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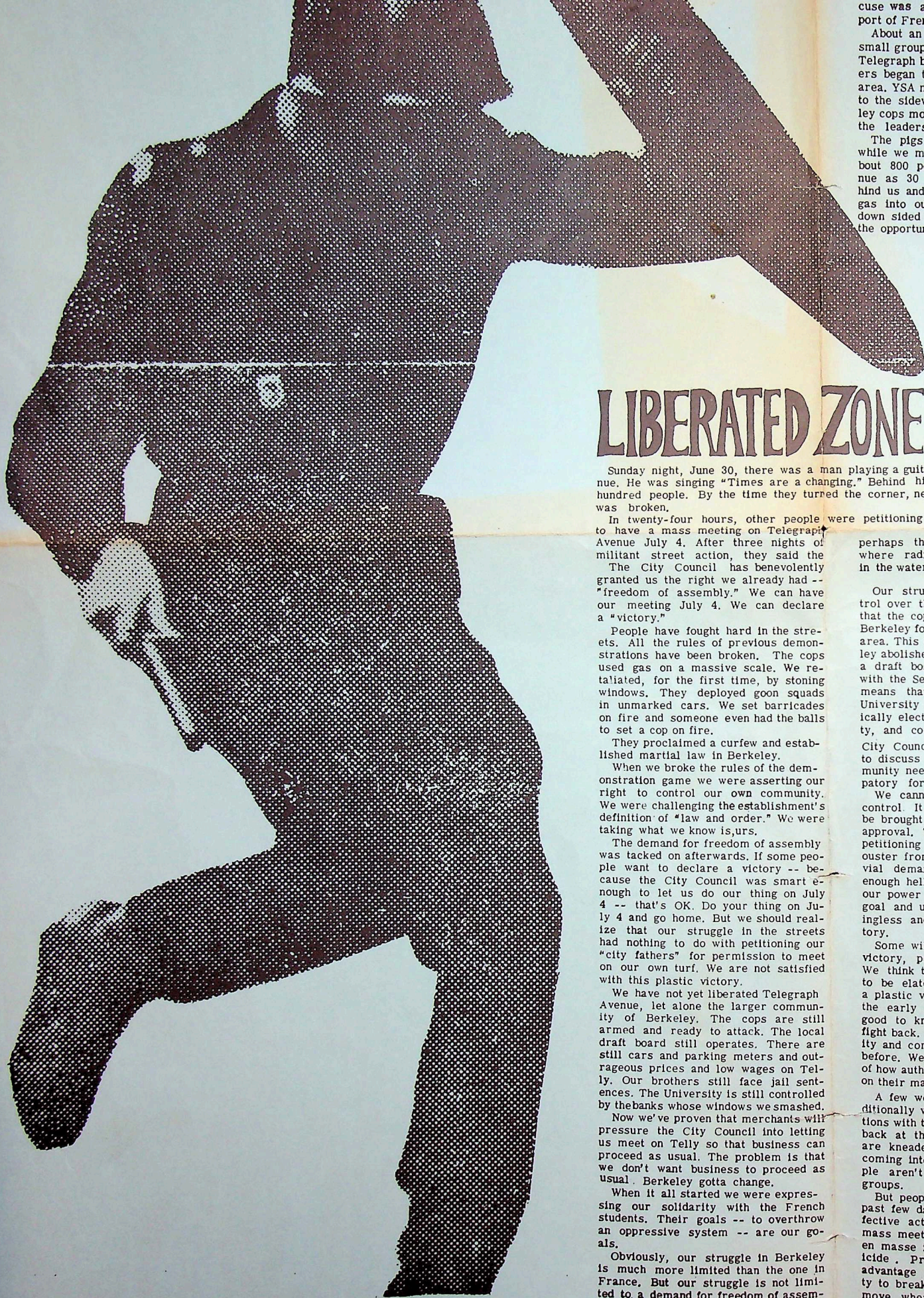
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The demand for freedom of assembly was tacked on afterwards. If some people want to declare a victory -- because the City Council was smart enough to let us do our thing on July 4 -- that's OK. Do your thing on July 4 and go home. But we should realize that our struggle in the streets had nothing to do with petitioning our "city fathers" for permission to meet on our own turf. We are not satisfied with this plastic victory.

We have not yet liberated Telegraph Avenue, let alone the larger community of Berkeley. The cops are still armed and ready to attack. The local draft board still operates. There are still cars and parking meters and outrageous prices and low wages on Telly. Our brothers still face jail sentences. The University is still controlled by the banks whose windows we smashed.

Now we've proven that merchants will pressure the City Council into letting us meet on Telly so that business can proceed as usual. The problem is that we don't want business to proceed as usual. Berkeley gotta change.

When it all started we were expressing our solidarity with the French students. Their goals -- to overthrow an oppressive system -- are our goals.

Obviously, our struggle in Berkeley is much more limited than the one in France. But our struggle is not limited to a demand for freedom of assembly. Have we not progressed at all in the four years since FSM?

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Some will say that unless we declare victory, people will be demoralized. We think that there are many reasons to be elated. No need to manufacture a plastic victory. We are turned on by the early stages of this struggle. It's good to know that we have the guts to fight back. We have a sense of community and comradeship that we never had before. We have a better understanding of how authority, law, and order all rest on their martial law.

A few words about raising hell: Traditionally we have had mass confrontations with the cops -- a parade is turned back at the Oakland city line, masses are kneaded together to block busses coming into the induction center. People aren't used to working in small groups.

But people learned a lot during these past few days. Sometimes the most effective actions can't be publicized at mass meetings. Most of the time going en masse into a phalanx of cops is suicide. Probably our biggest tactical advantage last weekend was our ability to break into small groups that could move where the cops weren't. Each group was diversionary. Cops just had too much territory to cover. Our strength is not always in numbers -- at least not numbers in the same place.

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The cops quickly refined their tactics -- using a minimum number of men to patrol the Avenue, and keeping the rest in cars, acting as a roving terror squad. We were in a double bind. If we gathered in large groups, pig wagons would pull up and gas us. If we

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Thursday, Independence Day, bands and flowers and love all seemed to run together. It was a groovy circus. But we are not Romans. Friday business will go on as usual. But we will not forget. We will be back.

HUEY ON TRIAL

We've been wearing "Free Huey" buttons for a long time now. We wore them during our struggle in the streets. And next week our brother Huey finally will go on trial.

Next week we will have a chance to demonstrate our support for Huey. But, like the buttons we wear, our demonstration will be symbolic. We have gained some power from our street battles, but we don't have enough power to free Huey or ourselves.

Our goal is "All Power to the People. Black Power to Black People." That is what freeing Huey is all about. So the question becomes: How do we get power? (We can only hope the question doesn't become: "Don't we have the right to free assembly near the Courthouse?")

We got a brief whiff of the martial law that is the daily rule in the black ghettos. We learned that launching revolutionary action -- Huey's job in the colonies and our job in the mother country -- is serious business. Huey's turf and our turf are different. Even though the enemy is the same, we each have to build on our own turf.

This means that we try to avoid "horse race" politics -- three weeks ago the new working class was ahead, two weeks ago racism was ahead, this week the street groups are ahead. Who knows what issue will be leading the race a month from now?

It is important to support Huey with a demonstration when his trial begins. But this will not be the final battle. We need to get hung up on confrontations. No need to get hung up on trivial issues. Our support for the black liberation struggle can be meaningful only if we are strong on our own ground.

Editor's Bag -- We, the people who have put out this wall-poster/newspaper, are people who have been on the streets and turned off by meetings that have tried to misdirect our struggle. We are an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit non-organization.

LAW and the ESTABLISHED DISORDER

They say the young are violent.
They say the young are bent on destruction.

It isn't true. We Americans are passive, brutalized into acquiescence by the everyday forces that suppress us, locking into a structure of powerlessness.

Violence is a means of maintaining the established order. The threat of violence can be equally effective.

To hold the ghetto down. To keep draft resistance from spreading. To shackle the militance of the Chicano. To hold the political activist in a state of fear. To terrorize the drug user. To keep the poor off the throats of the rich.

Violence is the only way to maintain illegitimate power. Imprisonment, curfews, agents, bugging devices all contribute to keeping the United States safe for democracy.

Currently, 30,000 marijuana users are in federal prisons alone.

Thousands of others are already in prison for draft refusal, and tens of thousands more may appear on the legal chopping block in the next few years.

Thousands are serving time for ghetto insurrection.

Where are the real criminals? Some have become policemen. Others run the corporate machinery that makes weapons for Vietnam, screws underdeveloped nations for profit, and turns workers at home into automatons. Some of our criminals hold down Senate jobs, cabinet offices, sabotaging human freedoms.

On one hand, we have the cop, clubbing the long-haired demonstrator until his brains begin to pour onto the sidewalk.



On the other hand, we have the powerful men in this society who make the decisions that caused the long-haired demonstrator to take to the streets.

And in the middle, we have the working class and the middle class that have been brainwashed by the communications trusts to believe that good is bad and bad is good.

The establishment has been intensifying its forms of suppression. We fight back. The liberals scream law

and order. But peace keeps the bastards in the driver's seat. One does not negotiate. One removes the driver. By any means necessary.

Congress has passed a gun control law to keep guns from the hands of the poor and the blacks and concentrate the fire power in the State.

We must destroy that which suppresses. Or we, ourselves, will be destroyed.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

The Berkeley insurrection was a new thing for most of the people involved. While the "revolutionary significance" of the scene often tends to be wildly overstated in the immediate flush of action and street combat, of police repression and open pig control, there is a larger picture into which the Berkeley events fit.

A larger struggle. Cities, even countries, have been turned upside down by young rebels who take no shit from the system, the military, or the liberal cloak. For, as we well know here, the liberal cloak cannot conceal the pig's twisted tail.

In France, students and workers nearly brought a government down. In Vietnam, 15 year old men and women fight along with an entire people ... and cops in fatigues with the biggest guns in the west can't keep the people down. In other parts of the world, youth are in revolt.

The mass media have made of this revolt a youth thing. There's a reason for that stress. It is the youth, but it is youth with a story to tell, a society to destroy and a new one to build. Only the fighters themselves can get the story into the print of reality, and spread its meaning throughout the place in which they live.

In America the youth revolt has been labelled by its enemies as that of the hippies and of the new leftists. There has been a split between the two in Berkeley and in other places where there has been revolt. Perhaps the most significant thing about last week in Berkeley was that it was the beginning of these groups learning from each other and moving together politically.

The issue was more than that of the turf. The feeling of community that attaches to a Telegraph area under attack is a good one. More than Telegraph Avenue, it is a feeling that this street, this city must belong to the people, and it is the issue of decision making and control.

In Berkeley, the occupation lasted for four nights. The curfew was lifted after the last two days. But in many countries in both hemispheres, United States troops have occupied the land and the cities for decades.

When the people revolt, the face of the oppressor, the smell of the tear gas, is etched in memory .. occupying armies enter Vietnam, napalm Bolivia, murder people in the Detroit ghetto.

We in Berkeley have caught a whiff of that tear gas. We have through this gained the potential to begin to understand what it means to be black in America. Is it any wonder that black leaders speak of the importance of survival, and of the necessity for self-determination? Many of our brothers must face prison. Now we have come close to facing prison, and we have attempted to resist.

We have begun to understand what private property is: suck the poor dry at home and abroad .. don't consider human needs ... construct walls between people. Private. Only those with the badges of authority can get inside. Last weekend, many of us realized that life is more important than the subtle and not subtle ways of death of the corporate economy. We said it with rocks and fists. They cried over broken windows and they ignored clubbed heads.

So Berkeley is not alone. There are people in other parts of the United States who think as we do, there are many more who will. There are peoples throughout the world with the same ideas in mind, the same ideas in act.

But saying, "Comon people, let's all get together," may be a groove, but it don't get it done. Berkeley last week is not the beginning, but is still a very long way from the end. We must use the spirit of what happened to build together actions what are not sporadic but systematic. Actions that will not be only symptoms of the larger struggle, but integral with it.

To take it down.

WHAT TO DO

1. Boycott opposition businesses: Help organize a boycott of Telegraph merchants who are working against the institution of the street as a permanent mall Call 524-1414.
2. Power structure research: Uncover the dirt that lies behind the city government businesses and the wretched foot of it all: the university. Call 526-0739.
3. Halt the flow of traffic.
4. Be prepared.
5. Nark research: Pool information on who undercovers for the busts.
6. Free food squads: People need to live. Work on giving strugglers fruit, milk, etc.
7. Crash network: Find places for people to stay.
8. Overthrow the university: With friends, pull together a tight group, that can begin to develop action at Cal. Call Nick, 524-1414.
9. Turn Bay area high schools upside High schools approach concentration camps. Fight, etc. Call Bill, 524-1414.
10. Maintain the communications network: Keep this communications press alive. Call Randy, 845-9190.

THERE WILL BE MORE PHONES AND PROJECTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE. PEOPLE GOT TO GET TOGETHER.

WHO'S WALLACE JOHNSON?

Mayor Wallace Johnson is no ordinary petit-bourgeois mayor. Johnson is the author of the book, "Responsible Individualism, a Modern Political Philosophy." More importantly, he is president of Upright (can you dig it?) Scaffolding, a factory at 1013 Pardee Street, off San Pablo Avenue, in the industrial and Black area of Berkeley.

During his 1967 campaign against Jerry Rubin, Johnson was exposed for his racist hiring practices. He had only four Black employees in a factory of 60 workers -- all non-union. When asked



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by Rubin how many Black people were employed at his 20 year old factory, Johnson replied:

"I don't know how many. I judge men individually, not by their race. Mr. Rubin, you're nitpicking. You know what you are You're a harpooner. You're just trying to get something on me so that you can run to the press. I don't have to talk to you because you're an adversary." (Berkeley Barb, March 10)

Johnson won the 1963 election partly on the basis of his opposition to fair housing legislation in Berkeley. In 1967, he promised the people of Berkeley an underground BART, and later tried to build part of it above ground on the rationale that the border to border slogan had been only a matter of convenience. This racist deception has recently been defeated in the courts under the leadership of Councilman Ronald Dellums.

At the beginning of the Delano Grape strike in 1965, the upright company obtained a license for a grape harvesting machine. This license was granted to Upright Inc. by the University Agriculture Extension Service of the University of California. There was no competitive bidding. The first priority of mechanization in grape harvesting, as stated by the Agricultural Extension Service, is to "remove grower dependence on harvest labor." (see the New Republic, April 13, 1968.)

Thus Mayor Johnson is developing a machine that will put all grape workers in California out of work. In his book, "Responsible Individualism," Johnson wrote of the Delano march that emotionalism outweighed the responsible elements: "guilt feelings, frustrations, antagonisms ... conflict for its own sake, all paraded under the banners of social justice."

It is safe to assume that Upright Inc. will resist the demands of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee for a share of the savings from

BLOCK ORGANIZING

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For most of us, accustomed to candor, to open mikes, the underground life style may be difficult to understand. We must learn how to communicate our plans for political actions without the cops discovering them. This necessitates restraint among strangers and trust among friends.

A block to block network of trust must begin to work for us. When we are ready to maneuver offensively, we will thus be prepared for self-defense as well.

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A MESSAGE FROM HUEY

When he heard about the street action in Berkeley, Huey Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, made the following statement to the Editor of The Movement:

"The resistance by white radicals in Berkeley during the past three nights is a good indication that white radicals are on their way home. They have identified their enemies. The white radicals have integrated theory with practice.

"They realize the American system is the real enemy -- but, in order to attack the American system, they must attack the ordinary cop. In order to attack the educational system, they must attack the ordinary teacher -- just as the Vietnamese people, in order to attack American imperialism, must attack the ordinary soldier."



Here are excerpts from a speech made by Eldridge Cleaver to the Berkeley Left, July 2, 1968:

"We better begin to understand that those pigs out there, they can't think well enough to listen to what they did here, they can't think like that. The only thing that they can do is to whip what head they're told to whip. They'll whip any head they're told to whip, and they were told to start whipping these white heads in Berkeley because this shit is getting out of hand. Too many people going around doing what they want to do ...

people. ...But there are more people in this country than there are pigs ...

"You either have to submit to a government that is functioning without a constitution or do what your ancestors did and get a government and a constitution of the people, for the people, and by the people. Not by the pigs! ...

"So what we gotta do in this country is to dispel all those lies they have around that people are impotent, that the people can no longer control their destinies. That the two party system, the Republican and Democratic parties are eternal. That's what they want us

OUT ON BAIL

No one of us, who saw, who felt
Will ever forget.
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Saturday night, June 20, somebody roasted a pig. Monday night, two days later, UC's very own Dean Chickeneater, the cop, fingered 19 year old Wayne Green while Wayne was walking from University Avenue. Four cops dragged him into their car and kidnapped him.

These two incidents would seem unrelated except that the pigs who kidnapped him held out for \$25,000 in ransom. They charged him with possession of a Molotov, assault and battery on a police officer, and attempted murder.

Wayne is not guilty of these charges. But, he is guilty of two counts of rebellion. He is Black, and he works for the Resistance. For this, he is being charged with crimes that could jail him for life.

A Tuesday afternoon hearing reduced bail to \$12,500. Wayne was released on bond, on condition that the rest of the cash would be raised and the bond withdrawn. Wayne is out of jail right now. To keep him out, we need money. Send it to Wayne Green, c/o Henry Elson, 2020 Milvia, Berkeley, Cal.

Get Ready

A MESSAGE FROM HUEY

When he heard about the street action in Berkeley, Huey Newton, Minister of Defense of the Black Panther Party, made the following statement to the Editor of The Movement:

"The resistance by white radicals in Berkeley during the past three nights is a good indication that white radicals are on their way home. They have identified their enemies. The white radicals have integrated theory with practice.

"We realize the American system is the real enemy -- but, in order to attack the American system, they must attack the ordinary cop. In order to attack the educational system, they must attack the ordinary teacher -- just as the Vietnamese people, in order to attack American imperialism, must attack the ordinary soldier."

**ALL POWER to the PEOPLE!
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Here are excerpts from a speech made by Eldridge Cleaver to the Berkeley Left, July 2, 1968:

"We better begin to understand that those pigs out there, they can't think well enough to listen to what they did here, they can't think like that. The only thing that they can do is to whip what head they're told to whip. They'll whip any head they're told to whip, and they were told to start whipping these white heads in Berkeley because this shit is getting out of hand. Too many people going around doing what they want to do ...

"They're carrying out orders made by men at the highest level in this country. They're serious about it and you're still smiling about it. But I understand why you're smiling. You're smiling because you have confronted these pigs and they have been exposed for what they are, the enemies of the people, that's what they are, the enemies of the

people. ...But there are more people in this country than there are pigs

"You either have to submit to a government that is functioning without a constitution or do what your ancestors did and get a government and a constitution of the people, for the people, and by the people. Not by the pigs! ...

"So what we gotta do in this country is to dispel all those lies they have around that people are impotent, that the people can no longer control their destinies. That the two party system, the Republican and Democratic parties are eternal. That's what they want us to believe.

"But we have got to tell them: Later for your parties. Later for your commissions! Later for everything you set up until we get this here straight! You better get it straight because they started it now and if you don't get it straight, where will it end? Power to the People! Black Power to Black People!"



MONEY MONEY MONEY

Send bail money to Bail Fund, 2519A Telegraph

Avenue, it is a feeling that this street, this city must belong to the people, and it is the issue of decision making and control.

In Berkeley, the occupation lasted for four nights. The curfew was lifted after the last two days. But in many countries in both hemispheres, United States troops have occupied the land and the cities for decades.

When the people revolt, the face of the oppressor, the smell of the tear gas, is etched in memory .. occupying armies enter Vietnam, napalm Bolivia, murder people in the Detroit ghetto.

We in Berkeley have caught a whiff of that tear gas. We have through this gained the potential to begin to understand what it means to be black in America. Is it any wonder that black leaders speak of the importance of survival, and of the necessity for self-determination? Many of our brothers must face prison. Now we have come close to facing prison, and we have attempted to resist.

4. Be prepared.

5. Nark research:
Pool information on who undercovers for the busts.

6. Free food squads:
People need to live. Work on giving strugglers fruit, milk, etc.

7. Crash network:
Find places for people to stay.

8. Overthrow the university:
With friends, pull together a tight group, that can begin to develop action at Cal. Call Nick, 524-1414.

9. Turn Bay area high schools upside
High schools approach concentration camps. Fight, etc. Call Bill, 524-1414.

10. Maintain the communications network:
Keep this communications press alive. Call Randy, 845-9190.

THERE WILL BE MORE PHONES AND PROJECTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE. PEOPLE GOT TO GET TOGETHER.

OUT ON BAIL

No one of us, who saw, who felt
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The battles...rattle...of walls
In the sudden shifting changing of
Our times...the chimes...the rhymes
Of Freedom flashing through
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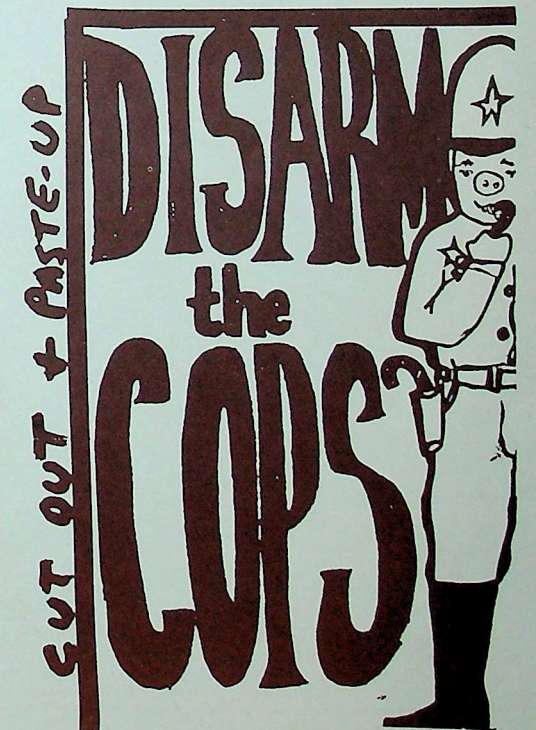
No one of us will ever be the same
Again...Would we were together now
As we were then.

For Freedom's flashes
Are not fire's roar and the
Day of Independence is not
Our Day of Victory...repression
Often whips, upside the head,
But it may also seem caress...
We bite the hook...vitality depressed
Before an organism formed of
All our hearts and heads has time
To rise, to ring out powerful,
Has time to spread.

Each one of us, who saw, who felt
Must make of memory...of lessons learned

And compromises spurned -- a flint.
Must make of yearning
To be Free articulated fist,
A symphony of the isolated
Chimes which flash our night.
We are not now free,
If sometimes out on bail...
Our lives must be combined
To smash our present jail.

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FREE HUEY DEMONSTRATIONS

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AND IN RICHMOND . . .

Tuesday, June 29, a white cop seriously wounded a young black man 'suspected' of car theft. The black community in Richmond protested this outrage with several nights of street action. By Friday, we opened up a second front in Berkeley while Richmond was still in an uneasy state of truce.

The Richmond City Council was unusually responsive to the black community for a brief time. For one week they severely limited the cops' discretionary powers in using firearms. We can assume that there are two reasons for their brief lapse into sanity. First, they realized that they had to cool things quickly because some of their troops were needed in Berkeley.

Second, and more important for Richmond itself, black people got the support of a significant segment of the white working class in Richmond. Why?

On the same day that the black man was shot, Contra Costa deputy sheriffs beat and maced seven striking white machinists from Local 824. They were all arrested on the typical charges of 'resisting arrest,' 'refusal to disperse' and 'creating a public nuisance.'

(One of those arrested is the brother of a man murdered by Richmond cops a year ago). Sound Familiar?

On July 1st, more than 250 workers attended a rally to make the following demands of the Richmond City Council: pass an ordinance to forbid strike breaking in Richmond; forbid the use of mace; drop all charges against the machinists and fire the police who attacked them. They also demanded that all 500 police withdraw from the ghetto that all black prisoners arrested in connection with the uprising in Richmond be released; that police not use

We opened
each volume
of Marx
as we would open
the shutters
in our house,
but we did not have to read
to make up our minds
which side to join,
which side to fight on.
Our dialectics
were not learned
from Hegel.
In the roar of battle
it erupted into verse,
when, under fire,
the bourgeoisie decamped
as once we ourselves
have fled
from them.
--Mayakovsky

weapons against fleeing suspects and that Officer Grates be indicted for assault with intent to commit murder.

White workers in Richmond, just like white folks in Berkeley, recognized their unity with black people. The issue was clear - **CONTROL THE COPS!**

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What The Hell's Been Done

A revolution is not a spectacle. It is the point at which subject and object synthesize. It is that crucial point at which the act of participation and the act of observation become the same. There are no spectators in a Revolution. All are participants; all are activists.

Our revolutionary movement has been manipulated by a bunch of professional politicians. We saw the most disgusting part of the sell-out on Tuesday night. The hall was packed with spectators who came to have a look. They should have been at the movie 'Battle of Algiers.' That hall was packed with the 'sincere' fucked-up middle-class 'radicals' whose sense of 'justice' had been outraged by all they had heard on KPFA. They were not the people of the streets. Yet they were the people who voted to sell-out our struggle!

When beautiful Eldridge Cleaver came all the way to speak to us (and it was a long way he came--socially) he came as a brother; he came as a comrade and he was treated as an entertainer in a spectacular by a passive audience. When Eldridge told us he had refused to attend his parole board meeting he did not expect us to gasp and sigh 'Poor Eldridge is in shit again!' He expected us to rejoice and follow his example

and see for once and for all that there can be no dialogue with the power structure. We spoke for six hours or more at that City Council Meeting. It didn't work. We don't speak the same language. We cannot continue this farce of a dialogue.

We have been manipulated by having our struggle in the streets abstracted into a set of political symbols which could be juggled with ease by any professional politician. The first symbol is Telegraph Avenue. Telegraph Avenue isn't the reason that we were gassed, clubbed and beaten. Telegraph Avenue isn't the reason we have resorted to bombs. We want something more than a piece of street and a carnival of the 4th of July. We want people's power. We want a say in the running of our lives, man! Telegraph Avenue was a symbolic demand foisted on us by the City Council, in collusion with puppet 'leaders!' It is an attempt to mystify us into believing we have won a significant victory. It is bullshit.

Let us take a look at another symbol imposed upon us by the power structure--namely Peter Camejo. The City

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GULLIVER'S ENCOUNTERS

With the Merchants of the Rapidly Changing, Hardily Contested Avenue of Telegraph
(first of a series)

What is this talk of Telegraph Avenue being our street? Can a street be ours when almost every pay telephone is tapped by the narcs? Can a street be ours when the managers of our two largest coffee houses cooperate with them and are personal friends of the Chief of Police? Can a street be ours when better than half of the shop owners are opposed to making a mall on Telegraph?

We want a place where we can congregate and build our culture. A mall is only a first step to People's Control of Telly. We should know who's for it and who's out to prevent it. This article is a first step in preparing us for action around community development and defense.

We questioned merchants about their attitudes towards demonstrations and a mall. We didn't reach everyone, and didn't get significant answers from many others. It should be clear that

attitudes reported here apply to owners and managers. Employees, in many cases are street people and could be organized against their employers around our demands.

The Most Sympathetic Stores:

A. ~~~~~
-The Store-of course. They sheltered 150 people during the cop riot.
-Eclair Pastries -Have been working on plans for a mall.

-Anton's Hofbrau- Very Friendly. Contributed money to the BARRICADE.
-Moe's-Contributed to the BARRICADE, well, you know Moe.
-Shakespeare's-Spectrum West-Persian Bag-Persian Caravan-Miki's-Robbie's-La Fiesta.

B. ~~~~~
These people either said they favored the mall, or would not oppose it:

-The Heidelberg-Pepes-See's Candies-Continental Books-Mayfair-India Imports-Record City-Discant Records-Abel I-Virginia Cleaners-Dolan Pharmacy-Andre Godet.

C. ~~~~~
These people are interested in the development of the community and favor a mall, although they are unsympathetic to street people:

-Fraser's-Has been losing business since the hippie influx. The manager is eager to talk to people about making the street livable for all people, but is against even a Saturday night mall.

-Larry Blake-Even though Larry Blake's was a good refuge during the cop riots he says we should stop all this emotionalism about the street and the mall and bring in a team of scientists to gather objective facts and decide the issues once and for all for everyone.



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AT IT

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Letters from the Street

Brothers and Sisters...

We, the confreres of one bandit affinity group, just another non-organization, both passionate and revolutionary, wish to tip you off to the directions of our plans.

We scheme on liberating things, etc. that we notice you, our brothers; need to accomplish your revolutionary aims.

We're hoping that this tip-off will set a precedent for further tip-offs from other active groups. Subtle hints of this nature, when broadcast through the super-underground press, could skyrocket way up the commune spirit.

Get your shit together brothers, and think Robin Hood because the war is definitely on.

SOLID

THE PEOPLE NEED NO LEADERS! In each situation those present should spontaneously accede to the collective intuition as to what is the correct course of action. This idea looms as an abstraction only in the minds of those so caught up in parliamentary procedure that they have lost the ability to feel the fire in their guts that is the well-spring of real revolution.

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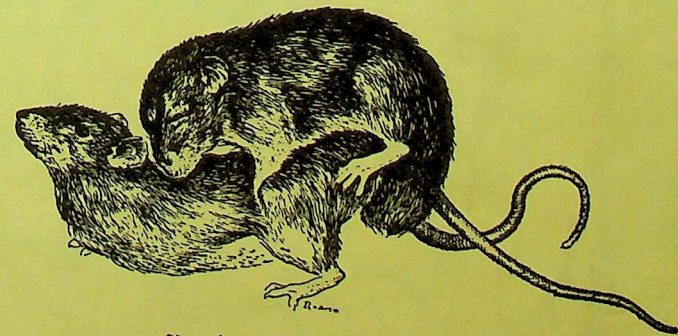
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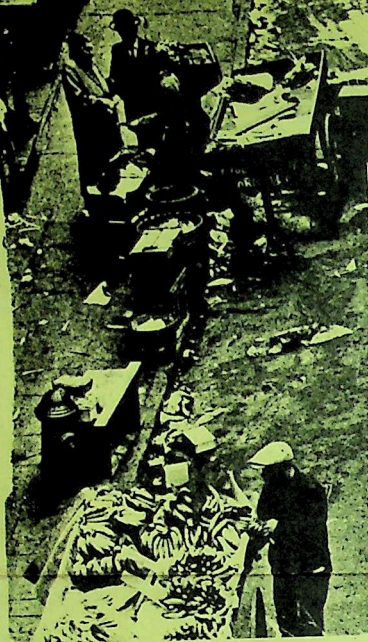
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If they can do this-if they can isolate the revolutionary leadership. They can exterminate them. This is why we must take to the streets in solidarity with our black brothers. Huey Newton must not die.

We are the ultimate dialectic. We are the white middle-class children of the white middleclass power structure. But we tell our Fathers to fuck their system. We don't want it. We want a Revolution.

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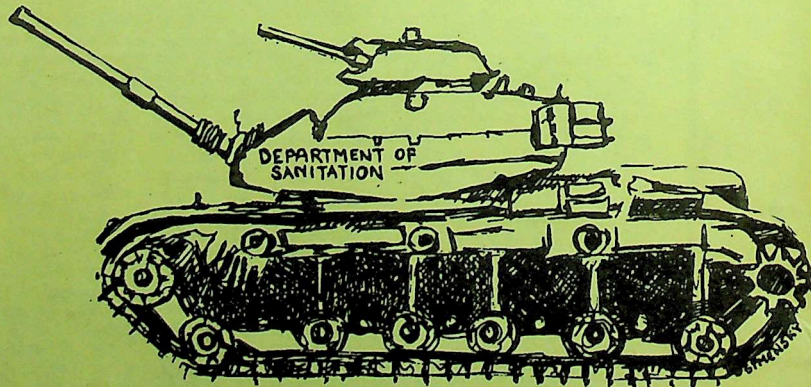
Black 5
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Part-Time, Lecturers, and Supervisors

Black 16
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American Indian 0

Minorities as Percent of Total UC Faculty 2.4%

This is the first of a continuing series of shit shoveling in Berkeley. Any and all contributions welcome.



EDITOR'S BAG: We, the people who have put out this wall poster/newspaper, are people who have been on the streets and turned off by meetings that have tried to misdirect our struggle. We are an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit, non-organization. Send all letters and contributions to Post Office Box 341, Berkeley, California, 94701.

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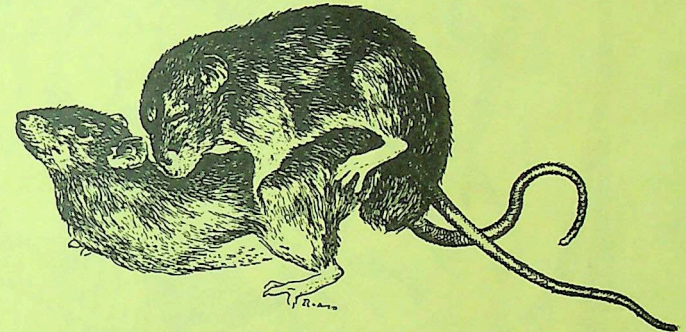
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A lot of people have been doing a lot of talking about the Delaware Obscenity Group. Some have lied maliciously about what it is and does. Others, looking at the Berkeley scene, have attributed every Important Action to it- since no other group could pull an Important Action. To set the record straight we will present a brief history of the group and an account of some of its more recent actions.

The Delaware Obscenity Group was formed in 1975, in Boston. After long theoretical discussion, achieving the correct analysis and strategy, it acted. The Boston Massacre provided the spark for revolution, thus proving that this group had achieved a correct dialectical understanding of the situation. Unfortunately the massacre pretty well wiped out the group.

Little is known of the activities of this fraternal, metaphysical, revolutionary order between this Historically Correct Action and the beginning of the 20th century. In the latter period the Group again arrived at an important conclusion.

Operating from its Internationalist outlook and seeing that Russia was sorely in need of a revolution; having analysed dialectically all the forces at play in the world; the group decided to act again. The assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand was planned using the precepts of scientific materialism; (having taken into account the position of the planets, weather charts, the dialectical nature of Lenin's frequent trips and all other relevant data) to result in the Glorious Russian Revolution.

In revolutionary satiation again the

Group withdrew to theoretical work. About 15 years ago it achieved the plan for revolution in America: Obsenity. Do not ask how this was achieved. Suffice it to say that the Group that was right in 1775, and in 1913 has again achieved the Correct Analysis. All that remains is to implement it. Have Faith in the dialectical workings of history.

Who do you think wrote 'fuck' in the corridors of your school (or Holden Caulfield's?) It was the Delaware Obsenity Group engaged in the historically Correct Action! Some things remain a mystery to even the Initiate in the Order. Did it blow up the Hindenberg Zeppelin? Remember the Maine? Who killed Baby Jane? Were Bonnie and Clyde an affinity group, or just a revolutionary gang? Was Guevara a member of the fraternity, or just a symp?

These are matters which need much scholarly attention. Why aren't bourgeois scholars engaged in this essential research? Because of their fear that the Historically Correct Action of today- obscenity- will shine through their attempts at obfuscation. Movement theorists and historians must begin to pay more attention to this little understood but essential revolutionary organization.

Post Mortem

The Delaware Obscenity Group did not blow up the Police Station on campus - the cops are too obscene for words. Their presence advances the Cause much more than a few 'fucks' or 'shits' on walls.