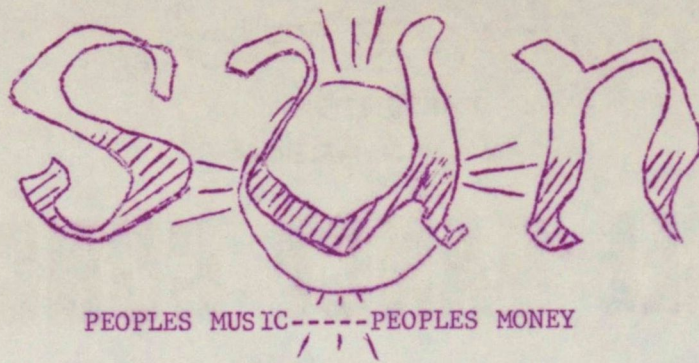


FREE NEWSPAPER
OF ROCK 'N ROLL,
GRASS, AND FUCKING
IN THE STREETS!



July 5, 1970
Year of the
Woodstock Nation
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Woodstock Nation, July 4, 1970 (Informed Sources)--Rock 'n Roll Is Here To Stay!

Brothers and Sisters,

This is our 4th summer of Free Cultural Gatherings. There are more of us every Sunday in James Rector Memorial Park and Diana Oughton Memorial Park. It has taken four years of struggling with uptight City officials, conservative honkies, bad weather, riot pigs & narcotics snakes, inadequate equipment, lack of money, and plain ignorance. But that is all right--the bands forever will charge us with energy, the people's consciousness will raise as the contradictions are heightened, and we will continue to learn how to support the people's bands and build our new culture.

We have to expand the amount of good we can do as a result of coming together at these free cultural gatherings. The music is our energy source, but the direction and benefits are open to control. We understand now that the creation of a Life-Culture in Amerika is the only way to survive. We have moved beyond protest though we will still demonstrate our opposition to the Amerikan Ruse when it moves on poor, colored or young people any where on the planet! We are all engaged together in the revolutionary drive towards self-determination.

In Ann Arbor, the ANN ARBOR TRIBAL COUNCIL provides the direction and resources for these free gatherings, and all money donated during the bucket drives and contributed from the community is used to pay expenses, with all profits going back to the bands and to other free community programs. Just as the STP Coalition and Open City in Detroit, the Ann Arbor Tribal Council is set up to Serve The People. (The Council is: the White Panther Party & the UP, SRC, Big Steel Ballroom, ARGUS, Floating Opera, Mary St. Project, Gay Liberation, LSD Rescue, Crisis Drug Clinic, WNRZ-FM, Magpye, Womens Liberation, & The Red Star Sisters, Ozone House, Venceremos Brigade, Psychedelic Rangers, ARM, Mr. Flood's Party, Newsreel, AA Network, Big Fat, and other organizations and individuals.)

We are about providing a living alternative to the cultural rip-offs of the Kulture Vultures: the Mike Quatro/Russ Gibb/Gabe Glantz axis, Cobo/Olympia sardine shuck, DAPA (Detroit Assoc. of Performing Arts) classical ruse, Eastowne bogus scene, MGM-Warner Bros., et. al. The bullshit exploitation of our culture by thers greed-heads is the vanguard technique of modern capitalism. DIG--

Quatro & Gibb pay the Cincinnati pigs \$18,000.00 to beat heads and protect their profits, instead of letting people in for free and living up to their own advertising!

Olympia, Cobo, & Eastowne will hand all our money over to the "P*O*P*S*T*A*R" bands who sell for \$50,000-\$100,000 (depending on the hype and number of stingy-ass agents between the musicians and the people), instead of providing local bands and peoples bands a decent place to play.

The DAPA takes money made off the culture of Woodstock Nation and uses it to finance classical music and straight musicians while thousands of our brothers and sisters are ripped-off and put in jail or prison because they can not afford to make bail or hire a lawyer.

MGM-Warner Bros. makes a movie of WOODSTOCK and sells it back to those of us who could only be at the real event in spirit -- "Peace, Love, Music - No One Under 18 Admitted - \$3.50," while States and Cities across the Nation outlaw & suppress our new Life-Culture.

We need a change and WE ARE MAKING A CHANGE! We need unity to survive, to have self-government. The Ann Arbor Tribal Council is a United Front within our new NATION, designed to serve the people of the youth colony. We are undertaking the tasks of creating and implementing free cultural gatherings, people's ballrooms, Legal Self Defense Fund, free health clinics & drug information centers to counter-act the smack and speed Plague, community news services & communications networks, food co-ops, runaway shelters from police and parents, poor peoples welfare programs, peoples defense & peace cadre (Psychedelic Rangers) -- in short we are moving towards self-determination; on setting up a revolutionary government of, by, and for the people. (Sound familiar on the July 4 weekend, 1970?) We are a living reminder to Tricky Dick Nixon, Bob Hope, Billy Graham, all their pals, and all other "patriotic citizens" that we are reclaiming our revolutionary heritage. All Power to the People!

Power to the Woodsstock Nation! Build National Consciousness! Start National Construction! SERVE THE PEOPLE!!!

We Shall Win,
Skip Taube, Minister of the Interior
(operating in the bleached belly of the beast)
White Panther Party

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE ANN ARBOR TRIBAL COUNCIL---COMMUNITY PARK FUND

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
bucket drive--June 14th concert	\$373	bussing (A.A. Transit Auth.)	\$238
donation--Mr. Flood's Party	150	p.a. rental--June 14 concert	200
donation--Satyrn	50	bussing (Magpye)	20
donation--Student International	25	p.a. rental--June 28 concert	200
donation--Gertrude Kerath	50	posters	182
bucket drive--June 28	317	stage baffles	20
	total	leaflets	21
	965		
	expenditures 781	total	\$ 781
	balance \$ 184		

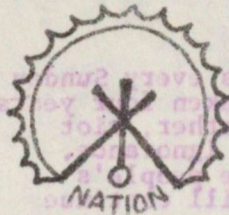
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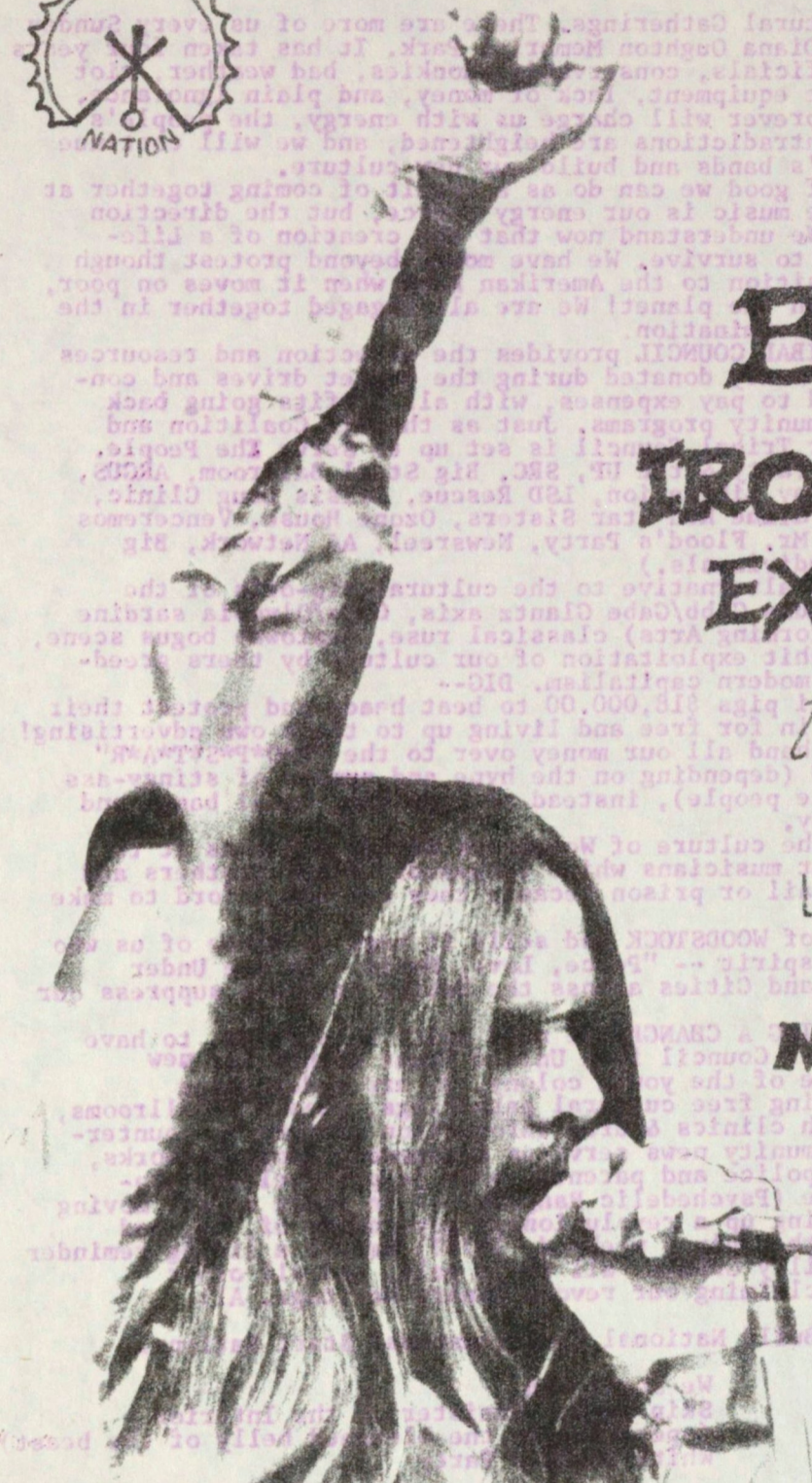
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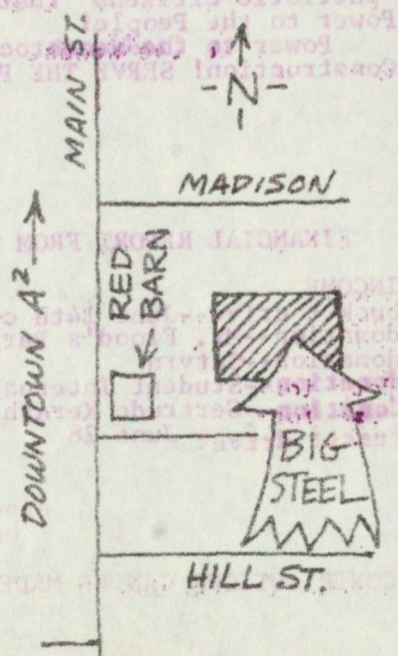
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BIG STEEL BALLROOM

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July 4, 1970--Independence Day

Sisters and Brothers,

On July 28th a Fast will begin. A Fast for Justice. A JUSTICE/FAST for John Sinclair.

There are many of us who have stood by and observed the trial of John Sinclair and his sentencing on July 28, 1969 to 9½-10 years. We witnessed Recorder's Court Judge Robert Columbo sacrifice the integrity of the law and the court on the altar of vengeance and reaction. We watched as the Dept. of Corrections, under the petty control of bureaucrats Gus Harrison & Perry Johnson, shipped John 500 miles north from Jackson to Marquette; claiming he was organizing prisoners while he was in quarantine! Now we read about censorship of his mail and denial of visiting rights to friends, media, and business representatives. We can only imagine the hardships put upon his wife and two daughters and parents and the difficulty for his lawyers in preparing a legal defense due to the cost of travelling 1000 miles to and from Marquette every two weeks. To make the financial hardships even greater for the poor Sinclair family, John was assigned to a job sorting prison laundry and is not allowed time to work on and financially benefit from his talents as a writer, music critic, and band manager. The prison authorities will not even allow John to use his education as a teacher to help unschooled inmates. Punishment, and not rehabilitation, is the order of the day.

We are going to fast four days -- July 28 thru 31. This is a cleansing process for our bodies and our spirits....It is a testimony to our outrage and to our powerlessness. John went to prison under protest 1 year ago July 28. He has been denied bail pending appeal of his case. The JUSTICE/FAST is our physical statement to the State.

We invite all concerned citizens to join us or to spread the message of the JUSTICE/FAST while you Fast at work, school, or home. On Sunday, August 2 you are also invited to a Rock 'n' Roll/Feast benefit at one of the ballrooms.

We are circulating the attached statement to raise the money necessary for placing a full-page ad in the Detroit Free Press during the JUSTICE/FAST. This ad will be designed to educate the people about the political repression of John Sinclair, and to raise money for his legal defense.

We feel a sense of urgency in undertaking this task. You can express your concern for justice now. Don't give up on John Sinclair....Join the JUSTICE/FAST July 28-31! Help finance the full-page ad; send your donation with the clipped form soon. Thank you. Free John Sinclair!

NAME: _____
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Judge Julius Hoffman [upon request to subpoena John Sinclair during the Chicago CONSPIRACY Trial]:

"I don't think a judge in this building or a judge in Michigan would sentence a man to 9½ years in prison for possessing two sticks of marijuana."

Leonard Weinglass [CONSPIRACY defense lawyer]:

"Your shock is shared by the defense and a good portion of the country."

JUSTICE!

"One week before I was sentenced to 9½-10 years for possession of two marijuana cigarettes, Judge Robert Colombo, the Recorder's Court magistrate who sentenced me on July 28, 1969, gave another man 7 to 10 years for second degree murder.

"I am a political prisoner, presently being held WITHOUT BOND, in Marquette Prison. I am serving 9½-10 years, not for possessing two joints of marijuana in the privacy of my own home, but for "flaunting the law," as Judge Colombo put it."

—John Sinclair, writing from prison,
July 4, Independence Day, 1970.

Was John Sinclair "flaunting the law," or was he just speaking out against its injustices? Let's look at the record. It took two disguised undercover agents two months to entrap John Sinclair into giving them two marijuana cigarettes. No charge. He gave them the marijuana, and Judge Colombo himself ruled that the transaction was a case of "Illegal Entrapment," i.e.; that the police created the crime! The same evidence, which had been obtained illegally by the Judge's own ruling, was then used to convict Sinclair on the possession charge. Who was flaunting the law?

John Sinclair's case also involves another important aspect. Since 1967, when he was arrested (along with 55 other people) on this charge, he has mounted an effective attack on the constitutionality of Michigan's anti-marijuana laws. The effects of this legal attack, aside from his 9½ year sentence without appeal bond, include bills in the Michigan House of Representatives, which remove marijuana from the narcotics category and the felony laws, and a bill which makes possession a misdemeanor under Michigan's law and provides a maximum sentence of one year in jail for the crime (27 states have already done this).

All of these bills have passed in the Michigan House of Representatives and have received Governor Milliken's strong public endorsement. The bill that would make possession of any amount under 2 oz. a misdemeanor was passed by the House by 83 to 3 votes! On May 21, 1970, Gov. Milliken told a group of educators and medical experts that "We know that marijuana is not medically or scientifically a narcotic drug like heroin or morphine. . . It should not be associated with narcotics, either medically or legally."

John Sinclair has argued this point in his legal briefs for more than three years now, yet the Michigan Supreme Court, in denying his motion for an appeal bond, stated as their only reason for denying bond that Sinclair had failed to show that he had a "meritorious basis for appeal."

Who is flaunting the law? Who is making a mockery of our legal system? John Sinclair has taken this case against the marijuana laws to the Legislature, and they have agreed with him. The Governor has agreed with his arguments. Yet the courts, who know better, refuse for three years to answer the questions presented in John Sinclair's legal briefs because they know that to do so would be to sign his release papers, and they do not want John Sinclair in the community.

AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS we urge the Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court to investigate the record, read John Sinclair's legal briefs, and to reconsider their arbitrary decision to deny bail to John Sinclair. He has already served one year of his 9½-10 year sentence, and justice cannot be served until he is released.

If he is indeed guilty of political crimes, then a trial should be held and those charges against him brought forward. But to keep John Sinclair imprisoned on the cynically stated grounds that he has presented "No meritorious Basis for Appeal" is a blatant miscarriage of justice which must be corrected immediately.

We are not asking for amnesty for John Sinclair, although that is the proper demand to make in behalf of political prisoners. What we are asking is that John Sinclair be admitted to bail in this case while he waits for the courts and the legislature to repeal the admittedly cruel and unusual penalties surrounding marijuana prohibition. This is not a frivolous request, and we should not be forced to bring this injustice to the attention of the public if the courts of Michigan were not so callous in their disregard for the rights of political prisoners, and of John Sinclair in particular. JUSTICE/FAST!

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