

# JANUARY 1978

## THIS MONTH

**Immigration** is the focus of January's *Community Calendar*. The Bay Area Committee on Immigration has organized around the growing national struggle to defend the rights of immigrants and all workers. Composed of a number of community organizations in the East Bay, San Francisco, and San Jose, its work is dedicated to educating the community about the undocumented, providing support for the undocumented in their struggles, and organizing pressure on elected representatives to reject the Carter plan and enact pro-worker immigration laws. On Jan 22 the Committee will sponsor the Bay Area premiere of *The Alien Game*, an award-winning film about the struggle of undocumented workers (see listing). All are invited to attend and join in the effort to protect the rights of all workers to organize. More information about the Committee is available by contacting Bay Area Committee on Immigration, PO Box 7143, Oakland, CA 94601. Also, see the back of this month's *Calendar* for an analysis of the problems faced by immigrant workers.

The **Bay Area Coalition to Stop Senate Bill 1437** is organizing to oppose the passage of this new repressive legislation that would severely restrict legal, democratic, and workers' rights. The Coalition is planning a demonstration in front of the Federal Building in SF, on Tuesday, Jan 17 (see listing). The event is sponsored by many local political groups and will coincide with the opening of Congress in Washington, DC. Everyone is urged to join in protesting this legislation that will take away our rights. The Coalition will also hold an open planning meeting on Jan 4 (see listing). For more information on SB 1437 and the efforts of the Coalition, see the back of this *Calendar*.

A support committee for the striking Appalachian miners has been organized in the Bay Area. The group, called **Friends of the Stearns County Miners**, can be contacted at 2160 Lake, SF 94121. They will be sponsoring a benefit in February at which Bill Worthington, who has worked in the mines for 33 years and is now regional director of the Black Lung Association, will speak.

## SUN 1 Happy New Year!

- 1959: *Victory of the Cuban Revolution ends Batista dictatorship, the first defeat of US imperialism in Latin America.*
- 1863: *Emancipation Proclamation abolishes slavery in the US.*
- 1948: *Mexican government ends the agreement sending Mexican farmworkers to the US for "lack of cooperation" by US immigration officials in protecting workers' rights.*
- 1976: *Menominee Indians occupy Alexian Abbey in Wisconsin and demand that it be turned over to the tribe for use as a health center. The Alexians later rescind their agreements.*

## MON 2

- 1920: *"Palmer Raids" carried out by Federal Police in pre-dawn raids in 70 cities under direction of Attorney General Palmer and J. Edgar Hoover. 10,000 workers active in trade-union and revolutionary movements arrested, many of them immigrants who were deported for being "reds."*
- 1847: *"Battle of the Mustard Stakes" in Santa Clara, California, where native Californians battle US troops in the last organized resistance to US occupation of California.*
- 1868: *"Trinidad Wars" begin in Trinidad, Colorado, as 300 Chicanos block all roads into Trinidad in retaliation for shooting of Chicanos by an Anglo mob.*

## TUE 3

"**Memories of Underdevelopment**" (Cuba, 1968), film portrays a middle-class intellectual in Cuba during the first years after the revolution, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50. 2

## WED 4

**Benefit for USIA** (US Committee for Justice to Latin American Political Prisoners), with speakers Miguel Angel, Phillip Veracruz, & Ester Toberas, music by *Ladita y Paz*, and a film on Latin American political prisoners, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$2. 2

**Bay Area Coalition to Stop Senate Bill 1437** open meeting, Glide Memorial Church, Freedom Room, 330 Ellis, SF, 7:30 pm, everyone welcome.

## THU 5

**Moving Men Theater Co** will present a premiere performance of a new play, *You Should've Been There: A Play About Work*, on the "Open Theater Series" at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:15 pm, donation (also performances on Jan 6, 7, 12, 13, 14).

**Peña Concert**, live music with *My Rhythm Revue*, East Bay Funk & Chicago rhythm & blues, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$1.50. 2

**Self-Help for Women**, a health education program beginning the first Thursday of each month & continuing next three Thursdays, at the Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center, 2930 McCurt, Oakland, 7-9 pm, donations, childcare available, call 444-5676.

**Documentary Films on People of the Bay Area**, with *Redevelopment* at 7:30 pm, *The Women's Film* at 8:30 pm, *High School Rising* at 9:10, *SF State on Strike* at 9:30, *Los Siete* at 10 pm, *People's Park* at 10:30, at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, \$2. 2

"**How to Do Your Own Uncontested Divorce**," a legal workshop sponsored by Pro Per Collective, at 1606 Bonita, Berkeley ( upstairs), 7:30-9 pm, no appointments, no fees, donations appreciated.

"**Military Demarcation Zone**" (North Korea, film documentary presenting history of the US involvement in Korean War, with rare footage of the war and discussion of the division as well as reunification of the country, an Asian Studies film, at Room D200, Laney College, 900 Fallon, Oakland, 7 pm, free, open to the public, call 835-5250 to confirm location.

"**The Brickmakers**" (Columbia), a Raza Film Series film showing the poverty, oppression, and courage of a family of brickmakers in Colombia, at Room D200, Laney College, 900 Fallon, Oakland, 1 pm, and at the Forum at 7 pm, free, open to the public, call 835-5250 to confirm location.

1966: *First Tri-Continental Congress in Cuba and creation of the Organization of Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa, and America Latina (OSPAA).*

1970: *Crystal City, Texas students end a massive school boycott when the school board accepts Chicano community's demands for improved education.*

## FRI 6

**Demonstration to Defend Human Rights in Chile**, and to demand freedom for political prisoners, sponsored by Non-Intervention in Chile (NICH), Comité Jane Vanini, Office for Political Prisoners and Human Rights in Chile (OPHRICH), & Resistance Publications, at the Chilean Consulate, 870 Market, SF, 11:30 am to 1 pm.

"**Left Strategy for Africa**," a forum with Steve Talbot of Internews, recently returned from Southern Africa, discussing the state of the liberation movements in Southern Africa and the role of the US left in the struggle, sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School, at 6025 Shattuck, Oakland, 8 pm, \$1, childcare available. 2

**Documentary Films on People of the Bay Area**, with films *Bobby Seale* at 7:30 pm, *Can You Hear Me?* at 7:45, *Black Panther* at 8:15, *Los Siete* at 8:35, *DuPont Guy* at 9:10, & *Redevelopment* at 9:45 pm, at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia St, SF, \$2. 2

**Peña Concert** with *Fresh Goods*, jazz & blues, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2. 2

1937: *Abraham Lincoln Brigade formed to fight fascism in Spain.*

1970: *Miners in West Virginia wildcat to protest murder of Jock Yablonski, reform miners' leader.*

1975: *12,000 black workers strike at Vaal Reef's gold mine in South Africa.*

1946: *"Back Home Movement" in the Philippines begins as GIs in the Pacific Occupation Forces seize jeeps, tour the island calling for mass demonstrations to demand return home and an end to the US government plans to remain and occupy Asia.*

1927: *US Marines invade Nicaragua for the second time to fight against the Sandanista Movement's national liberation forces, for US neocolonial business interests.*

## SAT 7

The **Dawson 5 Defense Committee** presents an educational program about the five young Black men on trial for the murder of a white ranch foreman in Dawson, Georgia, with film *Last Grave at Dimbaza*, an indictment of the apartheid system of S. Africa, at Lincoln Elementary School, 225 11th St, Oakland, 7 pm.

**Celebrate New Year's Mass for the Restoration of Human Rights in the Philippines**, in honor of political prisoners of the Philippines who have decided to exercise their human rights such as the right to strike for decent wages, the right to due process of law, freedom of speech and assembly, which are outlawed under martial law. Sponsored by the Bay Area Anti-Martial Law Alliance, at St Anthony's Catholic Church, 1535 16th Ave, Oakland, 6 pm (for info call 548-7700 days, 652-7613 evens).

**Peña Fiesta**, music & dance with *Salsa de Berkeley*, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9:30 pm, \$2.50. 2

1865: *Letter of International Workingmen's Association (1st international) to Lincoln drafted by Karl Marx.*

## SUN 8

**Peña Concert** with *Brasil Export*, samba, jazz, bossa rhythms, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2. 2

"**Comistry**," comedy, music, poetry, with Lallo, sponsored by Pacific Center for Human Growth, 2329 San Pablo, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.50, women only, childcare on request, call 444-5555 for info. 2

**Ten Talent Show**, sponsored by the Oakland Community Learning Center, at 6118 E 14th St, Oakland, 4 pm, call 562-5261 for more information.

1811: *Slave revolt outside New Orleans is suppressed by US troops.*

1934: *Farmworkers in lettuce & melon fields of California's Imperial Valley strike and fight against growers' violence and kidnapping of organizers.*

1964: *US troops massacre Panamanian students protesting the continued occupation of the canal zone.*

## MON 9

1946: *"Back Home Movement" spreads as 18,000 GIs in Guam, 15,000 in Honolulu & 5,000 in Calcutta march against US government plans to continue the occupation of Asia.*

## TUE 10

"**Los Niños Abandonados**," film about homeless children of Colombia, and *Woman of a Thousand Faces*, film portrait of a Latin American woman, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 & 9:30 pm, \$1.50. 2

"**The 40 Million**," a television documentary program about the 40 million immigrants who came to the US, on KQED-TV, channel 9, 8 pm.

1776: *Tom Paine's pamphlet Common Sense is published, stirring the movement for revolutionary war and independence from the British empire.*

## WED 11

**Benefit for East Bay Anti-Nuclear Group (EBANG)**, with film *Lovejoy's Nuclear War*, the Plutonium Players Theater Collective, and open discussion of Bay Area anti-nuclear struggles, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$2 donation. 2

1912: *Textile workers strike begins in Lawrence, Mass; 20,000 workers, mostly immigrants and women & children, picket for better wages and conditions.*

## THU 12

"**The Grapes of Wrath**" (1940), film classic directed by John Ford about the struggles of migrant workers and "Okies" displaced by the Dust-bowl and the Depression, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, 9:40 pm, 642-1124 for info.

**Peña Concert** with Lenny Anderson performing the songs of Woody Guthrie and Janey Steele, music of struggle, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50. 2

"**Any Woman's Blues**," an Open Studio program featuring a recent performance for women inmates at San Bruno County Jail, on KQED-TV channel 32, 8:30 pm.

"**Collecting Unemployment**," a Pro Per legal workshop, see Jan 5.

"**Hearis & Minds**" award-winning film documentary depicting US war in Vietnam, an Asian Studies film at room D200, Laney College, 900 Fallon, Oakland, 7 pm, free, open to the public, call 835-5250 to confirm location.

"**Requiem 29**" film documentary on the Chicano Moratorium of 1970 when 20,000 Chicanos marched against the Vietnam war in Los Angeles with three killed in a police attack, and "**Chulas Fronteras**," film presentation of the richness of Mexican & Chicano music across the Southwest, a Raza Film series class at room D200, 1 pm, and the Forum, 7 pm, Laney College, 900 Fallon, Oakland, free, open to the public, call 835-5250 to confirm.

1917: *Mass march in Washington, DC demanding women's suffrage.*

## FRI 13

**Benefit Dance for the Benavidez Committee Against Police Crimes**, featuring *Salsone '77* with Mark McGrath, also raffie, speaker & literature on the Committee's efforts to get a Federal indictment and conviction of Oakland Police officer Michael Cogley for the June 1976 slaying of Jose Barlow Benavidez, at Bjonson Hall, 2258 MacArthur near Fruitvale, 7 pm to 1 am, \$1.50 advance, \$2 at the door, drinks served, call 261-5948 for tickets or info.

**Benefit for Berkeley Support Services**, with music by David Roach on sitar & Greg Lewis on lute, at Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship Hall, Bonita & Milvia, Berkeley, 7 pm, \$2.50 at door or call 848-3378.

**Peña Concert** with *Pan Fever*, traditional West Indian Steel Drums, and western jazz arrangements for steel drums, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2. 2

1846: *President Polk orders the US Army to invade and occupy Mexican land between the Rio Nueces and Rio Grande in Texas, thus forcing the war with Mexico.*

1942: *The Daily Worker, first communist daily in English language, begins publishing.*

## SAT 14

**Jobs or Income Now Coalition** open meeting, with discussion about plans to take demands for unemployment insurance & the creation of more jobs to the Governor, at Havenscourt School, 66th & E 14th St, Oakland, 12:30 pm, childcare provided, call 535-1885 for more info.

**Open House orientation**, sponsored by the Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth, Berkeley, 10 am, free, childcare provided. 2

**Peña Concert**, with *Salsa Alacran*, music and dance from the Afro-Cuban, Puerto Rican, Mexican, & Colombian traditions, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9:30 pm, \$2.50. 2

1879: *Molly Maguire's, militant labor organizers of the Pennsylvania coalfields, are hanged for acts of terrorism.*

1975: *Portugal signs agreement with Angolan national liberation movements granting transition to independence after 14 years of armed struggle.*

## SUN 15

**Zimbabwe Medical Drive Coalition** general meeting at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 2 pm, new people encouraged to attend.

**East Bay Socialist School Open House**, to begin winter term of classes and pre-registration, at 6025 Shattuck, Oakland, 3 pm to 6 pm, childcare provided, free. 2

"**The History Book**," a film benefit for the Comité Jane Vanini (a Chilean support group), an imaginative, animated world history in film from the workers' point of view, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.50. 2

"**Breakaway**," an alternative school for women, will sponsor a Spring Session planning meeting at 5436 Claremont, Oakland, 7:30 pm, for more info call 841-8639 (eves).

**Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)** will sponsor a presentation on rape prevention and defense for women at Pacific Center, 2329 San Pablo, Berkeley, 7:30 pm, donations.

"**The Messingkauf Dialogues**," by Bertolt Brecht, a play performed at Epic West in Berkeley, on KPFA 94-FM radio, 2 pm.

1929: *Birthday of Martin Luther King.*

1934: *Los Angeles Times calls striking Chicano farmworkers "communists" and lauds police who used tear gas to break up a strike meeting, killing two.*

## MON 16

"**White Women & Racism**," a workshop for white women who work with or are friends with Third World and Black women, sponsored by the Berkeley Women's Center, at 2112 Channing Way, Berkeley, 7:30-10:30 pm, donation requested.

## TUE 17

**Demonstration & Political Theater Protest** sponsored by Bay Area Committee to Stop Senate Bill 1437 ("Son of Senate Bill 1"), proposed Federal legislation repressing legal & democratic rights of working people. The demonstration marks the opening date of Congress, which is expected to vote on the bill this session. The protest is called by a coalition of 20 political organizations. At the Federal Bldg, 450 Golden Gate, SF, 11:30-1:30 pm.

"**O Povo Organizado**" and "**A Luta Continua**," two films from Africa on the liberation struggle of Mozambique, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.50.

**Newsreel Film Documentaries, Strike City: Had Us a Time, F.A.L.N., and People's War**, films of the movement of the '60s, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, 7 pm, call 642-1124 for info.

"**Rebellion in Patagonia**" (1974, Argentina), film based on historic strike by workers and peasants in Argentina and the military suppression of the rebellion, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF, 7:30 & 9:30 pm, \$2 plus 50 cents membership card. 2

"**Mischief Mime**," original theater by women from Ithaca, NY, at the Skylight Studio, 2525 8th St, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2.

1961: *Patrice Lumumba, leader of the struggle against Belgian colonialism in the Congo, is assassinated by reactionary forces.*

## WED 18

**Benefit for the American Indian Movement (AIM)**, in support of the Native American movements for justice and their rights in their homeland, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$2 donation. 2

**Bay Area Women Library Workers** open meeting, with report on parity pay and job-sharing programs, at Bldg T-9, UC Berkeley, Women's Center, 7:30 pm, call 843-0533 for info.

**International Women's Year Support Coalition** open meeting, on the victory at Houston, Texas IWY Conference, at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 7:30 pm, everyone welcome.

1973: *Henry Galindo, an undocumented worker in Texas, wins a court for himself and others, establishing that undocumented workers are eligible for workers' compensation if injured on the job.*

## THU 19

"**Mural Explosion in the Bay Area**," a Peña Forum with discussion & slides or legal muralists' works, co-sponsored by CommonArts, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1. 2

"**How to Do Your Own Personal Bankruptcy**," a legal workshop by Pro Per Collective, see Jan 5.

"**A City at Dawn—Saigon After Liberation**," an Asian Studies Film documentary showing Vietnam after the victory over US imperialism. At Room D200, Laney College, 900 Fallon, Oakland, 7 pm, free, open to the public, call 835-5250 to confirm location.

1920: *First multi-racial strike in Hawaii begins with 6000 Japanese and 2700 Filipino sugar plantation workers; growers spend \$12 million to break the strike after six months.*

## FRI 20

"**Voices from the Mountains**," music & talk of the struggles in the mines & mills of Appalachia, with Guy Caraway, Joyce Brookshire, Guernsey Norman, Mike Clarke, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2. 2

"**Where is our Co-op Headed?**" a forum about the current Co-op elections and the issues involved, at East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck, Oakland, 8 pm, \$1, childcare provided. 2

The **Red Balloon Theater Group** presents a new play, at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2. 2

1973: *Amílcar Cabral, leader of struggle against Portuguese colonialism in Guinea-Bissau, is assassinated.*

1973: *100,000 people demonstrate in Washington, DC at Nixon's inaugural, demanding that Vietnam Peace Agreement be signed.*

## SAT 21

"**Fourth World: Alien Worlds**," a science-fiction symposium sponsored by the Merritt College Community Services Dept, featuring films, authors, and speakers, at Oakland Auditorium Theater, 10 Tenth St, Oakland, 5-11 pm, free, call 531-4911 for more info.

**Descarga Cubana Afro-Cuban Jam**, music & dance at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9:30 pm, \$2.50. 2

"**Mischief Mime**," a women's mime troupe from Ithaca, NY performs at the People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2. 2

## SUN 22

"**The Alien Game**," a film sponsored by the Bay Area Committee on Immigration, plus a cultural presentation and speaker, see "This Month" and back page for more about the committee, at Mary Help of Christ Christian Church, 2611 E 9th St, Oakland, 3 pm, \$1.50, childcare provided.

**Forum on Southern Africa**, with Steve Talbot and Belvey Rooks, an up-to-date and coherent account of the struggles and victories of Southern Africa, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.50.

"**Memories of Underdevelopment** (Cuba, 1962), directed by Tomas Gutierrez Alea, film portrays a bourgeois intellectual in Cuba during the first years after the revolution, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St (at Valencia), SF, 3:55 pm, \$1, 7:15 pm, \$2.

**Job Searching Workshop**, with Cheri Bryant & Mimi Sternberg, for women only, at the Pacific Center, 2329 San Pablo, Berkeley, 12-5 pm, free, childcare upon request, more info 444-5555. 2

1932: *500 tenants in the Bronx, NY win battle with police to prevent evictions, a common struggle during the Great Depression.*

## MON 23

**Roller Skating Party**, benefit for Berkeley Women's Health Collective, for women and children, at the Grand Arena, 213 E Grand Ave, SF, 8 pm, women \$3, children \$1.50, includes skates, childcare. 2

"**Memories of Underdevelopment**" film at the Roxie, 7:15 pm, see Jan 22 listing.

"**Always for Pleasure**," a Les Blank film on New Orleans' street celebrations & Creole cooking featuring performance footage of *Professor Longhair* and *Wild Tchoupitoulas*, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, call 642-1124 for info.

1930: *"Watsonville Riot" in California, blatant incidents of racism in which white mobs direct violence against Filipino workers, in midst of mass unemployment; Filipinos organize for self-defense.*

1946: *100 Black veterans march on the Birmingham, Alabama State Courthouse demanding the right to vote.*

## TUE 24

"**The Other Francisco**" (Cuba, 1975), film about slavery and the abolitionist movement in 19th-century Cuba, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50. 2

1920: *The US Labor Dept rules that membership in the Communist Party is grounds for deportation.*

## WED 25

"**West Germany—Repression & Resistance**," a benefit for People's Translation Service, publishers of *Newsfront International*, with a film about the anti-nuclear movement, plus speakers from Western Europe, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$1.50. 2

"**Harlan County, USA**," Academy-Award-winning film documentary about the 13-month strike by coal miners at the Brookside Mine in Harlan County, Kentucky, at the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF, 6:15 & 10:30 pm, \$2.50 includes membership card. 2

"**Rape Awareness & Prevention**," a slide show presentation & discussion, at the Berkeley Women's Center, 2112 Channing Way, Berkeley, 7:30 pm, donation requested.

The **Bacchanal Dance Company** will present a performance at 1369 Solano, Albany, 8:30 pm, \$1.50, call 658-7191 for more info. 2

*Day of Solidarity with the Struggle of Arab Peoples, in support of the fight for liberation of Palestine and against imperialism, Zionism & reactionary Arab regimes.*

## THU 26

"**Black Folk Music**," a presentation of history and analysis of the roots of Black music in the US, by Kipp Harvey, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8:30 pm, \$1.50. 2

"**Harlan County, USA**," award-winning documentary film on miners' strike in Kentucky, see Jan 25.

**Three Newsreel Documentaries: Agitation & Propaganda** (1968), *People's War*, and *Pig Power* (1969), at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant, Berkeley, 7 pm, call 642-1124 for info.

"**Representing Yourself in Small Claims Court**," a legal workshop sponsored by Pro Per Collective, see Jan 5.

## FRI 27

**African Music & Dance Ensemble**, music & dance at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 9 pm, \$2.50. 2

**Benefit for KDP—Union of Democratic Filipinos**, with cultural program & dance, at People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2, call 431-9329 for more info. 2

1973: *Vietnam Peace Treaty signed, forcing US to withdraw forces, as a result of heroic struggle of Vietnamese workers & peasants, and international condemnation of US aggression.*