

DECEMBER 78 FREE!

THIS MONTH

December's Community Calendar highlights **Senior Citizens**. As the holidays bring families together this month, the problems of often-forgotten seniors become painfully clear. In a society which treats older folks as second-class citizens, the racism, sexism, poverty and powerlessness which threaten all working people hit even harder at those who are no longer in the paid workforce. Problems with housing, health care, transportation, and maintaining one's income against inflation are matters of sheer survival for many retired workers.

As this month's Calendar shows, seniors are not idle—they are working to put their skills and knowledge to use organizing to improve the quality of life for themselves, and ultimately for all working people. See Calendar listings for December 1st, 2nd, 6th, 11th, 16th, and 22nd for events of special interest to seniors. Please read the back of the Calendar for more on how senior citizens are organizing locally and what resources are available.

The J.P. Stevens Co. Boycott continues nationwide, and has obtained the first Bay Area cancellation of J.P. Stevens home textiles at Hinks Department Store in Berkeley. But Stevens Co. continues to sell millions of dollars of scab sheets, towels, and other textiles in the Bay Area. The Citizens Committee for Justice for J.P. Stevens Workers is gearing up for the holiday shopping season and has targeted Liberty House, with 6 Bay Area stores and the largest outlet for Stevens goods, for a consumer boycott.

44,000 workers at 85 J.P. Stevens plants, mostly in the South, are struggling against enormous obstacles for the last 15 years for union representation. The company has met the workers with harassment, blacklisting, mass firings, violence, electronic surveillance, and other forms of intimidation. The National Labor Relations Board has convicted Stevens Co. of several hundred labor violations, more than any other company in US history, but is unable to force the company to obey the law.

The Citizens Committee for Justice, working with the support of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers and AFL-CIO, are asking all working people to boycott J.P. Stevens products, especially at Liberty House. Also, supporters are urged to call Liberty House president Teller Weinmann at 891-2010 and linen buyer Jim Della at 891-1212 to inform them of the boycott and the struggle for justice. If you can contribute 3 hours in December to educational leafletting at one of the Bay Area Liberty House stores, contact the Boycott Committee at 444-6532.

FRI 1 Benefit for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Protest legal defense fund, with "Any Old Time" stringband, Faith Petric, and the *Plutonium Players* in "Ezra and the Empire of Eternal Death" or *The Rocky Hieroglyphic Show*, sponsored by the Abalone Alliance, East Bay Anti-Nuclear Group, and People Against Nuclear Power, at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berk, 8:30 pm, \$3.

The California Health Action Coalition (CHAC) will present and discuss the Dellums Bill and its implications for health care in the United States, sponsored by East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck Ave, 8 pm, \$1, childcare.

Commonarts 1st Anniversary Party, Berkeley's Neighborhood Arts Program celebrates with *Afro-Latin Dance and Conga Ensemble*, the *Circus Clown Mime Troupe*, 3 dramatic excerpts from women's literature and poetry, disco with *Caribbean Salsa*, 8:30 pm, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1955: 50,000 Montgomery Blacks, begin boycott of the buses protesting segregation in public transportation.

1904: After 15 months of marital law enforced by 2,000 GIs in Cripple Creek and Telluride, Colorado, striking miners win their demands for an 8-hour working day.

SAT 2 Workshop on the struggles around Highland Hospital and how to understand and change health services in Alameda County, conducted by Harvey Smith, Coordinator of the Alameda Health Consortium, sponsored by East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck Ave, 12 noon to 5 pm, \$2, childcare.

Women and Anger Script, sponsored by *Motherhood Reader's Theatre*, at Studio Eremos, Project Artaud, 401 Alabama (at 17th), San Francisco, 8 pm, \$3.

Update on the Pill, a program that will discuss what you should know about the pill and health and nutrition, sponsored by Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights, 9 pm to 4 pm, \$5 at UC Extension, 55 Laguna St, SF.

El Cuadro Flamenco, the beauty and sensual artistry of Flamenco dance combine with magnificent traditional costumes when El Cuadro Flamenco brings the tempestuous song, dance and guitar of the Spanish gypsies, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

A Tribute To Isaac Hayes, jazz performance by Rec Russell Jazz Dance Company, Everybody's Creative Arts Center, 354-21st St, Oakland, 4 pm, \$4.

CETA Symphony, sponsored by Alameda County, Fairmont Hospital, Oakland, 2 pm, free, for more info, call 582-7415.

"Upsurge in Iran", a panel discussion of the current movement to overthrow the Shah, with speaker Shala Aghdai of the Committee for Artistic and Intellectual Freedom in Iran and others, at 3264 Adeline St, Berk, 8 pm, \$1 donation, sponsored by East Bay Militant Forum, for more info, call 653-7156.

1859: Execution of John Brown, abolitionist leader, who led a group of men in an attempt to capture the US government arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. The raid, which was part of a much larger plan involving the destruction of slavery by the arming of its victims, was unsuccessful.

SUN 3 Orientation For A Safe Place Volunteers, sponsored by A Safe Place, shelter and services for battered women and their children, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 959 12th St, Oak, 1-3 pm, call 444-Safe for childcare.

Gold Watch, the story of a Japanese family of truck farmers living in the Pacific Northwest at the time of Pearl Harbor, forced off their land and into an internment camp, 10 pm, KQEC Channel 32.

Sukay, formerly *Ollantay*, this group brings vitality and versatility to their performance of the traditional music of the Andes, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, 8:30 pm, \$2.50.

CETA Symphony, conducted by Jonathan Khuner, Albany High School Little Theatre, 3 pm, free, for more info, call 582-7414.

Womyn's Drum Day, a dedication to unheard womyn's music in solidarity with ending male domination of music, and creating a womyn's drumming circle, extra drums available, bring candles and offerings, at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF, 2-6 pm, \$1.

1946: General strike in Oakland, California.

MON 4 The People of Cyprus, in an evening of solidarity, this film seeks to explain the cause and reality of the Turkish invasion of Cyprus with no effort made to mask the brutality of the Turkish invasion, 70 minutes, 8:30 pm, \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Zydeco Music, a Mardi Gras festival with down home creole music featuring Queen Ida and her Zydeco Band, 8:30 pm, KQEC Channel 32.

1969: Chicago police murder Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, leaders of the Illinois Black Panther Party, in a night raid.

1970: Cesar Chavez is ordered jailed until he calls off UFWOC lettuce boycott.

TUE 5 An Evening With Sojourner Truth, Charmaine Crowell in this one woman show, gives a vibrant, dynamic portrayal of the progression of Sojourner Truth from slave to abolitionist, 8:30 pm, KQEC Channel 32.

The Brick Makers, this Columbia film made in 1972, is a devastating report on the way of life for the millions who live in the shanty towns surrounding major urban areas, along with *The Land Burns*, a 12 minute documentary of a family in Brazil's northeastern Sertao who must face moving to the city, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

After The Whale, this program will show the whales in face of a precarious future, 8:40 pm, KQEC Channel 9.

WED 6 Julio Cesar Reyes, playing classical guitar and cello, at 13 years old, this remarkable artist performs music from Latin America, also participating is his father and teacher from Paraguay, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Moonlighting, by *Lilith*, a women's theatre collective, presents a half-hour of drama about women in different work situations, 8:30 pm, KQEC Channel 32.

"How Can the Major Needs of the Elderly Be Met?", workshops and panel discussion with speakers Mayor Lionel Wilson, Rev. Edward Peet, and William Oriol of the US Senate Special Committee on Aging, sponsored by the California Legislative Council for Older Americans and East Bay Legislative Committee, at 1st Presbyterian Church, Broadway and 27th St, Oak, 9 am to 3:30 pm, \$2 registration fee, bring a bag lunch.

Peña Children's Program with Nancy Schimmel and original and traditional stories for children, illustrated with finger sculptures, paper folding, and finger puppets, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, 10:30 am.

"Kampuchea Controversies", radio program with recently returned visitor from Cambodia talking about conflict with Vietnam, on KPFA 94fm, 6:45 pm.

1869: National Negro labor convention in Washington, DC, creates the Colored National Labor Union.

1932: Fighting poverty and unemployment during the Great Depression, 1,000,000 demonstrate to demand food from the government.

THU 7 Women And Rape Script, sponsored by *Motherhood Reader's Theatre*, at Old Wives Tales, 532 Valencia, SF, 7:30 pm, \$1.50.

Threepenny Plus, theater songs by Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht, highlighting a concert version of *Threepenny Opera* with Pamela Erickson, Jim Griffins, Antoinette Maher, James Tyler and Robert diMatteo on Piano, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, 8:30 pm, \$2.50.

"One Sixth of the World" and **"Kino-Pravda 21"** (Leninist Film Truth), two revolutionary documentaries from Russia, produced in 1925-26, with English translation, at Pacific Film Archives, 2621 Durant Ave, Berk, 7:30 pm, \$2.50 general admission.

1931: Mass demonstrations by unemployed workers in Washington DC for unemployment insurance and food. 1,250,000 people participate, over half are Black, the hardest hit of any section of the population.

1941: WWII. US government declares war, arrests 120,000 Japanese-American citizens, confiscates their property, and puts them in concentration camps for the duration of the war. Big corporations make record profits of \$22 billion each year of the war. 100 million people die. Four million veterans return to face unemployment in an economy that only functions with low unemployment during a war or threat of war.

FRI 8 Demonstration And Rally to publicize the international boycott of SMITH, KLINE & FRENCH CORP., to protest forcibly administered drugs to inmates and mental patients, sponsored by Network Against Psychiatric Assault (NAPA) and Coalition Against Forced Treatment. Picket line starts at 450 Sutter St, SF, 11:30 am, march to Union Square for rally at noon, Boycott Contac, Sea & Ski, A.R.M., Sine-Off, and Love Cosmetics.

Forum on Genetic and Biological Research in Psychiatry, and what it means for criminality, hyperactivity in children and the larger psychology field, with Herb Schreier, East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck Ave., 8 pm, \$1, childcare.

Weavings, a new play by Binder and Nina Serrano, with music by Philip Serrano, interweaving the stories of two women in resistance movements, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Leap Forward, two dancers, Consuelo Faust and Linda McCormick will perform their new piece about people's everyday lives through the use of jazz and modern dance, theatre and gymnastics, 8:30 pm, \$3, People's Cultural Center, 721 Valencia St, SF, for more info, call 863-1830 or 826-6355.

1886: National trade union conference meets to found American Federation of Labor.

SAT 9 Third World Women's Alliance Benefit Party, with a slide show by Belvie Rooks, music and dancing, \$2 donation, 9 pm, 3126 23rd St, SF.

KPFA Christmas Crafts Fair, unique hand-crafted gifts, spirited entertainment and delicious foods, sponsored by listener sponsored KPFA FM 94, 10 am to 6 pm, Pauley Ballroom, Telegraph and Bancroft, UC Berkeley, adults \$1, children free, contact Eve or Ruth for more info at 848-6767.

Pam Allen and Barbara Haley lead a workshop on the wide range of issues which shape the lives of working women, East Bay Socialist School, 6025 Shattuck Ave, noon to 5 pm, \$1, childcare.

"Salt of the Earth", (1954) feature length movie about silver miners in New Mexico Chicano community who defeat mine owners attempts to break their strike, produced by some of the Hollywood cultural workers blacklisted during the '50's McCarthy Era for progressive politics and union activities, sponsored by Carpenter's and Millmen's Rank and File Forum, at "The Farm", 1499 Potrero at Army St, exit & Bayshore, SF, childcare provided, call 824-1008 for more info.

Orientation on CMRW, (Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women) 4079-A 24th St, SF, free, 10 am to 12 noon, call Alice at 285-0771 or Laura at 285-0770 for more info.

2nd Annual Benefit Multicultural Festival, sponsored by Everybody's Creative Arts Center, performances of International and western dance and music by Bay Area artists, 8:30 pm, 354 21st St, downtown Oakland, \$4 advance, \$5 at door, for more info, call 451-1230.

Mothers and Daughters Script, sponsored by *Motherhood Reader's Theatre*, at University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley, 8 pm, \$2.50.

Interview with Wilfred Burchett, foreign correspondent for the *Guardian* newspaper, on KPFA radio, 94 fm, 4 pm.

Weavings, see December 8 listing.

SUN 10 Benefit For The Black Panther Party, with films *Burn* at 7 pm, and *Papillon* at 10 pm, two great films at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, \$3 donation, for more info, call 562-5368.

With Babies and Banners: Story of The Women's Emergency Brigade, new film on women, work and the 1930's sitdown strikes, premieres at the York Theatre in San Francisco, joint benefit for Union W.A.G.E. and the Bay Area Women's Centers, 63 Brady St, SF, 94103, sliding scale \$2-5, 3 pm, childcare by phone, 863-5255.

KPFA Christmas Crafts Fair, see December 9 listing.

Women & Alcohol Workshop, with speakers, panel discussion, and audience participation, with perspectives addressed to lesbian and Third World women, at Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 2908 Ellsworth, Berk, 10 am - 4 pm, donation, women only, call 843-1437 for childcare, sign language interpreter, or more info.

1956: Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) founded in Luanda.

1898: Paris Treaty: Spain cedes Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines to the US. Monopolies in the US welcome opportunity to reinvest capital in colonial areas, and statesmen speak in terms of "manifest destiny."

MON 11 George And Mary Oppen, present their literary work, two distinguished American members of the Worker's Alliance in the 30's, George received the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1967, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1978 San Francisco Poetry Festival highlights with Marge Piercy, Kate Millet, and others, on KPFA radio, 94 fm, 10:30 pm.

1959: Police in Nambia (South West Africa) kill 13 and wound 60 demonstrators protesting racist Bantustan policy. This leads to the formation of SWAPO in early 1960 and the beginnings of a new strategy for national liberation.

TUE 12 The Double Day, an informative and provoking documentary on working women in Latin America and their efforts to achieve equality in the home and the workplace, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

The Celluloid Closet, combining his interest in films with gay activism, Vito Russo has spent a great deal of effort in documenting, analyzing, and criticizing the portrayal of homosexuality in the cinema, he will lecture in person with excerpts from several dozen films, \$2.50, 7:15 and 9:15 pm, Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF.

"With Babies & Banners", a new prize winning documentary film on women and labor, by the Women's Labor History Film Project, at Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave, Berk, 7 pm, \$2.50 general, also "Great Grand Mother: A History and Celebration of Prairie Women", 8:30 pm.

WED 13 Sexism And Racism: The Hidden Connections, Angela Davis, teacher and activist, will discuss the contradictions at the interface between patriarchy and racism as they are analyzed in her forthcoming book, presented by the Bay Area Socialist School, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

La Peña Children's Program Puppet Theater presents "We're All in this Sopa Together", a story about children's participation in the Chilean resistance, followed by the children making drawings for the Cultural Room Exhibit in January, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 10:30 am, free.

1970: In Poland, strikes and protests begin against anti-popular economic policies and political repression.

THU 14 Benefit for FSLN, Frente Sandinista De Liberacion Nicaragua, a theatrical presentation, a satire of Terra Tenientes, the bourgeoisie, peasants and Somocho, produced by NIN (Non Intervention in Nicaragua), with an update of current events in Nicaragua, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

FRI 15 Ebucabi Dance Benefit, featuring City Spark, a versatile music band, sponsored by East Bay Area Coalition Against the Briggs Initiative, at Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berk, 9 pm, \$2.50 at the door, childcare available on request, 535-0775 after 3 pm.

Woody Simmons And Christine Bagley, talented singers and songwriters, they will perform on the guitar, banjo and more speaking to women's struggles, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Leap Forward, see December 8 listing.

SAT 16 2nd Annual Benefit Multicultural Festival, sponsored by Everybody's Creative Arts Center, see listing for Dec. 9.

"So You Think You're Getting Old, Eh?", Poetry for the Stage by Oakland Ensemble Theater, with Maggi Meyer, self-styled "everyday poet", Anita Patterson, inadvertent spokesperson for the older woman in society and personal life, and Ralph Smith, lyric, white-haired and with strength, at Fort Mason, foot of Laguna St, Bldg. 312, N. San Francisco, 8 pm, call 832-8030 for more info.

Pan Fever, Caribbean steel drums blending traditional and original rhythms, this is their 1st anniversary party, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

KPFA Christmas Crafts Fair, see December 9 listing.

Leap Forward, see December 8 listing.

SUN 17 Music and Theater Pieces On Love And Struggle, by the Whole Women's Theater group and original music by the *Nix on Six* band with Christine Bagley, Nancy Henderson, Bonnie Lockhart, Debby Saunders, Nancy Vogl and friends, 8:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

KPFA Christmas Crafts Fair, see December 9 listing.

1975: Despite declaration of martial law in the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos, under mass pressure from the workers' movement, is forced to lift his total ban on strikes.

MON 18 Courage of the People, this film is about a famous incident in Bolivian history, *Massacre of the Night of San Juan*, when the army launched a surprise attack on a mining town, leaving 21 dead and over 100 wounded, a lucid example of revolutionary cinema, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1865: 13th Amendment abolishes human slavery.

TUE 19 Blow For Blow, a women's film classic based on several real factory takeovers that have occurred in France, an inspiring and heartening account on how people can unite, struggle and succeed, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1915: Joe Hill, International Workers of the World (IWW) organizer and singer, is framed and hung in Utah despite worldwide protest. His last words were "Don't mourn, organize!"

WED 20 Benefit for AIM, using slides and poetry as the medium to express the relentless struggle of Native Americans for their rights and dignity, 8:30 pm, \$2 donation, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Deadline for Women's Yellow Pages, turn in your entries for the fourth edition of the San Francisco/East Bay Women's Yellow Pages, being now prepared with printing scheduled for early in 1979. Call SF 648-5069, Berk 524-3692, or Oak 653-2139.

La Peña Children's Program "Winter Solstice Celebration", a Christmas party with stories from different parts of the world, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 10:30 am, free.

1946: Ho Chi Minh calls on Vietnamese people to rise against French colonialism.

1960: Organization of National Liberation Front in Vietnam.

THU 21 An Evening of Music and Merriment with Ms. Clawdy and Boo-lu-the-Crown at La Peña, 8:30 pm, \$2 donation, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1970: 5,000 Okinawans protest 25 years of US occupation by invading the base and burning 83 AF vehicles, a base school and a guard house. GIs are ordered to riot control duty.

1919: Emma Goldman and 250 other "anarchists" and "undesirables" were deported to Russia. She was a Russian Jew who emigrated to America in 1886 and became a leading spokesperson for women's rights. "History tells us that every oppressed class gained true liberation from its masters through its own efforts."

FRI 22 Beware the Claws Brings Gifts, a narrative Christmas tale depicting the socio-economic dangers of this traditional materialistic holiday; funny and offending, it offers an alternative to those who find Christmas a season "not so jolly", 8 pm, \$2, children \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

A Holiday Celebration for Children, sponsored by the Bay Area Black Child Advocacy Coalition, with *Watoto Wa Kumbwa Performing Arts Troupe*, presentations by Bay Area Child-care Centers, ethnic foods and displays, and information and handouts about Kwanzaa, at Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon Ave, Oak, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, \$2 adult or \$1 child donation requested, call 763-2573 for more info.

Grey Panthers Christmas Party, come and be jolly, all are welcome, at 1424 Oxford St, Berk, 8 pm, free.

SAT 23 Salsa Caliente, come and get moving with the Afro-Caribbean rhythms of this very hot band, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

"We Can Go Together United in Blood", a documentary on the military coup in Chile, on KPFA radio, 94 fm, 4 pm.

SUN 24 Blues for Christmas, Hi Tide Harris and his blues band give a different meaning to a holiday that the corporate world tries to sell us, 9 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

MON 25 Merry Christmas!

1786: Shay's Rebellion. Working people in Mass. rise up in arms against heavy taxes and denial of political rights by newly established US government.

TUE 26 Mother, this Russian film made in 1926, is a Gorky's story of a workingclass family, the father, a wife-beating tyrant, turns strike-breaker and is killed, the revolutionary son is arrested and the mother seizes the red banner, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

"A Look at Cuba", special radio programming on the 20th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution on KPFA radio, 94 fm, 6:45 pm.

1893: Birth of Mao Tse-tung, leader of the 1949 Chinese Revolution.

1921: Repression against nitrate miners in Chile leads to San Gregorio Massacre.

WED 27 Batucaje, Afro-Brazilian music and dance in an evening of spontaneous, exuberant performance, 9 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

La Pena Children's Program, "In the Jungle There's Lots to Do", film from Uruguay, with co-operation the theme, and drawing by the children afterwards, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, 10:30 am, free.

THU 28 Latin America Update, a panel discussion and forum for providing accurate, well-informed accounts about current political events in Latin America, 8:30 pm, \$1, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Malvina Reynolds - A Songwriter at Work, the well known Bay Area Songwriter performs her songs in front of an enthusiastic audience, she sings "The Whale", "Backyard Blues", "Plutonium", "If You Love Me" and more, 8:30 pm, KQEC Channel 32.

1890: Massacre of Sioux Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, by US troops. The US Army disarms the last of the Sioux Nation and murders 300 unarmed Native Americans to revenge Custer. 26 Medals of Honor are awarded by the Pentagon.

FRI 29 Festival de la Nueva Cancion Latino-Americana, produced by the cultural workers of La Peña, they perform songs and music from about our times, 9 pm, \$2, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

"On Our Own", a film presented by the Center for Independent Living gives an intimate profile on three people with disabilities followed by in-studio discussion, on KQED's Open Studio, 8:30 pm, Channel 32 television.

SAT 30 Descarga Cubana, a collection of the best musicians from bands in the area creating the most exciting Cuban music around, dedicated to the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Cuban revolution, 9:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1937: Great General Motors strike at Flint, Michigan, ends. Management surrenders. The workers had occupied the factory for 44 days while wives and children picketed in thousands.

SUN 31 Gran Fiesta In Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Cuban Revolution, with slide presentation "The Children of Che" by Karen Wald, 4 pm, more slides and film and music of the Nueva Trova, 6 pm, and fiesta with Orquesta Rene del Mar, a full Tipica orchestra with the Cuban Charanga, to be broadcast live on KPFA 94 fm, at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk, \$3.50 advance, \$4 door.

1863: English workers send letter, written by Karl Marx, to Pres. Lincoln supporting the abolition of slavery. This international solidarity by the British workers helped keep the British government from entering the war on the side of the slave owners.

1969: Jock Yablonski, rank-and-file miners reform leader in Kentucky, is murdered, along with his wife & children, by hired gun thugs. Tony Boyle, then entrenched United Mine Workers (UMW) president, was later convicted of murder.

WE NEED HELP!

If you see the need for the Community Calendar to continue, we need your help working on distribution, listings, layout and design, typing, and writing, on a regular basis. This can amount to a commitment of 3-4 hours doing distribution each month, up to a commitment to two meetings each month and responsibility for one aspect of the calendar production. Skills are not needed, although some typing is helpful. We want the various communities of the East Bay to be represented in the Calendar work group. To find out more, call 652-7111.

ETCETERA

Senior Citizen Nutrition Project offers hot lunches for people 60 and over, Monday through Friday at 12 noon, at the Presbyterian Church, 1941 High Street, Oakland, call 261-7839 for more info.

Over 60 Health Clinic, sponsored by the Geriatric Health Services Program of the City of Berkeley provides health checkups and counseling for residents of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, and North Oakland, at 2901 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley, 8 am to 5 pm, free, for more info, call 644-6060.

A Geriatric Home Care Program providing health and other social services to senior citizens in the East Oakland area includes nutrition and health care in the home, educational classes in psychology and physiology of aging, self-help, and involvement with other community programs, at La Clinica de La Raza, 1501 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland, call 261-4773 for more information.

Oakland Community Learning Center provides programs for young people, disabled people seniors, as well as other educational & community programs and legal & health services, free films on Tuesdays at 7 pm, 6118 E 14th Street, Oak, for more info 562-5261.

"The Island", a play about South Africa by Athol Fugard, John Kani and Winston Ntshona, is performed by the Oakland Ensemble Theater each Thursday through Sunday till Dec 17th at the Oakland Ensemble Theater, 660 13th St, Oakland. The drama, set in the harsh South African prison at Robben Island, is a surprisingly humorous play about human dignity and warmth. Performances are Thurs. at 8:30 pm, \$3.50, Fri and Sat 8:30 pm, \$5, and Sun 5:30 pm, \$4, call 832-8030 for more information.

A Christmas Exhibit and Sale of paintings and sculpture by students of *Creative Growth*, an Art Center which serves the developmentally and physically disabled, will be open to the public weekdays 10 am - 5 pm, at Creative Growth Gallery, 2501 Broadway, Oakland.

Self-Help for Women, a sharing of information and skills about health care and our (women's) bodies, is held every Wednesday from 7:30 - 9:30 pm, at Everywoman's Clinic, 2600 Park Ave, Ste. 106, Concord, free, for childcare or more info, call 825-7900.

The Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center offers low-cost, quality health care for women, with clinics in Pregnancy Screening, Abortion, GYN, Self-Help, Physical Fitness, and Self Defense at 2930 McClure St, Oakland, for more info, call 444-7664 or hotline at 444-5676.

Klamath River Spiritual Conference, with discussions and workshops on aspects of native people's struggles for fishing rights, land rights, water, timber, and other resources, and treaty rights, will be held Dec. 1, 2 &

Seniors Organize for Benefits and Rights

Increasingly older people are coming together to work for improvements in their own and others' living conditions. Their efforts address a range of issues including health care, housing, mandatory retirement, income maintenance, continuing education, social services, and human rights.

Senior Centers

"The objective of a senior center is to help aging human beings realize their humanity. This means, negatively, that senior centers are not (or should not be) primarily baby-sitting or meal serving or entertaining institutions; it means, positively, that they are (or should be) primarily educational, recreational and social action centers where elders continue to grow rationally and continue (or start) to affect the future by their social concerns and lobby power." (from *Theory and Strategy for Change in Senior Centers* by R. V. Cottam)

Senior Centers in the East Bay provide a range of much needed services including comprehensive health screening, free legal advice, legal services on a sliding scale, information and referral, counseling and advocacy, transportation to medical appointments, meals, in-home services, and continuing education.

The most significant role of senior centers is that of education. As stated by one senior, "Real education is not acclimation or adjustment. It should allow people to make correct value judgments, then apply them to the world." In his estimation, all education should be directed toward social change. Neutrality on political issues aids and abets the status quo. Senior centers are a focal point for people learning about and taking collective positions on issues.

Gray Panthers

The national **Gray Panthers** organization focuses on health care, housing and economic issues while each local chapter chooses priorities appropriate for its area.

The East Bay Chapter of the *Gray Panthers* is primarily health care oriented. They see health care as the most fundamental problem facing seniors today. Because health care is not a guaranteed right in this country, people with low incomes frequently do not have access to adequate medical service.

Presently, the East Bay Chapter is focusing on alternatives to institutionalization. Expansion and increased funding of in-home supportive services and adult day health care would allow more older citizens to continue to live independently.

Housing is another focus of work in the Bay Area, where the housing shortage is serious and the problem is compounded for those who must find low-income housing. Together with other grassroots organizations, the *Gray Panthers* managed to kill proposed legislation to eliminate "grandma" or "in-law" apartments in Berkeley. Many people, after their families have grown and moved away, manage financially by using only a portion of their house themselves and renting out the rest. Besides cutting income for these individuals, the bill would have greatly reduced the number of available rental units. The Panthers also worked on Proposition I, which provided 80% rent rebate.

The **East Bay Chapter of the Gray Panthers** can be reached at 845-5208.

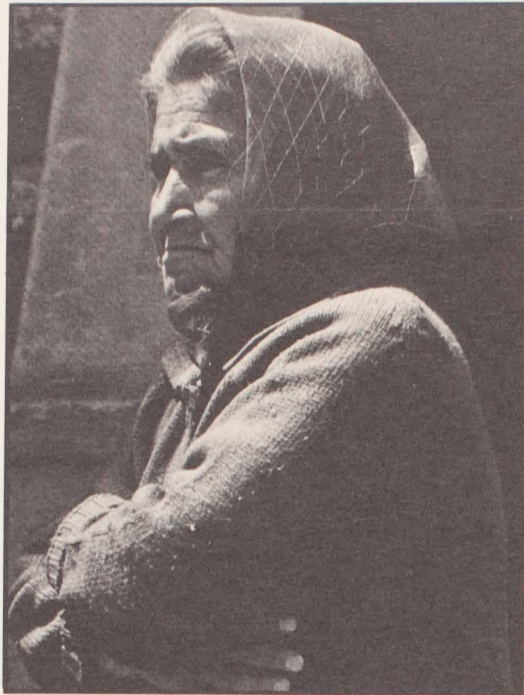
Seniors' Legislative Club

The **Seniors' Nonpartisan Legislative Club** is a broad based community organization concerned with drawing people into the struggle for their own needs. The Club has 150 members, 30% of whom are minorities.

The group uses public meetings, lobbying, demonstrative action, picketing, press releases, conferences, and resolutions toward winning passage of new laws. When necessary, it works jointly with others to see to it that laws intended to help seniors are enforced.

The Club takes positions on social security, nursing homes, human rights, civil liberties, health, economic, and other social issues. Examples include resolutions on national health bills and on measures that should be taken to counter the ill-effects of Proposition 13.

The **Seniors' Nonpartisan Legislative Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:15 pm at 540 21st St., Oakland. All seniors are welcome.



Throw Away Your Canes

As I drive along carefully at the posted speed watching out for danger and things the horn of the go-go guy behind me shrieks Get out of my way you old fart!

As I tally my coupons and stamps at the market and chat socially with my friend the checker the bulging basket behind me complains Let's go you old bag!

Who am I that they are pushing aside and putting down? I am twenty million strong, which ought to compensate magnificently for my slowness and frailty. Twenty million ballot box bullets we hold ready to be directed to the mark.

—Herbert Pillars

New Life for the Elderly

From "New Life for the Elderly", by Margaret E. Kuhn

LIBERATION FROM "AGISM"

I'm one of twenty million Americans who've had a sixty-fifth birthday and I rejoice. I'm glad to have achieved my seniority in this new age of liberation. I recognize however, that there are many ways of looking at this age and the new life-styles it requires. Some view accelerating change with fear and distaste. Some reject it with a passion, declaring to all how good and beautiful life was in the old days; yet, they don't have the remotest thought of turning off their TV sets or electric blankets. Many are apathetic, escaping into little private worlds, uninvolved and disengaged. But neither critics nor escapees have caught on to the most striking characteristic of the new age—the worldwide struggle for freedom and humanness.

Liberation movements are everywhere. Focused on people rather than technology and things, they sharply challenge every institution, system, and political structure. The old-order acquisitive society, which values property more than people, is under attack. Leading the battle are the young dissenters and other powerless ones—including certain militant elderly.

RACISM AND AGISM

All the problems that beset older white people are compounded when we consider the plight of our nonwhite peers. Elderly blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, and Indians live in triple jeopardy not only because they are nonwhite and, in most instances, poor. The majority of aged blacks and members of other minorities depend upon Social Security and or public assistance for their primary source of income. Few elderly nonwhites have private pensions, annuities, or savings. Their Social Security benefits are pitifully small because the jobs in which they have been employed were only recently covered by Social Security benefits.

RATIONALE FOR REVOLUTION

Older persons in our society constitute a great national resource, which has been largely unrecognized, undervalued, and unused. The experience, wisdom, and competence of older persons are greatly needed in every sector of society. Creative, innovative ways must be found to enable older people to make their contribution to a new age of liberation.

Older persons have freedom, freedom to think, reflect, and act. We are free to be involved in large issues and controversies. We are free to fight against the forces that suppress us and also the forces that oppress other minorities deprived of freedom and selfhood. We have nothing to lose and nothing to fear by being so involved. Our pensions and social security checks cannot be taken away. Our jobs and families cannot be put in jeopardy by our actions. Only the young and the old have such freedom today.

THE CAPACITY TO BE OUTRAGED

Massive and dramatic efforts have to be made to overcome the terrible weight of our own apathy. Collective action is the only way to involve isolated and alienated old people. We will encourage and minister to one another in the process.

A growing number of us are challenging the state of marginal or actual poverty and powerlessness in

which most are forced to live. Too long we have endured loss of status and decline in income in the so-called "golden years".

Our outrage is properly directed against agencies that purport to serve our needs: nursing homes without nurses; Medicare without a dollar for prevention of illness; retirement homes with admission fees of \$10,000 minimum and "no say" about how our life's savings will be spent. But outrage must not be directed solely against our powerlessness. More than our own self-interests are at stake.

This lifestyle of outrage means that many of us will become radicalized and militant rather than "mellow". We will take risks and responsibility for:

- organizing ourselves for corporate action;
- becoming advocates for other powerless groups, especially children and young people;
- forming coalitions with the young and with others seeking liberation.



photo by Richard Bermack

Priority

Please don't talk about your ailments
But about socio-illness
And how to lead humanity
Into the healthy stream of progress

—Wei Ren Feng

For information on senior services, people are encouraged to contact the **Alameda County Department on Aging, Senior Citizen Information Office**. They have comprehensive information on resources available throughout the county. In northern Alameda county, call 451-0815. For south Alameda county, dial Enterprise 1-7451. Both lines are in service 24 hours per day, every day.

The Community Calendar thanks for their helpfulness and invaluable information: the Mature Poets Workshop for the poems from their book "Verse Ever Young", the Berkeley Senior Center, East Bay Grey Panthers, Bishop's Community, Inc., Senior Citizen Information Office, Senior's Nonpartisan Legislative Club, and Berkeley Office of Senior Services.

Our goal is to publicize the political & cultural struggles for radical social change in our area.

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