

SEPTEMBER 79

THIS MONTH

Public Workers are On the Move this month. This *Calendar* looks at the heated BART contract battle and the protracted county workers' struggle against Prop. 13 cuts, only the tip of an iceberg. A swelling movement of public sector employees organizing against the union-busting, take-away strategy of management at the state, federal and local levels is the focus of September's feature article. See the other side for more.

The 6th Anniversary of the Chilean Coup will be commemorated September 11, as well as other events throughout the month. After six years of harsh repression under the US-backed dictatorship, the struggle for human rights grows stronger in Chile. (See Sept 8, 11, 28)

Family Relationships under capitalism will be the topic of a Family Day on Sept 29 (see listing). The teach-in will explore the work-world, cutbacks in family support services, and sex-role stereotyping, among other problems of family life.

A National Moratorium against the repressive policies of the police, FBI, CIA, and INS in Third World communities will be held in New York Sept 7-9, with a local rally and march Sept 8 (see listing).

SAT 1 Texas Farm Workers Union, a picnic benefit with food, speakers, beverages & games at Joaquin Miller Park, Oak, 2-6 pm, children welcome. Sponsored by the Texas Farm Workers Support Committee, 843-0265.

"Squash!" San Francisco Mime Troupe, Saturday, 2 pm, Sunken Meadow, Golden Gate Park, behind De Young Museum, SF, free. The wild and comic plot of *Squash* centers around the gas crisis.

The Vickie Randal Band is one of the strongest & most creative bands to come out of the wealth of musical talent in the Bay Area. 9 pm, \$3.50, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1800: *Gabriel Prosser leads a mass slave revolt in Virginia.*

SUN 2 "Squash!" San Francisco Mime Troupe, Sunday, 2 pm, free. See Sept 1 listing.

Benefit for Malvina Reynolds Radio Project, "Love it Like a Fool," a film about Malvina; Gary Lapow, singing his own songs & leading a kids' chorus from the cooperative camps doing Malvina's songs. 8 pm, \$3, kids under 12 free, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

MON 3 Labor Day Picnic, celebrate with Western Graphic Arts Union Local #14 and trade union families from throughout the Bay Area, 11 am, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton. Games, Midway, door prizes.

Bar-B-Q Benefit for the Bay Area-Cuba Health Care Project at the picnic ground near the Nature Center and Little Farm in Tilden Park, Berkeley. Proceeds will go toward sending a contingent of Bay Area health workers to Cuba, 1 pm, \$5 donation for food and drink.

Cuba Slide Show and Salsa Benefit for the Bay Area-Cuba Health Care Project featuring a slide show on Cuba's health care system and music by *Rumberos de San Martin*—West Berkeley's hottest new salsa group. Proceeds will go toward sending a contingent of Bay Area health workers to Cuba, 8 pm, \$3.50 donation at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, \$7 donation for both the Bar-B-Q and Cuba Slide Show and Salsa.

"The Rocky Heroic Show," Golden Gate Park, behind the De Young Museum, SF, see Sept 3 listing.

"Las Poblaciones," benefit concert for the Chilean Resistance, a dramatic presentation of the slums/shantytowns/ghettos of Latin America—the focus of working class culture & resistance. Music, poetry, political song & slides, dance in Spanish and English, by La Pena's Cultural Productions at Mission Cultural Center, 25th & Mission, SF, 7:30 pm, \$2 advance, \$2.50 door, childcare available, food, call 821-1155 for info.

"Nothing is more Precious than Independence & Freedom." Celebrate the 34th National Day of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, with speeches, entertainment, and a buffet, 7 pm, at Trinity Methodist Church, 2320 Dana St, Berk.

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SUN 9 Breakaway Needs New Members! a planning meeting for women interested in this school for women, 7 pm, in Oakland, Call 652-0432 or 849-4087 for location and childcare.

Peace & Freedom Party general membership meeting, 8 pm at 554 42nd St, Oakland. All PG&F registrants invited to attend. Agenda includes Recall Jensen Petition and Registration Drive. For further info, phone 653-2932.

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WED 5 Self-Help Health Care For Women, sharing information and skills enabling women to control our health care, self-exam of vaginal conditions at EveryWoman's Clinic, 2600 Park Ave, Suite 208, Hayward. 7 pm, donations, call 825-7900 for childcare. 2

Carpenters' Rank and File Open Meeting, public welcome, 7:30. Free, La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

Auditions, see Sept 4 listing.

THU 6 Therapy Skills Workshop, practical skills and methods for self-therapy, facilitated by Eileen Crean. 7 pm, \$1 donation requested, Berkeley Women's Center, 2955 Telegraph, Berk. Childcare on 24 hour notice, 548-4343.

Poetry From the Workplace, as part of the Radical Poetry Series, Leslie Simon, Nan Bobernac and others read poetry from their work experiences as secretaries, waitresses and construction workers, 8 pm, La Pena Community Center, \$1.50, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

One Way or Another, special film showing, Cuba, 1974, 78 min, b/w, dir. Sara Gomez Yara. A vivid picture of the conflicts & suspicions of those who've lived marginal existences in the poblaciones around Havana & their hesitation to participate in the reconstruction of the Revolution. With a presentation & discussion by the Cuban director Pastor Vega, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

FRI 7 Health Effects of Low Level Radiation, sponsored by the Coalition for Medical Rights of Women, 7 to 10 pm, \$10 registration, Fort Mast Bldg 312, SF. Childcare available by reservation, call 621-8030 for more info. 2

From Revolution to Resistance, an overview of political films and filmmakers in four Latin American countries with particular emphasis on post-coup strategies for survival and resistance to political-cultural repression. Presentation by Julie Burton, professor of Spanish at UC Santa Cruz and specialist on Third World cinema and currently writing a book on Cuban cinema, 8 pm, donation requested, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Belfast Folk. Out of the present struggles in Ireland comes a musical group with vitality and humor. Besides their rebel songs, they perform traditional music and songs of International Solidarity. They participated in the Festival of World Youth and Students in Habana, Cuba, and the East German Festival of Political Song, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

SAT 8 National Moratorium, against the human rights violations of the Chicano/Mexicano, Puerto Rican, Black and Native People, in support of a people's tribunal and conference on these issues being held in New York City, a simultaneous mobilization on the West Coast will take place at the United Nations Plaza in San Francisco. Call 569-0545 or 821-0156 for more info.

Bay Area Defense Committee for Battered Women is sponsoring a Get-Together Social and Raffle Drawing at La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, at 2 pm, free. For information call 653-2932. 2

"10 Year Reunion of Asian American Radicals" sponsored by Asian American Revolutionary Communists and supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party, at the Bench & Bar, 120 11th St, Oak, 8:30 pm, \$5, tickets available at Everybody's Bookstore, call 781-4989 for more info.

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TUE 11 6th Anniversary of the Chilean Coup, a noon picket in front of Wells Fargo Bank, 1266 Market St, SF, and a rally at UN Plaza, at 12:30 at Market & 7th, SF. Speakers Angela Davis, Bill Wahpepah from AIM, Eileen Jackson from Calif Nurses Assn, and the SF Mime Troupe Band, sponsored by Free Chile Center and Chile Solidarity Coordinating Committee, call 433-6898 for more info.

Women and Money Workshop. Are you hassled by creditors? Learn your legal rights as a creditor. Facilitated by Margaret Sloan, 7:30 pm, \$1 donation requested, Berkeley Women's Center, 2955 Telegraph Ave, Berk. Childcare on 24 hours notice, 548-4343.

The Creative Use of Psychedelic Drugs, talk and discussion by Peter Stafford and sponsored by the Berkeley Free Clinic. Peter Stafford is the co-author of *LSD: The Problem-Solving Psychedelic*, and the *Psychodelic Encyclopedia*. Discussion about the creative potential of the psychedelic experience. 7:30, donation requested.

The Battle of Chile, the best documentary ever made, of a sobering testament to the deep social divisions that can change the course of history. A powerful portrait of the passions of a people divided & a nation on the brink of civil war. It clearly illustrates the complexity of US destabilization policies. 8 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1973: *Chile, US-backed military against the Popular Unity government of Salvador Allende. Allende was assassinated and Chile's move towards socialism temporarily stopped as severe repression now exists for all throughout Chile.*

WED 12 Gray Panthers of Berkeley, general membership meeting 7:30 to 4:30 pm, N. Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, Berk. 2

Committee for Freedom in Argentina, Human Rights & Cultural Expression. Testimony of political prisoners from Argentina, Alejandro & Elena Deutsch, a slide presentation of the drawings made by Mr Deutsch & other political prisoners that were smuggled out. Also speaking, Fr Patrick Rice who was imprisoned, tortured & finally deported. Latin American music & songs, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1977: *Steven Biko, black leader in South Africa, killed in prison.*

THU 13 Buru, authentic Afro-Brazilian music & dance. Buru was forced to leave Brazil as were so many other cultural workers. He went to France where he recorded and performed. He is now living, teaching & performing in the Bay Area with a very talented group. 9 pm, \$2.50, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

FRI 14 "Dances from the Provinces of China", a colorful explosion of dance and music from major provinces and those of national minorities of China in Inner Mongolia, Tibet, and other provinces. The dances depict the everyday life of the people of China, tickets are \$4 to \$7, \$1 discounts for senior citizens over 62 and groups of 10 or more. For more info, call 982-2895 or 781-4432.

Dykes & Bikes Revival! Outdoor spaghetti dinner and dance to support the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, East Bay Group, at 1530 Ward, Berkeley. All you can eat! Serving 6-9 pm, sliding scale \$3-5.

"Think Me Nothing," a world premier film made by the deaf about the deaf culture w/ sounds. Castro Theater, 429 Castro St, SF, 8 pm, \$15 includes buffet and wine. *Pari* wheelchair access. Sponsored by Rocky Gomez, Center for Independent Living, 841-4776 or TTY 848-3101.

People before Profits Rally, Angela Davis, Gus Hall and live entertainment. At Oakland Auditorium Theater, 10 Tenth St, Oakland, 8 pm, \$1, childcare, sponsored by the 60th Anniversary Committee. 2

Join Pit River Tribe, in a demonstration against PG&E in the Tribe's struggle for its ancestral land. Bill Wahpepah from AIM, along with speakers from Abalone Alliance, People Against Nuclear Power, plus Jay Mason, AIM's folk-singer, at noon, PG&E Bldg, Beale St, SF, call 531-6984 for more info.

I am Joaquin, a dramatization of Corky Gonzales' historical poem of the Chicano people's experience and achievements. Also *El Teatro Campesino*, which traces the history of El Teatro from its beginning in the fields, where it boosted the morale of striking Mexican-American farmworkers, to its present role as agitational theater on various issues. 7 pm, free, La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

Teresa Trull, she can really wail and she uses her voice to slip and slide from blues to ballad with little apparent effort; she plays a mean blues guitar and her yodeling can only be termed fierce. 9 pm, \$3.50, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1971: *Attica Massacre. Attica prison, NY. After holding four of five cell blocks for the past four days Governor Nelson Rockefeller orders 1300 state troopers and the National Guard to attack the unarmed prisoners: 28 murdered.*

SAT 15 Gray Panther Picnic, a potluck from noon to 4 pm at Live Oak Park, Fireplace #1, Berkeley. For information call 845-5208.

"The Energy Will Flow," anti-nuclear music by women. KPFA presents healing music by feminist artists working to stop nuclear power and weapons, featuring *Women with Wings*, an activist chorus and many other musicians involved in the anti-nuclear movement, 10:30 am to noon, Radio FM 94.

Flea Market to benefit the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, East Bay Group. Look for us at the Ashby Flea Market.

Bring your donations to add to the sale. Ashby Bart Station, Berkeley, 10 am to 5 pm. For info call 841-6500, ext 584 2

Dance at the Jubilee Women's Bar to benefit the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, East Bay Group. \$1 cover to go for the march, 4900 Bancroft, Berk.

Black Women's Group, a rap group open to any black women, 2 pm. Call the Berkeley Woatouringcenter, 548-4343 for further information.

Mime Troupe's 20th Anniversary, a benefit dance featuring the sounds of *The Energy Crisis* and *East Bay Mud*. In addition, a special medley of "greatest hits" from past Mime Troupe shows will be presented by the ensemble, this get-down-and-boogie benefit costs \$3.50 in advance and \$4 at the door, tickets available at Modern Times, Cafe Commons in SF and Cody's Books and The Cheese Board in Berk. Dance starts at 9 pm, at California Hall, Polk & Turk, SF.

Benefit fiesta for the Chilean Cultural Resistance Movement, held both at La Pena & the Stary Plough (3101 Shattuck). *Rockridge Live* at the Plough, a new & very talented rock-blues band, for \$2.50; *Sexteto Diablo*, easily the hottest salsa band going at La Pena for \$3.50. A Pena stamp will get you into the Plough & a Plough stamp plus \$1 will get you into La Pena. It all begins at 9:30 pm, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 1836: *Pittsburgh, Pa. 5,000 women in cotton mills strike for the ten-hour day.*

1963: *Four black children killed in bombing of church in Birmingham, Alabama.*

SUN 16 Benefit at the Zephyr, 480 3rd, Oakland, for March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. Entertainment, prizes, surprises. \$1 cover will go to the march. 8 pm to 2 am, must be 21 or over.

Breakfast at the Brick Hut, 3017 Adeline, Berk. to benefit the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, 10 per cent of your tab will go to the March. 2

Infant Mortality in the US and Cuba, a benefit of the Coalition to Fight Infant Mortality, the program is a comparison of two health care systems, a slide show presentation by Vicki Alexander, a gynecologist recently returned from Cuba, a speech on local work targeting E. Oakland's high infant mortality rate, La Pena, 8:30 pm, \$2.50, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. childcare available. 2

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1810: *Mexican Independence Day.*

MON 17 In the Jungle There's Lots To Do, a charming animated film where cooperation rather than competition is the theme. Along with *Tupamaros*, a unique film documentary, an exclusive view from the inside of Latin America's most renowned urban guerrilla organization. 8:30 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1970: *Anniversary of the September massacre of the PLO in Jordan. Black September.*

TUE 18 Bay Area Nutrition Action Network Meeting. A general business meeting, the "Network" brings together groups and individuals interested in exploring and taking action on political issues impacting on human nutrition and the food supply. 7:30, free, La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

"Los Mapuchi", a film history of how the Mapuche were robbed of their land by white settlers. Also *The Courage of the People*, based on the famous incident in Bolivian history, the Massacre on the night of San Juan, with a controversial sequence detailing major government massacres of workers in Bolivia from 1942-67. 8:30 pm sharp, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

WED 19 Black Macho ... An Overview. A round table discussion by Charlotte Cooper, Nadra Williams, and Margaret Sloan followed by questions, answers and discussion. Read the book if you would like to participate in the discussion. Berkeley Women's Center, 2955 Telegraph, Berk, 7:30. \$1 donation requested, childcare on 24-hour notice, 548-4343.

Benefit for AIM, 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Native American Occupation of Alcatraz. Reflections on political & spiritual growth since Alcatraz. Speakers from Alcatraz, pictures, film, poetry and music, 8:30, \$2 donation, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1790: *United Indian Nations, led by Tecumseh, declare war against US.*

THU 20 Poems of Carlos Bulosan and other writings of this great Filipino poet. Also writings of other poets of the Philippines, presented by the Filipino cultural group *Singing Bayan*, in English and Tagalog, 8 pm, \$1.50, La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

Gary Lapow & Lois Ann Thomas, Lois Ann does original songs some of which are political/feminist, some purely personal in a city/western style; Gary has become well known throughout northern California for his songs that strive for change and growth and a meaningful cultural expression. 8:30 pm, \$2.50, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

FRI 21 Alexander Nevsky, In 1242, Russia was invaded by the powerful Order of the Teutonic Knights who, as crusaders, swept across the Baltic provinces. They were met by the people of the free city-state of Novgorod under their Prince Alexander Nevsky. A classic film by Sergei Eisenstein with music by Prokofiev. 7 pm, free, La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

Los Payas, the best interpreters of Andean music visiting from Bolivia. Their songs reflect all the regions of Bolivia, from the Andes to the valleys & their costumes are authentic in every detail. 9 pm, \$4, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1972: *UN recognizes Puerto Rico as a US colony and maintains its right to independence.*

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Black Women's Conference to be held at Laney College, Oakland, starting at 10 am. Food, music, workshops, etc, from Mothering the Black Child to Black Women and Work to Liberation Struggles in Africa. All day, \$2-5 sliding scale, childcare. For more info, call 548-4343. 2

Disco Dance Benefit, sponsored by the Office for Human Rights in Chile (OPHRICH), and Puerto Rican Solidarity Committee, 8 pm, \$2 in advance, \$2.50 at the door, Dover Hall, 3521 18th St, SF, childcare available. Call 285-5929 for more info. 2

"Nevsky," this film is a cinematic masterpiece set in the 13th Century and depicts the Russian's defeat of the invading German knights under the command of Prince Nevsky, along with *Potemkin*, a film using the masses of people as the stars, based on the 1905 uprising of the battleship Potemkin against the Czar. Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo, Berk, 9 and 10:40 pm, \$2, children \$1. 2

Bay Area Defense Committee for Battered Women membership meeting to discuss how we can help battered women who fought back and became involved with the criminal justice system. 2 to 4 pm. Phone Oakland 653-2932 or SF 587-1859 for location or further information.

1919: *Great Steel Strike. 365,000 steelworkers strike for the first time, shutting down US steel and demanding the right to organize. 22 workers killed and thousands wounded.*

1972: *Marcos declares martial law in the Philippines.*

SUN 23 The Rocky Heroic Show, Mission Dolores Park, SF, see September 3 listing.

Nevsky, and Potemkin, at the Intersection, 756 Union, SF, see September 2 listing.

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MON 24 Puerto Rico. At a time when voices in the US & Puerto Rico bitterly debate the future of this "commonwealth"—statehood or independence—this comprehensive documentary assumes major importance. 8:30 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1973: *Republic of Guinea-Bissau established by PAIGC, ending 500 years of Portuguese colonial domination.*

TUE 25 Urban Farming Workshop: Our Concept of Survival in the Urban Area as Urban Farmers. Organic farmers of Berkeley will explain their tested organic concepts of "Urban Farming" based on time tried experience. 8 pm, free, La Pena Community Center, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

WED 26 Concerns of Nuclear Energy, meeting sponsored by Gray Panthers of Berkeley, at the N. Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, Berkeley, 7:30 pm. 2

The Campaign for Economic Democracy presents an educational forum: *The Oil Crisis—Paying More for Less* in a series, *Battle Against Corporate Power*. 7:30 pm, La Pena Community Center, 3109 Shattuck, Berk. Donation.

Plexus, Bay Area women's newspaper, needs help with mailing. Lend a hand and help feminist community spread the word. Noon to 3 pm, 2600 Dwight Way, Berkeley, call 841-2476.

Benefit for AISC, Argentina Information Service Center, a film: *Patagonia Rebelde*, a highly acclaimed film based on the historical events involving the brutal military suppression of strikes by rural workers in Argentina's southernmost province in the early 1920s. 8:30 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

Casa o Mierda, documenting the struggle for housing by Mapuche Indians. Along with *The Principal Enemy*, based on actual events in Peru, 1963. The film is a dramatization of the foco theory of guerrilla warfare as a strategy for revolution & the crucial role played by Indian peasants in the strategy. 8:30 pm, \$2, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

1964: *Mozambique-FRELIMO initiates conscious armed struggle to end five centuries of Portuguese colonialism.*

1961: *Herbert Lee, first black to register to vote in Amite County, Miss., shot.*

THU 27 "Northern Lights," a film about the struggles of North Dakota farmers to establish the Non-Partisan League, a grassroots agrarian movement which came out of the Socialist Party and took political power in North Dakota in 1915, a special benefit premiere for the United Farmworkers, \$5 donation, 7 & 9 pm, Clay Theater, 2261 Fillmore, SF, call 864-0413 for more info.

The Nuclear Arms Race: Some international considerations, lecture, 7:30 pm. Come to the Berkeley Friends Church, corner of Sacramento and Cedar Streets, Berkeley (two blocks from North Berkeley Bart Station). Speaker, Robert Aldridge, former Lockheed engineer of 16 years, will speak on "Salt II and the Development of First Strike Technologies." No admission, child care. 2

Women for a Nuclear Free Future, a feminist anti-nuke group is holding an open educational meeting for women, entertainment, 7:30 to 10 pm, Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, call 552-0290 for more info.

Back in the Saddle, a string, vocal and reed arrangement, delivering music in the form of hard-driving bluegrass, country swing, dixie-style blues & folk oriented love songs while creating & maintaining their own individual style. 9 pm, \$3, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk. 2

FRI 28 Benefit for Chile & Nicaragua, in support of the solidarity movement and reconstruction, with Roy Brown & Aires Buchanan, Michael Moffett and others, sponsored by Free Chile Center, 7:30 pm, \$5 advance, \$6 at the door, Glide Memorial Church, Ellis & Taylor, SF, call 433-6898 for more info.

Mexico Before Cortez. A look at the great American civilizations before the European invasion. Using remnants of artifacts, sculpture, manuscripts and architecture, the film gives a striking view of the nations that built the spectacular cities of Mexico. Also, *Yo Soy Chicano*: The Chicano experience, from its pre-Columbian history to current Mexican-American struggles. 7 pm, free, La Pena Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk. 2

Pena Special Productions Group presents **La Poblacion—The Shantytown**. A multimedia program about poblaciones in Latin America. Song, with slides, narration & drama illustrate the extreme living conditions in these hovels surrounding the cities, the oppression of the people and how the Resistance finds its base there. 8:30 pm, \$2.50.

1864: *Marx and Engels found the Workers' International Association, the First Communist International.*

SAT 29 Help Mail Plexus, a Bay Area women's newspaper, noon to 3 pm, 2600 Dwight Way, Berk, call 841-2476 for more info.

SPONSORS

The East Bay Community Calendar has changed its format to allow the growth of the publication toward an increased circulation and a stronger base of self-support. The format makes room for "sponsorships" or ads, while maintaining space devoted to feature articles on significant community issues. Ads are available on this page (see ad rates). Your message will reach a wide ranging audience who are particularly interested in community affairs, and won't be lost in the back pages of an overcrowded newspaper publication. We are encouraging community organizations, social or cultural groups, and service projects to make use of this prime space to publicize your efforts and services.

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CHILEAN RESISTANCE BENEFIT CONCERT

"LAS POBLACIONES"

THE CHILEAN RESISTANCE (ARTISTS OF SAN FRANCISCO) THE FOLK OF WORKING CLASS CULTURE & RESISTANCE

A musical presentation with MUSIC, POETRY, POLITICAL SONG & SARDAS DANCE.

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SEPT 28 8 PM

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DOORS 7:30

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Far from "cutting the fat" and helping working class homeowners/ taxpayers, Prop 13 was a clever attack on services and jobs in the public sector. It made the inequality of our tax system even more glaring.

County Workers Unite with Recipients

The hardest battle for public unions is often to win the support of the public they serve. Alameda County workers have made some real advances recently in getting this support. They have consistently fought the County Board of Supervisors' attempts to pit them against community services. Instead of supporting the Board's position that community services must go in order for workers to get decent wages and benefits, they have joined community groups in criticizing the Board's priorities, such as \$23 million set aside for jail construction. Funds such as these are enough to support both the community agencies which are important in reducing the need for jails as well as county worker demands for adequate wage increases.

Last June 1100 Alameda County workers were laid off due to Prop 13, an action which disproportionately affected minorities and women. Those workers not laid off have had to contend with deteriorating working conditions and speed-ups, so bad that in many departments the turnover rate is 35-45%. And according to Carl Halpern, a worker at Highland Hospital and steward of Local 616 SEIU, "Prop 13 has been misused by the politicians to rob public workers of vital benefits they have long enjoyed."

Locals #250, 535, and 616 of SEIU (Service Employees International Union) recently settled with the County on a contract which calls for a 15.7% wage increase over a two year period with some take-aways in benefits. Only united action, however, thwarted the county management's offer of 4% with many more take-aways. These actions included a sit-in at Oakland's Bond Street welfare office, sick-outs, and major walkouts including one on July 24th in which 1500 workers stayed away from work.

A key advance in the campaign to pressure the Board of Supervisors into negotiating a decent contract came as a result of county worker support and involvement in the "Decisive Days" action on July 23 and 24th. The Decisive Days was sponsored by the Alameda Labor Community Coalition for Jobs and Services. Activities were focused primarily on developing public awareness and pressure against the irresponsible decision of the Alameda

County Board of Supervisors to terminate funding for 33 community agencies.

On July 23rd, hundreds of community service clients flooded three county sites. This "clog-in" dramatized the inability of these county facilities to substitute the services provided by the agencies being cut.

The next day a joint rally of county workers and supporters of community services was held. And later that day, six community service workers and supporters were arrested for refusing to leave the Board's chambers until the unjust cuts were reversed.

These combined efforts undercut and exposed the Board's attempt to manipulate labor and community against each other. Through the joint actions added strength was brought to the demands for a decent contract as well as full funding for community services. "Our combined labor-community rally for both jobs and services shows the Board that we stand together and that they can't pit us against each other," remarked Pat Sheeran, an eligibility tech worker at Hayward.



Labor & community activists arrested at Alameda County Board of Supervisors protest against layoffs & cuts.

BART Workers Derail Unionbusting

A victorious 5-day sit-in by BART workers at the Concord maintenance yard July 29th set the tone for a continuing confrontation between a stubborn, union-busting management and resourceful, militant public workers unions.

The takeover was sparked by the provocative actions of BART management when 1700 workers' contract expired July 1. BART refused to abide by the existing contract even though negotiations were underway, refused to accept any mediation or binding arbitration, instituted speed-ups and transfers of workers, and brought in non-union "supervisory personnel" to operate the Concord yard.

Ken Holmes of United Public Employees Local 390 says, "It's not just a question of a contract, but a struggle to keep the union alive, to keep our jobs, and a struggle for dignity in the face of BART's arrogance and attacks."

BART management is trying to turn the public's long-standing dissatisfaction with the train's technical problems, safety maintenance, cost overruns, and fare increases away from management onto workers. A publicity campaign about how BART workers are overpaid only serves to beat down wages overall in comparable areas of employment. Maintenance workers get \$9.14 to \$11.60 an hour, clerks and secretaries \$6.70 to \$9.64, janitors \$8.47—fairly standard union wages for these jobs, and certainly nothing to compare with BART manager Bernard's recent wage increase to \$55,000 a year.

A key issue is the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) which was won six years ago. The unions are demanding to keep this protection against inflation, a progressive measure with importance for all workers. In 1973 BART workers won a model union contract, and BART is now applying pressure to take back some of the gains. As BART management has said, this contract could be the benchmark for other workers in the local area.

Perhaps this is why BART workers have received such strong support from the Longshoreman's and Teamsters' unions, a positive development in labor unity among public and private industry workers. With the added element of active solidarity from the public—both as fellow workers with a stake in decent wages and conditions, and as mass transit riders concerned with safety and service—BART workers stand a good chance of stopping the "railroad" of public workers.

For more information, contact: **Alameda County Labor Community Coalition**, PO Box 27163, Oakland, CA 94602, 834-6900. A coalition of labor, community, and concerned individuals, working with the California Labor Community Coalition for Tax Justice & Human Needs to win a tax initiative in 1980 which calls for more taxes on corporations and tax relief for working people. LCC is actively opposing the layoffs of county workers and cuts in services. Citizens for Liberty & Justice, 433 Jefferson St, Oakland, CA 94607, 834-5656. A group organized to oppose the use of county resources for new jail construction.

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PUBLIC WORKERS ON THE MOVE

BART workers stage a 5-day sit-in occupation of the Concord maintenance yard. . . . 1500 Alameda County workers participate in a county-wide walkout crippling hospitals, welfare offices and other county facilities. . . . 80,000 members of California State Employees Ass'n threaten to strike to win a retroactive wage increase. . . . Only 20% of the school districts employing 250,000 teachers statewide have negotiated contracts for the school-year.

In the wake of Prop 13 the message from Sacramento to state and local public agencies has been that public workers and recipients of their services must learn to "live with less" while corporations and corporate landlords are allowed to live with more in profit and tax relief. But in an increasing wave of creative actions—sick-outs, blue flu, slow-downs, rolling sick-outs, occupations and strikes—public employees are making it clear that they intend to fight attacks on their living standards and working conditions.

The last 10 years has seen an explosion of organization and militancy within this relatively new work force which now numbers some 15 million public employees, 2 1/2 million of them in unions. If not for the influx of new membership from the public sector, the AFL-CIO would have declined in recent years.

While most workers in private industry won the battle for the legal guarantee to collective bargaining in 1935, strikes by public unions are still illegal in 42 states. And often court injunctions and crippling penalties are imposed to crush striking public unions in the name of "public interest and safety."



BART workers celebrate winning conclusion of 5-day sit-in.

SF Chronicle/Jerry Telfer

The right to strike for public workers is an important struggle, giving tremendous boost to the labor movement as a whole. Without collective bargaining and the strike, public workers are at the whim and mercy of their employers—often undemocratic, management-heavy bureaucracies run by political appointees.

Less bargaining power and lower wages and benefits for public workers has the effect of keeping the wages of all workers down. Corporate interests realize this and since they are anxious to keep labor costs down and profits up, they are often loudest in the offensive attacking public workers. And since passage of Prop 13, big business (which exerts powerful influence over public agency management, politicians and the press) is now at least tacitly supporting a right-wing campaign to portray public workers' demands as a main cause of public ills—from high taxes to inflation to inadequate public services.

In reality, public jobs are becoming lower-paid than comparable jobs in the

private sector. While public unions had made great gains in wages and benefits in the past, driving all wages upward, the last few years have seen a reversal.

Behind the attacks on public workers and their rising militancy lies Prop 13, which exposed the real priorities of government and its lack of commitment to tax justice. Even though the legislature gave back \$4.8 billion to local government in surplus tax money, the effects of implementation of Prop 13 have been:

- Over 16,000 public employees laid off statewide so far, 1100 in Alameda County.
- Total employment dropped a drastic 114,000 (8%) due to the hiring freeze and retirements.
- Big business and landlords got 65% of the tax reduction benefits, for example, it has been reported that in Alameda County PG&E saved \$6.2 million, Kaiser \$2.9 million, GM \$1.1 million. Statewide, Pacific Telephone saved \$130 million, PG&E \$90 million, Standard Oil \$13 million, etc., etc.

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