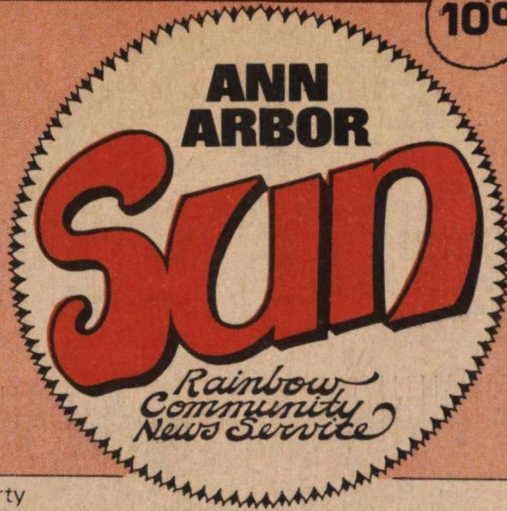


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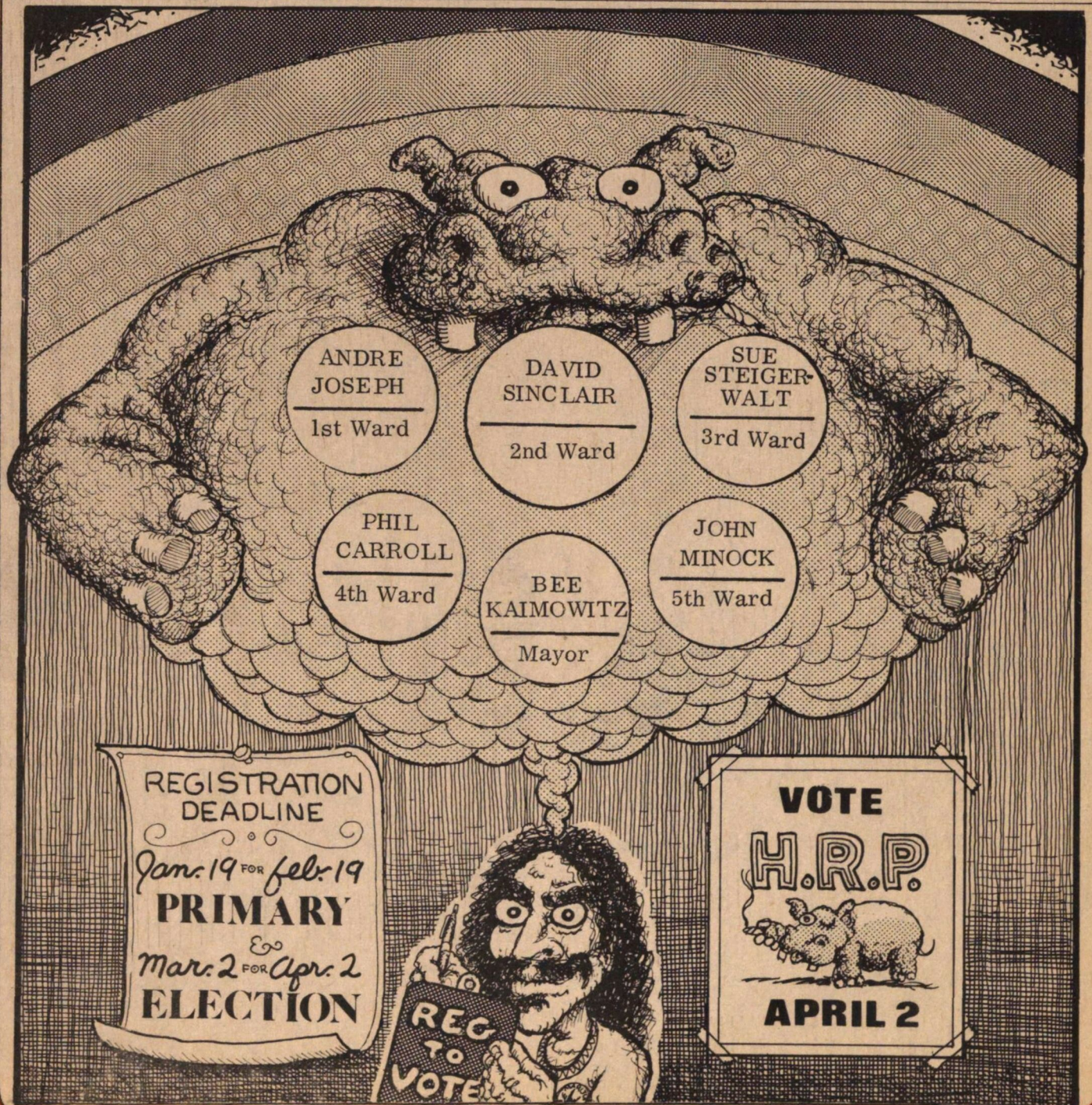
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Community STRUGGLES with HRP!



David Sinclair, candidate for 2nd Ward City Council seat in the Feb. 19 HRP Primary.

Party, and to exploit unresolved political differences which have developed among those organizations concerning the People's Defense Committee's public investigation of the fire and the fate of the People's Ballroom.

The Ann Arbor Tribal Council and the Rainbow People's Party had put out a massive call in hopes that the HRP would be re-humanized and brought back into the lives of the Ann Arbor community. The people of the rainbow community and other progressive people of Ann Arbor responded to the call in the hopes of having some input or influence over decisions that could affect their lives for years to come.

Many of the people who attended the meeting had never been to a political meeting before, had never taken an interest in politics or HRP. Unfortunately, these people were welcomed into a room full of hostility, back-biting, wierdo parliamentary procedure and vindictive attacks directed mainly against the Rainbow People's Party.

Parliamentary procedure was used throughout the meeting, as in the Democratic and Republican Parties, to stifle discussion and intimidate anyone who isn't experienced in student government or the gavel club. The way the HRP pros used parliamentary procedure it was impossible to hear all sides to a problem discuss it fully, and reach a collective decision. To the contrary, it left all of the political questions between the three political forces unanswered and unresolved, indeed because of parliamentary procedure it was impossible even to get all the questions out in the open so that *everyone* could make a judgement based on all the facts.

Several times throughout the night people asked that the rules be suspended so that free, righteously open discussion could be had. Everytime the vote was split, with the Tribal Council, RPP, and the rainbow community voting for full and open discussion. The Almonds, the Middles, and

their allies from C4 united in their vote to close off discussion, close off questions, and close off the meeting, finally.

The first and most crucial position decided was that of coordinator for the party. During the discussion and questioning of the three candidates for the office, many charges and attacks were leveled at the RPP through their candidate for coordinator, Linda Ross. These charges were never allowed to be discussed since at the beginning of the meeting a three-minute time limit had been imposed by parliamentary procedure. The main charge was that RPP was out to "take over" the HRP in some kind of "power play" despite the fact that for weeks ahead of the meeting the RPP had been *openly* talking about its intentions to work as closely as possible *with* HRP again to help bring it closer to the community as it had done last spring and tried to do in the fall.

In open caucuses weeks before the meeting many of the very same people had agreed Linda was the most qualified person in town to do the job as well as the only person who really wanted to do it. But at the end of the vote, after two countings, Susan Steigerwalt from the Chocolates Nuts won the position of coordinator with 112 votes, Bob Alexander from the Militant Middle Class came in second with 110 votes, and Linda Ross was third with 109 votes.

After this decision the room became noticeably emptier, and the rest of the voting results for steering committee showed clearly the honest interest of the rainbow community, many of whom stayed for the entire meeting. A slate for steering committee which included people from the Militant Middle Caucus as well as other community members had been endorsed by the RPP. The final steering committee elected by those who stayed included Diana Romanchuk and David Cahill for City Committee; Margo Nichols for Public Schools Committee; and the steer-

ing committee at large included Leni Sinclair, John Collins and Linda Ross from the Rainbow People's Party; Bob Rudnick, DJ from WNRZ-FM; Steve Nissen, former coordinator and campaign manager of the HRP, Leonard Sklar from Youth Liberation; Andi Barkas from the Free People's Clinic; and Sydney Solberg, who has worked with HRP for some time. All except Barkas and Solberg had been endorsed by the RPP as the best candidates.

The Rainbow People's Party had also worked to organize a Community State to run for the city offices up for election in the first HRP primary in February. Three out of the six offered candidates were RPP members, only one in a winning position. But this again was enough to cause extremely harsh charges that RPP was trying to "take over" the HRP in its own interests. After the January 11th meeting all the candidates but one was withdrawn in an attempt to show again the charges were false. David Sinclair will be running in the 2nd Ward where the RPP lives, where he can win, and where he is clearly the best candidate to do the job over the next couple of years.

It will be interesting to see how people work with each other over the next three months during these intense campaigning days. It was because of the Rainbow People's Party and Tribal Council's interest in broadening the involvement in the Human Rights Party that such a fervor was raised in the community to the point of such high community representation on the steering committee, and hopefully the fervor will continue to work to bring out all the contradictions between the various groups and resolve them in an educational instructive, and positive manner.

The next mass meeting is this Thursday, January 18, where hopefully a lot more will be discussed than at the last one. Bring some tokens and get ready to talk about some shit, we have a lot of work ahead of us. All Power to the People!

The SUN Editorial Board

Don't forget to REGISTER!

Ann Arbor has more young people registered to vote, percentage-wise than any other city in the state — and almost more than any in the country.

Nonetheless, City Clerk Harold Saunders estimates that as many as 15,000 — about half the number of total people who normally vote in a city election — are still not registered.

That's right! As many as 15,000 freeks and students.

So get down to the city clerk's office so you can use that power. All you have to be is 18 years old by April 2 and be living in Ann Arbor right now.

If you want to vote in the Feb. 19 primary you have until Jan. 19 to get registered. That's only a few days away.

The SUN urges you to hike down to City Hall, even though it's freezing cold out, and become a voter. That's what it's going to take if we hope to throw those dinosaurs out of City Hall.

HRP PRIMARY FEB. 19!!!

This spring there will be two elections in which HRP supporters can vote.

First on Feb. 19 you can vote for who you want to be on the HRP ticket for mayor and for the council seat from your ward.

Then, in April 2 you can vote for HRP to give the people representation on council.

The primary may be just as crucial, may be more crucial, than the general election. That's because this year you have a real choice in who you believe better represents the interests of the people.

Last year the HRP candidates were chosen at a convention of only a hundred people. This year the people, you and you and you, will pick the candidates.

The SUN urges you to vote, no matter where you live in the city, and to vote for the Rainbow slate of candidates. And especially if you live in the second ward, vote for David Sinclair.

VOICE of a PEOPLE

Question: Do you think HRP can win?

Jeff Cochran, Student—I think it's fairly cool but I don't think it'll win this spring. I Don't think it has enough support. Students seem more apathetic to shit whereas 2 years ago they weren't.



Dan McCormick, freak—I think the HRP is the best chance this town has got to get it's shit together. They have a chance in the elections. I'll put my time and energy into helping it happen.



Peggy Staigner, High School Student—I think HRP can win in the spring but I don't know if it will do any good, they been gettin into bein more elite and less into what the people really want. I think HRP can win this spring if they get back down to the people



Deborah Swanquist, New World Film Co-op—I think HRP is trying to represent the people but they don't have a lot of backbone. I think they lost in November because of lack of education in the community.



John Roberts, a student—I think the HRP can win the same offices they won last year but I don't think they can win in a city-wide race. I Think one of the reasons HRP lost in the fall was that the Democrats got pretty radical themselves. So the HRP and the Democrats were going for the same vote and the Republicans won. I think HRP is good but if you get out of the city I don't think you'll get much support. You pretty much gotta concentrate into a college campus.



This weeks Voice of a People was done by Alice Robertson on the Diaz!

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Mao Tse-tung



Friends,

Last night I called the Rainbow House to see if the UP were playing anywhere soon, when someone, this sister said that they were more or less dissolved. That you didn't feel you were progressing enough vocally and something about Scott having political differences. Both of these were evident in the past, but I never thought it'd come to this. In an interview with the UP in the old White Panther Party "SUNDANCE" newsservice, Scott says, "Yeah, reading is cool, but all you really got to do is look out the window." This showed a difference, but really it was just a view from a different but equally receptive angle. And about you not being vocally progressive wasn't a shock either, but more like a disappointment. You know there was something about you fuckers that made you come across more together than the "5" and I was sure you guys above any and ALL bullshit petty problems of today's commercial bullshit. And though you didn't sing like Mike Pinder, you were still fuckin KILLER! In fact you were exceptional because you had a voice I could relate to because you had a voice that came from your mind and energy, not just from any fucking school.

Man, the UP were a fucking killer band, but more they were a force that broke down all of the pig ruse barriers of stage performers and they were up there for our fucking good. The UP have always symbolized the vanguard of the true spirit of the Woodstock Nation and the youth movement. Their songs were jammed with meaning and energy, far surpassing the MC5 and all the big time corporate musicians. Their audience followed them, like I did, out of respect and appreciation for the no hype bullshit style of the show. JUST PLAIN GETTING EDUCATED AND GETTING IT ON!

The reason why they didn't catch on nationwide is the same reason I like them — they refused to knuckle under to the recording companies and their bullshit. They kept their shit above all else and the result was a hard-core grass roots type of support which the Stones can't produce. The UP typified what a true people's band should really be!

I hope that you people keep it together and don't let a few creeps get you down when we need you the most.

"GOT TO LET THEM KNOW, PILLAGE OF OUR NATION'S THROUGH!"

A Supporter always,
Steve K. from Detroit

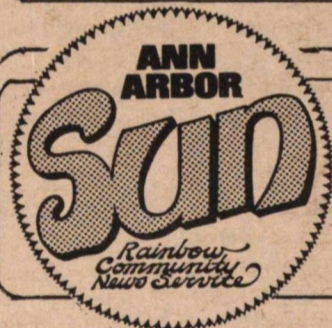
TO THE EDITOR:

The commentary of the kids who were questioned in the Sun's Dec. 15-29 Voice of a People, issue demonstrated, aside from the obvious fact that it is not currently fashionable to enjoy the typical public school experience, the additional fact that there might actually be something gained by attempting to improve our educational system. If I had my way, A.S. Neill's *Summerhill* would become a bible for educators on every level, the familiar grading system would be liquidated, and every student would be forthwith assigned to a competent tutor, instead of being run through the shitty-assed assembly-line-excuse for education that we all know and have all suffered from.

Our society now has a grand case of educational hemorrhoids; we are presently reaping the rewards for a system based on institutionalized intellectual buggery, with the result everyone has wound up getting royally screwed right up the old generation gap. . . with no regard for anyone's generation. A worthy alternative to this sorry state of affairs might be, as I have already suggested, the tutelage system, under which not only would each individual student be appropriately encouraged to proceed at his own pace, in phase with his particular personality and abilities, but under such a system — in which class attendance would not necessarily be mandatory — the educators would find themselves back on the employment rolls en masse, and not only that, but they would find their status thereby transformed to that of real teachers, relating to each pupil on a one-to-one basis, and not as plainclothes cops forcibly assigned to patrol classrooms a la Archie Bunker.

The sooner the old system is changed, all the more heartache will be avoided for everyone concerned — including those of us who are pros. Let's take hold of these ideas and persistently demand the change — until the change occurs.

A brother,
Arthur M. Maday
EMU Grad student



Editorial

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This coming February 19th, primary elections will be held to determine which of the multitude of candidates who have filed for positions on city council and for mayor will go on to run in the general city elections in April.

Once again the people of Ann Arbor will have the duty of going to the polls and participating in the electoral process that will eliminate those candidates that are found to be unacceptable.

In this election, as in all past elections, most candidates, particularly those in the Democratic and Republican parties, do not serve the basic needs of the community as a whole. Instead, they concentrate on those programs and ideals that further the monied and propertied interests that have long effectively held back the growth of the majority of the community and denied us our most basic human rights—those of adequate, clean, low-cost housing, food within reach of our incomes and homes, medical and health care when we need it, not when we can afford it, public transportation, warm clothing, and education that relates to our lives as we live them.

The inception of the Human Rights Party on the other hand was based on the principle that control of the government should belong in the hands of the people. The HRP was set-up as a vehicle wherein the community, through the electoral process, could institute concrete, practical programs that would begin to solve some of the basic contradictions of our lives and put the community in the position to move quickly toward controlling our own lives and filling our needs as only we, as a whole, can determine.

But since its initial institution the HRP, because of its narrow leadership, has deviated from this primary principle with increasing rapidity; has removed itself from the community in practical terms to, in effect, become a debate society for the development of abstract political ideologies that in no way relate concretely to the everyday problems of the majority of the young, black, poor, oppressed and powerless people in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.

However, even though the past leadership of the HRP hasn't adhered to those founding principles the SUN can only reiterate that, if the people are to rightfully gain any control through the electoral process of the government which sets the policies that affect our lives we must unite around the principles of the HRP platform to facilitate the growth of the organization as a viable third electoral party and reverse its present disintegration.

To set the forum for this reunification with the community the factional intrigues and personal disputes within the HRP that continue to waste the time and energy of the community, opaque concrete political issues, and nullify any attempts by the community to hook up with the organization must end. In the absence of unified political tactics, the primary principle upon which the party was founded—of serving the needs of the people—must be strengthened and embraced by the party as a whole.

It is in solidarity with these principles that the SUN makes the following endorsements: Bee Kamiowitz for mayor; Andrei Joseph, first ward; David Sinclair, second ward; Sue Steigerwalt, third ward; Phil Carrol, fourth ward; and John Minock, fifth ward.

These candidates represent different segments of the community and of the new HRP steering committee; and given the present conditions in the community are the best candidates to represent the various areas.

If the HRP is to survive and win any Council seats at all in this coming election, it must succeed in re-uniting with its constituency by beginning concretely to present programs and party that will deal directly with the problems of the people.

SOLIDARITY WITH EACH OTHER!!

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Larcom Quits Top City Job

Guy Larcom, the crew-cut city administrator who has run Ann Arbor city government for the past 16 years, has resigned as of Feb. 28.

Larcom has been under fire since two Humans were elected to City Council last spring after promising in their campaign to fire him.

Although Democratic council members had not gone along with HRP thus far, it was expected that new Democrats and Humans elected this spring might muster enough votes to axe him.

Instead, Larcom avoided a fight and handed in his resignation just before Christmas.

Since getting the city administrator's job when it was created in 1956, Larcom has been accused of pandering to downtown merchants.

Already Larcom apparently has a new job at about the same salary, as director of Ann Arbor Tomorrow. Larcom's new duties? To promote the downtown merchants.

Suit Challenges St. Joe's Cop-out

Another suit has been filed to try to stop St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from moving five miles outside Ann Arbor.

The suit was filed Dec. 22 after St. Joe's got permission to abandon its Ingalls St. location and move to Superior Twp. A coalition of community groups, which united under the name of the Washtenaw Community Hospital and Health Care Corp. (WCHHCC), has been fighting the move for several months.

WCHHCC argues that the Sisters of Mercy, the nunnery that owns St. Joe's, wants to convert the hospital into a prestigious research laboratory instead of treating poor patients.

A suit was filed earlier this year to legally turn St. Joe's into a public utility whereby people from the community could make decisions about St. Joe's future.

But Washtenaw Circuit Court Judge William Ager last month threw out that

suit, which would have kept St. Joe's in town where most of its patients live.

Soon after the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeast Michigan (SHPCSM) gave St. Joe's the green light Dec. 13 to go ahead with its plans to move.

That left the next move up to WCHHCC, which took its case to court again.

In this suit, WCHHCC said it hopes "to avoid short-sighted solutions to a major community issue and to help establish publicly accountable procedures through which cooperative efforts in hospital development can be realized."

Jim Pelikan, a WCHHCC member, contended that the CHPCSM was being "used" by St. Joe's against the people who pay the bills — the patients.

"Moving to Superior Twp. is only going to help hospital administrators and doctors who expect to get fat grants from the government for research,"

Pelikan explained. "As for the patients, all it means is that they have five more miles to drive for less and less help."

The struggle to prevent St. Joe's from moving is expected to last for several more months.

A decision on the suit will probably come down in February or March.

Even if WCHHCC does not actually stop St. Joe's, it hopes to force St. Joe's to accept certain concessions before relocating.

Already St. Joe's board of directors has agreed in writing to retain its emergency services and to help improve transportation to Superior Twp., possibly with shuttle buses and more ambulances.

In addition, St. Joe's promised to kick some banking executives and university officials off its Community Advisory Board and add poor people.

And it has pledged verbally, though not in writing, to keep costs down.

Supreme Court Okays Dem-HRP Ward Plan

Ann Arbor's Republicans tried everything from taking their case to a biased Republican judge to debating whether to use police persuasion against the Democrats and Humans. But they failed to stop the new ward boundary plan that now goes in to effect for this spring's election.

The ward plan, hammered out in a compromise by Democrats and Humans, is designed to prevent Republicans from gaining a majority on City Council for the next ten years.

The Republican court challenge against the plan, however, did cause a lot of confusion and delayed the filing deadline for spring candidates from Jan. 2 to Jan. 12 (See page one for election story).

A Democrat-HRP coalition on City Council approved the ward plan Dec. 3. Almost immediately the Republican high command tried to upset the plan. The first move was for a trio of prominent Republicans to file suit in Washtenaw Circuit Court.

The Republicans won the first round when a fellow Republican, Judge William Ager, ruled the plan was not proper because it had not allowed enough time for prospective candidates to find out if they lived in a new ward.

The Democrats and Humans countered by ordering City Attorney Jerry Lax to appeal Ager's ruling.

The Republican city council members were infuriated. "This is being turned into a political football," pouted Councilman John McCormick, as if the Republicans had never played politics before.

So the Republicans called a council meeting to try to head off Lax' appeal. But no one came. At least, no Democrats or Humans showed up.

That left just the five Republican council members, one short of the quorum needed to take official action.

McCormick growled that the Democrats and Humans should be forced to attend. "Maybe we should ask the police to roust them out and get them down here," another Republican quickly suggested. "I think the rules allow us to do that."

But when the Republicans found the appropriate rule in the rulebook they discovered that police could only be used to "assist" council members to meetings — not to "compel" them.

"There ought to be something we could do," lamented McCormick.

Actually, it would not have made much difference whether the Democrats or Humans had shown up, since none of them

were going to side with the Republicans anyway.

As it turned out, the Republicans also won the second round of the court fight when the State Appellate Court refused to hear Lax' appeal.

But Lax, a partisan Democrat himself, then went over the head of the Appellate Court to the State Supreme Court, which is controlled by Democrats.

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court did not have time to hear the case right away, not before newly-elected Justice Mary Coleman was added to the court on Jan. 1.

Justice Coleman, an arch-reactionary Republican, demanded that the Supreme Court hold a full hearing on the case instead of giving a hurry-up decision the Democrats wanted.

Finally, three days past the Jan. 2 deadline originally set for spring candidates, the Democrats on the Supreme Court prevailed. They overturned Ager's ruling and reinstated the Dem-HRP ward plan.

They said that by extending the deadline to Jan. 12 possible candidates should have enough time to decide whether to jump in the race or not.

Has Harvey Flipped Out?

Former Sheriff Doug Harvey, tossed out of office last fall by the voters after eight years as a virtual dictator of Washtenaw County, is reported to be in line to become police chief of Green Oak Township.

Harvey will have to take a cut in pay from \$20,000 to less than \$10,000 and a reduction in department size from 180 to five. But he'll still be a boss.

Green Oak Township is a small burg near Whitmore Lake in Livingston County. Green Oak officials say Harvey has been living there for about a year, in apparent violation of a county residency requirement for sheriff.

Not that it really matters anymore. Harvey is rumored to have plenty problems.

Associates of his claim he is close to a nervous breakdown. Harvey has spent a good deal of time in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital since his defeat, allegedly for a physical and emotional checkup.

The rest of the time he's spent out of town, and out of reach of reporters and critics.

All Harvey has been willing to say on the record recently is that "I'm damn sick of politics."



Postill Now Top Gun

Newly-elected Washtenaw County Sheriff Fred Postill, who put his liberal credentials on the line Jan. 1 when he took office, seems to be keeping some but not all of his campaign promises.

On the one hand, Postill says he will fulfill his pledge "to place the lowest possible priority on marijuana arrests."

On the other hand, Postill has refused to fire several top officers, including former Undersheriff Harold Owings, all of whom he led voters to believe would be canned. And Postill has also ignored an advisory board he promised to listen to.

Postill's progressive policy on weed means that it is now apparently safer to get caught by the sheriff's department with weed than it is to be picked up by the Ann Arbor police. That is, if Postill is indeed telling the truth. So far there is no evidence to tell one way or another.

Postill says he has ordered his deputies not to seek out people who smoke weed and not to bust people if the deputies find it on someone.

As an example, Postill cited the case of a brother picked up for disorderly conduct while carrying a couple of lids. "In that kind of case," Postill said, "I've given orders that no marijuana arrest is to be made."

Postill stopped short of saying deputies would be fired if they disobeyed the orders. But he did announce: "If the priorities of the department are not followed, that would be cause for a transfer."

At the same time, Postill admitted his department will still bust anyone caught dealing large quantities of weed.

But, overall, Postill's policy is clearly more liberal than that of the Ann Arbor police who are busting people under the

state law, which permits a 90-day jail sentence, while the city's \$5 pot law is being appealed.

District Judge S.J. Elden struck down the \$5 law, which set the maximum penalty for use and possession of pot at a \$5 fine. The \$5 law is expected to go back in force as soon as an appeals court rules on it — but that may be another few months.

Meanwhile, Postill has gotten cold feet about kicking out some bogue cops who learned how to abuse their power under former Sheriff Doug Harvey.

As responsible as anyone for the brutality of Harvey's eight-year regime was Harold Owings, Harvey's undersheriff. Yet Postill has permitted Owings to stay on in the department, even though he demoted Owings to lieutenant rank.

Postill has also retained several other Harvey sidekicks. In fact, he's only given the boot to nine persons, including Harvey's wife and secretary (he's kept Harvey's son), out of 180 people in the sheriff's department.

One person Postill has hired is Frank Donnelly, a 41-year-old ex-convict who will work with prisoners as part of the Washtenaw County Jail Treatment Program (WCJTP).

Whether Donnelly will turn out to be a good choice is not yet clear.

What is important, though, is that Postill made the appointment without consulting with the WCJTP advisory board, a group of community people whose recommendations he had pledged to heed.

Future issues of the SUN will carry an in-depth interview with Postill and further reports on what he's doing in the top law enforcement job in the county.

Every day it becomes more apparent that the people of Ann Arbor have got to organize themselves and wrest control from the hands of the people now in control of the local government. The two following City Council News stories are the latest blatant examples of how City Council serves the needs of the business community instead of the needs of the people.

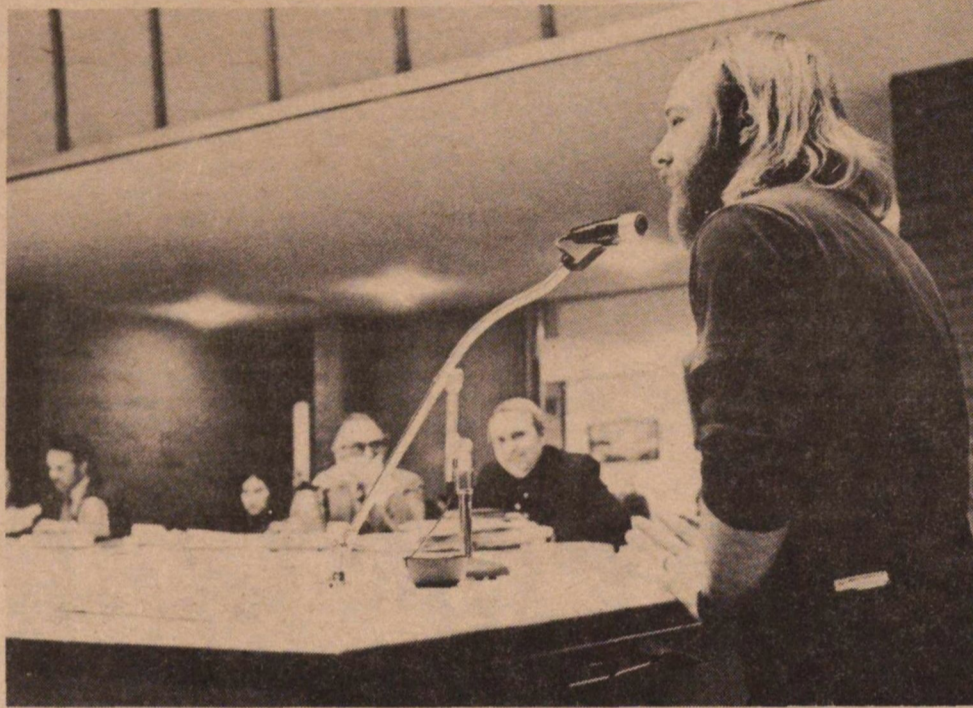
Despite two urgent requests for help in getting together a Tribal Council Community Center and two assurances from Mayor Harris that the city was indeed going to help, the Democrats and Republicans on Council, including Harris, ordered the demolition of the entire fire torn Washington St. structure, part of which people had been working on every day since the fire in the belief it could be renovated.

It's being razed to make way for a parking structure even though the new plan for mass transportation means there will be no long range need for it as people depend less and less on the automobile. Richard Berger of Ann Arbor Tomorrow, an organization dedicated to building up the Central Business District admits that even existing parking structures may be torn down.

After the Dec. 15 fire at the Community Center it became apparent that the front of the building had to be torn down, but that the back, which had housed the People's Ballroom, could be repaired. So starting two days after the fire 20-30 people went down to start the giant cleanup project to get the Ballroom back into working order and to build the Tribal Council Committee offices in the area slated to be the Artists' Workshop before the fire.

The Monday after the fire, Tribal Council went to Council and asked the city to renegotiate the lease (which was held by the Community Center Coordinating Council, known as C-4) and give it to Tribal Council so it could get on with the renovation work. Then C-4 (whose offices of Drug Help, Ozone House & Free Clinic were totally burned out along with Tribal Council offices and who have been able to relocate and continue their crisis services) turned the lease for Washington St. structure back over the city. So Tribal Council went to City Council once again to underline the serious need for the Community Center & People's Ballroom because of the worsening hard drug problems and to ask again that the city renegotiate the lease and take an active role in combatting the problems of young

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Jan Callahan, Drug Help representative, speaks at City Council in support of Tribal Council.

people by providing a better ballroom, big enough to support itself, along with the Tribal Council office space it had asked for before.

At that same council meeting, only hours after hearing about the serious problems in the community and the obvious solution of a Community Center and after Mayor Harris tried to get Genie Plamondon's promise to vacate the building in November without promising anything in return, Council decided to tear down the entire structure now. Republican Councilmen McCormick (up for re-election in the 5th Ward) even tried to insist the city had ab-

solutely no responsibility to find another building for the Ballroom.

The Ballroom and Workshop areas on Washington St. weren't slated for demolition until next November, but since the City once again had control of the lease and had to tear down the front of the building anyway, it now says it's \$1,000 cheaper to tear down both parts right now.

And the reason the building was slated for demolition in the first place is because the city made a deal with the Ann Arbor Bank to buy the land and turn it into a parking structure which means that if the

land isn't used for the parking structure it goes right back to the Ann Arbor Bank.

What's more, the city didn't allot the money to buy the property in the first place and now must sell a bond to pay off its debt to the Bank.

That leave us with no People's Ballroom and no Community Center. So we ask, what's next? Will the city provide a Tribal Council Community Center or would it rather see the problems in the community multiply until they become a thousand times more costly than any building the City could ever provide?

FEDS GET THEIR BUILDING — PEOPLE GET THE SHAFT

City officials, local businessmen and some local realtors are all excited over the new site for the local fascist shrine, the Federal Building of Washtenaw County. The city will get \$38,000/year in taxes from the building and merchants hope it will increase business. Certain local realtors who participated in the downtown land grab that had competing realtors speculating on the Building site and buying up corresponding property are happy because their gamble paid off.

So now the Eberbach building, the Varsity Laundry and the Masonic Temple, all perfectly good buildings that could have been put to use by the people for Community Centers or a People's Ballroom will be razed in favor of a \$5 million monstrosity that will almost take up the entire block bounded by Liberty, 4th & 5th Avenue.

There were other sites considered like the burned out & razed corner of Main & Huron next to the Greyhound Bus Station or the infamous Ann St. block, but the government had to choose the site (or was made to see how profitable it would be to choose a site) that already had useful existing structures.

The building will be constructed by private developers and will be leased to the Feds for 20 years after which they'll buy it.

So everyone is happy but the people of Ann Arbor, as one more huge ugly place of wierdo architecture goes up to join buildings like the County Building; City Hall and Bell Telephone that already mar downtown.

—Linda Ross

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IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS PARTY PRIMARY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON FEB. 19, YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE BY JANUARY 19!! TO REGISTER, GO DOWN TO CITY HALL THIS WEEK BETWEEN 9 AND 5. USE THE POWER—REGISTER AND/ OTE! REGISTER AND VOTE!

The Human Rights Party of Michigan is holding a state-wide convention Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, in the Faculty Club Lounge in the Michigan Union, starting at 11:30 on Sat. and 12 on Sunday. RE HUMANIZE HRP!

For information about what's going on in town, call the Community Switchboard, 663-1111. And watch for the TRIBAL NETWORK to start operating soon!

The Ann Arbor SUN needs artists— people who can letter, draw graphics and cartoons, and or layout. If you're interested, contact Kathy Kelley, 761-1709.

S.O.S. Community Crisis Center serving the Ypsilanti area and surrounding communities is having their next volunteer training session sometime in late February. It will consist of over 70 hours of comprehensive training in all aspects of crisis intervention and counseling and learning to deal with any contact they may encounter working on the phones or in the house. If you are into helping out or becoming a crisis worker call 485-3322 and leave your name.

LAY A LITTLE LIGHTNIN' ON YOURSELF! The second 45 released by Rainbow Record you'll catch Lightnin' flashes at both Discounts, Salvation, or Record World in Ypsi (lots of oldies too!). Tune In to WNRZ 102.9 (663-0569) or WAAM (971-1600) to hear Hijackin' Love!

Since the fire at the Community Center on Dec. 15, the organizations which had been in the center have had a hard time getting everything functioning again. The Community Center Coordinating Council organizations have moved to the old Canterbury House (above Marks)—Ozone House, Drug Help, Free Clinic (seeing patients in the U-M Outpatient Clinic starting at 7 p.m. Mon—Thurs) and Community Center Project. Send contributions for C4

organizations, to Box 366, Ann Arbor. The Tribal Council organizations (People's Ballroom, Tribal Network, Ann Arbor SUN, and People's Committee offices) seem to have no space, since city council voted to tear down our community center (see city council news). To help the Tribal Council People's Community Center get together, send donations (any amount gladly accepted!) to Box 372, Ann Arbor Michigan.

The Ann Arbor SUN is desperately looking for 2 or 3 LARGE rooms somewhere in the central area of town to set up operations! We want to be able to write, produce and distribute the SUN from community offices. Got any leads call Kathy Kelley at 761-1709. Also if you have any spare materials, prestype, paper, typewriters, border tape, or YOURSELF get ahold of Kathy to help MOVE the SUN.

The Blind Pig got a far-out pen & ink drawing of a wooden nickel with a pig instead of a Buffalo on it for Christmas. It disappeared from the Pig before they could hand it up. If you can help them get it back call 769-1849.

If you were at the People's Ballroom, or at the Community Center on Dec. 15 when the fire broke out, then you should truck on down to 1520 Hill St or call us at 761-1709. We're the Ann Arbor Tribal Council Defense Committee and we're conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the fire and its results. We need to talk to YOU.

The People's Recycling Committee would like to recycle what the people of Ann Arbor put in their garbage cans—instead of taking all that stuff and dumping it somewhere, recycling it! The Recycling Committee needs the use of a truck in order to do this—if you can help, come to the Recycling Committee meeting— call Community Switchboard for thime and place.

"IT'S TIME TO PUT AWAY CHILDISH THINGS..."

Statement of the RAINBOW PEOPLE'S PARTY on the HUMAN RIGHTS PARTY

In the past three issues of the SUN we have attempted to analyze the current political situation *vis a vis* electoral politics in the light of the fall elections on the federal and local levels. In our last issue (No. 45) we discussed the present state of the Washtenaw County Human Rights Party in the light of the analysis we presented early last fall (SUN No. 39, September 1-15) and of the HRP's miserable results in the November elections.

Toward the end of the statement in the last issue we announced an "open" meeting of the HRP for January 11th and put out a call for brothers and sisters from the rainbow community to come to the meeting and help us "rebuild the Human Rights Party we helped build last spring, before the super-intellectual element took over the party." In closing we asked especially that "people who have been interested in the HRP but have been turned off by the campus-radical elements . . . join with us at this time in making the HRP what our community needs it to be."

On January 11th a great many people in the community responded to the call for the massification of the Human Rights Party. Over 350 people packed first the Faculty Lounge and then the Anderson Room in the Michigan Union to see what the HRP was all about — hopefully to hear political issues brought forth and debated openly to a positive conclusion, at the worst to witness for themselves the condition we've been attempting to describe in these pages, a condition which we feel very strongly has crippled the HRP and has drawn it farther and farther away from the immediate problems and needs of the people of this community.

We ourselves had hoped to be able to bring forth in the public forum of the "open" mass meeting the serious political arguments we have been advancing in this space concerning the direction the Human Rights Party has taken in the past few months, so that all the people in attendance could listen to and participate in the debate and draw conclusions based on the facts and proofs presented and not on rumors, innuendoes, muttered charges and imprecations, threats, hisses, and no political discussion at all, as is usually the case at the typical campus-radical meetings.

We are committed as an organization to educating politically the people of our community, to bringing people off the street into active involvement in political activity, to raising the political consciousness not of tens but of thousands of people in this community to higher and higher levels, and to bringing political issues and political contradictions among groups working in the community out in the open where people can study, understand, and help resolve the problems for themselves. We understand that there are many more people like ourselves in the rainbow community, people who are deeply interested in political issues and want desperately to do something positive and constructive about the condition of the planet, and we believe that the way these people can get involved is through the most open and wide-ranging discussions of political issues throughout the community, both formally and informally, orally and in print, everywhere there are people and in every form people can relate to.

These statements in the SUN are presented as regularly as we can manage to get time to write them in the interest of stirring up political debate not just in small intellectual circles, but openly and publicly, in every sector of the community we try to serve. We not only write our views and mouth them privately, but we publish them as widely as we can and stand ready to discuss them further in other public contexts, of which mass community meetings



of one kind or another present the best opportunities for open political discussion and debate. We also have a practice, a continuing history of activity, which we offer daily in support of our theories, and to which we will continually refer any of the ideas and views we might put forth in the community. Our first principle in political discussions, in fact, is best phrased in the simple statement, "Social practice is the sole criterion of truth."

At the HRP mass meeting January 11th many people talked of the necessity of open political discussion; others paid homage to the idea of involving masses of people in the political activity of the Human Rights Party; and others mouthed the principle of unity within the HRP. These lofty views remained only empty platitudes, however, as the practice of the people who espoused these views indicated just the opposite intentions: to keep issues from being debated openly, to keep the HRP closed to everyone but campus radicals, social workers, intellectuals, petty bureaucrats and other people intimately conversant with Robert's Rules of Order, and to keep any kind of principled unity from developing within the HRP by stifling all discussion of political differences and instead ramming candidates and resolutions through in the traditional gang manner.

None of the HRP party regulars nor their tightly organized supporters many of whom stayed only to vote for Coordinator, after ensuring the shortest possible discussion of the issues before the vote, had any interest in submitting their charges and accusations, or even their past and present practice, to public discussion. Instead, each faction—the "Chocolate Almond" faction and the "Militant Middle" faction—concentrated solely on knocking down any efforts by people from the community to extend the time allowed a person to speak on an issue (3 minutes!), and then jumped in rudely whenever someone would try to speak longer than that on a question of particular gravity.

They would use their so-called "parliamentary procedure" as a weapon against

people off the street, preventing issues from coming up for discussion, cutting people off in the middle of their statements, making rapid-fire 3-minute slanderous accusations and charges and then retreating behind the phony shield of parliamentary procedure, making a mockery of the "open meeting" (with which many of us have a great deal of positive, constructive experience via the Tribal Council and the Community Meetings before that) and then having the nerve to call upon people—to demand of them—that they obey the dictates of the mass meeting even though they were manipulated out of participating in any discussion of the issues involved.

As a result of the contradictions which presently exist among various groups in the community, particularly those contradictions between the Rainbow People's Party and the ultra-leftist/right-opportunist elements in the Human Rights Party on the one hand, and between the Tribal Council organizations and the C4 faction on the other, and as a result of our attempts at generating wide public discussion of those contradictions through our statements in the paper and our practice at other community meetings, the Rainbow People's Party was accused by both the Chocolate Almond radicals and the Militant Middle radicals (along with their C4 supporters who entered into the HRP picture only at the last moment, and only in the most opportunistic possible way) of plotting to "take over" the Human Rights Party, for itself, through some kind of "power play" at the meeting.

The RPP was defined by these elements as a secretive, "closed," self-interested clique which is engaged in many efforts at many times to "take over" the organizations with which it attempts to work in the community. Our politics and our practice—which includes prison terms for four of our members on crimes such as possession of marijuana, possession of a falsified draft card, and harboring a federal fugitive, that is, clearly given us because of our political views and activity—were ridiculed and attacked as "opportunist" and "self-inter-

ested," as "too narrow" or "chauvinistic" or whatever else they could come up with.

The serious political charges we have made in this paper against the "Chocolate Almonds" ultra-leftists and their right-opportunist friends in the "Militant Middle" clique were totally avoided and instead characterized as "personal attacks" on a few insignificant individuals who thought to inflate their sense of self-worth by applying our general criticisms to themselves ("You're So Vain"ism). Our stated desire and commitment to expanding the base of the HRP and re-establishing the principles which were advanced last spring, while at the same time bringing the HRP's internal practice up to its present level of rhetoric ("open meetings," "democratic discussion," etc.) were characterized as transparent power-plays meant to give control to ourselves over everyone else in the HRP and the community.

Between the publication of the last issue of the SUN (No. 45), containing our statement on the HRP, and the mass meeting last Thursday, these charges and accusations mounted higher and higher against us by the day. The Chocolate Almonds returned to town after their holiday vacations and began organizing their own power play, which they've perfected after so many years of participating in student government and other campus organizations; the Militant Middles called meetings to "save the party" and begged all those people in the community with grudges against the RPP—particularly the C4 clique—to join with them in staving off the RPP "take-over" of the HRP.

Both factions, neither of which had been particularly interested in taking on the responsibility of providing leadership for the party in the spring electoral campaigns, upon hearing of our intention to nominate Linda Ross for party Coordinator, immediately began scurrying around after a Coordinator candidate of their own, with Susan Steigerwalt even violating the basic "unwritten rule" of the HRP ("unwritten

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TUNE IN

WNRZ 102.9 FM 663-0569

6-10am Mike Green (M-Sat)
 10-3pm Peter Steinmetz (M & Sat)
 Bob Rudnick (Tues-Fri)
 3-8pm Bob Rudnick (M) All Right!
 Mike O'Brien (Tues-Sat)
 8-1am Larry Monroe (Mon-Fri)
 Jerry Goodwin (Sat)
 1-6am Jerry Goodwin (Mon)
 off air (Tues)
 Ann Christ (W-Sat)

SUNDAY

1-6am Jerry Goodwin
 noon-3pm Pete Steinmetz

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 Paul Greiner (M)
 7-11pm Dennis Frawley
 11-3am Dan Carlisle (M-W)
 Paul Greiner (Th-F)
 3-7am Jack Broderick (M-Tues)
 Dick Thyne (W,T,F)

WEEKENDS

7am-noon Jack Broderick
 noon-5pm Mark Parenteau (Sat)
 Dave Dixon (Sun)
 5-10pm Dan Carlisle
 10pm-2am Paul Greiner
 2-7am Dick Thyne

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 4-6 Gary Barton (Mon-Fri)
 7pm Seminar in Black (Mon)
 8-9pm Altogether Now - Women's Radio Workshop (Mon)
 Jazz Today w/Bud Spangler

TUESDAY

10:30-11:30am Detroit Listners Digest
 Total requests
 10:30pm Dimension w/Charles Moore

WEDNESDAY

10:30-11:30am Altogether Now-Women's Radio Workshop
 El Grito de mi Raza
 7pm Indian to Indian
 12 midnight Available Space w/Phil Mendelson

THURSDAY

12:30 Roots of Rock w/Ted Lucas
 6-8pm Jazz Yesterday
 11:30pm Band Pass w/ Stu Witmer

FRIDAY

11pm No Small Song w/Stu Witmer

SATURDAY

noon-5pm For My People (black affairs)
 5-8pm Kaleidophone w/Kenny Cox
 midnite rerun of Jazz Today w/Bud Spangler

WCBN 105.5 FM 761-3500

MONDAY - FRIDAY

noon-4pm Progressive Rock
 4-7pm Folk
 7-8pm "Public Service" Shows
 8-11pm Rhythm & Blues
 11pm-3am Progressive Rock

SATURDAY

noon-4pm Progressive Rock
 4-5pm New Releases
 5-11pm Progressive Rock

WNRZ-FM went through yet another shift in management recently when George Sproul replaced Wray Rutledge in the manager's chair. George has been an active resident of Ann Arbor for some time, most recently doing an evening talk show on NRZ called The Meeting, and his appointment to the position of stationhead is yet another welcome step forward for WNRZ and the community. . . Soon after George got his new job from the station owner in Chicago the plan was arrived at for the WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON! (see opposite page) set to start at 9 p.m. on Monday, January 22nd.

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WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON SET FOR JAN. 22

In the aftermath of last month's fire which destroyed much of the Community Center on Washington St. and badly damaged the People's Ballroom, the organizations who were the victims of the blaze have been struggling to get back in operation as quickly as they can. People from all over the community feel the concrete loss of the Community Center & Ballroom and are looking for ways they can help get it quickly back together.

Besides finding volunteers who can do the physical work the reconstruction effort is most of all going to take hard cash. Thousands of dollars are needed in order to fix the roof of the Ballroom and get it functioning again (that is if the City Council doesn't decide to pave it over next November with yet another parking lot, as they've promised), to build office space for the Tribal Council Committees, and to move Ozone House, Drug Help, the Free People's Clinic and the Community Center Project (which together make up the Community Center Coordinating Council, otherwise known as C4) from temporary facilities now set up at Canterbury House to their own more permanent facilities elsewhere in town.

To help raise the needed funds the staff of WNRZ-FM first proposed the idea for the WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON as a way that everyone could participate in the quest for the cash through the unifying electronic medium of radio. A series of meetings between members of Tribal Council, C4 and the radio station put together this plan for what you'll be hearing on your radio and hopefully responding to starting next Monday.

ON THE AIR!

The Marathon will start at 9 pm on Monday night, January 22 and continue on through all of Tuesday until 1 am on Wednesday, January 24th. During this entire 28 hour period WNRZ's regular programming will be given over to the effort to get the money. The regular NRZ disc jockeys will be talking throughout most of the day and night with representatives from Tribal Council and C4 and other people from the community, spinning the records, and



Righteous Radio in ACTION!

switching to the live broadcasts which will originate from each of the three stomp-down benefits that have been arranged to take place during the Marathon.

You'll be able to tune in to 102.9 FM on Monday night the 22nd and hear LIGHTNIN' and RADIO KING AND HIS COURT OF RHYTHM from Mackinack Jacks; on Tuesday afternoon from the Blind Pig it'll be the MOJO BOOGIE BAND and DIESEL-SMOKE/DANGEROUS CURVES; and on Tuesday night the 23rd IRON HORSE EXCHANGE and LOCO MOTION direct from the Odyssey. The live transmission will include interviews with the bands done by WNRZ staffers and members of the People's Communications Committee.

BRING IN THE BUCKS!

Also on the air the DJ's and everyone else will be continually getting down to the nitty gritty of the whole deal — how you can be a part of the reconstruction drive. You can contribute to the marathon by:

1. Calling in a pledge of money or needed equipment to the special Marathon hot line number and then mailing your donation to WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON, PO Box 5, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48107.
2. Throwing your spare bills or change into the Marathon bucket drive which will be covering the town all day Tuesday.
3. Or by going down to dig on the live music at the bars (if you're old enough—our apologies to the brothers and sisters

under 18, who probably miss the People's Ballroom more than anyone.) The bands are donating their time and the bars will be turning over the entire cover admission charges to the Marathon fund.

Money will also be coming in from sponsorship ads being sold to local merchants by the Tribal Council Finance Committee as a way they too can support the Marathon. WNRZ will not broadcast any of its regularly scheduled commercials during the 28 hours it's giving over to the community and instead all payments for advertising will go into the Marathon fund.

All money collected will be split fifty-fifty between C4 and Tribal Council.

To make this effort a success a whole lot of people need to be listening and contributing, which means working on publicity. To this end Rainbow Graphics has designed for free a series of flyers announcing the Marathon which will be printed at cost by Rainbow Press and put out on the streets by Rainbow Distribution. Also the WNRZ staff and the People's Communications Committee will be producing radio ads announcing the event and sending out press releases to inform the local media so they can let people know about the Marathon up front.

PHEW! As you can see pulling off this multi-leveled, community effort is going to involve a lot of people working together in a coordinated fashion towards the same goal. The fact that we're now able to approach something of this complexity shows how much our community has grown, especially in terms of the material resources we now have access to. If we can pull off the Marathon successfully (and that depends on you as much as on those of us working on it from this end) we can go on from there to turn the man's technology ever further around.

BRING US TOGETHER ELEC TRONICALLY!

David Fenton for the WNRZ COMMUNITY MARATHON



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This current ROCK AND ROLL album is a good N' High energy. What the Edgar Winter Group and what people are saying and playing is getting more progressive all the time! We want to get it together!

OUR TIME WILL COME AT LAST,
OUR DAY IS COMING FAST
OUR LOVE IS GONNA LAST
WHEN IT COMES WE'LL FEEL A
WHOLE LOT BETTER
WE KNOW HOW IT OUGHT TO BE,
WE JUST GOTTA GET DOIN IT!

There are many killer relatable tunes, one HANGIN AROUND is truly a tune of the times, with no People's Ballroom we're all just hanging around and trying to get ourselves a place again. Or there is the ROCK AND ROLL BOOGIE WOOGIE BLUES. That tune is telling us all that—

JAMS

WE STARTED OUT WITH A BOOGIE WOOGIE BEAT.
THERE WAS NOTHING TO LOSE.
WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT,
I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT.

Or UNDERCOVER MAN telling us to watch out for the man that's doing everything he can do to bust our asses. Sneaking around our back door. What are we letting him in for? REALLY! Somebody IS WATCHING YOU!

Two other tunes really left an impression with us, FREE RIDE AND WE ALL HAD A REAL GOOD TIME. They must have been recorded before most of the other tunes because they feature Michigan's own JOHNNY BADANJEKE (The BEE MACHINE) with a steadiness we can only hear now with the Rockets. Johnny had been going through a lot of changes with Detroit, quit, and went to New York to join the Edgar Group. Spent three weeks in the studio with the Group, recording two tunes, and then at Edger's urging left to form his own group. ROCKETROLL NOW!

The Edgar Winter Group has been going through a lot of changes, personal image, but the Rock and Roll remains GREAT. A lot of freaks pick up on the cover and see a brother on the front with the Maybelline Corporation all over his face. There are a lot of ways that people interpret this, one way, the way that we see as being the most progressive, is that if these brothers (or

sisters that still wear makeup) come out all the way they won't have to wear makeup at all. They don't only come out at night.

We know that gay liberation, sisters and brothers liberation is all the same thing, one won't happen without the other. One of the very strong controls we have been fighting is what the honkies say people are supposed to look like. Look in any honky magazine and you can see all the makeup you want, even on the men. It ain't nothing new. (And it also isn't new for capitalists rock and roll managers to use these images to make money, twisting the real person into an image that means \$\$\$\$ for them.

Why freaks have been struggling for years to look like they really look, trying to find a real person under all the romance, makeup and image twisting. We can now that what we are saying about wanting to be free with our brothers and sisters is righteous! The MUSIC on this album shows that, —THE KILLER ROCK AND ROLL OF 1973 if it were wrong the music would backwards We can recommend the rock and roll and don't be misled by the unreal glamor of something that at it's heart is TOTALLY REAL AND RIGHTEOUS! We'll be playing it so TUNE IN from 3-7 WNRZ FM in Ann Arbor! OUTRAGEOUS ROCK AND ROLL RADIO!

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Gato Barbieri is an Argentine (and thus Third World) tenor saxophonist in the Pharoah Sanders' tradition: *mucho* energy, freeform shrieks and wails, simple yet beautiful melodies and rhythms. Among his sidemen on this 1969 date are Archie Shepp regulars Roswell Rudd (trombone), Beaver Harris (drums) and Charlie Haden (bass).

Barbieri's uniqueness lies in his fusion of South American folk and tango melodies with spaced-out New York City style jazz, and in his tone, which remains solid and clear no matter how freaky and energized the music gets (and it does!)

Although this LP has been available, not too many people are familiar with it. Don't miss a chance to hear some different horn energies from this mad Argentine: pick up on *The Third World*.

Steve MacKay

GREAT UNITY;

For thousands of years the Vietnamese people have been united, they've united around the land, they've united around their struggle for survival. They're carved and sculpted the land in their own peaceful, balanced image. They've moved the earth to create a system of dams & dikes that harness the energy of the land and the water and use that energy to give life to the people of Viet Nam. The people love the land, they nurse it, protect and care for it, in return the land supports the people, protects them, keeps bright the spirit of independence and self-determination.

The people's culture is deeply rooted in the land, it reflects the people's struggle for survival, the culture and the people are as old as the earth/land where they live. From this massive unity the Vietnamese people go on to surmount all obstacles, from raging floods to raging bombs.

The Agents of Death make feeble attempts to demoralize the people and destroy their unity that they have cultivated for thousands of years. Periodically the world wide system of honk reports the death of one of their beloved leaders in the hopes that the people will loose sight of their goals. General Giap is such a leader that has been announced killed 1/2 a dozen times in the past 20 years. Most recently he was reported killed in Haiphong, but on the very day of his supposed death, he had this to say about the damage of the bombs and the perserverance of the people, "Hanoi and Haiphong and other cities may be destroyed but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated." Earlier, in June of 1972 he wrote the following history of the Vietnamese struggle and the culture that grew out of it.

"Our country is rich and beautiful, endowed with abundant natural resources. Moreover, it occupies a strategic position in Southeast Asia on important water and land communication lines running north-south and east-west, and is like a staging area or a bridgehead for advancing from the mainland into the sea and vice versa. That is why major aggressive forces have always coveted our country and wanted to invade it in order to exploit and enslave our people and use it as a springboard for expansion in various directions. Throughout its age-old history, our nation has had to face frequent aggressions, wage repeated patriotic wars, to safeguard its national independence and stage many insurrections and liberation wars to regain independence. In this process, our people's national sentiment and consciousness, their

In recent months the peace seeking, peace loving people of the world have been subjected to the cruelest, most diabolical plot ever to be conceived in the minds of twisted and perverted men. Dick Nixon and his pack of blood thirsty monsters exploit, manipulate and use to their own evil ends, the most beautiful and noble desires of the world community for peace. Like a yo-yo the world peoples hopes are raised, only to see them exploded on the TV screen as hospitals, schools, suburbs and cities are devastated by the mad thrashings of lunatic Nixon.

"Peace is at hand" turns out to be another sick campaign trick as the heaviest bombing in the history of the world resumes a couple of days after the election. The most deadly devises ever designed by warmongers are indiscriminately rained on the peaceful peoples of Indochina. The worlds' collective mind is blown every day by the antics of Rabid Richard and his crew of killers. Everyday we are told of new atrocities inflicted wantonly on an entire race and nation of people in our name.

For the people in TVland the Commander-in-Chief-Executioner wrings his hands and weeps for the POWs. He whimpers and whines about peace. For the people of Indochina he sharpens his sword, grins his sickly grin, and another plane takes off from aircraft carriers or bases throughout SE Asia. To reek more death and destruction. To make more war. It's the counter-reverse double cross that Tricky Dick is running on the people of Amerika. The ruse is to send thousands upon thousands of more planes over the People's Democratic Republic of Vietnam, from this will come hundreds, maybe even thousands more POW's. Nixon will then use some abstract "patriotism" or "honor" con on the masses of people to hoodwink them into a frenzy. His master plan calls for the defense of Honk for another quarter century. He would use the rhetoric of "patriotism" and "peace with honor" to justify putting the necular snuff on all of S. E. Asia, he would



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sense of being masters of the country, and their stamina and dauntlessness have not ceased growing. Step by step they have built up and vigourously cultivated a tradition which we dearly treasure: one of heroic struggle against foreign aggression for independence and freedom.

"Our country is a small country with neither a vast territory nor a large population. At the beginning of the Christian era, our people lived mainly in present-day North Viet Nam and Northern Central Viet Nam. The population numbered about one million at the time of the Trung Sisters (note: the Trung Sisters were two young Vietnamese sisters who lead the very first uprisings in that country). Later our national territory was broadened and its population also increased. But the forces of aggression we had to deal with were in most cases many times bigger than our own forces. Thus, compelled to oppose small forces to much bigger ones in order to defend our land and repel the invaders, we had to bring into play the full potential of our entire people and our whole country, and could not count on the army alone.

"Our wars against the foreign aggressions were all in defense of a just cause. Our people were imbued with ardent patriotism, a high sense of national unity and sovereignty, and an indomitable spirit of resistance. Therefore, during those national insurrections and national wars, in terms of military organization, there were either armed insurgent masses or a national army, or, more commonly, a combination of armed popular masses with national army, or of national army with armed popular masses. Our nation has set at an early date and unceasingly enhanced the tradition of "the whole country joining forces" against foreign aggression. It is one of the keys to success which the national hero Tran Quoc Tuan raised to a principle as early as the 13th century on the strength of the age-old combat experience of our people. This principle has been developed into the present line of "Unity of the entire people."

The Vietnamese people are bound to the earth, through the water and mud and roots of their rice paddies, the bond cannot be broken by bombs, or chemicals, or threats of world war, or the death of a leader. They cannot renegotiate, except to say they want peace and freedom and independence, to do otherwise would be to go contrary to the age-old demands and traditions of the people and the land. It isn't the nature of the Vietnamese people to be inconsistent."



say it was necessary to waste all of Indochina "in order to save our boys."

Tricky Dick got a new bag every week to work out of. Now it's "Honkinzation" of S. Vietnam. Now it's troop pull outs, now it's Kissinger, now it's "protective reaction" now it's "meaningful neogations", now it's "secret talks." But it all spells "Death". Foul, deceitful, miscreant swinesnakes that they are.

Nixon squeaked by in 1968 with a 1% margin on his slippery peace promise, slimed and maneuvered the mass media right up to election day 1972. McGovern wimped out and Slick Dick slimed through by manipulating the mass media consciousness like a wizard. Nixon isn't even waiting for his innauguration to begin his "four more years" of banditery and terrorism. Every day, at millions of dollars a clip, B52's and F111's are blasted out of the sky by the righteously deadly aim of the Vietnamese people. The crews are captured or killed by the survivors of this mass slaughter. Hanoi reports that 1,318 people have been killed and 1,261 wounded in the bombing raids in Hanoi alone. The homicidal manics in the Defense Department have developed new "carpet bombing" techniques directed at population centers, designed to demoralize the population and undermine their will to resist Pig. Over 80 new POW's have been captured by the Vietnamese people.

Four million out of 14 million acres of Vietnam forests have been sprayed with herbicides and defoliant by the imperialist planes of pig. 800,000 more acres have been flattened in the mad search for the "enemy," (read people) For every 15 acres one is poisoned to deny the people food. \$900 million in death devices have been turned over to a small group of S. Vietnamese puppets, economic aid to them has reached more than \$575 million annually to the S. Vietnamese henchmen. South Vietnam now has the third largest airforce in the world, the human being lawnmower grinds on, chop, chop, chop.

MASTERS OF DEATH!!



UNIVERSITY BULLETINS

DAILY: A 5-LETTER WORD

President Fleming is trying to wash out the Michigan Daily's mouth with soap because of four-letter words appearing in its news articles and editorials. Fleming has sent a series of outraged letters to the Daily, insisting it stop using alleged vulgarities like "fuck" and "piss."

The Daily, which is self-supporting and thus liberated from any form of censorship, is free to print what it wants. So far it has not tried to force the issue with Fleming and has not printed his letters or reported his attempt at censorship.

But at the same time the Daily is still printing four-letter epithets and is pissing off more and more alumni. For instance, William Martin, who said in a recent letter: "On my first visit to Ann Arbor in about 10 years I picked up the Daily. The vulgarity of its front page would indicate that it is now in the hands of a bunch of dirty kids."

According to U-M President Robben Fleming, he is off on a two-month trip "to enlarge my perspective for educational opportunities."

Translated, that means Fleming is off on an all-expenses-paid vacation in the middle of the school year and the middle of a cold, cruel winter.

And where is Fleming off to? Mexico, South America, the Carribean and the southern U.S.

Fleming left Jan. 1 on his junket and is supposed to return Feb. 28. News about the trip was kept secret until a few days before his departure — at a time most students were home.

Exactly what he is doing on this trip, no one seems to know. "I expect he'll be visiting other colleges and universities," a U-M spokesperson said, hesitantly.

But the same spokesperson conceded that almost all cities on Fleming's itinerary are near oceanfront beaches. And Fleming

is known to like boating, fishing and swimming.

Money for the trip is courtesy of the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, a private philanthropy that donates to universities. Fleming was originally picked to go in April, 1971, but delayed until this year because of the health of his mother, who died last fall.

Why, after waiting this long, didn't he wait until summer?

"This was his last chance to use up this opportunity," answered Wono Lee, a U-M spokesperson. "The foundation is discontinuing the program from now on."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Allan Smith will be in charge while Fleming's gone.

SMEARS OF RACISM

Lee Gill, a leading black activist expected to campaign for the SGC presidency in spring, has already run into smear tactics. First he was busted in December for a larceny charge dating back to last March, a case in which he is alleged to have stolen a bottle of wine from a local grocery store. Now some midnight skulkers have flooded South Quad with leaflets urging residents to "Lock your doors! Your RD may rip you off!"

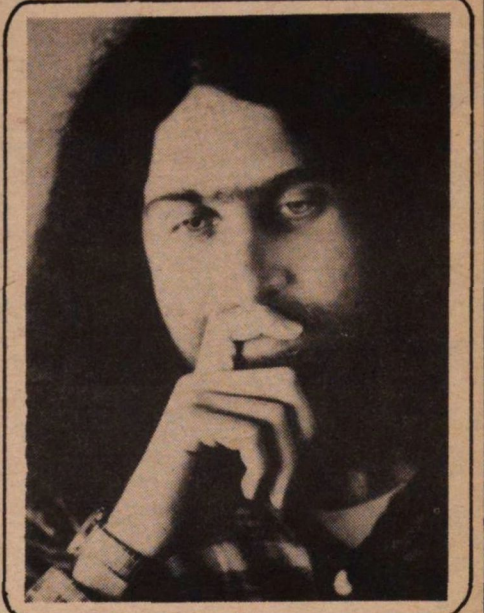
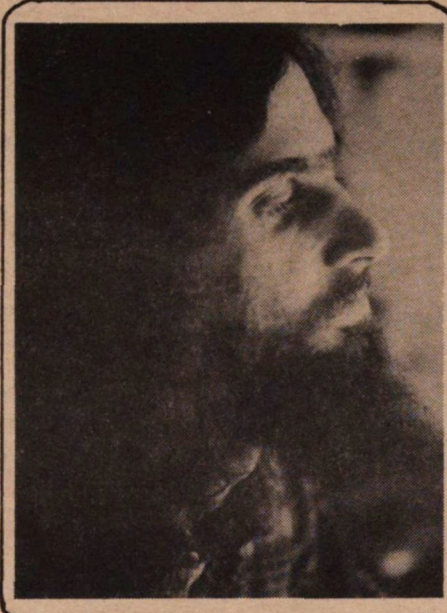
Gill is a South Quad RD (resident director) and SGC Vice-President for Minority Affairs.

A NEW PEOPLE'S PAPER

The People's Advocate is a new newspaper on campus. An eight-page tabloid, it is essentially about black students and black-oriented activities.

FREE THE QUADDIES

In a recent election at West Quad for dorm officers, the winners were those candidates who supported free ping pong lessons, free rolling papers and free anarchy.



"Emperor Mark Hornstein"

BULLSHIT ON SGC

The Bullshit Party, the people who are trying to bring free dope to the U-M, is the most agitating innovation in campus politics this year.

The party was started last fall by David Hornstein to show how absurd SGC has become.

But Hornstein, who calls himself the "Bullshit Emperor," surprisingly won a seat on the Student Government Council (SGC); and suddenly the Bullshit Party is breathing life into what has been a deadly dull campus political scene.

Hornstein's first move was to ask for \$2,500 to buy and distribute free weed to people. His resolution was defeated Dec. 1.

But that defeat by only one vote, brought down a flurry of attacks on SGC President Bill Jacobs, who cast the deciding negative vote. Opponents of Jacobs, who say he is

too unimaginative and wishy-washy in his job, are now trying to collect 1,000 signatures to force a special election to oust him.

Whether or not they succeed, it's a good bet that the Integrity Party, which Jacobs heads, will be in trouble in the April SGC elections; and that the Bullshit Party will pick up more seats.

In the meantime, Hornstein and other progressive SGC members have formed the Committee for the Abolition of Laws on Victimless Crimes. The committee hopes to use SGC money to work for the legalization of all drugs and the advancement "of sexual freedom, achievement and expression."

In a less serious vein, some members have suggested that SGC set up its own country someplace on campus and abolish all dope laws there.

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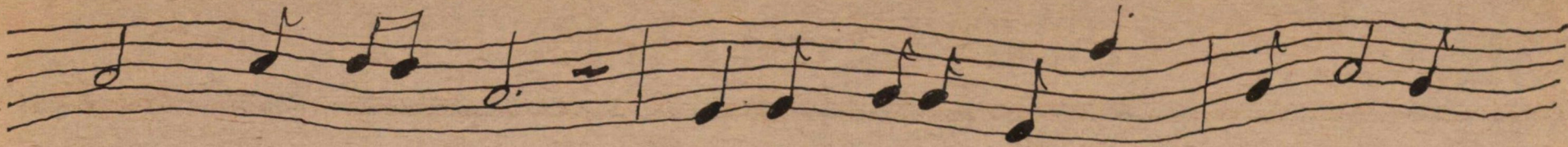
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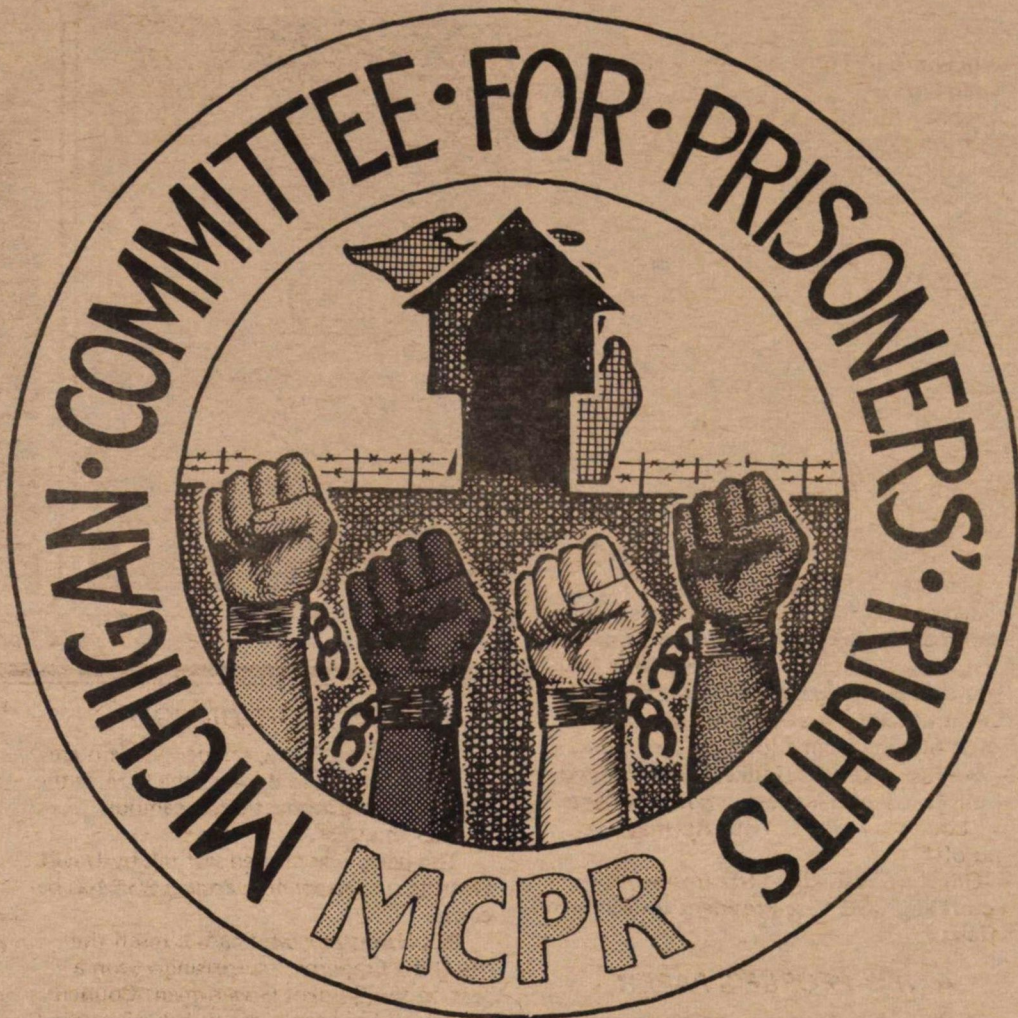
JAMS ROCK IONIA



Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1972, twenty-five brothers and sisters headed for Ionia and the Michigan Training Unit, one of the all too many "correctional facilities" that surround us. Ann Arbor's Radio King and his Court with Rio Smokehouse, aided and abetted by various equipment personnel, and other assorted scoundrels made the trek to bring some live R & B and Rock and Roll to the incarcerated brothers. Some who made the trip have friends inside, allowing for a much needed surprise reunion. Some were once MTU "students" (inmates) themselves.

MTU is very similar in appearance to hundreds of colleges and high schools built in Amerika in the past ten years, with as much personality as Detroit's Metro Airport. Of course, in order to enter this control institution you must pass through a room of iron gates that lock in front and in back of you. Upon entering, the guards took away our camera, using the inmates don't want their pictures taken "ruse." The Warden assured us the inmate photographer would take plenty of shots, and we would receive some prints the following week. (Needless to say, we have still not gotten any.)

We set the equipment up on a stage in a regulation type gym with a scoreboard and baskets. Almost immediately 650 brothers, most wearing blue denim, but some in street clothes, filled every possible seat around the room. Word spread fast that the Court of Rythm included 3 sisters. Rio Smokehouse had the stage first, and provided some of the most energetic ass-kickin rock & roll the prisoners had heard in a long time. The Detroit based quartet set the energy level for the rest of the afternoon



Radio King and his Court were next, 10 people kicking out 12 dynamite tunes. The Royal Crowns, the sisters, and the Court with the King himself, had the

wooden bleachers and floor flexing, with the help of the audience, by the end of the first tune, "Hot Pants Road. One of the sisters gets a not to read. "Brother Baker,

B25, you have a visitor." But no Brother Baker, nor anyone else, was about to leave. (The deputy warden was later heard to remark, "some of the men did not even want to go to chow," and that they would rather listen to the music.) "We Got Magic," an original tune by Royal Crown horn player Chris Cioce, had everybody clappin and yellin until they closed with a great version of Otis Redding's "Shake."

Both groups were well received, and by the time the show ended all the brothers, black and white, were standing and yelling for more. It is so fine when good rock and roll and rhythm and blues, can bring our people together, even in an atmosphere that is so heavy with a polarization of the races. Men and women we are locked up or otherwise forcibly removed from their true culture need to identify with those on the outside while they are serving time, and the commitment of bands in this area is to be saluted.

Words from the Warden were that MTU is one of the most progressive institutions in operation. "A man can keep his identity, to a degree" says Warden Handlon, is allowed to grow his hair longer, beards, tape decks, telephones in each unit, where one can call anywhere, collect, at any time, color TV, and pool tables. But, no country club this prison. There are still guard towers, though the guard/instructors wear nice green blazers with a crest. And rules that you'd better abide by, and if you don't lose privileges, or maybe, get shipped out a maximum security facility. Most institutions (including prisons, mental hospitals, welfare and state run facilities are still in the dark ages. The MCPR has programs to serve the needs of prisoners and to try and bring a little light into the shadows of separation.

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RPP on HRP

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by herself and her friends in the Chocolate Almonds faction, in fact) that someone seeking public office in an election does not run for positions on the HRP Steering Committee.

Honest Bob Alexander immediately allowed his own name to be brought up as the savior of the HRP within the Militant Middle group, who candidly admitted in caucus that Bob was running only because Linda Ross was running and then said just the opposite in the mass meeting Thursday night.

At the same time, following our last statement in the SUN, we began to carry on discussions with people from various sectors of the overall Ann Arbor community as to how we might all be able to work together to massify the HRP, correct the mistakes of the ultra-leftists and the right-opportunists, field a credible slate in the City Council elections, and restore the people's faith in the Human Rights Party by making it once again responsive to the people and not merely to the whims of a few campus intellectuals. As part of our plan we organized a Community Slate for the HRP primary election and a Community Slate for HRP Steering Committee to back them up and steer their campaigns.

These moves, which were intended only to strengthen the HRP and to restore its credibility with the people of the community, were seen only as threats to the control held by the HRP regulars, and their efforts to keep us from even offering these slates to the people in an open, public fashion were redoubled. Secret meetings were held, a set of campaign rules for the primary candidates (clearly biased against

the RPP and other community elements) was rammed through a so-called "mass meeting," the Almonds and the Middles hurriedly slapped together slates of candidates for the Steering Committee, offering positions to anyone who would uphold their principle of freezing out the RPP, and the Middles even began offering "deals" to the representatives of the Community Slate, promising (for example) to support Linda Ross's candidacy for coordinator if we would withdraw Genie Plamondon from the Mayor's race.

At the same time members of the two Community slates were attempting to meet with various members of the HRP—people from the right-opportunist faction mainly, who had said that they agreed with our criticisms of the ultra-leftists and wanted to restore the primacy of the masses of the people within the HRP—in order to unite with those elements which could see the need for massifying the HRP and which would commit themselves to campaigning vigorously in the electoral arena to establish the widest possible definition of the HRP on the firmest possible base of support. We attempted to explain that we were not a "caucus" representing a specific narrow viewpoint but that we were attempting to represent the interests and the concerns of the community at large, and particularly of the Ann Arbor rainbow community—students, street freaks, rainbow workers and small merchants—which constitutes the primary base of support for the HRP at present.

We wanted the Steering Committee to reflect the various points of view within the HRP exclusive of the Chocolate Almonds, who we insisted were committed to destroying the HRP as a mass-based, mass-oriented organization and our criticisms of the Almonds and their right-opportunist supporters were made openly and in a principled way. We insisted that we were not trying to "take over" the HRP but were instead trying to open it up to more and

more people, and that our program for a Community Slate in the primary and the Steering Committee elections was intended to bring that about.

We went to the Militant Middle caucus meetings to investigate the qualifications and the commitment of the people there who we wanted to support in the Steering Committee election, but the only way they would relate to our efforts was in the form of a "take over" of their caucus as well as of the HRP itself, and we were continually vilified as "people who can't be trusted" and "opportunists" who were trying to "divide" the party and destroy its "unity". When we tried to bring up issues and contradictions in order to discuss them fully and to reach a positive resolution of our differences so there could be unity within the HRP, the Middles ignored our intent and our efforts and instead continued trying to patch together a slate for the Steering Committee elections which could prevent the RPP "caucus" from "taking over" the HRP.

We want to stress once more in this statement, since we aren't allowed to do it openly at meetings, that the RPP in no way constitutes a "caucus" of the Human Rights Party, and that to present such a definition is to insult and denigrate the wide-ranging efforts of the Rainbow People's Party in many different arenas of struggle, from the economic to the cultural and the political. Part of our activity as an organized political party includes participating in the Human Rights Party individually and as an organized operation of more than 25 people who are committed to working full-time, 24 hours a day, day after day, year in and year out, no matter what the consequences, to help the people in this community organize themselves to deal with their needs. Some of our other activity includes organizing and implementing the programs of the Michigan Committee for Prisoners' Rights; working within various mass community organizations, particularly the Ann Arbor Tribal Council and its People's Committees, to deal with the everyday needs of people in the rainbow community here in Ann Arbor; performing various tasks within the People's Produce Coop, the People's Ballroom, the Community Parks Program, Tribal Network, Drug Help, the Radio Workshop of the People's Communications Committee, the Skilled Trades Committee, the People's Defense Committee, the Psychedelic

Rangers, the Community Center Project, the campus anti-war movement (such as it is), publishing and editing the Ann Arbor SUN, and participating in many other ways in the organized political life of this community; serving on the Cable Casting Commission; organizing and implementing, with the help of many hundreds of people throughout the state, the Michigan Marijuana Initiative; agitating in the courts for prison reform, an end to the marijuana laws and other repressive legislation, an end to wiretapping by the Justice Department of politically active persons, and other matters of interest to a great many people; constantly seeking ways (such as the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival and the People's Ballroom) to provide concretely for the survival needs of people in the community by creating jobs and other sources of income for people who have none; participating in the most concrete and active way possible in the community's cultural scene to help build a positive, high-energy culture which will also help support the people economically by returning the energy and the economic resources of the people's bands to the people themselves; and generally doing whatever we can, limited only by our own mistakes and our economic level (survival needs), to help the people deal with their many problems.

The Rainbow People's Party is an ongoing political organization with a long-standing commitment to the Ann Arbor community. We are organized to take care of business in the economic, political and cultural arenas, we are constantly trying to make our resources, our skills and our energy available to more and more elements of the community, and we are committed to struggling alongside the people in every area we can possibly handle to deal with the needs of the people and to help the people build up their political power so that eventually they can take control of every aspect of their lives away from the capitalists, the bankers and the university officials who are presently responsible for the people's sorry situation.

To call such an organization merely a "caucus" of the Human Rights Party, no different from the intellectuals in the Chocolate Almond and the Militant Middle caucuses who act only as individuals and have no such history and continuity of practice to back up their words, is the worst sort of insult to the members of our party, each of whom works tirelessly day after day with no social worker's salaries, government grants, or allowances from mommy and daddy to "make it worth it"—who work tirelessly day after day because they love the people and want desperately to help the people out of their miserable plight, whose "self-interest" is so limited by the nature of this work that they have only the most minimal of "private lives" and no vacations, and whose commitment extends through terms in penitentiaries and back out into the streets as long as there are problems faced by the people.

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To define the Community Slate group as merely an "RPP caucus" is further to add insult to injury by proposing that all the people who are not members of the RPP but who work with us in many different areas of community work and who share our analysis of the HRP's problems are some kind of mindless supporters with no political viewpoint or initiative of their own. There are a great many people beyond those who responded to our call for the massification of the HRP and attended the meeting who relate to our analysis and our practice, and it is a further insult to them to call them or characterize them as political idiots who aren't able to put two and two together for themselves.

The point is that the Rainbow People's Party strives to serve the needs of the people in this community and works along with many different elements within the community to help them deal with their own survival needs, and that the RPP participation within the HRP as a mass-based, mass-oriented alternative electoral party is carried on not in some mythical "narrow self-interest" of our own but in the interest of the people in the community who need such a vehicle in their efforts to obtain power over their own lives for themselves. Neither we nor the masses of people in this community relate to HRP simply as a means of "bringing political ideas before the public," we are concerned with questions of political power, and particularly with the question of obtaining political power for the masses of poor, oppressed, and powerless people in this community and throughout the world. We relate to the HRP in this term first of all; most people do, and to speak only of bringing certain "ideas" before the people without facing the question of political power for the people is to betray the interest of the masses of the people.

Likewise, to dabble in the political arena, to use mass meetings as rubber-stamp bodies for the ideas of a few intellectuals, to manipulate sincere, politically minded people through intellectual tricks

like parliamentary procedure, the 3-minute speaking rule, and slimy back-room deals, to strive constantly to limit participation in the decision-making process to people who share the same narrow viewpoint and the same intimate familiarity with procedural tricks, to ram through candidates and policies without full discussion while people demand a chance to talk about the issues in an open, public fashion, to hold the abstract intellectual interests of a few graduate students and social workers above the survival needs of the people and their need for open political discussion, to organize power plays in order to elect candidates whose participation is predicated solely upon the narrow self-interests of their particular tiny clique of intellectuals—all this is further to betray the interests and the needs of the people, and must be criticized as such.

Politics is in no way a game for the masses of people in this community who have to try to survive and develop their humanity within the framework of a vicious capitalistic system such as the one which encloses all of us here. It is likewise not a game for us, members of that community who are involved in the day-to-day struggle to secure our lives and the needs of our people. The community is not a "caucus" of any kind—it is simply the masses of people who live, work, and struggle in this locality, and its views and interests cannot be explained away by relegating them to the same position as that held by various cliques of intellectuals. We object vigorously, and will continue to object just as vigorously, to the attempts of the Chocolate Almond and Militant Middle cliques to impose such a definition upon the people of this community and upon ourselves as committed, politically active members of that community. We will not lay down and pretend that the decisions of the "mass meetings" of the HRP represent our views, since we are systematically barred from participating fully in the discussions which should lead to those decisions, and we will no longer permit the HRP to characterize its "open" mass meetings" as such until they become truly open, truly mass meetings

with room for all segments of the community to express their views, participate in political dialogue, and reach fully-reasoned conclusions to which they can responsibly be held.

Our experience last Thursday at the HRP mass meeting was a terrifying one; we witnessed the worst kind of gang tactics, the worst kind of suppression of political debate, the worst kind of opportunism after the meeting which held that some kind of "unity" had been reached through these scurrilous methods. There can be no unity in the community which is not a principled, fully-reasoned, collectively-reached unity based on full respect for the political differences of the various elements involved and a fully-agreed program for action which speaks to the concerns of all the people involved.

We will continue to work for such principled unity, as we have worked within the HRP since we were first approached a year ago; we will continue to attempt to bring out the political contradictions and differences between various elements of the community in the interest of resolving those contradictions and differences in the most positive possible way; we will continue to insist upon a full, open, public airing of these contradictions in the interests of the political education of the community at large; and we will continue to resist the efforts of opportunistic intellectuals and their allies to shut the people out of the HRP and to suppress political discussions at their "open" meetings.

We have to criticize ourselves most severely for our own liberalism at many points in the past, and in the immediate past as well, when we failed to bring contradictions and differences out into the open so they could be resolved with the help of the people, and we pledge now to intensify our efforts to correct these mistakes of ours from the past. These issues are too important to remain locked within caucus meetings and intellectuals' living rooms—they must be brought out into the open and openly discussed, and we will not rest until the people have succeeded in

doing just that.

Again, we are aware of the severity of our charges, and we stand ready now as before to defend these charges and to bring forth proofs in the public arena. We will insist only upon referring anyone's words back to their practice in the life of this community, and we will stand upon our own practice in advancing our own positions in this public context. If our charges are wrong we will stand corrected after we are proved wrong, and we will strive to correct our practice accordingly; if our theories are incorrect we will submit to proofs from the people who oppose them, and we will try to correct them whenever they're mistaken; if our practice is incorrect we will try to understand where we're wrong and move to make it right. But we will stipulate to nothing without the fullest open discussion of the issues before mass meetings of people from the community who have an interest in these matters, and we will continue to try to bring about such open discussions any way we can.

These statements are a step in that direction, but they're necessarily one-sided; therefore, we urge people to continue to attend, and to attend in ever greater numbers, the so-called "open mass meetings" of the HRP, and to struggle along with us to make those meetings truly "open" and truly "mass" so we can all begin to create together the unity in the community all of us sorely need. The next "mass meeting" of the HRP is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th, where the primary guidelines will be discussed and adopted or rejected. We anticipate another gang maneuver by the Chocolate Almonds and the Militant Middles and their game-playing allies, and we emphasize once again in closing that the only way to combat the closedness and the manipulative nature of the campus radicals is through transforming their meetings into truly open forums for political discussion. We will be at the mass meeting this coming Thursday, and in congratulating the people for turning out in such great numbers last Thursday we urge you again to return this Thursday and thereafter, to continue the struggle to massify the Human Rights Party.

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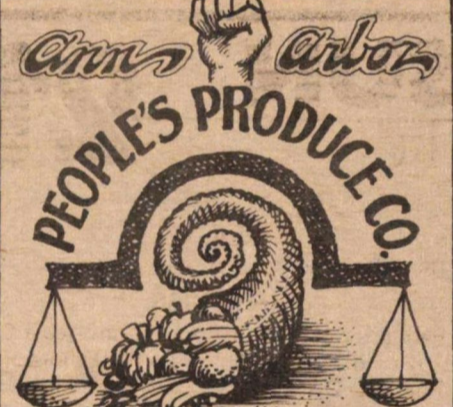
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Calendar

Of Ann Arbor Events

MON 15

MUSIC
Mackinack Jacks Brooklyn Blues Busters
Blind Pig Wine Tasters Assembly

MEETINGS
People's Music & Ballroom Committee
7:00 1522 Hill

TV
8:00 Cat Stevens & Leon Russel channel 56

TUES 16

5:39 PM

MUSIC
Blind Pig Okra 50¢

MEETINGS
People's Defense Committee 4:00
Tribal Network 12:30
Tribal Council Steering Committee 7:30
Call 761-1709 for places

Gay Liberation Front 8:00 3rd floor Conference Room Union

FILMS
In the Year of the Pig Modern Lang. Bldg.
7:30 & 9:30

WED 17

MUSIC
Odyssey Mojo Boogie Band
Blind Pig Okra 50¢

MEETINGS
Peoples Food Committee 7:30
Call 761-1709 for place

Peoples Education Committee 8:00 Soltis School 706 Oakland
Drughelp 8:00 Community Center
Gay Awareness Womens Collective 8:30
Feminist House 225 E. Liberty

THUR 18

6:41 PM (FULL)

MUSIC
Odyssey Skin Deep
Blind Pig Brooklyn Blues Busters

MEETINGS
Mich. Committee for Prisoners Rights 7:00 at 1520 Hill

RADIO
12:30 am Roots of Rock - WDET 101.9

FILMS
In the Year of the Pig - Mod. Lag Bldg.
7:30 & 9:30

FRI 19

11:48 PM

MUSIC
Odyssey Loco Mobile
Blind Pig Brooklyn Blues Busters 75¢
Hartland High School Mojo Boogie Band

SAT 20

9:25 PM

MUSIC
Odyssey Loco Mobile
Blind Pig Brooklyn Blues Busters 75¢
Hill Auditorium Mojo Boogie Band; Jr. Walker and the Allstars, Bobby Blue Bland
Full Tilt Boogie Ballroom Rockets (Monroe)

RADIO
8:00 am The Children's Hour WDET 101.9

TV
10:00 pm Cat Stevens & Leon Russell Channel 56 Rerun

SUN 21

MUSIC
Blind Pig Classical (no cover)

MEETINGS
People's Communications Committee 4:00
1522 Hill - A2 SUN, Radio Workshop, Rainbow Distribution, Tribal Network
People's Skilled Trade Committee 7:00
1520 Hill

RADIO
3-7 "Takin Over" Peoples Communication's Committee Show on WNRZ 102.9fm
7-1 "Toke Time" John Sinclair's Jazz & Blues Festival of the Airwaves WNRZ 102.9

MON 22

MUSIC
Blind Pig Movies
Heaven, Drayton Plains - Rockets
Mackinac Jacks - Lightning & Radio King
Benefit WNRZ Community Marathon

MEETINGS
Same as the 15th

RADIO
Same as the 15th

TUES 23

3:18 AM

MUSIC
Blind Pig Mighty Joe Young \$1.50
Odyssey Iron Horse Exchange & Loco Mobile, Formerly Bad Luck & Trouble
Afternoon Blind Pig Mojo Boogie Band & Diesel Smoke and Dangerous Curves

MEETINGS
Same as 16th

TV
9:30 Death at Southern University, Channel 56

FILMS
Monterey Pop - Mod Lag Bldg. 7:30 & 9:30

WED 24

MUSIC
Blind Pig Mighty Joe Young \$1.50

MEETINGS
Same as the 17th

THUR 25

12:53 PM

MUSIC
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MEETINGS
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RADIO
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FILMS
Monterey Pop - Mod. Lag. Bldg. 7:30 & 9:30

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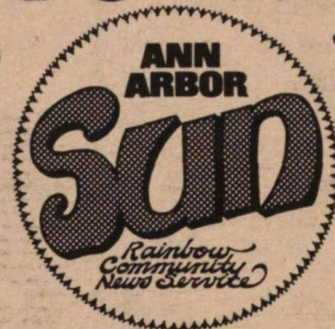
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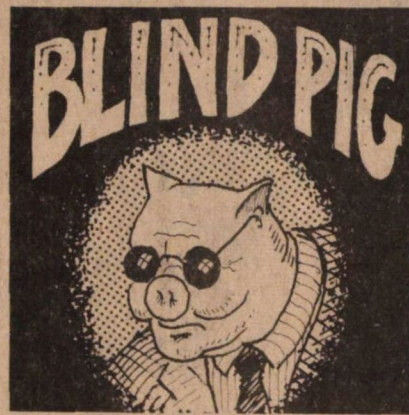
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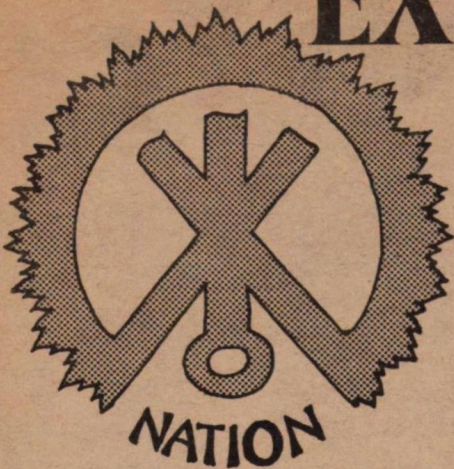
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COMMUNITY CENTER BURNS!

People MOVE to REBUILD!

The night of Friday, December 15 began like any other Friday night at the Community Center at 502 E. Washington St. Tribal Network, Drug Help, and Ozone House workers were in their offices answering phones; the Tribal Council Education Committee's Children's Community Center was upstairs in the Free Clinic; and over 300 people were rockin' and rollin' in the People's Ballroom, gettin' together with the music and each other. Merlin has just finished their set and Mitch Ryder and the Knock Down Party Band were about to go on stage when, shortly before 10:00 pm, fire was discovered in the basement of the Community Center. The fire spread and burned throughout the night, and by the time it was finally out early the next morning the front part of the building was totally gutted, and the People's Ballroom was extensively, though not irreparably damaged.

The fire was first discovered by Drug Help and Ozone House workers who saw smoke coming up through the walls and floor of their offices. The Fire Dept. was immediately called and the Psychedelic Rangers began to clear people out of the Ballroom. Everyone remained calm and within minutes the building was empty except for People's Ballroom workers who were moving equipment out of the building.

The Ann Arbor Fire Dept. arrived within five minutes of the call, and a number of people immediately explained to them that the fire was in the basement and that there were two stairways leading there. At this point, the fire had not yet spread to the Ballroom, and was still confined to the basement. Ballroom workers were still hauling equipment when one fireman came over to them and said, "Don't worry about that, the fire won't make it that far."

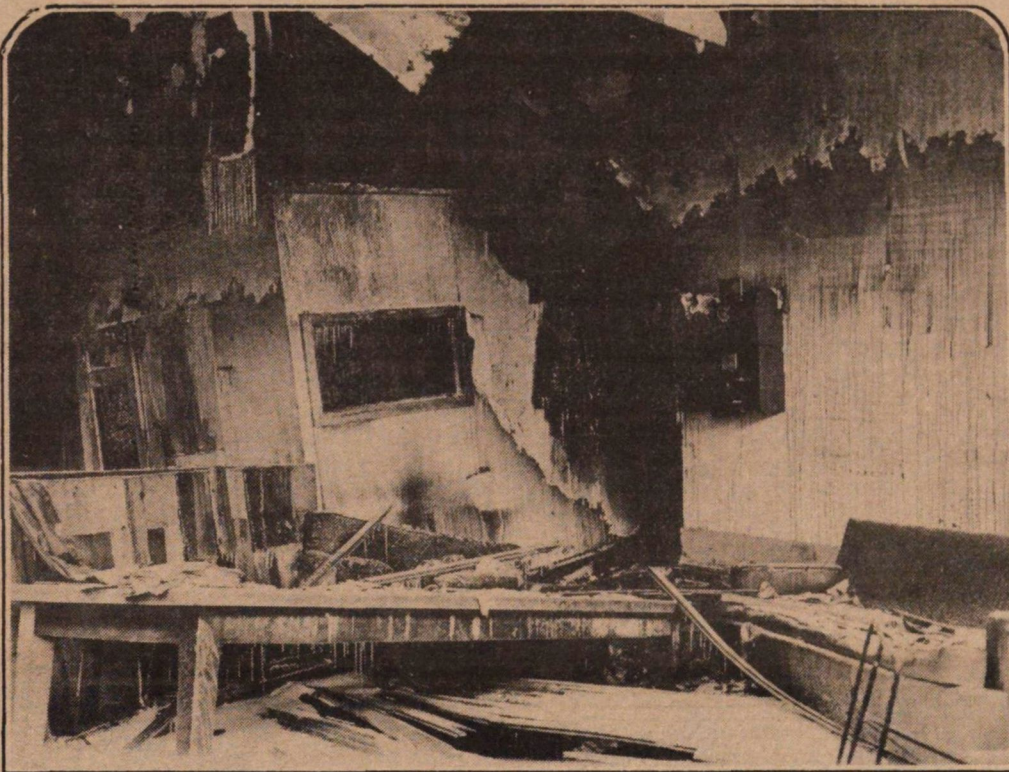
The Ballroom workers continued to carry equipment for about 15 minutes until the smoke became too thick to continue. During this time, some people reported hearing footsteps and windows being broken on the Ballroom roof. The fire hoses had not been turned on at this point, despite insistent attempts by numerous people to explain to the firemen exactly where the fire was and how to get to it.

By the time the hoses were finally turned on, the fire had spread from the basement throughout the first floor of the Community Center, and into the ballroom, through the fire door, which had been left open, up the light tower and ticket booth to the ceiling, apparently drawn to the open windows which the firemen had broken earlier.

The conduct of the Ann Arbor Fire Dept. has come into question by many of the people who witnessed the fire that night. Some of the firemen were reported to have been laughing and joking while breaking windows, many of them seemingly unnecessarily. To a number of people it seemed the firemen either didn't know how to put out the fire or they just didn't care. "One person who was at the fire throughout the night spoke in amazement, "What are the firemen doing? They're letting the Community Center burn down!" The response of the firemen to these questions was, "We just couldn't find the fire."

Because of the numerous questions that have come up surrounding the fire, the Tribal Council Defense Committee is conducting an investigation into the causes of the fire and the conduct of the firemen who were there. Witnesses to the fire should write down what they saw and bring it to 1520 Hill St. or call 761-1709. (For a report on the preliminary findings of the investigation, see box on this page.)

As far as the actual damage, the basement and first floor of the Community Center was totally destroyed. The Free Clinic was left relatively untouched by the fire itself, but the structural damage to the building was so great the the whole building is unusable. However, much of the Clinic equipment and records were salvageable.



Saturday morning, looking into the front office area of the community center.

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"We wanna TESTIFY!"

During the fire and the next morning there were a lot of charges from people watching what was happening that the Fire Department was not trying to put out the fire, that they had been grossly negligent at their job and let the buildings burn. There had been around 300 people in the Ballroom and the excitement drew a lot more people from the city to the scene, wanting to see what was happening.

The People's Defense Committee of the Tribal Council called for an investigation into the incidents because of the charges of gross negligence from the community. We proposed the investigation consist of four parts: the cause, interviews with people, a diagram and pictures, and conclusion. The interviews were to be with as many of the people who were there before, during or after the fire as we could get in touch with, including the bands and the community workers as well as people walking by on the street. We also proposed interviewing the firemen who were on duty that night, the Fire Chief and assistant Fire Chief, other firemen or ex-firemen, and anyone who would want to testify about the Fire Dept.

In the course of the investigation we have not yet been able to determine the cause of the fire, if it was arson or not. There are a lot of rumors on the streets, we are trying to trace down if it was arson it's a sick crime that was committed against the people in our community that night. If you know anything, please contact us.

During the interviewing of different people we heard testimony about other

fires witnessed where the building was not saved. We began to question firemen themselves. One of the first firemen we talked to testified very heavily about the A² Fire Department and its incredible inadequacy. We learned about the lack of training, the lack of equipment and poor quality old equipment being used, the lack of plans and organization, and very importantly the lack of leadership with enough conviction and initiative to change the situation in any satisfactory way.

These findings have changed the course of the investigation away from questioning the motives of the individual firemen into questioning the safety of the Ann Arbor community and the safety of the firemen in view of the questions raised about the Department itself and its methods of work.

We are still trying to get in touch with the people who were at the Community Center / People's Ballroom fire Dec. 15, as well as people who have had other experiences with the Fire Dept. If you were there or know anyone who was there please be sure to contact us at 761-1729 as soon as possible.

The city government is finally responsible for the Fire Department. If the people of Ann Arbor as well as the firemen are in danger because of gross negligence on the part of the city, then we as the people of the community along with the firemen are the ones who will bring about the necessary changes. We wanna testify!

People's Defense Committee
Ann Arbor Tribal Council

The damage to the People's Ballroom was much less. The ticket booth and the light tower were completely burned, part of the roof needs to be replaced, the wiring on the ceiling needs to be replaced, and new plumbing needs to be installed to replace a pipe that broke. Part of the floor was water damaged from the broken pipe. (The hoses were never turned on in the Ballroom, despite the fact that it was one of the first places they were taken.) The food stand, the stage, most of the floor, and all of the wiring and electricity around the walls are intact. In addition, the heater was undamaged. The area planned for the Artist's Workshop was untouched.

The primary task since the fire has been to rebuild that part of our community that was destroyed and to put the programs that the people need back in operation. Drug Help and Ozone House have temporarily relocated at Canterbury House, above Mark's Coffeehouse while the Free People's Clinic is presently operating from University Hospital. Those organizations are searching for a permanent location together.

The Tribal Council planned to rebuild the People's Ballroom and to build the space which was going to be the Artist's Workshop into a People's Community Center to serve as an energy and organizing center for the Tribal Council and the People's Committees. Genie Plamondon, of the Tribal Council, spoke at City Council Jan. 8 to the need for a Community Center and People's Ballroom and the City's obligation to help provide for that need. It was hoped that the City would re-negotiate the lease on the building with Tribal Council, despite previous plans by the City to tear down the building in November, and build a parking structure. The lease was previously held by C4 (Community Center Coordinating Council), but was terminated and returned to the city after the fire. Instead, City Council voted to not wait until November, but to tear the entire building down immediately. (The text of Genie's speech to City Council is on the next page and for details of the City Council meeting, see City Council News on page 4 of the SUN.)

No one knows exactly what future plans will be, but whatever happens, we know we need a People's Ballroom and a community center. And in order to get that, we need money. Presently there are two funds set up to raise money to rebuild what we lost; C-4 (Community Center Coordinating Council) Box 336, Ann Arbor, to be used for Drug Help, Ozone House, and the Free People's Clinic; and the Tribal Council Fire Fund, Box 372, Ann Arbor, for the People's Ballroom and the People's Community Center. Checks to C-4 can also be earmarked for specific organizations. In addition to the independent fundraising, the two groups will be working together on fundraising events like the WNRZ Community Marathon. (For more information on that, see page 7 of the SUN.)

An important part of our community was destroyed by the fire that night, but we know that we can and must build it again. This time it will be bigger than before, always expanding, capable of serving more and more people, moving ahead towards self-determination and liberation.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
Mike Minnich

THE CANCER IS SPREADING LIKE FIRE! WE NEED A COMMUNITY CENTER!

OPEN STATEMENT TO CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 8th.

Back in 1969 the relationship between the city officials and the then just emerging young rainbow culture was extremely antagonistic. There were street riots in Ann Arbor that summer that none of us were here for—forgotten. There wasn't anything to do for all the thousands of young people beginning to realize our uniqueness, our visions of the future, and our collective capabilities to put a lot of our new ideas into action. And it seemed at the time that hardly anyone in city government was even remotely interested in addressing themselves to the problems that to us were steadily growing every day—problems with families, drugs, alienation and separation on all sides.

After the street riots, which broke out spontaneously on South University when the police tried to herd people away from the one place they could get together and see each other, the then existing White Panther Party submitted a 10-Point Program for Serving the Needs of the Youth Culture in Ann Arbor to City Council and the community. It was a pretty extensive report and was submitted with full knowledge of two other reports about the same subject: one a City Council ad hoc committee on youth problems that included Councilman Faber and ex-councilman Kazarinoff which called for the creation of a "Community Interaction Project" attempting to find adequate facilities for Ann Arbor's youth to "entertain themselves," and the other a minority report submitted by ex-Councilman Edwards of the Ann Arbor Bank and Balzhiser, which blames the whole problem of the youth on the so-called "revolutionary element" in Ann Arbor. People felt at the time that the Community Interaction Project idea was a serious attempt and a step forward for City Council.

Both the White Panther Party and the Council's "Community Interaction Project" reports called for a youth community center where young people could get together and learn themselves how to deal collectively with common problems and ideas. No immediate response was ever made to those reports.

In the meantime, the amount of hard drugs on the streets and in the schools of Ann Arbor grew to such incredible proportions so fast, people were hardly aware of it, let alone urgent about the necessity to deal with it. People's lives became intolerable, especially to young people and black people, when it seemed so clear that no one cared about their every day problems. Hard drugs were so easy to get, and because of their property that deadens the mind, it seems all that much easier to take drugs and forget about it all and not deal with the problems. But hard drugs are illegal and sometimes expensive as well as addicting, and the resulting crime rate from rip-offs and muggings is beyond comprehension. And the whole drug/crime scene continues to grow and be a cancer on the community — drugs like quaaludes, and heroin and amphetamines and barbiturates.

In the meantime a group of young people from the Hard Drugs Committee of the Tribal Council wrote a grant request to the Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare in Washington to try and get some money to do something about it all. It was granted with one of its major projects being to develop a Community Center Project that included a Ballroom and Artists Workshop



The People's Ballroom the morning after the fire.

area so young people and anyone else who wished could get together and talk and work with each other about what was happening and begin actually collectively to deal with the situation and get people off the streets and learning something of future value.

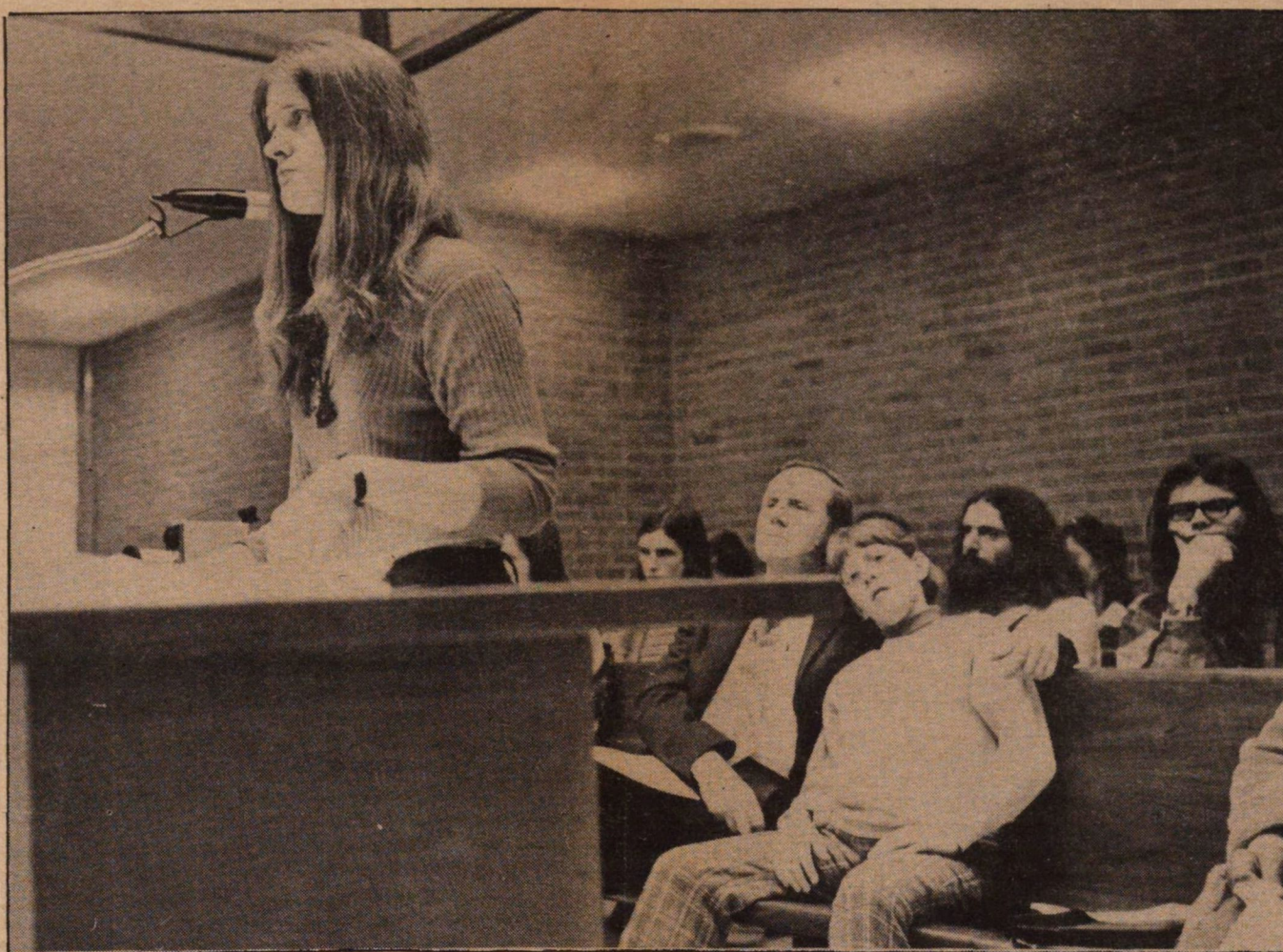
The Community Center on Washington St. was finally negotiated through City Council as the site, and we all saw the development of the Community Center over these last two years. The second year the grant was in the name of the Community Center Project which now is made up of six paid staff members. Tribal Council involvement was minimal for a period of time as it floundered for existence and other organizations grew with the Community Center Project in the building, including Drug Help, Ozone House, and the Free People's Clinic. Tribal Council's involvement in the Community Center grew again though with the construction of the People's Ballroom, the growth of the Tribal Network as a communication central, and plans for the Ann Arbor SUN to stop being published by the Rainbow People's Party and move to the Community Center to be published by the People's Communications Committee. During Ballroom events, the Psychedelic Rangers from the Defense Committee worked to deal with drug problems, and the People's Education Committee provided free child care at a Children's Community Center. Ballroom plays, movies and meetings were held there, and the itemized Food Co-op used the Ballroom as a distribution point every Saturday.

The fire at the Community Center was tragic. It has necessitated a split in the organizations housed there because there simply isn't another place the city can find that could house them all together. But the organizations are already talking about the hardships of working crisis operations out of offices in the same building with the People's Ballroom especially because of so many people and the noise and just extra added problems. The crisis organizations were not organized as a community center for people to hang out, and they in fact had come to Tribal Council to ask us for help in dealing with the ever growing amount of young people who needed a place for organized getting together, specifically the Rangers were asked to help with that.

The crisis organizations are providing extremely important services in this community. But we think not enough people who can really help understand the importance of the People's Ballroom and Tribal Council People's Committees — particularly in terms of drugs and crime and the importance of people getting together and talking and working it out together. The Ballroom as it was could only serve up to 500 people at a time and the workshop area was never completed. We feel very strongly that the city ought to take a much more active role in helping deal with this section of the community and the problems involved. The question of the Revenue Sharing money is coming up soon. These problems within the rainbow community should be dealt with in a serious manner in the most progressive way possible. We feel that the city should provide us with not only the remaining Ballroom and workshop area, but also the large building next door (east) that would make it possible to construct a People's Ballroom that could serve a thousand people. The City is landlord to the buildings and ideally should spend the money to bring it all up to a usable state at least. If the city isn't willing to do that, then we would suggest the city give the buildings to us and we'll raise the money and do it ourselves. Labor costs would be minimal with so many people anxious to work on it.

We know the original plan was for the buildings to be demolished in favor of building parking lots after a couple years. But there are other parking lots which may be making money but are never full. If the city has no more concern for its young people than to take the one place we can get together in an organized manner and make it into parking lots than we can see the trouble ahead of all of us.

Is there any response to this? If this proves to be beyond the realm of thought then we would hope for the same with at least the two remaining usable buildings — the Ballroom and front portion of the building — either the city as the landlord should spend the money to fix them up again, or give us the buildings and we'll fix them up. We know we can do it all and that it wouldn't cost but between \$1200 to \$2000 to do the initial work that would include around \$250-350 for the plumbing (including more bathrooms than before), around \$100-125 for the gas lines, around \$250-350 for the electricity, which doesn't take into account the generous offer from the JayCees to do the wiring in the Ballroom. The money we can get if its necessary for us to do it — there is a marathon planned for January 22 by WNRZ in cooperation with Tribal Council and the Community Center Coordinating Council that deals with the crisis organizations. There could be some benefits planned — we feel confident that the actual construction is a minor problem. Again, though, if the city doesn't have any more concern for its young people than to take its community center and make it into a parking lot then we all are in for some heavy problems. To us it's all reminiscent of the U. of California making People's Park into a parking lot — and we know how expensive that was — it's all part of the same history.



Genie Plamondon speaks for the Tribal Council at Jan. 8 City Council meeting to the need for the People's Ballroom and the Community Center

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V. THE COMMUNITY INTERACTION PROJECT... AND BEYOND

We are aware that the City Council's ad hoc committee on youth problems has submitted a "majority report" to the Council calling for the creation of a "Community Interaction Project" which will attempt to provide adequate facilities for Ann Arbor's youth to "entertain themselves" next summer. We are also aware that a "minority report" has been submitted to the Council by 3rd Ward Councilman Joseph Edwards, of the Ann Arbor Bank, and former Councilman and unsuccessful mayoral candidate Richard Balzhiser, which blames the whole problem of the youth culture and its many manifestations on the "revolutionary element" in Ann Arbor. We recognize that Councilmen Robert Faber and Nicholas Kazarinoff have worked hard and have taken their assignment seriously, and their recommendations represent a great leap forward.

The White Panther Party, as an arm of the "revolutionary element" in Ann Arbor, has drawn up a 10-point program of recommendations for the City Council to use in its planning sessions for next summer and the years beyond. These are not "demands" — we would be foolish to make demands of the city at this point in history — but they are sincere, concrete proposals that, if implemented, will go a long way toward solving the "youth problem" in Ann Arbor and at the same time will help the youth of this community develop and grow into their full human potential. We know full well that the problems of the people will not be solved by the simple implementation of this modest program, but we are concerned here with dealing with a specific problem and effecting a specific solution to that problem.

White Panther Party 10-Point Program for Serving the Needs of the Youth Culture in Ann Arbor

(1) South University from Washtenaw to State Street, and State Street from South University to Huron, should be closed to all motor traffic, and South U between South Forest and East University should be made into a people's mall. Citizens in this area should be encouraged to walk rather than ride. This action will also serve the people of the University of Michigan campus as well as the youth and the general consumer trade. A permanent bandstand should be erected on South U and East U, and another one at South State and Liberty Streets, for open-air concerts and speeches when desired by the merchants and residents of the area. People's art exhibitions could be mounted in the mall areas and the spirit and color of the annual art fair could be extended all year around.

(2) The city should set aside a large plot of land, preferably in the campus area or close by, on which could be built suitable facilities for youth and community needs, as Councilmen Faber and Kazarinoff have suggested. This area could be designated as the youth center area and used

all year round by the youth community and anyone else who desired to use it. The facilities should include a spacious people's park, with a playground area for small children and an outdoor bandshell for concerts and rallies; a large enclosed auditorium for dances, concerts, meetings, and general gatherings; smaller buildings for restaurants, coffeehouses and more intimate gatherings; a book and record store, general store and open newsstand; and a building which could be used for community meetings, classrooms, art exhibitions, and other functions. As much as possible youth should be involved in planning the buildings, helping build them, decorate, design and staff them, organizing and managing the various activities there, etc., because only in that manner will they learn to provide for their own needs and determine their own destinies, and they will rightly feel a closer union with the whole facility, and derive much more use from it, because they were involved in its creation and continue to be involved in its functioning. The City, perhaps in cooperation with local industry and merchants, should provide an initial amount of equipment for the center, including a rugged public address system, a set of musical equipment including amplifiers, a mimeograph machine and electronic stencil-cutting machine, silk-screen equipment, a small offset press, a larger offset press for posters and tabloid newspapers, a photographic laboratory, tape recorders and recording equipment, closed-circuit television and 16-mm. film facilities including an editing room, and other technology so the youth can learn to operate the equipment and create their own newspapers, posters, films, photographs, paintings, musical compositions, records, books, movies, television programs, and other means of human expression in this age. By making these tools available to them the established culture can demonstrate to the youth that they are concerned with the youth's development, and the youth can learn skills and develop talents that will be of value to them and to the whole community for years to come.

(3) A youth-oriented and largely youth-operated liberated school should be located in the youth center area where young people could help educate each other to learn what they need to know in order to survive and grow in the new age of cybernation and electronic technology. The school would use the equipment listed in point (2), above, and could also develop a library through cooperation with university students and the local bookstores, and guidance could be solicited from regular school-teachers, college students, people from the general community with special and general skills and knowledge to offer, and from the youth culture itself. The function of the school would be to teach young people and to help them learn what they want and need to know. Each youth would naturally develop his or her own course of study and would be supplied as much as possible with the technology and the materials they needed for their particular discipline. During the "school year" students and non-students alike could pursue their wider

studies at the people's community school and be given a chance to develop whatever it is they want to develop. Musicians, poets, editors, designers, and all kinds of artists and visionaries could be called upon to work with the community and share their knowledge and skills with the people. Of course this would not apply only to the youth, but to all the citizens of the area once the school were established.

(4) The city should permit and encourage the establishment of youth kiosks for newspapers, magazines and books of special interest to the youth culture, and for disseminating free information about community events and community services. These kiosks and newsstands should be operated by youth groups whenever possible.

(5) The city should endorse the creation of a youth newspaper within the Ann Arbor News and should encourage the News to devote more space to news that is relevant to the youth of Ann Arbor. This program should include writers from the youth culture and would go a long way toward beginning a real dialogue between the youth culture and the established culture. The local radio stations should also be encouraged to initiate youth-training programs whereby young people could learn to operate radio and television equipment, produce programs, and communicate with their own people through the mass media. This would also increase the possibility of real communication between the youth culture and the established culture.

(6) Youth hostels should be established and operated by the city's youth, with positive governmental and health organizational supervision, for young visitors to Ann Arbor and other people passing through the area who wanted to investigate the city's youth program. Buildings could be bought by the city or donated by landowners and could be repaired and renovated by youth work crews who would then be responsible for maintaining and operating the hostels. Paint and other materials could be donated by local merchants who are interested in involving themselves in the community service program.

(7) A free health clinic should be established in the youth center area which could be staffed by hospital and university medical and psychiatric personnel and administered by the youth themselves. The clinic would serve not only the youth but all the people of the community.

(8) In line with this, the police and other law enforcement agencies should be instructed to start dealing with the city's drug problems as health problems rather than criminal matters, and the city should initiate, in cooperation with the police and the medical authorities, a comprehensive new program for dealing with the hard-drug problem, including mass education, information, and treatment which could be implemented largely by the youth themselves. This would include printing pamphlets and other information media and distributing them, working at the clinic, etc. Other health problems such as venereal disease, common illnesses, and other ailments could come under this program, and birth control information could be disseminated as well as information about other health needs.

(9) To expand further on the drug problem, we propose a whole new approach to the situation which would include the passage of a new city ordinance removing marijuana from the list of narcotics and making possession for use a low misdemeanor if it must be a crime at all; the renovation of the police department's program for dealing with drugs by concentrating their efforts on prevention rather than arrest and imprisonment; a community-wide drive to eliminate the availability and use of amphetamines and heroin and other addictive drugs from the community, particularly the youth community; and a real effort to educate youth and demonstrate to them why certain drugs are absolutely harmful while others are or can be beneficial to them. The main point here is that the police must concern themselves with eliminating the drugs themselves and not the users, which would mean that they could then realistically enlist the aid of people in the youth culture who are presently opposed to the use of harmful narcotics and dangerous drugs but would not lift a finger to help the police and the courts throw their brothers and sisters in jail for getting high or for using harmful drugs. This would mean the destruction of the whole drug syndrome and the end of the major source of hostility in the community.

(10) The police should be removed from the South University and South State Street areas and from the youth center area altogether, and the city should allow for the establishment and training of a youth peace force which would police the area and work with the authorities in controlling any trouble that may be forthcoming. It should be noted that most "trouble" occurs when youth gatherings are invaded by police, and when the police stay out of youth areas no trouble occurs. The police department and all authorities should be urged to enter into a real dialogue with youth and other subcultures and learn how to deal with the people peacefully rather than brutalizing and harassing them. The whole subject of police-youth coexistence is central to this report and to any discussion of community problems, and the program offered above, or any program offered by any concerned group, can only be doomed to failure unless a drastic change is made in the attitudes and practices of the police forces and other authorities. We submit that it is in the best interests of the entire community that the police-youth relationship be completely re-evaluated, and re-aligned in

conformity with contemporary reality.

With the establishment of such a youth center area as we have outlined above, the youth of Ann Arbor could begin to educate themselves and involve themselves actively in the life of the community. They could develop their own economy and start making money to support their center by marketing their crafts, and productions to the people of the established culture. This would help them maintain their equipment and keep themselves stocked with the materials they need to keep functioning. As much as possible, however, the services and products developed by the youth should be offered freely within the youth community. The businessmen and merchants of the establishment could involve themselves in this comprehensive community service program by making donations of machinery, equipment and materials to the youth center school and by working with the youth to develop their skills and expertise in various areas. The hospitals and the university could be involved through work in the free clinic, the information and education programs, and the free school. Musicians and other artists could involve themselves by offering their time and skills to the youth and teaching them how to use the technology available to them. Indeed, all segments of the community could eventually become involved in this project and could receive a thorough indoctrination and education in the youth culture.

VI. Conclusion

In closing, we submit that this program, if implemented, will help reduce tensions between youth and police so that further "disorders" can be avoided; it will help the youth learn to govern themselves and manage their own affairs; it will teach them skills, arts and crafts that will be of immediate and long-range value not only to the youth but to the community as a whole; it will help establish a real youth community with its own thriving culture that will work with the established culture to create an atmosphere of total cooperation and total communication which will benefit every member of the whole community; and it will make Ann Arbor the most progressive, most forward-looking city in the entire country. We don't expect to see our program implemented tomorrow, or even next summer, but we do offer it in a spirit of good-will in the hope that the City Council will see fit to study our proposals and act upon them to solve the problems of the city's youth culture.

We are now, and we always have been, most concerned with the future of this city and the future of the country as a whole, and we look forward to a new era of community cooperation in Ann Arbor, provided that the established culture is truly sincere in its concern with the needs of the city's youth. The problem can certainly be solved, but it will not be solved by applying the same tired logic and "reasoning" that has been applied in the past, and it will not be solved without a drastic re-examination of the whole approach to the problem the authorities have traditionally used.

We are living in a new age, although many members of the established order aren't really aware of it — but the young people know exactly what is happening, and we need new approaches to our problems. The City Council has been delegated the power to deal with this situation, and we are hopeful that it will further delegate some of its power to the people in a spirit of true cooperation, so the people can have what they need. All power to the people!

The White Panther Party
by John Sinclair, Chairman
Political Prisoner (serial No. 123507)
Marquette Prison
November 17, 1969



Burned remains of Community Center offices.

JOIN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL!!

MUSIC & BALLROOM COMMITTEE

The People's Music and Ballroom Committee provides low cost high energy music to the people. The Ann Arbor People's Ballroom brought up to a thousand rock & roll maniacs together every weekend since September — and will be reopening as

soon as possible! **ROCK AND ROLL IS HERE TO STAY — IT BROUGHT US TOGETHER SO LET'S STAY THAT WAY!**

People's music & ballroom committee meeting Mondays 7:30, 1522 Hill Street.

FOOD COMMITTEE

The People's Food Committee provides good healthy non-skunk food to the people, through food stands at rainbow community events and the Ann Arbor People's Produce Coop. For \$4.25 you get 2 large bags of fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs, etc. There are 2 places where you can

place an order — 1006 Lincoln (pick up order at 1035 Martin Place) and 634 S. Main (pick up order at 634 S. Main). Eat to stay high!

People's Food Committee meetings are Wednesdays 8pm. Call Jeannie Walsh at 761-1709 for meeting place.



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DEFENSE COMM.

The People's Defense Committee is made up of the Psychedelic Rangers and other brothers and sisters who want to deal with our people's defense and legal problems ourselves. The Defense Committee is working on an investigation into the Fire Department (see Tribal Council extra). **SELF-DETERMINATION LAW!!**

People's Defense Committee meeting Tuesdays 4pm, 1520 Hill Street.

EDUCATION COMM.

The People's Education Committee is working to educate our people. The Children's Community Center, a project of this Committee, was a place for kids to get together at the Blues & Jazz Festival and every weekend at the People's Ballroom. Educate to Liberate!

People's Education Committee meeting Wednesdays 8pm, 427 Hamilton Street.

