

**THURSDAY 18th**  
 \*\*\*moon in sagittarius\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*paul mccartney born 1942\*\*\*  
 DANCES: every wed. & thurs.  
 at the brookdale lodge on  
 hwy. 9 8pm-1am \$2/head

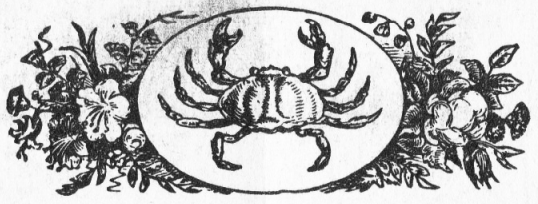
**FRIDAY 19th**  
 \*\*moon in capricorn, 8:06am\*\*  
 full moon  
 \*gather mushrooms; plant po-  
 tatoes & tubers\*  
 \*\*\*confucius born 551 bc\*\*\*  
 \*guy lombardo born 1902\*  
 FLICKS: 'forbidden planet' &  
 chap. 2 of 'the purple mon-  
 ster strikes' midnight at  
 the nickelodeon, 210 lincoln  
 \$1.50

**SATURDAY 20th**  
 new horizons: a summer program  
 for children 8-12 at the  
 branciforte branch library,  
 230 gault st, sc. saturdays  
 at 10am....today peter beagle  
 will tell stories & play guit-  
 ar  
 FLICKS: 'forbidden planet' at  
 the nickelodeon see the 19th  
 miss california finals 9:30pm  
 at the civic aud. this year's  
 theme: 'idiot's delight'

"We will not be leered at,  
 smirked at, or whistled at by  
 men enjoying their private  
 fantasies of rape and dismem-  
 berment..."  
 female liberation news-  
 letter, no.1

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**Spaghetti**  
 423-6449

**SUNDAY 21st**  
 \*\*\*sun enters cancer, 11:44am\*\*  
 summer solstice  
 \*\*\*moon in aquarius, 9:01am\*\*\*  
 \*harvest roots; trim to retard  
 growth\*



**TUESDAY 23rd**  
 \*\*\*moon in pisces, 10:12am\*\*\*  
 \*plant biennials, perennials,  
 bulbs & roots; irrigate;  
 fertilize (org)\*

IMPORTANT PUBLIC FORUM!  
 see box below!

**WEDNESDAY 24th**  
 \*\*\*moon in aries, 12:53pm\*\*\*  
 transcendental meditation  
 introductory meeting at mer-  
 rill college, rm. 102, ucsc  
 8pm free

SIERRA CLUB: general meeting  
 of the loma prieta chapter:  
 films on river ecology and  
 pollution; at the mountain  
 view h.s. cafetorium 7:45pm  
 free

ROCK: at brookdale lodge on  
 hwy. 9 8pm-1am \$2/head

**THURSDAY 25th**  
 \*\*\*fourth quarter\*\*\*  
 \*harvest, cultivate, pull  
 weeds, bad vibe gophers\*

MEETING: welfare rights group  
 meets every thursday at the  
 area service center cor. of  
 seabright & broadway 7:30pm

DANCE: at brookdale lodge on  
 hwy. 9 8pm-1am \$2/head

**FRIDAY 26th**  
 FLICKS: 4th annual underground  
 freakout festival plus w.c.  
 fields in 'the dentist' mid-  
 night at the nickelodeon  
 210 lincoln \$1.50

**SATURDAY 27th**  
 \*\*\*moon in taurus, 5:35pm\*\*\*  
 \*parnell born 1846\*

new horizons; for children 8-  
 12, at the branciforte branch  
 library, 230 gault st, sc,  
 guest: mary branch, local  
 children's author 10am

FLICKS: midnight at the nic-  
 kelodeon see the 26th

**SUNDAY 28th**  
 3rd annual sidewalk art fair  
 downtown felton  
 free



**TUESDAY 30th**  
 \*\*\*moon in gemini, 00:25am\*\*\*  
 \*\*harvest, cultivate; pull  
 weeds; trim to retard  
 growth\*\*

**WEDNESDAY july 1st**  
 DANCE: at brookdale lodge on  
 hwy. 9 8pm-1am \$2/head



**PUBLIC MEETING**  
 of the santa cruz county board of supervisors  
 with respect to  
 PG&E's PROPOSED DAVENPORT ATOMIC POWER PLANT  
 Present to speak will be  
 Mr. Alexander Grendon of the Atomic Energy  
 Commission and  
 Dr. John Gofman of the Lawrence Radiation  
 Laboratory  
 TIME: Tuesday 23 June 1970 7:30 pm  
 PLACE: Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium  
 Please call four people you know and urge  
 them to attend.



**MESSAGES**  
 The following people have messages await-  
 ing them at the Santa Cruz Switchboard:  
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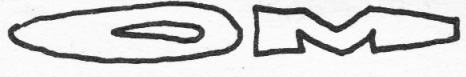
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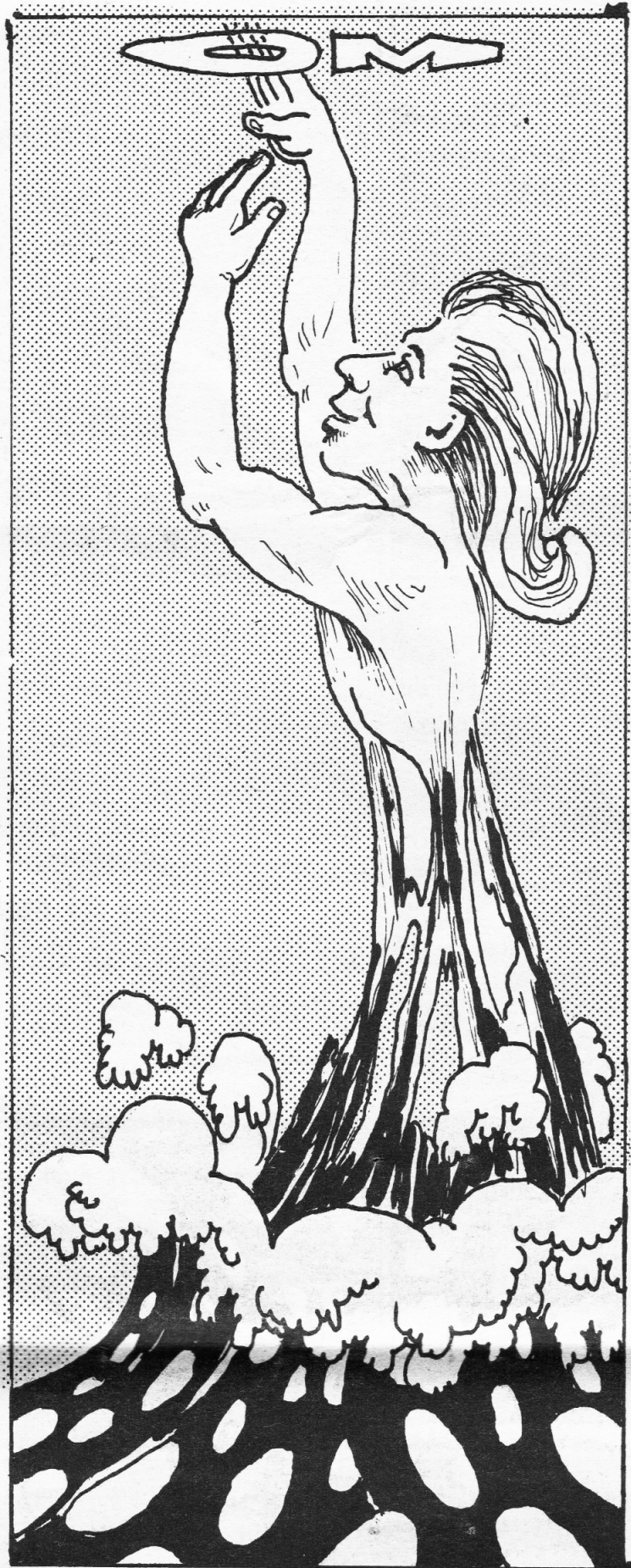
Organic Merchants is a brotherhood of organic and inspired people. It is a gathering of alchemists and medicine men who work to bring a perspective to ecology: to eat is to be what you eat; to do is to be. OM is a dream of tribes working together to replenish our life forces through brotherhood, sharing, and good food. OM is a transition step from blind dependency and ignorance of consumer adulthood to knowing and childlike tribal sufficiency. OM is only a year old. It is a business growing up to be a family.



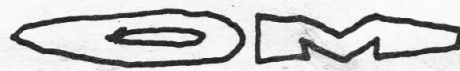
The gentle animal is aroused by morning sounds and smells. Vibrations of a new day. Pure, sweet energy. Spirited beginning with every voice whispering renewal. Each organism stretches, reaches toward the light for growth. Stomach of our nature growls or trembles, expecting that what the day brings will be good. This animal feels the earth within himself, knows the days before as the mother of his days ahead. Knows the purity of food and senses. Feels the energy exploding within the clean, healthy body of man--like the energy of our wholesome nature. Cleanliness inside and out. No congestion--no pollution--open nose, throat, bowels and heart--open mind. Energy expands consciousness. Conscious life that flows from clean fuel used to create, release, energy--to search, to gather, to laugh, to live each dream--expansion into the day means a fresh start. That flow of energy takes care of the tribe, which takes care of every brother and sister. Each body, a temple of life, knows when it is well--clean and healthy. It reflects its own condition by the way it acts all day--how it treats others--how it is treated. Health in the temple. The tribe prays together. No blocks to total conscious participation in all the vigor of life. Natural animal, natural foods--high feelings, the temple is clean. Each organism knows what it needs, asks for no more. Appetite is total and integral--not ruling the stomach from the tongue; not grasping food for fear of shortage; not gobbling for lack of time; not running until the fuel is felt. That power of food is complete. The life forces renewed, the energy high, the day begins without confusion or excuses. No second thoughts, no uncomfortable feelings or needless desires, for the temple is fulfilling its holy purpose--a place where the mind prays. Senses flare for new stimulus, new perceptions, new creations. However the individual works, the tribe works. If the one is weak, is clogged, is down, the tribe reflects the condition--cannot function totally. To be the earth, to be organic and complete, the tribe only must be natural. Always changing, expanding/contracting, growing--feeling every pulse and every breath as the beginning of all the rest.



The tribe is me. I awake, a part of all around me. I open my doors, to my brothers and sisters--and find they're opening too. I am whole to sustain the part. I am strong, eternal man with energy, labor, words and senses finding whatever my tribe needs for today, to live now for every tomorrow. I cleanse out all present waste, and return it to earth/plants/bacteria--life renewal. A cup of tea, fresh fruit and vegetables--all the earth joy I need. My stomach is clean each morning--I ate the night before, then breathed deep, danced and sang and loved before I slept. Food, my pure fuel, was into all channels of use before I retired to inactivity. Well invested at night, I slept soundly, trusting and anxious to begin again at dawn. Use your food well, and you will live life well.



At another time, I dulled my body with senseless gobbling, stuffed my stomach with salt and sugar and varieties of useless bulk. I lost my teeth and hair and energy because my body was unclean, my life, my tribe, my mind, was congested and confused. I angered easily, raged incessantly and was on the verge of tears at times. I found fear in passing glances and painted cars. I had left off with living, with loving, to spend all time hurrying for life I could not feel. I cared little what my body did, for I was part of nothing but myself. For lack of energy I saw no light. For fear of dying too fast, I let the living in me die.



Once ago I opened my dulled senses, and saw a spark in my brother's eyes. I looked deeper and saw a glow, a light, a raging fire of life. I watched the brother, a man of sanity but a child of life. I listened, and then I felt. That pulse. That powerful, filling vibration of health and strength. It emerged from a well that was deep and full--so full it overflowed, it spread wealth and love wherever it went--it turned me on. I asked for a sign, a way to follow. I heard--"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Alcohol, meat, sugar, senseless quantities of anything had destroyed and depleted my temple--I could not pray. In just three days, life began again. I fasted, I breathed slowly, deeply, consciously. I listened to the voice of my heart and stomach, and quieted the incessant, troubled voices in my head.



The day began, and I opened my head. I stretched a beautiful, healthful body and heard all of life singing in joy of joy together. I opened my arms and my heart was full. I breathed deeply and my tribe was in me. I looked upon this garden earth, and there was light, even fire, in all my brothers' eyes. "Let's get it on." We're here to live, what more do we need. The purpose of life? We are life. We seek and find and gently merge with god as one. Every conscious step, every vital breath lights a higher path, a total way of life. I hear the health and feel the song and am a part of the vast eternal harmony of all. I am no longer--there is the tribe. The tribe works, together, apart, all being one goal--to live life well. The tribe is no loner, there is harmony. Harmony is the man, the child, the mother, the plants, the soil, the sun, the unspoken and unknown, but felt power--it sings as one, it sounds as OM.

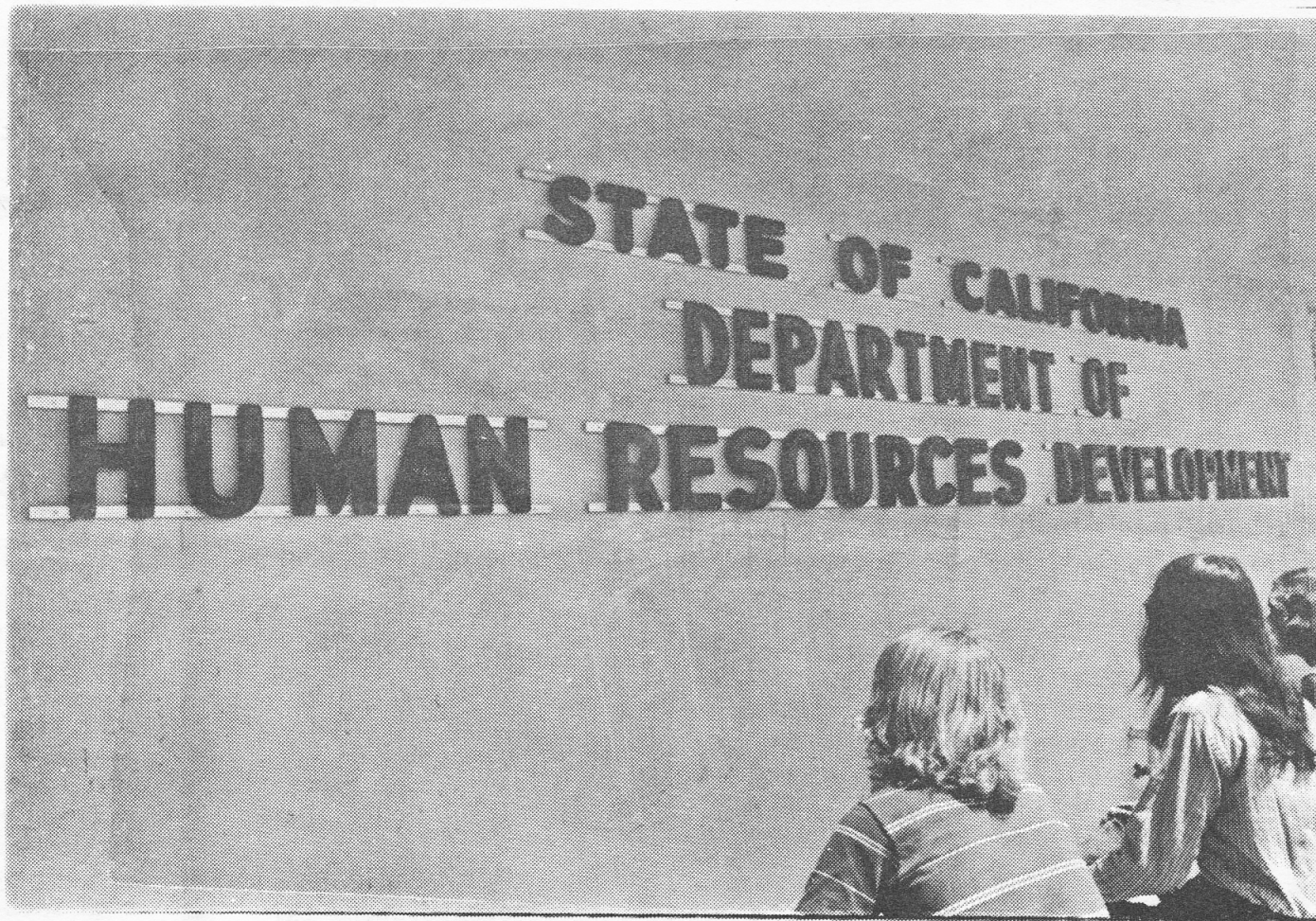


Organic Merchants is energy and healthful balance of waking brothers and sisters. To make a place in harmony, many came together to find, to test, to taste and distribute natural, sacred food to all the tribes. The emerging consciousness of brotherhood is the guiding light, and the path each day becomes clearer than before. To know the nature of food, to provide that knowledge where it is sought, to be honest, to distribute pure food and to share the energy with the returns, seems the guiding principles of OM. Over two dozen locations, stores of food and supplies, each have entered into a tribal pact of personal honor--unnatural, unhealthy, devitalized foods will not be carried, sold or given away by our food brothers. Information on combinations of foods, diets and fasts, food preparation and preservation, organic gardening and healthy living are usual topics for shared words in each store I've been to. All have selections of books and pamphlets on life, several have reading areas for quiet learning, shopping meditation. The air is clear, the places clean, the brothers helpful. They have taught the lesson that to care about others is to care for oneself. They share their personal internal revolutions, and remain high behind it. They seem to say: "If you take the time to eat well, also select your food well: We trust one another as we learn each others truth." My truth is tribal organic living--what food I can't grow, I get from trusted brothers whose truth is pure food.



The means of exchange is still money--the thing obtained is merchandise. But even this limiting interaction seems freer in many of the stores. Talk with them about trading your organic gardening produce, and see how the brothers respond. We, the traders, can help OM along the money/mutual benefit trial, and the transition will proceed. There is talk in several stores, and among groups of OM traders, to become cooperative. The dream: each store managed and run by members of a tribe, earning food and love for gathering, storing and distributing earth's human fuel. Already a number of OM stores offer bowls of free munchies, and if you are hungry, and have no issued money, ask our brothers what you can do to have a meal. OM is only a business as long as we treat it that way, and deal with it as only a market. It is becoming much more--we are a part of this lesson--that all men may be healthy--that all may start with pure food.

-Vision



## HIPPIES, COMMUNES & LONG HAIR AS MEDIA BAIT

Recent headlines have related the mounting repression against "hippie communes":

### Communes Lose Free Food

(San Jose Mercury, June 5--The feature story of the Santa Cruz section of the paper, by Bob Ligon)

### Food Handouts Cut Off To Hippies' Communes

(Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, June 5--Unsigned and placed on the top of the front page.)

### Welfare Board Moves To Cut Off Surplus Food To Hippie Communes

(Santa Cruz Sentinel, June 5--Appearing underneath the obituary notices in the back pages of the paper, also unsigned.)

### Santa Cruz Cuts Hippie Food Aid

(San Francisco Chronicle, June 6--Signed "Our Correspondent" and appearing on the inside news pages.)

All the articles proceed to tell us that "hippie communes" are no longer eligible to receive surplus food. By implication, the articles all lead us to assume that "hippie communes" were eligible for surplus food before the new policy changes by the Welfare Advisory Board. Don't you believe it!!

The Free Spaghetti Dinner is not primarily a 'what' newspaper. I mean, we don't try to feed you the standard fare of "what" happened, primarily because we only publish once every two weeks and noone wants to read yesterday's news. We assume you get the "what" elsewhere--in the daily newspapers or on the evening news for those of you who watch the teevee. So, in dealing with the news, we try to ask the "why" of the "what". In asking "why", however, we sometimes find that "what" was never was "what" it was. (What's that?)

A brief explanation:

In discussing the above cited newspaper stories with John Sylvain, sole eligibility

worker administering the surplus food program in northern Santa Cruz County, I found that "hippie communes" (in welfare language these are "Unrelated groups of single people living together in a communal arrangement") never were eligible to receive surplus foods. In fact, a major revision in the policy guidelines expanded the program to include students, even those students living communally. As John Sylvain said: "These articles miss the point. The decision of the Welfare Advisory Board wasn't to cut households of unrelated adults, for this was already a policy, but to let students, if qualified by income, get food." Without offering broad generalizations the daily newspapers' apparent need for conflict to sell its paper (its verbal/visual expression), it can be said that all the newspapers cited above perceived the policy changes as indicative of a shift in attitude by an establishment group towards hippies. At bottom, this perceived shift is certainly given more reality by misleading articles that were written without so much as checking the wording of the old policy to see if there were indeed changes in respect to hippie communes (Old policy: "Unrelated groups of young adults living in a communal or dormitory type arrangement will not be certified for donated foods, this also applies to single students." New suggested policy: "Unrelated groups of single people living together in a communal arrangement will not be certified as a non-public assistance household, except when it applies to college students...")

Reality, especially a public one, is elusive, for just when you think you have grasped it, it grabs you from behind. As an example, at the end of May the Monterey office of the Department of Human Resources (formerly the Unemployment Office) cut off unemployment insurance benefits to "men with shoulder length hair or untidy beards and sideburns." (Sentinel, May 26) Mo Jordain, a California Rural Legal Assistance office lawyer in Salinas representing those cut off, explained the

situation as such: "We obtained a temporary injunction against the Department of Human Resources to continue paying the benefits until the case is finally decided. They (the Dept.) clearly have no constitutional right to award unemployment benefits on how you wear your hair, as there are 20 cases that have affirmed there is a fundamental right to wear your hair the way you want. The Monterey director of the Unemployment Insurance Program, James Hammond, acted without the advice of county counsel. We will certainly win the case, either at the upcoming hearing June 26 in Santa Clara County for a preliminary injunction (second type of three possible injunctions, with the last being a permanent injunction) or if the case finally gets adjudicated. In the meantime, anyone who gets cut off for hair length should get in contact with legal aid and they will get you back on." Yet, even finding that the mounting "wave of repression" in Monterey County was the result of action by only one 31-year old man, the other reality of the situation was that once the action entered the media stream, it assumed a meaning larger than its original significance. Although the consequences may be nil locally, in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the Department of Unemployment has instituted similar actions on the basis of the Monterey County action, adding more fears of repression in an already paranoid society.

I've found that if you want the news, you usually won't find it in the newspapers, which is not to say that newspapers don't tell you anything. The newspaper is the Bible of our times for many of us in that we turn to it for evidence to support our world view, and yet, I submit, we use it to validate fundamentalist as well as mystical, political as well as psychological beliefs. We are at a point where we have to use our bibles well if we're going to get on with the rest of the twentieth century. In subsequent articles I will try to deal with other ways of knowing the events we get inundated with by the media.

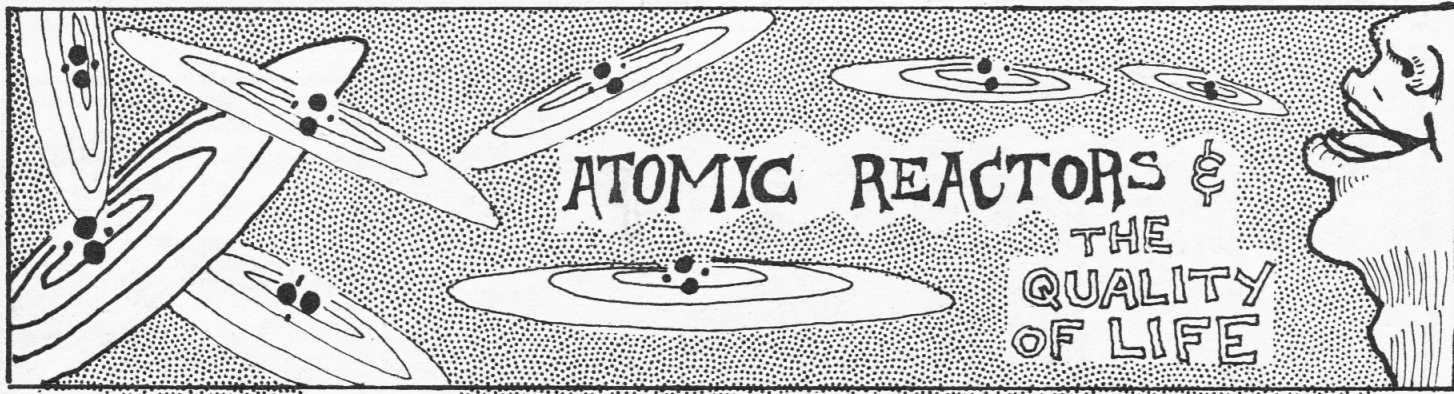
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# RABBIT

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co., under the auspices of the Federal Government (by way of the Atomic Energy Commission) appears to be trying to destroy us all. The fact that our ignorance of the biological effects of low-level radiation is exceeded only by P.G.&E.'s propensity for distorting reality and systematically deceiving the public should give us cause for alarm.

P.G.&E. wishes to build a plant, as we all well know, at El Jorro point just north of Davenport. It will eventually be a 6,000 mega watt plant with six generating units of 1,000 m/w each, and, since one this size has never before been built, by definition experimental. Our first concern here could very well be then, if this plant is experimental, what are the chances of a breakdown and what would be the consequences?

In 1957 the A.E.C.'s Brookhaven Lab. published a report concluding that a reactor one-sixth the size, within 30 miles of a city, could cause 3,400 deaths, over 40,000 injuries and 7 billion dollars worth of property damage in a major accident. This was an upper limit estimate, but bear in mind this estimate was made in 1957 and has not been publicly revised since. P.G.&E. press-kitties pur reassuringly that this will never happen, but they couldn't convince the insurance companies; they refused to insure nuclear reactors until the U.S. in a fatherly way provided somewhat limited insurance coverage using taxpayers money (ah, the free enterprise system). Beyond this the public takes the risk of possible consequences. The history of nuclear power plants is dotted with mishaps and breakdowns, well chronicled in *Perils of the Peaceful Atom* by Hogan/Curtis or *The Careless Atom* by Novick.

But let us suppose that an accident would never occur (though there's no reason to think otherwise). There is still great danger. A nuclear power plant produces radioactivity in the form of rays and radioactive waste fragments and gas. This radiation is impossible to completely contain; some of it is inevitably released into the environment, moving through the complex chain of living things, mutating cells and damaging tissue. But the A.E.C.-P.G.&E. press men have employed doublethink as they lull us into submission and acceptance of this deadly burden.

Industry spokesmen tell us that the emissions from a nuclear power plant will not exceed the natural background level of radiation. They maintain, rightly, that we are normally exposed to a constant background level of radiation from cosmic rays and ordinary rocks, and that it doesn't seem to be hurting us. But they fail to tell us a number of important things:

1) The normal background radiation does not cause some carcinogenic (cancer causing) and mutagenic (genetic) damage. Increasing the amount of radiation in the environment even though it does not exceed the "background" level, is merely a process of adding to the background level, thereby increasing the rate of cancerous and genetic damage.

2) Comparing plant emissions with natural background is a false comparison because the fission process, which takes place in both atomic bomb and reactor, does not merely duplicate the background radiation. It produces a whole new set of synthetic substances which settle in and attack the body in specific ways. Background radiation is essentially cosmic rays and rocks providing a natural background of gamma rays (deeply penetrating x-rays)

Many tales have been told about the safety and desirability of atomic power plants, and many are the tales to come. The advocates of this relatively new and inconceivably dangerous form of power production are the well-trained, persuasive representatives of the world's largest public utility company, Pacific Gas and Electric. From the glib smoothy who accompanies P.G.&E.'s Atomic Power Trailer to the kindly, just-plain-folks manager of the Santa Cruz office, these are dangerous men and their talk ranges from misleading statements and evasions to outright lies.

In view of the fact that P.G.&E. has plans for a huge atomic power plant on the coast just above Davenport and realizing that Santa Cruz is just 12 miles downwind and downstream from the proposed site, it behooves all of us to learn the other side of the picture, the side we will never hear from P.G.&E. or from its fond and encouraging ally, the Atomic Energy Commission.

The Committee to Examine the Dangers of Atomic Reactors (CEDAR) has been conducting investigations of the issues involved and has discovered the following:

1. Fossil fuel plants are highly-criticized sources of pollution; however, means have been found to make these plants virtually pollution-free. But atomic power plants are the source of the most subtle pollutant of all--radioactivity. It is invisible, odorless, colorless. It can be borne by wind and water. It is concentrated in such living things as plankton, mollusks, fish and humans. It can cause leukemia and other types of cancer. It can cause birth defects, deformities and disease. Radioactivity is a natural by-product of an atomic power plant.

Dr. Jerrold Lowenstein, a San Francisco physician and scientist, announced recently, "The major impact of radioactive pollution will be felt by future generations, both because the projected production of radioactive wastes ascends steeply beyond the end of this century, and because the genetic and ecological effects of low-level radiation emerge slowly."

2. Accidents in atomic reactors which have released large amounts of radioactivity have occurred and can occur again. There is no guarantee against human or mechanical error, earthquake or sabotage.

3. Large quantities of highly radioactive wastes are produced by every atomic reactor. These wastes must be transported from the plants on public highways or railroads to disposal areas where they must be stored for periods exceeding 600 years in some cases. Here again it is impossible to guarantee against accident.

4. A plant such as the one proposed for Davenport will circulate six million gallons of sea water every minute through its condenser and return it to the ocean

18 degrees warmer. The thermal effects of this much heated water are simply not known, but massive deaths of fish, mollusks, and other aquatic organisms, stimulation of the growth of undesirable species and changes in climate are some of the predictable results of even a slight increase in water temperature.

5. If the Davenport plant is built, the beauty of the coast will be marred by 490 acres of concrete buildings and other paraphernalia. Twenty-eight miles of transmission towers and high-voltage lines will march across the Santa Cruz Mountains to San Jose.

6. Public utility companies spend far more money on advertising and promotion than on research. They are continually creating a demand for more power, building more power plants to handle this inflated demand and increasing their rates to cover the cost of their self-created expansion.

7. The public is guilty of allowing power companies, appliance manufacturers and other vested interests to convince them they can't get along without more electrical gadgets, more light, more power and more polluting power plants.

8. Most important, CEDAR feels, are some rather intangible matters and some unanswered questions. Consider, for instance, the fact that we now have more than enough power for the people and industries which are here now. Why do we keep planning frantically and expensively for tremendous growth? Life isn't going to get any better when the population doubles. Why not direct our energies and resources toward levelling off, slowing down our mad pace. Why not begin to work toward improving the quality of life as it exists now, always keeping in mind that the generations to come must reap what we sow.

If what you have read here has convinced you of the seriousness of the problems involved with unlimited growth in general and atomic power plants in particular, you can do several things.

1. Attend the public forum before the County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 P.M. in the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, where Dr. John Gofman, a nuclear chemist and medical doctor, will debate these issues with Alexander Grendon, a biophysicist from UC Berkeley.

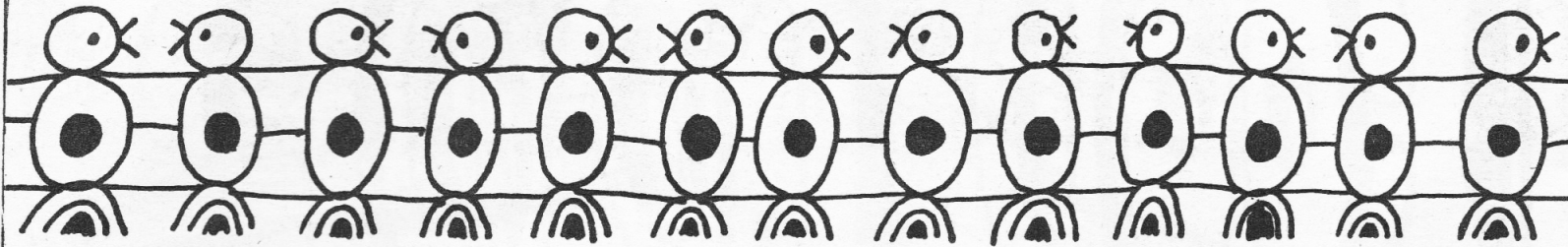
2. Read one or both of these books: *Perils of the Peaceful Atom* by Richard Curtis and Elizabeth Hogan (Ballantine paperback, \$1.25) and *The Careless Atom* by Sheldon Novick (Delta paperback, \$2.25).

3. Call CEDAR Chairman Henry Faitz at 423-6293 to offer your services, ideas and contributions. CEDAR meetings are announced in the *Free Spaghetti Dinner* and the *Sentinel* and on posters around the county.

4. Discuss these issues with your family and friends and encourage them to take action with you.

Robin Dratz

# ATOMIC



Statement Presented by Graduating Seniors  
of Merrill College, UCSC, June 14, 1970

We have just returned from one front of oppressed people struggling for their freedom and their lives. Our Brown brothers in the fields are now fighting for human liberation in the Coachella and Imperial valleys of Southern California. Farmworkers, out on strike, seek justice, freedom, and an end to the racist American system. Their fight is ours.

They are fighting the oppressor; the oppressor is losing his fight to keep them under the heel of his boot. Everyone of you sitting here today is leaving four years of membership in an institution which is clearly on one side of that struggle--the oppressing side. The university is not "neutral"--there can be no such neutrality. Bobby Seale faces the electric chair for his political actions. He is not neutral...The Black Panther Party and all Black people face extermination at the hands of fascist Amerika: They have not been neutral. We who refuse to let this genocide happen join with all peoples in their righteous move for freedom, and dedicate ourselves to freedom for all by any means necessary.

Merrill College, UCSC is not an active part of the struggle to free Bobby--therefore it is helping murder him. This university is not part of the struggle for the liberation of women--it oppresses them. This university is not part of the struggle to free Los Siete de la Raza, therefore, it is helping to murder them also. It is a racist institution.

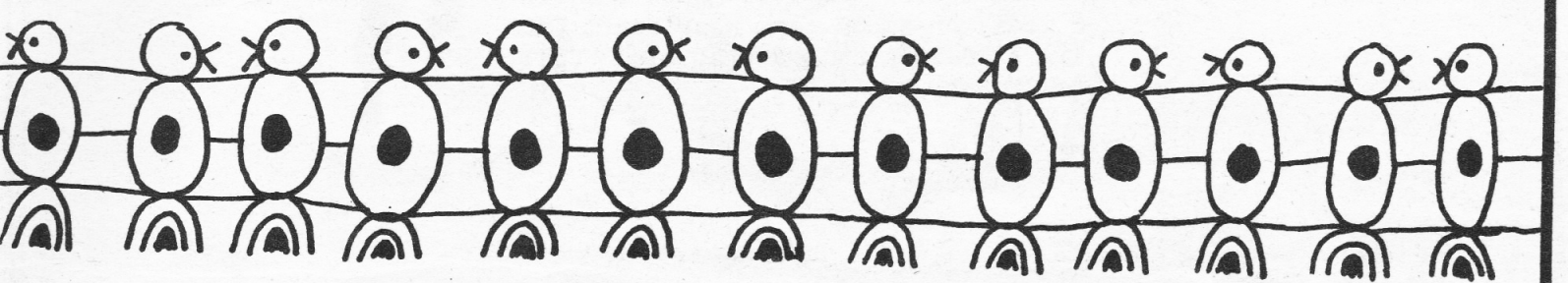
Silence is violence; silence is complicity, and as long as this university is silent in word and action--then it is guilty of murder.

Now that you are leaving this university, you will not be exempt from institutional racism, facism, and repression. You are the children of the ruling class and unless you become an active opponent of the institution and the people who are the oppressors, then you too become our oppressors as members of the ruling class. This not only means George Wallace, Ronald Regan, and President Hitch, but also Provost Bell, the faculty, and the students--as long as they too are guilty of the crime of inaction. The time has come to declare yourselves either part of this revolutionary move for freedom, or murderer of oppressed peoples.

Black and Brown peoples have no other choice but to fight for survival. We have made our choice with them, and will continue to struggle with our brothers and sisters with love, fully aware of our fate; either freedom or death. From now on it's freedom by any means necessary. We leave you to make your choice.

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The goals of Santa Cruz Welfare Rights Group are:

ADEQUATE INCOME : a system which guarantees enough money for all Americans to live dignified lives above the level of poverty.

DIGNITY : a system which guarantees recipients the same full freedoms, rights and respect as all American citizens.

JUSTICE : a fair and open system which guarantees all recipients the full protection of the Constitution.

DEMOCRACY : a system which guarantees recipients direct participation in the decisions under which they must live.

CHANGES WE ARE STRIVING FOR:

1. Extend funds for jobs and to change concepts of training to meet the needs of the people.
2. Provide adequate and immediate information regarding all regulations and programs available to recipients and people seeking to obtain aid.
3. Provide 24 hr. day care centers for emergency care and for working parents or parents seeking work or training. These centers should be fully staffed with creative progressive teachers so that parents can be assured of the best child care for their children.
4. To provide a food program without cost to recipients which is adequate in nutrition.
5. To stop cuts in medical care.
6. To get better housing and to have a voice in housing.

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WE THE PEOPLE OF SANTA CRUZ FEEL WE HAVE BEEN HASSLED FAR TOO LONG BY THE WELFARE DEPT.

WE ARE WILLING TO USE ANY MEANS TO GET THE CHANGES WE NEED TO HELP OURSELVES AND OTHERS TO MAKE OUR LIVES MORE HUMAN. WE ARE ASKING FOR THE HELP OF ALL SYMPATHETIC CITIZENS. TO MAKE THESE CHANGES FEASIBLE. IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO GIVE TIME PLEASE CALL US SO WE CAN GET YOUR WRITTEN SUPPORT.

WE ARE CONCERNED WITH MORE THAN MERELY EXISTING ON WELFARE. I STRESS "EXISTING" SINCE THAT'S ALL THAT'S ALLOWED BY WELFARE STANDARDS. IF YOU'RE A MOTHER ON WELFARE YOU'RE EXPECTED TO DO ONE OF TWO THINGS:

1. ACCEPT WELFARE AND BE LABELED AND HAVE YOUR CHILDREN GROW UP ASHAMED AND BITTER OR
2. GO OUT AND WORK, WHILE YOUR CHILDREN GROW UP AS BEST THEY CAN, USUALLY WITHOUT PROPER FOOD, CARE, AND PARENTAL GUIDANCE.

IF WE DON'T STOP THIS VICIOUS CIRCLE SOMEWHERE, WE WILL LIVE AND DIE IN POVERTY AND OUR CHILDREN WILL DO THE SAME. POOR PEOPLE HAVE ONLY ONE SOURCE OF POWER AND THAT'S JUST NUMBERS OF OUR OWN KIND.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Jude Garcia

# CIRCUS

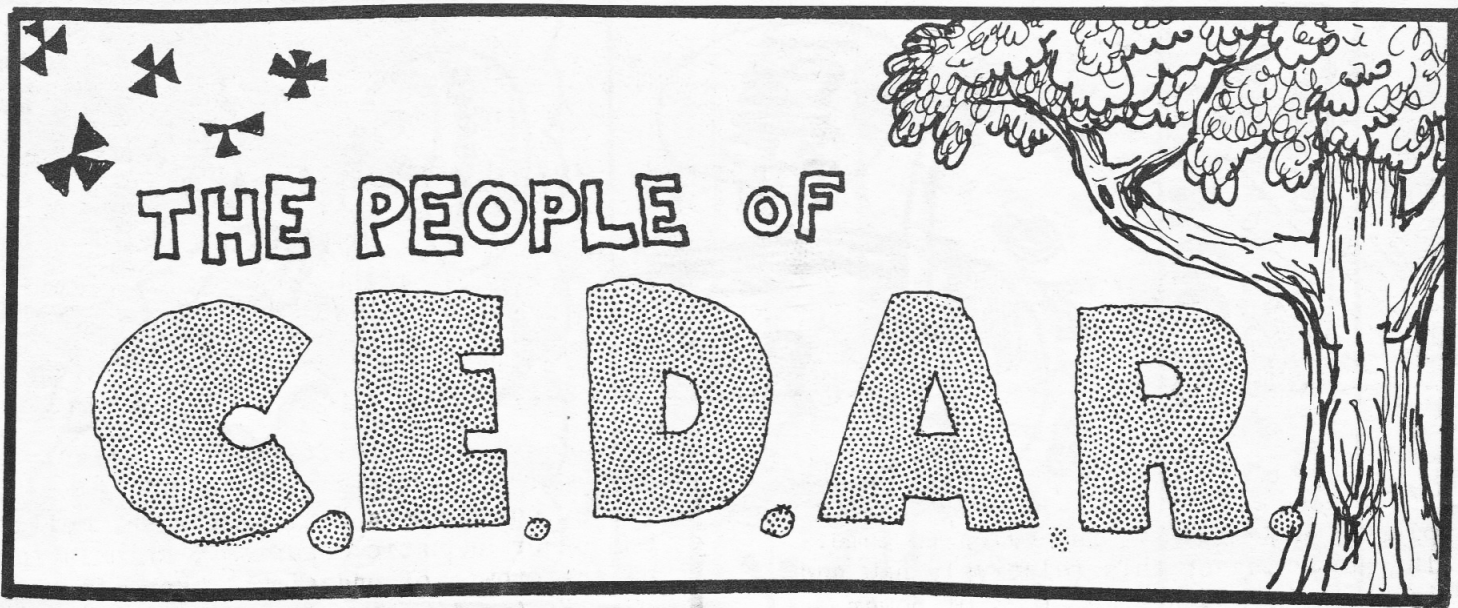
and beta-rays (lesser penetrating electrons) which pass through tissue indiscriminately. Cosmic rays, for instance, are responsible for the manufacturing and general distribution of Carbon 14 in our tissue. The fission products however--such as particles of Cesium 137, Strontium 90, Iodine 131--are dissipated from the power plant into the air, water and food supplies, and follow the same sort of general paths in the eco-system as chlorinated hydrocarbons like DDT. They locate preferentially, depending on their chemical nature, in specific tissue, there to reside and do their deadly work of spinning off alpha and beta rays (which are much deadlier from inside). Iodine 131 will reside in the thyroid, strontium and Cesium in muscle and bone. So what we become concerned with here is the amount of internal as well as external radiation.

3) The idea that radioactive emissions can be kept safely below a certain limit is based on a specious, unproven assumption; that there is a "level of tolerance" that human beings have for radiation, below which there is "no noticeable damage." It's incredible that a general public health and safety regulation would be based on the premise of noticeable damage. Understand, they're talking about human beings. The very pressure of possible genetic (long range) effects makes this guideline useless. All radiation, no matter how weak, has an effect, upon contact, on DNA and RNA processes of body and reproductive cells. Now, the type of radioactive waste produced in the nuclear power plant proceeds as has been stated, like DDT in its path through the eco-system. That is, it bio-concentrates in the food chain, building up the higher it goes. Consequently, many of these elements with long half lives will simply concentrate in the higher life forms (?) such as man. This places a tremendous burden on the human gene pool which has a mutation rate adjusted to natural background radiation. Drs. Gofman and Tamplin of the Livermore Bio-medical Lab (Gofman speaks next Tuesday at the Civic Auditorium) have estimated that there will be 32,000 extra cancer deaths attributed to allowable radiation pollution.

4) The process of releasing radioactive substances into the environment is irreversible whether it is taken from its natural concentrated form in some mine, where huge quantities of radioactive scrap and tailings must be disposed of, or being used in a reactor which gives off radioactive by-products, or reactor waste being disposed of by the millions of gallons worth in underground vats which leak, once it is free there's no recovering it. This requires the most extraordinary vigilance; the fragile/dynaxion eco-web has a total radiation level tolerance that if exceeded would be disastrous to life on earth.

Actually the Atomic Energy Commission (which both regulates energy and promotes it, if you can dig where that's at) and P.G.&E. do not know what the consequences of their nuclear adventure will be. This is frightening because they're going full steam ahead in the proliferation of nuclear power plants. No one really knows what the long range effects of radiation will be yet one possibility is that at projected build-ups in the environment it could be catastrophic for human life.

At this point we might be asking ourselves why all this is happening. All these A.E.C.-P.G.&E. guys are supposed to be our friends, right? We'll talk more about this next time. Meanwhile, go hear Gofman next Tuesday evening. It could blow your mind.



The announcement by P.G.&E. that it has obtained an option buy 7,000 acres for possible construction of a nuclear power plant on the coast north of Davenport has precipitated a flurry of activity in an attempt to block those plans. The general vigilance of the populace made their indignant reaction to the announcement both predictable and healthy. There are, however, aspects of the anti-nuclear power plant movement which I find disturbing.

The group spearheading the drive to block the power plant is the Committee to Examine the Dangers of Atomic Reactors in Santa Cruz County (CEDAR). As the name of the group implies, they are attempting to show the other residents of Santa Cruz that a nuclear power plant located at Davenport is a potentially very dangerous thing. As the name does not imply, they succeed in showing that nuclear power plants are dangerous no matter where they are located.

CEDAR points out that the radiation routinely put into the environment by nuclear plants is of a relatively long half life (it remains radioactive for a long time) and is readily assimilated into living tissue. The long term effects of this accumulated radiation is not known. We do know that since it is so readily taken up by living tissue, it will be continually recycled through food chains, becoming more concentrated as it goes. CEDAR and many others, myself included, find it incredible that the Atomic Energy Commission (whose duty it is to regulate atomic reactors in the U.S.) should feel free to set allowable levels for such emissions, not knowing their long term effects on living things. What CEDAR should also be pointing out, however, is that atomic radiation is not alone in being widely used and shoddily regulated by governmental agencies. Our bodies are full of such substances, put there in the food we eat and the air we breathe. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are a good example. PCBs are artificial compounds commonly called plasticizers. They are in paints, plastics, asphalt, tire rubber and autobody sealants. They are non-biodegradable and are released into the environment when they are manufactured and when the products which contain them are worn out or burned. They have been found in bird feathers, pine needles, and mothers milk. We don't know their effects on living organisms but they continue to be used. DDT is the same story (except that we know of its harmful effects), and it continues to be manufactured. Atomic radiation is far from unique in the mystery of its possible harmful effects, and its long term influences may be no better or no worse than tire rubber.

The formation of CEDAR was a typical brush fire response to environmental dangers

a priori not a bad thing. But it underscores a major hang up of the environmental movement and society in general--a preoccupation with dealing with symptoms. Usually the symptoms are only those which can be seen or are very ominous, like litter, atomic radiation, freeways, or violence. Hence, Ronald Reagan reacts to violence without dealing with the root causes, and CEDAR reacts to P.G.&E.'s plans without dealing with the root causes.

P.G.&E. says it is planning the Davenport facility to meet expected increases in energy demands; electricity consumption is doubling every 9 years in California. P.G.&E. creates part of this demand through putrid advertising. (They even spend money, our money, on out of state advertising to draw new residents into the state, thus compounding rising energy demands.) But many of us play right into their hands. We buy electric can openers, knife sharpeners, pencil sharpeners, blenders, typewriters, air conditioners, and dishwashers. And I wonder how many CEDAR people go home at night to a built-in, all-electric kitchen, or turn on their hi-fis or TVs.

The CEDAR people make the point that there are better ways of generating electricity than with nuclear power plants, and they are right for community scale operations. Hydroelectric plants are perhaps the most ecologically sound and we still have centuries of fuel left to run things like Moss Landing. But the question they are not dealing with is "Do we need more electricity, regardless of how it is generated?"

Readily available electrical energy has been one of the primary factors in making possible the American style of living. This life style is reflected in the fact that, with 7% of the world's population, we consume roughly 50% of the Earth's products (OINK). It seems reasonable that a good percentage of that consumption is in electric luxuries. And since our rate of consumption is increasing relative to that of other people, the disparity is growing. Political reality, alone, should dictate that this is an insane way to live.

Thus, while we are busy dealing with the symptom of a nuclear power plant (and it is important to do so, because the symptoms could kill us) the real malady is not being discussed. The real malady is us as manifested in the American lifestyle, and if we can't alter our way of living so that it doesn't lead inevitably to an exhausted and poisoned planet, then trying to prevent construction of a nuclear power plant at Davenport will be an utter waste of time. -Dane Hardin

# A D I A T I O N

# SOLEDAD BROTHERS

*Introduction: George Jackson (a prisoner for ten years on a second degree robbery conviction), Fleeta Drumgo (who has served five years for burglary), John Cluchette (in 3 1/2 years on burglary) are all accused of the murder of John Mills, a prison guard, on January 17, 1970. The following article is an account of the June 15th, 1970 hearing in Salinas.*

by James Hamilton

Monterey County was down to its last Superior Court judge--if some survival reflex doesn't intervene. Here in this run-of-the-mill, middle California town--small by physical standards, agricultural economically and conservative as hell politically and culturally, this County Seat, known as Salinas, still had one other unflinching quality!

Constitutionally and legally--and in the area of human rights and civil liberties--it was as backward and resistant as the area was plentiful in lettuce and artichokes. Being the area where the infamous Soledad prison resides (a prison it has helped so generously remain in the 12th century) it has had many opportunities to act out its virtues and beliefs.

In fairness to the other California Counties, however, perhaps Monterey should not be allowed to hog all the honor for being able to look and act backwards--for how else would you account for 40% of California prison inmates being Black while Blacks are only 8% in the general population!

On this early bright Monday morning June 15, the Soledad Brothers case was in the last-of-the-ninth inning phase of its preliminary hearings. And there was still one last fork in the road for Salinas to choose whether it was going to be the Salinas that produced a John Steinbeck--or whether it's going to be the Salinas that is doing more than its share to make California rival Mississippi in its medieval treatment of Black People.

One Monterey County judge had already acknowledged that his racism made him unfit to carry through with the case in a way that could hold up in Appellate Court. Now the successor to Judge Gordon Campbell, Judge Brazil, was employing all of his wiles and cunningness of thirty years of legal wizardry to carefully conceal the deck that he along with others of the Monterey county establishment had stealthily stacked!

The strategy was fairly cute and artful, especially when spoken in the mellifluous tones of a benign looking rascal. The first requirement would be to keep as many of the busy-body citizens, students, professors and other dangerous persons away. (For if they saw what was going on they would surely become outraged.) To pursue this, have the fire department Chief come in and declare this 100 capacity courtroom limit to be 50. Oh yes, even if the courthouse has been there for 20 years and no such ordinance has ever been heard of or enforced before!

The second leg of the triangle was even more bizarre. The three Soledad Brothers, even under Judge Campbell, had been present (even if in complete chains) at all previous hearings. At the most momentous of all the

hearings, where the motions concerned change of venue and continuance--the benignly smiling, calculating old relic would state: "I really don't see why it is necessary to have the physical presence of the prisoners in order for us to decide these motions. Can you tell me how that will help the decision?" Needless to say, the defense was stunned by this legal audacity.

The strategy would be complete by this third blitzkrieg. While the defense is in shock from the two earlier usurpations, tell them that they better hurry and submit what additional information they have on on the initial motion (venue) because you are going to rule on it. So over the staccato protestations of the defense saying "we have nothing further to submit until the prisoners are here", the judge haughtily steps in and declares, "Venue motion denied, now next motion!"

With fascist Spain, Nazi Germany and Hoffman's Chicago painfully registering in most person's memory there in the courtroom, the defense lawyers, Fay Stender, John Thorne, Silliman and Hedmark, began one of the most inspired and remarkable counter-attacks that anyone there had ever seen or heard of.

Defense:

-Your honor, I've never heard of in the State of California where the accused could not be present at every stage of the proceedings in a felony case, let alone a Capital case!

-Your honor, may the Constitution of the United States apply--even in Monterey county!

-Your honor, you just asked how many people are here from Monterey County. They all are citizens, does anything else matter? That is a prejudicial remark, cause for disqualification. I now move at this time that your honor disqualify himself from the case, for cause!

-I join in that motion your honor, on behalf of defendant Cluchette...

-On behalf of defendant Drumgo, your honor, I rise to concur in the motion of my colleague!

-May I request to see the fire ordinance and the time it was made your honor... You say that you aren't familiar with the ordinance your honor. It's your Court your honor, and you let someone come in here and tell you what's going to be the seating capacity without them offering any legal proof! I wouldn't do that as a lawyer. Your honor, it is quite puzzling and more than odd that for a courtroom that has been sitting here for 20 years the question of a fire ordinance suddenly becomes enforceable! How odd indeed! What a coincidence!

Judge Brazil: I will have the prisoners here in 2 hours and a half--but I stand by the fire marshall's ruling.

Defense:

-The Constitution of the United States

asserts that every accused is entitled to a speedy fair and public trial. The rights of these men are being arbitrarily and systematically stripped away.

-We can't have a transcript, we can't have the men at their own hearing, we can't have the public here--what else does that leave but the gas chamber!

-This is further evidence that there is an impossibility to get a fair trial here and why we should have a change of venue! And a change of judge!

-May I have the name of the gentleman and the law he cites that prohibits us from using the other half of this courtroom to seat families of the defendants who are still outside and other persons of my legal staff...

Unable to withstand more of this withering counter-attack, Judge Brazil bounces up from his seat and turns his back on attorney Thorne, and walks out of the courtroom as the attorney says, "and let the record show that as defense counsel was making an appeal to his honor, his honor bolts from the courtroom!"

COURT IS OVER! or is it?

After the spectators file out to presumably wait until 1 pm., two and a half hours from now for the arrival of the defendants, the judge with a shocking change of race, asks to see prosecution and defense counsel alone!

Everyone is huddled and wondering is this the contempt phase, ala Julius Hoffman-style. How many times has the answer to unanswerable logic been contempt!

The Judge to the Defense: Gentleman, I will grant you the change of venue--if we have a hearing within 10 days to determine the place, will you insist on the defendants being present?

We certainly will your honor.

Well, where do you want the trial?

San Francisco, your honor.

I will grant you the Continuance to three months or whatever time you will need.

Court is adjourned.

So under the relentless and unyielding fire of a battery of courageous lawyers, an issue that all conceded was perhaps irretrievably lost, was successfully rescued and revived.

Very probably, something deep within-intuitively and belatedly told Judge Brazil that for his own physical integrity (he's in his 60's), and for his and Monterey County's medieval psyche on Black political prisoners, he should let that tiger go, for he was going to get bigger and stronger every day now!

Hence, Monterey County is not down to its last judge in this case, nor does Salinas and Monterey County have to officially register that they are the same as Mississippi on these matters!

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