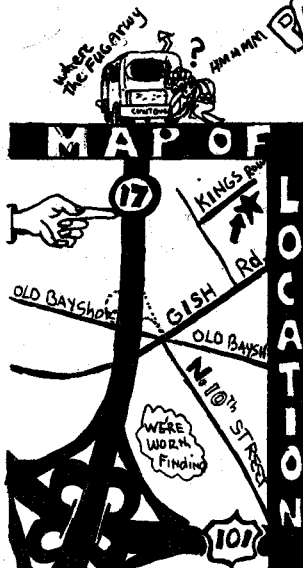
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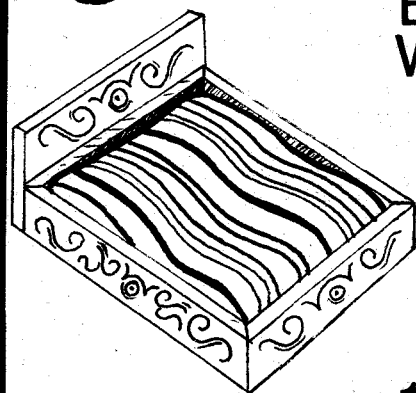
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