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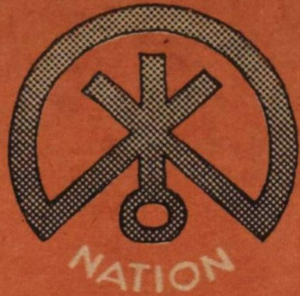
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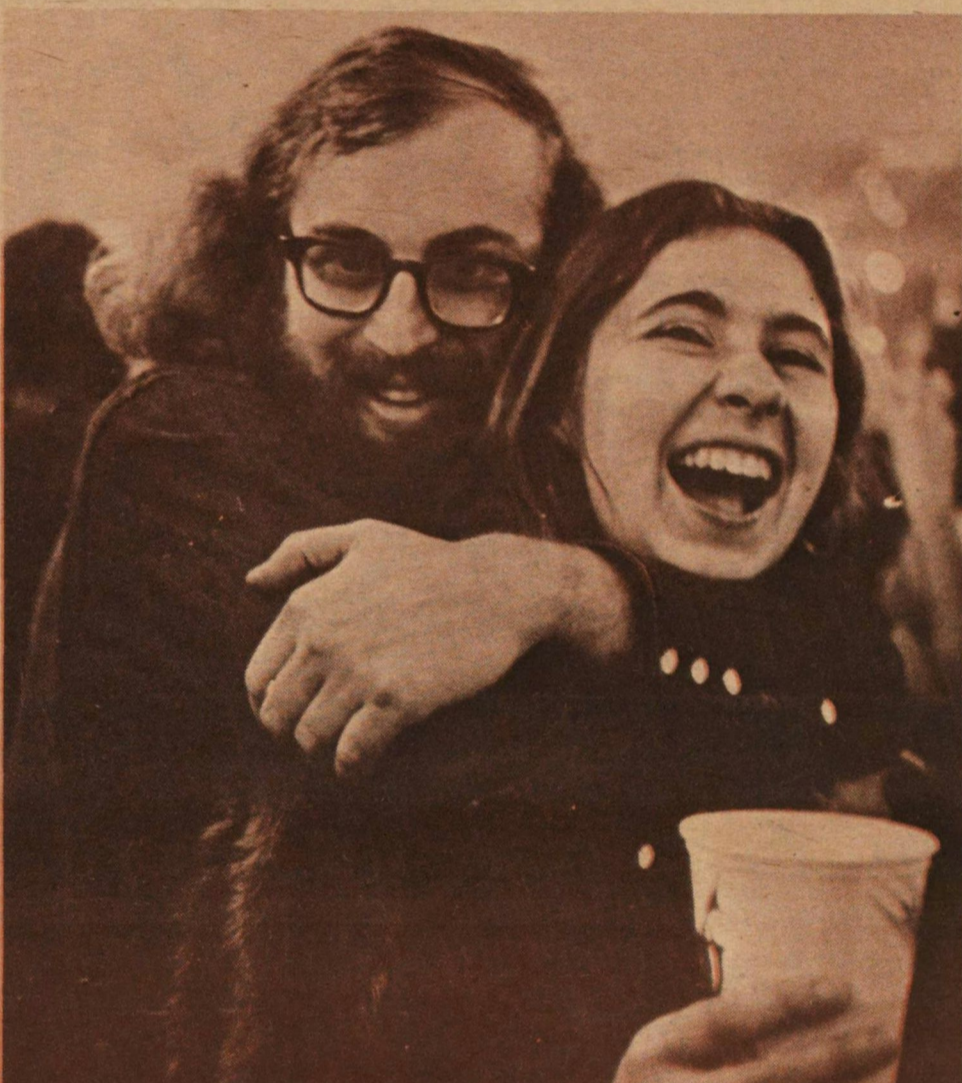
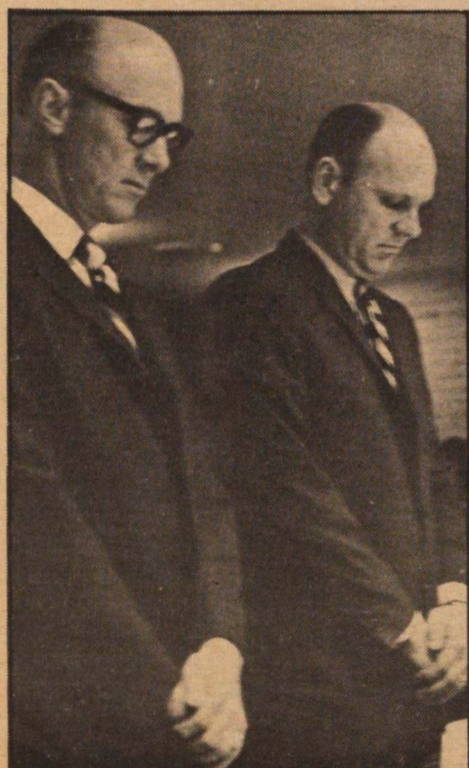
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The newspapers are still calling it the "startling, upset" victory of Human Rights Party candidates for City Council from the first and second wards Jerry DeGriek and Nancy Wechsler. Startled and upset, after all, because right up until the afternoon of the election editorial writers, politicians, and other top honks were smugly and safely predicting that "young people would vote just like their parents." The smugness seemed to have finally disappeared by last Monday night's City Council meeting, as Republicans and Democrats alike watched Jerry and Nancy take the oath of office, along with close to 400 cheering, screaming members of the electorate who packed the Council Chambers. As the Republican councilmen sat back in disgust, murmuring to each other and protesting what they called the "circus" assembled in their sacred chambers, as the Democrats nervously chomped on cigars and pondered the hard reality that now they'd better take some far-out positions or face complete defeat once again *next* election, it became joyously clear that Ann Arbor politics will never be the same again.

They said it couldn't be done, and our victory sure didn't happen by any kind of magic. It came about as a result of the intense, driving work and dedication of the Human Rights Party, as well as *all* the members of the People's Campaign who worked against all kinds of obstacles, including the University of Michigan, to get the word out that This time people really should get out.

And get out the vote we did. This last election day in Ann Arbor was like none ever before, as thousands and thousands of freeks overflowed the polls, sometimes waiting in line an hour or two just to walk in, pull the curtain closed and vote for the candidate of their choice.

Driving around town on Monday you'd keep running across the 35 HRP vote-mobiles that spent all day giving people rides from homes and dorms to the polls. Four of the cars kept in touch with HRP central with 2-way radios, darting to different polling places that needed more workers or we're having some difficulty, like at Jones School in the first ward, where hundreds of people were harassed by Democratic and Republican poll-watchers who started challenging "student-looking types" credentials at one point during the day. The HRP had the help of 300 organized volunteers, who worked all-day election day watching over the polling places, leaf-letting and rapping with the people as they came to vote. Neither of the two Property



Steve Nissen, HRP Campaign Manager, and Linda Ross, Campaign Manager for Genie Plamondon, celebrate the election returns at the HRP office on election night. Not everyone reacted so joyously, for example the two Republican councilmen pictured below....

Parties have ever mounted this kind of effort or gotten so many people involved in a city council election. Now all the energy and people that went into winning can go into transforming the city, exposing the established parties past record in government as equally low level.

Monday night after the polls closed at 8 the HRP office on Thayer swelled with people coming back from voting or from working at one of the precincts. Standing around and waiting for the results, people were nervous and excited, and as the first news came in with strong showings for Nancy and Jerry and unexpectedly good results for the 3 other candidates, the HRP office became the scene of a frenzied election celebration, complete with joints, kegs of beer, and periodic screams and jumps for joy as the results were phoned in from city hall. And many of HRP's older supporters joined in the partying.

The final election returns show that the Democrats didn't win even one seat, reacting to Jerry's victory in the usually Democratic First Ward as a total surprise. Genie Plamondon pulled in 22% of the Third Ward vote, which isn't mostly young voters, doing far better than anyone (outside a few courageous HRPers) had predicted. David Black and Nancy Romer Burghardy, who received almost no money for campaigning and could afford to put out only one leaflet (as opposed to 5 or 6 for the other HRP candidates), pulled in relatively high totals for the amount of work they were able to put into their campaigns.

Reaction from the established politi-

cians was anguished and angry. Mayor Harsi spoke to reporters the next day and explained that "some people look upon this Human Rights Party victory as the second coming of Christ. Well, these people are just mortals." Bob went on to explain how once Nancy and Jerry were faced with the "harsh realities" of city government, they'd end up just like the Democrats. The Republicans were outraged, sent into a whirling irrational frenzy as the crew of bankers and businessmen lamented the city's future and their rapidly diminishing grasp of control over the population. Tom Burnham, candidate from the second ward and the Republican's boy-wonder-student liberal hopeful was naive enough to blame his defeat on what he called the "deceitful" campaign conducted against him by the HRP in the Michigan Daily.

The Ann Arbor News on the day after the election came out urging Ann Arbor residents who were thinking of leaving the city to "Stay and fight," but also admitted that "if you believe in the democratic system, you have to believe that it was the people speaking."

Phew! We've won, but the real work of entering the government, learning how it operates and exposing it has just begun. Nancy and Jerry are going out and learn exactly what needs to be done, but it's going to be a long and slow process as they plod through the bureaucracy and bullshit. Already they've met with Police Chief Krasny, City Administrator Guy Larcom, and others who will now be subject to the close scrutiny from the community which they deserve. At the meeting with Krasny

the HRPers questioned him about the Police budget, how much of it goes to enforce antiquated, unnecessary and vicious laws, asked about the files police keep on political activists, and generally began the process of keeping the police in line. Krasny called the meeting "rather congenial," and we all certainly hope things stay that way until a new police chief can be chosen to head the department.

There's a lot that can be done right away; of course a great deal of it is up to the Democrats. Will they unite with the HRP and help pass the legislation people need or will they side with the Republicans and expose themselves once again. It takes six votes to get anything done, and neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have the needed number of votes by themselves. We'll see how things go starting right away, as Nancy and Jerry get to work. Immediate plans are for a new city marijuana ordinance that would make possession of the holy weed a \$.25 fine within the city limits, an ordinance expressly stopping the city or its agents (like the police) from aiding in any strike-breaking activities, immediate abolition of all laws against homosexuality or sexual practices of any kind, and other needed changes.

None of these things will come easily or without a struggle, but now we can start to force the city to do what's needed and at the same time expose the morass of rules, regulations, bureaucracy and corruption as it gets in our way and slows us down. Nancy and Jerry can help make sure now that the people's programs, the free concerts in the park, and the whole range of alternatives to the madness that the Tribal Council is creating, can grow with much less interference from the powers that be then ever before. And that's what's most important, because the Tribal Council IS THE SOLUTION.

We are now a more powerful force than ever before to be dealt with. Already there is talk in newspaper editorials and around of taking away the student's right to vote where they go to school; we've already seen to what lengths the University and the money interests it fronts for will go to stop us from VOTING, from FOLLOWING THE LAW, but we ain't seen nothing yet as these creeps lose more and more of their power. The only way this is going to work is if we work on it together. Everyone's invited to the regular community mass meetings held at the human rights party office, where you can come and help make policy and set the next moves. Nancy and Jerry are your representatives, and they want to know what you need. The HRP phone number is 761-6650. Now is the crucial time, as we work on changing as much as we can while people all over the country watch to see what will happen — if we do our job right we can allay the fears of people who don't understand us yet, win many of them over, and get a lot more votes come next April, when we could win two of three more seats!

And this is only the beginning. There's an election for the Ann Arbor School Board coming up this June, next November we can take on Democrat Doug Harvey and possibly finally restrain the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, as well as possibly capture a seat in the State Legislature. The rising tide of the people cannot be stopped, but it needs YOU. Even with the tremendous turnout last week still only an estimated 60% of those eligible actually got out to vote, and the HRP figures that there's still thousands of 18-20 year olds who haven't even registered yet. So do it while you still can, and come check out the City Council meetings every Monday night at 7:30. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE! LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER AND CHANGE THINGS AROUND. . .

—David Fenton, RPP

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

What do you think that the two new Human Rights Party city council members, Jerry Degriek and Nancy Wechsler will be able to do in their term?

Larry Doeman, Hippie. It's hard to tell. But to start off with it looks like what they can do at the beginning is to expose corruption in the regime.



David, musician. Well I never believed in electoral politics at all, but I figure that now that they're there we could do something far out and if not, we'll just take to the streets.



Crystal Yarlott, oppressed waitress. It seems that there are a lot of people that have more power than they do and they're not going to be able to do that much.



Marlene Strahota, Clerk Cashier at the University of Michigan. The fact that there are two of them there now, means the other members are going to have to reckon with them. I'm really glad about it because if they are really smart and sharp people are going to notice and they are going to have to listen and take young people and new and better ideas into consideration.



This issue's Voice of the People was done by Mike Fitzpatrick.

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Cover Photo: Jerry DeGriek and Nancy Wechsler celebrate their victory at the Human Rights Party Headquarters election night!

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RADIO!

FLASH!

Welcome! The Chinese ping-pong team will be in Ann Arbor this Saturday the 15th at Crisler Arena! Check out the airwaves for more information. The east is red and the west is ready!

FLASH!

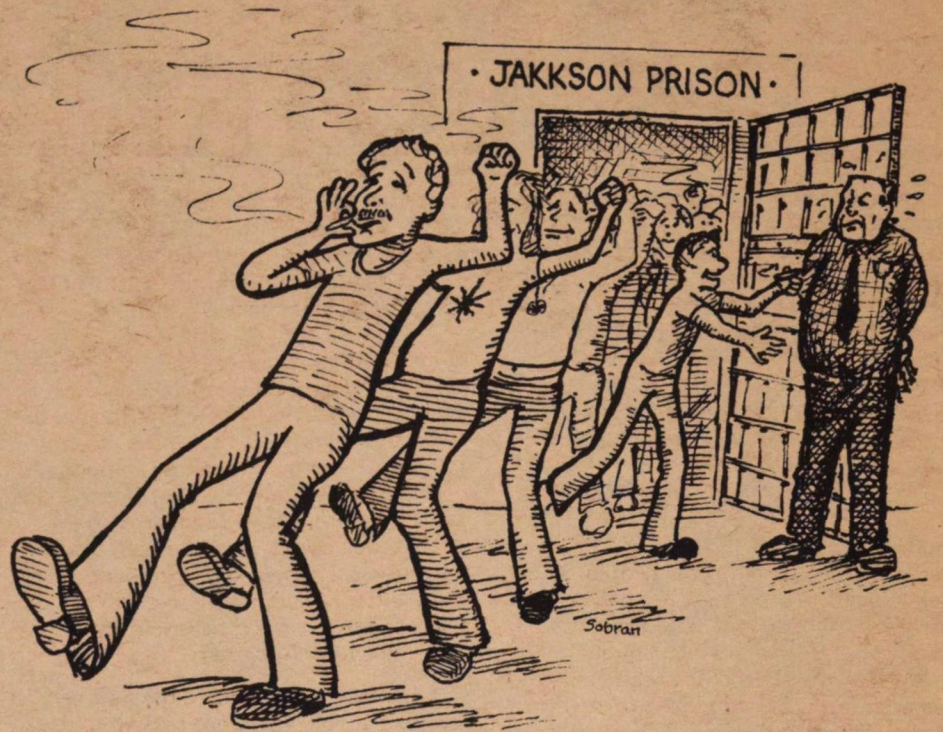
Anyone knowing anything about a light brown brief case that was lost at the National Bank and Trust, on Monday the 10th please call 662-0757. A brother's final term papers were in it and he really needs them badly. Finals next week you know!

FLASH!

HELP support Ozone—the People's Center. Please give to the bucket drive that will be happening on April 14 and April 21. The money you give from the bucket drive will be used to continue the services provided by Drug Help, Ozone House, the Free People's Clinic, and the whole Community Center Project. Serve the People! Support the Community Center!

FLASH!

A small rainbow sister needs some other young people to play with! If you have kids who really need to relate to people their own size call Jeanie at 761-1709 and maybe we can hook up our energy!



FLASH!

On Saturday April 22 at 10:30 there will be a gaint Auction sponsored by the friend of Clonlara. All the profits will go to Clonlara to help them out with the money hassles. Check it out at the corner of East University and South University—there may be some good stuff.

FLASH!

Getting Ready for May 1st. Ready for a day of celebration and a Rock and Roll that night at the Union. May 1st is the 1st anniversary of the Ann Arbor SUN and the formation of the Rainbow People's Party and our righteous rock and roll bands will be kicking out the jams and you'll be coming not only for a chance to get down but also to help the Ann Arbor SUN stay on top of our debts! Listen to the airwaves and watch for the next issue of the SUN for more information.

FLASH!

The Free People's Clinic will be open an additional two afternoons per week for the convenience of those sisters and brothers who have a hard time getting to the clinic in the evenings. The additional hours are Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 pm to 4 pm.



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THEY TRIED TO STOP THE VOTE!

As the Human Rights Party gained votes and power during the last week of the City Council campaign, corporate interests of Ann Arbor moved in panic against us, almost stopping events planned by the People's Campaign to Get Out the Vote. Ann Arbor City Council and the University of Michigan (largest corporation in Washtenaw County) attempted to discourage young people from legally exercising their new power.

* Monday, March 27 - City Council denies Student Government Council a sound-truck permit so they can't broadcast election information to the people. Three Republicans, Councilman Fairbanks, Edwards, and Stephenson vote against the truck because it would be a "public nuisance" even though a month earlier they had approved a sound permit for Voter Registration Week.

* Friday, March 24 - Morey Rinkle, auditor of Office of Student Services of the University of Michigan, tells the Friends of the Rainbow People, a U of M student organization, that he doesn't know if they can use Hill Auditorium for the People's Concert to Get Out the Vote because university employees might not work so close to Easter. This is the first in a series of half truths and outright lies on the part of University officials in order to deny the FRP their right to use of the U facilities.

* Wednesday, March 29 - In response to a written request from FRP for Hill Auditorium on the 1st, Rinkle reads a written statement from President Fleming saying there were "violations of the law, with regard to use of marijuana" at the December 10th John Sinclair Freedom Rally and the University would be "condoning illegal acts" if it were "to rent a facility to such a group a second time, knowing full well the party approves and condones violation of the law in this respect."

* Thursday morning, March 30 - People's Coalition for Peace and Justice offers to sponsor the April 1st concert, is denied by the University. SGC's offer to sponsor the event is denied.

* Thursday afternoon, March 30 - Friends of the Rainbow People file a complaint with Washtenaw Circuit Court, on the basis of which Judge Conlin issues summons to President Fleming and the Regents to appear on Friday at 3:30 in court to show cause why an injunction should not be issued restraining the University administration from denying the use of Hill Auditorium to the FRP.

* Thursday night, March 30 - Roderick Dane, University Attorney, lets SGC have Hill on the 1st under the conditions that 1) SGC hire fire marshalls and 2) SGC make an announcement from stage against smoking.

* Friday, March 31 - Mr. Hilton, assistant manager of the Union who according to Dave Sinclair, "has for the past two years taken a particularly perverse pleasure in executing the repressive designs of University administration against the youth community," denies SGC the use of the union ballroom for April 2nd because em-

ployees are supposedly stripping and waxing the floors on Easter Sunday, a national religious holiday. The Union had already denied its use to FRP on the basis of Fleming's written statement.

* Sunday, April 2 - After what Peter Wright, Republican city chairman, called Fleming's Capitulation, the Union must open its doors for the Election Boogie. But Wells, the manager of the Union, keeps equipment and trucks waiting an hour and a half while he opens the door. He then insists that there be two fire marshalls instead of one already agreed upon, denies the musicians access to any dressing rooms, and arbitrarily invokes a non-existent rule against smoking in the ballroom and hall after removing all ashtrays.

The music went on, and the Saturday night gig at Hill, while not packed to capacity, was just dynamite. Soon after the HRP candidates and those Democrats who had the courage to show up (all the Dems & Repubs were invited, 2 Democrats came but no Republicans) were introduced, Brother John Sinclair took the microphone to run it all down and introduce Detroit. His rap follows...



John Sinclair in the get-out-the-votemobile.

I just wanted to talk a few minutes about the event tonight and all the weirdness that went on in the last few days about this concert. I see the people that got here tonight evidently got through the propaganda screen put out by the university about the cancellation. Right on! (Applause). It's important I think to look at what the university tried to pull to keep this from coming off and what the result of their hasty act was.

In the first place, the university, and the power structure that it's part of, don't like this stuff going on, and they've been trying

want this to go on this weekend because on December 10, everybody got together in Crisler Arena, and a couple of days later, the result was brought about. And they saw this, and this scared them to death. They don't want this to happen. They see, again in March, they see that people coming out like that and standing up behind an issue that directly involves them, like smoking weed, they see that by March, the same judges who wouldn't give me any bond 6 months before turned all the way around and said, 'why, these laws are unconstitutional, and this dude should've never been locked up in the first place.' Now they didn't do that because they just dropped acid or something and said 'wow, we made a mistake' — you know? Some of us go along making mistakes for a lot of years and doing the wrong thing and then you get down and have some kind of cosmic experience.

We know that people can change that way, but these people on the legislature and on the courts don't change that way. The only way they change is when people push them, you dig? They say, 'this is gonna be the line here, and you toe that line and don't come across it', and they stand up there real big, and they expect you to say 'Oh good God, I'd better go back and lay down or something,' right? But when people get up and walk across the line, and don't lay down, but walk across the line and say, 'We aren't going for it,' then they're going to be pushed back and then they're the ones who start getting scared.

That happens. That's why we thought it was important this weekend. We've been concentrating on the elections April 3rd, which is Monday. We've been concentrating on that for some time, trying to get people to register to vote in the first place and then to come out and vote on Monday. It's an important election and this is an opportunity — if people come out and deal with this thing on Monday, the way I can't really say, due to the nature of this non-partisan gathering, (laughter), if people come out and vote the way I'm going to vote, on Monday, we'll get an opportunity to see if this bullshit about people on councils and elected officials really means anything. It might mean something and it might not, but we'll get a chance to find out.

From the reaction of these pigs, I have to say, from them, you can usually tell if what you're doing has any value. Like weed, a lot of people say weed really doesn't mean anything, there ain't any sense in people ever talking about it or making a big thing out of it, because it's not revolutionary, it's not this, or that, it's meaningless. But then on the other hand, the way the government reacts toward it, there must be something to it, you know what I mean? It's the same thing with that, and the way they react to it too. Like, this was just supposed to be, actually, we started out, we wanted to have it at Crisler Arena tomorrow, and have an all day thing, people going crazy and really getting it on all day, and then, we were told by the University a week and a half before the event that we had been working on was supposed to come off that we couldn't get Crisler Arena for Sunday. So we went and got this place for Saturday and the Union Ballroom for Sunday and said, 'well, as many people won't be able to get down

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Mitch Ryder of Detroit (above) April 1st at Hill, along with Wilderness Road (below), a knock-out people's band from Chicago.



Both Detroit and Wilderness Road made vote-generating music for free...

Photo by David Fenton

to keep these concerts from going on all year. See, they figure that rock and roll by itself is bad enough, when people started getting down to the nitty-gritty and bringing rock and roll back home to where the people are and integrate it with all the other stuff that people are doing instead of making it some kind of separate thing that you go down to Cobo Hall and buy and then go home, when people started bringing it all together with all the other stuff that's going on, and people started uniting around it, and moving to bring about some of the things that people need to have in order to survive and just to get along, then they really started flipping out. Like on December 10, and I want to thank everybody right now who was there or wanted to be there or thought about it and everything, thank you very much (Applause) because that's the reason that they didn't

It'll Never be the Same!



Jerry DeGriek (HRP), Robert Faber (Dem.), and Nancy Wechsler (HRP) in the thick of last Monday's meeting.

The people jammed City Council chambers Monday night, April 10, as the new Ann Arbor City Council, with Human representatives Jerry DeGriek and Nancy Wechsler, were sworn to office. The crowd overflowed into the halls as people came out in full force to hear and see their representatives.

After the pledge of allegiance, during which many people remained seated, the new council members were sworn in. After swearing to "uphold the U.S. Constitution," Nancy and Jerry raised their fists in a salute of victory. Lawyer David Goldstein speaking later during the audience participation portion of the meeting said that he was glad to hear that Nancy and Jerry had vowed to uphold the Constitution and that "the Human Rights Party follows the Constitution more than the Republicans or Democrats."

The first item on the agenda was the election of a mayor pro tem—a symbolic position whose only duty is to chair the meeting in the absence of the mayor. Though all three parties nominated people, the vote failed to get a majority on two ballots and the issue was tabled until the next meeting. A majority of six council votes is needed to pass anything, and with the new council of five Republicans, four

Democrats (including the mayor who has voting power), and the two Humans who will be forced to make a clear choice between progressive legislation (HRP) and the repressive dinosaur policies of the past (Republicans).

During audience participation time, Jerry DeGriek suggested that the people speaking from the audience be seated in Council members seats to help people feel more a part of their city government. Republican Councilman McCormick objected, urging Mayor Harris to exercise his responsibility as chairman and "not let this turn into a circus." Harris overruled McCormick's objection and Nancy and Jerry gave up their seats throughout the audience participation period. During this time, people spoke about the air war in Vietnam and the complicity of local corporations in the CPHA strike, Ann Arbor Child Care, and the Tenants Union regarding violations of the rent freeze. During this time, Nancy tried to ask one of the speakers a question and was informed by Mayor Harris that it was against the rules. Nancy replied, "well, those rules will have to change."

The new City Budget was presented to Council by City Administrator Guy Larcom. This budget will be debated and chan-

ged by Council, but as usual the City asks for more money for the police while claiming not to have enough money to increase simple survival services for the people. There will be more reports about the budget in future issues of the SUN.

The next portion of the agenda was the Police Annual Report given by Police Chief Walter Krasny. He quoted a lot of figures about crime rates and convictions and was asked questions by the council members. Krasny's reply to questions about the continual harassment of young people, black people, and freaks, the emphasis on victimless crimes, and requests for still more police was, "I don't believe in letting crime run rampant in the streets because of not having enough men." Nancy and Jerry promised to question Krasny at greater length at another time. (Also check out the Tribal Council investigation into the police. See issue No. 28 of the SUN).

The major item on the agenda was the CPHA strike. The Commission of Professional and Hospital Activities (CPHA) has been on strike for the past two months demanding recognition of their union (UAW Local 157). Despite overwhelming support for the union, the company refuses to recognize it. The strikers set up picket lines

with the support of many students, while the company hired scab workers to do the work. The police have come out in force to the picket lines to make sure that people's rights were not violated. It seems that the only rights that they are interested in are those of the company, as five people have been arrested (all people on the picket line) and none have been charged with any crimes yet, while two picketeers were hit with cars and the police refused to take any action. Nancy Wechsler introduced a motion that City Council support the CPHA strike and investigate the bias of the police in this matter. This motion was defeated, but HRP plans to introduce an anti-strike breaking ordinance as soon as it can be done.

It was really a high energy night as the people were really excited about finally having some representation on City Council. We learn more and more every day about how the city is run and with Humans Nancy and Jerry on Council, the greed creeps who continually try to control our lives will be exposed more and more. Check the SUN for future City Council News. HUMAN POWER TO THE HUMANS. ALL POWER TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

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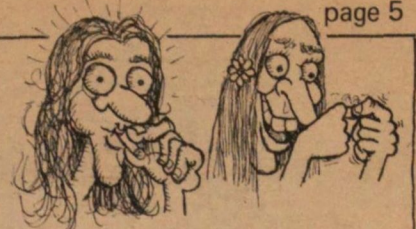
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Prisoners Freed—Free Weed!

Friday, April 7, the Michigan Supreme Court ordered the release of 128 prisoners incarcerated in Michigan jails for marijuana "crimes." This is the latest victory in a struggle which began more than five years ago. In 1967, when our culture exploded on the scene, the control addicts recognized what a powerful force the sacred herb played in bringing our people together to solve our problems. They knew that smoking the weed gave us visions of the future and the energy to act on those visions, and were determined to stop this great menace before it had a chance to grow. The police and politicians said it was just a matter of breaking the law, but we knew that it was *they* who were breaking the law. We were saying all along that it was against the US Constitution to be putting people in jail for smokin' a little weed, but they continued to round our people up, railroad them through the injustice system, and send them off to Amerika's concentration camps. They arrested John Sinclair and 56 other people at the Detroit Artist's Workshop January 24, 1967. John Sinclair challenged the state marijuana laws as being unconstitutional, and in blatant disregard for the serious legal and political questions being raised by his case, Detroit Recorder's Court Judge Robert Colombo sentenced John to 9½-10 years for possession of two joints. They thought they could smash our spirits and wear us down, but we continued to demand immediate justice and sanity regarding marijuana laws. The courts continually denied appeal bond and refused to rule on the constitution-

ality of the laws. The people continued to demand justice. Some communities, Ann Arbor among them, passed local ordinances lowering the penalties to 90 day misdemeanors. Then in December, 1971, the Michigan legislature passed a new state law lowering the penalties to a maximum one year misdemeanor for possession. Soon after this decision, and immediately after 15,000 people jammed Crisler Arena to demand freedom for John Sinclair and an end to marijuana prohibition Dec. 10th, the Michigan Supreme Court granted John appeal bond on Dec. 13th after denying him that same bond six times, subjecting him to the inhuman conditions of the Michigan penal system for 2½ years. Finally in March, 1972, this same Supreme Court ruled in John's favor, saying what we had been saying all along, that the Michigan marijuana laws were unconstitutional. Subsequently, 128 prisoners were ordered released.

The point is, that the courts and politicians didn't change the laws and release people from jail because they had a change of heart and realized that they were wrong, but because of an intensive and united effort on the part of thousands of people who *demand* change in the marijuana laws. The politicians see the new voters and are afraid of losing their power, so they try to buy us off. But it won't work, as the people will continue to back them against the wall until the sacrament is completely legalized. It becomes obvious every day from the report from the President's Commission on Marijuana to Ann Arbor Judge Eldon's decision ruling the city marijuana law unconstitutional that the newest policy of the government greed creeps is to publicly stand for lower penalties while privately destroying our supply of the sacrament and isolating users to selectively enforce the laws. They plan to continue to rip us off the streets and send us to jail, only now it will be more often and for less time. They hope to break our spirits and discourage the use of the righteous weed by continual harassment.

This all leads us to the question of what the present marijuana law is all about. The state law divides the "crime" into three categories: use, with a penalty of 90 days and a \$100 fine; possession, one year and \$1,000; and sale/delivery, four years and \$2,000. Possession as compared to use is defined as more than two ounces. Since Judge Eldon has ruled the city law unconstitutional, there is presently no city marijuana law. Human Rights Party council people Nancy Wechsler and Jerry DeGriek plan to introduce an ordinance making use possession, or sale a 25¢ fine, and further direct the Ann Arbor police to prosecute people under the city ordinance rather than the state law. This would be a necessary step until the state law is changed and



Photo by David Fenton

Brothers imprisoned for the sacrament stand inside the walks of Jackson Prison, on the verge of being released that same day.

we have complete legalization. April 1, people publicly defied the law, as a hash festival was held on the Diag. Over 500 people were there to show contempt for the new law and to demand an immediate end to any form of weed prohibition. The festival came about mostly because of a few small stickers posted up around campus saying ANN ARBOR HASH FESTIVAL, DIAG APRIL 1. People dug the idea and it came about. Earlier in the week, the police vowed to enforce the law and arrest anyone spotted smoking marijuana. People were token all over on the diag, but it seems that there is some doubt as to exactly what happened according to the local newspapers. The headline of an Ann Arbor News article the following day said "No Pot Spotted At Campus Fete," while the Detroit Free Press of the same day said, "500 Flaunt Pot Law at U-M." According to Police Chief Krasny as reported in the Ann Arbor News, "We didn't find any evidence that anything illegal was going on." Come on, Chief, we saw your men watchin the toke-down, let's cut the bullshit. But you see, the issue never really was smoking marijuana, but the whole new culture developing around it. People started smokin weed and gettin high with their sisters and brothers and realized that they could no longer be a part of the plastic, honky, Amerikan death culture machine. They began to realize that we are all part of a new revolutionary rainbow culture and

that the only way to solve our problems was to deal with them together and come up with complete alternatives, and people moved in that direction. The pigs want to control us and don't want us to take control of our own lives so they will do anything in their power to stop the growth of this new revolutionary culture. Their newest moves show that they intend to try to make themselves look good by favoring lesser penalties, and at the same time use the law to continually harass us and take our money and our dope. They told us in 1967 that we couldn't smoke dope and that they would put us in jail for 10 years. We told them that they couldn't do that and forced them to back down. They still tell us we can't smoke dope and they can still put us in jail, but we will continue to force them to back down. Meanwhile, more and more people are smoking the sacrament every day and developing our new rainbow culture as death culture Amerika is gasping on the junkpile of history. But honkies are vicious in their dying breaths. They will try to stop us, but the will of the people will not be stopped. We will continue to struggle for the appeal of all marijuana laws and demand the freedom of all our people.

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—Mike Minnich, RPP

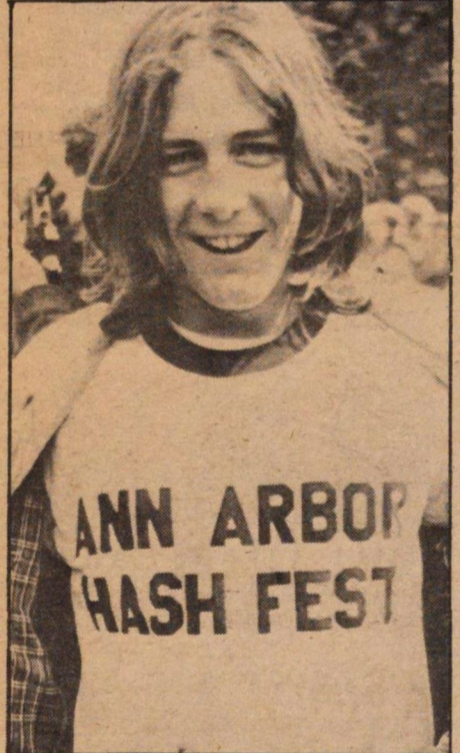


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On the Diag April 1st.

SINCLAIR RAPS

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but it'll still have to go on because this is what has to happen. So we set this thing up. And all the musicians that are playing tonight and tomorrow night, they're all *giving* their time and their energy and everything that they bring to the music, and that's why we say it's a *people's* concert, you know? And this was all set up, and then the university stepped in at what *they* thought was the last minute and they said, this ain't going to go on, we're bringing up this old dead horse called the marijuana laws, and we're going to use that as an excuse and say that this can't go on. Now we knew it was a ruse, everybody in the streets knew it was a ruse, but they were going to try and power it through because they say, we own the building and we aren't going to let you *in* it, you know? So we went through a lot of changes with them, and we told them right at the outset that we were going to fight them tooth and nail on this because we didn't feel, we wanted people to get out and *vote*, we wanted the rock and roll to go on and we felt that people had to have something like this and couldn't have some *creeps* just

stepping forward and cancelling everything just by saying no, you know? We kept on, and they tried to split us up, and say, well, this is the Friends of the Rainbow People or something like that, some weird little group that just doesn't represent nobody, and we're just going to douse you out, and nobody will ever even *say* anything, you know? And the minute they ran the douse down *all kinds of people*, both in the university community and in the community as a whole, came forward and decided to join with us, and started fighting back. The People's Coalition for Peace and Justice first came forward and said, well, if the Friends of the Rainbow can't sponsor the event we'll sponsor it. And they said, well, you just shifted things around on paper, and we said, well, that's what *you're* doing, we can play it too, and they said, well that ain't good enough. So then the Student Government Council, through it's Voter Registration Committee, representing the whole student body of the University of Michigan, stood in *unity* with the other people and came forward and said, We'll sponsor the event. Now, the university got back a little bit, Robben Fleming and all those little snakes that he has working for him, you know; I personally don't just say that as some kind of epithet because I had an experience with

some of them the other day trying to negotiate this shit, and believe me, they're worms and snakes. (Applause) I had to ask one dude why he didn't have no *self-respect*, standing up there and running all this funny shit that *he* knew was wrong, just because he was getting *paid* to do it, you know? I said, I'll stand up for my beliefs, why don't you stand up for your beliefs instead of worming around like that. That's what they'll do. But they can't worm around when people get together and stand up against them. And they had to back down, and they got into the *real* thing, of making deals, and saying, well, if you do this, we'll do that. And you get to a point like that, you know. . . . Well, I'm not getting across what I want to say, because I'm really flipped out about it, you know. Because Wednesday night when this shit came down, people were calling up and saying, oh wow, I guess it's all off, we blew the whole thing, they're not going to let have it, right? And we said, *Bullshit*, you know? We said, we're going to have it, you know, on the radio, Fleming sent out a press release to the papers immediately, this was going to be their big move, they were going to quash it and get all the credit for it, ah, the university steps in and quashes these creeps for smoking weed, right? So, we got on the radio right

away and we said no, it ain't cancelled, we're going on, you know, if we have to have it on the steps outside, we'll have it on Saturday night (Applause). You know, because you have to go that far when it comes down, you can't let them get away with their gestapo shit like that. Like when we had free concerts in the parks, in 68 and 69, and they tried to pull the same thing, we said we're going down to the parks and we're going to play some rock and roll and we don't care what you do, bring the National Guard if you want to! (Applause) And they backed down there too, just like they backed down this week-end. Because if you stand up to them they're going to have to get down, they're getting down now, and that's why I think this is a great thing. (Applause) I'm really happy, I hope people can get down tomorrow night, and then Monday, that's the real getting down, and then we can party Monday night and have a good time, and see where we can go from there. So I'll get off here and let my brothers come up here, Detroit, the righteous stomp-down rock and roll. I have to apologize for all the seats and stuff in here, because there really shouldn't be any around where this band is, but I'm sure you'll find some way to accommodate yourselves. **ROCK AND ROLL!! All Power to the People!!**

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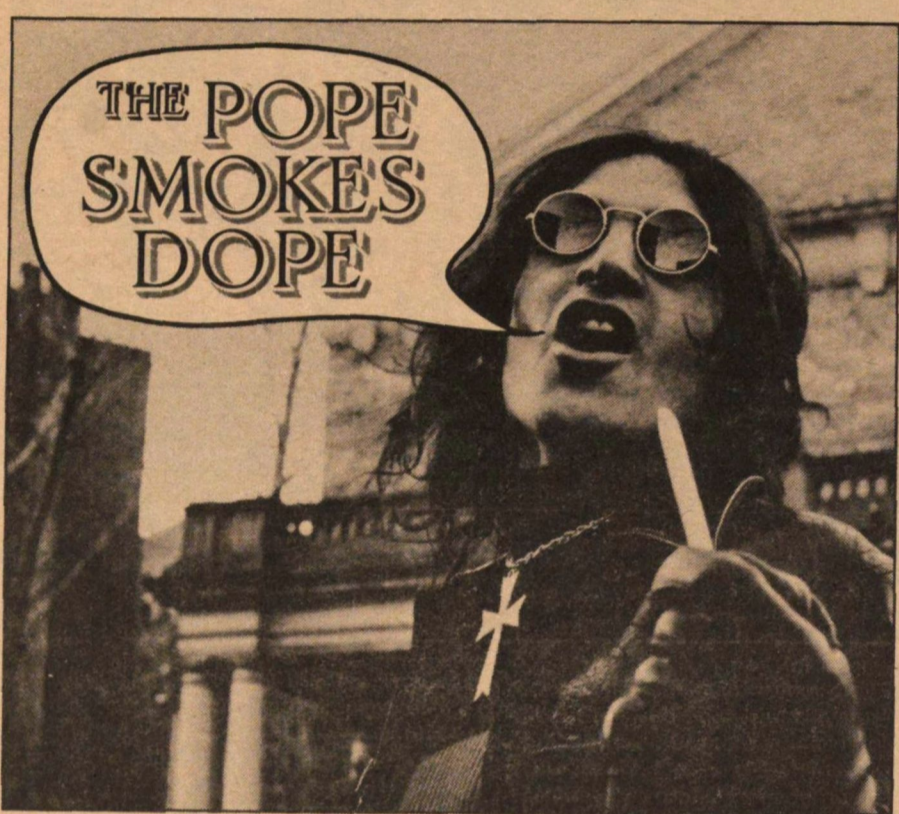
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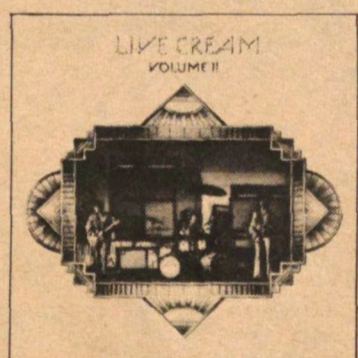
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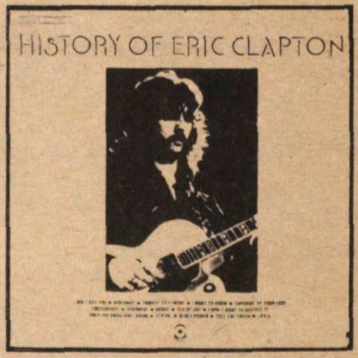


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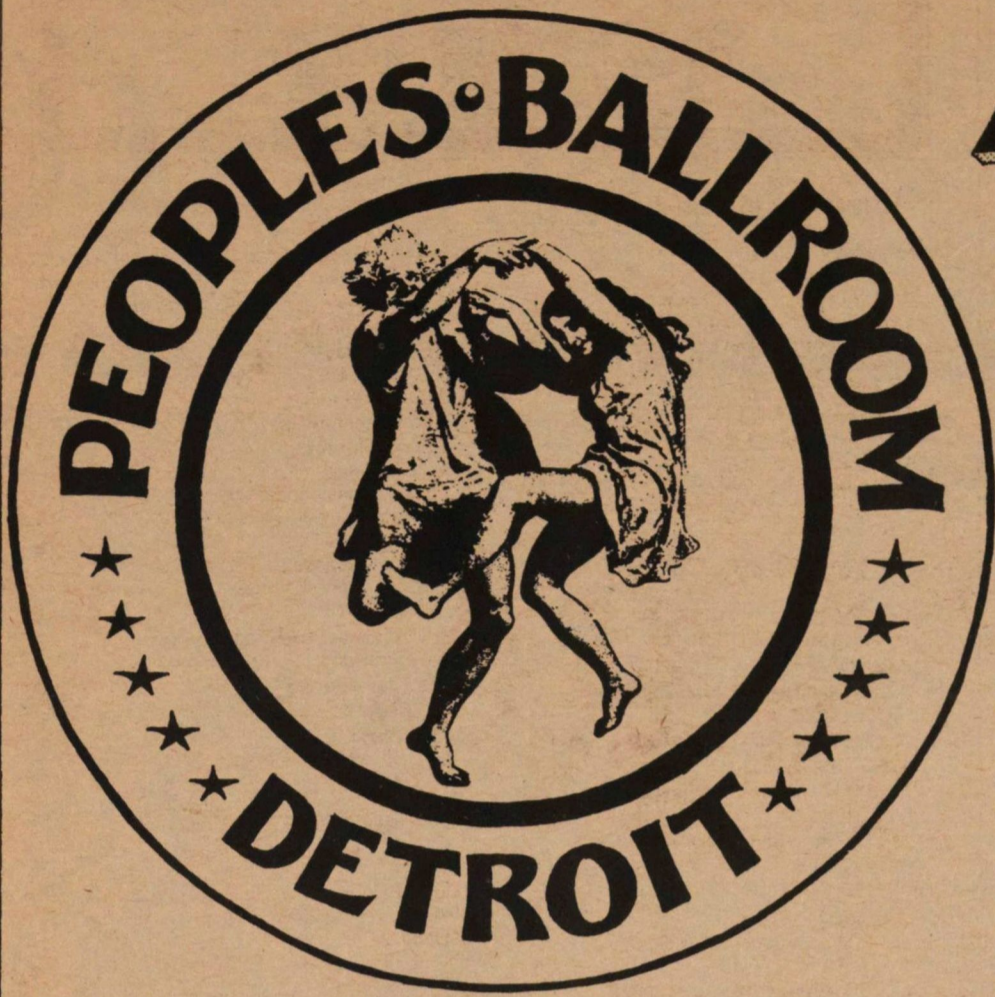
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of the rock n' roll community chased the frightened Mountain out of the city because that elitist group through an egocentric, inconsiderate, selfish lawsuit caused the dissolving of people's band, Mountain Bus and the destruction of Good Records which had been engaged in recording local music to sell at cheap prices. The A2 People's Ballroom is in the process of becoming a physical reality as the dance floor is being levelled this week in a significant leap forward. The combined effort of community workers should finish the 500 to 600 capacity dance hall in about a month. Formerly a Cadillac garage, it is located in the People's Community Center at 502 E. Washington.

ation evolved over the past year by a group of concerned people from the community who have been involved in many various service programs. Among those on the steering committee are Marty Agosta from Emergency Medical Unit, the Bagdasarian Brothers and Daryl Hinson of Harvey Khek, Marsha Brostoff and Mike Leopold of Record House, Alan Edwards and Mike Lull of Center House, Jeff Forrest from the Detroit Network, July Law and Carol Weidenhamer of the Young People's Coalition, Bob Rudnick of Rainbow Productions, John and Leni Sinclair of the Rainbow People's Party, Kimberly Priest, and Bruce Wood from Big Rapids Trucking Company and Bill Woznak of Madison House.

The reports on the recent Mary Sol Pop festival in Puerto Rico Easter weekend were grim. It was no joyous celebration of the culture, but a tropical bummer as the scorching sun and greedy promoters burnt everyone, audience, press and bands. Absolutely inadequate transportation, super-expensive concessions, almost no fresh water, minimal medical care, bad sanitation conditions, mediocre performances and a dusty, austere ugly setting conducive only for waiting for the death count—new total 5 lives (3 by drowning, two by stabbing) for a bogus \$149 weekend.

a gargantuan rock fest that was run right (the people made Woodstock not the producers), so maybe no one will know how criminal these events really are. Rock Racketeers speaking hippy are the direct descendants of cigar-smoking prize-fight promoters. The fix is in and everybody else loses, both musicians and maniacs.

Another hustler sucking the life out of R'n'R has made a couple hundred grand. The formula is easy: just find any open space big enough to herd thousands of people; hire a couple of big acts and a lot of middle line bands; pick a hip name that includes any or all of the following words—pop, festival, life, celebration, sun; promote the shit out of this mythical great time on FM radio, in underground newspapers and rock magazines; rent an inadequate, incomplete sound system; provide less than the minimum facilities ("after all, these doped-up kids are veterans of rip-offs, they can shit anywhere and eat anything" or nothing); tell the local authorities it'll be the biggest thing since Woodstock, snowing the neighbors with the fame of Max Yasgur and flattering the sheriff with dreams of Officer Obie; collect the money from the rock-starved, event-seeking freaks; then pack your bags and disappear before the music's over and the body count is made. There has never been

But though the gala, super big star-cluttered rock holocaust seems to have become the perennial solstice spectaculars (even the earth's seasonal cycles are not immune to exploitation), they are fading out as sites become harder to find than a location for a Clay-Liston fight (Altamont is to rock as Lewiston, Maine is to boxing). More important however, than the withering away of negative concerts were three Midwestern rock & roll community actions that herald a positive era of people taking specific action and exercising power through unity in relation to cultural events. In Ann Arbor and Detroit work has begun in creating People's Ballrooms, places where music of our bands can be presented to the rock n' roll addicts of the area in the highest possible atmosphere, at prices everyone can afford, plus being organized, and operated by all involved (musicians, music freaks, etc.) with collective decision-making procedures so the ballrooms will be openly responsive to the needs and desires of the community. Other progressive actions have taken place in Chicago and Cincinnati. The Music Liberation Front in Ohio forced cancellation of a rip-off concert which involved the dastardly Mike Quatro, while in Illinois, the united wrath

The Detroit project has already begun to recreate the spirit of a rock and roll community which once made the motor city scene so unique and exciting. With the deterioration of the Grande, its eventual demise, and its dismal successors, the now defunct Eastown and the Cinderella, this area sadly lost a setting which was most conducive to the musical development of regional bands and to the development of the sense of community which was generated by the music and picked up on and heightened by the people who were drawn to the jams. The breakdown of this high energy local force came as a result of crude financial manipulations on the part of the owners and not from any lack of support from the people in this community. The music began to lose its strength, the tentative unity people had begun to develop crumpled in confusion and distrust, and the void left by the disappearance of a people's music scene caused many who had been happy and full of energy to become tired and desperate for something to do, but the only available alternative to despair, as far as many people could see, was isolating individualist death drugs.

As the People's Ballroom project grows and develops more people will be needed in many constructive ways. Donations of money, time, energy or whatever anyone had to offer will go toward building a place controlled by people from the community. A series of benefits featuring new as well as established Michigan bands has already started. All proceeds from the \$2 admission will go to further the cause of people's music and to move into a place by the fall of 1972. Anybody who can do anything to further the P.B.'s project is welcome to work with the Steering Committee and Advisory Board (more about this conglomerate of Detroit heavies next week) to help bring this creature into being. For more information: Detroit People's Ballroom, 23340 Woodward Ave. Ferndale, Michigan 48220, or call (1) 421-3220.

Dedicated to creating a center where our people can come together to dance, listen to music produced by bands in their community and define their limits and their potentiality as a social and cultural force, the Detroit People's Ballroom is a non-profit Michigan educational organiz-

The next installment of the Michigan Boogie will present two more examples of how the united power of rainbow communities have prevented rip-offs, bogus and divisionist concerts, plus the facts on the U.S. Government's illegal attempt to deport John Lennon and Yoko Ono. The electric boogie can be experienced every Sunday night from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on CJOM-FM, 88.7. —Bob Rudnick

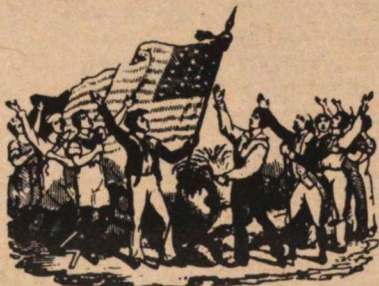
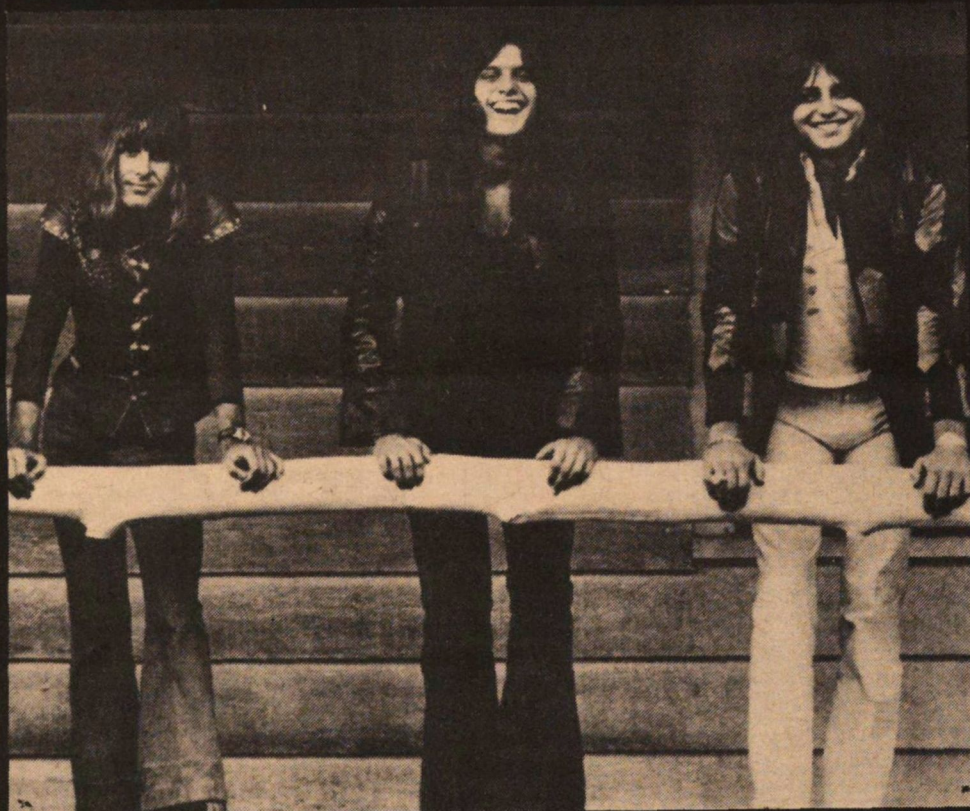


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Bands from other parts of the country, including national acts, are starting to play benefits for righteous causes, as bands from Michigan have been doing for years. April 1st at Hill Aud. Spencer Davis (left) played acoustic, while Ann Arbor's own Scott Morgan of

Guardian Angel (right) rocked and rolled, along with Detroit and Wilderness Road. For more on the Get-Out-The-Vote concert see page 3.

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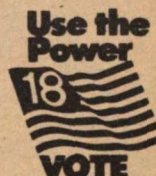


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Although it may not seem quite like spring around Ann Arbor lately, it can't be too far away and some people are already working on their gardens to some degree or another. A lot of people however are not hip to just how easy it is to grow a garden. With a small amount of work each day almost anyone who has even a little bit of space can grow really good fresh vegetables to enjoy all summer. The most important thing about any garden is the overall plan that should be the first step in the growing of any garden. The plan should include a planting layout of the garden with areas for each vegetable clearly mapped out according to that plant's need for sunlight or shade and the amount of growing space necessary. Also if one plans out the garden then such pest control methods as companion planting can be put to use and there will be much less frustration at seeing your beautiful little vegetables being devoured by insects and other little monsters.

The drawing below is a sample garden layout for a garden 25 ft. x 30ft. That's not a really big garden but with careful planning it should yield plenty of vegetables for 4-6 people at least provided that the plants are healthy and get enough water etc. If you don't have any real garden space available just remember that you can use all the sunny spots surrounding the house. All these vegetables are really beautiful plants and people should get away from the idea that vegetable gardens always go in the back yard because they're too ugly or something wierd like that. I've tried to make the drawing as self-explanatory as possible because it's really hard to grasp the garden layout with words alone and it's also easier to adapt this drawing to fit your needs than trying to figure it out from the beginning if you've never grown a garden before. The important thing is to not use any poisonous chemical fertilizers or insect repellants etc. You can buy vegetables grown that way in the stores. Just to be sure to use fresh seeds because often times seeds that are several months old or left over from last year will not germinate and grow.

With this garden plan in mind the soil in the garden can be prepared for planting. You won't need a lot of fancy tools but you probably will want a couple of each so that more than one or two people can work at once. Hoes, spades, two sizes of trowels, garden rakes, a shovel and a pitchfork, and a good garden hose, some heavy string or twine, assorted sticks and poles and work gloves are about all the tools that you'll need. You'll find that the people in the smaller garden stores are more into gardening and will be much more helpful and willing to answer your questions. The hardest thing about starting the garden each year is finding a rotor tiller to use to plow up all the old weeds with and really get the ground turned over. It can be done by hand with hoes and spades but it's really HARD work and it takes a long time so if you get a late start it'll be hard to catch up to the planting schedule. Once you get the garden plowed up it's important to rake the ground smooth and get rid of all the weeds and clods of dirt so that the soil will drain properly. While you're either plowing or raking it's good to add small amounts of bone meal and compost ma-

EAT TO GET HIGH

-Jeanie Walsh RPP

5 ft.	2 tomato plants	onion sets	peas	corn	5 ft.
8 lima bean plants marigolds	lettuce	celery	corn	4 melons	
8 pole bean plants marigolds	spinach	cabbage	corn	25 ft.	
nasturtiums & cucumbers	4 rows carrots & radishes	2 rows carrots	8 broccoli plants	(winter & summer)	
	2 rows beets	3 pumpkin plants	sweet potatoes	30 ft.	

terial and work these nutrients into the soil real well. Don't try to prepare the garden if the soil is overly damp or wet because the soil will clump up much more easily.

Composting for fertilizer to use in your garden can be a simple task or a very careful study of soil conditions and deficiencies depending on how deep you want to get into it, and how much time you have to spend with it. If you live here in the city it's important to keep your compost heap well covered so that a lot of rats and skunks and raccoons and dogs aren't drawn to it. It's worth the time spent to dig a small pit and build a frame to cover it onto which you can staple a solid sheet of black plastic, which helps the matter decay by keeping it hot inside. Then inside the pit, layer and occasionally turn over a number of the following organic materials; as many as you can find so that your compost isn't too much of one thing because that effects some plants in an adverse way: dried leaves and old grass clippings—called green manure—horse, cow or chicken manure, old vegetable peelings and all food waste from the kitchen, old straw or hay, rotting sawdust, wood ashes and peat moss. There are a lot more things to add to your compost heap, methods of preparing the heap etc. that you should know but since there isn't space here I do want to recommend *The Basic Book of Organic Gardening* put out in paperback at \$1.25 by Ballantine Books. The book is edited by Robert Rodale and is a simpler, more basic edition of the same hardback book that sells for around \$10. It's worth the money because there is enough information in it to carry you successfully through your first garden.

There are a lot of pesky little bugs that can come into your garden and totally do

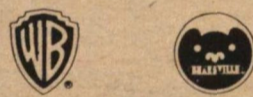
it in so it's important to do some studying about this and figure out the most comprehensive things that you can do to encourage them to go elsewhere. Also weeds can be a big problem if you don't keep on top of it and it's important to weed everyday because they multiply rapidly. Mulching is the method of covering all the garden except where the plants themselves are growing with some type of green manure such as old grass clippings or leaves. Any fresh green manure probably has weed spores and seeds still alive in it so watch for that. Mulching helps keep weeds in check and also keeps the ground from

drying out too much. Encourage birds to hang out near your garden by feeding them there in the winter and by putting water pans and some bread crumbs there in the summer. They eat thousands of insects a day. Not all birds are helpful though so be sure to check into it a little more thoroughly. Bird houses, bits of string and other nest building materials are also good things to provide for birds. Toads and garter snakes also eat a lot of insects. Toads are especially attracted to small pools of shadey water that you can rig up with garbage can lids turned over and filled with water and placed in a shadey area in your garden—the tomato patch for instance. In the garden plan pictured above the crops that are planted together or near each other are for insect control purposes. A lot of vegetables and flowers planted together help ward off some of their most persistent enemies. I've tried to make that clear in the drawing as much as possible. Plant your rows running north to south as often as possible and then you don't have to worry too much about plants shading each other and thus inhibiting growth. If it gets really dry and you feel that you want to water your garden then do it as it's getting dark or in really hot weather, before 8:30 in the morning. If you do work on the garden in the morning don't handle plants that still have dew on the leaves because often this results in making the plant more susceptible to disease. Two good books on organic pest and disease control are, *The Organic Way to Plant Protection* put out by Rodale Press—a hardback that costs around \$7, and *Gardening Without Poisons* by Beatrice Trim Hunter costs less than \$2.

The important thing to remember is that gardens are not very complex jobs, unless, like anything else, you want it to be. The plants do most of the work by themselves and the gardener's job is to provide them with a healthy, pleasant place in which to grow. Gardens are really a lot of fun and being out in the air is healthy and gets you high which is what this whole column is about to begin with. We'd like to encourage everyone to not forget about our most beautiful sacred plant marijuana and to help keep our city beautiful, plant your seeds! HELP IT GROW! EAT TO STAY HIGH!

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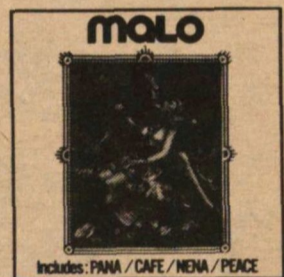


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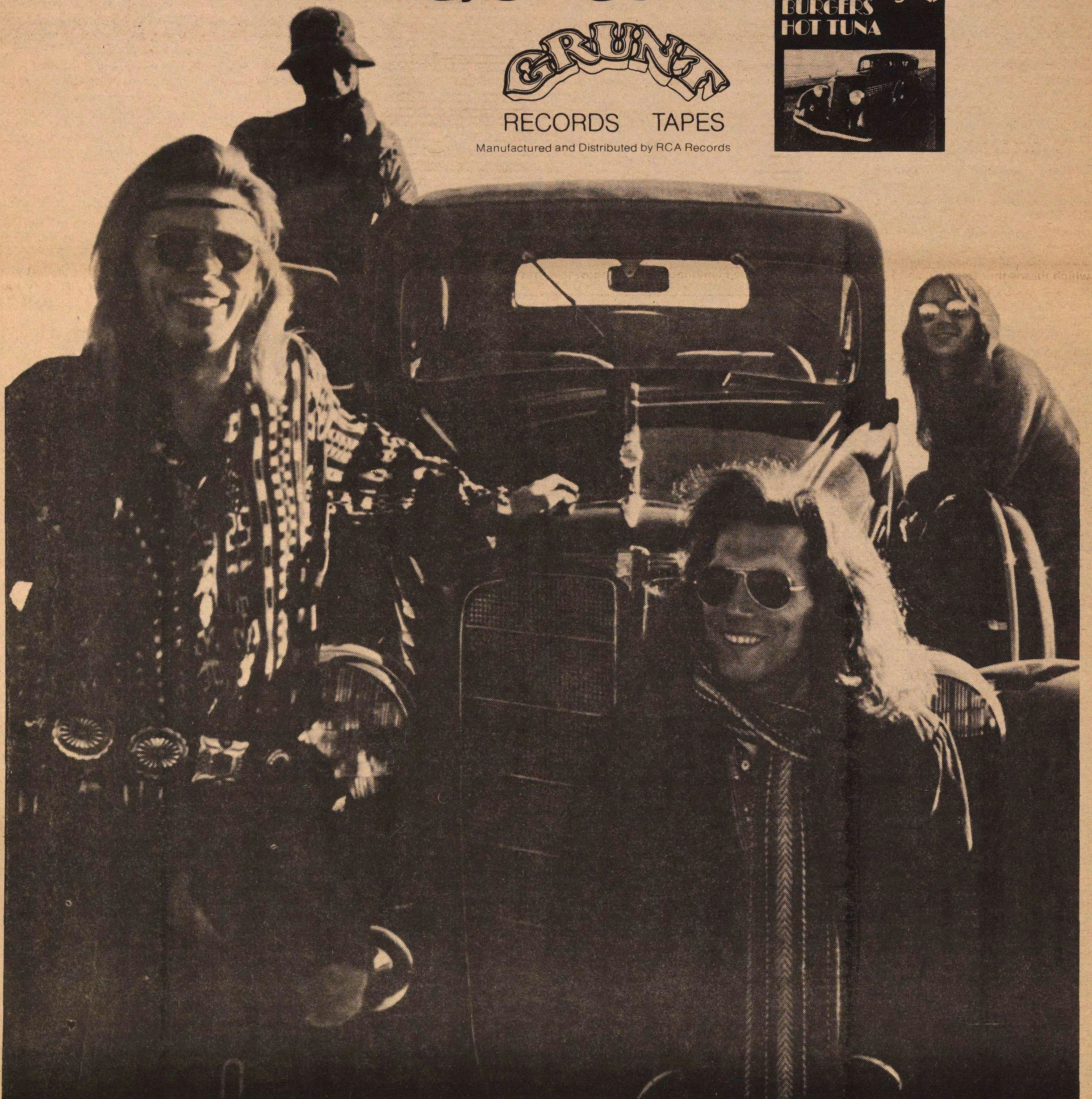
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PRISON LETTERS

"When the prison doors are opened, the real dragon will fly out." -HO CHI MINH

The recent recognition of the unconstitutionality of the anti-marijuana laws has provided 128 persons convicted of possession of reefer with imminent release from the state penal system. One of them, Larry George writes how he feels about his impending release from the farm. The second letter is from Brother Pun Plamondon, locked in the confines of the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana. Pun is just back from a tour of the U.S. penal hell-holes—Levinworth, Kansas, and the medical center for prisoners in Springfield, Missouri where he had a hernia operation. That's the place where you actually find people with sponges left in them.

The RPP receives many more letters from brothers, and some sisters, in the jails and penitentiaries across the country who need to communicate with the people in the prison outside the walls. The list grows longer and longer each day of people in the prisons who find us and need to know what's going on out here. Jeanie Walsh at the Rainbow House has the list and everyone should try to write at least one—prison life is hard and without knowing that there is anyone else is even harder! **FREE THE DRAGONS!**

Dearest Genie, Powerful Pard,

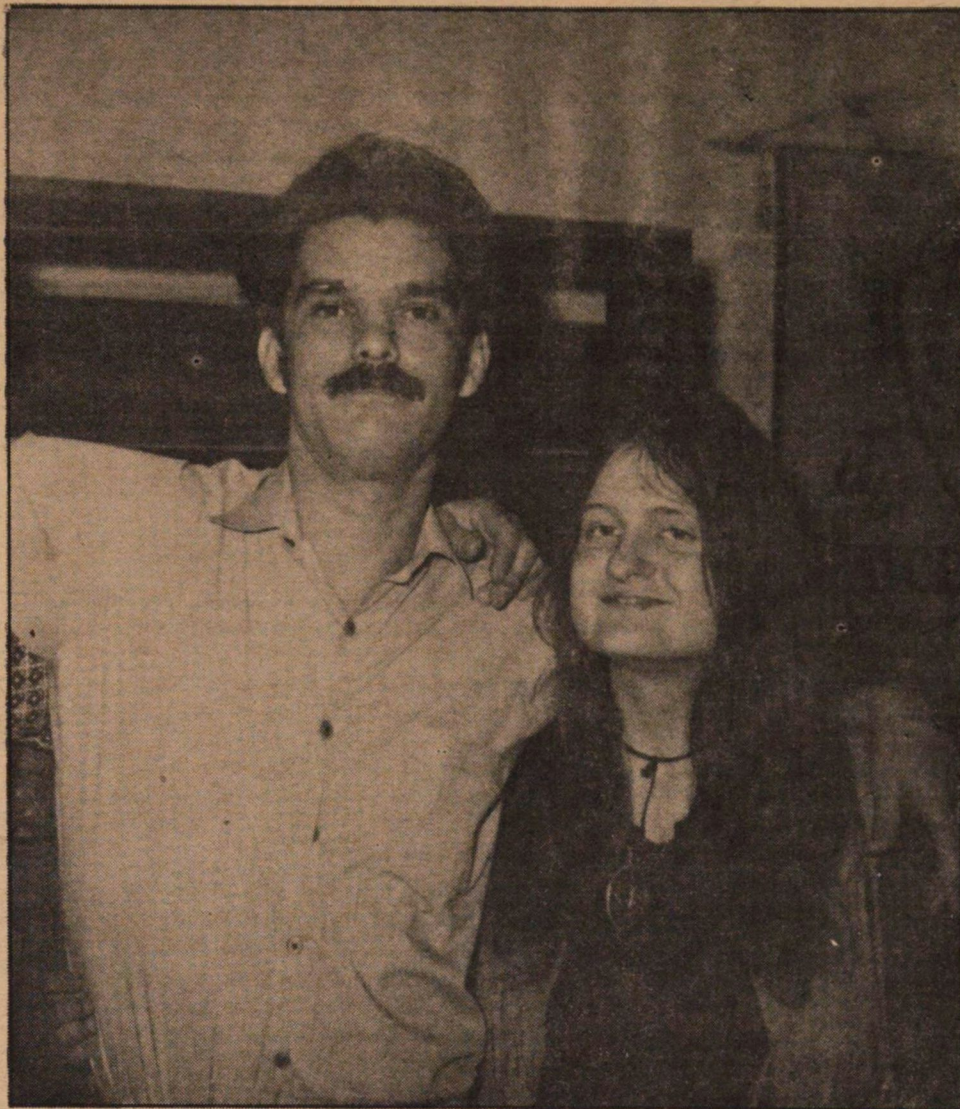
I got a Detroit News here that has the outcome of the A2 voting. I'm sorry to hear you lost, but more than happy to see you lost so powerfully. You know what I mean?

I did a bit of arithmetic so I could get a better picture of what went down.

In the 1st Ward 6,300 voters were cast, in the 2nd 5,500, in the 3rd, 7,100, in the 4th 6,000, and in the 5th 5,000. Which shows that your ward cast more votes than any other ward in the city—the Repb. 3,200, the Dems 2,300 & Human 1,500—which means that the Rep. and Dems really recognized you as a threat and they mobilized all their resources to beat you. The Rep. got more votes in the 3rd Ward than they did in any other, the Dems in the 3rd only surpassed themselves in the 4th Ward. Even though you lost, you were the strongest of the losers, which really means something, in fact far ahead of the other two human losers, and not very far behind the two human winners, this is really something when you consider that the 3rd Ward had such a big turnout, bigger than any other ward in the city. To me this shows that you really raised the issues and dealt with them, probably the people even agreed with you politically but were still scared of you personally, or afraid of me or the RPP, probably any statement I could have written would have helped snatch some votes from the Dems, but that's all past.

The voting shows that our ward is the most politically active, if not advanced, it shows that polarization is taking place, which is good.

It shows a lot of stuff, you, no doubt have more insight in to all this than I do, I'll wait to talk with you about it—all in



Pun & Genie Plamondon send rainbow love from the U.S. penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind.

all I'm very happy, we learned a lot, we reached 1,538 people, which is no small feat, we showed that the Dems are dying in A2, which is good, we got 2 Humans elected to council, which will put Harris on front street, he must either support Reps or Humans, we lost the campaign, but we won the battle. Hail to you sister!

Genie, I want you to give the Human Rights Party my revolutionary embrace and powerful congratulations, and I mean that, please do it for me, and to you Genie, I salute you.

Now, if I can just see you soon, soon, soon, I'll be on top of the world. Please try to hurry down.

Power,
—Pun

John;

I've written you earlier but it seems I omitted something. First as you may or may not know I'm doing time at Cassidy Lake for possessing "7.2" grams of the benevolent herb. However, thanks to your

sedulous efforts and the people of the Rainbow Peoples Party and the people, I know perhaps I will not have to serve my entire first butts, 1½-10 sentence. My people have smuggled in about 5 recent issues of the Ann Arbor SUN and it felt good to be in touch with you.

I'm arranging to have the money the state pays the inmates (i.e. \$4 a month) removed from my account and sent to the party, thus perhaps I could induce the state to, in a sense, support the Rainbow movement.

Perhaps I'm a trifle late on congratulations but nevertheless I'm exhilarated to see you back on the streets, as maybe we depend on you more than you think.

From what I have seen of quarentine and Jackson in general I sympathize with you, and admire your strenght and courage in handling your situation. Perhaps more people can learn through you about the atrocity of snakepit prisons. WE LOVE YOU!

—Larry d. George 131178
Cassidy Lake "Technical School" (?) Chelsea, Michigan 48118

Skip Taube was one of the founders (with Diana Oughten and Bill Ayres) of the original Children's Community School and a great force in the Ann Arbor rainbow community up until July of 1970, when he was arrested with Pun Plamondon and Jack Forrest and charged with "aiding and abetting a federal fugitive." Skip received a five-year sentence in October 1970 and has been in the federal penitentiary at Sandstone, Minnesota ever since.

Federal Correctional Institute
Sandstone, Minnesota
January, 1972 Year of Unity

Dear People,

Following are some excerpts from correspondence between myself, Sen. Philip Hart and the Fed. Bureau of Prisons in DC, regarding my request to transfer to Milan.

1.) Letter from J. J. Clark, Acting Director of FBP, dated August 2, 1971, to Sen. Hart: . . . "The authority to transfer inmates from one institution to another has been delegated to the wardens at our various institutions. Officials at Milan and Sandstone are in agreement that Mr. Taube is properly classified for and responding adequately to the program at Sandstone. They feel it would not be in Mr. Taube's best interest to transfer to Milan at this time." . . .

2.) An excerpt from my reply (Aug. 16) to Hart after receiving the above: . . . "Now, I don't dislike it here at Sandstone—that is not what motivates me to ask for a transfer—but my 'program' consists of picking up butts, paper litter and mowing the lawn (or, in winter, shovelling snow) for \$10 & 2 days extra good time a month. I insist that if my 'best interests' were to be served, I should be transferred back to Milan so as to have direct access to my State colleges and to my family & friends. I am determined to obtain my Michigan State elementary teaching certificate, and could continue on that course much easier at Milan. As for making my parole plans before my October hearing (and now in regards to my May S.P.R., and re-establishing community contacts if paroled), that task would be infinitely more fruitful if I was at Milan. I don't know what angers me most; the dishonest hypocrisy of the prison bureaucrat's reply to you, or the obvious disregard the penal system has for a man's attempts to help himself, or your playing along with their game as a liason for form letters. Please take time to look into this matter not just for me but as a concerned member of the Judiciary subcommittee on National Penitentiaries." . . .

3.) This is the bulk of Hart's reply of Sept. 10 to the above: "We have discussed your case again with the Bureau of prisons after receiving your most recent letter. While I can appreciate your desire to be close to your family and your wish to be at Milan, the Bureau has indicated that your obvious ability to assume a lawful, productive behavior upon release through your own resources is sufficient for excellent prognosis without the intensive correctional treatment that the Milan facility is designed to afford young offenders. I am also sure, with your background and initiative, you will be able to pursue some educational endeavors at Sandstone."

I did not bother to press the issue after that, and I do not know what other efforts were made by family, friends or lawyers. I have so far been unable to weasel out any full explanation for the denial from officials here. They say it was denied by the Bureau for 'administrative reasons,' which is a catch-all to cover the negative input from the Just-Us Dept & FBI, who obviously keep close tabs on what happens to me, and who have stuffed my jacket (case history file) with all kinds of horror stories and slanderous accusations ('vicious, dangerous, agitator,' etc.). It also now appears that our ex-warden here, Mr. Loren Daggett, put his personal douse on the request, and it was made very clear to me by the Warden at Milan (Henderson, I think—now gone) the moment I arrived that I was not wanted by them at Milan.

I am now in the process of writing a letter to the Parole Board to go along with the materials of support which Mr. Erikson will put together. I will also inform any of you if any other supportive letters are necessary, and when & where to send such.

Love in Struggle,
—Skip
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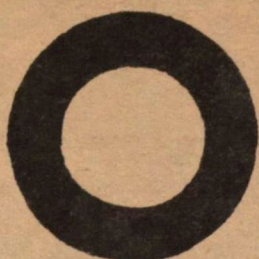
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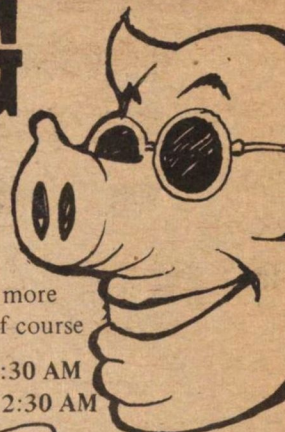
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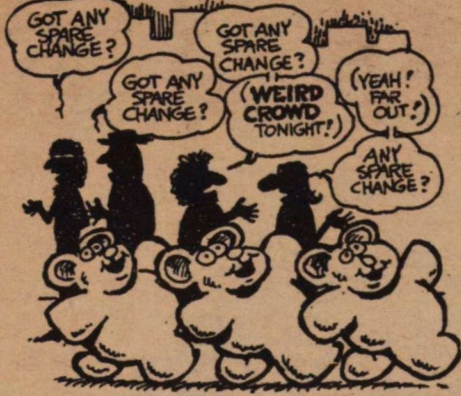
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FRIDAY APRIL 14

FILMS
 "Ruggles of Red Gap," Architecture Aud.; 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
 "Tobacco Road" (stage) by Ann Arbor Theatre Company, Conspiracy, 8:00, \$1.50 (ARM)

MUSIC
 Moon, Floods, 75¢
 Lightin' Slim, Blind Pig, 50¢

TV
 Vibrations, WTVS-Channel 56, 10pm

SATURDAY APRIL 15

FILMS
 "The Epic That Never Was," Architecture Aud., 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
 ARM - same as Friday

MUSIC
 Floods & Blind Pig - Same as Fri.

TV
 "Wheatridge: Smooth Country Rock," WTVS-Channel 56, 8:00
 "The Session," WTVS-Channel 56, 10:30

EVENTS
 Michigan Free Clinics Conference, Room 1112 New School of Public Health, 10:00-5:00

SUNDAY APRIL 16

FILM
 "Witness For the Prosecution," Architecture Aud., 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
 ARM - Same as Saturday

MUSIC
 David Yih, Blind Pig, 50¢

TV
 "The Session," w/ James Barton & Friends, WTVS-Channel 56, 5:00

EVENTS
 Free People's Clinic Meeting, Community Center, 7:30

MONDAY APRIL 17

FILMS
 First Annual Independent Video Process films on Women, Conspiracy, \$1.50 (ARM)

MUSIC
 Hawg Tate, Floods, 50¢

TV
 "Yoga & You," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30
 Great Decisions, "Chile's Marxist Experiment: What does it mean for Americans?," WTVS-Channel 56, 3:00
 Special of the Week, "Together: A Chuck Mangione Concert," WTVS Channel 56, 8:00

EVENTS
 Ann Arbor City Council, City Hall, 7:30

TUESDAY APRIL 18

FILMS
 "Love Happy," Architecture Aud., 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
 "Attica," The Fortress Society, First Annual Independent Video Process, Conspiracy, \$1.50 (ARM)

TV
 "A Women's Place," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:00

EVENTS
 Tribal Council Steering Committee, Community Center, 7:30
 Community Center Project, Community Center, 3:00

Photography Workshop, Pyramid Galleries, 7:00

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

FILM
 Cinema Guild - Same as Tuesday
 "Void Where Prohibited By Law," First Annual Independent Video Process, Conspiracy, \$1.50 (ARM)

MUSIC
 Skeleton Rose, Blind Pig, 50¢

TV
 Soul, "Makeba/Delfonics," WTVS Channel 56, 10:00

EVENTS
 Drug Help Meeting, Community Center, 8:00
 Food Coop Meeting, 3rd floor SAB 7:30
 HRP Mass Meeting, HRP office 304 S. Thayer, 7:30

THURSDAY APRIL 20

FILMS
 "Les Diaboliques," Architecture Aud, 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
 "Cable Television," First Annual Independent Video Process, Conspiracy, \$1.50 (ARM)

MUSIC
 Happy Daye, Floods, 75¢
 Blind Pig - Same as Wednesday

TV
 "Yoga & You," WTVS-Channel 56, 2:30
 The Course of Our Times, "The Irish Uprising," WTVS-Channel 56, 3:00
 "A Woman's Place," WTVS-Channel 56, 7:30

EVENTS
 Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR), Room M3136,

New School of Public Health, 12:00
 Tenants Union, 1528, SAB, 7:30
 Ozone House Meeting, Community Center, 8:00
 Creative Arts Workshop Meeting, Community Center, 5:30

FRIDAY APRIL 21

FILMS
 Cinema Guild (Arch. Aud.) - same as Thursday
 "Ann Arbor People's Video," First Annual Independent Video Process, Conspiracy, \$1.50 (ARM)
 Cinema Guild Free Film Screening, Anti-War Films: "Battle of Cul-loden," "The Gladiator," 1-3:00
 Women's Films: "Three Lives," "Growing Up Female," 7:9:30, East Quad Auditorium

MUSIC
 Floods - Same as Thursday

TV
 "Vibrations," WTVS-Channel 56, 10:00

SATURDAY APRIL 22

FILMS
 "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," Architecture Aud., 7 & 9, 75¢ (Cinema Guild)
 Cinema Guild Free Film Screening, East Quad Aud. Latin America: "Mexico: The Frozen Revolution," "El Chacal," 1-3:00
 Cuba: "Cuba: Battle of the 10,000,000," "Cuba Va," 7-9:00
 "Luminous Procress," Conspiracy 7:30 & 9:30, 1.25 (ARM)

MUSIC
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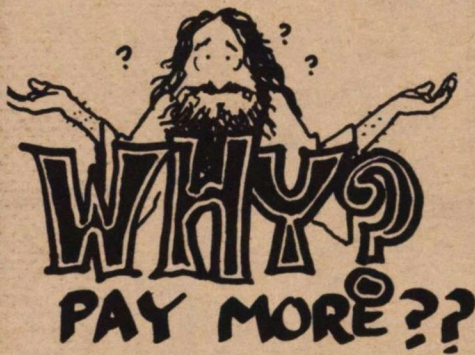
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