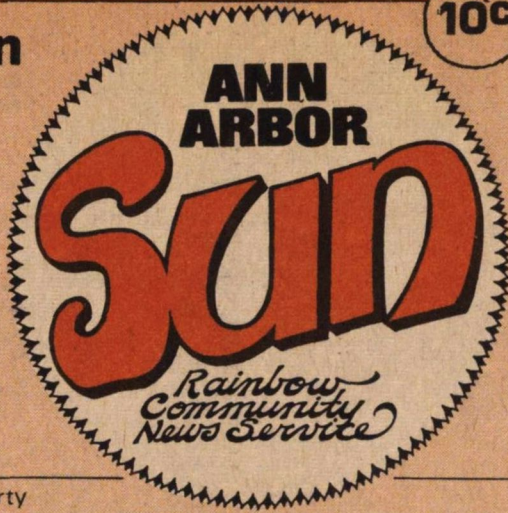


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NEW WARD BOUNDARIES! PEOPLE THWART DEM'S SABOTAGE PLAN!

The people of Ann Arbor won a major victory last week when the City Council narrowly passed a new Ward Boundary plan that will in a large part determine the political makeup of the council for the next ten years.

The redistricting is required by law after each federal census in order to create wards which represent an equal number of people.

The 1960 census data became available only a few months ago, but it became readily apparent that substantial changes in the present wards were necessary—the second ward contained only 15,000 people while the first ward included over 26,000.

Thus the city became responsible for redistricting. This reapportionment is always a highly political process. The majority party simply redraws the boundaries to create equal-population districts and at the same time maximize its chances of continued political domination.

It is rarely admitted, but usually quite obvious that the dominant party can and will do almost anything to gerrymander the districts in order to help itself.

But fortunately for Ann Arbor, this was not possible in 1972.

For there is no majority party in Ann Arbor. In fact, it is probably the only city in the country that has a city council split between *three* parties with none having a majority.

Thus the Human Rights Party victories last April could not have come at a more important time. For because of Jerry DeGriek and Nancy Wechsler's presence on council neither the Democrats nor Republicans had the necessary strength to control the redistricting.

Prior to the April elections, Democratic Mayor Robert Harris had appointed a ward boundary commission which was stacked in favor of the Democrats. This group was supposed to consider possible reapportionment plans, hold public hearings, and then recommend a plan to Council.

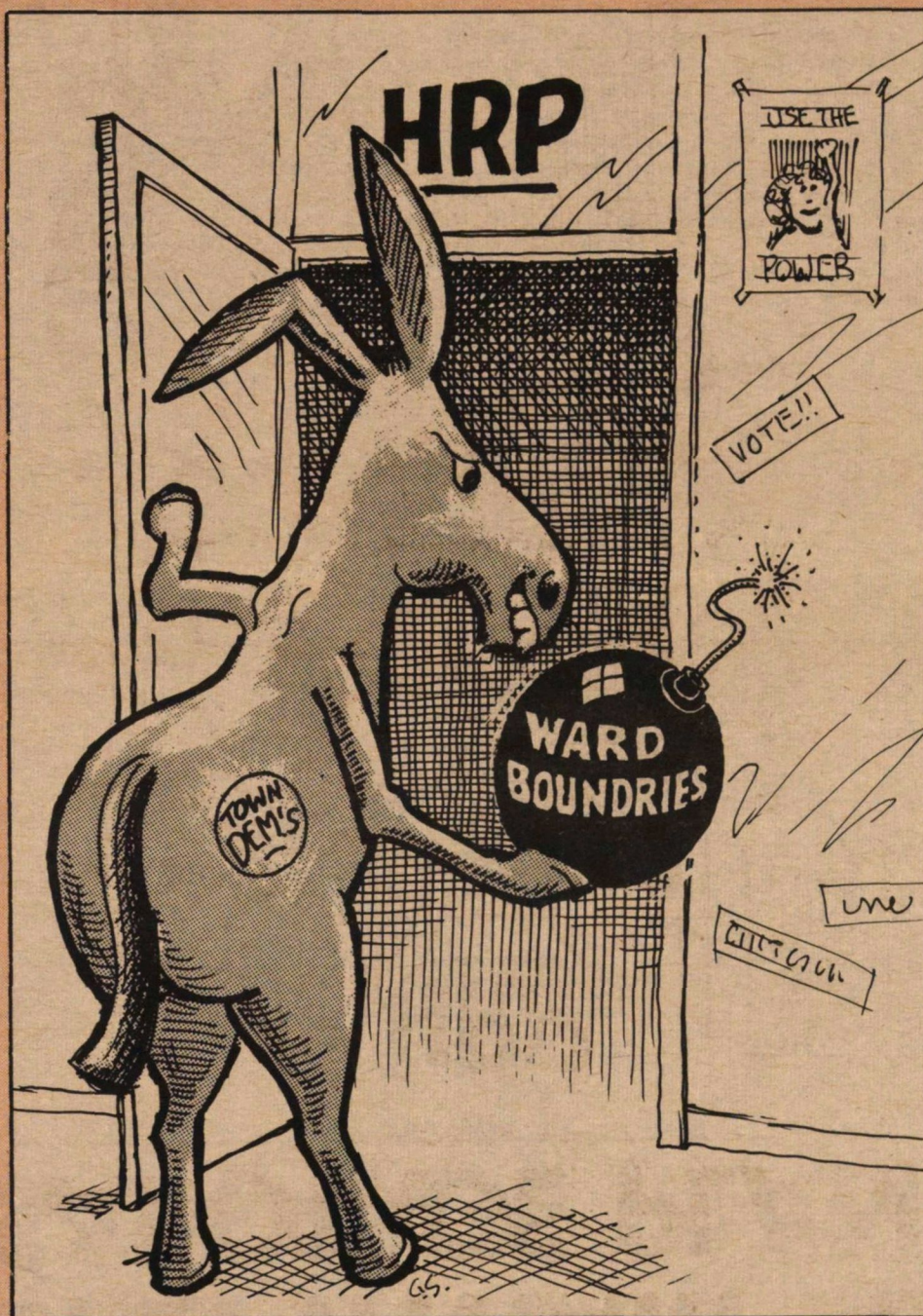
The Republicans realized that the ward boundary commission was rigged in favor of the Democrats and refused to participate.

The Democrats went ahead and met anyway and quickly adopted a plan that would have completely destroyed the chances of students, black people, freeks and the poor to have representation. In short, it was a total disaster.

The Democratic plan would have split the center-city area (the section of the city where HRP is the strongest) equally into all five wards so that the HRP constituency would have no real power in any ward.

If HRP had not won two seats last April, the Democrats would have gotten away with their plan and we all would have faced ten more years of a city with 35,000 students, 10,000 black people, and 10,000 street freaks being governed by rich old men living in \$60,000 houses.

Instead, HRP helped to vote down the Democratic gerrymander and reconstitute



HRP's presence on city council thwarted the insidious Democratic plan to divide HRP's constituency into 5 wards so it would have little if any power

the ward boundary commission to reflect the new makeup of city council—five Republicans, four Democrats, and two Humans.

With no party having a majority, this commission soon became a red hot battleground with the future political makeup of the City Council at stake.

The cast of characters was interesting enough in itself.

The Republicans were led by Jim Stephenson who is almost certain to be their candidate for mayor and the Democrats were led by Ted Beals who has himself expressed interest in Mayor Harris's job.

But HRP's representative's David Cahill and myself held the best bargaining positions—for unless the Democrats and Republicans could get together then one of the two money parties would have to meet HRP's terms in order to produce a majority plan.

So because of HRP's presence, the whole gerrymandering process was, for the first time, moved from the backroom caucus to the public negotiating table.

The intentions of the Democrats and Republicans soon became clear. The Democratic strategy was to divide the HRP strength into five separate wards in which this constituency would have little or no power. Prior to the April HRP victories this has always been the case.

Councilman Bob Fabric, for example, represents the predominantly student second ward while living miles away in swank luxury that contrasts the high-rent low-quality slums his "constituency" must live in.

HRP's ward boundary representatives were determined to change this.

As a result, the ward boundary commission reached a stalemate which lasted for months and months.

Finally, only a few weeks ago, the com-

mission negotiations took a promising turn.

Strangely, it was the Republicans that broke the deadlock. They brought a clever new plan to the commission that succeeded in concentrating the strength of the student-freak-black community into two wards while creating Republican majorities in the other three.

The Democrats had continuously supported their original plan to cut up the center-city into five equal parts. When it became clear that they would not move from that position, HRP's ward boundary commissioners voted with the Republicans to recommend the new plan to council.

We didn't like the new plan (named by someone the "Pregnant Witch" Plan) because it gave the Republicans a Council majority. But with the Democrats refusing to compromise, an HRP-Republican compromise was the only alternative.

But what seemed like the end of a long process was really only the beginning. For no sooner did HRP's representatives vote for the Republican plan than the Democrats freaked out.

Within 24 hours they agreed to meet with HRP representatives to work out a compromise. Thus Democrat Ted Beals (whose motives were probably far better than the rest of his party) David Cahill and I worked out a compromise which we called the "Red Plan" because it was drawn in red ink.

This plan would have maintained HRP's strength in two of the wards while improving the chances for the Democrats to beat the Republicans in another.

But although Beals agreed, other members of the Democratic Party said no, and a few days later the Democrats brought in a new compromise "Brown Plan." This plan clearly moved too far in the Democrats favor, so HRP members made a counter-proposal called the "Black Plan."

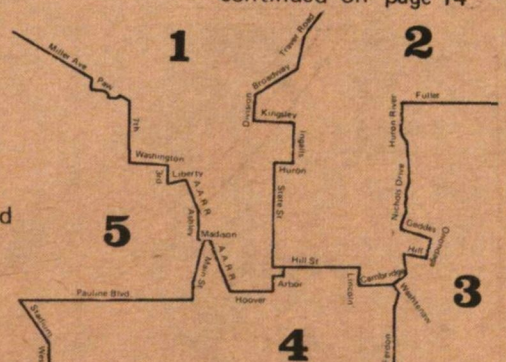
The Black Plan finally passed the boundary commission and was recommended to council. HRP breathed a sigh of relief.

But not for long.

For unlike the Human Rights Party, the power in the Democratic party rests with the four men who sit on City Council, not the open meetings of the party.

When the Black Plan came to a vote Councilman Fabric from the second ward, Councilman Mee Too from the Third, and Mayor Harris all voted down the com-

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The "Last Chance" Plan concentrates the strength of the student, freak & black communities into two solid wards, the First & Second.

VOICE of as PEOPLE

What do you think of public skool?

Margalete Ezekiel Earthworks: I think the Ann Arbor skools are really messed up, they're a bunch of shit. People who go to them don't really learn a whole lot and they don't become creative, they just become messed up.



Mary Nell Schoultz Northside: I like it cause at my school we worked out a thing for having a three aged class, with third, fourth, and fifth grades all together. I like it a whole lot.



Joan Snitts! think that kids should be made more aware of ideas that would stimulate their own opinions. In public skool they're just taught what it is and how it is and without much room for them to really think about themselves, their own thing, what they wanna determine. I don't think there's enough room for that.



Mat Tomorsky pioneer: It still isn't really too bad, it's just not really what I would like to go to. Classes are too long and I go for 7 hours a day.



Eric Schriber Forsythe: Not very much. I'd rather stay home. I don't like it cause you gotta do work. I'd like school if the shit they taught you was something I could relate to.



This weeks Voice of the People was done by Alice Robertson and Linda Ross on State St.

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Cover...photos by Tom Copi and David Fenton



Dear SUN,

I think it's really far-out you got your heads together for a new open mind Editorial Policy, and I'd like to offer a little CONSTRUCTIVE criticism to help you attain higher levels of journalistic consciousness.

In your 99% accurate story of the 1972 Ozone Parade, you incorrectly reported that the mile-long Plastic Tube was the Pie-in-the-Ear High School entry. In fact, the Tube was only one-quarter mile long and was entered by Earthworks, formerly Pioneer II Ann Arbor's first fully-accredited "FREE SKOOL." Pie-in-ear Zero had no entry per se.

Hope you see fit to make this information known to the people.

Power to the Revolutionary News Media!

Joe Schwart Earthworks

Bro John,

I'm writing once again still truly in need of assistance you see, my case, has been re Dockett, for a retrial, and I'm trying to get out of prison on bond until time for my trial, so that I may be with my family. Until that time, as you know, I'm making 31 cents an hour and my wife doesn't get more than \$122.00 a month and we have many bills. She has to pay for me so I'm in need of \$500 so that I may get out of prison on bond. Please put this in your newspaper, anyone willing to help send money order to Larry Farrow No. 28453 P.O. Box 1000 Milan, Michigan 48160.

Thank you,

Larry Farrow

Dear People,

We are letting it be known to all media of the people, that we, the prisoners at the Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Mich., have formed a group, the Prisoners' Cultural Collective, the purpose of which is to bring about a higher cultural awareness and in doing so close the gigantic gap that now exists between our "society" and the free world.

At the present time we do not have any type of outside or inside sponsorship, nor are we recognized by the administration here. We are working to remedy both of these situations within the very near future.

We have recently become aware of various community organizations and individuals who hold sympathetic views towards prisoners' rights and the goal of community control of prisons. We feel that any exchange of information would be enlightening and beneficial both to us prisoners and to you, the concerned member of the local community.

We are currently thinking in terms of a workshop format to cover such topics as Communications Media, Community Organizing, Sexism, Ecology, History of the American Left, etc. We need films, video tape, letters of support, speakers, creative energies and other creative inputs generated from outside these walls.

If you feel that you can help please write to Roger Mintzer, No. 10565 or Ray Fortman, No. 1-672 with your ideas, suggestions and any physical support you may be able to offer. The least you could do would be to acknowledge this letter to help us in our struggle for recognition here at Milan.

Sincerely yours,
Prisoner Cultural Collective

FCI Milan
Milan, Michigan 48160

My brothers and sisters of the Rainbow People's Party,

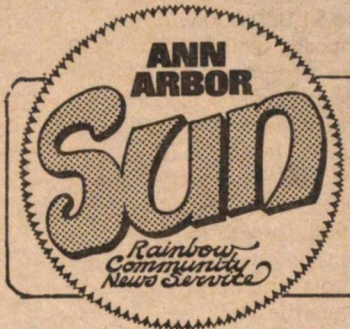
I really have been inspired by your publication — the Ann Arbor SUN, your community has really got its shit together, and I hope that it stays that way.

I feel that the amerikan way is breaking slowly and we must continue till we can live in peace.

Like your articles about being gay, because of I am gay.

I have faith in your people.

Yours in struggle, A brother.



Editorial

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The Human Rights Party began last spring as a strong, progressive force in the community. People believed in its proposals, which were heavy but down-to-earth. And the voters elected two Humans to the Ann Arbor City Council.

But then this fall HRP fell on its face. Instead of talking about concrete ideas, HRP candidates swirled about in polemics and abstract concepts. People were dumbfounded. And no Humans were elected. None even came close.

This has left us with a critical situation. We need a vigorous alternative electoral party in this city. And HRP seems to have lost its vigor.

The only solution is to change HRP, to "rehumanize" it, as we say on the cover.

The first step is for all HRP members to set aside individualistic ideologies and to work for progressive change in the community.

First and foremost, HRP must make its commitment to this community and must put the interests of the people ahead of personal interests.

If HRP is going to survive, as part of a statewide movement or a national movement, it must build a viable local base here.

Admittedly there are going to be problems.

For instance, HRP is being evicted from its headquarters at 304 S. Thayer as of Jan. 1. So it needs a new office.

But more importantly, HRP needs new people with a sense of responsibility to the community. In other words, it needs you and you and us.

All of us are going to have to work, and work hard, if more Humans are to be elected to City Council next spring.

That means leafletting, canvassing and voting.

But before that, it means joining HRP in a serious way, going to the meetings and taking part in the decisions.

And since we believe HRP will not change without the direct help of Rainbow Community, we urge you to read the Rainbow People's Party analysis of HRP in the centerfold.

If you don't think HRP is important, remember that if the Republicans or regressive Democrats regain control of City Council they could abolish everything from the Free Concerts to the Community Center.

So come to the next HRP meeting. Call 761-6650 or 761-1709 for the time and place.

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CITY-COUNCIL NEWS



STOYE ASKED: "DO YOU HAVE A WARRANT?" THE COPS REPLIED, "EVEN IF WE DID HAVE ONE WE WOULDN'T SHOW IT TO YOU."

KRASNY, "IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE. WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG. . . IF WE HAD CAPTURED THE SUSPECTS, WE'D HAVE BEEN HEROS."



Krasny Justifies Police Terrorism

Nov. 2, 1972 — Ann Arbor police force their way into a house at 608 Packard twice in one day, both times without a search warrant. They steal a pocket-knife and a box of seeds and vandalize the inside of the house.

"Why are you giving us such a hard time?" smirks one cop. "We're just trying to do our job."

Their job in this case is to apprehend two men who had ripped off some candy bars from a drugstore. The men once stayed in the house but neither lives there now.

Dec. 5, 1972 — Ann Arbor police and Ypsilanti state police smash down the front door at 219 Packard just as the five women who live there are getting ready for bed. They herd the women outside in 10-degree temperatures where the sisters hastily have to bundle up in robes and housecoats.

One sister is hit on the forehead with a shotgun butt and has her glasses broken.

The police are looking for three black men who had wounded four Detroit cops. The men had once stayed at a house next door—three months previously— but had never even been at 219 Packard.

In both these incidents Ann Arbor police harrassed totally innocent people without regard for their constitutional rights.

These cases have come to light because the people involved complained. But many similar incidents are probably never exposed.

The police even arrogantly admit that this kind of conduct is typical and, they argue, "it is justified as long as we get our man."

For instance, Ann Arbor Police Chief Walter Krasny shrugged off the Dec. 5 incident with the explanation: "It was an honest mistake. We didn't do anything wrong. Look at it this way, if we had captured the suspects, we'd have been heroes."

But that was hardly a satisfactory explanation for the women who were terrorized by shotguns and rifles in the middle of the night.

One sister, trying to be as reasonable as possible, said, "I can understand their difficulty in reading the street number at night. But they could have checked it out a little better before breaking the door down and coming in with all those guns."

Walter Stoye, the brother who lives at 608 Packard, also was pretty upset about cops messing up his home twice in one day and three times in three days. "I was freaked out and pretty pissed off," he said.

The Nov. 2 incident began at 7:30 a.m. when two cops pounded on the front door. **Before Stoye, who is 18 and manages the house, could get out of bed, the cops smashed through a side door and tramped into the basement where two friends of Stoye were sleeping.**

They searched both and found a pocket-knife on John Bowers, one of the brothers. It was legal because we'd just measured it two nights before," Stoye explained. "But the cop smiled and said, "It's sure a nice knife," and no one's seen it since."

The cops arrested Bowers, not for the knife but for a traffic ticket they found out about after radioing the computer at headquarters.

At no time did they explain why they were in the house. Nor did they have a warrant.

Stoye later figured out that they were looking for two brothers, who had once slept in the basement several weeks before and who had been charged with ripping off a drugstore for some candy.

At 11:30 a.m. the same day another cop knocked on the front door and demanded identification from Stoye. "I showed him some and he split," Stoye said. But minutes later, two cops started banging at the back door and again asked for ID.

"I must have given them 100 things with my name on them," Stoye said. But the cops hauled him off to their scout car where they accused Stoye of being one of the dudes who had ripped off the drugstore.

They were just using a ruse to intimidate Stoye. But Stoye, who was scared they were going to bust him on a bogus charge, finally agreed to let them come back in the house.

Once inside his bedroom, they began throwing his clothes around and emptying drawers. When they found a box of seeds, they sneered and hustled him downtown.

But a few hours later, after being hassled some more at the police station, they cut him loose because the seeds had been found in an illegal search and could not be used as evidence. Stoye went home and found his basement completely wrecked,

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\$ 1,000,000 FEDERAL MONEY

What should the city of Ann Arbor do with over \$1 000 000 that the federal government is going to hand over next year with no strings attached?

That's the hottest question at City Hall these days. Last Monday it was the subject of a demonstration and public hearing before City Council that attracted the best crowd in months for a Council meeting.

The money is part of the government's new "revenue sharing" program under which cities will receive a kickback of federal taxes to supposedly provide better services for citizens.

Ann Arbor is slated to receive more than a million dollars a year for the next five years.

Needless to say, there is a lot of disagreement about what to do with the windfall.

Democrats and Republicans want to use nearly \$400,000 to pay back old city debts and another \$80,000 to (believe it or not) buy a brand new fleet of police cars.

And if that wasn't bad enough, they've got their hearts set on constructing a new "Public Safety Building." That's a nice way of saying they want to blow a fortune on a new police and fire department headquarters.

In the meantime, real community programs like the Free People's clinic and childcare centers are practically being starved out of existence.

So the Human Rights Party has come up with an alternative budget for utilizing the revenue sharing money.

The demonstration last Monday was put on by HRP members and community groups to dramatize the need for money for childcare and healthcare and to pressure the City Council to change the priorities for spending the \$1,000,000 windfall.

HRP has proposed spending \$200,000 to help childcare centers and another \$150,000 for health care.

One of the most important new programs that would be funded is the Washtenaw County Hospital and Healthcare Corporation (WCHHCC). The group is trying to create alternatives to the present system where special interests like insurance companies, doctors, and hospitals control the delivery of healthcare.

The WCHHCC is made up of community people and has an avowed purpose "to plan, found, and operate community hospitals and related healthcare facilities serving all the people of Washtenaw County and responsive to the needs of the total community."

At the public hearing a long line of people spoke to the City Council about the need for healthcare and childcare services and about the financial plight of existing programs.

But it didn't seem to even make a dent on some council members. Republican Councilman Lloyd Fairbanks (R-5th) flatly

stated that he didn't think the city should ever give money for childcare.

However, the demonstration was not without effect, for some Democratic councilmen were observed visibly sweating at the thought of having to vote on the HRP proposals.

Other Human spending plans include \$20,000 for programs to help the handicapped and \$20,000 for senior citizens as well as \$16,000 to start an unemployment compensation fund for city employees. HRP also wants to appropriate \$4,000 for the Consumer Action Center, \$3,600 for the Ecology Center and \$1,200 for the Women's Crisis Center.

Another important item is \$10,000 for the People's Community Center on Washington St.

All these proposals will be voted on by the City Council soon. Only continued pressure from the community will give them a chance of passing.

Marijuana Law in Court

City Council has gone to court to try to uphold the \$5 pot law that was knocked down by Ann Arbor District Judge S.J. Elden.

Elden ruled the law unconstitutional last fall as part of an unsuccessful anti-dope ploy to get elected to the Washtenaw County Circuit Court. Elden finished a distant last in the race.

Now City Attorney Jerry Lax is appealing Elden's decision. Circuit Judge Ross Campbell will hear the appeal sometime next month.

The city has entered the case on behalf of Glenn Fugua, the brother who was told by Elden he'd have to go to jail for 90 days instead of paying the \$5 fine.

Should Campbell agree with Elden, which is likely since both are Republicans, the case will be appealed to the State Court of Appeals and possibly to the State Supreme Court.

Most legal experts contend the law is constitutional.

Pot Busts Decrease

Ann Arbor police submitted a report to City Council on Dec. 4 revealing they made 34 marijuana arrests in October this year. That compares to about 60 busts in October of last year.

Almost all 34 were incidental busts, cases where a brother or sister were picked up on some other charge and had a joint or a lid in their pockets.

This has meant that nine of 12 cases processed so far have been dropped because the searches proved to be illegal. Three people paid the \$5 fine.

The other 22 cases have not been processed because lab tests of the suspected marijuana have not yet come back from the state police—who are giving Ann Arbor the lowest priority due to the \$5 law.

HRP members on council have asked for a further report on what the Ann Arbor cops are doing now that the \$5 law is in limbo. So far the cops have not replied.



Child care demonstration at City Council.

photo by Terry McCarthy

DRUG ED TURNS ON

The more young people know about marijuana, the less they worry and the more they smoke.

That is the conclusion of a two-year study of 935 Ann Arbor junior high school students conducted by Dr. Richard Stuart, a U-M social work professor.

The study appears to be the first solidly-documented proof that drug education leads to drug use.

The tests were conducted with both seventh and ninth graders with each grade divided in two groups.

In 1970 the first group was told the facts about drugs without scare tactics. A registered pharmacist and a former inner city teacher taught this group.

The second group was told nothing about drugs, except what was learned outside of class.

Then this year both groups were asked to fill out questionnaires.

Among the first group the seventh grade use of weed went up 36 percent, use of alcohol increased 22 percent and use of LSD rose 22 percent. In the ninth grade among the same group marijuana use increased 30 percent, booze 14 percent and acid 20 percent.

In the second group, among both seventh and ninth graders, drug use rose only slightly.

Equally significant, those students who had taken the drug education courses said they worried less about the dangers of marijuana and booze.

And the same students said they had gotten into dealing weed much more after drug education.

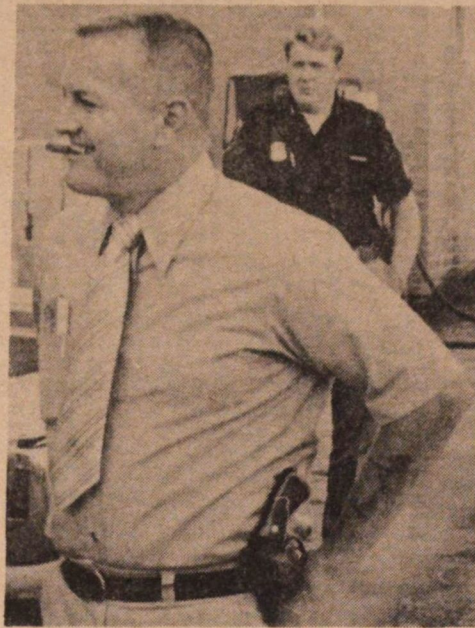
The study has thrown state and local officials in a tizzy.

Since Michigan is one of 24 states that require drug education, state officials are wondering what to do.

"I guess we will have to concede that the social use of marijuana is not going to stop—and maybe that's not such a bad thing after all," admitted one aide to Gov. William Milliken.

Community FLASHES!

Good-bye Doug!



Sheriff Doug Harvey, whose night-stick beatings of political protestors and drunken brawls with his deputies became legendary, will be unemployed as of Jan 1, 1973.

JAIL GETS REFORMS

Getting booted out of office after eight years as the top gun in Washtenaw County left Sheriff Doug Harvey emotionally exhausted. Since his Nov. 7 defeat, he's spent most of his time hunting up north and undergoing tests at a hospital.

The result is that Harvey has been too pooped to use his last two lameduck

months—before Fred Postill takes the job Jan. 1—to fight reforms he used to bitterly resist.

So on Dec. 6 a prisoner-aid program, the first of its kind in the country, was set up at the county jail. Under this program incoming inmates have a chance to talk to civilian volunteers, most of them U-M students and counselors.

The volunteers answer legal questions, like how to arrange bail or how to find a lawyer, and advise the prisoners of their constitutional rights. But they also relay messages back to relatives, friends, employers, clergymen and anyone else the prisoners want to talk to.

"Probably the most important thing the volunteers do is just boosting the morale of people who have suddenly been locked behind bars. They let prisoners know that there still are people who care what happens to them," explained Barbara Cartwright, one of the program organizers.

The program is being directed by the New Understanding of Justice (NUJ), a local reform group. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Barbara Cartwright, 1414 Hill St., 761-8283.

NUJ is also working to set up the same program at Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti police headquarters. But so far its efforts have been rebuffed by the cops.

At the same time, however, it now appears likely that the jail tutor-and-library program called the Jail Community Treatment Program (JCTP), which Harvey had kicked out of the jail, will be reinstated soon. JCTP, which had set up nearly 20 courses at the jail earlier this fall, was evicted on the unsubstantiated

charge that one tutor had smuggled narcotics into the jail. JCTP then sued Sheriff Harvey for \$2 million for defamation of character.

The controversy apparently will be resolved in the next month; and JCTP will resume.

WELFARE TURNS MISER

Four years ago a three-day demonstration by welfare mothers and their supporters led to the largest series of mass arrests ever in Ann Arbor.

The protestors were demanding money to buy clothes for their kids. The Washtenaw County welfare department insisted it had no money.

But this year, as it did last year, the welfare department is going to return a surplus of \$70,000 to the general county fund.

The fact that the money was not used points up a major fault in how the welfare system is run both here and across the country.

The leftover money if from the "direct assistance" fund, which is set up for unemployed people who don't qualify for other categories like ADC.

The catch is that welfare workers decide who gets the money and who doesn't. For example, a middle-aged TV repairman who gets laid off might receive help. But a freek who can't find a job might not.

Alfred Brose, the county welfare director, acknowledges the problem, "We can never quite make up our minds about when do you and when don't you issue money."

So in cases where there's any "doubt" about the need of applicants, Brose says, the department automatically turns them down.

The result has been huge surpluses two years in a row.

So next year the county board of commissioners has reduced the "direct assistance" fund from \$263,000 to only \$200,000. Which means that people are going to continue to get less and less help from the welfare department.

PAPER * RADIO

FLASH!

The People's Food Committee needs a new distribution point in the Hill-Washtenaw-southeast A2 area by January first. It's for the Ann Arbor People's Produce Co-op. What's needed is a space the size of a very large basement—if you've got any ideas, contact Jeannie Walsh at 761-1709.

FLASH!

Here's the schedule for the People's Ballroom for the next couple weeks:

- Dec. 15 and 16 —KNOCK DOWN PARTY BAND, MERLON (formerly Marcus)
- Dec. 22 and 23 —DIESEL SMOKE, DANGEROUS CURVES & RIO SMOKEHOUSE
- Dec 29, 30 LUCILLE SPANN—ROCK ON!

FLASH!

Put on your rock and roll shoes, there's going to be a benefit for the Ann Arbor SUN December 18 at Mackinac Jack's with LEAVES OF GRASS and DELIVERANCE! Cover charge is 75¢, all of which goes to the SUN and will help pay for building the space for the SUN in the basement of the Community Center.

FLASH!

It's FREE CONCERT time once again, folks—in keeping with the true rock and roll spirit on which it was founded, the People's Music and Ballroom Committee is proud to announce the first in a series of Free Sunday Concerts in the People's Ballroom, on New Year's Eve! The doors will open as usual at 8 p.m., with Wise Top Wild Boys, and Cruzonic Jazz Ensemble.



Best wishes to Chairman Mao tse Tung on his birthday, December 26. The anniversary of the founding of the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam is on December 20. MANY MORE YEARS!

FLASH!

UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU CONTROLLED! Many of our brothers and sisters think that quaaludes and other death/control drugs get them high — and even put them in wine and juice and other relatively innocent refreshments thinking that they'll get their brothers and sisters "high" — when actually they're just helping Uncle Sam keep our people downed out and controlled. So — beware of wine, juice, etc., that someone might offer you. . .and if you do drink some, remember that alcohol and downers are extremely dangerous together. . .LIFE TO THE LIFE CULTURE, DEATH TO THE DEATH CULTURE!!

FLASH!

The Human Rights Party needs your help! The only way it can be a successful alternative party is if the people it represents come to the meetings and participate in the decision-making process. Nominating petitions for the primary for city council elections (HRP must participate in the primary in Feb.) must be in by Jan. 1, so if you or anyone you know would be into running for city council, get your petitions at the city hall DW! The next HRP meeting (where a new steering committee will be elected) will be January 11 — Call Network for the time and place. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!

FLASH!

The Human Rights Party is losing its office at 304 S. Thayer—that space is being turned into a skunk restaurant. If you know of any place that the Humans could use for an office, preferably large and cheap, call 761-6650.

FLASH!

The Education Committee will be meeting on Wednesdays at 8pm. Planning meetings for a Children's Community School and many other child care projects. Come to the meetings at Solstis (706 Oakland) or stop by the People's Ballroom every Friday and Saturday to talk with the child care people there. Call Skip at 761-1709 for information.

FLASH!

Tribal Council Committee Meetings

- People's Food Committee — Wednesday Canterbury House 7:30
- People's Defense Committee — Tuesday 4:00 call Network for place
- People's Communications Committee (A2 Sun, Radio Workshop, Rainbow Dist., Tribal Network) — Sundays 4:00 1522 Hill Street
- Tribal Network — Tuesdays 12:30, 12:00 training for new workers. Community Center
- People's Education Committee — Wednesdays 8:00 Solstis School 706 Oakland
- People's Music & Ballroom Committee — Mondays 7:00 1522 Hill Street
- People's Skilled Trades Committee — Sundays 7:00 1520 Hill Street
- People's Recycling Committee — call Tribal Network for time & place
- People's Transportation Committee — call J.B. at 761-8522 or 663-4208
- Tribal Council Steering Committee — Tuesdays 7:30 Canterbury House

Shootings at Pontiac Central -- MANIPULATION DISGUISED AS EDUCATION

Pontiac Central High School is a concrete complex bordered in part by an eight-foot wire-mesh fence in the inner city of industrial Pontiac, Michigan.

Two guards watch every door, which are locked to everyone but students, teachers and administrators. The security is so tight that guards even question students when they leave class to take a piss.

The brothers and sisters at Pontiac Central are mostly black, Puerto Rican, Mexican and poor white, including a lot of high-energy street freaks. Almost all kids from Pontiac's affluent sections attend Pontiac Northern or some exclusive prep school elsewhere.

Pontiac Central has been in the headlines in the past two years because of several stabbing and shootings there. School officials last year hired security guards and set up tough disciplinary laws to try to restore order.

But they made no effort to find out why Central students freak out and start hurting people.

So it was no real surprise when Roderick Borton, a 16-year-old black brother, flipped out during a break in classes Nov. 11, ran into the school courtyard and pulled out a .22 caliber pistol. He was not aiming at anyone in particular but he shot five other students while firing wildly into the air. One was wounded seriously but is now in good condition at a local hospital. The other four have already been sent home.

Pontiac police claimed that Borton's shooting spree was part of a plan to start a riot at Central. And they arrested two other black brothers for "conspiracy to incite to riot."

But two SUN reporters who talked to several students got a different explanation.

"People aren't even thinking of causing trouble here," said one student who witnessed the shooting. "They're just trying to get out of here."

A brother added, "(Borton) wasn't trying to start a riot. He just went crazy. He freaked out."

"That's what this place is all about—go-

ing crazy," agreed another student.

The shooting took place in the school courtyard where students go between classes to smoke joints and cigarets under the scrutinizing eyes of guards who stand at all doors. The only outside exit from the four cement walls that surround the courtyard is an eight-foot wire gate that is always locked.

Borton came running into the courtyard from the school's vocational building, where the frustration and hopelessness of being in school apparently got too much for him.

"We don't really understand why this happened," said one administrator. And James Hafnear, a police counselor for seven years at Central, insisted there was no widespread discontent at the school.

But reasons are obvious to anyone walking through the school.

As at every high school Pontiac Central students are "tracked," i.e. directed to fit into the U.S. class structure.

Poor students are assigned to vocational training like metalwork or typing. Middle-income students are taught to be teachers or nurses or other powerless positions. And high-income students are educated to take over their parents' jobs at GM and IT&T to replenish the ruling class ("You can be a top honkie, just like me!").

At Pontiac Central, which is mostly non-white and poor, most students feel they have already been trapped into becoming exactly what the ruling class wants—manual workers who put big profits in the pockets of monopoly capitalists.

A black brother like Roderick Borton, seeing no future except for the factory while at the same time knowing he is capable of meaningful creative work, is bound to try to bust out.

And although his act of violence apparently was not motivated by race, it is easy to see how Pontiac Central stereotypes the races and rubs racial tensions raw. The vocational building is filled with almost all non-white sisters and brothers, compared



Everyone & anyone who enters Pontiac Central comes through an administration office. All other doors are locked with two guards keeping watch.

to regular classes where there are a lot more whites.

"Tracking" began in the late 1950's when Pentagon officials, embarrassed by the success of the Russian Sputnik, began scheming to feed more students into a massive space program. Within 10 years five million more students were in college, almost doubling the enrollment.

What happened was that school officials all over the country listened to government officials like Admiral Rickover who warned the U.S. would lose the Cold War if the most "gifted" students did not become scientists and engineers. So advanced placement and honors courses were set up. Corporations contributed vast sums of money for special scholarships. And the Ford Foundation even agreed to pay for an education if students promised to take certain jobs after college.

But now that trend is changing. There is a surplus of college graduates. And the accent is now on technical schools and vocational training.

Reading level classes are set up to insure that only middle-income and high-income students learn to read well. And since reading is the key to education, poor students are automatically "tracked" to factories.

Studies of both Pontiac and Detroit inner city schools reveal that 16-year-old students who quit school have the average reading level of a sixth grader. Insuring that

the poor remain poor & the rich remain rich.

Other reports show that affluent males go to college three times more often than poor males, even though poor students greatly outnumber rich students. A high-income female attends college five times more often than her low-income counterpart.

White students have a 30 percent better chance of reaching college than non-whites.

So there you are at Pontiac Central, doomed to a mindless future and already forced to work five days a week in a dirty, crowded sweatshop they call a vocational building, surrounded on all sides by guards, locked doors and hostile administrators.

No wonder Roderick Borton picked up a gun, after 16 years of manipulation by control creeps. Unfortunately, he pointed his gun in the wrong direction, at people as much victims as himself.

He's now being held in the Oakland County Children's Prison, where he can't even smoke cigarets. But, in a way, that prison isn't so much different from Pontiac Central.

And just like prisoners who are rising up and demanding their freedom, it won't be long before high school students start taking steps to end "tracking" and other tools used to keep them trapped in the capitalistic class structure of this country.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

—Kathy Kelley

Franklin Freeks Force Change!

Benjamin Franklin High School, like most of the other high schools in this country, offers an "education" that is in reality an environment designed to brain-wash and control students so they'll end up just like their parents, playing out their assigned role in the Amerikan Way of Death.

But within the walls of Franklin Prison there's a whole community of our people who aren't like their parents and never will be. To them school is a total drag which you go to only because there isn't any place ELSE to go to. One day last month this community got together for the first time, and things at Franklin ain't ever going to be the same again.

On November 29 Rick Shatter put on a bright green and yellow Michigan Marijuana Initiative button and left his suburban box in typically honk Livonia, Michigan to go to Franklin. Bored by his classes as usual, Rick decided that he'd rather hang out in the hall. He was lying down on a bench when up walked Assistant Warden Bourgon, who saw Rick's button and demanded that he take it off immediately.

When Rick asked what the deal was Bourgon informed him that the notorious button with its insidious green leaf was in violation of the "dressing and grooming" and the lack-of "freedom of expression" sections of the Franklin Student Handbook, which specifically outlaws from the school any activities or materials that "advocate the use of drugs or alcohol."



Franklin freeks gather for a Michigan Marijuana Initiative memorial toke-up!

Rick righteously refused to take the button off, whereupon Mr. Bourgon told him he would be suspended from school if he continued to refuse. The button stayed on, and Mr. Bourgon went to look for Rick's guidance counselor.

Meanwhile Mr. Ammerman, who orders the 2300 Franklin students around every day under the guise of being their "principal," was talking to another brother in the hall about yet another "disciplinary problem" when Rick approached and explained that he has just been suspended for wearing the button. Ammerman checked it out and decided Rick would remain suspended until he removed the button because "it looked to me at first glance that it was promoting the use of marijuana."

Rick had been constantly hassled at Franklin; this latest absurdity boiled him over with rage so that "everything inside of me had to be released" and he shouted FUCK YOU at Ammerman four times. Ammerman walked away, probably on the verge of a heart attack, and Rick was informed that he was suspended for the rest of the school year.

The next day upon arriving at school Ammerman found to his horror that MMI stickers were appearing all over the insitutional walls, furniture, clocks "and even on one teacher's wheelchair." The Ann Arbor SUN was being distributed, and students were wearing the bright MMI buttons by the droves. Then at the close

of the school day about 150 students invaded his office and demanded to know why Rick was being suspended for wearing the button.

"I tried to explain that it was for the obscene language, and not for the button," Ammerman told the SUN a week later. This was obviously a ruse and the students wouldn't hear it, so at the suggestion of one of the faculty the gathering moved to the nearby Lecture Theatre auditorium, where Ammerman was forced to talk face to face with his subjects from a podium plastered with MMI stickers about the realities of weed. In the course of the discussion he learned what MMI was about and how it was a legal organization constitutionally protected and even within the sacred democratic process they teach you about in civics.

Although Ammerman insists that the confrontation in the Lecture Theatre had nothing to do with their decision, a special administrative meeting called later that day by the Principal came to the conclusion that MMI "could be looked upon as a legitimate political issue." Students could wear MMI buttons; by organizing themselves and taking action the students had won. But Rick Shatter remains suspended for the rest of the year.

The SUN went to Franklin to investigate what happened. We spoke with students, Bourgon and with Ammerman, who was uptight about the whole thing. First he tried to convince us that we shouldn't visit the school because "nothing is going

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TRIBAL-COUNCIL-NEWS

NOTHING IS WASTE! PEOPLE'S RECYCLING COMMITTEE



Ted Arwulf and Dale Phillips of the newly formed People's Recycling Committee at the People's Ballroom.

We're making us a Rainbow Nation! We've made committees in our Rainbow community to deal with communications, crafts, education, defense, food, and all kinds of necessary things. We've been talking about how we gotta start doing things for the community instead of for certain individuals, how we gotta start being together with each other and making the Rainbow Nation. And there's one thing we need to improve and that's the entire outlook on garbage we got in this country, in this city.

Right now we got a city full of shit in it's garbage cans. If you go over to any average garbage can in Ann Arbor and rummage through it for a while, you'll find it's made up basically of paper, glass, metal, plastics, food and other organic matter, and reusable belongings; all of which can be recycled or used somehow. Yet the only recycling that gets done is by certain eco-conscious people who have it together about this earth, recycling all their glass and metal and newspapers. (Also the Boy Scouts run a paper drive or clean up I-94 once in a while for publicity.) So here we are with a city with shit in it's garbage cans. Good shit. I've never run across garbage that isn't good and can't be used, and I never will. It's all reusable and it all loves you.

Now you might think that it's real good eco-tactics to degrade the litter bug and go around picking up paper cups and gum wrappers and puttin' them in the trash cans, but in the long run you'd be doing just as much good leaving the stuff in the streets. What I mean is, the garbage men come and dump the garbage out of the trash cans into the trucks. Then they take it to the dump, where they BURN IT AND BURY IT! Either that or they pour it somewhere, cover it with dirt, plant grass and shrubs, and call it a "sanitary landfill". Otis Spann Memorial Field is a "sanitary landfill". One problem; the dirt wears away and before you know it, you're truckin' on glass and tin cans!

Meanwhile, they're busy tearing up more mountains, murdering more trees fucking up Mama Earth so that the people can use more shit and in the long run make more "sanitary landfills" and dumps. There is nothing that cannot be used after it's been used once. There's nothing that is eligible for being burned and buried except for compost in organic gardening. We gotta spread the Rainbow Garbage Bliss Philosophy where we're taking all these fantastic things from the earth, using them, and then using anything left over, using the waste products, putting it all back into the earth to grow our needs again. At this time, there's a few recycling centers and glass bins, and there's a nice number of people who contribute to the bins, but it makes little or no difference in the earth's ecological state. There has to be recycling in much larger quantities, on a larger scale. We gotta expand!

And that's what we're doing; expanding in our methods of using our own shit to live. Right now it is possible to recycle any glass, cans, and any bundled newspapers. Notice that you cannot recycle what makes up the vast percentage of the garbage; crumpled up, used paper products. The reason you can't recycle that is because the recycling center sells the metal, glass, and paper to companies and factories, that means it is sort of a capitalist farcification of the recycling process. You don't see any factories recycling solely for the people and the people's community, it's more like a business. So until we can find a company/factory that will recycle all the paper we can round up, things won't be too good.

The problem is this: The folks that are trying to run this country are disregarding the people, disregarding their needs, and disregarding what the people give off as waste. The so-called "sanitation" department goes around hassling people about what the laws call "unsanitary", and at the same time poor people are forced to live in shit, live in really unsanitary conditions.

The people have to live, and to live the people must consume and give off waste. The folks that are in charge of what happens to your shit when you flush the john, these people have made the same mistake as the garbage people, they have gotten into the same trip as the whole nation—the flush down complex. What I mean is that in this country, when something pops up that is undesirable to somebody, instead of dealing with it, that person flushes it down, and after a while, all that shit you've been flushing away is gonna come back at you, it's all gonna back up. This concept applies to everything around us psychological and material. And our ecological state right now is pretty dormant, all the shit we've been putting off

is going to fuck us up real soon, if we don't act soon, like *right now!*

It's a cul-de-sac, a one-way deal. We're takin' out a whole lot and puttin' in hardly anything. Those people that are helping with the recycling and giving their glass, metal, and paper to the recycling center are really being far out, but the rest of the city, the rest of the country have to start doing the same kind of thing. We're going down a dead end street and there's no dead end street that's one-way. We've got all kinds of drive-ways to use to turn around and go back to Paradise, but we keep passin' them by. All we gotta do is turn around and get back to Eden. The way to do it is to stop, consider what's goin on and get off our asses. We have a lot to do.

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We've already begun at one of the roots of the people, the rock & roll events. We've started to recycle all the bottles and cans that come out of the People's Ballroom and the Community Center. Pretty soon we'll be getting it together to recycle the paper that can be recycled nowadays, then we'll use every single thing that's in the garbage, and I mean even the dust and floor sweepings. Recycling and reusing every thing! Can you dig that? Recycling everything people put out while listening to rock & roll! Then we'll begin to get the real sanitation department together and then we got the planet ahead of us and the people behind us!

Right now we bring all recyclables to the Recycling Center on S. Industrial Highway (call the Ecology Center for the exact hours they are open) and it would be cool if everybody would start recycling bottles, cans, and bundled newspapers or magazines.

But remember folks: nothing's gonna happen much until we start working in big amounts and that's why there's a People's Recycling Committee!

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PSYCHEDELIC RANGERS JOIN TRIBAL COUNCIL!

The Psychedelic Rangers are a group of sisters and brothers who have been getting organized since 1969 to be at people's events to take care of the stuff the police would otherwise deal with, or not deal with, whatever the case. As we progress and expand the scope of the problems we deal with also progresses and expands.

The Psychedelic Rangers were first made a somewhat of a reality at the very first Easter Be-In organized by John Sinclair and Trans-Love Energies in Detroit on Belle Isle in 1967. That was a one-shot deal and it wasn't until 1969 that the Rangers actually became a consistent part of the growing rainbow community here in Ann Arbor. By that time free summer concerts had been organized and presented almost every Sunday since 1966.

In 1969, when the rainbow community was still not recognized by City officials as anything viable there was a show down on the streets as to whether we would be able to survive as a community or not. There was no Community Center or People's Ballroom, no place to go and get together except the Sunday concerts, and at times it seemed like there were more police than people at them. Nixon's Operation Intercept at the Mexican border was also in effect so the supply of our sacramental weed was low, crazy fire-water alcohol has always been abundant, and it was around then that the massive influx of heroin and other such downers and control drugs (like quaaludes) hit the rainbow community all across the country. People were crazed, and the city was trying to destroy the one time we *could* get together and feel good, the summer concerts. One night there was a killer party on South University that the police just *could not stand* to see. There were three days of street fights, tear, gas, police brutality, Sheriff Harvey dancing around at the sight of blood (he brought a small tank with him and stationed it at the corner of South U. and Washtenaw), a general confrontation as it were.

After that it was clear that we would survive, and we've continued to grow since then. City officials thought at the time that the White Panthers had organized the street fighting, but the smallest investigation uncovered the fact that it was a spontaneous unorganized collective reaction to the obvious attempts to snuff us out. Our people were sorely beaten during those nights, city officials were forced to recognize the rainbow people as an emerging community



Some of the Psychedelic Rangers and friends at the People's Ballroom.

that could not be simply ignored or told to go away or jailed or stamped out.

Negotiations with the city about the free Sunday concerts in the parks resulted for one thing in the formation of the Psychedelic Rangers. It was clear by that time that the police just could not handle rainbow people's problems without causing more problems than they started with. Some people considered by the city to be respectable came forward and took the responsibility for the concerts—people like Bob Beyer, Peter Darrow, Ann and Joe Wehrer, Peter Andrews, Sue Young, James Griffin—these people formed a coalition to formally show the broad support from the community—and it's been happening and changing and growing ever since. That year also saw the first Ann Arbor Blues Festival which contracted the Rangers and has continued to, including this year's Blues & Jazz Festival.

Those first couple of years the Rangers

had to deal with traffic patterns and parking (with two or three less antagonistic police stationed in the vicinity to be of assistance), and be in among our people to deal with whatever might happen. We discovered shortly that our worst problem was our people getting sick and downed out, unable to enjoy, hassling with other, and dealing more and more *bogus* down dope to help each other for *not* their *real* problems with their up tight parents and school and the rest of that honky bullshit.

With the opening of the People's Ballroom our responsibilities expanded. Being inside a building where we had to charge some money to keep going added a whole thing of explaining to people what the People's Ballroom is all about while preventing them from entering when they try to break in and not pay. Being downtown too also made it more accessible to people who want to go places to rip-off and cause trouble.

But we've never been around to bust people. There has been a constant deepening of our understanding that we are doing things in an entirely new way, that we don't want to control or hassle or hurt anyone. We believe like William Burroughs said: "You see control can never be a means to any practical end . . . It can never be a means to anything but more control . . . like junk . . ."

There are two principles, we see that have become a clear basis for what we are doing: collectivism and self-determination. These two principles have developed out of our practice and have helped us to deal with every problem we've faced. Collectivism in two ways: among the Rangers we all have developed the sense of how important it is for us to put our heads together and work with each one of us as important to the whole thing as the other. And as a whole we take the problems off the level of individuals and understand that everything we face whether rip-offs, fights, or bogus dope, is a problem within our community and can be traced back to the contradictions within the honky culture we are forced to live in the midst of.

Self-determination is the key to our dreams of the future world of cooperation, that is co-operation. Too many times we've seen the way of the past be wrong, which means all we can do is come up with our own ways, develop our own ideas with as much of the good from the past as we can pick out. Self-determination means that we will collectively determine our lives, collectively come up with new solutions we so badly need to live as healthy beings.

It is the development of these two principles that has led us as the Psychedelic Rangers to join the Ann Arbor Tribal Council through the People's Defense Committee. By joining the Tribal Council we have made a concrete step to become a conscious part of a growing coherent community of rainbow people based on communal organization and self-determination. By joining through the People's Defense Committee we've defined our commitment to defend our community against the attack of bogus drugs and other manifestations of death culture which threaten us, like rip-offs and fights. So we say, along with many others, Join the Tribal Council! Let it Grow!!! Be a Psychedelic Ranger !!!!

TRIBAL NOTES

People's Communications Committee

The People's Communications Committee up until now was the only actively functioning Tribal Council committee which didn't meet every week — and in fact the Communications Committee is one of the most active committees, including the Radio Workshop, the Ann Arbor Sun, Tribal Network, and Rainbow Distribution. Communications Committee meetings are now every Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. at 1522 Hill St.

People's Transportation Committee

We talked in the Steering Committee meeting about the need for adequate transportation for our people in Ann Arbor. There are several possible projects that the Transportation Committee could undertake to help solve the transportation problem. One is starting a whole campaign to get people who have cars who are driving around town anyway to PICK UP HITCHHIKERS! For many people, hitchhiking is the only way they get around town, and people should have the consciousness to pick up hitchhikers. If you have some type

of motor vehicle and/or have some ideas about how to help our brothers and sisters get where they have to go, call J.B. at 663-4208. PICK UP HITCHHIKERS!!!!

People's Food Committee

Another distribution point for the Ann Arbor People's Produce Co-op is still needed by Jan. 1, a space is needed the size of a large basement. If you know of a place, contact Jeannie Walsh at 761-1709.

People's Music and Ballroom Committee

In keeping with the great tradition of the Ann Arbor People's Ballroom, the tradition of providing the people with the BEST rock & roll in the Southeast Michigan area, the People's Music and Ballroom Committee will be presenting free concerts every month — the first of which is on New Year's Eve.

People's Skilled Trades Committee

The People's Skilled Trades Committee has compiled a list of skilled workers such as plumbers, auto mechanics, carpenters,

electricians, etc. which are on file at the Tribal Network as the Skilled Trades Switchboard. If you need some kind of skilled labor done, call Tribal Network, 663-4208, and they'll hook you up with a skilled worker for the job. Also, a more complete Skilled Trades Directory is in the process of being put together and should be available soon. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE'S WORKERS!

HRP

Even though the city council elections aren't until next April, we've all got to be thinking about it right now. The Ann Arbor Tribal Council urges you to become involved in the Human Rights Party and help it grow — this election is really important because the dinosaur Republicrats are really out to stomp us out this time. The deadline for filing nominating petitions (which you can cop at City Hall) for the City Council primary (which HRP must participate in!) is January FIRST!

—Walden Simper, for the Tribal Council Steering Committee

Surprise coverage in the Ann Arbor news last week, with a review of the New Heavenly Blue's new album. The SUN has been reporting on their participation in SOS benefits, McGovern benefits and various other subversive activities and now the New Heavenly Blue have come together in New York to produce a new album, their second. It's on the Atlantic label and you should be able to walk into any record shop in town and find it on the shelves. After coping out the deal with Peter Ruth (alias Madcap) of the New Heavenly Blue we came up with some interesting information. Maybe you saw Madcat at the Park last summer twirling around in circles to an electric beat or playing harp to their blues tunes. Madcat said that the group has been together since 1966 but that they didn't really start getting off until 1969. During that time they spent a lot of time trying to survive and develop a music that could turn us on. It seems that all members are coming from different musical backgrounds and that is what is reflected in their music. Graduates of Interlochen Music Academy and Chicago blues scenes, their music has been labeled as pop, jazz, country influence or something, but it's all that and that means much more music. There is something to please everyone on this album so you may pick up on the album and choose your style. You could listen to Hard Lovin' Man, reelin' and rocker' or the Battlefields of History, a tune about driving through one of Amerika's construction zones and

having a vision of the Vietnamese country side. . . We asked Madcat what the New Heavenly Blue hoped would happen with this album since it seems that Atlantic doesn't have much of a plan to promote the album. "A lot of hope is being placed on this album, but ya know we're surviving playing music." And during these days of so few real people-motivated deals with the music industry that's doing alright. Try a listen or check out the Blues at the People's Ballroom this January. . . Terry Tate should be feeling better now after Diesel Smoke & Dangerous Curves and Hawg Tate brought people to Flood's for a benefit concert. Terry was injured in a car crash a few weeks ago. . . There was some massive tribal stompin at Crisler when Allman Brothers, Dr. John and the Rockets brought 14,000 rock and roll maniacs together for an explosive evening. That was a UAC-Daystar concert with some new features. All seats were removed from the main floor to allow everyone to find space for stompin and the whole event was video taped and projected on a large screen during all three sets. The good times never stopped rolling with every band being brought back for an encore. . . Expect UAC-Daystar to be bringing the San Francisco Mime Troupe to the Power Center in the next couple of weeks. . . Be sure to be listening to WNRZ on Sundays for some taped conversations with both Dr. John and The Rockets. . . Continuing outrageous radio is on WNRZ all week long and on Sundays from 3-7 with the People's Communications Committee Takin' Over (last week John Lennon and Yoko Ono, Bobby Seale, Commander Cody, and more, were heard when the PCC played the soundtrack to "TEN FOR TWO", a Joko film of the John Sinclair Freedom Rally. You can see the film in January at movie theaters everywhere! And there is always the Blues & Jazz Festival of the air with John Sinclair and many guests and brothers and sisters

Michigan BOOGIE!



photo by Kathy Kelley

New Heavenly Blue — twistin' at the Park last summer.



droppin in to help out the show. That's from 7-1 on Sunday nights. . . GRAND FUNK RAILROAD will be making some real ROCK and ROLL SOUL at their hometown of Flint this January at a benefit for the Flint People's Free Clinic. Check the SUN for more information next issue. . . J. Geils will be in Detroit in December at Ford Auditorium. If you don't have tickets yet you can probably get them at Hudson's. . . The Rolling Stones got busted again. This time Keith Richard was served a warrant for use and possession of heroin. . . The Boogie Brothers got together for the last time at a special appearance benefit for the Espresso machine at the Blind Pig. The Blind Pig says that Koko Taylor will be back in January and that there is goin to be lots of downstairs blues and jazz in between. . . Lots happening in January with the release of the double record set LIVE at the BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL and the ART ENSEMBLE of CHICAGO's new album BAP-TIZUM which

is also a live recording from the festival. All this on Atlantic. . . The SUN has to apologize to everyone for the premature announcement of the new single HIJACK-IN LOVE by LIGHTNIN' (formerly Guardian Angel). There has been some problems getting the records from the pressing plant on to the streets. It will be coming this way soon. . . There is always music across Main Street at the bars around Washington and First streets. RIO SMOKEHOUSE, RADIO KING, JOHN NICHOLS, the MOJO BOOGIE BAND and MORE can be found at Mackinac Jack's, Flicks or Floods any day of the week. . . No reason to have the weekday blues when there is the BOOGIE on the town! . . . THE ANN ARBOR SUN WILL BE HAVING A BENEFIT DANCE CONCERT AT MACKINAC JACKS THIS DECEMBER 18th. DELIVERANCE AND LEAVES OF GRASS will be there to play for the SUN and it's 75¢ to be getting OFF to the music and the SUN. . .



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*—from "Rock & Roll"
by John Badanjek*

The Rockets have only been together about 4 months now, but already they're becoming one of the most powerful components of the growing Michigan rock & roll revival. Actually, they've been making music for years as members of bands from the previous eras of Motor city music.

The Rockets are: Jim McCarty, lead guitar, formerly with the Riverias, Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels, Cactus and the Buddy Miles Express; John Fraga, bass, with roots in Detroit's Outlaws, Catfish, and Little Feat in California; Marc Marcano, the band's Venezuelan piano player; and Johnny "The BEE" Badanjek, drums and lead vocals, formerly with the Rivieras, Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels, Detroit featuring Mitch Ryder, and Edgar Winter's White Trash.) Except for Marc the band comes from the depths of Detroit.

There was Rocketroll at Crisler arena last Saturday when the band heated up the arena before Dr. John and the Allman Bros. The Rockets blasted that rhythm and blues till it made you put on your dancing shoes and the people sitting and staring at the floor began to move around so there was clapping and stomping all over. The SUN talked to the band inside one of Ann Arbor's more notorious greasy spoons just before their set.

SUN: Do you dig not having any seats on the floor here at Crisler so people can dance?

JIM: Yeah, definitely. That's the kind of music we play, Michigan rock and roll. The people in this area are known for boogying. They want to shake their ass.

SUN: Where is the music coming from?

JOHN: Detroit. The influence comes from Hastings St. when you were sixteen years old, with your dash 54 Buick down there with a continental wheel on it and you were going out on your first date. Or it comes from hanging out at Pershing High School. It's kind of crummy where it comes from, but somebody's gotta say something about where it's at.

SUN: Why is Detroit music different?

BEE: It's a raw culture, it's a factory town. The energy here — people go and they work and they absorb all this energy and they really want to move. That's what got this town really moving; you go out to the West and everybody's more into a laid back kind of thing — James Taylor, Crosby Stills Nash. But you get out here — this band would go out to Los Angeles right now and people might not even clap. They'll think it's just thrashing noise. But to us it's a totally different story. It's just good rock and roll, high-energy music.

SUN: Do you have plans to do any recording?

BEE: Yeah, we just got back from Chicago where we mixed the tapes we recorded a while ago at the People's Ballroom. They came out good, but what we really need to do is get in a studio. Hopefully the tapes will help us get to one.

SUN: What tunes are on the tape?

BEE: Just a couple things for Nixon and Agnew, the Saigon Shuffle, some nice blues things, a touch of everything.

JIM: "I Opened the Door and In Flew Enza."

BEE: "If You're Barking at My Baby I Guess You're Just Barking."

JIM: "Daddy Cut Your Toenails You're Tearing All the Shoes."

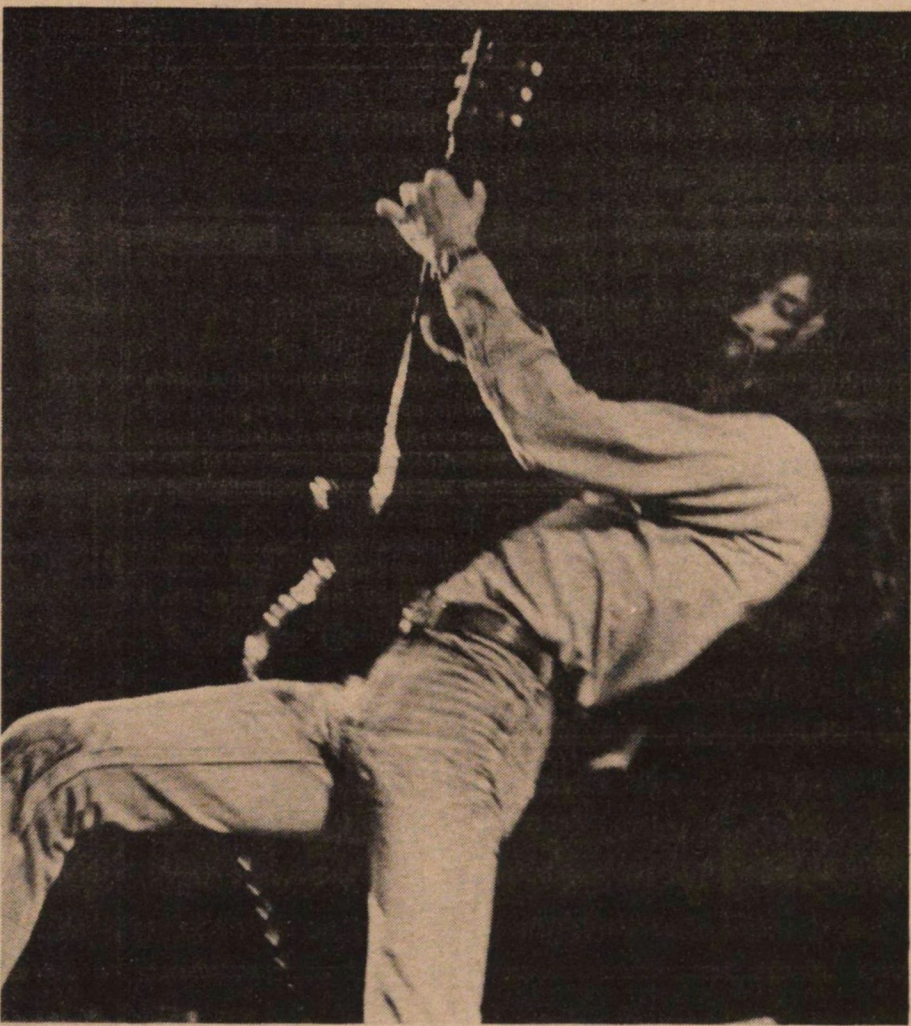
BEE: No seriously, Saigon Shuffle, Rock & Roll, Who Do You Love, Feel Alright.

SUN: You've only been together a brief time now; how did that happen?

BEE: We started after I left Edgar Winter. The band first worked out in Ann Arbor, rehearsing at the Conspiracy. McCarty happened to call me from Memphis and said I'm down here with no musicians to play with so I said well you got to come up to Detroit where there's murder and rapes and fall right into the city. Got down to your roots, where me and him grew up together.



John "Bee" Badanjek



Jim McCarty

So he came up here and brought Marc the piano player with him. And it just kind of fell in place.

SUN: What happened with Edgar?

BEE: Well after leaving Detroit I went with Edgar Winter for about 2 or 3 weeks. All that time I'd been writing tunes and the hangup was getting to do my own material. People would say wow, yeah, that's really

emotional, you're doing something like Saigon Shuffle, that should be heard.

*Well there's one thing for sure
I've got to get out of here
I ain't got no wine & the women are scarce
Sitting in a jungle that's taller than my head
Waiting for the Vietcong to show their face.*

*I've got the Saigon Shuffle
Sure wish you'd bring me on home.*

*Well the big Navy boats you know they float
on the water,
Waiting for the enemy planes do what they
oughta
Then they man the guns and them boom-
boom-boom
Another day of fighting starts all over again.*

*I've got the Saigon Shuffle, people
Sure wish you'd bring me on home.*

*—from "Saigon Shuffle"
by John Badanjek*

After I'd play shows with Edgar, we were doing a Humble Pie tour, I'd go back to the hotel and play blues all night and sing. Edgar just felt well maybe I should do my own album maybe I should get my own band. So I got back down and left New York, came back home and formed the group. Jim came back from Memphis after we had been apart for five or six years. We had all this material, we started doing it, and from this point the only thing is to get down and see what happens. It's still the early stages yet. We want to get into a studio and do a good album and give it to the people, let the people hear the lyrics, how we feel about things. The war, the drug scene, this is one of the worst things around. We played at a place last night, half the people in the place couldn't stand up. They were all on downers, they kept falling all over the place. It's just really ugly.

Because I mean when you think of the culture, man you gotta see. Like for example when I went to Washington to play with Detroit at the Mayday Festival you'd look out and see all the brothers and sisters and there was too much wierd drugs happening, too much death drugs, heroin, reds and stuff like that.

JIM: But never enough good drugs.

BEE: The point is we have to get rid of that and run the pushers out. Of course a lot of people don't understand that, they're exploited like that.

SUN: They don't have enough of the real information on the subject.

BEE: That's what I like about "Rock & Roll" the line in there

*"It's been a long time since the dealer
stopped and took my brother.
Empty world now, no color of love coming
from my heart.
But everybody's gonna hear it, yeah, it's
just down the road.
It's coming to save ya, some good rock &
roll"*

—from "Rock & Roll"

JIM: Amen, brother amen. There's the kind of dope that opens you up and the kind that closes you out. And anybody who takes that stuff that closes you out they're running away. I can't get into downers, I have no use for them. For anybody that's a worker, for anybody that's got something in their mind that they want to accomplish, they'll stay away from those kind of drugs. But it's the people who haven't found themselves and can't put it together yet, they're the ones who get into junk and all that.

SUN: Maybe now that the scene is reviving and there's all this inspirational music happening people will have less reason to down themselves out.

JIM: Yeah, it went through that first stage. I think Lennon said "in the beginning I thought love would save us all, and now I'm wearing a Chairman Mao button."

SUN: And in TEN FOR TWO he says "so flower power didn't work, so what, we try again."

JIM: Exactly. You learn, you're not quite so naive. And we're all a bit older now. Right now Ann Arbor's probably the most intense place in the country.

BEE: It's not like the New York scene anymore. Everything's starting to fall into place.

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photo by David Fenton

RPP ELECTION STATEMENT PART III

BUILDING A BASE IN ANN ARBOR

(Editor's Note: The past two issues (#s 43 & 44 of the SUN have carried Part I and Part II of the Rainbow People's Party's Post-Election Statement, which attempted to analyze the 1972 presidential election and its implications for the next four years of Nixon's regime. This third and last installment deals with the local elections and their implications. Copies of the first two parts of the Post-Election Statement can be obtained at the SUN office in the Rainbow House at 1520 Hill Street here in Ann Arbor).

Part III: Building a Base in Ann Arbor:

The Human Rights Party

Turning to the local elections and their meaning for the progressive people of the Ann Arbor/Washtenaw County community, we find that the progressive trends evident in the national electorate were even more apparent in the local situation, where McGovern carried the county, Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey and Judge Sanford Elden (the county's two most reactionary officials) were decisively defeated, and a number of candidates running on decidedly progressive platforms (even though they ran as Democrats) were elected to state and local offices.

At the same time, the failure of the Human Rights Party to win even one seat in the extremely free races it entered represents to us an unqualified failure on the part of that organization (as presently constituted) to link itself with the masses of people who constitute its primary base of support, and to reach out to the broad masses of people beyond that primary base who are ready to relate to a radical analysis of present social conditions and who are ready to relate the radical solutions proposed by such an analysis.

We believe that it is the HRP and not the people who failed to act decisively in this important electoral situation; more specifically, we believe that the narrow, self-interested, and extremely short-sighted "leadership" element of the organized Human Rights Party demonstrated a colossal inability not only to link itself with the masses of people who were its potential supporters, but even to understand the political level of the masses of people in this community.

Consequently, the HRP not only failed to win even one seat in the local and state elections (despite the fact that its candidates were favored to win in two county commissioner districts and in the state representative race as well), but it managed to undermine the base of support which had been built up during the spring election campaign at the same time, and its overall performance was so dismal that the reeling Democratic Party organization in Ann Arbor gleefully gained for itself a new lease on life and a new gaggle of illusions concerning its possibilities for survival in this advanced arena of political struggle which is Ann Arbor.

Earlier this year, in the September 1-15 issue of the Sun (#39) we discussed what we termed the RIP-off of the Human Rights Party by a small clique of campus-radical intellectuals and social workers with a backwards, obsolete analysis of concrete social conditions in this community and the world as a whole; we pointed out that their backwards analysis had already led them to develop strategies which were bogus and out of touch with reality, and we predicted that their bogus strategies would lead them straight to defeat in the election. We withdrew the support and active participation of the Rainbow People's Party and its members from the Human Rights Party for the duration of the fall election campaign and

"until it consciously recognizes that its base consists primarily — that is, first of all — of rainbow people, whether they're freaks on the street, students in the public schools and universities, the rainbow merchants around town, rock and roll bands, community service workers, or brothers and sisters who work for the honk one way or another in order to insure their survival; and until it consciously and consistently sets out with us to continue to organize this base until it's strong enough to support fully the platform and the programs of the HRP and to attract support and participation from other elements of the overall Washtenaw County community which are also righteously concerned with the question of people's power and how it is effected."

Our purpose in withdrawing from the HRP was to expose "the ideas and practices of the ultra-leftists within the HRP... as incorrect and dangerous to the development of our community" so "that the party will willingly purge itself of this element and commit itself once again to the task of building a truly progressive Human Rights Party in Washtenaw County," and so "that the HRP will then be able to resume its speedy progress toward its stated goal of bringing effective political power to the people of this community."

The outcome of the local elections makes one thing clear above all: that the engineers of the HRP campaign for the state representative and county commissioner seats, following their backwards social analysis and the bogus strategies based in it, were pitifully unable to mobilize the support of enough people in this community.

even to win those races which should easily have gone to the HRP. With its potential base of support at a much higher level than in the spring due to the heavy registration of students who were determined to vote against Richard Nixon, and with an unprecedented voter turnout in the "student wards" (so vast that hundreds of sisters and brothers had to wait in line up to five hours just to cast their vote), this backwards clique of intellectuals managed not only to lose the election but also failed to add significantly to the numerical base which had been won in the spring elections when there was no major victory (such as the City Council victories) to inspire more people to vote for the Human Rights Party.

This utter failure to consolidate and expand the base which had been created in the course of the spring elections is a much more dangerous development than the mere loss of an election, for the first principle of a mass electoral party must be constantly and consistently to increase its base of support and to build for the long run, even if it means losing in this or that election. As we said in our pre-election statement on the HRP,

"It is not enough merely to elect 'progressive' candidates to political office in this country; what is important is the establishment and development of a principled, mass-based alternative radical electoral party which can fully represent the interests of all the people who make up its actual and potential constituency, which can move with the full support of the people to elect candidates to office and then to guide them through their terms of office, and which can progressively unite more and more elements of the oppressed, powerless classes of people in this country..."

At a time like this, when really large masses of rainbow people are just beginning to relate to the political process as a form of struggle they can participate in and which can serve their most immediate needs as living members of a community of people, the utmost seriousness is required of anyone who presumes to engage in a political dialogue with the people. The people's interest must be carefully nurtured, they must be led into a greater and greater commitment to radical social change through participation in the electoral process and in the other programs offered them by the out-front party of the people, and it is particularly important that the party adapt its policies and programs to the actual social conditions of the people it wishes to attract to its banner. The people's political potential is actually very great, but it can be realized only through the most careful direction and guidance on the part of the political activists in the community and their mass organizing vehicle, the radical electoral party. If the political activists fail to link themselves inextricably with the people who make up their potential constituency, which can only be done by responding directly and dramatically to the people's most immediate needs and desires as they present themselves and not as a bunch of radicals would have them be, their efforts in organizing a mass electoral party are doomed to failure.

The recent "leadership" group within the HRP has failed most miserably precisely in this crucial area, and it is their failure to relate their HRP activity directly to the concerns of the masses of rainbow people who make up their primary constituency in the Ann Arbor community which makes their empty posturing so dangerous. What is even worse is that many many people who got turned on to the possibilities of a real Human Rights Party during the spring electoral campaign and afterwards, people who were becoming increasingly enthusiastic supporters of the HRP, were immediately turned off to the HRP — and to the possibility of participation in the political process — as soon as the RIP remnants gained control of the party and began pursuing their vapid strategies.

Our point is that the Human Rights Party is a serious proposition, not to be taken lightly or to be used as a post-graduate seminar in radical debating by various individuals whose interest in the welfare of the people in this community, and in the development of the community itself, is only a passing fancy. One of the most rabid of the ultra-leftist, pseudo-ideologues, for example, a man who played a central role in what we would call the betrayal of the promise of the HRP of last spring, passed into town from Wisconsin this summer, offered himself as a candidate for state representative, touched off a particularly vicious round of infighting within the general ultra-leftist/right-opportunist coalition ranks inside the HRP, lobbied vigorously in the best tradition of campus-radical "politics" for an especially obsolete (and in his case, especially abstract) social analysis, and will now leave town for Wisconsin once again with no concern for the havoc he has wreaked here in our community.

Other prominent members of the HRP leadership



clique, including a couple which has between the two partners run for City Council and State Representative in the past year (both were defeated), are reported to be looking for academic or social work positions in some other place as soon as it can be found. One HRP candidate for County Commissioner in the November election spent the entire summer vacationing somewhere before returning to town a day or two before the HRP convention and offering herself (at the urging of her colleagues) as a candidate for the very serious position of county commissioner. When asked just prior to the convention if she was going to run, she replied that she wasn't sure if she wanted to stay in Ann Arbor for the entire two-year term she was competing.

Such practices are not only reprehensible for their rank personal opportunism ("I'll run for office if I can win a seat and bank in the limelight, but if I lose I'll just pull up and go to another town somewhere") but more seriously for the effect they have on people in the community who are looking to organizations like the Human Rights Party for solutions to their problems. These are people who are engaged in a daily struggle for survival (not many people in the street have their rents paid by rich parents), who have very real problems with the police, the courts, other authorities, employers, and the rest of the rotten fabric of this racist weirdo society, and who are looking for ways to get rid of the

creeps and institute some people's power and people's culture in the land of honk.

These are people who watch the actions of political activists very closely, since they are themselves looking for some ways to get involved in the struggle, and they are quick to see through the many different kinds of bullshit thrown up by people who put themselves in the public eye. The first thing they see in situations like those described above is the lack of commitment to the community and its problems evidenced by the footloose campus-radical types who relate to political activism as some kind of game, or ego-trip, which can be kind of fun to get into for a while on their way to securing some kind of petty-bureaucrat or academic post for themselves wherever the "intellectual climate" seems grooviest.

People in the community are also very much aware that campus-radical types take very little part in the life of the community, either in its formal institutions (the people's service projects and organizations such as the Community Park Program, the People's Ballroom, Ozone House, Drug Help, the Free People's Clinic, Tribal Network, the Communications Committee, etc.) or in its informal social life. Instead of reaching out to the people and attempting to link themselves ever more strongly with the masses by relating to the people's culture and the life of the community with all its daily

problems and hassles, the campus-radical types seem bent on isolating themselves within a small circle of politically-acceptable friends who all share a common distaste for the people as they are and common affinity for abstract debates as a paramount form of political activity.

The essentially frivolous approach to politics is characteristic of intellectuals of all persuasions; within the HRP "leadership" clique it is common to both the ultra-leftists (that faction which is and has been associated with a national group of super-radical weirdos called the International Socialists -- IS -- and which constantly repudiates in theory and in practice the basic revolutionary principle that the activists must merge themselves with the people and deal with the people at their own level of consciousness rather than trying to impose some kind of "pure" radical thing on them, and to the right-opportunists (that faction which is willing to sacrifice some of the most basic principles of the organization -- for example, the ceaselessly-voiced commitment to eliminating the Democratic Party as a viable electoral force -- in hopes of gaining support from "liberal Democrats" who would freak if the HRP ran against the "progressive" Democratic Party candidate for sheriff).

We believe that the Human Rights Party and its present "leadership" has proved beyond a doubt that its analysis and the strategies which have flowed from it are incapable of advancing the HRP and the interests of the people it claims to represent; we believe that this "leadership" element is determined only to lead the HRP and its constituency down the dark road of political suicide if that course is dictated by its intellectual lusts; and we believe that the November election results bear the truth of our predictions as to the inevitable outcome of the stated analysis and strategies of the opportunistic ultra-leftist faction of the HRP which controlled the Human Rights Party campaign.

We believe that these people have had their chance to prove the validity of their claim to leadership within the HRP, and that they have proved decisively and beyond a doubt that their "leadership" can only result in the death of the HRP as a viable political force in the Ann Arbor community. They were given every chance to carry out their bogus strategies, which included concentrating on the "glamor" race for state representative, refusing to support an all-out candidacy for the sheriff's office for fear that it might alienate their supporters among the "liberal Democrats" in town, repudiating their enthusiastic base of support in the Ann Arbor rainbow community on the grounds that rainbow people are not politically significant within the overall community, basing their campaign against progressive Democratic Party candidates not on the political differences between the parties concerning the basic issue in American politics — whether the people as a whole or a small clique of super-rich capitalists will control the means of production in this society — but on the procedural distinctions between the Democrats and the HRP as parties, an issue which is exceedingly meaningless to the masses of the people who make up the HRP's projected constituency and which is a phony issue anyway, since the campus-radical clique within the HRP is every bit as unprincipled and manipulative as its old-line counterpart in the Democratic Party.

This faction was given full rein in its headlong attempt to impose its outdated views and strategies on the rest of the HRP and its potentially vast constituency; after the withdrawal of the Rainbow People's Party from participation in the fall election campaign there was little left to block its zealous drive for power within the party, and its weirdo strategies were officially adopted as the campaign program of the Human Rights Party. Now everyone has seen the results of that campaign for themselves, and there can be no question that it was a miserable failure in every respect. The intellectual/social-worker candidates and their intellectual/social-worker approach went down to total defeat, and the HRP's opportunistic maneuverings were so slimy and reprehensible during the course of the campaign that even many of their projected "liberal Democrat" supporters were turned off to the possibility of getting behind the dubious "alternative" proposed by the HRP.

FOUR MORE YEARS HERE IN ANN ARBOR

"This is not to say that we feel there is no future for the Human Rights Party in Ann Arbor; to the contrary, we believe that the HRP can and hopefully will experience tremendous growth once it reunites with the rainbow community in Ann Arbor and moves together with the people to increase and consolidate its base."

—from the RPP pre-election statement (SUN #39)

Now that the November election results have demonstrated the utter vapidness of the ideas and strategies put

forward by the ultra-leftist/right-opportunist faction within the present Human Rights Party, and now that their intellectualized absurdities have been pursued to their logical conclusion in the total defeat of the HRP and the concomitant shrinkage in the party's base of support, we urge these would-be leaders of the HRP to acknowledge their inability to lead the party on the correct path, the paucity of their obsolete social analysis and the uselessness of their petty political machinations, and we urge them even more strongly to step down from their positions of power within the party in order that the party might be free to develop new directions based on new thinking and a rejuvenated body of committed HRP workers who would work eagerly on building the party if it were moving in a correct direction.

There can be no excuse for pursuing any further the incorrect and dangerous course laid out by the ultra-leftist HRP regulars and their right-opportunist allies within the HRP — given every chance to prove themselves right they decisively proved themselves wrong instead, and there can likewise be no excuse for their posing as sage political analysts and master strategists any longer. "Social practice is the sole criterion of truth," and practice has proved their theories wrong as can be.

Given the condition of their failure, there can be no reason other than petty individual opportunism for the members of this clique to continue to stand in the way of the party's progress by opposing that analysis and those strategies for political action which will enable the Human Rights Party in Ann Arbor to build itself into a powerful mass-based radical electoral party which is capable of attaining and wielding basic political power in this community in the interests of the poor, oppressed, and powerless people of Washtenaw County.

Given the enormity of their failure and the seriousness of the threat they pose to the future existence, development and expansion of the Human Rights Party, there is no reason why these backwards elements should not freely and of their own volition remove themselves from decision-making bodies within the HRP, step aside and give the progressive forces within the party the same opportunity they had to test out their theories in actual practice. Their actions so far, since they've been in control, have resulted in stunning losses for the HRP, and we believe very firmly that they would surely finish off the HRP as a viable political force by next April if they were allowed to remain at the head of the organization.

We are not making any personal attacks on any individuals as private persons, nor are we attacking the stated public platform and policies of the Human Rights Party, with which we are in almost full accord. We aren't saying that so-and-so should step down because she has had breath, or he has hair growing out of his nostrils, or because they went to different high schools from us or anything like that. We are talking about serious political differences, the implications of which extend out into the community and will remain deeply involved with the lives of thousands and thousands of people in that community over a period of many years, and we oppose the recent "leadership" clique in the HRP because we believe very seriously that their erratic maneuvering, coupled with an obsolete, painfully inadequate social analysis, poses a very serious threat to the people of our community who look to the Human Rights Party for correct guidance, dynamic leadership in the electoral/political arena, and a visible working alternative to the unprincipled property parties.

In the first place, as we said above, they threaten the very existence of the party by continuing to shrink its base of support among the very people who would be its most enthusiastic members if they were approached properly, that is, in a way which relates to the problems they face in their daily lives rather than such relatively abstract intellectual-radical considerations as whether parliamentary procedure is followed at the HRP's "open meetings" or whether a candidate is bound to a "democratically-determined" policy rather than his or her own "conscience." By concentrating on such abstract questions in their mass propaganda while at the same time under-emphasizing the extremely important political differences between HRP candidates and their Democratic and Republican opponents, the campus-radical element alienates the masses of people who are ready to engage in serious political activity and helps convince them that there is really no reason why they should bother with it.

Politics-as-a-game or as a forum for getting off on one's own individual word trip, with the speaker bearing no responsibility in practice for his or her words, is not only an intellectual dead-end, which is essentially harmful only to the individual caught up in it, but more importantly is ultimately dangerous to the people who live and work and struggle in a given community such as Ann Arbor. The "radical" debate freaks, arguing from purely abstract intellectual positions, militate against serious

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political activists with deep roots in the community and a long-standing record of daily practice among the people, demanding equal weight for their arid intellectual arguments despite their lack of practice and their lack of commitment to the community and its struggle.

What is dangerous is that the proposed policies of the radical debaters are suddenly, through the agency of the Human Rights Party, thrust into positions of prominence in the community, sometimes enacted into law, often responsible for much public discussion and mass confusion, and generally blown way out of proportion to their actual merit, which carries precisely the weight of the air which surrounds the words issued from their mouths. The campus-radical intellectuals will vigorously espouse positions and policies which when accepted as party policy can have far-reaching impact of the community, and in the lives of the people who are affected by the intellectuals' decisions, however, are rarely taken into consideration unless they can be used to bolster the intellectuals' arguments, and the final criterion always seems to be the peculiar feelings or thoughts of the speaker rather than the concrete needs of the people in the community.

In summary, we believe that the campus-radical intellectuals, both the ultra-leftist and the right-opportunist factions within the HRP, have demonstrated de-

cisively, once and for all, that they are incapable of providing the Human Rights Party and the community it purports to serve with the leadership they deserve; that their strategies, based on their obsolete social analyses, can never be winning strategies and in fact can only lead the HRP down the road of political suicide; that in many cases they don't have the most minimal commitment even to staying and living in the community they presume to "organize" through their activity in the HRP that they actually stand in the way of the development of the Human Rights Party as a mass-oriented, mass-based radical electoral party which can move with the support of the people to build effective political power for the people on the local level; and that they must, if they have any commitment to effective political organizing in this community, admit that their analysis and their strategy in the November electoral campaign was incorrect and remove themselves from their decision-making positions within the party so that new ideas, new analyses and new political strategies can emerge to lead the party back to life and into the future with a program for victory for the people of the Ann Arbor community.

THE ROLE OF THE HRP IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

"Our commitment is to the establishment and growth of a strong, principled, truly alternative radical electoral party which will concentrate its electoral and organizational effort on the Ann Arbor Washtenaw County community until

its base solidly established... We hope with all our hearts that the more progressive elements within the HRP will return to their previous commitment to building a radical electoral once the backwards, elitist assumptions of their ultra-leftist comrades are exposed, through practical experience, as incorrect and dangerous to the growth and utility of the Human Rights Party; and we hope even more intensely that they will then join with us in the struggle to organize thousands of rising new people-- and not merely a handful of "liberal Democrats" -- into a powerful revolutionary force for change in this community."

--From the RPP Pre-Election Statement SUN No. 39

It is important for all of us to understand the significance of the Human Rights Party as a potential force for change in our community, and once we understand it's even more important that we move together to utilize the possibilities inherent in the HRP to help us create and build more and more people's power in the Ann Arbor community. As a mass electoral party the HRP is squarely in the middle of the popular political arena; its policies and actions, as those of its candidates for public office and its elected officials, exist in the public eye, where they can reach increasingly greater numbers of people with truly radical alternative approaches to the people's problems. At the same time the Human Rights Party is engaged in active and direct struggle with the reactionary and bourgeois-liberal politicians and the property parties they represent in the arena of electoral politics, with the very real stakes of public office and policy making positions within the political

superstructure of capitalist society at issue. Despite the babble of the ultra-leftists, there is the possibility of effecting concrete change in some very important areas of struggle through participating in the electoral process particularly if one is serious enough to attempt to win elections and secure the offices and positions at stake in the name of the people, and to use those offices and positions in the interests of the people. The \$5.00 marijuana law, the \$28,000 allotted to the People's Community Center out of the city budget, and the \$4,000 allocated to the Community Park Program from the city budget last year are but three concrete examples of what we're talking about here, but they just begin to hint at the vast possibilities which are open to the people through this particular form of struggle.

It seems to us, however, that there's little need to run down a long list of specific projections vis a vis the possibilities inherent in holding and utilizing public office in the people's interests, because everyone can imagine for themselves what it will be like when we -- as a community -- begin to control the public and political institutions which now contribute so heavily to our oppression. What we want to point out in addition is that holding political office and acting as public officials can be a powerful educational tool for the people as well, particularly in terms of making known to masses of people the alternatives to capitalism and imperialism which can be effected by the people first in their own communities and then throughout the world.

Through such an agency as the Human Rights Party the progressive people of this community can struggle in the electoral arena for a voice in, and eventually for full control over, the political institutions which affect all of our lives on a daily basis; we can enact exemplary legislation which will at the same time deal with some of our most immediate survival problems and point out concrete, workable alternatives to the honky approach for thousands and thousands of people in the overall community who would

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otherwise have little or no exposure to such alternatives; we can use the public platform afforded by electoral campaigns and public offices to confront the reactionary practices of the Democrats and Republicans in government and to expose their increasing inability to solve the problems which daily plague the people of their communities; and we can develop the HRP into a truly mass political organization which not only runs candidates for office but which also has on-going programs in the community to illustrate and back up its positions and policies on many issues and to serve the needs of the people who constitute the party's base of support.

We see the need for such a party growing greater and greater every day, and we view the Human Rights Party as a basic structure which, when transformed from a closed, idealistic, elitist campus-radical debating society to a mass-oriented, mass-based popular electoral party, can be developed into an ever more powerful force for revolutionary social change in our community. We feel that the victories in the City Council elections last spring bear the proof of the validity of our analysis and the strategies which flowed from it, and we believe without a doubt that the HRP can still begin to build upon and develop the base of support which was attracted to the party in that campaign, even though the November electoral campaign effectively undermined a considerable segment of that support.

We believe further that if the HRP is not transformed immediately it is doomed to extinction after the spring elections next year, and that it is too valuable a tool for the people of this community to allow such a catastrophe to happen. People, and particularly rainbow people, are more ready to move now than ever before, they are ready to relate very directly and energetically to a mass electoral party such as the HRP if it makes even the slightest attempt to relate itself to the people in terms the people can

understand and accept as their own, and it would be criminal to allow their hopes to be built up through the course of campaigns such as last spring's only to let them be torn down because of incompetence, stupidity, egomania, opportunism, elitism, and extreme self-centeredness on the part of a small unrepresentative clique of former campus radicals from the University of Michigan.

During the next four years the Human Rights Party has the opportunity either to develop itself along the lines of its highest and fullest potential, as a mass-based alternative political party which has the full and active support of thousands and thousands of people in the community, or to go down the same drain that SDS, PLP, IS, and the rest of the student-radical organizations disappeared into failing to build for themselves a mass base and a basis of practice in their communities. The future of radical political activity depends upon the ability of political activists to link themselves with the people and to organize masses of people into a powerful political force through daily practice in the community where people live and work; no amount of debating over abstract positions and idealistic babblings will ever begin to be able to solve the people's problems, and in fact they only manage to hold back the people's progress in the arena of material conditions and concrete political action.

What is needed now, to begin the ascent which must take place over the next four years here in Ann Arbor (and we participate in the national political arena only as members of the Ann Arbor community where we live; if change is to take place "on the national level" it must by definition take place in the component communities which make up the nation or there is no change) -- what is needed now to move us further up the first step toward people's political control of our communities is precisely the Human Rights Party we have attempted to depict throughout this statement: a party which has a consistent, up-front position or policy on every issue that affects the life of the

people and a practice to back them up; a party which makes every attempt to relate itself directly to the masses of people whose objective interests it is organized to serve; a party which bases itself in the masses of people of the rainbow community who are most ready to accept leadership and its political and cultural vision; a party which is committed to smashing the Democratic Party completely in the long run and to exposing and heightening the contradictions between the people and the reactionaries in the Republican Party; a party which can build upon this base a constantly expanding force of militant, informed, deeply concerned voters and incipient activists from all sectors of the overall community who will dedicate themselves to further expanding and strengthening the party organization and broadening its appeal to more and more people.

We believe that the present Human Rights Party, minus its recent leadership clique (or with that group kept out, by mutual consent, of decision making positions within the party) and with the addition of a sizable number of rainbow activists and concerned people who are ready to work for change instead of just talking about it, can begin to develop immediately into a winning force in the 1973 spring elections and thereafter, making steady gains for the people, holding office, acting in office, enacting truly progressive legislation, moving for control of the courts, prosecutors' offices, sheriff's departments and the other institutions of arm power which are presently instrumental in keeping us oppressed, working through sponsored legislation, exemplary action, and mass educational campaigns to raise the political level of the people vis a vis the political issues which affect their lives, and generally working for the interests of the people in every possible way that might present itself.

We -- the Rainbow People's Party, which is not an electoral party but an organization of full time community organizers who are committed to helping the people in the com

munity organize themselves to be able to deal with their problems and needs through their own initiative -- we are committed, as we've said in the past, to rebuilding the Human Rights Party we helped build last spring before the super-intellectual element took over the party. We are committed at this point to doing whatever is necessary to rescue the Human Rights Party from what would be certain death if the party's controls were to remain in the hands of the people who have brought the HRP to its sorry present state, and we are further committed to bringing the party back to life and then taking that life and integrating it thoroughly with the life (and the lives) of the people who live in our community. We will not stand by and watch the valuable weapon of the Human Rights Party go unused as a mass political and educational tool while a bunch of self-centered opportunists play guessing games as to which member of which clique will run for which office in the next election.

We urge our brothers and sisters in the rainbow community here in town to join with us in developing this powerful weapon for social change which is the Human Rights Party along the lines which will be most useful to our people and to all poor, oppressed, powerless people in our community. As the primary and then the April City Council elections draw nearer there will be an incredible amount of plain hard work to be done in order to reach the people we need to get to during the course of the campaign. There will be positions of leadership open in January, including a new party coordinator and a whole new steering committee, and we especially urge people who have been interested in the HRP but have been turned off by the campus-radical elements to join with us at this time in making the HRP what our community needs it to be. If we don't move now it will be too late, as a repeat of the November fiasco in the spring would be the last gasp of a dying organism.

The next issue of the SUN will carry a more detailed proposal for the rejuvenation of the HRP, but in the meantime we hope people will give serious consideration to the task at hand and decide to join us in this historic effort. The next open meeting of the HRP will be held January 11 -- we'll see you there.

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Police Attacks

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apparently by the cops.

Then, just as Stoye thought the whole episode was over, two cops again forced their way into his home two days later at 7:30 p.m.

"It was the same two cops," Stoye said. "I asked, 'Do you have a warrant?' And they got really mad and just pushed their way in."

Again the cops went down the basement. They left when they found no one. But not before telling Stoye:

"Even if we did have a warrant, we wouldn't show it to you."

In the Dec. 5 incident the police proved to be even more callous.

At 10:45 p.m. a dozen heavily-armed cops kicked down the front door of 219

Packard, where five sisters were living—three are students at Washtenaw Community College, one is a clerk at University Cellar and the other attends the University of Michigan.

"We thought we were going to be either robbed or raped," one terrified sister explained later. She grabbed a baseball bat and took a swing at one of the intruders.

But the 240-pound cop knocked her to the floor with a blow from his shotgun butt, breaking her glasses and badly bruising her forehead.

The sisters, wearing only pajamas or underclothes desperately grabbed clothes with which to cover up as they were shoved outside into the cold.

They were forced to stand there for nearly 20 minutes, with guns trained on them all the time.

Only then did police acknowledge that they had busted into the wrong house.

The cops said they were after three dudes who had allegedly stayed next door at 217 Packard last summer—more than three months ago.

Later the cops did promise to pay for two broken locks and the smashed glasses.

But the sisters, who asked that their names not be printed for fear of more harassment, said they are considering filing a suit for violation of privacy. Stoye also told the SUN he hopes to do the same thing.

The City Council has ordered investigations in both cases. The SUN also asks that anyone who knows of any similar incidents to call either the SUN (761-1709) or Tribal Network (663-4208). And get badge numbers.

—The SUN Editorial Board

Franklin Changes

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on here" and then when he found we intended to come anyway he ordered us not to talk to any of the students. Ammerman tried to keep reality from us anyway he could, including forbidding us to tape, record or photograph our interviews. When telling us about Rick screaming "Fuck You!" Ammerman told us "don't make it look like I said those words to you."

And then right there in front of us he banned the SUN from the school, citing the Student Handbook rules against "obscenities." Ammerman had gone through issue No. 44 of the paper page by page and circled the shocking statements in red. They included: an article about the People's Ballroom which said "we have to work this shit out;" John Lennon asking "what else could the bastards do" in an article about Ten for Two; a couple of other shits and a line about how "LSD opened up people's minds" which Ammerman said "encouraged the use of illegal substances."

As greying Ammerman looked at the floor he also told us that he liked much of what was in the SUN because "it looks like you're trying to help each other." But what I believe personally makes no difference. I'm responsible to the people I work for" whom he said were the Livonia Board of Education and the parents.

"You mean you don't work for the students," we asked.

"That's correct," was his reply.

Students all across Amerika are getting hip to the contradiction; the schools aren't run for them, they're run for the rulers of this country by puppet administrators like Ammerman whose interest is the wishes of the people at the top. But students are getting high and starting to move to free themselves from the educational factory. At Franklin they're tokin up in the smoking lounges and plotting the downfall of more stupid rules and colonial dictators. **POWER TO YOUNG PEOPLE! THE YOUTH WILL MAKE THE REVOLUTION!**

—David Fenton and Alice Robertson

Ward Boundaries

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promise. Councilman Tom from the First ward hemmed and hawed and finally voted with HRP for the Black Plan.

After that lost, HRP's representatives Nancy Wechsler and Jerry DeGriek were forced to support the old Pregnant Witch plan on first reading.

And HRP geared up to fight to force the Democrats to compromise. A leaflet was circulated in the center-city explaining the Democrats' insidious plan and urging people to call Fabric, Me Too and Horseshit to tell them how they felt.

Pretty soon, Ted Beals and I were back at the negotiating table and this time we worked our revisions in the Black Plan that

made it more acceptable to the Democrats.

We called it the "Last Chance" Plan and that it was — we finished work on it only an hour before the council meeting.

That council session was one of the most humorous in months. It was like a television wrestling match—everything was decided in advance, but the Democrats and Republicans put up a mock fight to make it look good.

In the end, the "Last Chance" plan was substituted at second reading and it passed 6-5 with HRP and the Democrats voting yes and the Republicans voting no.

Unless the courts overturn it (an unlikely event) this plan will be in effect for the next decade.

It was a hard fought victory for the people who have long been excluded from political power.

In retrospect, several things ought to be

said about the ward boundary fight. First, HRP has never favored the ward system as the method of electing the City Council. It is ridiculous to have a system which places such importance on the drawing of lines by some group of people.

The Human Rights Party has always favored a system of proportional representation in which each party gains a percentage of seats equal to its city-wide vote.

Thus, if HRP got 30 percent of the vote it would win three seats out of ten. Ward lines would no longer make any difference.

HRP is going to campaign to change the city charter to make that possible. It will be strongly fought by the Democrats and Republicans who are beginning to really see HRP as a threat.

It is.

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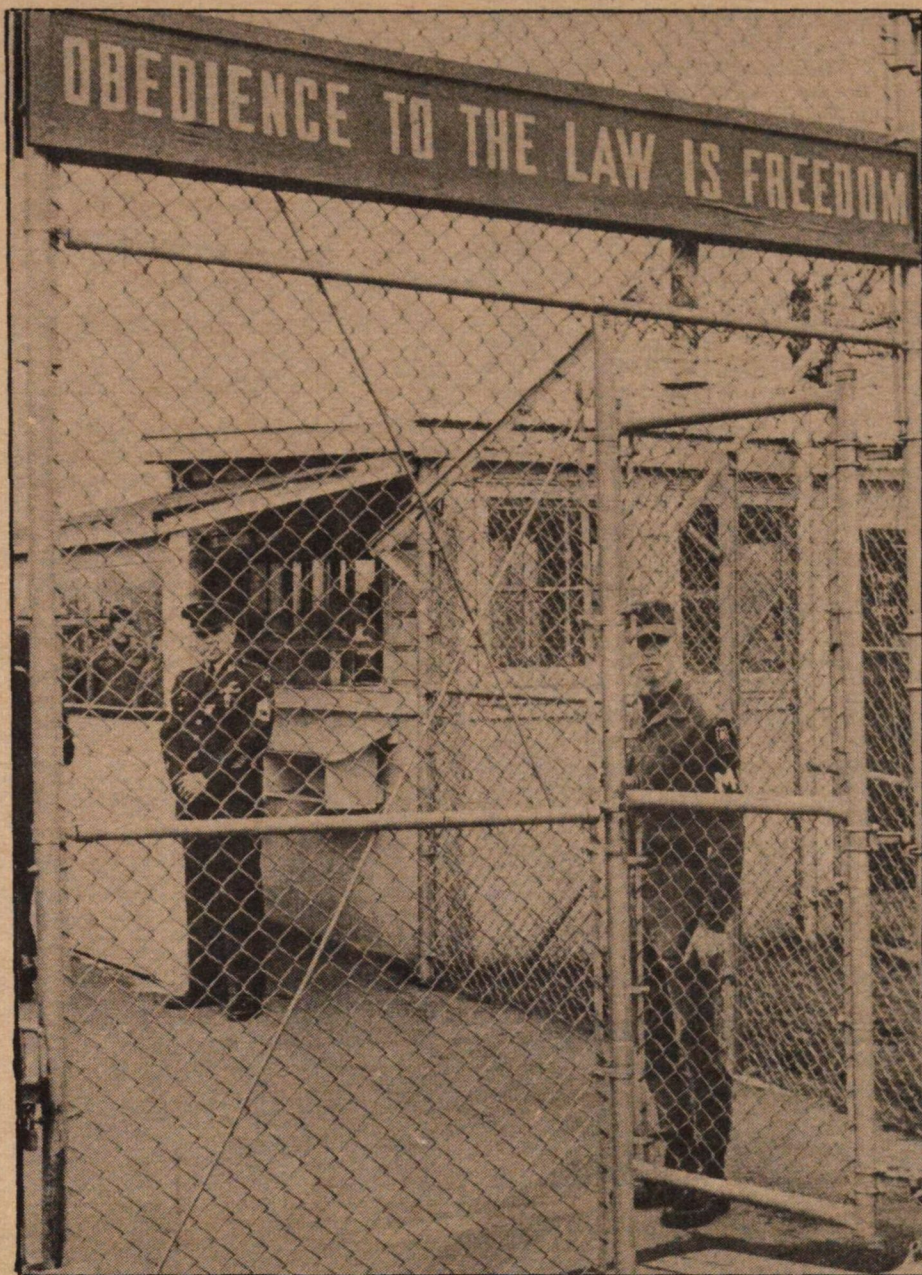
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The author is a prisoner presently incarcerated at the State Prison of Southern Michigan, and who is serving a life sentence for the crime of murder which he never committed. He was born and educated in Michigan and has spent one-half of his life in prison. He was convicted and sentenced in 1956 when he was only 17 years old. He is a high school graduate and has attended both Kirtland Community College (Roscommon, Michigan) and Jackson Community College (Jackson, Michigan) and hopes to major in Political Psychology or Mass Communication.

The issue of prisoners has grown to monumental proportions and will undoubtedly become the number one problem facing people in North America. North America, the city of the world, refuses to define its captives as anything other than criminals, but I take issue with that positively. The incarcerated of North America (black and white who are politically active) are either political prisoners or prisoners of war.

The overwhelming majority of the prisoners arrive at their position because of the socio-economic situation into which they find they have been born. Granted, there are those who infringe upon the rights of the community; they should be placed in a therapeutic situation. That misplaced aggression is an effect of the economic situation in which the lumpenproletarians must fight for their survival. Incarcerated for allegedly criminal acts, the prisoners define their actions as acts of survival.

The prisons are now filling with political prisoners, those brothers (and sisters, too) who are/were active in opposing the occupation of the community by fascist police force and its domination by the exploitative businessmen and tyrannical politicians. The acts of these brothers are also acts of survival, for by organizing against



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posed to lead to jobs, thus survival) becomes a leisurely endeavor for bourgeois ruling class and their bootlickers, but a burden for the masses who struggle for hand-to-mouth existence. In fact, that education, which the ruling class continues to dangle before the masses, does not lead to more jobs. The ruling class of America knows that with their major aim, profit, no matter how many qualified people of any race are available, the amount employable will only become smaller and smaller.

NORTH AMERICA REFUSES TO DEFINE ITS CAPTIVES AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN CRIMINALS.

The educational advances which should aid the community in fact work against it. The power structure hoards the technological advances to support its own existence. That technology is used to exploit and oppress the people of the world. In the form of weapons, it is used against anyone who opposes aims and goals of the ruling class. In the form of goods, it is offered to their puppets, the tyrants, demagogues, and oppressors, the world over. The imperialist ruling class avails the benefits of technology to the tyrants of Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, including luxuries for their puppets and weapons to suppress their people. In return for this the North American ruling class gets the opportunity to exploit the natural resources (as if they were their own, to produce these goods), and receives political support from the United States imperialism.

In the United States, these natural resources are used to provide a myriad of luxuries, and a lucrative set of toys (the space program) for the ruling class. While the community, the masses, all over the world, suffer for survival necessities, for decent housing, medical aid, etc., the ruling circles play with their toys to the tune of billions of dollars to spend on space suits and rockets, cannot provide jobs for the people. This system reduces a man to welfare status, then condemns him for laziness, says he is a burden to the taxpayers. They (the ruling class) don't mention the fact that many of today's welfare recipients and unemployed are yesterday's taxpayers, or that many of today's taxpayers are tomorrow's unemployed and welfare recipients! Technology in the hands

the forces but reaction and engaging in acts of self-defense or preventive self-defense they insure that the next generation of people will not have to be as preoccupied with mere survival, or at least will have the correct tools to deal with insuring their survival. It is not surprising that many of the brothers are charged with ubiquitous "assault on a police officer!" it is the lumpenproletarians, the children of the "field" (either directly or indirectly) who are in the vanguard of this war. And they are not in the vanguard just because they proclaim it so.

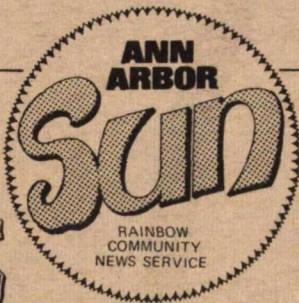
It is this class whose needs for survival conflict so pointedly with those of the ruling circles of North America. It was always the economic slave who either tried to rip off some food (which his labor produced) or attack the overseer and escape. It was always the economic slave who was gravely punished, beaten, and murdered. These "slaves", like the lumpenproletariat of today, had no alternatives or alternative means of securing their immediate and most basic needs, among them food, clothing, decent shelter, and freedom from oppression and economic slavery of all forms. Such is the situation of today's prisoners.

The capitalist system charges every man and most women in North America to work in order to obtain subsistence for himself and his family, albeit simultaneously, this system has never provided full employment for the people. Instead the ruling class uses racism as a guide for job distribution, plays one ethnic group against the other, and places a price on the jobs (i.e., if you want a good job, get a good education). Furthermore, the educational institutions do not prepare or enable prisoners or the poor people to have access to jobs, or to the means of survival while they are receiving that "good" education. On the contrary, the education system perpetuates and preserves the racism which allows the capitalist ruling class to remain in power. Because of the economic situation, which keeps minorities on the bottom as a matter of historical course, education (which is sup-

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of the ruling class means a loss of dignity for all but a few, eventually, if there is dignity in being an exploiter. Technology in the hand of the ruling class can never mean self-determination for masses of people, both black and white, for their interests are simply not the interests of the masses of people. So, while the economic system produces a multitude of unnecessary products to stimulate a dying economy, the masses somehow exist, without the essential. Consequently, those at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder are at war. At war for survival. *When captured, they are the prisoners of that war.*

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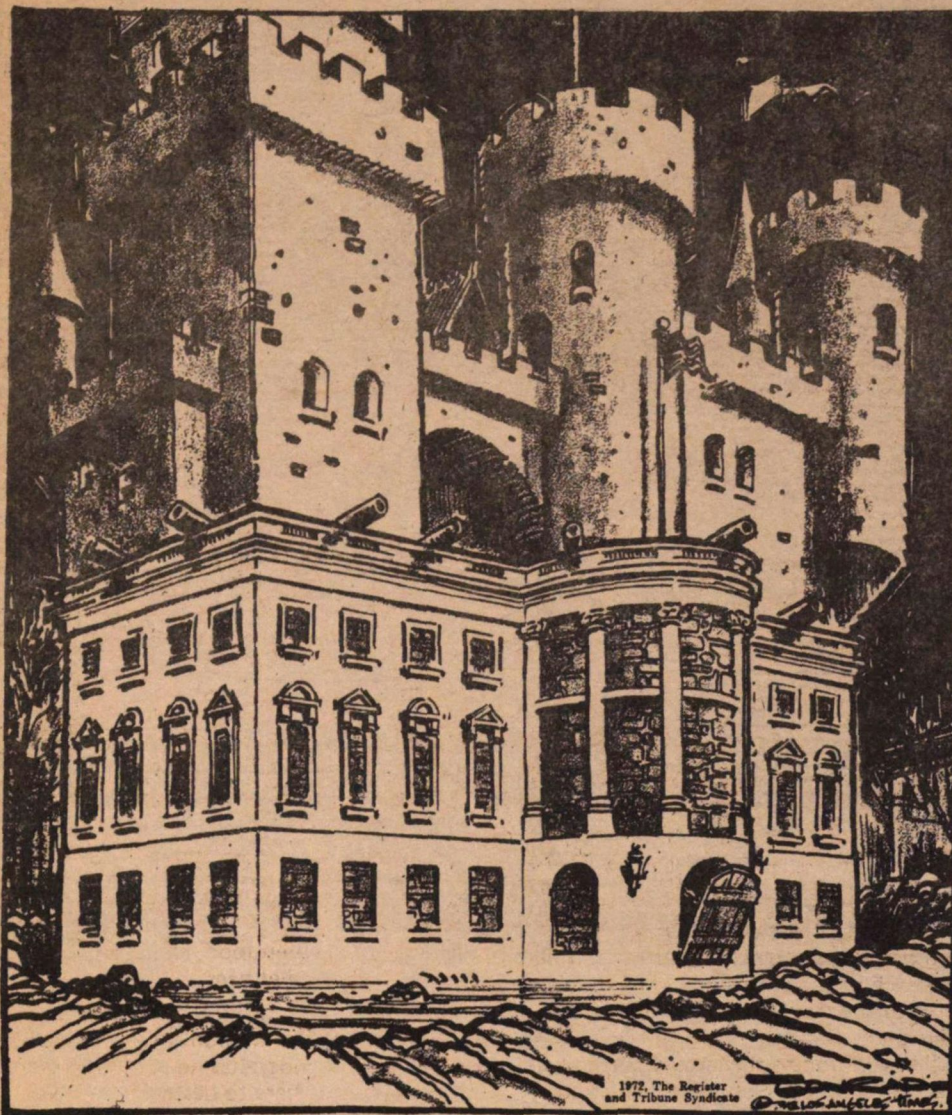


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NIXON STILL TOP DOG!

Bringing his reign to full power in the aftermath of his devious re-election Richard Nixon stacked the administrative hierarchy

in preparation of four more years with re-defined priorities. A shake-down, consisting of the re-evaluation of 2000 government workers

from the top on down, was instituted to weed out those that wouldn't or couldn't or shouldn't remain to oil the wheels of imperialism. The move was designed to cut out all excess personnel, expenditures, and the possible exposure of more top-secret government documents.

Exemplifying the change from international to national priorities in budget spending and research, Nixon transferred HEW director Elliott Richardson to Secretary of Defense to keep him out of the domestic affairs.

The rest, looking more like the after WW II Nazi wanted list than the advisors to the president of the U.S. of A., Nixon's hard core remained in their present capacities or gained additional titles such as Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz. Shultz will continue on in his present capacity during the second term with the additional responsibilities of special assistant to the president, chairman of the newly formed Council on Economic Policy, and broad overall responsibilities are John D. Ehrlichman, assistant to the president for domestic affairs, and H. R. Haldeman, the trickster's chief of staff.

(Haldeman heads the list of 96 witnesses that are being subpoenaed in connection with the bugging attempt of the Democratic headquarters at Watergate. Nixon was on the list but slipped out from under the investigation. The court is recessed and the trial isn't expected to begin until January.)

The reappointment that probably took the most reconsideration was that of globe-trotting Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger exposed himself in an interview with an Italian magazine—envisioning himself as the noble, crusading cowboy riding alone into hostile territory to secure the safety of the following settlers, using only his wit and amiable personality.

Nixon immediately set the wheels in motion to let Kissinger, and everyone else,

know that he is still top dog. White House press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, who will also continue in the next term, stated that Kissinger not only followed Nixon's personal instructions to the letter, but also stayed in personal contact with him in between sessions for up to the minute instructions.

Kissinger's only response was "I don't know why I ever did it."

Other Nixon advisors in the second term are: Richard Kleindienst, Attorney General; Donald Rumsfeld, NATO ambassador; Roy L. Ash, director of the office of management and budget; Herbert G. Klien, director of communications, and William E. Timmons, chief lobbyist for the White House.

INDIAN ADVISORS STRIPPED OF POWER

The three top men in the Bureau of Indian Affairs were stripped of power and responsibility by Interior Secretary Roger C.B. Morton, who is taking personal command of the bureau.

Two of the men relieved, assistant secretary of interior Harrison Loesch, and BIA deputy commissioner John Crow, had been under attack by the American Indian Movement (AIM). The Indians had demanded the termination of their responsibilities with Indian affairs.

BIA Commissioner, Louis R. Bruce, was relieved of responsibility for peacefully negotiating with the Trail of Broken Treaties caravan that held the BIA building for one week last month. He had stayed in the building with the Indians after they barricaded themselves in, but was ordered out by Loesch.

The first of a series of congressional investigations of the BIA building takeover has begun under the supervision of Rep. James A. Hadley, D-Fla. All three BIA officials are due to be questioned before the committee.

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VIETNAM PEACE REMAINS 'AT HAND'

Dr. Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho continued negotiations in Paris, using many hours and their complete negotiating staffs for the talks.

Neither Kissinger nor Tho would comment on the progress of the talks, though some speculation has risen that the increased number of talks per day and the number of staff involved is indicative of the nearness of a signed agreement.

Mdm. Ngyen Thi Binh, the Vietcong delegate, who doesn't take part in the talks but is briefed after each session, said, "The United States wants to reopen the questions of principle, such as withdrawal of North Vietnamese Troops, restoration of the demilitarized zone, and the formula for a three-component National Council of Concord."

She stressed that these "are not at all purely technical issues," and that, "There will either be an agreement now, or the war will be prolonged for a long time."

Nguyen Thi Binh also attacked the U.S. interpretation of the draft peace agreement that the release of the 300,000 Vietnamese civilians that are political prisoners in the south are not linked with the release of the U.S.P.O.W.s.

"There is no reason why we should free American prisoners while our compatriots remain in jail," she concluded.

FREE ENTERPRISE CHOKES CHILE

President Salvador Allende of Chile has accused International Telephone and Telegraph Co. (ITT), one of the most powerful mercenary U.S. industries, of attempting to promote civil war in his country.

"We are witnessing a pitched battle between the great transnational corporations and sovereign states," Allende said to a crammed session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Telling other poor countries to beware of powerful U.S. military industrialists, Allende recalled that ITT had tried to prevent his taking office in 1970 by initiating terrorist activities that culminated in the assassination of army commander-in-chief, General Rene Schneider.

Now, ITT has hatched a plan to permeate Chile with social disorder and economic strife, hoping the military would impose a dictatorship to control the actions.



"Flushing out" the Vietnamese from their air-raid shelters by the use of "non-lethal" gas. But the N.Y. Times reported "... even this kind of gas can be fatal to the very young and the very old."

"Before the conscience of the world I accuse the ITT of attempting to bring about civil war in my country," he said. That is what we call imperialist action."

The hall thundered as the 132-nation assembly leaped to its feet, cheering Allende for some time.

Speaking later on the accusations that ITT is involved in Chilean troubles, U.S. Ambassador George Bush, now new chairman of the Republican Party, defended ITT, the free enterprise system, and U.S. trade abroad, declaring: "This is one of the things that makes us great!"

APOLLO PROGRAM LITTERS MOON

An historian once remarked that if a future civilization from outer space were ever to visit the moon, they'll know for sure that Americans have been there ahead of them. The reason: the vast amounts of

trash and litter which have been left behind by each of the U.S. moon landing teams—sort of the trademark of 20th century Amerika.

In addition to the large descent stages left behind by U.S. lunar modules are numerous other odds and ends. Future visitors might find one or two golf balls, several of the lunar rover automobiles, a feather from a falcon, several pairs of coveralls, dozens of cameras and film canisters, assorted tools, latches, fasteners,

packets of uneaten food, and even several score of used toilet bags.

All these items will likely remain virtually unchanged for millions of years, mainly because the moon has no corrosive winds, rains, or atmosphere to destroy them. Perhaps the most symbolic find of all would be one of the 24 astronaut boots left lying on the lunar surface. That boot was responsible for implanting humankind's first footprint on the moon's dusty, barren and hostile surface.—ZNS

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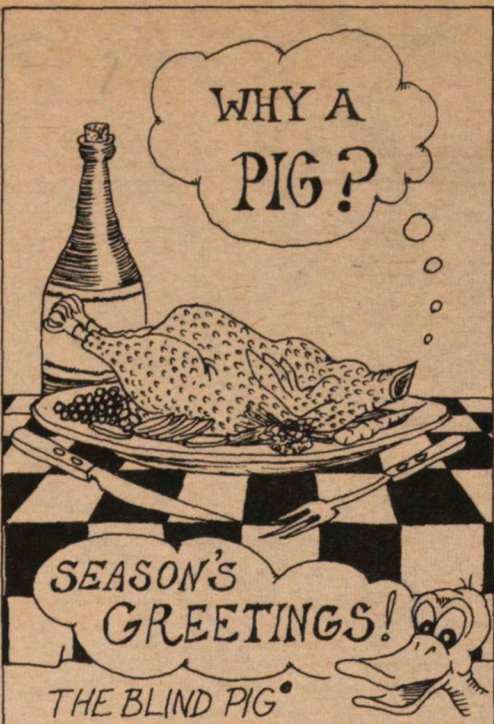
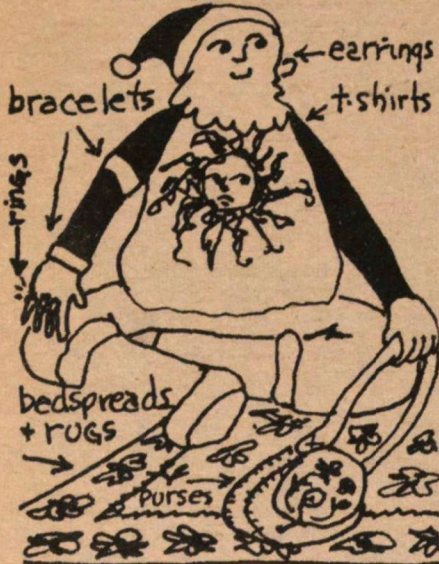
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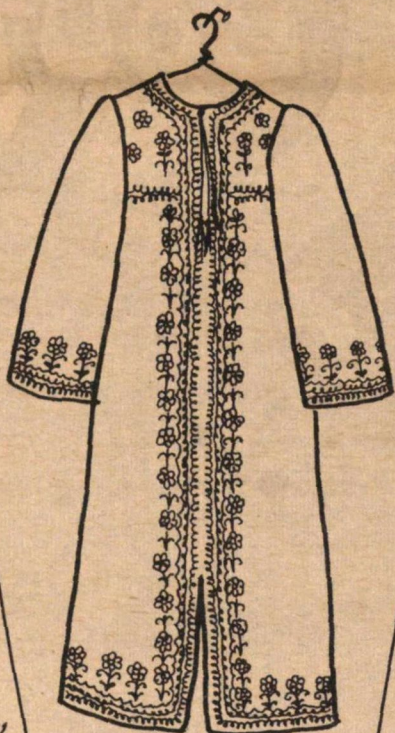
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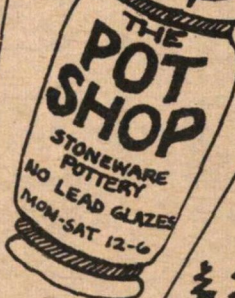
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Mackinac Jack's — Chain 75¢
Mr. Flood's — Dr. Stress Band 75¢
The Blind Pig — Brooklyn Blues Busters 75¢

SATURDAY DEC 16

MUSIC
Odyssey — Rockets 75¢
People's Ballroom — same as Friday
People's Ballroom — same as Friday
Mackinac Jack's — same as Friday
Mr. Flood's — same as Friday
The Blind Pig — Same as Friday

SUNDAY DEC 17

MUSIC
Toledo Sports Arena — DETROIT
The Blind Pig — Classical Music no cover
Flicks — John Nicholas 50¢
Mackinac Jack's — Lightnin' Slim and the Boogie Brothers & Sister 75¢
"Takin' Over" 3-7pm WNRZ-fm 102.9
"Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Fest of the Air"

MONDAY DEC 18

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — Bill Lynn & Hawg Tate 75¢
The Blind Pig — Absolutely Nothin' Free!
Odyssey — Diesel Smoke Dangerous Curves
Mackinac Jack's — A2 Sun Benefit w/Leaves of Grass & Deliverance 75¢

MEETINGS
Peoples Music & Ballroom Committee 7pm 1522 Hill
Community Center Project — 1pm, Community Center

TUESDAY DEC 19

MUSIC
Flick's — Mojo Boogie Band 50¢
Mr. Flood's — Erlewine Bros 25¢
The Blind Pig — Jazz w/Okra 50¢
Mackinac Jack's — Means of Persuasion 50¢

MEETINGS
People's Defense Committee — 4pm (call Network)
Tribal Council Steering Committee — 7:30pm, Canterbury House
Gay Liberation — 3rd fl Conf rm in the Union, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY DEC 20

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — Terry Tate 25¢
The Blind Pig — Jazz w/Okra 50¢
Odyssey — SRC 75¢
Mackinac Jack's — Means of Persuasion 50¢

MEETINGS
People's Food Committee — 7:30pm, Canterbury House
People's Education Committee — 8pm, Solstis School, 706 Oakland
Drug Help — 8pm, Community Center
Gay Awareness Women's Collective — 8:30pm, Feminist House, 225 E. Liberty

THURSDAY DEC 21

MUSIC
Lightnin' at Upstairs Ballroom, Lima, Ohio
Mojo Boogie Band at Lizard's in E. Lansing
Rockets at the Rock & Roll Farm in Wayne for two weeks T-Sun.
Mr. Flood's — D.C. Papke 75¢
The Blind Pig — Lightnin' Slim 75¢
Odyssey — Possum Creek 75¢
Mackinac Jack's — Blooziana 75¢



FILM
Jean Luc-Goddard's Sympathy for the Devil with the Rolling Stones, Modern Language Bldg, Aud III 8 & 10pm; Aud IV 7 & 9pm \$1.50

FRIDAY DEC 22

MUSIC
Mojo Boogie Band at Lizard's in E. Lansing
Mr. Flood's — D.C. Papke 75¢
The Blind Pig — Lightnin' Slim 75¢
Odyssey — Deep Throat 75¢
People's Ballroom — 8-12 \$1.00, 502 E. Washington, Rio Smokehouse and Diesel Smoke Dangerous Curves, Free child care at Children's Community Center 8-12
Mackinac Jack's — Blooziana 75¢

SATURDAY DEC 23

MUSIC
Mojo Boogie Band at Lizard's in E. Lansing
Mr. Flood's — same as Friday
The Blind Pig — same as Friday
Odyssey — same as Friday
People's Ballroom — same as Friday
Mackinac Jack's — same as Friday

SUNDAY DEC 24

MUSIC
The Blind Pig — Classical no cover!
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"Takin' Over" 3-7pm WNRZ-fm 102.9
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MEETINGS
People's Communication Committee — 4pm, 1522 Hill (A2 Sun, Radio Workshop, Rainbow Distribution, Network)

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Skilled Trades Committee — 7pm, 1520 Hill

MONDAY DEC 25

MEETINGS
People's Music & Ballroom Committee, 7:00pm, 1522 Hill
Community Center Project — 1pm, Community Center

TUESDAY DEC 26

MUSIC
Flick's — Mojo Boogie Band 50¢
Mr. Flood's — Erlewine Bros 25¢
The Blind Pig — Jazz w/Okra 50¢
Mackinac Jack's — live music & dancing

MEETINGS
People's Defense Committee — 4pm (call Network for place)
Tribal Network — 12:30pm Community Center (noon training for new workers)
Tribal Council Steering Committee 7:30pm, Canterbury House
Gay Liberation 8pm, 3rd fl Conf Room Union

WEDNESDAY DEC 27

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — Terry Tate 25¢
The Blind Pig — Jazz w/Okra 50¢
Mackinac Jack's — live music & dancing

MEETINGS
People's Food Committee 7:30pm, Canterbury House
People's Education Committee 8pm, Solstis School 706 Oakland
Drug Help 8pm Community Center
Gay Awareness Women's Collective — 8:30pm Feminist House, 225 E. Liberty

THURSDAY DEC 28

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — Mojo Boogie Band 75¢
The Blind Pig — Carey Bell 75¢
Mackinac Jack's — Radio King 75¢

FRIDAY DEC 29

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — Mojo Boogie Band 75¢
The Blind Pig — Carey Bell 75¢
People's Ballroom — 8-12, \$1.00, 502 E. Washington, Garfield Blues Band. Free child care Children's Community Center 8-12
Mackinac Jack's — Radio King 75¢

SATURDAY DEC 30

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — same as Friday
The Blind Pig — same as Friday
People's Ballroom — same as Friday
Mackinac Jack's — same as Friday

SUNDAY DEC 31

MUSIC
Mr. Flood's — same as Friday
Grande Ballroom — Lightnin' and Detroit
The Blind Pig — same as Friday
Flick's — John Nicholas 50¢
People's Ballroom — New Year's Eve Celebration with a FREE CONCERT... Wild Boys, Cruzonic Jazz Ensemble 8-2
"Takin' Over" 3-7pm WNRZ-fm 102.9
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MEETINGS
People's Communication Committee 4pm 1522 Hill (A2 Sun, Radio Workshop, Rainbow Distribution, Network)
Skilled Trades Committee — 7pm, 1520 Hill

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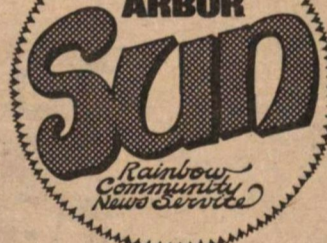
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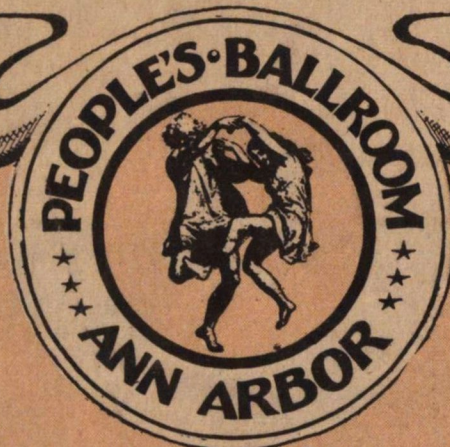
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