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## MY FRUSTRATION

By Alvin Anderson

My thoughts are on frustration. As I look around me and survey the present political, racial and economic situation that exists in this country today, I can only think of frustration.

I am frustrated when I think of the up-coming nationwide election to pick a 'leader' for the next four years and I look at the two candidates as they project their views across the tube and deep down in my heart I feel no matter who is elected the climate of this country will continue to be one of fear towards another, hostility between those who want one thing and those who want something else; and the indifference of people based on an obnoxious selfishness.

I am frustrated when I know regardless of who makes it to the Presidency, it will be the masses of everyday people who will get the crumbs of anything thrown their way.

I am frustrated when I see a man with a family to support being turned away from a possible employer or being laid-off due to 'economic reasons'.

I am frustrated when I hear talk about 'those people on welfare' and how if they wanted to work--all they have to do is look.

I am frustrated when I see a man, who suffered the arrows of affliction doing what he could do best, dies with words of praise for his efforts bestowed on him but the pains and humiliation he suffered didn't erase the institutional racism that permeates this country like an insidious disease cloaking itself in self-righteousness.

I am frustrated when I see the apathy of the young people who busy themselves with the hedonistic pursuit of drugs that makes a mockery of Brother Malcolm teachings.

I am frustrated when in this 'space age'; an age where all knowledge known to man is now greater than ten million mens' knowledge ten years ago, and yet the consideration we give our fellow brother or sister is predicated on how much is in it for us.

I am frustrated when the sum total of a mans existence is offered to the lowest bidder and if you haven't got shit--then you ain't shit.

Yes, I am frustrated. Because I know this isn't the way it should be and yet its the way it is and the way it looks like it will be for a long time to come.

Clamp Kent

DEAR DICK,

SORRY, I CAN'T HELP. BESIDES, I'VE ALREADY SIGNED THE PEOPLES PEACE TREATY!

YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW!

S.M.

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## FAY STENDER

### Prison Law Project

By DONALD THARR

Fay Stender, lawyer and member of the Prison Law Project, came to campus on October, 17th. She talked of many things that need to be done in the prisons and the correctional system. Mrs. Stender stated that "There are 20,000 parolees in the state of California, and those that are on parole are having a complex relationship with the Adult Correction Board."

Fay Stender stated also that there is a need for a type of mobilization from the community and the ex-prisoners toward the organization of an attack upon the prison systems' tactics. "Many of the prisoners are mis-treated by the misuse of medical assistance and attorney rights" she said.

Mrs. Stender also said that Willie Brown, a political power in California, is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, and has a big interest in the prison systems. She called upon the students and community to "ask Assemblyman Willie Brown to state his stand and posi-

tion on the prison system." There has been a total neglect from the office of Willie Brown to inform the people, who are interested, about the funding and proposal of a project to create 3 or 4 new state prisons in the state of California.

There has been somewhere between 150 and 200 thousand dollars allocated from the Ways and Means Committee to the state correctional board to start planning for "these up-to-date, electrical, scientific concentration camps", she said.

The feeling within the room, exuded from Mrs. Stender, was that of physical and mental fatigue that burdened her...but the power of the people continues to give her strength to carry on the battle.

If the struggle has 1,000 more lawyers and professionals fighting as she fights, the battle would be half won.

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# BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE- IN-DEPTH LOOK

So well planned and subtle the systematic re-exclusion of Blacks from reputable institutions of higher learning that it sneaks by many Blacks unnoticed and most whites naturally. The California colleges are no exception. For universities the publicly projected admission qualifications are to be graduated in the top 33% of the high school class and for state colleges in the top 70% of the class, but these figures are far from the suppressed reality. In the universities only the top 12% and in the state colleges only the top 33% of the graduating class are admitted. This especially affects the poor Black educated in the sub-standard schools of the non-privileged communities. This is already going down while the absorbent fees reach the unsurmountable level and the guise of open enrollment is racistly maintained.

This leaves the Black student only the community colleges to turn to in quest for an education, while the privileged whites and others sit in the "real" schools preparing for the jobs of monetary consequence, and the stratified class system is pigmently perpetuated.

The Peralta Community College District consists of Grove Street (North Peralta Community College), Merritt, Laney, Alameda and this distant, rich cousin, Feather River.

## BSU Origin at Grove St.

The first Black Student Union originated at Grove Street, then called Merritt, and spread throughout the Bay area, Northern and southern California, up into Oregon and Washington and eventually across the nation. Later, Grove Street, Laney, Merritt and Alameda united to form the Black Student Alliance. It was first planned to call it the Black Student Union Alliance, but this would have excluded Black students not aligned with BSU's so the Union was dropped from the name to encompass all Black students as a whole, which is its unifying purpose.

Before the BSA, the individual BSU's were easily manipulated into insignificance by the Peralta Community College Board who ignored them as well as they did the needs of the communities they were supposed to represent. Having control of the money for the school programs and the financial aid they played the different schools against each other, making them scramble for pittance while the Board always wound up with a large surplus of money at the end of the year which was, in reality, never made accessible to the schools. Subsequently, the Board would cut the annual budgets for the following year.

The PCCD's budget is one of their most closely guarded secrets. This became more apparent when James Gregory, chairman of the Grove Street BSU and head of investigation for the BSA, at August's Board meeting on the Grove Street Budget calmly asked why Young Parks, our beloved Third World President, and puppet of the PCCD, was making more money than any of the other presidents although Grove Street was the smallest of all the colleges both attendance and budget wise. It was also apparent that this was news to the other college presidents whose surprised faces focused immediately on the ever shrinking figure of Young Parks.



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Determined to close our school, the PCCD Board cut 288,000 dollars and 15% of our teachers: All this in addition to the over-all 6% budget cut for all the colleges. The Board has further succeeded in alienating Grove Street from the community by cutting off the inter-action of community and students on the campus. The activity starved youth, once free to use the pseudo facilities our gymnasium after school have been turned back to the monotony of the streets and the corner hang-outs. The free library that the students and community worked so hard for bureaucratically phased out and the student's Free Breakfast Program for School Children was suddenly and silently, except for the hollow rumbling of the children's stomachs, dropped like an unwanted doll. This alienation of community from student was meant to break up the danger of a strong, unified alliance.

## Grove Street BSU

The major demand of the Grove Street BSU, said James Gregory, is that the District "cease the criminal acts being perpetuated against Grove Street and all the other colleges, specifically in Black Studies and Third World oriented programs." He says that "Young Parks is as affective as the PCCD will allow him to be." Young Parks' renaming Grove Street to North Peralta Community College, which has about as much charisma as a dead ant, was just another attempt by the board to keep us from relating to our school.

A specific incident of this, says Gregory, is in the area of La Raza Studies. By the board's cutting of Raza courses and financial aid, the chicano's "physical presence has been made so minimal, that a definitive inter-relationship between Chicanos and Blacks has not existed since the last strike." Besides the Vocational Students Union at Laney, which was formed to save their courses and teachers during last Spring's cut backs, there are no predominantly white groups of any significance on any of the campuses and, thus, the BSA is left with the task of saving our schools. Here at Grove Street the need for unity is especially necessary because the wheels of destruction are constantly grinding away. James characterizes the white students at Grove Street as "much more aware, much more willing to work...with much more potential for correct work than at any other campus." This is "manifested in the fact that they are here", and not at other campuses.

James says it is important to investigate many areas, for instance "why work-study money is not as accessible to certain minorities as it is to other students." In regards to the administration saying there are no funds available, he says, "We address the financial problem understanding that the money is always there."

The main programs of the Grove Street BSU are; instituting a well rounded, continual lecture series; dealing with campus related issues, i.e., cafeterial, library, bookstore; the removal of certain members of the PCCD Board of Trustees. James also says they are trying to depict the relevancy of all the programs to the students and community. All these programs will be going on "simultaneously."

Academic genocide is not unique to Grove Street. On Laney College campus the BSU is fighting for recognition of existence. Last Spring all organizations had to submit a charter prior to recognition. The BSU has done so several times, and several times it has been conveniently lost.

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# Editorial



This may come as no surprise to you, my friend but as you know there are many of us who are not aware of this fact.

We, the modern day slaves are still very much dependent on our master for our everything, from our daily bread to our nightly bed. From the cradle to the grave, he's there to lead you into temptation and destruction!

The game's still the same-only it's called by a different name. you-we-they-have an ill-vision of freedom but on close examination we realize it's a total farce.

We cannot make a move with-out disturbing the delicate balance of master-slave relationships. You are ordered to do this-that-or the other by your master-you had better do it-or get outta Dodge-cause with no Unity- We are like sitting ducks-like shooting fish in a barrel.

But Wait! Maybe there's HOPE-cause though the game ain't changed-the characters have and so has the setting.

The characters have changed from a hat in hand -yessa boss type-to a raised clenched fist and saying-fuck you and your mama too!

The setting has changed from a slowed down-rural plantation scene-to the big city! The Big Apple! Super Plantation! Where you get Pencil&Pistol whipped by real X-perts. From driving mules in ala-bam to driving tanks in Viet-Nam.

It's time to get your hat and head to points south. The World wide depression is very close(The Stock Market)crash has already happened-you didn't know? You didn't know the patient was even sick huh?--Well, you'll get invited to the funeral. The World Wide depression is very close.The depression will hasten the Slave's revolution around the Planet The Ecology trip-the Nuclear big Earth-quakes-tidal waves and all the other goodies.

BIG MAMA get ready for chumps who dare! Mess up a good thing.....

...Stay, tuned in next week-for more about this exciting psycho-Drama.

Love-Jason

## Laney

Michael Torrence, co-chairman of Laney's BSU and BSA co-chairman, says they are currently investigating why none of the money allocated for organizations and activities is accessible. There used to be 12 work study slots allotted each organization; now there are none!

Laney, like Merrit and Alameda colleges, is the hapless victim of the super-structure. Specifically designed to devoid the student of any affinity for school or comrades, coupled with the impersonal amount of 10,000 students, they successfully succeeded in disuniting the student body like massive, compound fracture. It is subtleness as this that we must be continually on guard for.

## Merritt

At Merrit, as the other Peralta colleges, there has been a drastic cut back in funds and courses. The BSA discovered, through investigation, a 250,000 dollar debt of the administration. This exposure united the students and helped make them aware of their school's shortcomings. The meal tickets and book loans are limited and the students are often made to pay for mimeographed assignments and other such absurdities. Black Studies is greatly suffering and their budget has dropped from \$80,000 to \$50,000.

James Mott, BSU chairman at Merrit and chairman of the BSA, says their student participation "is typical of the Peralta student participation as a whole. Student council and school board meetings are paced, and there is good participation of Blacks in the BSU." Many Blacks are coming in to the BSU office and signing up for the different community programs to be initiated. They are also trying to get out a BSU newsletter.

There are tactical differences between La Raza and the BSU's at Merrit and Laney. La Raza is discouraging students from buying student body cards, while the BSU's see the cards as the primary source of funds for activities on campus. Without this money the BSU's are having a hard time implementing any of their community programs.

## Alameda

At Alameda College the BSU is helping La Raza get organized, giving them advice on leafletting, sharing their resources and skills. They co-sponsored a dance during Survival Week on campus, in which they both gained a lot of student support.

Paulette Atkins, chairwoman of Alameda's BSU, says that "We are blowing the minds of the administration. Everywhere they go we are there with a leaflet and a smile." On registration day they helped sell student body cards, and gave out the administration's leaflets. She says their main principle is "that the students should affect the

To be Young Gifted and Black, a special film, will be shown in the Pacific Archive Theatre Berkeley on November 1 at 5:00 pm. No reservations, first come first served.

system that they function in." The BSU is involved in every possible facet of student administration including Adhoc and the selecting of a canteen. Childcare (Children's Center) wasn't getting off the ground so the BSU took over, donating food, movies and a lot of energy and it is now taking care of between 20 and 30 little comrades.

The main function of the BSA is to insure the survival of the Black education and to serve the communities through the schools. Michael said that "the Black student should utilize the campus resources to serve the community." The alliance, in conjunction with all BSU's, is in the process of developing a student skills bank from which the community could draw from freely, and would be of mutual benefit to both. Such programs will include a tutorial program that would reach from the grammar schools to the colleges and include those not interested in institutional learning but still hungry for knowledge; free legal referral; and free Sickle Cell testing

Owen Marshall, co-co-ordinator for the Alameda BSU, said that "The BSA has made the BSU's more aware, and the Black Panther Party has made the BSA more aware." James Mott says that "the concrete practice of the (Black Panther) Party in the community is what the students relate to." Much or the Party's "Serve the People" consciousness is incorporated into the BSA's community programs.

An important service of the BSA has been to expose the real enemy to the student; the Peralta Community College District! The Alliances workability has taken the Board by surprise, not being used to dealing with a "scientific approach, instead of emotional outbursts." said Michael. It is good strategy to keep the Board aware that the community is watching them while they are watching the BSA. As a result of the Alliance, James Gregory says, "We've seen the Board go under the table with a lot of their dealings. We're trying to educate the community about that. The next step is to go under the table to get the information."

The last few weeks Survival Weeks have been going on at Alameda, Laney and Merrit. This week, October 30th thru Nov. 3rd we are having one a Grove Street. The purpose of Survival Week is to introduce the students to the BSA and to recruit new members for the BSU. Relevant speakers, movies and exhibits, as well as free Sickle Cell testing will continue throughout the week. It is hopeful that non-Blacks will be inspired to get off their collective asses and unite to SURVIVE!

by John Justice

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By Marc Kovacs

Television and Culture is perhaps the most unusual class being offered by the Humanities Department this Fall. It is taught by Mitch Cohen, the producer of a noted documentary about TV addiction entitled, "What would we do without TV?"

Q: Mr. Cohen, why did you start teaching a course on TV?

MC: I started teaching TV and Culture because it seemed to me that television and television watching is something fantastically important in terms of understanding this country. And it tends not to get talked about in academic institutions because teachers seem to have such a prejudice for print. I just happened to be someone who grew up watching TV and simply started to think about my TV watching critically.

Q: Your class has been reading Marshall McLuhan and Joe McGinness. Why these two?

MC: I assign McLuhan as a primary source. McLuhan and his writings are themselves a part of the culture. Understanding McLuhan is understanding the mind of many media men. I assign McGinness largely because it seemed that with my class running through the election that there was an opportunity to discuss the connection between media and the election.

Q: How important is media this election?

MC: Media is incredibly important because I think that the TV ads for the Presidential candidates are more than commercials for a product. They are pilots for a series. The American people will be choosing between two TV shows on November 7.

Q: What is the general attitude toward television?

MC: The average American household watches four hours and 37 minutes of TV a day.

Q: What is the student attitude toward television?

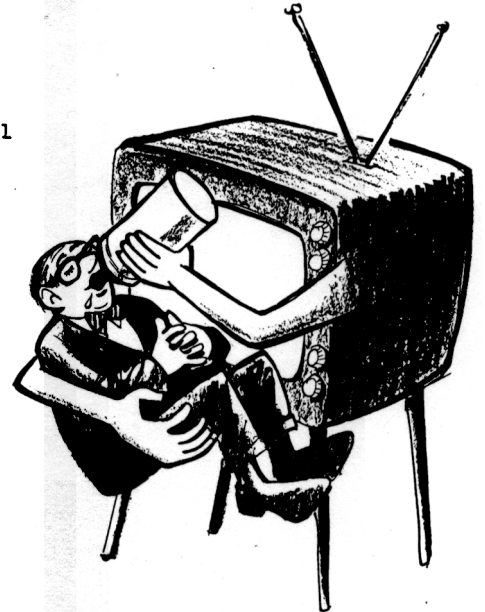
MC: People are largely alienated & negative toward TV.

Q: Why?

MC: I think that many people associate TV watching with former times in their lives, which they've projected. But even for people who already have a negative attitude toward TV, I think that a course on TV is a valuable chance for people to talk about TV. Like most addictions, TV is seldom talked about.

Q: What do you think about what people watch on TV?

MC: Many people watch TV for many different reasons. What's most interesting to me is TV's use as a substitute therapeutic reality. A TV set seems to create a peaceful place and time to be in.



"What's most interesting to me is TV's use as a substitute therapeutic reality." --Cohen. (DRAWING: Chicago Jour. Review)

Q: How would you like to see TV used?

MC: I would like to see TV used either not at all or as the simplest mode of television communication. I think people are better off with each other.

## "Jazz"

By CHARLES LIGHTEARD

I bet there aren't many people that know where the word jazz comes from. Or do you? For those of you that don't know, it comes from whites that were confused by black music, so they labled it with a word called jazz, meaning jive, be-bop, etc.

But now, since they have fallen into the click of everything, it's no longer black music, it's our music. Our music belongs to the good old U.S.A. Blacks have made America's music what it is, whether or not it's admitted.

Most of the musicians you hear have never attended big colleges or universities. They learned by listening to cats like John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Charles Mingus, McCoy Tyner. These are the people they listen to. It helps them develop tone and timing.

It's strange, since this music is called America's music, it seems like the black man should be able to enjoy some of the fruits of this life, but most blacks don't have a gig half the time. They have to take what they can get, but this doesn't stop them, they keep on trying.

One way of getting a gig is to join a white group and get in on the M-O-N-E-Y, brother.

## Activities

Next week marks the beginning of Survival Week (Oct. 30-Nov. 3) sponsored by Grove St. College B.S.U. The purpose is to stimulate and motivate the awareness of Black Students and campus community. Survival Week will also serve as an important factor in organizing and setting up machinery to better serve the needs of campus and community.

Survival Week will start on Monday. The B.S.U. will have information on its future programs, plans, goals, and how to get involved in some of the activities. There will be free Sickle Cell Anemia testing everyday and free films showing such as Staggerlee with Bobby Seale, Strike at S.F. State, The Murder of Fred Hampton, etc.

Tuesday there will be a rally in the Gym at 1 o'clock. Thursday will highlight a revolutionary peoples' art exhibit by Emory Douglas of The Black Panther Party and also Carolyn Craven, writer and reporter of K.Q.E.D. tv will speak at 11:00 in E-4.

Survival Week will end on Friday night at the Black House 4th & Addison, with a Peoples' Party.

Unity is just a word unless practiced. Grove St. College B.S.U. will try to bring everybody together.

For further information contact the B.S.U. in D-3.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, October 31--  
New African Cinema: Ousmane Sembene's EMITAI (1972 Senegal) West Coast Premiere. An anti-imperialist yet curiously gentle evocation of the French Colonial period (1940's) in Senegal, Africa. In color. One show only at 7:30 PM. \$1.25 155 Dwinelle, U.C.B.

Black Panther Halloween Party: Black House, 4th & Alston Way Berkeley. 10:00 PM \$1.00

Sunday, October 29--  
Jazz work-shop and jam session: Both/And Club, San Francisco No charge.

Saturday, October 28--  
Field Trip to S.F. Zoo: Meet at Grove & Aileen Streets at 7:45 AM for Pool Rides. Return to Oakland at 5 PM.

La Raza

NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

WE MUST LEND ALL OUR EFFORTS TO HELP DEFEAT PROPOSITION 22

The Farm-Workers need student support in their struggle against the exploiting classes

COME TO LA RAZA STUDENT UNION MEETINGS: Thursdays 11 a.m. E-3

PROPOSICION 22 está en la casilla este Noviembre y está financiada por los sindicatos agrícolas de California para destruir la Unión de Campesinos cuyo director es César Chavez. Desde 1965 los campesinos han estado aumentando su poder en California y por todo el país. Ahora los gigantes de las sociedades anónimas agrícolas de California desean derrotar la organización de campesinos con la PROPOSICION 22. Si la PROPOSICION 22 logra ser ley, va a hacer las siguientes cosas:

1. Será un crimen para los campesinos salir en huelga.
2. Va a prohibir a 85% de los campesinos migratorios que voten en las elecciones para decidir si van a ser representados por U.F.W.
3. Será un crimen para los que respalden al U.F.W. digan "Boycoteen la lechuga."

PROPOSICION 22 es un ataque a los derechos básicos y humanos de los campesinos. Es parte de la opresión a los trabajadores minorías y los pobres por los intereses de los ricos. Unidos apoyamos y respaldamos a los campesinos.

REGISTRESE PARA VOTAR

VOTE NO EN LA PROPOSICION 22

Para ayudar en la campana de justicia para los campesinos póngase en contacto con: UNITED FARM WORKERS, AFL-CIO

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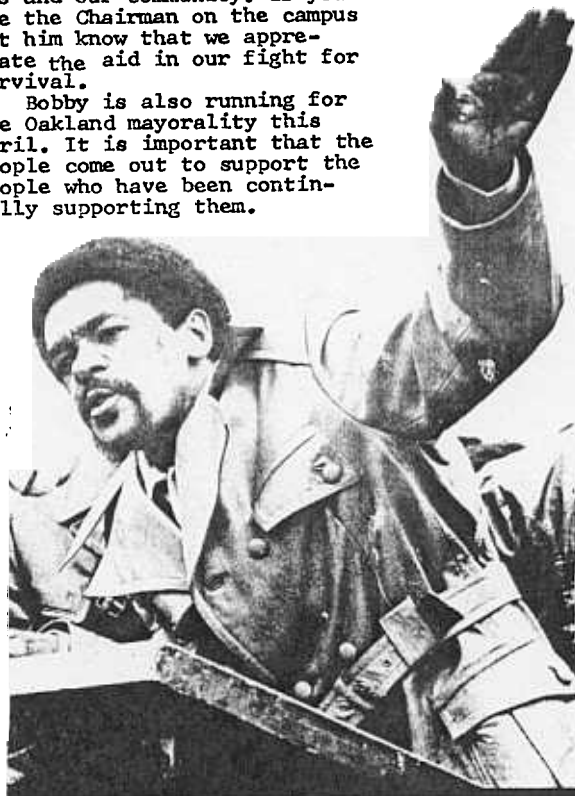
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**BOBBY SEALE RETURNS**

to campus

Bobby Seale, chairman of the Black Panther Party, as well as many other Party members, is attending classes at Grove Street this quarter, and will be doing so indefinitely. This is a clear indication of his, and the Party's, concern for the struggles of this campus and our community. If you see the Chairman on the campus let him know that we appreciate the aid in our fight for survival.

Bobby is also running for the Oakland mayoralty this April. It is important that the people come out to support the people who have been continually supporting them.



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Jason's Comment's

The man comes to your home for your child at age five (now three headstart) supposedly to give him the best education in the world! He or she may even become president someday!

We must realize why this chump is suddenly interested in these children--for five years (or three) no help of any kind--you haven't seen or heard from him, from the time the mother gets pregnant--thru the pregnancy--having the baby (all that expense) caring-feeding-housing (me assistance) sickness--nothing free.

The only conclusion that can be drawn is that he wants to get them early enough to propagandize their minds (pledge allegiance etc) and to teach them the three R's--just enough to enable them to perform slave labor jobs and to follow orders properly. Even the persons who go to so-called higher education and eventually to a position (job) with a high-sounding title will find themselves dead-ended eventually after continuous schooling for a Masters-P.H.D. etc. witness those scientists and others in the Aero-Space Industry--suddenly can't even get a job--sometimes as a janitor.

In 1958, when the Russians sent up their Sputnik, this country suddenly realized vast deficiencies in the whole field of American education and rushed to fill the gap--much over emphasis was pushed in certain areas of training particularly the Aero-Space Industry and related fields.

Similar situations exist today in that a supposed need exist for X amount of highly trained persons to close the gap in another area--over emphasis (too many people) and you have a glut on the market--your diploma is practically nullified.

My conclusion is that much soul-searching is necessary in order to prepare ourselves for a career that will be in demand even after the many years of climbing the ladder.

Yours,  
Jason

# JUSTICE FOR FARM WORKERS NO ON PROPOSITION 22

By Tony Ryan

The coming elections in our great, democratic, incorruptible Union features not only Smilin' George but Tricky Dick but a number of initiatives and proposals on the ballot for the public to relate to.

One of the most important of these is Proposition 22, the so-called "farm-labor initiative."

The reader may or may not remember how Proposition 22 was placed on the ballot. Petitions were circulated by individuals who received 35¢ a signature which later went to 58¢ as the deadline approached.

It seems to me a curiously high figure to pay for individual names. But far more curious was the fact that people were solicited to sign because they were led to believe that this proposition would be of great value and aid to the farm-workers and their union movement. But here's the punch-line: This proposition in actuality was not to help the farm-worker at all. Instead, it was motivated and paid for by reactionary Agribusiness and their political agents in California.

Quite a bit of money was spent by these forces, something in the neighborhood of \$240,000, just to get the signatures.

It is obvious that the growers will go to any lengths to achieve a death-hold on the farm-workers. This would include outright and easily-proved deception of the electorate.

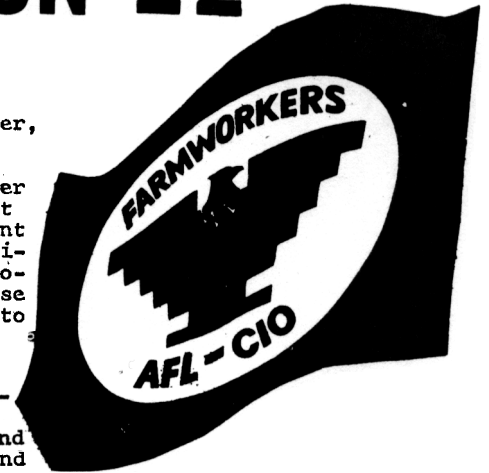
The contents of Proposition 22 are full of measures to counteract the movement, though oftentimes clothed in double talk and downright hidden in the small print.

It is claimed by its proponents that the initiative assures farm-workers a secret ballot election. But it is not

explained that the farm-worker, when deciding whether or not to unionize, can only have such elections when the number of temporary workers does not exceed the number of permanent workers. Those against the initiative claim that this proposal, if passed, would refuse the right to such elections to 90% of the farm-workers.

Another aspect of the proposal is the part that makes it a crime (a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine) to advocate and encourage boycotts of scab produce if such activity uses generic names (generalized names characteristic of a whole group)--"lettuce" and "grapes" are such words! Other major aspect of #22 is a clause concerning strikes. It offers the grower a 60-day injunction even if such is rumored. Why 60 days? Because most crops need only 2 or 3 days and at most 2 or 3 weeks. Then the harvest is done.

There it is in a nutshell. Proposition 22 is designed to screw the farm-worker. Proposition 22, if successful, will squelch the gains made by the Union movement. These gains, made since 1965, are the raising of wages, fringe benefits and grievance procedures in the field. They affect about 10% of the farm labor force of the 235,000 in the state. Proposition 22 would effectively isolate this 10% from gaining allies and would preserve the archaic working conditions of non-union ranchers. Non-union workers would be denied the basic gains made by most of Labor in the last 100 years. It is the movements' worst crisis in its 7½ year history. It comes down to a life and death matter.



Students and all progressive sectors must oppose Proposition 22 and support farm-labor. This is an insult to the public and must be dealt with. Organized labor has called for a "No" vote because what is implied in Proposition 22 is a general anti-labor tone. A victory for Proposition 22 would mean a beachhead for the corporations and growers in the remounting of new "right-to-work" laws in this state. Ronald Reagan and Co. need the "open-shop."

Defeating Proposition 22 will be no easy matter. Millions can be spent by the growers in propaganda for Proposition 22, while the U.F.W.U. has little money and a whole lot less established political power. It will be an uphill struggle and will have to rely on the leaflet, small ads and sympathetic support. We must inform ourselves and also educate others as to the real aims of Proposition 22.

As we wade into this merry-go-round called Elections, please remember to vote NO ON PROPOSITION 22. "An injury to one is an injury to all," Said Joe Hill. It is no less true today. Venceremos!

Further information may be obtained by calling 568-4332.

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Sunday, October 29,

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Departing time is 8:00am

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Departing time is 10:00am

Returning to Oakland at 3:30pm

# Bicycling

by John Justice

This is a subjective article. Henry J. Perry and myself run the funkier bicycle programs in the country; Bikes Unlimited and the ISCCF (Intercommunal Survival Committee to Combat Fascism) People's Free Bicycle Repair.

Bicycles are the focal point of many comrades lives; especially young comrades. Since the re-popularizing of bicycles, more capitalists have flooded the market (bicycle market), raising bicycle prices hopelessly beyond the reach of the poor youth. The State often uses these kind of attractive deprivations as a weapon against the poor communities.

One such example happened on Friday, August, 11 of this year in a Black community in Washington, D.C. Police planted a shiny, new, extra-chrome "gotta have one" bicycle unlocked outside of the Safeway store at 21 Street and Elm, waiting for some poor youth to be tempted. As the police lay in hiding, 16 yr. old Gregory Colman walked by the store. What kid wouldn't be tempted? He got on the bike and started pedaling away. Immediately a policeman appeared, gun drawn, ordering Gregory to stop. Then, from 3 feet away, the "policeman" shot 16 year old Gregory Coleman in the back, killing the criminal they just created.

This must stop!

Henry and I both realize that the State neglects the needs of the poor communities and the basic necessities are often priced out of reach. Our's are survival programs, striving to make people aware that love of the People is more important than love of the Dollar and that the means of survival is through unity.

Henry is beautiful! This 57 yr. old mailman goes to college at night and runs Bikes Unlimited in his "spare" time. Bikes Unlimited is a free bicycle lending program for the youth of East Oakland. As part of the program, Henry has three bicycle drill teams; one for young sisters, one for young brothers, and one for older comrades. The older team rides the baddest bikes I've ever seen, with each rider sitting six or seven feet off the ground while going through precision patterns. Through these programs he teaches the comrades self-respect, discipline, and safety, stressing the need to continually look after your comrade.

Both of our programs are suffering from a lack of bicycle parts. Henry can't turn anyone away and refuses to open the program until he has enough bikes to fill the demand. He presently has about 80 bikes lying around in need of spare parts, tires or minor repairs, but there isn't the man or woman power or spare parts to fix them. These are 80 bikes that could be in the community brightening the lives of 80 young brothers and sisters.



The people's Free Bicycle Repair Program is a different approach to the problem. Realizing that the poor community can't afford the rip-off prices of the local bicycle shops, I initiated the program in conjunction with the other survival programs of ISCCF; free plumbing, free window repair, free child care and a free health clinic.

The goals of the program are: fast, completely free repairs; to give away free bicycles to the people in the community who need them; to show the people how to fix their own bikes and to help the community realize that they are being exploited not just by the money conscious bicycle shops, but by all the capitalistic establishments that are geared for profit and not people.

We rely completely on donations from the community. Our parts stash is presently as empty as a landlords heart, and unless more parts are donated we might have to discontinue repairs for a while. We can't afford to buy new tires, wheels and all the other parts with built in obsolescence.

We need the community to come through with spare parts, broken bicycles, bikes that have been outgrown or aren't needed. There are many poor people in the community who can not afford bicycles, but want one for transportation or recreation.

We need people who can donate one, two or more hours a week to help us fix bicycles. You don't have to know how to fix bicycles, we'll teach you. Every Saturday at ISCCF I teach a class in general bicycle maintenance and repairs. The class is free and informal, with the emphasis on learning by doing, so dress accordingly.

Community involvement is essential. I called Henry up tonight to arrange a class in wheel building and truing, and we started talking (again) about getting the community involved in our programs. I said that people "think we are weird because we spend all this time running free programs", and he told me, "You are weird." I said, "So are you, brother." "I know," he said. "but everyone should be weird." This is what we need; a few more weirdos willing to donate a little of their time a week.

Bicycle donations for Bikes Unlimited can be left at Black Panther Central Headquarters, 8501 E. 14 Street, Oakland, or call Henry at 632-6338. Donations for the People's Free Bicycle Repair Program can be brought to the ISCCF Center at 1415 Stannage in Berkeley or call 525-4375. These are People's programs.

Power to the pedalers!

# SPORTS



**BASKETBALL TIME:** Larry Coleman, a guard on the North Peralta basketball team, demonstrates his scoring abilities. North Peralta will play City College of San Francisco on November 24th in San Francisco.

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On March 15, at the North Peralta Community College Gym Dr. Thomas Fryer, Chancellor of Peralta School Board met with approximately 400 students to announce the fazing out of North Peralta College.

North Peralta Community College is one of four Peralta community colleges (two year degree colleges). It is the only college located in the heart of a Black community and has overwhelmingly Black enrollment. A very active community services program provides a variety of educational and cultural opportunities relevant to the community it serves.

# A History of Struggle

The reasons Dr. Fryer gave for his decision to recommend to the Peralta Board the closing down of North Peralta College were:

- \* Oakland operates more colleges per square mile than any other community college in the country.
- \* Because of the need for a campus that would serve the North Peralta District as well as Albany.
- \* The tremendous financial burden that North Peralta is to the school board and enrollment not meeting expectations.

The students were extremely angry and told Fryer, "We're not going to accept yours or any one else's whimsical decisions to please some unknown political entity in Berkeley".

They said that the college had become a community resource center with many meaningful ties in the general surrounding community and to move the college would cause many hardships.

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# GROVE STREET MARCH

# GRAPEVINE

North Peralta College



## LUCILLE

Monday, March 11, between 60 and 75 students at NPCC assembled in the annex building of the cafeteria to protest the alleged firing of Lucille Hawkins, an employee of "Creative Foods" and whom also suffers a substantial popularity among the general student body.

The company is owned by a Sherwin Harris and company, which consist of three other persons.

The news of Ms. Hawkins dismissal quickly spreading soon brought the operation of the school cafeteria to a halt. Shortly thereafter Carl Mack, Dean of Students, approached Sherwin Harris and reminded him that the school contract specifies that "Creative Foods" provides services every school day until June and anything short of that breaches the contract.

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## FLICKS

GET YOUR YEARBOOK PICTURES TAKEN 1-5 p.m. M, W, and Friday. PICTURES SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE APRIL 1, 1974. RM. C-6B. Hurry....!

Bring your baby pictures along too, and we'll show you yesterday and today.



DONALD BYRD: folks get together with Jazz man outside North Peralta Choir room. Others include l-r Barbara Roundtree, Paul Morgan, Int Instructor Jackie Hairston, Cash Early Freddie Boone and Debra Bronson.

## INFANTE OBIT

by Barbara Brooks

On February 28, 1974, Dr. Edna Infante, a member of the North Peralta Comm. College teaching staff, passed away. Dr. Infante, 57, resided at 2212 Derby St., Berkeley. She was involved in an accident, while riding her bicycle, occurring at Cotton and Grove streets, in Berkeley, on February 27, 1974. The other vehicle was driven by Jacob Tawiah, 27, of 1721 Berkeley Way, Berkeley. She was taken to Herrick Hospital, in Berkeley, where she died as a result of injuries she sustained in the accident.

Born Edna Wood, June 28, 1916, in Caldwell, Idaho, she was educated at several colleges and universities. She attended the University of Idaho from 1933-1941, where she studied French as a major and English as a minor subject.

She received her B.A. in 1939, and her M.A. in 1941. She attended Mills College in the summer of 1938, and during the summers of 1939, 1940, and 1941, she attended the University of California. In 1958, she studied at John Hopkins University. From 1962 to 1963, she attended the University of Madrid, Spain where she received her Ph.D. degree in 1963.

She traveled throughout Western Europe and Latin America. She was a resident in La Paz, Bolivia for nine years and in Madrid, Spain for nine months.

Her teaching experience included instructing at Baltimore Secondary Schools, Baltimore, Maryland, from 1957-1962 where she taught Spanish and French and Riverside City College, Riverside, California, from 1963-1966 where she also taught Spanish and French. In 1967, at the Oakland Adult Schools, Oakland, Cal-

she taught English as a foreign language. From 1967-1969, she taught Spanish, French, and English at Madison High School, Oakland, California. She came to Merritt College, Oakland, California in 1967, where she taught Spanish and English until 1970. At the time of her death, Dr. Edna Infante was a tenured instructor in the Language Arts Dept. at North Peralta Comm. College where she taught Spanish and English.

Dr. Infante was cremated in a private ceremony. A memorial service has been planned by a committee of NPCC faculty Senate members and Dr. Infante's colleagues. Ms. Eloise Johnson is the co-ordinator of the program. Participants will also include the NPCC choir and students from Dr.

See page 6..teacher



Party member

by Paul Morgan

To the question of closing the Grove Street campus down; Orlando Vaughn (a BSU member and representative of the student body at Grove) in addressing the Peralta School Board declared that the students oppose the elimination of the Grove Street site, with vehement indignation. In addressing Chancellor Fryer he stated - "We know damn well that its being used as a political issue by certain people who are running for candidacy and trying to play up to their constituency with the promise of a new college in Berkeley by moving and bouncing us around with disregard to the hardships and personal problems that we share as an oppressed community; especially meeting new travel demands and having to reajust our priorities." The mention of Grove Street being used as a political issue by "certain" candidates running for political office received encouraging support from students and teachers, from such Peralta colleges as Laney, Merritt, Alameda, and Grove Street, who were on hand to deal with such issues as school child care and hourly teachers. Vaughn said, "We're not going to go for it, the students are not going to go for it. Those's candidates using our school as a political issue are trying to deny us of an education and we're going to voice our discontent at the polls next election and that's not just an idle statement, we're going to continue to show our numerical strength at every board meeting; we intend to approach Oakland City Hall and everybody short of the governor to see that our demands are met."

Another issue was the question of renovation of Grove's Campus which the city of Oakland has allocated millions of dollars to insure that old buildings owned by the city of Oakland (including Grove Street College) can be brought up to the safety standards as required by law. A decision and deadline had been set to begin renovation work specifically on the big main building by January 1974.

Vaughn addressed the board to that issue and after an exerted attempt by Aller to dismiss Vaughn and then vascillating on the issue, Vaughn said, "We're not satisfied with your answer because if you really were sincere in bringing our campus up to safety standards that building would have been down and the time schedule would have been met as of January."

Vaughn later said "We didn't come up here to be side stepped or passed over or to be told, "We'll reach a decision at another meeting" this to us is an indication that the board is insensitive and actually plans to move N.P.C.C. (as we have heard) to the Berkeley Marina or some other part of Berkeley."

Vaughn ended his statement by saying "we'll continue to organize and we'll see you again soon..."

**HOUARI BOUMEDIENE**, President of the Council of Revolution and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, and his party paid an official visit to China from February 25 to March 2.

On the day they arrived in Peking, President Boumediene and the other distinguished Algerian guests were greeted warmly at the airport by Chinese leaders Chou En-lai, Yeh Chien-ying, Teng Hsiao-ping, Chen Hsi-lin, Wu Teh and Ngapo Ngawang-Jigme, leading members of departments concerned and several thousand people in the capital.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

As many of you already know I am in trouble with "the law" and in need of your help.

I am being brought to trial not because I committed any crime but rather as an outgrowth of three factors. First, is the fact that I am a political activist (I have a long history in the anti-war movement). Another is that the rampant paranoia running amok within the Oakland Police Department and other law enforcement agencies has led to conclude that I am a member of, have knowledge of the Symbonese Liberation Army. This conclusion on their part is absolutely untrue. It is true that I am one of the five California co-ordinators for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization (an above ground, legal, anti-imperialist organization that works for progressive social change). It is also true that Joe Remiro, one of the two purported SLA people being charged with the murder of Marcus Foster, is a former member of VVAW/WSO. However, I'm no more a member of the SLA (or any other terrorist group) than you are. The third factor is that the Oakland police are attempting to hide their own crimes by falsely accusing me.

Myself and several close friends have been continually harassed by the local police for the last six weeks. Homes have been searched, people have lost their jobs, individuals have been detained for up to two hours, phoney traffic citations have been issued and in some cases have been terrorized at gun point.

On the night of February 6th I was home in bed when someone called to say that a mutual friend was being harassed by several police units not far from my home. I got up and went to the scene to witness and be sure that he got his rights and didn't get beat up. As it turned out, it was my body and my rights that were trampled upon.

Note: All stories herein are the opinions of the individual writers, and should not cast a dim light on anyone else in the college, the Board of trustees or the Peralta School District. (Editor)

The officers at the scene viciously assaulted me while my hands were above my head. After putting the cuffs on me, one of them removed my pocket knife from my trousers. It is this same knife that they allege I used to attack one of them. While it is ridiculous and absurd to imagine that anyone but a madman armed only with a pocket knife would stab at an armed policeman with two other officers looking on. However, it's certainly not ridiculous or absurd to be on trial for a felony rap with a possible life sentence.

There are three ways that you can help me at present as well as move to protect yourself from being subjected to similar kinds of mistreatment in the future. The first is money. Legal bills have already mounted up to several hundred dollars. The trial hasn't even started and they may top a couple of thousand before it's over with. Small donations quickly add up to large sums...so anything you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Another thing that would be helpful is letters of support. They can be written to the Alameda County District Attorney's office and the Internal Affairs Division of the Oakland Police Department. The same letter can be sent to both agencies. Thirdly is an invitation to any and all of you would like to do more support work to attend the first meeting of a defense committee forming around this case. The meeting is at 7:30p.m., Tuesday March 12, at the VVAW/WSO storefront 4919 Telegraph, Oakland, 94609.

Donations for legal defense can be sent to that address or given to faculty person Bernardo-Garcia-Pandavenes or classified worker Bill Engel.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. Any support forthcoming will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in sincerity and the spirit of labouring solidarity.

BOB HOOD

## YEAR BOOK

Please remind all students graduating this Spring semester to have their picture taken in C-6/B any Monday or Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. before April 1st. They are requested to supply a picture of themselves taken before age five. This picture will appear alongside their graduation picture in the Yearbook.

The Peralta Board of Trustees are the elected representatives of the Peralta Community College District. They have as their main function, the administration of funds allocated by the tax payers to provide decent and adequate educational services to those residents of the district who have a desire to further their education and/or to upgrade their skills.

These services are also available to out-of-state persons wishing to attend school in the Peralta District for a tuition fee. These services are also available for those wishing to attend from out-of-district. These persons must request permission from the Community College District in which they reside, to attend a campus within the Peralta District.

The Peralta Community College District (which includes the cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont and Plumas County) was formed to serve the educational needs primarily of residents in the District, by electing one person from each of the seven (7) areas mentioned above to form the seven-member Peralta Board of Trustees which has its meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month at various locations throughout the District.

The tax payers of the Peralta District authorized the Board of Trustees to build four (4) new campuses within the District by voting "yes" in 1965 for a \$47 million bond issue to finance the project, out of which funds were to be made available to build a campus in the North Oakland-Berkeley-Albany area; other site areas for the new campuses were located in the East Oakland

hills (Merritt College, downtown Oakland (Laney College), and Alameda (College of Alameda). Feather River College in Plumas County, which was added to the District after the 1965 bond issue, was given priority over the building of the campus in the North District, which was part of the original bond issue. With the completion of the new Merritt site in the Oakland hills in 1970, the old Merritt College, which is now North Peralta Community College, was in great danger of being lost to the residents of the North District area because of mismanagement of the \$47 million allocated by the tax payers and inflation, but student and community pressure forced the District to abandon immediate plans for the closing of the Grove Street site which was a temporary victory for those concerned with making sure there did exist a campus within the North District as promised by the 1965 bond is-

At the present time, the Peralta District has failed in its function to provide a decent and adequate education for the residents of the North District; despite their repeated assurances and promises that North Peralta Community College is the official campus of the North District, the college has been forced to operate on an entirely unworkable budget, with inadequate equipment and sometimes no equipment at all, and no money to replace equipment which has been damaged or outdated.

On August 6, 1973, the Board of Trustees in response to student and community pressure to honor past commitments to the North District campus to build a viable and meaningful education; authorized the renovation of NPCC, of which only the installation of the alarm system has been completed.

The indication being that the District is more concerned about the security of the buildings and grounds than about the future and security of the members of the community who wish to receive an education in pleasant surrounding which enhance learning. The Peralta Board of Trustees are the elected representatives of the people and must serve the needs and desires of the people or they must be replaced by those that will.

Thurman Sherrill

# WATERGATE

By

Zillah Cuevas

The Washington Post of Washington, D.C., is to be commended for its spadework and continued and authentic digging into the Watergate affair. This becomes evident in a speech made in February to the California Newspaper Publishers Association by the Post.

The Post has been the butt of credibility attacks - Spiro Agnew in the forefront of attack. Politicians have issued flat denials of Watergate material printed in the Post, and the White House has become an active adversary.

And all the while the Washington Post had been using fail-safe system for Watergate stories in that (1) any set of facts must come from two independent sources before printing (2) one or more top Post editors must have read and approved each Watergate story BEFORE publication, and (3) each story on Watergate from another publication had to be independently verified.



# 5 International Women's Day Celebrations

By Terri Williams

(Oakland, Calif.)-- An overflow crowd packed the Community Learning Center, 6118 E. 14th Street, here last Sunday for the Bay Area's celebration of the 64th Annual International Woman's Day. Organized by the Third World Woman's Committee, the highly successful program paid homage to the years of struggle of third world women in the U.S. and working women of the world. (See last week's issue of THE BLACK PANTHER).

As the program got under, the enthusiastic audience of men, women, and children joined a group of international sisters, headed by Joanne Miyamoto in singing "Songs Of Struggle".

The role of women in Vietnam was described by Sister Doan Thi Nam Huu of the Union of Vietnam. She explained the interrelatedness of the liberation struggle in Vietnam and the struggle to liberate women. Declaring that "the South Vietnamese government has violated all articles of the Paris agreement", she said, "We will continue to struggle until there is true peace."

A series of entertaining skits followed which humorously, but truthfully portrayed aspects of third world women's lives on the job and at home.

Following the skits, a delicious array of international food was served. Also, during this intermission, the celebration participants viewed the beautiful displays put together by the Third World Women's Committee.

The auditorium of the center, echoed with the chorus of one song, "When in doubt, try to keep a trying", reflecting third world woman's historical struggle to keep their families together and survive the harsh conditions imposed on them by racism. In another song, Sister Miyamoto received prolonged applause when she sang "We don't want a piece of your pie, we want to bake our own."

Among the most exploited women where in America are domestic workers. Sister Viola Mitchell, a leader and founder of the California Womenmakers Association, described the five-month-old Association's (the membership has grown from five to 2,000 in five months) efforts to win collective bargaining rights for domestic workers in California. Sister Mitchell emphasized, "We want wages, not welfare."

Last week's issue of THE BLACK PANTHER described the recent victory of the striking workers against the Farah Company. A Farah striker gave a history of that struggle when the celebration reconvened following intermission. Sister Janice Cobb then gave a poetry reading followed by a speech on the struggle for welfare rights, delivered by well-known National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) leader Sister Johnnie Tillman. Sister Tillman has been in the welfare struggle for several years, and her speech was especially enjoyed by the audience.

The philosophy and beliefs of the Third World Women's Committee were expressed in detail by Sister Miriam Ching. The celebration concluded with "The Rising of the World's People in Song" by the Third World Women's Committee Bay Area Progressive Musicians with the audience joining in.

The spirit and organizing of third world women was beautifully demonstrated in this celebration that was tremendously enjoyed by all who attended.

(Oakland, Calif.) - Early into last Tuesday's People in Need (PIN) food giveaway, Curtis Baker, alias "Black Jesus" began to distinguish himself.

Designated as the person in charge of the West Oakland distribution site, Curtis would walk up and down the long line of people shouting "niggers" and "You motherfuckers, get in line."

A little later, while on one of his "inspections", he leaned over to "rap" to a sister standing in line. Disgusted, the

## PRISONER PAPER BENEFIT

by b. cooper

The S.F. Mime Troupe will give a benefit performance of its current production, "The Mother", a play by Bertolt Brecht for the National Lawyers Guild on Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in St. Peter's Parish Hall, 1249 Alabama St. near 24th st. in S.F. This benefit is to establish funds to create an educational newspaper to be distributed free to inmates throughout the country and its prison counseling program. If you are unable to attend this performance, keep a watch out for a local production of this controversial play. This play was banned by the Nazis and is rarely performed in America, it's the vivid account of a middle-age widow who discovers that her only son is a revolutionary.

### NEWSMULCH

(ZNS)-The city of Seattle (bless its little old heart anyhow) is the very first to offer free bus service. Under this one yr experiment, everyone can ride busses at no cost within a 105-block section of the downtown area of the city. It's apparently off to a great start; the number of riders has doubled.



(ZNS)-An independent laboratory (DELTA) in Webster, N.Y., reports it has found considerably higher levels of lead in leading brands of canned mil than was publicly reported by the FDA last October. The lead apparently comes from the chemicals used in soldering the seams in the cans. Isn't that cute?

When the sister stepped up to receive her groceries, Curtis said to her, "You been here before". The sister, shocked, answered, "You're lying". Enraged, Curtis started pushing the sister, hit her in the face, kicked her, and in a wild frenzy, reached under his belt pulled out his masculinity substitute, a gun, screaming, "Bitch, don't you know who I am. I'll blow you away."

After all the food was distributed, Curtis obviously wanted more action; the star without his floodlight might not be noticed. So, in an act of clear provocation, Curtis told some people standing around, empty-handed and angry, that there was some food stored across the street. As the people pushed across the street, Curtis called the police to report a crime and, upon the arrival of four to six police cars, arbitrarily fingered two brothers for "breaking and entering". Only the strong and vocal indignation of the many people who spotted what Curtis Baker was

### INSIDE OUT

#### "BLACK JESUS"

[EDITOR'S NOTE: In view of the concerted effort by the mass media and others to translate Black and poor people's desires for free food into "aiding and abetting lawlessness" and hunger into "undignified", we hesitate to criticize the activities of any Black and poor people who might abuse the community through the People in Need food program. As Bobby Seale said last week, "Hungry people are desperate people". Yet, we would be negligent in our obligation to the community if we did not print the following information.]