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"We must begin here and now a new continent of earth and fire."

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Jefferson Airplane, VOLUNTEERS' album





This paper is put out by **VOLUNTEERS!**, an organization of people who believe we must profoundly alter the ways in which we relate to each other and to nature if we are to remain on the planet.

Our future issues will reflect our main concerns: ecology, co-operative life-styles, freedom and personal growth.

As well as putting out the paper, **VOLUNTEERS!** will be working within the community to create alternative institutions and lifestyles. We will also take part in major ecological-political issues (such as the 3rd Crossing, the coast oil tanker scheme, and the San Diego convention).

VOLUNTEERS! is a new kind of political organization - libertarian!

What do we mean by libertarian? Decentralization of power, of industry, of living spaces. Tribal, co-operative society - a federation of voluntary communes replacing the state.

From cities, to villages; from mass societies to small groups. We think it's the only way back to the earth and sanity - to a world where all people can have healthy, creative lives.

In a libertarian society, freedom is a major goal. We don't need laws for the sake of laws, we need human-scale societies where people naturally adjust their needs and desires to fit with those of their friends.

This generation is the turning point. We either accept the ending of our time on earth, or seize the dawn of a new age. **VOLUNTEER!**

Ever since the initial burst of enthusiasm with which our culture greeted the opening of the 1970s began to settle down to a much clearer headed and mellowed vision of the future, cynicism and defeatism have abounded. There is no grounds for these feelings of negativity. Freak culture by its sheer growth and vitality has begun to weaken the hold of illegitimate authority (the state) over all of us both straight and freak.

sonal lifestyle! This is a victory of the greatest magnitude, in fact, it is one of the most progressive steps in human history. From the beginning of time the state has always dictated how its subjects were to have sex, what to eat and smoke or drink, what to read etc. These victories are occurring because of you, Joe or Jane Freak, not because of any political parties, leaders or any of that crap and not out of the altruism or good will of the statesmen but because of your personal lifestyle. Your lifestyle contravenes many of the written and unwritten laws that the state holds over us. Why even this BE-In that we are at is illegal! As such we are all "criminals", as such you



give in. This is what the American Bar Association resolution was all about, and this, remember, was how Prohibition was stopped in the states in 1934. The state never grants freedom, freedom is always taken. Whenever anything is made "legal" you can be damn sure that thousands of people thru their daily existences struggled (and

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The best example of what is meant by this weakening is in the development of law over the past few years. The field of crimes known as "crimes without victims" (at least 25% of all offenses) is slowly being reduced.

Abortion, homosexuality, divorce, prostitution, and sexual positions other than the legally prescribed "missionary posture" are no longer "crimes".

Censorship of books, periodicals and film has become minimal. The vagrancy law has also been dropped, it is now legal to be poor.

The penalty for marijuana has gone from 3 years in prison (1965) to a \$150 fine (1972) and it will probably be made legal within a year.

As a further example the American Bar Association (the US legal establishment) has recently demanded that all victimless crimes be stricken from the statute books.

What all this means is that the state will no longer meddle or have control over your per-

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belong to the largest civil disobedience campaign in history! That is what freak culture is, a mass movement of

WINNING

passive resistance against illegitimate authority. That is why the system is changing, in response to this resistance.

The state cannot repress a mass cultural movement such as ours. It has tried. The courts of Canada and the US are backlogged for the next several years with drug, draft, and vag cases and thousands more people daily violate these laws against lifestyle. Faced with a complete collapse of the legal system by sheer inundation, the state finally has to

oftimes suffered) to make it so.

We will probably win a complete victory over the states laws against personal conduct in the next couple of years. We can't be complacent though, for a much bigger struggle looms on the horizon. This is the struggle to restore ecological balance, to redevelop our innate harmony with nature. It will be a long struggle but I'm sure if we apply ourselves to it the way we have with the rule of law we will win.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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NARODNAYA VOLYA Six hanged for assassination Czar Alexander II 1881	Bob Ford kills JESSE JAMES 1882	LAUTREAUMONT b. Montevideo 1876	Benevento Anarchist Uprising	GENERAL STRIKE Holland 1903	200 years ago Charles FOURIER was born - Besançon	Hana Matsuri birth of BUDDHA 563 B.C. Northampton Association 1842
Hunger Revolt Lyons 1894	Emiliano ZAPATA assas. 1919	Ferdinand b LASALLE 1825	5	Wholesale arrest of revolutionists St. Petersburg 1901	7	SNCC. b. 1960
4,000 National Guard to 1968 Wilmington	Women's March on Pentagon 1971	Spies for Peace leaflet 1963	12	Colfax Massacre 1892	13	IRS demands war tribute. Refuse to pay!
KARAKASOFF attentat against Czar Alexander II 1866	Benjamin TUCKER anarchist b. 1854	San Francisco Earthquake 1906	Operation Dewey Canyon III: 2,000 veterans of Vietnam protest war Wash 1971	Women invade Grove Press	14	NICOP
16	WITCH hex United Fruit Wash. 1969	18	19	PEOPLE'S PARK	20	BUTTE: Miners shot 1921 Yale Student Strike to support Panther 21 1970
23 Claude PELLETIER 1816	IRISH EASTER Rebellion 1916	COLUMBIA U. Strike 1968	RAVACHOL on trial 1892	Mary b 1797 WOLLSTONECRAFT First strike 10 hr. day - Boston	27	Nicola SACCO b. 1893
WALPURGIS EVE 30	200,000 March Against the WAR Wash 1971	Mack Parker 25 lynched 1959	John Wilkes BOOTH d. 1865	27 carpenters 1825	28	EARTH DAY 1970
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SMOKE



SPACE

by Fatima El Hashbar

Fatima El Hashbar is a Volunteer...Holy Shit!!! Yes friends, all this and more... When the revolution called and I wasn't even home, I knew it was time for another look. Then Volunteers! arrived on the scene with a new script, I just had to sign on as a bit player (No, its not another shovel full of elitist crap).

And its not a bad script. Groups of people working through an honest and democratic structure to effect changes in themselves, their community and their environment.

Personally, I don't think the time has arrived to grab the nearest doctrinaire crutch and hobble to the goal-line. What might be needed is some organization that is controlled very directly by the people involved, not by a central committee, or a spokesman, or (as in Halifax with Red Morning) an RCMP informer.

Now I'm only about half as sure that the Volunteers represent this kind of alternative, as I am that the existing groups in this city don't.

"What's this raving ego trip." sez u, "This cat does a dope column in the GRAPE and now he thinks he's some kind of fucking Guru." Right...Wrong!! I'm just watching a small group of people like Bennett and Campbell, General Westmoreland and General Motors exercise a lot more control over me and u than me and u. And it pisses me off. Period. End of Morality Play.

What I know best is the dope scene cuz that was my first break from the straight world. What my development after that has taught me can fit into two statements. 'A pig that turns on is just a turned on Pig' and 'We don't need anymore Power Junkies'.

When a "Strategic Hamlet" in Vietnam is only strategic cuz it produces a million bucks worth of Smack for the next Air Force flight to Los Angeles, then you know we're a long way past the days of free acid and seven dollar ounces.

When Trudeau legalizes marijuana does that change the Government. If you think so, just watch what happens when people in Quebec decide, in a couple of elections from now, that they want out.

The army might all smoke, but then again a lot of them smoked during October 1970. Enough heaviness.

You're at the Be-In — Easter '72—so be. There's lots of good LSD around, especially the Orange Sunshine (clean, super powerful 350 mics, but watch what you buy—get only the bright orange 1/8 inch barrel shaped tab, everything else being sold as Sunshine is cut with either speed or strychnine, especially the yellow domes). The purple flash and most of the white blotter are also O.K.

WARNING—The Benzocaine, it might also be sold as coke, it is a bummer. It is Bella donna, a dangerous poison, which will make you very sick and if you do enough could do you.

You can recognize the stuff, a white powder, by its comparatively cheap price, about 20 bucks a gram. Don't touch it.

Well friends time to get off. Hope you have fun today and more tomorrow.

Love,
Fatima.

WHAT IS THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?

THE SYSTEM

FINE WEATHER

*Everything evolves, it is the cycle of nature:
After the rainy days, the fine weather comes.
In an instant, the whole world shakes off its damp clothes,
Thousands of mountains unfurl their brocade carpet.
Under the warm sun and the wind, the flowers smile,
In the big trees with branches washed clean, the birds
make chorus
Warmth fills the heart of man, and life reawakens.
Bitterness now makes way for happiness,
This is how nature wills it.*

Ho Chi Minh

Sisters:



There aren't enough women in local radical left organizations outside of women's liberation. VLF was male-dominated, Yippie was male-dominated, the Partisan Party is male-dominated - even Gay Liberation groups are male-dominated. Where are the women needed to change this?

Up until about 1968, radical women patiently accepted the lower status they had in political groups. Dynamic, intelligent women found themselves typing manifestos, making coffee, and generally remaining in the background.

As a result of their conditioning, they lacked the self-confidence and aggressiveness that put the men around them into positions of leadership.

Many seldom spoke out at meetings, feeling they had nothing to say. But with the rise of women's liberation, these women realized that they had been 'had'. Many left to work solely on women's issues.

That was four years ago. Now women have made their struggle a driving force of the left. In the interim, thousands of women have developed their personalities and talents far beyond what they were. They have taught each other creative and organizational skills once kept out of their reach. They have grown close to other women, discarding many of the divisions and fears that kept them apart in the past. And they have made the liberation of women into possibly the widest-ranging political issue in North America.

Meanwhile, however, most other radical left organizations continue under male dominance. This is partly because of the unwillingness of some men to give up the comforts of the status quo. But other men have come a long way in discarding their sexism, and want the stimulation of working with women in positions equal to theirs.

Male dominance of the left will remain only as long as

women allow it. And unfortunately, most women have placed themselves in a position of exile. It is time for women to rejoin non-women's organizations, this time with both the vision and the skills to hold equal positions with the men. Without leadership from women, the left will flounder, for the revolution we seek would discard the trappings of a narrowly male death culture: the machismo that has spawned atomic weapons, racial and sexual oppression and the destruction of the earth must be ended inside ourselves.

WE DON'T WANT EQUALITY WITH MEN IN THE SOCIETY AS IT IS NOW, WE WANT AN ENTIRELY NEW SOCIETY BASED ON NEW VALUES

Some women fear that history would repeat itself if they rejoined non-women's organizations. But the situation has changed.

Not all radical women left the male-dominated groups for

exclusive women's liberation activity. Some stayed behind to challenge male authority in those groups. They held women's meetings as well as regular group meetings, they pressed the group to take up women's causes, and they worked to gain self-confidence and skills in order to take up active, responsible positions beside the men.

In the radical SDS offshoot "Weathermen", for instance, women kept contacts with outside women's groups and demanded that men in the organization change with them. As a result of their initiatives, women rose to leadership positions and Bernadine Dohrn became a Weatherpeople spokeswoman.

The time is ripe for women to rejoin with men in political work. Not all women, for some are best working with women alone right now. But there are women who could come back and reshape the structure of the male-dominated groups.

This does not mean that women should abandon work

with women. Much more has to be done in women's groups. But to make a thorough change, radical women will have to be active in both fronts.

Volunteers! has a structure that is ideal for women wanting to work on other issues. Work groups of 5 or 6 people move under their own direction on the activities of their choice. In a small group, it is easier to prevent leadership roles from forming, and the roles of spokeswomen (for working together with other work groups) will rotate.

Women could set up work groups with other women, or with men, as they choose. And in a close-knit circle, people can't evade their hangups and prejudices: if they would continue their work, they have to face up to where they're at and grow.

Volunteers! is not just issuing a polite invitation. We (and all other left organizations) need more women. For more information: Box 4074, Station 'D', Vancouver 9, B.C.

**A STRONG
PEOPLE
NEED
NO LEADER**
-ZARATA

LIES

TELLING lies to the young is wrong.
Proving to them that lies are true is wrong.
Telling them that God's in his heaven
and all's well with the world is wrong.
The young know what you mean. The young are people.
Tell them the difficulties can't be counted,
and let them see not only what will be
but see with clarity these present times,
Say obstacles exist they must encounter
sorrow happens, hardship happens,
The hell with it. Who never knew
the price of happiness will not be happy.
Forgive no error you recognize,
it will repeat itself, increase,
and afterwards our pupils
will not forgive in us what we forgave.
Yeutushenko



WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT ME

You poisoned my sweet water
you cut down my green trees,
The food you fed my children
was the causes of their disease.
My world is slowly fallin' down
and the air not fit to breathe.
And those of us who care enuff
we have to do something.
Quicksilver Messenger Service



"What if the price (of a healthy environment) is the overthrow of the presumptions premises, the very foundation of Western beliefs? We have already seen that the one absolute authority of the market place has been eroded by the acids of polluted water ways. What if the challenge is to the state itself?"
Osborn Segerberg Jr. Ecologist



"Being right matters less than making people think for themselves."
Walter Kufmann

"Too often the popular impression, - encouraged by industry advertisements - is that industry is working at the limits of technology in controlling its pollution. This, of course, is nonsense."
Ralph Nader

A SANE REVOLUTION

If you make a revolution, make it for fun,
don't make it in ghastly seriousness,
don't do it in deadly earnest,
do it for fun.
D.H. Lawrence

