

DECEMBER 79

THIS MONTH

Iran's Demand to Return the Shah is the focus of December's Community Calendar. It features statements from organizations not often heard, if at all, in the current anti-Iranian media barrage. The seriousness of the situation requires that we look beyond easy and one-sided patriotic answers and ask questions such as: Why does the Shah enjoy the protection of the US government? Who will benefit economically and politically from this crisis? Will nationalistic anti-Iranian sentiment escalate, encouraging racist scapegoating of other national minority people here in the US, for other problems? For more views and information, see the other side.

Film documentaries of labor struggles are a popular way to lend support to worker's organizing efforts and learn from our history. This month several films are presented including *Norma Rae*, about the ongoing organizing drive in the Southern textile mills. *Talkin' Union*, about women workers from the '30s through the '60s, and *The Wobblies*, a historical look at the Industrial Workers of the World in the early 1900s. See listings for December 2, 3, 5, 9.

The Women's movement is actively engaged in organizing for abortion rights, against violence toward women, for a nuclear free future, in support of working women's rights, etc. Check out listings for December 4, 6, 12, 13, and many other events this month.

SAT 1 City-Wide Teach-in on Nuclear Power, with Dan Ellsberg, Susan Lambert, Martha Henderson and David Bower, sponsored by People Against Nuclear Power, at the University of San Francisco, 9:30 to 5 pm, childcare available, call 781-5343 for more info. University of San Francisco.

Bananas' Baker's Dough Extravaganza, from 10:30 am till noon, Bananas Child Care Service will demonstrate how to make baker's dough ornaments and then give participants a chance to make their own, call 658-7353 for pre-registration, at Bananas office, 6501 Telegraph Ave, Oakland.

Children's Improvisational Performance, come share a fun free day of mime, clowning and theater games with Ann Wilfor and others, free to all children, 2 pm, at the Berkeley Women's Center, 2955 Telegraph, Berk.

Benefit Flea Market, for Women Against Violence Services, anyone who might have items to donate to WAVES, please call at 893-4357 from noon to 10 pm.

Lesbian Clinic, with gynecological general medical checkup, sponsored by the Berkeley Women's Health Collective, 11 to 3 pm, sliding scale, call 843-6194 for appointment and advance childcare, 2908 Ellsworth, Berk.

Cooperative Camps for Children, popular singer Gary Lapow leads children chorus in the Community Center, Children from 7-13 are welcome to sing along. The chorus performs at community events, 10:30-12 noon, 51, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

Grupo Cultural Yuyachkani, People's Theater from Peru, draws on the life & struggles of Peruvian miners & campesinos in creating collective works that combine music, dance, poetry & narration, 9 pm, 54, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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

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

SUN 2 Yuyachkani's actors have succeeded in interpreting the campesino—individually and collectively—with extraordinary fidelity. For several moments the spectator really believes that he or she is facing a community, its struggles, its songs, its rebellion. This is the true realization of "Art that Serves the People and the Revolution." 9 pm, 54, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Benefit Flea Market, see December 1 listing.

Cuba Coordinating Council, general membership meeting, open to prospective members. The Cuba Coordinating Council (CCC) has been formed in the Bay Area to help provide and disseminate information about the Cuban Revolution to as wide an audience as possible. We welcome the participation of all people who have been to Cuba, those who have studied, or who wish to learn more about the Cuban Revolution, and who share our basic goals of providing honest information about Cuba and ending the blockade, 7 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

Norma Rae, in this film a young woman working in a textile mill in the South gradually wakes up to the intolerable working conditions at the mill and starts organizing, 4 and 8:05 pm, Roxie Cinema, 3116 16th St, SF, \$2.50 general.

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.

MON 3 Participatory Theater with Inter-action on tour from England. This is the most exciting community arts group in Europe, 7 pm, donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Norma Rae, see December 2 listing, 8 pm only.

"East Germany, 1979," a slide lecture presented by the US Committee for Friendship with the German Democratic Republic, presented by Albert Sargis, sociology teacher at City College of San Francisco who recently visited Berlin, 8 pm, donations, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

1946. General strike in Oakland, California.

TUE 4 Fred Hampton Memorial Benefit, sponsored by the Oakland Community Learning Center, with the film "The Murder of Fred Hampton," 7 pm, \$1, Oakland Community Learning Center, 6118 E. 14th St, Oak.

Planning meeting for East Bay International Women's Day Event, all individuals and organizations welcome, free, 7:30 pm, Martin Luther King Jr Library, 6833 E 14th Oak, call 532-2773 for childcare.

Pena Film Festival Bulgarian animated shorts. Eight excellent examples of Bulgarian filmmaking: *Blessings of Love, The Daisy, I Am Five, Jealousy, Numbers, Jolly Fellow, The Equilibrium Committee, Esperanza*, 7 & 8:30 pm, 52, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Lesbian Clinic, 6:30 to 9 pm, see Dec 1 listing.

WED 5 "The Wobblies", a west coast premiere showing of this feature length documentary which rediscovers and redeems this country's tradition of radical organizing and working class struggle. Interviews with surviving wobblies, songs and cartoons, with startling and rare footage of the period, 90 minutes, recently completed by Deborah Schaefer and Stu Bird of "Finally Got the News," 7:30 pm, \$2.50, Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley.

Brecht Songs by Ina Wittich from Berlin. In a program called "Change the World; It Needs It" Ina Wittich presents the songs of Bertolt Brecht and music by Hanns Eisler and Kurt Weill, 8:30 pm, 53, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Problems of Community Health Care: a forum sponsored by the Berkeley Ergo Clinic. This will be a panel discussion on the health needs and special problems of the ethnic communities of the East Bay, 7:30 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

Lynn Grasberg and Kathy Burick on guitar, piano, percussion and voices. High energy feminist music with a pro-environmental survival beat, 8 pm, \$2, at the Baccharal, 1369 Solano Ave, Albany, call 527-814 for more info.

THU 6 Rocky Heiroglyphic Show, by the Plutonium Players on anti-nuclear energy, for free, at Merritt College, 12500 Campus Drive, Oakland, 11 to 12 am.

Uppity Women in Folklore. Ballads & stories of lusty venturesome women who turn the tables on false young men, seek their fortunes on their own, and give lie to the image of women in folklore as passive sleeping beauty types, 8 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Lynn Grasberg and Kathy Burick perform their music at the Artemis Society, 1119 Valencia St, SF, 8 pm, \$2, call 647-4144 for more info.

Focus on the Women's Movement Around the World, a forum and benefit for People's Translation Service in conjunction with the publication of the book *Second Class, Working Class*, songs and speakers, 8 pm, 52, Women's Bldg, 3548 18th St, SF.

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.

FRI 7 Concerned about quality child care? join the East Bay Workers in Child Care in a discussion and slide show in problems we face as child care staff. Come and share your concerns and feelings to help build a support network for child care workers, 7:30 pm, \$1 donation, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck Ave, Berk, call 658-6177, or 843-6376 for information and child care reservations.

Multi-Cultural Festival of Dance & Music, featuring the Ed Kelley All Star Jazz Band, Batucaje, John Handy, Cecilia and Elvia Maria, Soolyman Rodgie and many more, 8 pm, \$5 advance, \$6 at the door, tickets available at all Bass outlets, Oakland Auditorium Theater, 10th and Fallon, Oak.

Chinese Gifts Bazaar, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the US-China People's Friendship Assn, with jewelry, baskets, foods, toys, books, arts and craft and slides from China, 50 cents admission which also buys a raffle ticket, at Unitarian Fellowship Hall, Cedar & Bonita, Berk.

An Evening on Nicaragua, a cultural and educational event presented by Gay People for the Nicaraguan Revolution, recent slides, film, music, speakers, 8 pm, \$2, Women's Bldg, 18th near Guerrero, SF, childcare, sponsored by Gay People for the Nicaraguan Revolution.

East Bay Gay Youth, will be hosting a get-together, all gay women and men under 21 invited, music and refreshments, free, 7:30 pm, at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berk, call David at 548-8283 for more info.

Anda Jaleo!! A group of flamenco singers, dancers & guitarists presenting a colorful & festive program of authentic Spanish dances, 8:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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.

SAT 8 People's War in Puerto Rico, sponsored by the New Movement in Solidarity with Puerto Rico, Steven Guerrero of the Movement of National Liberation will speak on the heightening stage of Puerto Rico's struggle for independence and socialism, 7:30 pm, call 285-9473 for price, 362 Capp St, SF, childcare available.

Women for Peace Holiday Dinner, with entertainment, sponsored by Women for Peace, 7 pm, \$10, at 2302 Ellsworth St, Berk.

People's World Holiday Bazaar and Booksale, featuring used radical books and pamphlets and more, all day, free, there will be children's booths, games and toys, 1819 10th St, Berk, call Michael at 530-8503 if you have any donations.

KPFA's Annual Christmas Crafts Fair, see ETCETERA.

Corpo Santo, a performance as well as a dance, with a demonstration of traditional Afro-Brazilian music & dance. They are Brazil's National Copocira champions, 9:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Cooperative Camps for Children Community Choir with Gary Lapow, 10:30-12 noon, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

Children of Nicaragua, to celebrate the closing of the International Year of the Child, East Bay P.A.N. presents a forum on new educational programs for Nicaragua's youth. We will focus on the effects the war has had on the children and their participation in the Revolutionary process. The family, the literacy campaign and other related topics will be discussed. There will be current slides from Nicaragua and an update of reconstruction. East Bay P.A.N. (People Aiding Nicaragua), a group of Berkeley-Oakland area people who have committed themselves to supporting Nicaraguan reconstruction.

Demonstrate to Free Dessia Woods, an international day of demonstrations in 15 cities in the US and Europe, rally at noon, at Powell and Market, SF, the march will go the Democratic Party Headquarters to expose Jimmy Carter's phony human rights campaign, sponsored by the African National Prison Organization (ANPO).

SUN 9 KPFA's Annual Christmas Crafts Fair, see ETCETERA.

People's World Holiday Bazaar and Booksale, see December 8 listing.

"Talkin' Union," a film on the history of four Texas Women and their Union organizing in the years 1930 through 1960, a benefit for Union W.A.G.E., 12:30 and 2 pm, call 282-6777 for price, Roxie Cinema, 3116 16th St, SF.

Sukay playing the traditional music of the Andes, 8:30 pm, 54, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

MON 10 "Human Rights Day Dinner" sponsored by Cheops Khufu, a nonprofit disabled group, 15800 Hesperian Blvd, San Lorenzo, 7 pm, all tickets are prepaid, call 485-489-6185 for more info.

Participatory Theater with Inter-action, the British-American Repertory Company. "Perhaps the most versatile theater company in the English-speaking world," 7 pm, donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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."

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

TUE 11 Welcome, Mr Marshall! This film represents a major turning point in Spanish cinema. Georges Sadoul wrote "Berlanga gave birth to a new Spanish cinema after 15 years hibernation," 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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.

WED 12 We Can't Pay, We Won't Pay, a farce by Dario Fo presented by the San Francisco Mime Troupe, the play which has been produced all over western Europe, is set in an economically depressed working class neighborhood in Italy where food prices are skyrocketing and harassed housewives take the law into their own hands, 8 pm, \$5, group and student rates \$4, PAS vouchers accepted, at the Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF (See Etcetera).

Organizing Meeting, to form Bay Area Chapter of Abortion Rights Movement of Women's Liberation (A.R.M.), a grassroots, pro-abortion national organization, sponsored by A.R.M. and Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center, 7 pm, free, at 1519 Grove St, Berk, call 444-5676 or 841-7051 for more info.

A Very Special Evening, in a benefit for a Safe Place, a shelter for battered women and their children, celebrate an evening of readings by writers Alice Walker, Dorothy Bryant, Tillie Olsen and other known writers in the Bay Area. With gospel music The Robert Lyons Singers, call 444-SAFE for childcare reservation, 7:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

THU 13 Women for a Nuclear Free Future, presents an evening of information, entertainment and discussion on nuclear issues. A videotape of "Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang" will be shown. This evening is just for women, 7:30 pm, free, Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, childcare by reservation 863-8394 or 863-2691, sign language interpreter.

Ms Clawdy & band. Ms Clawdy is one of the finest songwriters in the Bay Area. An energetic singer & piano player, whose solo performances have drawn a wide following in the East Bay. Ms Clawdy will be joined tonight by a band featuring Hart McNeen on horns & Bonnie Johnson on drums, 8:30 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Community Health Care in Rural Mexico, Bill Bower is an associate of David Werner whose pioneering efforts to organize community health clinics in the Mexican Sierra Madre have been emulated throughout Latin America, 7:30 pm, free, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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

FRI 14 Benefit Art Sale, sponsored by the Revolutionary Communist Party, at the Ecology Center, 13 Columbus, SF, 7:30 pm, free.

La Nopalera, on tour from Mexico. Their songs spin tales of daily life, of the basic, at times bitter, problems facing the Latin American people. The group has created a new musical phenomena by combining traditional with contemporary influences, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

51st Anniversary of La Bananera (a United Fruit Plantation) massacre in Colombia, a political analysis of the historical significance of the United Fruit massacre of thousands of workers and the beginning of the Colombian labor movement as well as the development of finance capital in Colombia, 7:30 pm, \$2.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

SAT 15 Zimbabwe, a benefit for the Zimbabwe African National Union featuring the exciting Brazilian-Caribbean Dance Troupe of Coco Santo, with an update on the Current Zimbabwean situation by ZANU, sponsored by Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, 8 pm, \$3 donation, 1563 Page St near Ashbury, SF.

Holiday Dinner and Party, sponsored by Radical Women and the Freedom Socialist Party as a fund raising event for the Freedom Socialist, a socialist-feminist newspaper, 6:30 pm, 2661 21st St, SF, call 824-1497 for more info.

KPFA's Annual Christmas Crafts Fair, see ETCETERA.

Sexteto Diabolo del Ritmo, easily the hottest Salsa band anywhere, come early and get ready for a fabulous night with the band that put Pittsburgh, California on the map, 9:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

SUN 16 Rank and File Coalition Meeting, reports and discussions by rank and file union activists from different unions, 7 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, childcare with three days advance notice, call 282-9479.

Open House at the Oracle Feminist Books, a program with a general social gathering, refreshments, 1 to 6 pm, free, at 2260 Main St, Hayward, call 886-1268 for more info.

KPFA's Annual Christmas Crafts Fair, see ETCETERA.

Benefit for the UFW at La Peña & Starry Plough to support the 11-month lettuce strike. Dolores Huerto of UFW to speak. Music by Jose Luis Orozco and dance with Monca Habiles & his conjunto. Candlelight las posadas ceremony & surprise musical Christmas presents. East Bay Mud at the Plough 7:30 pm, \$2.50 good for La Peña and Starry Plough, 3105 & 3109 Shattuck, Berk.

MON 17 Participatory Theater with Inter-action (touring from England). "With a little help & encouragement ordinary people can transform their neighborhoods through their own efforts & initiative, solving social problems throughout an imaginative use of their own resources." This will be the final of a 4-part series in which anything may develop, 7 pm, donation, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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.

TUE 18 Big Sisters of the East Bay will sponsor a free showing of three films which look at North American women in traditional and alternative roles. *Roll Over and Anything You Want To Be* are short satirical views of growing up, and *A Woman's Place Is In The House*, 7:30 pm, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk, call 444-2596 for more info.

"Between Men and Women" this film is an exploration of the problems of relationships through a series of interviews with couples, intercut with a group discussion, 7:15 and 9:15 SF, \$2.50 general, Roxie Cinema, 3116 16th St, SF.

Death of a Bureaucrat. "A laff riot, one of the most audacious & cinematically clever movies imaginable. Alea has the gift of knowing how long to let a joke run and the confidence to let the humor deliver itself, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

1865. 13th Amendment abolishes human slavery.

WED 19 TV Dinner, a comic thriller for the entire family by the San Francisco Mime Troupe and written by Dario Fo, deals with kid power, the forces of mind control and the generation gap, 2 pm, \$2, family rates, \$10, PAS Vouchers accepted, at the Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St, SF (see Etcetera).

Benefit for TWIGA Productions, a film group making the first documentary film examining US involvement in Southern Africa. Proceeds to aid film which will later be used for Africa support work, 8 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

Farms in Berkeley??? 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-tested experience. They will show how we can develop a year-round food supply using organic methods on whatever available land there is, 8 pm, free, La Peña Community Center, 3109A Shattuck, Berk.

Mailing at Plexus, Bay Area feminist paper needs help in getting the word out, no experience necessary, easy work, get a free January issue, noon to 4 pm, call 841-2476 for more info.

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!"

THU 20 Air Emission in Contra Costa County, a public forum sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, from 1 to 3 pm, at the Department of Health Services Bldg, Rm 123, 2151 Berkeley Way, Berk.

New Sounds of Bonnie Lockhart, Susan Conson and Joan Leftkowitz together with the fancy flatpicking of Robin Flower with Nancy Vogl & friends with Irish and traditional music on fiddle & banjo from her new album "More than Friends," 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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

1969. Organization of National Liberation Front in Vietnam.

FRI 21 Batucaje, Brazilian-Afro cultural music and dance at its very best with music, song, and dance of Rio Bahia performed by Jose Lorenzo's unique and vibrant dance company. Catch the energy of Samba, Maculele, & Capoeira! 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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."

SAT 22 Zydeco Band, playing the lively Cajun Creole music of the Louisiana Bayou country, 9:30 pm, \$3.50, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

SUN 23 Brazil Export, samba from the cities of Brazil, the brilliant, smooth rhythms that move, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

MON 24

TUE 25

WED 26 Benefit for A.I.M. Fight the Holiday Blues & Crass Commercialism by showing collective and spiritual solidarity with Native Americans, the first inhabitants of this land. Poetry, music, slides and an update of the current situation of Native Americans and what's in store for the 1980s, 8:30 pm, \$2, La Peña.

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

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

THU 27 Vickie Randal Band, 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 Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

FRI 28 El Teatro Coco Santo, an exciting performance of Afro-Cuban music & dance in honor of Orisha, the Gods & Goddess of Yorubaland, 9 pm, \$3, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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 avenge Custer. 26 Medals of Honor are awarded by the Pentagon.

SAT 29 Orquesta Tipica Cienfuegos. The chronological development of Salsa, a special concert-fiesta presentation by the Bay Area's most popular Latin band, 9:30 pm, \$4, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

SUN 30 Descarga in Miniature. In the spirit of Cachao, Arsenio & Chano, La Peña will light up with traditional ethnic Cuban music, 9:30 pm, \$4, La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

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

MON 31 Peña Gran Fiesta, join La Peña and the Antonio Maceo Brigade in celebrating the 21st anniversary of the victory of the Cuban Revolution. The fiesta begins at 10 pm and lasts 'til 2 am with Charanga by Orquesta Rene del Mar. Advance tickets will be available for \$4.50 each, admission at the door will be \$5 if any tickets are left. There will be a raffle drawing benefiting OPH-RICH (Office of Political Prisoners and Human Rights in Chile) and our restaurant, Cocina de los Andes, will be serving a special Cuban dinner, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.

1863. English workers send letter, written by Karl Marx, to President 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. Jack 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.

ETCETERA

The San Francisco Mime Troupe, celebrating its 20th anniversary is going indoors this winter in order to bring two new shows to the San Francisco Bay Area community. The Troupe will appear in repertory for four weeks, Dec 12 to Jan 6, at the Victoria Theatre, presenting the west coast premiere of the farce *We Can't Pay, We Won't Pay*, by popular Italian playwright, Dario Fo, and its new, collectively developed children's show, *TV Dinner*, call 285-1717 for more info.

"The Wobblies" the premiere showing of this feature length film about the Industrial Workers of the World, a leading radical union in the early 1900s who were involved in almost every labor battle throughout the country, this 90 minute documentary has recently been completed, see December 5 listing.

KPFA's Christmas Crafts Fair, features the finest crafts available in Northern California, with 340 booths chosen for a combination of unique, all-hand-made goods, wide variety and reasonable prices, at the Pauley Ballroom in the student union building on the UC Berkeley Campus, at Telegraph and Bancroft, Saturdays and Sundays on two successive weekends, December 8 & 9 and 15 & 16, doors open from 10 am to 6 pm.

Berkeley Art Center Holiday Craft Sale, an exhibition and sale of selected art and fine crafts by Berkeley artists will be on display at the Berkeley Art Center from December 2 through December 23, at 1275 Walnut Street, Berk, 10 am to 4 pm.

"The Turkey Tale," a child leads in this humorous play about love and sharing, presented by The Black Repertory New Arts Experience program, directed by Chuck Fields, every Sunday at 8:30 pm, from December 2 thru the 23d.

"Warning Theme/Street Sounds," a composite of two plays merged into a single production of encounters and portrayals of existence by Ron Milner and Ed Bullins, presented by the experimental Group Young People's Theatre, 5306 Foothill Blvd, Oak, runs Friday and Saturday at 8 pm through January, for more info and tickets, call 533-4664 or 532-5355.

The Berkeley Women's Center offers Drop-in Legal Counseling, Therapy referrals, Third World Lesbian support group, poetry reading nights, and classes, located at 2955 Telegraph Ave in Berk.

The Moving Men Theater Co still performing their original production, "You Should've Been There," at the Live Oak Theatre, Shattuck and Beryman, Berk, 8 pm, Thursdays through Sundays, \$3 Thurs and Sun, \$4 Fri and Sat, \$1 with PAS voucher, free childcare December 14.

Big Sisters of the East Bay is a community agency that provides friendships for girls with adult women. Through the relationship with their Big Sister, girls gain increased self-esteem, exposure to enriching cultural experiences, and guidance in preparing for adulthood, girls range in age from 5 to 17. Big Sisters must be over 18 years of age and volunteer to spend time with a girl at least twice a month for a minimum of one year.

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made some effort to soften the blows on poor and working people, social programs are being cut all over the country. At the same time that these cuts go into effect, Carter will be calling for an increase in the military budget. Clearly Carter wants the confidence of monopoly corporations and more security for the US government as a world economic and military power. He also, however, needs the confidence of US working people to pull this off—particularly in an election year.

Since the Shah was installed in 1953 by a CIA sponsored military coup against the progressive leader Mossadegh, the Shah accumulated \$25 billion in personal wealth from the labor of Iranian workers. Meanwhile, the average urban worker earned 17 cents an hour, although the cost of living equalled the US. Some 87% of villages had no schools, 72% of the people were illiterate, and infant mortality was 50%. Intolerant of any opposition, the "King of Kings" as he called himself, executed more than 128,000 people while in power, and held over 100,000 political prisoners. The US supplied arms, organized the secret police (SAVAK), supplied the technology for torture, and sent 40,000 US advisors and troops to support the Shah's regime. US corporations had a tremendous stake in Iran's oil, with at least 20% of Iran's revenues going to Standard Oil, Texaco, Gulf, and Mobil. Some 5000 other US corporations—led by David Rockefeller's banks, made billions in profits from Iran.

**NATIONALISM & RACISM:
 A HISTORY OF SCAPEGOATS**

The outbreak of reaction against Iranians in the US is not an isolated or unique occurrence. It's happening at a time when other forms of national chauvinism and racism are on the rise. In times of crisis throughout our history, prejudice, discrimination, and repression against racial and national minorities have taken open, ugly forms. Racism and anti-immigrant reaction destroy the political, social and economic gains we've made in the past and undermine the unity working people need to fight for change in times of crisis.

In 1865, during the Civil War Reconstruction in the South, the KKK was formed. Recently there has been a resurgence of Klan activity, not only in Greensboro, North Carolina where 5 anti-Klan demonstrators were killed, but here in California and other states as well.

During the depression of the 1870's, Chinese workers in California, recruited during the boom years, were subjected to massive, violent racial attacks. Over half were forced to flee the US.

With the depression of the 1890's a marked increase in lynchings of Blacks occurred. Between 1889 and 1901 there were 1,955 recorded lynchings, nearly half of all recorded lynchings from 1882-1947.

In the post-war depression of 1919, major race riots against Blacks were instigated in Chicago, St Louis, and other cities.

Over 500,000 Mexican workers, imported into California to provide cheap labor for large ranches and farms in the 1920's were deported during the depression of the 1930's.

During World War II, 110,000 Japanese Americans in the US were forcibly evacuated from their homes into internment camps. Many were farmers who were never able to regain their land from the large agricultural corporations.

The deportation of Mexicans and other "illegal aliens" is again on the rise following a decade of recruitment of foreign-born workers during the good times of the 1960's.

In the current Iran crisis, nationalist reaction, spurred on by policies of the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS), has over-ridden the legal rights of Iranians in the US and clouded the real issue of the Iranian struggle to regain control of their country.

Dennis the Menace
 By HANK KETCHAM



Dewey's havin' meat loaf. His dad says some Arab is eatin' their Thanksgiving turkey.

SCAPEGOATING

A MESSAGE FROM IRANIAN STUDENTS

The Iranian people are not opposed to the American people and they do not have feelings of enmity toward them. They are, rather, opposed to the policies of the United States government in regard to Iran. Many Americans are understandably distressed about the hostage situation at the American Embassy in Tehran, at the same time, however, the Iranian people are deeply insulted by the presence of the ex-Shah in this country. In reality, this crisis is a direct result of the US government's decision to permit the ex-Shah to enter and remain indefinitely in this country.

We believe the American people can help by asking their government to extradite the Shah to Iran, or at least to have him expelled from this country as soon as possible. You can also help to defuse the growing tension between Americans and Iranians by asking your family, friends, and associates to look deeply into both sides of the issue. We appreciate your efforts.

For further information please contact us at:

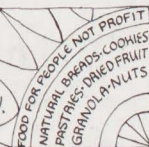
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GROUPS SPEAK OUT AGAINST LYNCH-MOB MENTALITY

The National Black Pastors Conference, at a meeting in Detroit of 1200 black ministers, called the Shah a "criminal" and demanded his deportation "as quickly as possible." The group urged the Carter administration to "end its harassment of Iranians in America." "We understand the hostility of the Iranian masses toward the former shah and toward the US which set him up as puppet, armed him and trained his vicious SAVAK secret police."

In San Francisco, the Japanese-American Citizens League, Coalition for the Rights of Immigrants, American Civil Liberties Union, Social Justice Commission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, and National Lawyers Guild challenged the Justice Department order that all Iranian students submit to a review of their visas. The organizations stated that the "indiscriminate, massive review" violates constitutional rights and could lead to "even wider disregard for our moral and legal systems." "Are we to expect that each time US hostages are taken in a foreign country, or other action is taken... which may upset our political leaders, that there will be reprisals against the appropriate national, ethnic, or religious group in this country?"

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THE SHAH COMES HOME TO ROOST

Last February the Shah fled Iran. The overwhelming majority of Iranian people—workers, peasants, students, small business interests, liberals, and traditional Moslems—united in open revolt against his regime. They would not accept a government which kept most of the nation in poverty and repressed any opposition. The Shah's rule lasted 25 years only because of the economic and military support of the US.

Today, the Shah has asylum in the US. He is protected by the government and the Rockefeller/Kissinger clique, despite the Iranian's demand that he be returned to face charges against his regime. Like the war criminals of Nazi Germany, he should face the accusations of his people.

The US news media has given massive coverage to anti-Iranian reaction all over the country. We have seen people in Houston, Los Angeles, Portland and Washington DC hold demonstrations that resemble lynch mobs. The media headlines incite fear and anti-immigrant feelings. But what does the US public really have at stake?

CRISIS OR CALCULATED RISK?

The State Department knew in advance that the Shah's entry into the US would provoke the embassy takeover, yet did nothing to avoid the situation. (According to documents found in the Tehran embassy, the State Dept projected that the Shah's entry into the US, while an "inevitable step," would lead to "the danger of hostages being taken in Iran" (SF Chronicle, 11/15). Why does our government want to protect the Shah?



Our government, as well as the big financial and corporate interests, wants a chance to reassert US prestige and power abroad. They also need an opportunity to shift the blame of unpopular economic and social policies here in the US. Because they cannot demonstrate that US working people have anything to gain from these policies at home and abroad, they rely on unthinking nationalism.

Since the Camp David Summit Carter and his administration have been desperately trying to regain the confidence of "Mainstream America." Faced with the highest rate of inflation in our history, unemployment, and the threat of a major recession, the government has implemented economic policies which benefit only the corporations. In contrast to other periods of economic crisis when government has

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