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WESTPORT, MO



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### Redevelopment

FOR FUN AND PROFIT

The nice thing about being alive in America today is that no matter how paranoid you are, there is always something going on to justify it. The nice thing about the Broadway Area Association members is that they are always willing to do their part toward that end.

So they started off the month by asking the city to postpone the scheduled City Plan hearing on their plan to "redevelop" the neighborhood from 33rd Street to Valentine road, from Broadway to the Southwest trafficway. The hearing was rescheduled, as they requested, for April Fool's Day at 8:30 a.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Make it if you can. It ought to be a good show.

Then the Valentine Neighborhood association, made up of the people who live in and to

the south of the area the Broadway Area Association wants to own, got to checking the list of properties owned in the Valentine area by Broadway Area Association members. What they found was fairly interesting.

The BAAS have been insisting that the Valentine neighborhood is blighted and should be torn down in the interest of public health

and safety. To substantiate their claim they commissioned a study of the neighborhood and submitted to the city a list of properties considered to be substandard and deteriorating. When the Valentine Neighborhood association checked the owners of the deteriorating property, they found that 23 of them were owned by the Kansas City Life Insurance Company, one of the principals in the BAA's own Penn Valley Redevelopment company.

In effect, Kansas City Life had caused the neighborhood to deteriorate and then told the city that the area was in such bad shape that it should give all the land to them to make nice and pretty and high rise. Kansas City Life wants to make money off the trouble it's caused

When the Valentine Neighborhood association called this to the city's attention and asked for a code inspection of the properties owned by Kansas City Life, the BAAS countered by asking for a complete inspection of all the properties found in violation of the city's housing codes.

John Taylor, city manager, agreed that it would be unfair to examine the property of only one owner and ordered the general inspection—without specifying whether notices of violation would be given.

Oddly enough, the first houses inspected turned out to be not those of the Kansas City Life Insurance company but those belonging

to the 11 steering committee members of the Valentine Neighborhood association. (!)

Anyhow, in the middle of all of this, Frank Robinson, public relations man and titular president of the Broadway Area association, addressed a meeting of the Westport Community council called to fromulate Westport's Community council called to formulate Westport's would be good not only for the investors but for the Westport area as a whole.

"This area will be developed sooner or later anyhow," he said. "Don't you really think it's better for the area to be developed by home town corporations who will be here tomorrow to be responsible and accountable for their actions?"

The community council did not.

"In simple language," Joe Shaughnessy, candidate for second district councilman at large, told the meeting, "This is the rape of a neighborhood." Then pausing a moment, he added, "Rape' seems to be the word that sells these days."

Westport residents weren't much kinder to Mr. Robinson.

"What you have here," one man said, "is \$500 million corporations grinding a neighborhood under their heels."

They passed a resolution opposing the project on ten points:

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### "Westport Trucker here, get yer' Westport Trucker. Buy a Trucker, fucker!"

Something that continually amazes me is the lack of people selling newspapers on the streets. Every week at least a dozen people come up to me and ask where they can find a job, a few wanting full time work but most simply trying to get by. If I'm hit at the right time I'll know of a dishwashing job open or someone who needs furniture moved but things like that seem to be few and far between so street dealing newspapers is usually suggested.

A look of "You gotta' be kidding. My rent's due in two days!"is returned and, most of the time, I just let it go at that, not wanting to hassle with explaining the "art" of selling news papers. But it does need explaining because there are always people who need that little bit of bread to get by and the Trucker always needs more dealers.

#### 1. PICKING UP THE PAPER...

Tiny Tim's Magic Circus is the distribution office of the Trucker. Open the door. Truck on up to the counter. Slam your money and/or collateral down on the counter. Grab your papers. Split.

Copies can be bought at 15¢ and sold at 25¢. If you have no money, leave collateral such as a guitar, sleeping bag, or some albums. They can be picked up when you return.

#### 2. WHERE TO SELL....

Contrary to popular belief, there are other points in the Universe where papers can be sold other than the Plaza, Broadway & Westport and Volker Park. The Downtown area can pretty well take two-three people a day, especially at rush hour. A dealer could easily move 40-50 papers per day, 75 if he's really hot.

39th & Main, for some reason, never seems flooded with people eager to sell papers. A dealer could sell at least 20-40 papers a day there.

Things Unlimited, on Westport Road east of the Southwest Trafficway—open only on weekends from 10:00AM to 5:00PM—is good for 30-50 papers. Sunday is usually the better day.

RECIPE:
10lbs. TRUCKERS
2cups PERSEVERENCE
1 ounce INSANITY
2 tsps. ENDURANCE
a pinch of DESPERATION

Mix ingredients with well tempered vocal chords, and bake on the street. Serves the people.

The Nelson Art Gallery isn't very active during the week (20 papers or less), but two people can sell 50–100 papers on Saturday and 75–150 on Sunday.

The Plaza. Ah, the Plaza! If you can stand being there, two people can move 50 papers each day during the week and on Saturday as many as four people can sell up to 500.

There are dozens of places to sell in one's own neighborhood. All you have to do is find the place, and do it.

#### 3. DOING IT...

Now the most important part-getting it to the people. People, regardless of their familiarity with a paper, will usually buy it if you gas 'em a little. Dig? When someone's walking down the street, in a hurry or just tripping along, they're often at what I'd call a medium-energy level. That' where gassing them comes in. When you make up what they may lack in energy, good vibes, etc., you're going to sell a paper. Keep the energy level high. The worst dealers are those that simply stand in one place and chant the name of the paper so low as to be barely audible. People walk by them continually in the 15 minutes to half hour they try to eell papers, the one exception being the people who know the paper. You've got to know when to come on strong and when to cool it down. Following someone deggedly down the street, badgering them to buy a paper is fine on high school kids or other freaks, but on little old ladies, a smile is best. Other dealers run into problems when they let their energy be run down by circumstances like a cold day or few people out. One thing you've got to do is persevere. Somethen BANG-BANG-BANG, if you can get the paper in their hands, 90% of the time, you've made

#### 4. YOU ARE LEGAL. .

Newspaper dealers do not need a license or permit to sell newspapers on the streets and sidewalks of Kansas City (Missouri). On private property, such as shopping centers, you can be busted for trespassing so sell at the entrances. If you are told that you're going to be busted for

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# (OR: I HAD A WET DREAM BOUT THE JACKSON COUNTY JAIL) 'Gather round my children and hear my tale

Of the frights and the horrors of Jackson County Jail!'

Guess what? Man, you know, like you'd better clean your shit up!!! Because there's an island right here in ol' Westport with a statue on it and that statue is the Statue of Lomax, grand leader of Kosmic City's Vice Squad. Written at the base are the words: "Give me your stoned, your high of spirit and your blown, regardless whether mere possessions, dealers, or hashish smoking grannies. Yes, there's many a dude and chick getting their bread and butter from watching, buying from, and just plain ol' snoopin' on the likes of you. Like man, you're just turning on too many of your frien before they've ever let you into their heads. To be sure, you know if you're busted, you should keep you mouth shut (don't you)? But does you friend? I'm sure if you haven't been there before, you've at least imagined just what a blessed event spending a two or three hour date with Brogher Lomax, Lt. Grasher, or Keith Fieger or the good ol' seventh floor of the downtown police building

not necessary, being at all times dutifully respect-

What if you're told you're going to be busted for vagrancy or loitering if you don't move on? Tell them to go ahead (being respectful and all smiles, of course) because they're dancing right into a lawsuit. In short, YOU'RE LEGAL!

might be. Ah, yes, you could take it, you wouldn't talk. But would your friend? Could he take it? Oh sweet paranoia time. If there's any doubt, you haven't loved him enough. If there's any doubt, it could become pretty scary- You're entrusting him with your freedom, your security. And something must be coming down because a lot of busts are happening and a lot more are planned for the next two months. Of course, man, you might say, Well, what if I sang like a bird. They promised to let me go. They promised to reduce my bond; they said they had so much on me my life was so washedup I'd be singing the penitentary blues for many moons, so what the fuck was the difference if I ratted on the whole world; besides, they'd rat on me if they had just been busted and it's probably fault that I've been busted anyway so why should I be the only one to suffer

Well, man, I see it like this. Who says these duce your bond. Sometimes all the way from \$5000 or \$3500 to \$2000 or \$1500; but man, you probably hung yourself to get that reduction. By singing, you probably guaranteed them a conviction-by make the charges stick on you and everyone else.

Lastly, if they really had enough evidence to prosecute you, they quite often wouldn't waste the time to hassle with you...Don't ever believe its all over, cause a little money and a fair taste of a lawyer can do wonders. I'm afraid the reason so many young people and even hard core freaks become Feds and informers is because they just couldn't take the shock of having mumsy and ol' red-neck dad discover that Johnny is a commiedoper. Man, if you've got the balls to do dope, you'd better have the balls to take being discovered.

Finally, after tasting this tart morsel, you might say, Ya ha! the age-old paranoids! He's saying stat saying: stay home, make no friends, meet no new

people, become a hermit and start masturbating. But no, that's not the only answer. The only reason Westport doesn't know who all the informers

and sisters and they love you in return, you'll be letting them into your head and you'll be able to aware of everyone and the badies will shine in the light like syph sores under ol' Doctor Caca la Rocca's heat lamp. So keep your head. Peace



## Miller Comes Down Kansans Grow Up

It's a sure sign of Spring: the jails are crowded with dopers.

In Lawrence, Attorney General Vern Miller pulled his big raid on the morning of February 26th. Leading a band of 150 volunteer lawmen from Wichita and points east, followed by a contingent of 'newsmen' fresh from Kansas City barrooms, Vern pulled in 30 hardened criminals, 20 of them not quite twenty years old.

Vern, dutifully recorded by 'newsmen', even pulled raids in a couple of KU dormitories. Naturally enough, he didn't bother to tell the Chancellor about it until afterwards. The Kansas Regents, who last summer were blaming Chancellor Chalmers for everything going on in Lawrence, said the raids had "nothing to do

with the University as such."

It was to be expected that the Star would splash the raid all over the front page, and it did. It even ran a picture of a kid being shaken down wearing nothing but shorts. In another picture, showing one of the criminals handcuffed behind his back and made to lie on a bed facing the wall, the Star caption reported the kid as 'sulking'. But the Star is not the only newspaper in the country that has never heard of journalism. The *Phoenix Sun* reported the raid in an eight-column front page headline: Phoenix doesn't have any problems of its

own, you see.
Vern obviously meant his two-footed jump on Lawrence to be his first move of the hop, step and jump into the governor's chair. But something went wrong. The people weren't

The street people were naturally pissed off at Vern, as were Chancellor Chalmers and most of the KU students. But so were a lot of other people. It showed up in editorials and letters

by David Perkins

The Eldorado Times wrote that Miller is a "zealous" lawman. "He carries along with him his own set of reporters and photographers. In almost every news photo of the raid which has been in print Miller was the central figure.

The Manhattan Mercury saw the raid as glory seeking and harassment, pure and sim-

ple-entirely too reminiscent of Nazi Germany."
The Salina Journal wrote: "The scenario was straight out of the Prohibition Era. . .is such grandstanding the way to end the abuse and cure the evil?

It is clear that most Kansans and most Kansas papers still think it's criminal to smoke dope, and that such criminality should be stopped But it appears they are at least intelligent enough to scorn the idiocy and the infantilism of Vern Miller.

Well, you can't get into the second grade until you pass the first.

to the editor in the Lawrence Journal-World,

and in other Kansas papers.

The ultra-conservative Dolph Simons of the

Journal-World, even though an anti-doper, saw the Miller raid as a threat to serious drug abuse programs. Letter writers pointed out the hypocrisy of Miller's "law and order"; busting dope but not illegal lotteries.

The Wichita Eagle reported that it was obvious that all of the big dealers in Lawrence were tipped on the raid and got out clean. It also noted that taking 150 lawmen to arrest 30 people made the raid "look a little more like a publicity stunt than anything else."

The lola Register noted that drug traffic in

Wichita was much greater than in Lawrence, and wondered if Miller didn't raid Lawerence "because he couldn't hope for the same publicity from raids in Wichita.

i have known you in shadow i have known you in sunlight, go in beauty, find what you want find what you need,

i love you.

the ways of old

THE HUMAN BEINGS

rellie

lie hidden in sand. the reeds whistle and the elks know go in beauty. search for the word.

listen to the reeds whisper to the elks. we have known we shall know we touch the land without holding

and the land gives love.

go in beauty own nothing touch everything i have loved you and love you still

> my people- ancient will be the sands- eternal will be the mountains-immobile will be the earth- you will never own. go in beauty

weave with old brown hands a starblanket for the child growing, the child who is the future weave the ancient-a starblanket walk in beauty.

barefoot in the snow walk softly on the stars

we are brothers growing up together go in beauty, dakota

### Rock Chalk Closes

PISCES RISING

The ruling structure and their lackeys who imagine they have been enlightened, think they have won a strategicpsychological and physical victory by shutting down the old saloon. But the taste of victory may turn to shit in their mouths. For the people do not take insult to their culture lightly. The Chalk, a holy spot for many, will be held in high honor by

The basis for this article has to do with Vern Miller. He's an up and coming Spiro Agnew who seems to be more into his power and control trip than people realize. In his attempted tyranny and dictatorship of Kansas, he already controls Topeka, Lawrence and Wichita. Miller wants trouble because of his action. The people of River City are pissed and Miller is happy. He needs trouble to prove the efficiency of his law and order campaign in order to win his quest for governor or wherever he assumes his power trip will take him in '72. There are people in Lawrence who say "cool it", but there are even more people who are associating that phrase with the devastation caused by the pacifistic attitude of the German people while the Jews were being murdered in their midst.

Miller's action in shutting down the Chalk loesn't solve any problems of drugs, congestion or whatever. The people will still be in

that general area more together for the spring struggle: The people of River City will turn every bar into a Rock Chalk Cafe. The closing of the Chalk is a symbol and actual fact of repression on the whole freak community. Vern Miller may think he was smart, but the Rock Chalk will be in the streets this spring.

The notorious Rock Chalk Cafe (get your Velvet Freeze ice cream) is closed. As some of you may know, Lawrence street dealers were busted last month by the Attorney General, Vern Miller. Miller with his Gestapo Midnight Raiders, busted 30 people, most of whomdealt out of the Chalk.

So this month Miller or some of his Agents (his own security detail) told (or forced?) Virgil, the owner, to cancell Don's lease. The Lawrence city council refused to stand up to Miller as they're scared shitless. Don is out his daily bread, the street people have to move on down the street and Miller gloats as the Chalk is shut down. The people of Kansas will hail Miller as their newest Saviour and the street freaks are more repressed.

The Chalk went out with a party that will be retold as the Last Night Party. Kegs of beer were tapped in the street, and River City citizens partied into the dawn. This is the same block, where last July, people massed and Nick Rice was gunned in Oread Street.



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3955 Main, Westport #

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explanation: "The world is like a room that is really burning up fast and there are twenty doors but only one of these really leads out- We're really into telling others about this door because we love them. The world really is burning up fast and the door, of course, is Jesus. We just want to save others and there's so little time!'

Finally, as an objective reporter I only related what I saw and heard. Do your thing, and if it feels good keep on doing it. So as a closing taste of what fruit my search has shown me, I feel I must share a few of Bonnie Russell's words which seem to express an honesty I felt rewarding-"Haven't you ever wondered where the love, the joy, and the peace of childhood was lost as you grew. I feel that when you're a child with a fresh clean mind you were dependent on someone's love and care. You trusted someone bigger than you. As an adult reality blows your mind with wars, hate, and death- But that need not be the adult's

reality. He can trust in Jesus. Jesus can give you that child-like love, joy, and peace.



# GOLD RUSH IN S. E. ASIA

Oil & Indochina: Why the U.S. Holds On

LIBERATION NEWS SERVICE

A major reason for the recent invasion of Laos by South Vietnamese and American military personnel is the destruction of a petroleum products pipeline running out of North Vietnam just north of the DMZ into Southern Laos, according to recently de-classified Air Force testimony before the Electronic Battlefield Subcommittee of the

Senate Armed Services Committee.

The existence of the pipeline was disclosed in Senate testimony before the Committee on November 18, 1970 by Brig. Gen. William John Evans, though the details of the diameter and length were not revealed. This pipeline would appear to have played an important part in the North Vietnamese troop movements along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, supplying an estimated 3,000 six-wheel heavy Russian trucks with fuel. The Air Force disclosed that within the last two and one--half years the portion of the trail open to trucks in the dry season has been extended from 350 to 1,550 miles.

The terminal point for the pipeline lies somewhere in the vicinity of Tchepone, a key depot along the diverse network of roads and supply routes running from North Vietnam into South Vietnam and Cambodia. Repeated bombing over the past four years has failed to halt the flow of material through these Laotian "sanctuaries."

While oil may be important for understanding the motivation of the invasion of Laos, it also appears to be assuming greater importance in the formation of overall war policy for Southeast Asia.

"One of the world's richest areas is open to the winner in Indochina," wrote U.S. News and World Report just before Dienbienphu, on April 16, 1954. "Tin, rubber, rice, key strategic raw materials are what the war is really about. The U.S. sees it as a place to hold – at any cost."

Speaking in Boston in 1965, LBJ's ambass-

ador to Vietnam, Henry Cabot Lodge, went a step further: "He who holds or has influence in Vietnam can affect the future of the Phillippines and Formosa to the east, Thailand and Burma with their huge rice surpluses to the west, and Malaysia and Indonesia with their rubber, oil, and tin to the south. Vietnam thus does not exist in a geographical vacuum -- from it large storehouses of wealth and population can be influenced and

The American oil giants' stampede to Southeast Asia began after the 1965 coup in Indonesia by pro-American generals which left a half million communists dead but opened the door wide to for eign investment. Southeast Asian oil's importance was heightened by the Six Day War in 1967 which cut off the Suez Canal to important Middle Eastern oil shipments. "Major companies are eager to diversify their sources of petroleum because of political uncertainty in the Middle East, the world's major source of crude (oil) today," wrote Fortune magazine in March, 1970.

Now the oil rush in Southeast Asia has reached the shores of South Vietmam, where exploration for long-suspected offshore oil reserves has been underway since 1969. Currently, sixteen American oil companies along with two Japanese firms and one Canadian company, expect to begin negotiations with the Thieu-Ky regime in late Februaryor early March for seventeen major oil concessions. The oil companies clearly have a real interest in having Nixon hold on to Indochina at any

To some observers, the oil companies' quick action for Vietnamese concessions indicates that they have received a clear message from the President. Jacques Decornoy, the Southeast Asia editor of the French daily, Le Monde, wondered in that paper's January 8 issue, "Have the oil companies perhaps received some solid assurances from Washington concerning the United States will-ingness to "hold" Indochina, and South Vietnam in particular?"



"In view of such haste, one is tempted to think so," he concludes. "The companies have already begun to invest, even though President Nixon has begun using the slogan of 'Vietnamization.'"

The importance of Southeast Asian oil stems

from predictions that within the next ten years the industrial world will consume as much petroleum as was produced in the entire previous history of oil. A U.S. oil expert with fifteen years experience in Southeast Asia has said that in five years "the offshore oil fields of Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, South Vietnam, and Indonesia will be ready to produce. . . more than is now produced in the whole Western world."

The Vietnamese oil discovery has been made the more significant by the attempt of OPEC, the international consortium of oil-producing countries, to force the oil companies to grant them a larger cut of Middle Eastern oil revenues. The OPEC action will cost American oil companies at least \$1.2 billion

But with the "friendly" governments of Indo-china, the possibility is much higher for American oil companies to negotiate contracts on much better terms. The Vietnamese leases will give American companies a 45/55 split with the government, much higher than the 32 1/2/67 1/2 split they get now from Indonesia.

But the ultimate reason for the American companies passionate interest in the Vietnamese and

other Southeast Asian oil fields is not simple profit, but control of vital oil reserves. As has been the case since WW II, American economic influence in Asia rests on the American ability to control Japan's supply of raw materials and its available markets. An independent, socialist Southeast Asia would pull Japan into expanded trade both with itself and China

and end its reliance on the U.S.

Such a shift in the Pacific balance of power could deal a shattering blow to the American big business strategy to keep and extend its position

in the world economy.

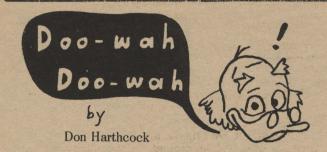
As the major source of the world's usable energy, oil has an importance in international politics far out of proportion to its dollar volume. Emphasizing the link between oil and international relations, a Department of State Bulletin in October stated

"Our investory are predominant in world petroleum, and petroleum is by far the largest single commodity in world commerce."

For many underdeveloped countries, American control of their energy sources is a major obstacle to industrialization. To develop these sources for themselves is made even more difficult by the oil giants' strangle-hold on exploration and drilling technology, shipping, refining, and distribution.

What frightens the major international oil companies is the prospect of an independent Southeast Asia, developing its own resources for the needs of its own people. As Southeast Asia's





This column will not be concerned exclusively with reviewing new albums. A lot of us for one reason or another pass over some really good stuff, and I want to remind you about some that were terrific but didn't sell. New albums will also be reviewed, depending upon their availability to this reviewer. This will be the straightest writing I've done in years, and I don't know if I can handle it. Albums supplied for reviewing from LQVE.

MUNGO JERRY (Mungo Jerry), Janus, JXS-7000
This album credits no musicians other than the four group members: Paul King, Colin Earl, Mike Cole, and Ray Dorset. There is ample evidence of heavy influence from Geoff Muldaur and Jim Kweskin, of that famous Jug Band, and Jerry Lee Lewis peeps through the piano riffs. There is no imitatation of these people; it's just a case of letting your influences hang out. Mungo Jerry understand their music, and I dig the shit out of them.

This is a British-style album; that is, six cuts per side, with a total of over 41 minutes of dynamite music, original except for two cuts.

Side One starts with an excellent parody of Elvis — sounds like what in the fifties was "recorded in an echo chamber." Johnny B. Badde is good jug band music and is followed by the classic San Francisco Bay Blues, which they do almost better than anybody, except Jesse Fuller. Sad Eyed Joe and Maggie, with kazoos and blues harps are very good, and the closer, Peace In The Country, just soars. It sounds like an old cartoon in places, and it's really a knockout. This side is very similar to amyl nitrite.

Side Two is mixed louder than Side One, probably because it starts with the group's hit, In The Summertime. As funky as you remember this song to be, it is actually slick compared to the rest of the album. See Me reminds me of Rick von Schmidt, for some reason, and Movin' On is another knockout. This one has some beautiful fiddle, and the changes iniit are perhaps indicative of where these people are really at. My Friend is about the best offering on the album, and Mother\*!\*!\*! Boogie is an O.K. instrumental. The ending song is called Tramp and is very nice. It sounds like a Bertold Brecht song — very different from the general charisma of the album. Buy this one, but not

WONDERWALL MUSIC BY GEORGE HARRISON

This is my all-time-number-one album. It was recorded in Bombay and is almost entirely instrumental. The music is 'published by Macien Music Ltd., BMI. Written, arranged and produced by George Harrison for Apple Records. Recorded in India, December, 1967.'

The back cover looks suspiciously like the Berlin Wall. The front is a surrealistic painting of a British-looking gentleman standing on one side of a brick wall (with one brick missing), and ten Indian maidens bathing on the other side. I visualize the old guy taking a peek through the brick-hole and being transported, like Alice, falling into another world.

Some of the passages evoke memories of the film "Yellow Submarine;" especially Dream Scene, which has vocals and knocks me out. It's not right to say it 'knocks me out.' Rather, it stones me entirely, every time I play it. This album is a joy, a multiple joy, to trip to (to which to trip?).

Harrison is not credited for playing on the album, so I don't know what he plays, but some of the guitar sounds like him. The musicians listed are mostly Indian, and even Lilly Tomlinwould agree that they're all very tasteful.

Play this one at your next gathering of friends and see what happens. It is a soothing, spiritual

# The TV Babies &

#### Advertisment For a Dream

by William Ball

There are two new, important artistic groups in action around our community that everyone should know about.

The TV Babies is a freak video tape group that occur around this community at any moment. John Puscheck and Julie Rush have divorced themselves to pick up on the very powerful medium of video tape.

Puscheck was a gifted painter at the Art Institute who could no longer honor the canvas as a focal point of mythic energies. He abandoned the ole symbols of colors and static shapes for the new meduum of

medium or video tape. Julie Rush used to be an activist, a familiar face at the Panther rallies, a member of various leftist groups. This combination has made *The TV Babies* an extremely effective, roaming, on-top-of-it group that can be at the right place at the right time to control with integrity and insight the brutally realistic eyes and ears of television unit.

The television speaks a language we all know, perhaps better than any other, but rarely does it speak to us or with eloquence. Julie and John can make it do both, and eventually they may be able to make cassettes of their work so that more people Can vious

can view it. For new, it is necessary to catch then at the events they are recording and wait for them to do a playback.

Video tape works like simple audio tape, playback is immediate and does not require processing. They did this at Steve Baer's lecture here on Drop City and the science of domes and more recently they covered BruceRicker's Harrison Street Review benefit. The benefit lasted until dawn. They did an excellent job of capturing on of Sound Farm's most inspired concerts and a sensitive treatment of the unique performance by Advertisment for a Dream.

Advertisement for a Dream is one of the most advanced, hard working groups of young muscians playing in our community, as anyone who has heard their Sunday afternoon work at the Sign can tell you. Their music is extremely unusual for a Kansas City group and deserved a close listening. The The quartet features Dave Lorens on electric guitar, Joe Rudding on electric piano and bass, Arny Young on drums and Jack Blacket on tenor and alto saxes. Their music is terse, purposely lopsided, quick, drum-engulfed, fluid, largely improvisational any theatre.

music in historical context would probably have to mention the influence of John Coltrane, to a lesser extent that of Ornette Coleman and Albert Ayler (found dead this year filoating in New York's East River), and, oddly, just a touch of Lester Young. If Charlie Parker's music could be analogised to modern sculpture as standing for the work and school of Brancusik then this music would be like that of Henry Moore; broad, thick, flat, iron-like tenor forms as opposed to slender, nimble, delicate cate, silver alto forms.

These influences reveal themselves in different ways. Most of Advertisment for a Dream's up-tempo pieces are relatively short and very dense during the ensemble. In this mood the group comes off as particularly biting, rocking and blunt, with Blacket favoring the unsentimental lower register of his tenor. This fast, grinding movement, with its tenacious grip on the listeners! sensibilities, is usually followed by the traditional spaces for individual soloists. Occasionally so much white space is alloted during this period of the piece th that one feels he has just left the floor of Grand Central and is probably the group's only flaw. The enormous, compelling power of the introductory statements is sometimes off balance in reltationship to the solo phase. When they're really hot, however no power is lost in the transition; every voice rises, in turn, to authentic, articulate passion. Often toward the end of the up-tempo pieces they enter for a moment the strange domain discovered by Coltrane near the end of his life and also extensively explored by Albert Ayler: an atonal cacophony, a primitive, hounted jungle of terrified

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Advertisement for a Dream can produce several textures and moods, but one of their most memorable is evoked during the very slow pieces. These These long, well balanced, thoughtful inquiries often feature Blacket's upper register tenor work which is distinctly lyrical and fresh. This Lyricism given greater depth by Dave Lorenz' strange, clipped style of short, interlocking phrases, Jew Ruddig's almost harp-like statements and Arny Young's ceaselessly conversant drum work. Sometimes when these long, slow, elegant lines of thought run uninterrupted for long minutes the music dissolves away and the experience becomes like a silent inner movie. A movie you'll never see in

animal sounds.

album which becomes a cartoon at will Parts of Side Cne remind me of Van Dyke Parks, and that stones me, too.

SONG-CYCLE Van Dyke Parks, Warner Bros., WS-1727

Warner Brothers has almost all my favorite people recording for them, and they show continued good faith in beautiful people who don't always sell a million. Van Dyke Parks' Song Cycle is has been WB's biggest saddest commercial failure. This album hasn't sold very well since its release in (I believe) 1967, but they continue to tell people about it. They should. It is superb.

If you have an old Song Cycle, I am told, you can send it in to WB along with a penny and get two fresh ones, one for a friend.

This is an indefinable album, which is part of what makes it brilliant. Side One begins with Randy Newman's Vine Street, produced by Newman. It is followed by Parks' things, the rest of the way, and all of it is good, good. He makes use of "sound effects" (it says on the back) which sounds like synthesized music. The Moog was becoming very popular about the time of this album's release, and the Beatles were using it secretly then. I know Van Dyke has done a lot of synthesized commercials

and there is almost no doubt that a lot of this album is Moog work.

The assisting musicians are too many to list, but include such notables as Hal Blaine, Randy Newman, Dick Rosmini, and Red Rhodes. Producer was Lenny Waronker, who's still doing good things for WB:R.

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Van Dyke's lyrics are just as farout as his music although sometimes they are difficult to understand (WB will send you the lyrics to this album if you write their copyright department). The difficulty in understanding the words comes almost entirely from Van Dyke's method of recording, ie., his voice is just another one of many instruments, but from time to time these little gems charge out and stone you, like his dry 'What's up Laurel Cany on must even eventually come down,' doubtless directed at Papa Denny. This is an innovative album, considered radical (technically, not politically) when first released.

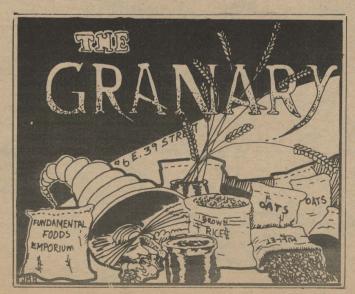
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#### OIL & INDOCHINA cont.

important natural resources include not only oil, but also tin, tungsten, iron, bauxite, copper, nickel, and rubber, Southeast Asia development is not only possible, but likely, if current independence movements achieve victory.

But America's great oil families, who stand to lose most if Southeast Asian oil comes under Southeast Asian control, have a strong ally in the White House. The Mellons (Gulf), the Rockefellers (who have large interests in all oil companies that grew out of the Standard Oil trust), and other oil families contributed some \$600,000 to Nixon's 1968 presidential campaign. They need only remind him that his political fortunes rest upon the continued expansion of American corporate capitalism, an expansion fueled by Asian oil and Asian oil revenues.

The reasons for the U.S. presence in Indochina go much deeper than the control of raw materials in Southeast Asia. The extent of the petroleum reserves is really not yet known. The disproportionate influence that the oil industry has over U.S. foreign policy, however, should make it clear that "black gold" will be an important factor in the U.S. decision to escalate or accept





# Hey Joe!

# You Got Gum?



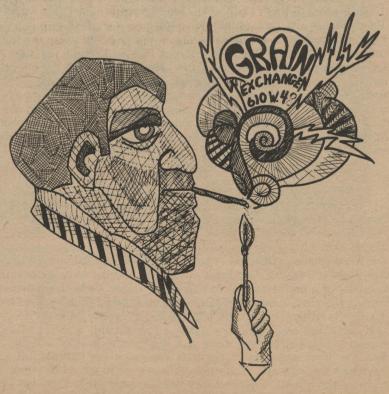
Bernadette Devlin, Irish international Socialist and member of British Parliament, spoke Friday night, March 5, to a full house at UMKC. It was a windy, chilly night and outside: of Pierson Hall a couple of middle-aged guys stood posted with flags and placards denouncing her. During the sixties the show was stolen from this familiar type of midwestern protester but now, as the long evening of the 1970's advances, they come out again like moons. Inside, the audience (not even any standing room left) is divided into two camps: the longhairs and Middle America. Miss Devlin, conservatively dressed and, as they say, "neat in appearance," stands barely a foot above the podium. From this focal point of attention she begins her weighty but succinct, intelligent, Irish intoned articulation of a world crisis in which the have-nots everywhere are gathering power and solidarity for an ultimate confrontation with an oppressiveworld order, an order over which the Amerikan and Russian powers are presented to brood like sullen cops in ominous helicopters on the alert for illegal assembly. It would have been impossible to forget that, at the very moment she was presenting her analysis to our well behaved Midwestern audience, the petrol bombs were being made ready for early morning attacks in Northern Ireland (reported the next day by AP and placed at the foot of the STAR story reporting Miss Devlin's talk), the cease fire was drawing to a close in the Middle East, the men at air bases in South Vietnam were loading warmed napalm into the jets while others dragged away the mangled, chitinous bodies of downed helicopters in Laos, the Maoists were preparing for new action in Ceylon, the QLF licking its wounds angrily in Montreal, the Tupumaro planning more outrages in Montevideo while everywhere else sonar listens to the oceans and radar watches the skies. Against this backdrop of world terror Miss Devlin's entrancing, poetically rational voice incongruously announces an anger and a commitment to action that is startling for such a plain, commonly dressed, slightly plump 23 year old girl with mild blue-green eyes.

She states that the strife in Northern Ireland is not a provincial religious conflict but another world theatre of confrontation between classes. She makes her identification with the American Black Revolution obvious. Referring to police slayings of such Black Panther leaders as Fred Hampton she says, "All of these justifiable homicides, it runs a bit thin doesn't it?" She voices her personal horror at the war in Vietnam and the violent suppression in Amerika. She makes her support of all dissent in the United States clear. Presumably the audience has paid to sit and hear countless such denunciations of this country in the past but not denunciations that so closely linked us with the Soviet Union and, most likely, they usually came from Oriental faces, Black faces, Brown faces and not from smiling Irish eyes. She states that she believes no Socialist government can exist in a capitalist world economy and that she considers herself a member of the forces of international Socialist revolution. She declaims the USSR as a form of state capitalism and she says she would like to redefine the working class as anyone who has to work for a living, discarding the traditional Marxian concept of the proletariat. A question and answer period follows and the seeming passivity of the audience evaporates. An older Irish woman with an accent to rival Miss Devlin's stands up and accuses her of betraying the Irish people and of coming to this country to stir up trouble. Her lilting condemnation ends with the comment, "... I'm proud to be an American God

love 'em.' Miss Devlin lights up a cigarette and shouts down at her, "And just what trouble am I stirrin up Mrs.? I'm tellin' the truth and I don't see it stirrin' up any trouble." A man stands up on the other side of the crowded, over-hot auditorium and with a cigarette smoldering between his fingers takes the floor-mike and announces, 'I've heard you criticize this country enough but I haven't heard you say you wanted out from under British rule." "Some things," she answers "said outright are crimes, sir, but you understand what we want." The cigarette smokes between her fingers like a miniature of all the tear gas bombs that fell in Bogside and the cigarette in his hand smokes like a sliver of the phosphorus that fell over Normandy on D Day. Back again on the other side of the auditorium, a young guy this time, states that she herself is exploiting this audience by charging money. She retorts, "I'm up here earnin'it. I would have talked off campus if I could have but they told me the policy was to go through a speakers bureau. Evidently they tell the students this, evidently the students believe them. The bureau takes thirty percent of my money. I would speak off campus for less and take home the same amount.' When asked what the money would be used for she explains that it will go to fund a Socialist research center in Ireland whose purpose would be to educate Irish people in the matters of Government/Industry corruption. Another girl asks her if she really thinks the usual educational processes are so bad, "we're being liberalized, aren't we?" Miss Devlin glances at her, "'You're being toucht to "'You're being taught to carry on and that's all." Another young guy, "Then why are you a Member of Parliament?" "I'm a Member of Parliament because I believe it has no authentic power. I joined something in the manner your CIA people infiltrate peace groups. At home I denounce Parliament every day." An older man in a suit asks if she thinks Socialism seeks to destroy the family. She replies, "Capitalism is destroying the family right here in your own country, can't you see that? Socialism supports the family because it does not teach competition and exploitation." When questioned about Northern Irish terrorist groups she said, "There is a very small group, fifty or so, extremely militant Catholics who bomb. But when they blow up a television mast or some such thing all they do is inflict heavier taxes on the neighboring people who must pay for it. As for the IRA (Irish Republic Army) no one in Bogside appreciated them until the English soldiers came and then they were the only ones who knew how to shoot." She is stopping further questions. Her parting shot, "We WILL win." She leaves the stage slowly, beleagedly. I was able to get through the crowd to the circle around her just as her escorts were easing her toward the swinging doors which would cloister her. She was backing away from a conversation with a young girl whose eyebrows were arched in the pleading expression of someone who had been trying to make a point stick. Miss Devlin was saying to her, "... wait till they put a hole through your head and you can die in peace too." Paul Erlich writes on page 74 of the Population Bomb, "Scenario 11. In 1979 the last non-communist government in Latin America, that of Mexico, is replaced by a Chinese supported military junta. The change occurs at the end of a decade of failure and frustration for the United States. Famine has swept repeatedly across Asia, Africa and South America. Food riots have often become anti-American riots. . ." Hey Joe you got gum? Hey Joe you got gum?

William Ball







That winter the same bulldyke came into the cafe every morning. Steam all over the windows of the place, the shitty red-colored CAFE sign blinking frosty through the dripping glass, nobody in the place but me and a couple of truckers shooting their mouths off at the counter and she would walk in wearing a sweat shirt, baggy bowling pants, dirty white socks with little soiled blue bunnies embroidered on them and shoes that looked like the sidewalk, would be invisible if they were placed on the sidewalk. She always had a LUCKY or a CAMEL smoldering between her stained fingers when she walked up to the pinball machine and she always sauntered up to it like it was a dyke lover of hers that had cheated on her with a man: full of reproach, anger, tenderness, humiliation, victory and bitterness. She slammed the cold nickels into the cold chrome coin slot like the slugs in an M16 and all the sexy cowgirls would light up. Jerking the spring lever like some guy's cock, she pumped the ball bearings into it. They rolled, bounced, bumped, collided, stuttered and jiggled over the flashing internal organs of the machine that sparked and buzzed until the shiny foreign particles slipped through the bottom flippers flapping like the valves of a heart in illness or flight. The scoreboard unraveled its numbers like a nervous breakdown in the mind of the Manned Space Craft Center. Her hands slapped and punched the machine. Feeding it more ball bearings, more nickels, the cowgirls would dance like her-lassos blinking on and off above their perfect faces. Both a vampire and a docoor of the machine, she make it sicker and sicker until the whole scoreboard glowed in the colors of a fever but always avoided the death-tilt with her loving, desperate body english. Then the businessmen would start coming in, their grizzled necks hanging like turkey throats over their stiff white collars, to order their bacon and eggs. Used to gogo dancers and topless waitresses at night they would not look at the dancer in the back of the cafe. Rush hour traffic would jam the street outside and the heat and exhaust of the new day would erase the fog on the inside of the cafe window. There would be a line at the cash register, coffee steaming in cups on every table and police sirens opening in the street like fresh switch blades, bright and shiny in the sunlight. Finally the noise of the day would rise up and drown out her performance so that she danced completely unnoticed in the back, connected to the machine by her wrinkled hands, the ashes of LUCKYS or CAMELS dropping from her fingers like gnarled fruit in winter. At that hour every morning the same big bus, as yellow as a lemon, would eclipse the window and drown us all in a wave of yellow light that lasted about as long as it took to strike a match.

The sky warned him first. His shadow and the shadow of the suitcase he carried had disappeared an hour ago. Earlier the sky just over his head had been smoothly clouded with the sun low and orange in the west. Now the clouds above him were shaped like the bottoms of egg cartons and instead of the sun a monumental explosion of white cloud boiled upward like a giant flower unfolding in a time lapse film. Behind him, to the south, the sky was the color of a bruise turning to gangrene. Black birds flew against it. On his right in the east, a mountain range of flint colored clouds stood motionless just above the horizon. He could see sheets of lightning flicker deep in the gorges and crevasses and sometimes shoot out in blinding chromium flashes the shapes of veins in leaves, down into the bluish air at their feet. But no thunder. The wind was strong. He made his way along the last hill toward the address he knew so well. There wasn't a person in any of the front yards and not a car on the street. It looked very bad and he tried to hurry but the heavy suitcase would not permit real flight. As he entered the familiar front yard he

could hear sirens starting to wind up. But the wind, he told himself as he rushed for the front door, the wind is still high. He pushed the carved oak door shut against the wind and set his suitcase, in the comparative silence of the hallway, on the marble fooor. He could hear the voice of a television weatherman speaking with urgency but he could not make out the words. He stepped quickly into the breadfast room toward the sound. There sat his friend of many years at a glass table upon which stood a bright yellow telephone, a transistor TV, a tiny ashtray with a cigarette smoking in it and a piece of colored paper that held a pile of white powder. Beyond the glass table and the back of his friend's head, French doors lead to a walled patio and offered a view of the blinding white thunderhead that mushroomed slowly upward on the western horizon. "Jim," he said, "Jim, it's me." Jim turned abruptly, his jagged rock face breaking into a smiled "Long time no see," Jim said and turned to pick up his cigarette and blow a long column of smoke into the blue light of the television set. He took a seat quickly at the table with his friend. A test pattern hummed on the screen of the set with the words, "United States Weather Bureau Tornado Alert. Take Shelter." He looked into the face of his friend for a reaction, possibly a nod in the direction of the door that lead to the basement. He only stared smoking at the screen. "A funnel cloud has been sighted in northwestern Johnson County five miles east of Olathe, Kansas and is moving, possibly on the ground, in a south-southwesterly direction at approximately fifteen miles an hour. Residents of eastern Johnson County, southern Douglas County and western Jackson County are advised to take immediate precautions. This sighting has been confirmed by the official Johnson County Sheriff's office. Another sighting on the outskirts of Harrisonville in northern Cass County has just come to our attention. Residents of Harrisonville are advised..." "Jim," he said, "I've come back because I'm scared. I'm scared I might be going crazy. Jim' he said, "Jim," Jim was rolling the ripped away cover of a match flap into a slim cylinder. "No you aren't," Jim said. you. re all right." He stuck the cylinder into one nostril, poked it into the white powder and snorted deeply. He repeated the operation in his other nostril. "What is that?" "Coke" Jim said. The wind was dying outside. He saw through the French doors that the leaves of the trees barely moved. The patio was overcast with a greenish tint. Jim picked up the receiver and punched out a number on the yellow panel of the phone. "Hello," he said, "This is the Telephone Company. How many phones do you have in your home......wellwe have received a disturbance on our meters that suggests a short circuit in one of them that may cause a fire.....you'll have to pull the cords out until we find the trouble......yes there is nothing else to do......evidently that was not the phone you'll have to try another one.....no there may not be a great deal of time.....we are receiving the same disturbance you must try the one we are speaking on......" Outside the leaves were as still as sculpture. In the street a police car passed very slowly sounding its siren.

Leaves crackled under our boots. Innumerable things splintered or broke apart as we walked. The woods were still. Once, maybe, a bird's shrill noise, once a squirrel chattering from a bare limb, walnut skin dropping from his dry hands. We stood at the edge of a clearing.

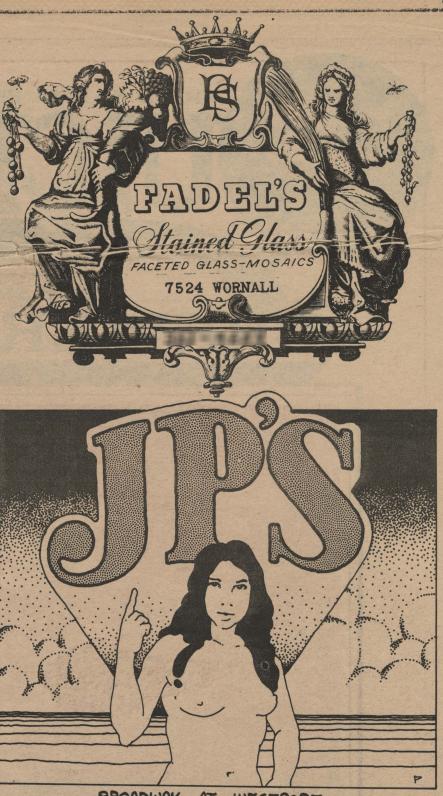
A half mile of brittle tree tops rose up several hills ahead of us and touched the milky blue sky. While where the first branches touched the sky a flock of birds rose and fell like black ticker tape in the wind. Nothing moved in the clearing. Wrinkled green hedge apples lay in the dead grass near a log. Pale orange mushrooms stuck out of the log like ears. All around them the bark had blistered and fallen to the ground. We crossed the

clearing and started down a small incline that lead to a creek. It was necessary to grip the bark of the trees on the way down. Even so a great many things loosened and rolled on ahead of us to the bed of stones that stretched out to the the creek. Hedge apples lay among the stones too, and on some of the slimmer branches of small trees persimmons drooped down. I slipped within a few feet of the water and went down with the weight of my body on my outstretched hand striking a stone as though the stone had been hurled into my palm by a powerful sling. A red thermometer line of blood ran down my palm and my hand shook very slightly at the wrist. We sat on the rocks near the water. He wiped his glasses with his shirt tail. We scraped matches over the stones and lit our cigarettes. The stones were scratched and pitted, full of jagged circles, broken triangles, interrupted stars, and irregular spirals, etched with fossils, perforated by tiny clusters of holes and engraved with shiny bits of mica. Some were smooth and dense as tead. Some were too light to throw and crumbled in my fingers. Piles of black walnut scraps stood among the stones left by the squirrels. I scooted closer to the still water. A hedge apple poked out of the shallow. The surface of it full of creases and convolutions like a green brain. i picked up a stick shaped like a long, curved claw and turned the hedge apple with it. The lower hemisphere of the apple had softened in the water. Leaves on the bottom made a speckled bed under the clear water like the skin of a lizard or snake.

The reflection of milky clouds mixed on the surface of the water like liquid marble. The surface was specked with patches of blue like an egg that was a mirror. I pushed the hedge apple so that it rolled down the bank and hit the bottom. Mud swirled upward more slowly than smoke or brown ink. A bird appeared on the surface. Its image passed into the shadow of a rock and disappeared. We crushed our cigarettes against the stones and went on. We disturbed the stillness for miles. At our backs near the horizon, the milky blue was spotted with white puffs of cloud. When we reached the shack we found only these things: a wind chime on the front porch that had five bamboo fingers in which wasps had laid their eggs (the fingers casting a shadow on a window like an open hand), a window sill inside filled with dry dead insects (a broken spider's web hanging over them) and a pillow on which the imprint of a human head lay like a fossil. At the door I turned to look into the face of my friend. A tiny yellow spider was crawling up the pocketof his shirt and when I looked for his eyes behind his glasses I could see only the reflection of puffy clouds in the round, bright lenses and for a moment, the image of a bird.

As gray and glaring as steel, a solid blanket of cloud, steel wool, pressed over the countryside that he drove along. The highway rolled toward him like a ribbon of steel. He passed cows eating in a field to the foot of a huge billboard bearing a Senator's face that gazed out over the meadow. Dilapidated barns, a speed limit sign that had been hit by a shotgun, a few roadhouses, a few towns, the signs advertising QUAKER STATE and TOMCO GENETIC GIANT. tractors now and then by the side of the road. Sunday. The little towns empty Hamburger stands and bars closed up. Kansas City had been empty too when he left. The streets deserted like his hotel lobby. Not even anyone watching pay TV at that hour in the morning. Just her behind the desk, watching.

"Where are you going at this hour. You, Mr. Connections." He had told her things like, "The lobby of this place is like a crypt under the pyramids. See those guys watching the set? They're like the dead pharoahs." 'Really?" She would say sarcastically with her deep cancer of the larynx voice, "and who am I, King Tut?" Or he would say, "That dress you got on is like summertime. Fall is coming and all of those flowers are going to fall off." Or he would say, "See those little spots all over your hands. They're like the periods of invisible sentences. If you could see the sentences they would tell you why you should have never come to Kansas City." And she would say, Always making some wise ass connection between things aren't you. Why don't you connect the fact that you live here with fact that your rent is two weeks due, Mr. Connections." She stood behind the cash register at all hours with one hand in a sack of Fritos and one hand on a Coke. She had Frito breath and salty Frito fingers. He might walk to Twelfth Street Recreation and, in the mahogany light of the cue racks and shine chairs, shoot the one-pocket geezers who hung out there smelling like cigars and the powder they lubricated their sticks with. He might take the quarters he won from the pockets of their Good Will suits, buy a bottle and walk along Twelfth drinking from a sack to WONDERLAND, "the world's finest arcade." He played Skee Ball and sometimes traded the things he won for cigarettes with the kids who hung around outside. Sometimes he would work the lever of the machine that make I-D coins. Stamping "want to fuck me?" on them and leaving them around as tips at lunch counters. Sometimes he might go to the back and watch the scratchy films of girls playing with their tits. Or turn the crane around trying to drop its flimsy jaws on a watch or a cigarette lighter. Or he might take the bus out to Fairyland and drive the bumper cars or sit in the Electric Chair. And on Sundays he gave The Greek five bucks and a carton of cigarettes to borrow his car and drive down to see his old man. He took the pressure off the gas at the Nevada speed limit sign. Radar controlled, it said. A light rain started to pepper the windshield. He worked the wiper knob. The wipers licked across the glass and spread the rain smooth. He passed the John Deere store at the entrance to the town, the silouette of a deer in flight on a sign over the showroom, the gravel lot in front tangled with the metal arms of tractors. The car rattled down the main drag strewn in the gray light with gas stations, body shops, motels, bowling alleys, bait shops, wooden churches and grocery stores Two fat women crossed an intersection in the wind, gray overcoats, gray hair. He passed the drive-in theatre on the outskirts of town, a field of poles stretching up to the pink screen that pressed against the dull sky. It was pouring by the time he drove into the visitors' lot and parked. The desk nurse and the attendents always nodded to him when he came in. He said to the desk nurse, "This nut house is like a cathedral in a bombed out sector of some European city where everybody sits around praying for the coming of the Third World War." She said nothing, her hand working a pen over some form, her eyes wandering the deserted hallway. His father was seated at the window of his room in a bathrobe. He sat down next to him. Without looking at him, his father took his hand and pointed out the window with his free hand. "Look," he said, "here it comes. The Dark Ages. The Dark Ages." Out the window a big yellow semi loaded with yellow tractors was storming down the highway blowing up a wave of muddy water that flew at its side like a sail. "No shit," he said, "The Dark Ages."



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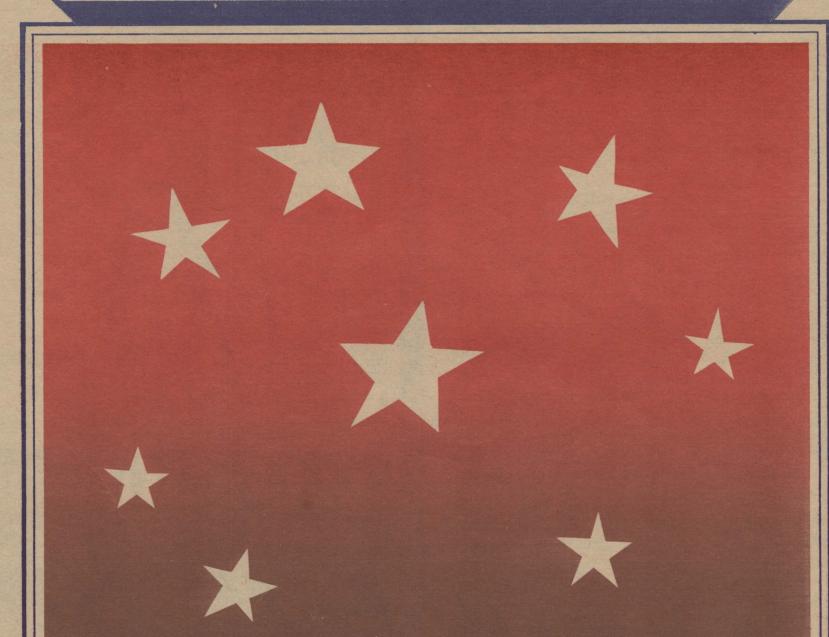
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Now, my brothers and sisters, as you strain toward the floor grasping for your melted brain, gasping from the shock "Jesus" has rent upon your oh so sophisticated "open mind", I wish you to know that this writer is not a christian (How could a Christian be objective), but due to the miraculous spread of the Jesus movement throughout the Freak communities of the world this writer felt that to remain a well-informed lover of all he should check-out just where so many of his Jesus-Freak friends' heads were at.

On a very physical level, they believe they're unit with God, filled with the very real Holy Spirit, and perfectly secure and totally happy with the love of a living and loving Jesus. Like ''Wowy-Zowy'' you say, and that is what they'd say, and smilingly you'll say you've heard all this before: from mums and dadums, from granny gruntcakes, and most emphatically from literally hundreds of holy holy holy Churches. Right on! But the product isn't same, and the Jesus freaks are the first to tell you and that is why this writer asks you to keep on reading this rap, since it's a new trip instead of the old bull-line the churches are selling.

This writer does not plan to start waving cute biblied quotes as that's not my trip; rather, first, I will leave that to those who are walking Jesus and his word up and down the street and relate a little 'here's where and what's happenening' song and dance, and second, I will introduce you to some of our brother and sisters who so openly shared their trip with me. Lastly this writer will comment on the gut-level feeling I felt amidst the Jesus-happenings, prayer meetings, and spiritfilled rap sessions which I've witnessed these last two weeks.

The center of activity as well as the primary bastion of faith for all who need to "grow in the Lord" is the House of Agape at 4310 Harrison (agape means the love of God for mankind). At Agape, much of the early work of the Westport Jesus people began last summer with the bible study classes gathering

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled"

An objective taste, a tiny morsel of the Jesus trip.

by Franklin Martz

ten to fift een freaks together under the eldership of David Rose who still maintains the God-directed stewardship of elder with two assistants in Tom Barlow and Jim Keech. Now, however, their search for reality through the discovery of a real and living God rather than a worldly philosophy or mancreated deity has expanded to a bible study happening of a thousand or more hungry souls and now takes place each Sunday evening at 6:30 in rooms downer by the 2nd Presbyterian Church at 55th and Oak. This church as well as the Grand Avenue Temple at 9th and Grand espouse a small amount of token verbal endorsement to the Jesus freak scene and its amazing fresh taste of zeal although the headpastors of each, no matter how ecumenical they are personally, find it difficult to openly sanction such flagrant nondenominationalism. However, the Grand Avenue Temple possessing a pair of fairly Jesus-minded Pastors has made available their facilities to a Jesus rock group, the Hallelujah Joy Band, which plays well and gives all glory to God from whom all their talent and inspiration came from." Rick Kupecki, Rob Brennan, Mike Burhart. Steve Glick, and Rick Colton combined with Jesus, spirit-written praises, and biblical passages produce a soundsomewherebetween Credence and Free, if you can dig on what that's supposed to mean. Some of their songs, such as "Jesus Warms My Heart," Open Passage Ways," 'Over and Over," and 'Song of Praise," lead you to believe that they've been together a lot longer than merely two and a half months. Praise the Lord! They practice in the Temple basement and plan another Rock festival, in combination with other Jesus folk rock musicians such as Pat Cullen, Debbie Burel, and Dennis Kraus for the 28th of March in the church proper of the Temple.

# Health Clinic

After Terry Nelson became involved in hassles with the FBI, he was fired by Vista. He had previously supervised the Umbrella at 3800 McGee, funded by Young Adult Projects, Inc. Vista then placed John Vogt in the Umbrella to carry on the switchboard, & drug analysis, the principal activities of the house. When he began to sense that more could be done with less, John and his girl friend Joni Feltzin closed down the switchboard and began co-ordinating plans for a more needed service, free medical care for the Westport area.

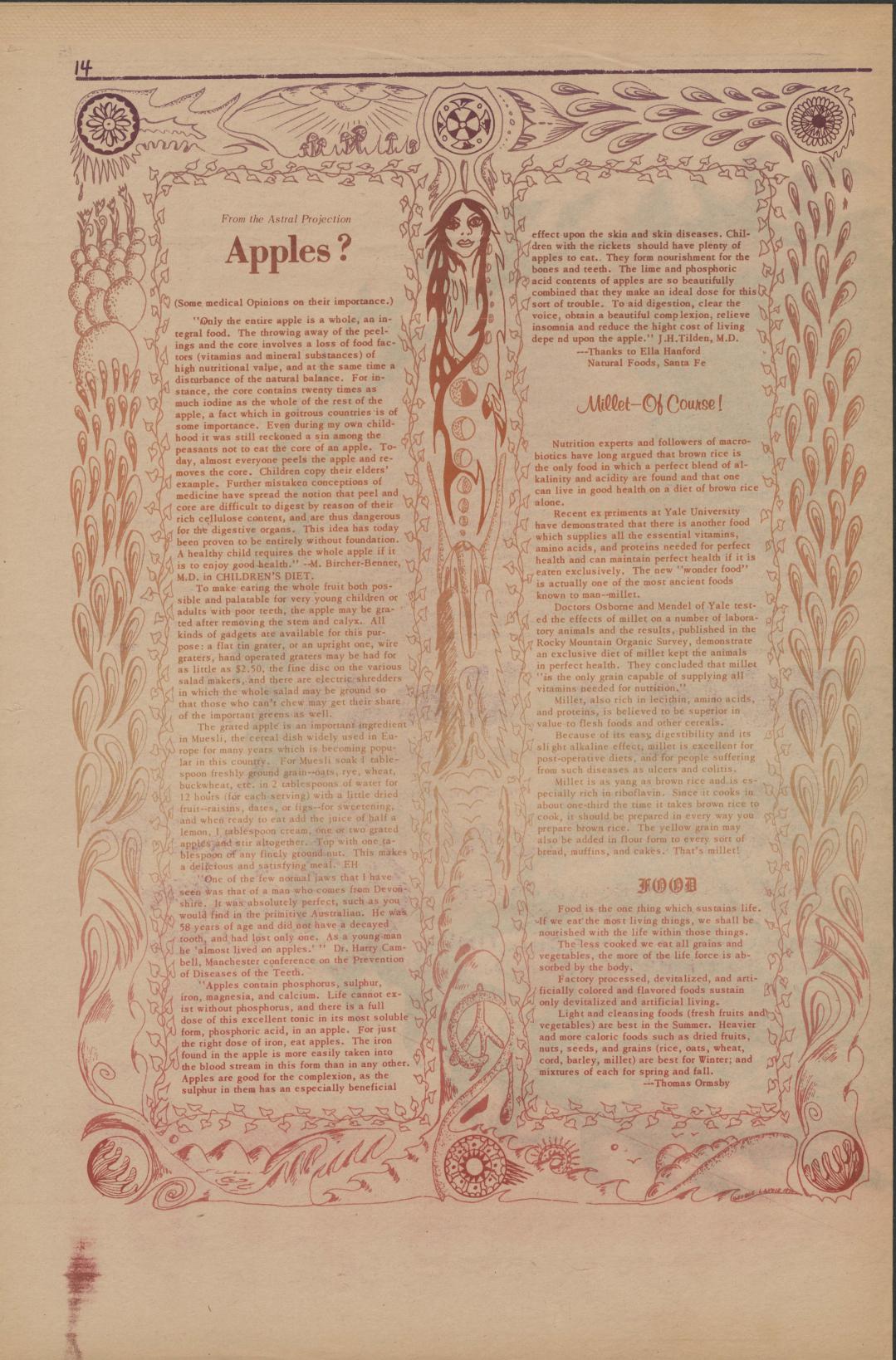
The clinic opens April 5 on the main floor of the Alcazar Hotel at 39th and Baltimore under the medical supervision of Dr. Lee Pickering, following an open house April 3rd and 4th, at which time donations are called for from the community itself. The clinic will be staffed with volunteers every day from 2PM until 10PM and doctors will be available only three days a week. However the clinic does have power to refer seriously ill patients to co-operating hospitals for free surgery and outpatient care on a limited basis, not more than seven cases a week. A planned parenthood clinic on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 will be staffed by Public Health employees. The clinic is also interested in giving physicals to young men in preparation for their eventual battles with their induction boards.

In the inimitable style of tentacles of Young Adult Projects, John and Joni asked me not to include the names of the board of directors or the area doctors who will be involved in the project, for reasons I could not ascertain. I can only conclude that the cloistered elitism which has long been the trademark of Umbreela projects has not been dropped for a more honest approach to the community. In fact, the air of secrecy surrounding their community attempts is somewhat justified since the principal funding source for Young Adult Projects and Vista is the federal government. However, one wonders whether the information it wants rather than risk alienation of the people, thereby planting the seeds of destruction within the cornerstones of their own "Alternative institutions"

Cherie Blankenship







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Sprouting from the parent post of spirit-guided wisdom in Agape, other Christian houses such as Resurrection House at 4012 McGee have blossomed around Westport, Johnson County, and one in Kansas City, Kansas, to further administer to the needs of a devil-ruled world. Resurrection House made up of four ex-Agapeites, hopes someday to become a Christian distribution house and is working on forming another Jesus band called Glorious Resurrection.

This writer was shown how the House of Agape was the basic training camp for new Christians who after they had "grown in the Lord" were usually moved by the Spirit to spread the ministry of Jesus cise where and there by allow others to study under the eldership of David Rose and his wife. Never have I seen such a smooth running commune as Agape. Beyond the instantly apparent atmosphere of genuine love, respect, and trust, one is further amazed by the lack of verbal hassles, undone chores, and the usual vintage hippy-filth seen with a measure of universality from the Haight to the Village. Also striving to introduce Jesus to Westport is Truth for Youth at 3715 Forest and an inner-city encampment at 13th and Washington run by a 30 year veteran of Jesus' love by the name of Thor.

The following raps are short testimonies and witnesses gathered from David Rose and some of the other followers of Jesus. These rap sessions were not brain picking trips but merely collections of awarenesses given in a spirit of love by a people whose own happiness and security in the love of Jesus prompted them to speak truthfully about the changes they had been through. So secure are they that I feel even if I were to accidentally misrepresent where their heads are at they would not take offense but rather praise the Lord in the spirit of humility.

Thusly, since the majority of the Jesus people I rapped with are ex-dopers, were burnt out on the hypo critical love trip most freaks had to offer, and sometimes had been associated with witchcraft, David Rose, and Independence-freak turned California trucker in search of truth, later to be busted in Kansas City for dealing, is a prime example of the hippy ttasting; the world, despairing of its unreality, and finding rest and growth in the love of the Lord. David longed all his life for a com-

munication with God but since the Church seemed to be the only phone company in town he ran away from God's ringing. From early childhood, his ability to prophecy, understand dreams, and learn quickly had been seen as gifts from above but he couldn't relate to Jesus until he received Jesus personally and became his own church. Dave always seemed to dig God, but not the church's God; he wanted the peace God could offer but he was prideful in thinking he could make it on his own. That is, until he asked Jesus into his heart he'd taken the glory of God in life and assigned some to his own powers. "I found that real reality is in Jesus, Jesus the God." And David continued, "I've felt dope and I've felt the love of the world, but now I know of the love of Jesus, and there's no comparison, sincerely." Praise the Lord.

Next I found as equally sincere and honest an energetic statement from Tom Barlow, another elder: "All my life I was just naturally empty a d I always tried to fill this empty void. It was kind of an excitement or an emotional involvement. I used to shoot 'BB; guns at dogs and break win.dows. As I grew older these attempts at excitement changed and eventually I ended up running bricks in Arizona. But like everytime when I was happy something ended it. It went away. Then met Jesus and I found out that knowing the love Jesus is what I wanted. And I just didn's know how simple it was to receive it. God is love, mar that's all I can say. You don't stand still in Jesus. It's a very exciting life knowing Jesus." Jim Keech presented a very similar story as did the thirty or so freaks I interviewed; however he maco a point to illuminate the fact that his trip was a now" trip (sort of a Gaskinian ring to it), that Jesus helped him each day on a day to day basis.

Good Sister Blue, who certainly is no new face to Westport, always knew God must have been connected in someway to the freak-hippy peace and love scene but like so many of her brothers and sisters she really had been turned off by the church. She really couldn't fathom her trip and those of her friends who preached love, balled all the time, and even tried doing for others but always with a self-satisfying goal attached. Finally, sometime after her Free store trip and as she continued to be made more aware of a need for something better, she began studying about Jesus with a friend. "One night, even without asking for him, Jesus entered my heart and lit up the

whole room, and my friend and I laughed and hugged and prayed for the baptism of the Holy Spirit with another friend and finally I was really zapped by God! Oh, wow, what can you say when you meet God?"

Rick Kupeki, a guitar picker, with the Hall-elujah Joy Band who got sick of being paranoid while in the drug scene was suprised when he went to his first bible study to find so many of his old friends praying and praising the Lord. "You should've heard how bad my music was before I started writing and playing with Jesus." He went on to relate how recently at a Jesus concert given at Shawnee Mission North the Joy Band really played poor but since they were doing the Lord's work the Lord made it sound better than ever. Rick staved at Agape, "because the Lord wanted me to stay until I was so filled with the spirit that I could live else where and keep my eyes on the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

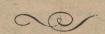
I received words and love from many others

I received words and love from many others such as Volker Veteran Nancy Richardson, ex-Wichita greaser Steven Morris, John Bozarth who has plans to do the Lord's work through a Christian Coffee house, "George" Scott a female Indian from a reservation who, with the help of the Lord removing many of her prejudices toward the white man, and Chuck Sharp, one of the founders of Resurrection House, who related how he used to pray only when he needed help in a bad way. Bonnie Russell, another Ressurrectionite and Chuck pointed out how: "the Bible is more up to date than comprow's newspaper. Even George Harrison sa 1, 'All things must pass' and that's from the bib"."

In summation, my brothers and sisters, I must point out that this writer is not trying to recruit new Jesus freaks, but I will say this, of all the Flower (Children of our generation these kids really have their shit together. I felt love. Not the intellectual love one knows after he meditates or the physical love most men share so little, but I felt a peaceful, all encompassing love which shook me, almost startled me, each time I visited a Jesus gathering.

Lastly, I know many brothers and sisters who are really freaked by the somewhat aggressive zeal to convert many Jesus people have. I must admit, to be fair, that the sidewalk, the scene of the crime, usually isn't the most mellow place for a conversation attempt. However Tom Barlow offered this





Sometimes I feel like there aren't as many questions asked as could be, because some folks are afraid they might not have a good question. And what makes a good question is, that you want to know the answer to it. So let's start off from there.

If you're telling the truth to somebody and their ego is really in pain, is it wise to back off and wait for a little while?

No. Get it on. You're getting close. It means that you're getting close and you might get through.

If the ego does not reincarnate, does that mean you don't have karma from past lifetimes?

If you check out this game with your books unbalanced, the unbalanced books stay right here in the game. And they got to get balanced somewhere along the line. So that karma's there, and whatever life-force comes back into the world is going to have karma to work out. Until everybody checks out karma-free. By having a karma zero when they are finished. That means to achieve in a lifetime non-action through action.

Your body is a temple. How do drugs fit into

I guess how they fit for me was: drugs was how I found out that my body was a temple. When I first started a spiritual search using psychedelics, the only information I had that seemed reliable was like maybe Aldous Huxley....Doors to Perception. But I've learned a lot since then, and I still feel like there's a place for psychedelics in a religious path. I don't say that psychedelics are the only religious path, but I have to maintain that they are a path. I've mentioned before: for the American Indians it's a road. They call it the peyote road. I actually don't feel that grass or peyote is anything other than like food. I rush about as hard on carrot juice as I do on grass; should I quit taking carrot juice because it gets me high? You know, there's lots of stuff that gets me high. If I quit taking everything that got me high, I wouldn't have anything to eat, and I wouldn't be able to love anybody. Or anything like that, because all that stuff gets me high.

Is this the reason for organic and synthetics?

Right. The thing about organic and synthetic psychedelics is like this. I've talked with people and checked it out, about what if anything is uncool about dope. And here's the thing, that it can be uncool, but the thing of it is when I say "dope" what I mean is, read "a material sacrament." Well dig, early Catholicism and Greek Orthodox and all that stuff used a material sacrament. Because they didn't use to give you a thimble full of grape juice. They used to give you a big chugger full of wine, you know, and you'd slug it down and it got you on some. And everybody there took a slug of red wine right about the same time and they'd pray for awhile. And got it on behind that juice. So there's a material plane sacrament. But like the only thing that can get to be a hassle with it is if it ain't good enough any more. If you get into escalation. Well, if you're in synthetic it comes in grams, or milimeters or tablets, or something that you can say times two, or times ten. But like the peyote's going to grow the same. The cactus grows the same year after year, and you can only eat so much of it. So I feel that the organic keeps you from escalation. That's why it can realistically be thought of as a sacrament. Because you can't think of a sacrament that's going to lead

you farther into the material plane. Like the sacrament has got to at least stay level. This is how I thought it out: I talked with Swami's and Yogi's and what not, and it feels to me that they don't like it on account of the caste system more than on account of something intrinsic about dope. It used to be, they said, "Dope doesn't take you there; it won't get you on." Now they say, "Well, it isn't permanent.' Well, I ain't come down in five years; I don't know whether it's permanent or not

Do you believe in no-mind?

On no-mind. Yeah. No-mind... the expression "no-mind" comes from the Zen no-mind doctrine. And that is the doctrine that says that when you are perfectly spontaneous, when you are doing right, so your entire self is engaged in it, you're in a no-mind state. Like juggling, and driving are done in a no-mind pretty much. Pole-vaulting, you know, anything where you like learn how to do it, and then do it really good, then you get in no-mind When you are in perfect no-mind you're in the footsteps of the Buddah. Because that's where the Buddah-mind is, is the natural state without concepts. And the natural state is responding accurately and easily to the situation at hand, without any preconceived notions about anything. Just taking what's there, and doing it. That's no-mind. Now, when you're in no- mind, everything you do is just perfect. It's when you stop and think (that you blow it). Like the story about the cat who said, "Hey, Mr. Centipede, how do you walk?"
And the centipede said, "well, just like this," and blew it and fell down. You can only handle a thing like that in no-mind.

What would you do if Christ came down here right now?

Same thing I'm doing right now. Cause I believe he already is. And I've taken that eventuality into my calculations.

What is the second coming of Christ going to be? Jesus, the dude, or Christ?

I believe it's that...what we're interested in is the second coming of Christ. I don't believe necessarily that Jesus the dude...like the name is Jesus the Christ. You're right there, Christ is a working title; it's a function-word, not a name. For instance, like Buddah's name was (Gotama) Siddartha, and then it became Buddah. And Christ Christ's name was Jesus, and it became Christ. And Christ and Buddah; Christ is Greek for Logos, and Buddah is Sanscrit for Logos. Now, I feel like the Christ function is being served here. Jesus said when two or three of you come together in my name, I am there. Well dig, that starts off when two, that's the minimum size gathering, you dig? In any group of two, Christ is present. That's far out. Also three's, and all in here too. And when there's a lot of folks that want to help be in the body it makes the spirit strong. And the spirit's

strong on the face of the earth right now. That this thing right here and now can happen, is evidence that Christ is here. It's a very heavy thing that monkeys come together the way they do. But everywhere we go we find lots and lots of folks just like here, who are really sincerely interested. You know. They want to get it on. Only not quibble about details, just want to know how. I think that's the working of the spirit of Christ right now.

About material possessions; how can they hurt you, and how can they help?

One thing about that is, that which comes to you by itself is not to be avoided, being a gift of the Universe. And there's a question of stewardship. That if you get a bunch of stuff that falls on you, you do the best you can with it for everybody, just like you were in charge of the (tape is garbled for unknown amount of time here—) that stuff. If you eat it, it falls out the other end. You just can't keep it.

So you think the stuff to take care of is your own.

Well, this is stuff that I'm taking care of. For now. And don't really consider any of that stuff to be stuff that anybody wants. Like my britches, and that kind of stuff. My bus. But it ain't even my bus, man, it's not me it's registered to. The thing about the material plane is, not that you can't use it, or manipulate the material plane, it's that you can't be attached to it. And as long as you're not attached to it. And if you're attached and greedy about it, it's not O.K. to have anything So whatever you can permit yourself to take care of (tape garbled) to stuff each person had. If everybody wants to have a little bit of stuff, so let them have it. I'm not in favor of folks having a whole bunch of stuff by themselves.

If you're saying that being attached to it is bad, and not being attached to it is good, then is being attached to the material plane the same thing as being attached to people? Like feeling like you possess someone? And then how about marriage?

(tape garbled) that I ever heard about previous to that, because like Michael and I had to quell masculine animal territoriality between us. Until with love we felt that we could be together and coexist on the same territory. Right same territory. You know? That's learning a lot of non-attachment. As far as being attached to people, like attachment to someone is kind of silly. If two peo ple want each other, that's an agreement. If one person wants somebody and the other person don't want them, that's attachment. It's silly to be attached to somebody that don't want you; it's silly to try to change somebody's mind into wanting you if they don't want you. But like if two people agree they want to be together, and that's their agreement, they can, you know? God gave us free will, and free will implies the power to make agreement. And we can be grownups, and give ourselves permission.

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(question garbled on tape)

I also like the sudden school. You know like within every discipline there's a sudden school and and a gradual school too. And Zen's a sudden school. It's the one that says, you straighten up right now, and that if you really mean it, it will do it. Also I think that they teach, that if you go through the 14 million incarnations of lower hell, and the 14 million incarnations of middle hell, and all of the other ones, and all that jazz, and go through all those incarnations and you come out finally, cool, you're in the same place that some Zen master gotto 14 billion years ago. But I say it must be cool right now. And that's the real secret, is being cool right now.

I guess in that case, it is how they all generally do come back to a common denominator.

Right.

How similar are your experiences with Kundalini, compared to acid?

Identical. I get to know where it's at, and I find myself lots of life energy, and I know that I'm one with the Infinite, and that what I do matters. And then I just be careful of what I do.

Is it possible to sort of get out of this? The question is on a complete concrete plane, so I thought I'd better warn you about that. Like when any hassle or any physical ailment is chronic in nature. Is it possible to sort of transcend those with the whole idea of just not putting any more energy into it? Or do you think that that's just too vague of a thing, and you can't really realize that?

And if you be straight and be pure, you're beautiful regardless of any of the rest of the details of your shape. So like you make yourself be beautiful by how you be, by the choices you make. And most healing takes place at the level of keeping your head together all the time, rather at the pinch of when you've already blown it, and trying to get it back on. But you can like change things around just by moving the electricity. And the electricity is not vague. The electricity is what makes all the difference. The material plane without the Holy Spirit is Heaven. Cause the electricity is what makes all the difference.

So what you're saying is, the fact is that, the thing that just sort of separates a person from get-

So what you're saying is, the fact is that, the thing that just sort of separates a person from getting turned on, well, the whole thing is really slow, because I mean all that exists between there is something that he's created.

The question is about faith healing, isn't it?

And about what can you hope to heal by faith heal-

ing, and what-not. Like folks say, "Well, you can

you heal?" Well, Jesus got really fancy. He came

up to people who had missing stuff, and things, you

know. And just transubstantiated, and created new

stuff on the spot. Like that's what you can really

do. Then any kind or manifestation. The thing is

that beauty is health, and health is being pure.

heal a headache; it's all in your head anyway.'

And you can heal a bellyache; that's probably in

your head too. Then they say, "Well, what can

Right. The difference between you and protection is very small. And like you can just transcend it. The first things I got nerve evough to start experimenting about was that kind of thing. One of the things is, I threw away my glasses; it was almost a year ago. And I find that my vision is getting better, and I find that my vision now varies on such things as how stoned it is, and how well people understand what's going on. And if it like looks pretty good, then I can see pretty good. If people are like being smart and paying attention. It was faith to cut loose of them, because it was like they were protection; they let me know where everybody was at way out there. Got into Outer Works; that's funny, but real. Anything. And we learn it as we go along, that we take care of most stuff for ourselves. Very seldom do we ever have to go and seek some kind of outside help. Once in awhile we get into some kind of heavy physical. But mostly we don't

If you're hassled do you talk to it out loud, or do you look inside yourself?

How do you mean, "If you're hassled?"

If something is putting you uptight.

If something is putting you uptight, you're attached to something. And you can let go of it. It's amazing how fast that stuff changes. I found... something happened in Washington, D.C., when we did our thing there. I felt like that we were late to the gig, and that I hadn't stopped and straightened my head or anything and that I'd been going on a fast day all the way through, and here I was on the way to the gig, and I hadn't stopped and slowed down yet, and I was walking down the street feeling that way, and Michael said, "You know, we're not going to go to the gig right now; we're just going to listen to a TV thing; the gig's in another hour-and-a-half." And all that tension went.... SWOOOSH...and I was just loose and groovy all of a sudden, and I said, "Oh, you faker, straighten up and don't hand me all that stuff."

NOTE: The tape of this rap was not of the best

About leather?

About leather...well, where do you think they get it? Yeah, right, folks, that's where they get it: animals, man. Animals are just about as people as anybody.

How about plants?

Well, you got to eat somthing, and I don't do any indiscriminate doing up of any kind of life. I do the amount of vegetables it takes to keep me going. I even don't like to drive off the road onto where the grass is. You should conserve life-force the best you can, but you've got to eat something. Well, the thing that we seem to be fit for is grains, cereals, nuts, berries, fruits and vegetables and stuff, because we've got the kind or teeth that does up that kind or stuff. I hear people claim that we're carnivores because we've got canine teeth. But man, those are such pitiful little canine teeth,

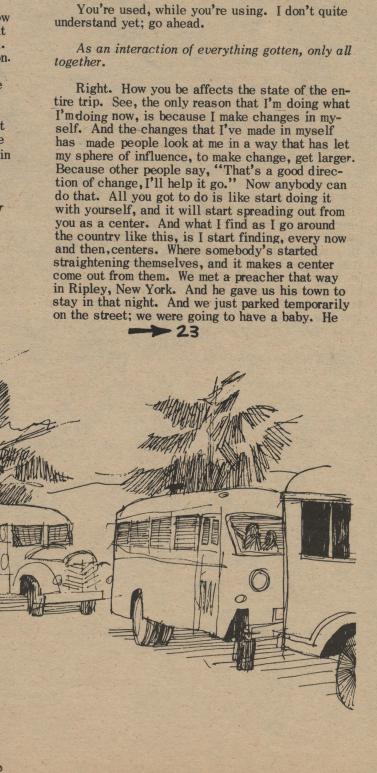
I want to get somebody way back out there. Somebody way back there.

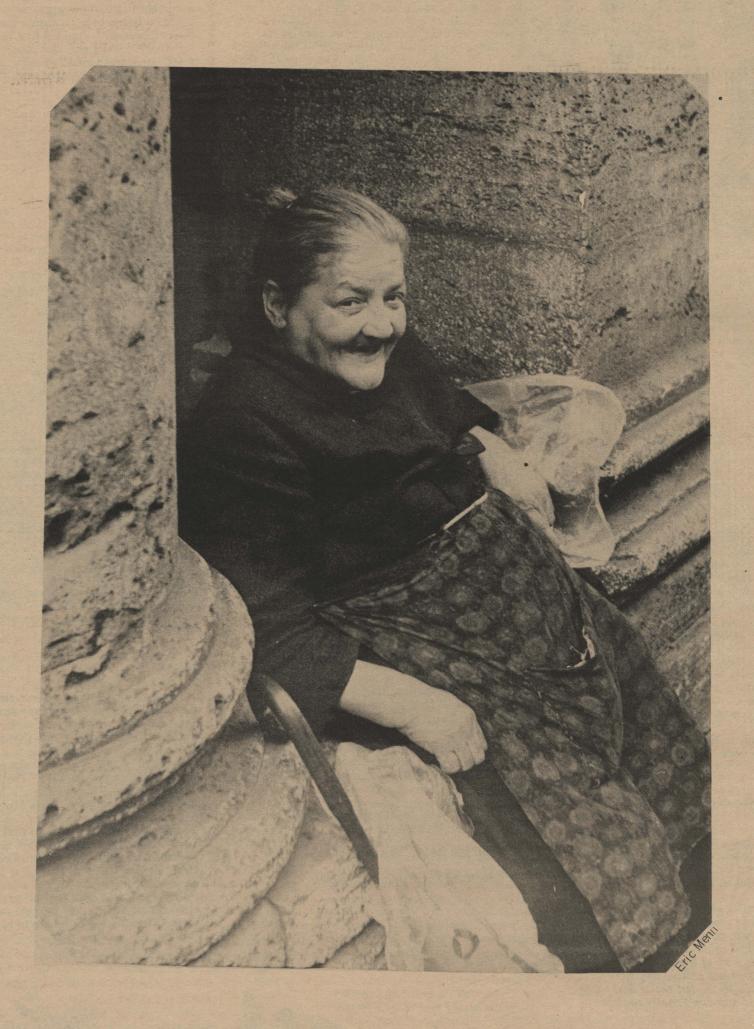
What's that responded by? Total Responsibil-

Total responsibility. Right. That if you look out and you don't like the shape of the world, go inside and start cleaning house. And it will get better out there. Like if the Universe don't come on to you groovy, just start cleaning house, and it will get better. All over. That's the miracle of it. That's what blows their minds. You know, everybody that got their mind blown and said, "One with the Universe; that's the way it really works." One with the Universe. Everybody can do it.

I mean like, you're used while you're using.







"My feets are tired, my legs they ache, my heart is weak, and my stomach is empty. This mucky Italian Government is fucked..."

Maria di Roma



#### TO THE MOTHER LOVE TRIBE

I wandered into Head Imports here in Chicago and by chance found some free copies of the February edition of the Trucker. Interested in what was happening in different places of Amerika, I settled down to scan this alien publication. To my surprise, I found a very good, very personal and together paper that rivals the quality of our own Chicago Seed. As I read, I wondered if things are really all that together down there. After living in the gigantic plop of Chicago for 19 yrs., anything so homey seems weird. No articles on Guns, or Offing Pigs, or people getting shot in their sleep. Just articles on togetherness, meditation, food co-ops, free schools, love and all other things that are so scarce in the Chicago struggle.

I could dig it if more copies of the Trucker found their way out this way. I'd subscribe, but I'm on strike, out of a job, and all that. The usual big-city hassles.

My spirit goes out to the people of Westport, and the Trucker. Carry it on!

Love and Peace

Chuck Kozak

Dear Trucker,

Who the FUCK is Big Brother?
In regard to the article "I'm Fulfilled,"
pg. 19, Feb. issue:

This also is my first summer in K.C, and I want to know if you've banned heads from your community?



I consider myself a HEAD, because of the experiences I've gone through, and in my opinion and where I come from, there is a big difference between heads and freaks, and either there ain't no heads in K.C. or they're tight clanned!! Cause I ain't seen or met any heads! And as Steppenwolf put it, "I've popped a lot of pills and I've smoked a lot of grass." But baby that don't make you no head. And if you "FREAKS" think you can live and love without any worries, play like children, and are so fuckin' stupid to think someone is watching over you all the time, you're full of shit! That's all we need to help straighten out the fuckin mess our elders put on us: a bunch of children beating their dongs off in a bed of flowers!!

I'd like to ask you what exactly have you learned from YOUR stoned sessions, because you sound like a fuckin neurotic idiot! And I dare you motherfuckers to print this!!

Signed:

P.M.F.D. (Paid My Fuckin Dues)

Dear P.M.F.D. (Paid My Fuckin Dues), You're still paying them, brother. But you don't have to. Cool your own head, and watch the changes go down.

Paraphrasing Stephen, "If you don't like the country's politics, go clean your house." Either do that, or burn the motherfucker down; I don't care. I'll just sit here and watch you and the motherfucker and the changes go down.

Big Brother



#### AN OPEN LETTER TO BAAS

The people of Kansas City recently were informed of your plan to use Urban Renewal to condemn (and with its various ramifications aid you in purchasing) the land bounded by 33rd Street to Valentine Road and Penn Ave. to Summit Street.

You represent, along with the City National Bank and Miller Nichols-your associates, one of the biggest power blocks in this City.

Apparently, you have decided, like King David did with another man's wife, that you should have, at any loss of principal and in violation of all that is ethical and moral in our society, the land that you desire.

Two large insurance companies who callously take part in the ruthless tearing apart of the lives of those who do not want to lose their homes (I hope you'don't claim to be ignorant of published facts on the mortality rates of people who have been up-rooted from their homes and neighbors.) Companies whose balance sheets total millions who do not choose to pay the price that some of the most valuable land in Kansas City should demand, but use a legal framework to condemn and pay as little to the homeowners as they possible can.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars fought for human rights and values on foreign soil. Here in Kansas City they contribute to the rape of a neighborhood.

All this to build office buildings that are not needed and high priced apartments that would exclude the people who want to live in this area. A project ostensibly presented for "the good of the City".

In 1968 the same BAAS told the homeowners in the area between 31st Street to 33rd Street and Summit to Broadway that they were sitting on a gold mine. The BAAS said that they would pay \$6 a square foot for their property and asked the homeowners to fight the Metropolitan Junior College. They took a vote to see how many wanted the BAAS to fight the Metropolitan Junior College to help them. That vote was a most affirmative, "Yes, we want you to help us keep Jr. College out." But, when the time came such help was trivial and of short duration. Later BAAS claimed that the people had not desired its help.

It was learned recently that BAAS decided to accommodate the Board of MJC—once described by a minister "as worse than the Viet Cong."

The MJC board taught the BAAS some tricks, how to get what you want and pay one-third to one-half the price for it and to throw away all human values when it comes to the lives of the homeowners involved.

The BAAS could be used as an example of Capitalism at its worst. When you question why the demonstrations and the bombings of our time, you should look in your mirrors.

by Frances Storm

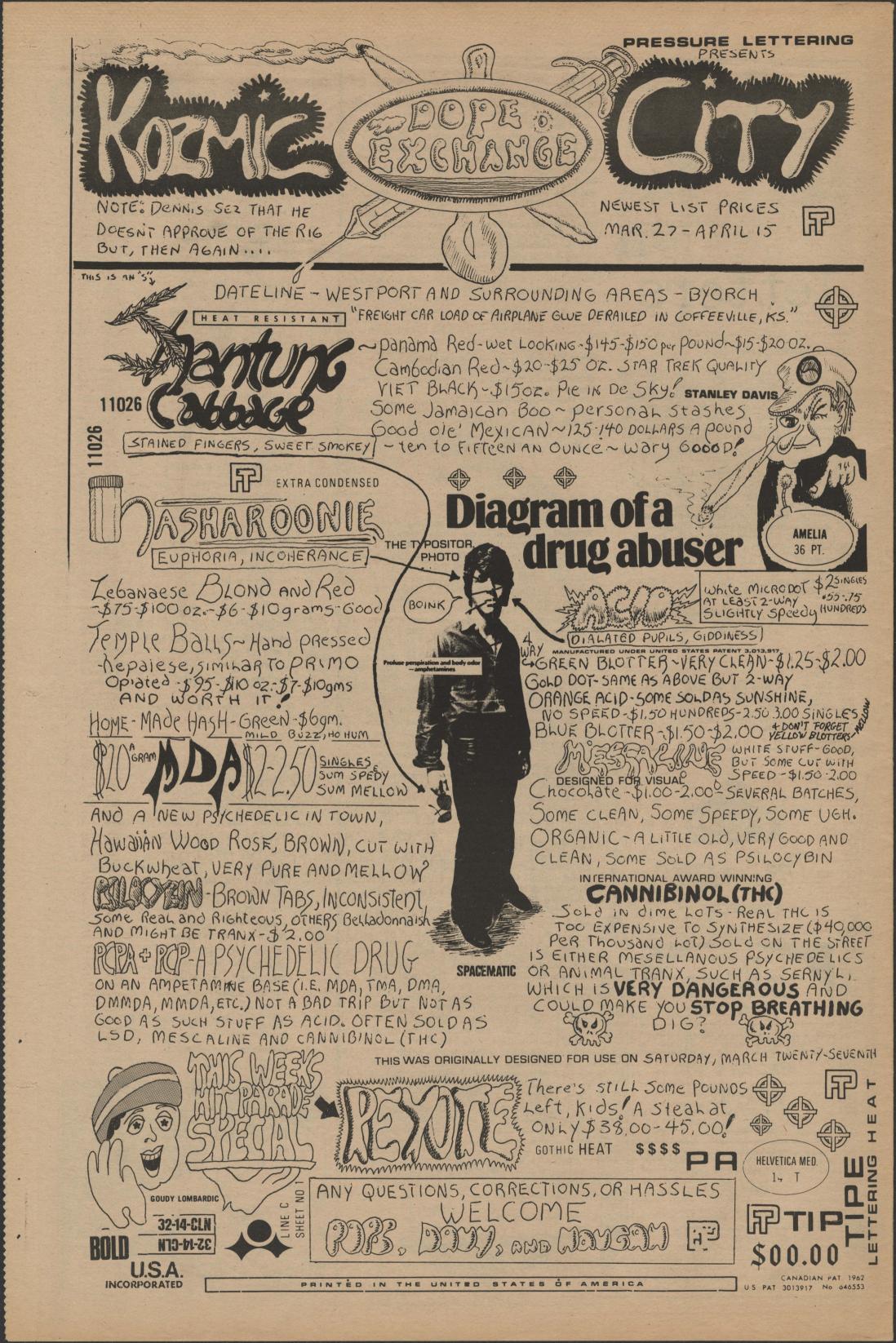


#### TALKING VIETNAM

Alone they came And singly stood By where she lay, At the cold place where she lay. Guiltless they were And alone at dawn, When death stalked the silent jungle wood, And death spoke gently And smoke-filled grass And dew of morning Stood watch and mourned. Sounds arose and winds Of Moaning Jets passed and ever Spoke in soothing, flowing Love caresses saying, "Look not to this place, For here lies Solitude And peaceful, resting Aloneness." A linnet sneezed; Awakened were the leaves And curling toward the skies. Came the dawn, and with it Weeping men. At the marketplace of doom A peddler sold death At reasonable prices A special bargain (Thursdays only). Bits and pieces, Cats and Mieces, All around, Through the town There they go, helter-skelter, Looking for food, looking for shelter, Begging, stealing, shuffling, dealing, Gypsies, roving; looking for bread. A breeze that stirred up. A cloud of dust, And before that caressed Two young lovers, Hovered over a pond and drank And tried to remember That only yesterday It was unborn. On your way, oh Zionites, And don't forget your crosses, And don't forget your swords. For ours is the time for love And the moment, as still as the kiss-That lingers through passion And bright eyes, And ours is the instant for understanding, That all is not seen, That all is not said, That men are unkind through fear. A man died, And his eyes went blank And the shirt was sucked up Into the blue hole that oozed, And the blood was slimy, And they said, "Who did it, Carlos?" And they already knew who did it. But that was long ago, And things have changed, And men still die, Though no one asks, "Who did it, who?" And times are not so bad, Providing strength remains To rip from young bodies young lives, But when a leech just crawls away, You know a man is dead.

> S. Sgt. Don Harthcock Trabzon, Turkey 1965





I'M A POOR WRITER; REGULAR TRUCKER READERS ARE PROBABLY SORELY AWARE OF THIS FACT. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE USUAL RUSH - NO-THE UNUSUAL RUSH TO GET THE TRUCKER OUT BEFORE THE LOCAL ELECTION PRIMARIES, THE EARTH FOOD RAP I DID IN THE LAST ISSUE WASN'T PROOF-READ OR EDITED; SO IT WAS PRETTY GARBLED. ALL I HAVE TO SAY IN RELATION TO THIS TRIP ( I - CHING = BOOK OF CHANGES ) IS THAT IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT JESUS, THE CHRIST, MUST VE STUPPED I-CHING WHILE SO-JOURNING FOR THOSE 16 YEARS OF HIS LIFE THAT SEEM TO BE UNRECORDED BY "CHRISTIANS"; WHICH SEEMS STRANGE FOR A POPULAR RELIGION. AND SINCE I CHING OR A PROTOTYPE HAS BEEN IN PRACTICAL USE BY THE MAJORITY OF THE SAGES, AND OTHER LEADERS, OF MAN, AND WOMAN, INCLUDING STEPHEN GASKIN, IT IS OBVIOUSLY A VALUABLE TOOL FOR ANYBODY WANTING TO GET BACK TO THAT KIND OF AWARENESS. I SAID GET BACK, BECAUSE ITS LIKE THE AWARENESS VERY OFTEN FOUND AMONG CHILDREN AND SO CALLED PRIMITE PEOPLE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WANT YOUR FORTUNE READ, AND YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A SCH-OLAR; TO UNDERSTAND THIS WISDOM IS AS SIMPLE AS BEING FREE.

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A SACRIFICE OF THE HIGHER ELEMENT THAT PRODUCES AN INCREASE OF THE LOWER IS CALLED AN OUT-AND-OUT INCR-EASE: IT INDICATES THE SPIRIT THAT ALON-E HAS POWER TO HELP THE WORLD.

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IT FURTHERS ONE TO CROSS
THE GREAT WATER.

SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF THOSE A-BOVE FOR THE INCREASE OF THOSE BE-LOW FILLS THE PEOPLE WITH A SENSE OF JOY AND GRATITUDE THAT IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE FOR THE FLOWERING OF THE COMMONWEALTH. WHEN PEOPLE ARE THUS DEVOTED TO THEIR LEADERS, UNDERTAKINGS ARE POSSIBLE, AND EVEN VERY DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS ENTERPRIZES WILL SUCCEED. THEREFORE IN SUCH TIMES OF PROGRESS AND SUCCESSFUL DEVEL-



OPEMENT IT IS NECCESSARY TO WORK AND MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE TIME. THIS TIME RESEMBLES THAT OF THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, WHEN THE EARTH PARTAKES OF THE CREATIVE POWER OF HEAVEN, FORMING AND BRINGING FORTH LIVING BEINGS. THE TIME OF INCREASE DOES NOT ENDURE, THEREFORE IT MUST BE UTILIZED WHILE IT LASTS.

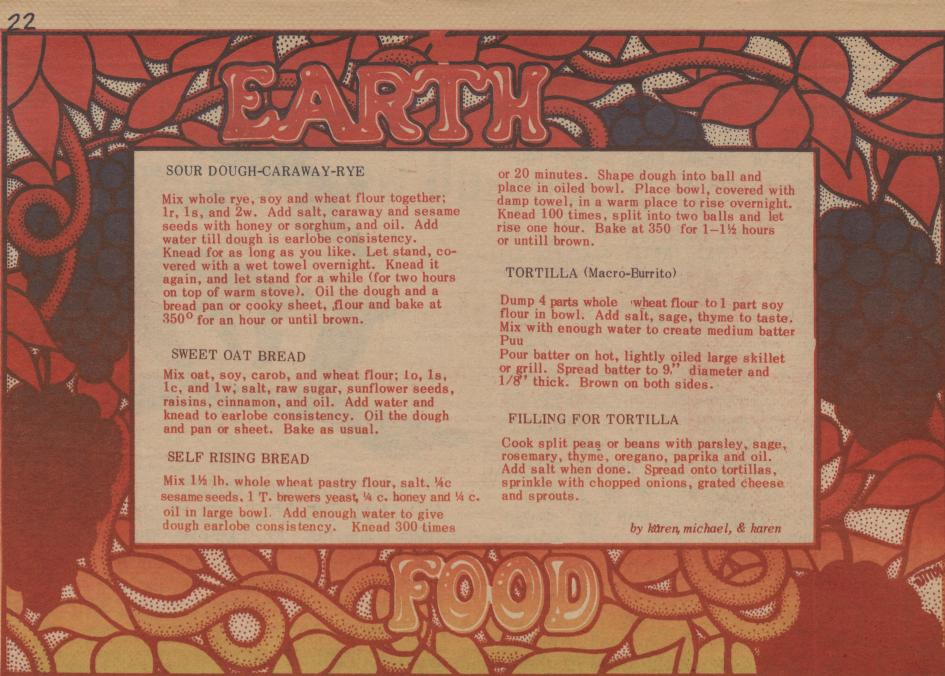
THE IMAGE.
WIND AND THUNDER: THE IMAGE
OF INCREASE. THUS THE SUPERIOR MAN: IF HE SEES GOOD,
HE IMITATES IT; IF HE HAS
FAULTS, HE RIDS HIMSELF OF
THEM.

WHILE OBSERVING HOW THUNDER AND WIND INCREASE AND STRENGTHEN EACH OTHER, A MAN CAN NOTE THE WAY TO SELF-INCREASE AND SELF-IMPROVEMENT. WHEN HE DISCOVERS GOOD IN OTHERS, HE SHOULD IMITATE IT AND THUS MAKE EVERYTHING ON EARTH HIS OWN. IF HE PERCEIVES SOMETHING BAD IN HIMSELF, LET HIM RID HIMSELF OF IT. IN THIS WAY HE BECOMES FREE OF EVIL. THIS ETHICAL CHANGE REPRESENTS THE MOST IMPORTANT INCREASE OF PERSONALITY.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES
THE HEXAGRAMS OF DECREASE AND
INCREASE ARE THE BEGINNING OF
FLOWERING AND DECLINE: ALSO IN
NATURE, THE SUN AND MOON MOVE
IN THIS SEQUENCE.

SO BE IT. OM NAMAH GURU DEV NAMAH SHANTI SAT NAM SHANTI. YOURS INCREASINGLY, MICHAEL

WILL CODY OR GAVINDA OR A FRIEND GET RITES AND SYMBOLS OF INITIATION TO THE LIBRARY IMMEDIATELY IF POSSIBLE OF THANK



REDEVELOPEMENT cont.

1. The Valentine neighborhood is by no reasonable definition blighted.

2. The Kansas City Life Insurance is responsible for a good part of the blight in the neighborhood. To allow them to be a blighting landlord while granting them the power of condemnation and the privalege of tax abatement is to allow a corporation to profit by its own wrongs.

3. Approval of the project will result in neglect of the property within the project area as well as in adjacent areas which would by affected by the increased traffic congestion, noise and on-street parking.

4. The first thing to be consturcted in the project area would be the Pennsylvania "boulevard" which the community council is unalterably opposed to.

5. The Penn Valley Redevelopment project would over-burden the exsisting storm sewers system and, because the sewers run from there east, the cost of new sewers would be passed on to adjacent homeowners causing them to subsideze the cost of the redevolopment.

6. According to the Metropolitan Planning commission, Kansas City is approaching an acute housing shortage. The redevelopment would tear down existing homes without replacing them with similarly-priced family housing.

7. Tax abatement of the type that the Penn Valley Redevelopment corporation is asking is not necessary to induce investment in the Westport area.

8. Tax abatement would reduce the tax

base of the school district by more than 8 million dollars and that of all taxing agencies by about 15 million dollars.

9. The redevelopment would necessitate additional city service to the area with paying for them.

10. The Gladstone report, done for the Land Clearance for Redevelopment authority in connection with its downtown proposal, estimates that by 1985, Kansas City will need approximetely 12.5 million square feet on additional office space. Current development around the Kansas City International airport, in the Central Business didtrict and in Crown Center will provide 13.4 million square feet of additional office space. Therefore the Penn Valley project will have, at best, marginal chance of success.

The three major points in the community council's srgument concern the Pennsylvania highway, the tax abatement proposal and the Gladstone study.

On March 22 and 23, the BAAS paid more than \$4,000 to place full-page 2-color advertisements in the Kansas Slity 3tar and Times asking, and supposedly answering, the question: Is the Penn Valley Project good for Kansas City.

In their ad, they maintain that the development they propose would provide housing for approximately 750 persons in the project area; that by attracting new firms to Kansas City the project would generate annual payrolls totaling \$40 million; that the Pennsylvania highway is necessary to serve the needs of the city, and that during the 25 year tax abatement period the project will still provide \$7.5 in additional taxes.

The facts are that the housing in the Penn Valley proposal would not begin to be constructed until the second phase, about 1975—certainly not early enough to house the fam-

ilies that would be moved for the first phase in 1975—and even then the projected rental would run from \$150 to \$400 a month, much more than existing rental and obviously more than older persons on fixed income and of the persons of fixed income and the first phase in 1975.

existing rentals and obviously more than older persons on fixed income could afford to pay.

Further, regarding the \$40 million annual payroll they intend to provide and the \$7.5 in additional property taxes, the best finanial estimates now available indicate that the earnings tax on their payroll figures and the property tax money taken together would not compensate the city for the money they stand to lose if they approve the tax abatement provision.

Understanding that takes a little effort but it's worth it. The tax abatement that the BAAS are asking for provides that they shall pay taxes on the land value alone—without regard to the value of buildings—for the first ten years years of the project. The BAAS have modified this by volunteering to pay the current rate of property tax on land and buildings in the area. Then for the next 15 years, they would pay taxes on 50 per cent of the value of the new buildings they intend to construct.

Assuming that there were no increase in the tax rate and no increase in the tax valuation on the current buildings, the BAAS claim that they would lay in the next 25 years \$7.5 million over the existing rate is correct.

But, taking into account an increasing tax rate, the best figures indicate that the school district alone would lose more than \$8 million in taxes and all the taxing agencies—city, county, state, junior college, library and school district—stand to lose at least \$15 million. And that's taking into account the earnings tax revenue that the project would generate if it could fulfill its claim to add \$40 million a year in additional salries.

Then there's the small matter of the Pennsylvania highway, better known to its friends as the Miller Nichols freeway

The BAAS are right in saying the city ha









### Classifieds

Needing a ride to California? Have some puppys to give away? After some deliberation we decided that this should be more than a classifides section, it should be a community bulletin board, hence all ads not involving a money exchange are free, otherwise they are \$1.00 for the first 30 spaces and \$.50 for each additional 35 spaces. BOLD FACE TYPE is an extra \$1.00 per line.

We reserve the right to reject copy which we consider to be in poor taste, a rip-off, or which might

result in legal action.

Illegible ads will not be accepted.

If mailing in an ad, please send check or money order.

Chick needs ride to Boston in April-Will share expenses. Contact thru Dennis at the Magic Circus.

Singer sewing machine-Model 29k71, for sale or trade. \$40.00 120 E 43rd no. 2 Bill Philyaw

Sculptor needs large logs to sculpt with. Contact Mike, 3337 Wyandotte.

Car troubles?
Bring them to Zepo, Experienced mechanic tune-ups, oil changes and repairs. Contact Zepo at Magic

Used records wanted to buy or trade. Love Records, 3909 Main.

Freak Filmmakers interested in pooling ideas, equipment, actors, etc. Call Kevin Dowd,

BABY SITTING--I am a young mother and am dependable. Brenda Thompson, 3937 Wyandotte, Apt.2.

Ecology action! Anyone interested in buying or selling excellent non polluting cleaning products—call michael

Art, craftwork, marriages, funerals, suppers, advice. call Rev. michael and karen

1956 Ford Pickup--clean super-cosmic machine--could become your home--Call:

Need love? Have a doggie which is clean, house-trained, and men-tally stable. Have had for 3 yrs. but now must give up. She'll be forever faithful and is a mellow watch dog. Call Dona at

Wanted! (pant-hiss-pant). Groovy chick approx 10 to 15 feet long for

For a sure bummer any day, take the Plaza.

Wanted: 12 volt car radio that works, preferably FM. must be cheap. Contact Little Steveat the Magic Circes

Good Rock band with reasonable rates. Have the lastest sounds at your next party. Also avaible for Coffe houses. Ramshackle Jam ask for

Alan Gallas,

For Sale: used VW sedan 1965 needs work best offerJim after 7:00 pm

planned on the Pennsylvania freeway but only because they for some reason feel the need for another north-south freeway in addition to the South Mid-Town freeway (Which has not even been completed yet) and they haven't the fin ancing available to build it where they want it-which is running down Wyandotte street and connection at the Plasa with the old street car lines and moving south into Waldo.

The BAAS have offered to pay for the Pennsylvania freeway from 33rd to Valentine-road and to share the costs with the city for tunneling it under 31st street into Penn Valley park. The way it looks now, Metropolitan Junior College will lay the cost of putting it in a depression through their Penn Calley Community College site, 31st to 33rd street.

With that much of it paid for, the city has for all practical purposes accepted the BAAS Pennsylvania highway plan. It is even drawn in to the Park department's proposal for improvements in Penn Valley park.

Furthermore, there are very reliable indications that sometime within the next month a new redevelopment project will be filed with the city, this one for the area north of the Plaza to 43rd street, from Broadway to the Southwest trafficway. This one will be filed by St. Luke's hospital, a doctor's association -the 44th and Wornall corporation-and the J. C Nichols company, the BAAS silent partner. And, surprise, surprise, surprise, it will include plans for a highway north from the Plaza along Jefferson-the south link in the Westport area of the Pennsylvania road.

The BAAS Penn Valley project calls for the construction of the Pennsylvania road the very first thing so unless something is done to stop it we'll be living with an 80 foot "boulevard" through the middle of the old town of Westport within the very near future. No shit

And, more joy if you think you can stant it. there are also good indicavions that one of the big invertors in the Broadway Area association is none other than the beloved and very, very rich owner of the Kansas City Chiefs, our friend Lamar Hunt.

The only really cheerful thing I have to say is that the Parks department has set aside 183 trees, paid for with earnings tax money, to be planted in the old city of Westport from Baltimore to Central, 39th to 43rd. There will be trees along Westport road if the business men there can come up with the money to pay for cutting away the sidewalk and making planters. Maybe we can help them out.

SUPPORT OUR BROTHERS IN PRISON

Two ex-dealers inLauisianaState Prison wish more or less unattached chicks to correspond with. No obligations -- Just letters. Contact Fat Frank at the letters. Contact Fat Magic Circus. peace

TYPING done in my home cheap. Call BB at or bring it by 4145 Locust Apt.3, N. Good, Fast work done on new electric carbonribbon machine.

HAULING

Get your shit together & we'll haul it. Trash, funiture. band equip-ment, anything!

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Tarot readings,\$5.00. Send description and hirthdate to STAR at Magic Circus. Questions concerning occult sciences, black arts, etc., discussed on request. Immediate response guaranteed.

Wanted: small kitten, preferably black, Leave message for Ronnie or Dennis at Magic Circus.

live in arrangements, light cage work, and not opposed to long range family plans. If interested and ask for Tiny Timaway. Grandma Saugus is quite ill. Her ESP keeps her worrying Sleeping bag wanted. Leave word about you all the time. She must not worry. We can't keep the truth from her much longer. Please come home.

Used VW wanted, preferably stick shift. Virginia

Lead singer wanted for K.C. area rock group. Robert Nicoll, 222 S. Claremont, Sugar Greek, Mo. 64054

EMBROIDERY done on pants, shirts, anything, your choice of colors, you can design your own patterns to be embroidered. Con-tact Shirley at 807 E. 41st.

WHOLE EARTH CATALOGUES last Edition Bookstore, 22 E. 39th.

Wanted: Reflex camera, 35mm. Price must be cheap.

Wanted: old license plates. See Ron at Toedman Cab or call Come see the House of License Plates at 4147 Locust,

I need 600 skins. Will do anything No charity. Call Marshall

Wanted: Classical Records, out of print and hard to find. Must be in good condition. Will pay fair price. Symphony No. 8 (Bruckner), Epic, conducted by Edward Van Beinum, Concertgebow Orchestra of Amsterdam. Symphony No. 5 (Shostakovich), Angel, conducted by C. Silverstri, Vienna Philharmonic Orc. Rozsa Conducts Rozsa (Rozsa), RCA, Italiana Orc., conducted by M. Rozsa. Contact Anne at Magic Circus.



Any extra furniture you want to get rid of free or cheap? See Sue at the Genuine Article.

Wanted: used or new tools of all sorts leave at the Magic Circus for Cortez

Buy your nifty old shit at booth 7 and 8. Things Unlimited.

Getcher glass and china at booths 25 and 26. Things Unlimited.



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just said we could park right there and go hang out all night. "We used to have a cop but he got fired last week." And he gave us the town, and could do it, because everybody respected him enough that he could do that thing. Well, that's because he'd been there, sitting there being pure in that place long enough that everybody respected him enough that when he did move, he could move with confidence and power. Because he had agreement. Because the people knew where he was at. And that was because he went to a place, got cool

with himself. It reminds me of when you're crossing the desert, you'll see a little farm. It will be desert going along, and you see a little water-wheel derick, you know, a little windmill. And then a round the base of the windmill there will be a few acres of green. And you realize that it just pumps that water out of the ground, and stores it in those plants. And the plants are holding his water stash for him. And that's how we be. We bring down Holy Spirit, and we store it in the people around us, and it makes like an oasis. And when there are enough of them, the oases, they start overlapping and get to be a green world.

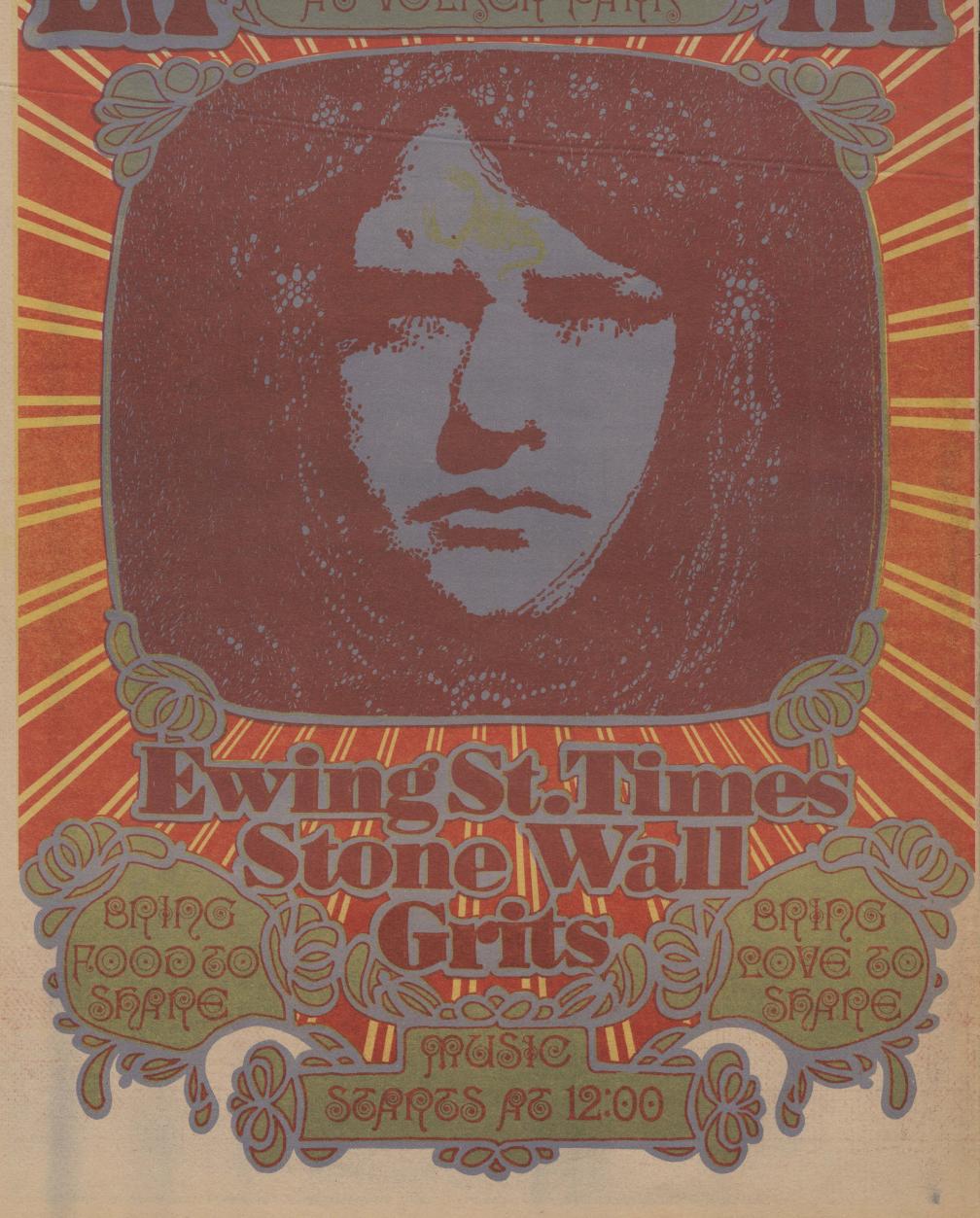
Is there a God, and if so, what is He?

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