

OCTOBER 78

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THIS MONTH

October is the critical month for organizing efforts to defeat the Briggs' initiatives, Prop. 6 & 7 in the November ballot. Prop. 6 is an anti-gay measure taking away basic civil rights from gays and all schoolworkers. Prop. 7 would expand the application of the death penalty. Both initiatives are dangerous attacks on already disadvantaged groups who are being scapegoated by right-wing reactionary forces in these times of economic decline. See the back of this Community Calendar for more on the anti-Briggs' campaign. Also, note the listings for October 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, and others.

The Teamsters strike against Safeway for decent and safe working conditions goes into the 3rd month. The giant Safeway Corporation is relying on scabs imported to break the strike, media ads to convince shoppers that "business is normal," and intimidation by private "security guards." Support for the strike has spread to include shutouts in LA, Portland, Seattle, Denver and other states. The wives and families of striking workers are organizing for a rally at Safeway Headquarters in Oakland in October. To offer your support, join a picket line and don't shop Safeway. Call Local 315 Strike Headquarters at 229-4450 or Teamsters for a Democratic Union at 652-0263.

Postal workers will vote this month on a new proposed national contract. The last contract proposal was rejected overwhelmingly and a wildcat at the local bulk mail center resulted in the firing of 80 people. 21 persons were charged with criminal contempt for violating the Federal no-strike law. Funds are needed to fight these charges, and to carry out the struggle for amnesty for fired workers, the right of public workers to organize and strike, and for decent and safe working conditions. Contact the Postal Workers Strike Committee to find out what you can do, at 2525 Ashby Ave. #3, Berkeley, CA 94705 or call 845-8701.

SUN 1 Beat Briggs Octoberfest, from noon to 2 am, at the White Horse Inn, 60th Street and Telegraph, Berkeley, call 653-9552 for more info.

Benefit for Minnesota farmers opposing a powerline, hundreds were arrested in nonviolent protests and constant sabotage of line has cost millions of dollars to the company, speakers from the farmers' movement in Minnesota, film "Grassroots Energy," music by Lenny Anderson, poetry by Aurora Lewis Morales and a party afterwards, \$2 goes toward legal defense fund, 7:30 pm, People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF.

Dia del Barrio, in its 6th annual celebration, food, music and more, 12 noon to 6 pm, Sanborn Park, Fruitvale and E. 17th St., Oak.

BAPMA 5th Anniversary Party, come celebrate with the Bay Area Progressive Musicians on their 5th anniversary, 8 pm, donations requested, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Songs of Class in America, a musical grab-bag of songs from the age-old struggle for industrial democracy, including folk and popular tunes, old-time country music and more, 4-6 pm, KPFA-FM 94.

San Francisco Mime Troupe, presents "Electro Bucks," a musical comedy portraying the dilemmas of three women workers caught in the speedups of a modern micro-electronics plant in Santa Clara's "Silicon Valley," 2 pm, San Antonio Park, Oak, free.

1949: *The victory of the Chinese Revolution is formalized with the declaration of the People's Republic of China.*

1965: *Indonesia, pro-US coup and anti-communist massacre—800,000 members of the Indonesian Communist Party murdered.*

MON 2 "Lucia" made in Cuba 1969. This epic film by Humberto Solas puts into perspective women's participation in Cuba's struggle for liberation during three periods of history: 1895, 1933 and 1960's, an excellent film to see! 8 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

"The Quality of Hurt" by Chester Hines, a glimpse at the life of a great black writer, author of *Cotton Comes to Harlem*, 11:15 am, KPFA FM 94.

1971: *Nine sailors refuse to sail with the attack carrier "Constellation," which is bound for combat tour of SE Asia.*

TUE 3 "Wedding in White" by William Fruet, 1972, Canada. An unsettling film that deals with the inadequacy of traditional sexual roles, set in an impoverished village during World War II. Winner of the Best Picture of the Year, Canadian Film Awards, 8:30 pm, SF, La Peña 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

WED 4 Benefit for Community United for Black African Liberation, with a film *Free Namibia*, a slide show on mercenary recruitment revealing imperialist attacks on African freedom, speaker from ZANU, poetry and music by Blackherri, 7:30 pm, donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Disco For No on 6, Tracadero Transfer, a hot San Francisco disco club, will expand its hours to host a special benefit for the East Bay Area Campaign Against the Briggs Initiative "No on 6 Campaign," \$12, 9 pm 'til dawn, 520 Fourth Street, SF.

Childbirth Preparation Classes, with exercises and information for pre-natal nutrition, sponsored by Everywoman's Clinic, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, 2600 Park Ave., Suite 106, Concord, 8 weeks, sliding scale fee. Call 825-7900 for childcare. 11

THU 5 **Women and Power**, work shop for women examining their early social conditioning, which may have left many of us ungrounded and out of touch with our bodies and our senses, presented by Jane Jacobs. Call 771-5666 for more info. Fort Mason Bldg. 310 Laguna St at the bay, SF.

Tenants' Rights Workshop, presented by Peoples Law School, St. John's Lutheran Church, 1503 34th Ave., Oak. Childcare available.

Self-Help Clinic, women will learn to understand their bodies and be better health consumers, sponsored by the Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center, 2930 McClure St., Oak., 7-9 pm, donations, childcare available.

Peter Blue Cloud of the Mohawk Nation presents his poetry and music along with Rex Richardson, guitarist, composer and flautist, present readings with original music, poems of the Indians' view of land, life and the struggle for survival, 8:30 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Black Art/Work on Film, featuring *Black Modern Art, You Hide Me and Finally Got the News*, benefit for community artist Leon Kennedy and the People's Cultural Center, 8 pm, SF, 721 Valencia, SF.

FRI 6 **EBACABI Benefit For No On 6**, featuring the dynamic Vicki Randle Band, recording artists with Olivia Records, will be performing at the Ashkenaz dance studio, sponsored by East Bay Area Campaign Against the Briggs Initiative, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berk., 9 pm, \$3.50.

"Political Repression in Mexico," sponsored by the Hector Marroquin Defense Committee with featured speaker, Rosario Ibarra de Piedra. She is a leading Mexican human rights activist, founder of the Committee to Defend Political Prisoners, 7:30 pm, free, St. Elizabeth's Church, 1503 34th Ave., Oakland, childcare.

Night of Solidarity with African National Freedom Fighters, sponsored by Dessie Woods Support Coalition, the evening will focus on the history of Black resistance in this country, slide-show, 7:30 pm, UC Extension, 55 Laguna St., SF. Call Michael at 863-2458 for more info.

"Freight and Salvage" Benefit Concert, a fundraiser for its employees, at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo, Berk. Call 525-5054 for more info.

La Pena Forum, sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School, Diana Johnstone, International correspondent for *In These Times*, "Aftermath of the French Elections," the debate on the left, will speak, 8 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. Childcare available.

1918: *First conference of women trade unionists.*

SAT 7 "Psychology and Power," a two-day intensive conference, will address questions such as how to develop a mass social psychology that can counter the growing attack on the women's movement, gay rights, and progressive movements. Speakers include Hogue Wyckoff, author of "Solving Women's Problems," Eli Zaretsky, Claude Steiner and others, 10 to 5:30 pm, at New College of California, 777 Valencia St., SF. \$35 for weekend, \$30 preregister. Call 482-0805 for more info.

Rummage Sale, sponsored by Allied Fellowship Service, a community agency working with ex-prisoners, at 1851 10th Ave., Oak. For more info call 841-3743.

Concert of Women's Music, presented by Olivia Records, with Teresa Trull and Gwen Avery, 8 pm at Nourse Auditorium, Hayes and Franklin in SF. Tickets \$4.25. For more info call 835-9620.

Gray Panthers Garage Sale, 10 am to 4:30 pm, free at 2539 Telegraph Ave (parking lot), Call Rick Smith at 845-5208 for more info.

San Francisco Mime Troupe, see Oct. 1 listing.

Descarga Cubana, a collection of the best local musicians jamming to create some of the most exciting Cuban music at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk., 9:30 pm, \$3.

"The Battleship Potemkin," 1925 silent film recounting events surrounding mutiny aboard the Russian Czar's ship during the 1905 uprising, 9:30 am, KQED Channel 9.

1821: *Birthday of William Still, Black Abolitionist leader and a leader of the Underground Railroad.*

SUN 8 **Meeting for Women** wanting to work against Prop. 6, 6 pm, 3250 Adeline, Berk., sponsored by Lesbian schoolworkers, Progressive Caucus, and East Bay Area Coalition Against the Briggs Initiative.

Psychology and Power, part of a two-day conference. See Oct. 7 listing.

Benefit for Native American Solidarity Committee, a discussion on the cases of Russell Means, Leonard Peltier, and Sid Welsh, all AIM activists, and how political repression relates to the struggle of Indian people trying to control their land, 8 pm, Peoples Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, call 621-9165 for price.

Benefit for Resistance Publications and Gaceta Sanandista, on the 11th Anniversary of the death of Che Guevara. The program will raise funds for the resistance press in Latin America, 8 pm, SF donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Report on the Left in France and Italy, see Oct. 6 listing for info, at SF Socialist School, 510 Valencia at 16th, SF.

San Francisco Mime Troupe, see Oct. 1 listing.

Open House at the East Bay Socialist School, 1-5 pm, 6025 Shattuck, Berk.

Open House at San Francisco Socialist School, 6:30 to 8 pm, 510 Valencia, SF.

1967: *Che Guevara assassinated in Bolivia.*

MON 9 **Artwork Job Deadline**. Artworks, a project of the Alameda County Neighborhood Arts Program (ACNAP), is employing artists to perform public arts services; applications at 424 40th St., Oak. Call 653-7880, must be turned in by 5 pm today.

"We Say No To Another Base Treaty!" discussion and slide show on the implications of US military bases for the Filipino people's struggle against US imperialism, presented by the International Association of Filipino Patriots, 8 pm, \$1.50 donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Classes Begin at the East Bay Socialist School, childcare available, 6025 Shattuck, Berk.

"The Silent One," this program shows the lifestyles contributing to high blood pressure, leading problem for minorities. KQED Channel 9, 10:30 to 11 pm.

TUE 10 "The Word is Out," 26 men and women tell what it's like to be homosexual in America, 9 to 11 pm, KQED Channel 9.

Bananas Workshops, for people doing or wishing to do childcare in their own homes, zoning regulations, and child abuse, 7:30, free. Call 548-4344 for location, childcare available by reservation.

Pena Film Series, My Country Occupied, a story of a young Guatemalan woman's growth as a revolutionary, with *The Woman's Film*, and *She's Beautiful When She's Angry*, 3105 Shattuck, Berk., 8:30 pm, \$2.

WED 11 **Special Report: Briggs Initiative**, State Senator John Briggs is confronted by San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and SF State Univ. Professor Sally Gearhart in debate on Prop. 6, 8 to 9 pm, KQED Channel 9.

Benefit for Oct. 12 Coalition, Native American women and their role in the resistance, report on the founding conference of All Red Nations, discussion of current government attacks, sterilization and child stealing. La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 8 pm, \$2 donation.

Bananas Workshop, for parents and providers on Infant Care, Free, 7 pm, Call 548-4344 for location. Childcare available by reservation.

Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie in Concert, encore broadcast of folk musicians' August performance at Wolf Trap, KQED Channel 9, 9 to 11:40 pm.

1969: *100 GIs of Ft Bragg's GIs United lead 700 civilians in Fayetteville, North Carolina's first anti-war march.*

THU 12 **Fishing for Big Guns**, a program on the resistance to the US Navy's use of Vieques, a small island off Puerto Rico, for target practice and military staging, presented by the Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee. Speakers include Carlos Xenon and Nelson Belardo of the Vieques Fisherman's Association, 7:30 pm, \$2 donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Unemployment Insurance Workshop, presented by Peoples Law School, St. John's Lutheran Church, 3126 22nd St., SF. 7:30 to 9 pm, \$1 suggested donation.

"We are the Palestinian People," a film on their right to regain their homeland and end Zionism, also a speaker on the current Mid-East situation, presented by Liberation Support Movement, 8 pm, \$1.50, 721 Valencia, SF.

FRI 13 "The State of the Gay Movements" Chris Ridgough speaks, sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck, Berk., 8 pm, \$1, childcare available.

Augustin Rios de Moron, flamenco, Spanish gypsy guitarist-composer, recently arrived from Southern Spain, and acclaimed nationally, "A superb artist—clean technique—poetic eloquence," La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk., 9 pm, \$2.50.

Dan Goldensohn, presents his original music at Bishop's Community Coffee House, 1437 Harrison St. Oak., 9 pm. Call for fee 465-3986.

"Flands Off!" produced by KQED-TV. This program shows how sexual attention becomes harassment when it is one-sided, unwelcome and is from someone with economic power to hire, fire, help or hinder the woman worker or coed, otherwise known as sexual harassment, 9:30 to 10 pm, channel 9.

"Free Namibia," benefit film showing on struggle in South Africa, music by Blackbeffi, speakers from ZANU, Steve Talbot from Internews, report from delegate to World Youth Festival, poetry, and soul and salsa dance afterwards, 7:30 pm, \$2.50 donation, 721 Valencia, SF. Call 654-7616 for childcare. Sponsored by Black African Liberation and the Laney Black Student Union.

"The Word is Out," see Oct. 10 listing.

SAT 14 **Walk-a-Thon Against Prop. 6**, Walk for women's building and against Prop. 6 for Lesbian School Workers, 1 to 5 pm, get your own sponsors, childcare available. Call 474-7680, ext. 21 for more info.

"Class Analysis in Radical Therapy," workshop by Anne Robbins and Bruce Gridley, sponsored by East Bay Socialist School, 1605 McGee, Berk. 1 to 3 pm, \$2.50, childcare available.

Benefit Dance for La Raza Law Students, with Tipica Cienfuegos, 8 pm to 12, Strawberry Canyon, Haas Club House, Centennial Drive, Berk. \$3 advance, \$3.50 at the door, Call 261-3721 for more info.

Benefit to Free Graham and Allen, sponsored by Graham and Allen Defense Committee and Support Coalition. Dance to Mirasol salsa band, dinner served, update on Graham and Allen's case, the death penalty, Prop. 7, dinner \$2, dance \$2.50; dinner 6:30, dance 9:30. Childcare available. People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF.

"Earth Rhythms," in a benefit for KPFA FM 94 listener-sponsored radio, with performers Jazayer—Middle Eastern music; Balkan Pacific—Yugoslavian, Russian, and Roumanian; Scott & Nina—Middle Eastern, Greek, Irish, and traditional American music; and Sierra Studebaker—Bluegrass favorites; at Epic West, 2640 College Ave., Berk., 9 pm, \$2.50. Call 848-6767 for more info.

Pena Fiesta—Pan Fever, a strong moving and always growing Steel Drum Band, quickly becoming a favorite. \$3, 9:30 pm, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie in Concert, KQED Channel 32. See October 11 listing.

1968: *26 GIs are charged with mutiny when they hold a sit-down strike to protest the shotgun murder of a fellow prisoner in Presidio, California.*

SUN 15 **Women's Yellow Pages**, first meeting to begin work on the next edition, new collective members welcome and encouraged, no experience necessary, 7 pm, Old Wive's Tales, 532 Valencia, SF. For more info call 524-3692.

Poetry Reading by Judy Grahn, sponsored by La Pena and Diana Press. Judy expresses her political visions through a new woman's language, information about her forthcoming collected works will be available. La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 8:30 pm, \$2.

Kipp Harvey, a Black feminist singer, songwriter and guitarist will be performing traditional Black folksongs and spirituals as well as songs of love and struggle. 8 pm, \$1.75, People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF.

1966: *Oakland, Ca. Black Panther Party founded.*

1969: *Two million people participate in nationwide Moratorium Against the Viet Nam War, and in Viet Nam many GIs wear black armbands in solidarity.*

MON 16 "See You in C-U-B-A," special programming on Cuba, 5-11 pm on KPFA FM 94, listener-sponsored radio.

"Bush Mama," US, 1975. "This film is daring in concept and execution, it excludes not simply a documentary peek at Black life but rather delves into the depths of Black working women rising up angry, fighting back and affirming the beauty and goodness that is in us." \$2, 8:30 pm, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

1859: *John Brown leads 21 men in an attack on the arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Va. in an attempt to seize arms and ammunition to free slaves.*

TUE 17 "The Shameless Old Lady," directed by Ene Allio, Madame Verthe, at 70 and after the death of her husband rejects the plodding labor to which she has devoted herself and opts for good times. 8:30 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Immigration Workshop, sponsored by Peoples Law School. For information about gaining citizenship, petitioning for relatives, visas, etc. Bilingual in Chinese and English, Chinese Cultural Center, 750 Kearney, 3rd floor, SF, 7:30 to 9 pm, \$1 suggested donation.

"Autumn Sonata," premier screening of Ingar Bergman's new film, proceeds will go to Amnesty International to further its work for the release of prisoners of conscience world wide. Tickets \$7.50, 8:30 pm, Surf Theater, 46th and Irving, SF.

1821: *Chicago City Council refuses to enforce the federal fugitive slave law.*

1967: *100,000 demonstrate against the Vietnam War at the Pentagon; 600 are arrested.*

WED 18 **Benefit for OLA RAZA**, with the film *The Inevitable Confrontation: Latinos and the Law*, music by Los Peludos, Jose Luis Orozco and members of Flor del Pueblo, 7:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

"Ballots," an in-depth look at the California ballot issues, KPFA FA 94, 7 pm.

THU 19 **Workshop for Childcare Workers on Prop. 6**, East Bay Workers in Child Care (EBWICC) will present a workshop with speakers from Lesbian Schoolworkers, discussion, and slide show explaining how to discuss the Briggs Initiative with parents and co-workers. 7:30, free, 3025 1/2 Shattuck, Berk.

Wallflower Order Dance will perform to benefit the Lesbian Schoolworkers. \$4 donation, at Epic West Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berk.

"Elections," see Oct. 18 listing.

"The Balkan Pacific," the hottest new Balkan band since the Silver Strings, playing the latest Country and Eastern hits, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Films on Africa, the Liberation Support Movement and the People's Cultural Center present *The Voice of Free Angola, A Luta Continua* on the struggle in Mozambique, and *The Free People of Guinea Bissau*, 8 pm, \$1.50, 721 Valencia, SF.

Immigration Workshop, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3126 22nd St., SF. Bilingual in Spanish and English. See Oct. 17 listing for more info.

FRI 20 "Science for the People," slide show on politics of food in China, sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck Ave., Berk. 8 pm, \$1, childcare available.

"Back in the Saddle," one of the finest bluegrass, country western bands, music from Hank Williams, the Carters, traditional and original material, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

"Revolutionary Poetry and Fiction," Ernie Brill will read and discuss it, San Francisco Socialist School, 510 Valencia, SF, 8 pm, \$2, Childcare available.

"False Promises/Nos Enganaron," presented by the San Francisco Mime Troupe, this play shows Mexican and white miners in Copper City, Colorado, fight for the 8-hour day at the turn of the century as US imperialism begins to expand. Potrero Hill Middle School, 655 DeHaro, SF, 8:30 pm, \$3.50, call 285-1717 for childcare.

Wallflower Order Dance Collective, on tour from Eugene, Oregon with exciting and original, progressive choreography, all new works, 8:30 pm, \$3.50, People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF.

SAT 21 **30th Anniversary of the Guardian**, a celebration and fundraising event for the newspaper will have a program focusing on the liberation struggles in Southern Africa, sponsored by the Guardian 30th Anniversary Committee and others. Call 626-0190 or 841-0949 for more info.

Women's Health Center Cultural Benefit, to raise money for women who need but cannot afford abortions, sponsored by the Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center. Workshops, speakers, food, entertainment, \$3.50 in advance, \$4 at the door, 5 to 10 pm at Epic West, 2640 College Ave., Berk. Childcare available, call 444-5676 for tickets.

Super Combo, an unbelievable night of Salsa featuring Benny Valarde and Cali Aleman, 9:30 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Dance and Party for LSM: a benefit for Liberation Support Movement with the lively music of Souleman Rowgie and his African High-Life Band. Help send LSM correspondents to Southern Africa this winter to cover rapidly developing events. Food, drinks and fun! People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, 9:30 pm, \$2.50 donation.

SUN 22 "Staying Alive," continuing workshop for lesbians and gay men. See Oct. 21 listing.

Piano Concert, a performance of keyboard music by a few excellent musicians ranging from Beethoven and Satie to jazz and protest songs, 8:30 pm, \$2 donation to help buy a piano for La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Wallflower Order Dance Collective, see Oct. 20 listing.

MON 23 **The Environment and Energy**, documentaries on Mexican oil, gasless cars, evolution, photovoltaic invention and conversion, coal power, pesticides in food industry, and Diablo Canyon 1978, 7 pm, KPFA FM 94.

Clive Matson reads dramatic poems on fights, love sex, politics, body awareness and basketball, and Chris Chafe agrees, counterpoints, and argues with an amazing cello. 8:30 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Wallflower Order Dance Collective, see Oct. 20 listing.

TUE 24 "The Briggs Initiatives," a look at Propositions 6 and 7, the anti-gay and death penalty initiatives. 7 pm, KPFA FM 94.

"Affection," 1973, color, 100 min. An excellent study of the modern family and life in a socialist country, Bulgaria, it is notable for the way it expresses complex truths about people. Moscow Gold Medal winner. 8:30 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Bananas Workshops, see Oct. 10 listing.

WED 25 **Benefit for NICH**, showing *Chile in the Heart*, the newest film about the Popular Unity years and the military coup in Chile, based on a poem by Pablo Neruda and narrated by poet Allan Ginsburg, discussion with filmmaker Allan Franco-vich, 7:30 and 9:30 pm, \$1.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

"Elections," special reports on the pending election, 7 pm, KPFA FM 94.

THU 26 **Latin America Update**, a panel forum providing current, well-informed accounts, in depth, about political events in Latin America. 8 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Tenants Rights Workshop, at Four-O-Nine House, 409 Clayton St., SF, see Oct. 5 listing for more info.

"Elections," a comparison of state, local and national elections, KPFA FA 94, 7 pm.

FRI 27 **Whole Works Theatre**, a lesbian theater group will perform with original music by local women musicians, a benefit for Lesbian Schoolworkers. \$2.50 to \$5.00 sliding scale. Peoples Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF, Women Only.

"Black Communities and Politics," Manning Marable will speak at Unitas House, 2700 Bancroft Way, 8 pm, \$2. Sponsored by the East Bay Socialist School. Childcare available.

Festival de la Nueva Cancion Latinoamericana, songs of our time, music from and about the political and social movements rising from the people's struggles in Latin America and the US, produced by the cultural workers at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 9 pm, \$2.

"Blood of the Condor," classic Bolivian film drama of the victorious fight by Quecha Indians in the Andes highlands against US Peace Corps' forced sterilization of women; also "11th World Youth Festival in Socialist Cuba," color slideshow, and *47 Cents an Acre*, documentary film on the fight of California Pit River Indians to regain control of land and water stolen by PO & E. A benefit program for Bay Area Community Forums, Education Liberation Front, and Support Coalition for Indigenous Peoples, at Dwinelle Hall, Rm. 144, Univ. Cal Berkeley, 7 & 9 pm, \$2.

1951: *National Negro Labor Council founded in Philadelphia. Composed mainly of Black trade unionists, the Council fought for jobs and against racist discrimination in all forms.*

SAT 28 "Natoma," Afro-rhythms from the hottest new band in the San Francisco Bay Area, 9:30 pm, SF, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Halloween Masquerade Party, the People's Cultural Center's Third Annual, featuring the hot sounds of Mirasol, one of the Mission's finest salsa dance bands, \$2.50, 9:30 pm, 721 Valencia, SF.

"Blood of the Condor," film benefit at Peoples Cultural Center, 721 Valencia, SF. See Oct. 27.

SUN 29 "Tattoo" plays natural dance music in a benefit dance and dinner for the Committee to Abolish Prison Slavery (CAPS), dinner at 6 pm for \$1 and the dance at 8 pm for \$1.50 at the door; raffle and drawing, Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berk.

"Black Communities and Politics," New College, 777 Valencia, SF. See Oct. 27 listing.

El Cuadro Flamenco, an electrifying Spanish dance troupe which performs with colorful, passionate artistry, an exquisite performance of Andalusian music and dance, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

"Blood of the Condor,"



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An Attempt to Force Conformity and Legalize Discrimination...

Proposition 6 seeks to impose one single pattern on our personal lives and to make personal relationships a matter of law. This is what will go into law if the Briggs Initiative is passed:

"One of the most fundamental interests of the State is the establishment and preservation of the family unit. Consistent with this interest is the State's duty to protect its impressionable youth from influences which are anti-thetical to this vital interest."

The family is defined in this initiative as the "conjugal (based on marriage) family unit." On this basis, families and relationships that do not fulfill this definition are regarded as dangerous to the interests of the State. If put into law, families with one parent, people who are divorced, single, living unmarried with a member of the opposite sex, could be open to legal restrictions in employment, housing, or other areas. The initiative's wording also invites massive censorship of speech and press and broad government interference in the private lives of youth and people in contact with youth:

"...the State finds a compelling interest in refusing to employ and in terminating the employment of a schoolteacher, a teacher's aide, a school administrator or a counselor ...who engages in public homosexual activity and/or public homosexual conduct directed at, or likely to come to the attention of, school children or other school employees."

In its definition of "conduct", it is so broad and casts such a wide net that almost any action on the part of a school employee, on or off school grounds, could be interpreted by someone as full-filling that category. This initiative defines "conduct" as "advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging, or promoting." It also stretches the normal definition of "public" to the point where it could include a statement made in one's own living room.

A Restriction of Our Children's Education

The Briggs' Initiative has nothing to do with an employee's professional competence. It is concerned only that schoolworkers conform to the opinions of Prop. 6's sponsors. Education should prepare students to understand the world around them. Homosexuals make up approximately 10% of the population. They can be found in all races, economic classes, jobs, and social groups. Many students will find they have friends, relatives, or co-workers who are homosexual. If they are to respond with anything but fear and hatred, they should not be denied the opportunity to discuss homosexuality, where appropriate.

"In Germany, the Nazis came for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Trade Unionists and I didn't speak up because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I was a Protestant so I didn't speak up. Then they came for me... By that time there was no one to speak up for anyone."

Rev. Dr. Martin Niemoeller
President World Council of Churches,
1961-1968
Prisoner in concentration camps,
1937-1945

An Invitation to Further Restrictions

If such an irrational, anti-civil rights bill as Prop. 6 becomes law, no one's rights are guaranteed. Individuals who are seen as "different" because of race, religion, political opinions, etc. can also be targeted as unfit to work in the public schools. This bill will set a dangerous precedent for similar legislation to be extended to other areas of employment. In summary, the Briggs' Initiative is an attempt to deprive school workers, and possibly others, of the rights of free speech and privacy.

Warning: Prop. 6 is Dangerous to Your Working Life!

Imagine a conversation at lunch about sex. You and your friends have just agreed with the state law which says that, as consenting adults, gay men and lesbians should be free to do anything they want to in the privacy of their own homes.

After November, if Prop. 6 passes, you could lose your job if you worked for the public schools!

Proposition 6 overrides union contracts. It does not allow for the union to defend an accused member before the school board. Any teacher could be accused. A school board, for instance, could single out a union activist, charge her with supporting the right of privacy for gays, and fire her.

Proposition 6 threatens all workers. Employers could exploit the atmosphere of distrust created by the initiative to deny employment opportunities and even unemployment benefits to any group of individual they dislike; public employees are especially vulnerable.

The California Teachers Assoc., the American Federation of Teachers, and the California Federation of Labor have all stated their strong opposition to Prop. 6.

PROPOSITION 7 Death Penalty Initiative

Proposition 7 will greatly enlarge the number of crimes punishable by death (from 3 crimes to 15).

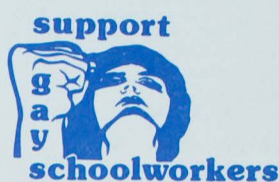
DON'T BE FOOLED BY PROPOSITION 7. Everyone is concerned about violence in our communities, but there is no evidence that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime. 80% of all murders are crimes of passion committed by people who know each other.

Proposition 7, like Proposition 6, is carelessly drafted and dangerously vague. The wording of Proposition 7 will allow the courts to impose the death penalty on anyone they want to get rid of. Senator Briggs, sponsor of this initiative, has bragged about his plan to "fire up the gas chambers". Who do they plan to kill? Already our unfair judicial system has filled our prisons with a disproportionate number of Black and Third World people. This reflects the way Third World people in this country are singled out for attack. They will be the main target of Proposition 7.

WHY ARE PROPOSITIONS 6 AND 7 ON THE BALLOT NOW?

Both Propositions 6 and 7 are sponsored by Senator Briggs and both are funded and supported by the same right wing forces which oppose abortion, affirmative action, and the Equal Rights Amendment. The leaders of the new right speak to people's frustrations with the problems we face in this country — the high cost of food, housing and medical care; unemployment; increased street violence; poor education. But instead of offering real solutions to these problems, the leadership of the new right and their allies in big business and government make other people scapegoats. Black people and other ethnic minorities, people on welfare, organized labor, women's rights supporters and gay people become the targets. Vigilante groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi party carry out in extreme the politics of the new right, and the government supports their activities by doing nothing to stop them. Proposition 6 and 7 are part of the growing attacks on the rights of ALL people in this country. THESE ATTACKS MUST BE STOPPED.

—Lesbian Schoolworkers



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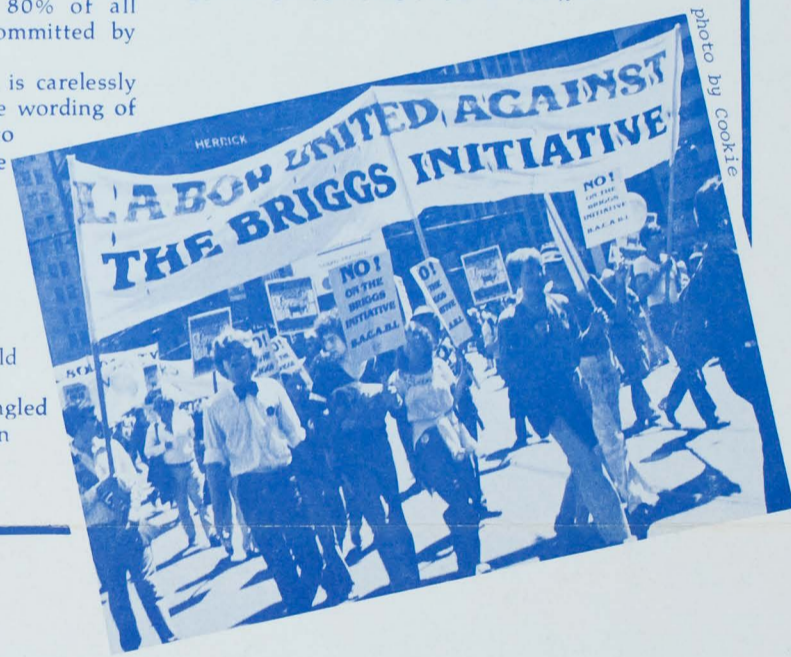


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