THE WRATH OF THE LION IS

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article I. Religious and Political Freedom

Congress must not interfere with freedom of religion, speech or press, assembly, and petition. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. (Italics added)

The time has come for a review of the rights guaranteed by law. Over and over we hear the ironic cry for "a return to law and order" - ironic and hypocritical because too often it comes from officials who themselves fail to follow the law. The First Amendment provides for freedom of assembly; yet the City of Savannah has, weekend after weekend stalled and refused park permit requests for peace festivals. The excuses given by the Park and Recreation Departments are either that they are not able to contact all of the Park and Recreation Commission's members or else that the Recreation Department has already fully scheduled Daffin Park for the times requested. Bacon Park has been deemed unacceptable by the Peace Festival Steering Committee because of its unacceptability and lack of adequate sanitary facilities. Open fields in both Daffin and Forsyth Parks, Forsyth the only acceptable alternative area, were not fully scheduled for the requested times. 3 p.m. until midnight. So it is obvious that the city government is refusing a peace festival a park permit. We accuse the city government of Savannah to conspire to deny the people the Constitutional right of freedom of peaceably assembling.

The only political recourse in this crudely governed city for young people who have a majority in the Chatham County (those between the ages of 15-25) is to register to vote and vote. A show of voting strength, especially a white-black coalition, will either force official respect or respect the demands of the people who want the freedom of hearing music and speeches in public parks like just about every other major city in this country enjoys. But not Savannah because the people haven't shown the courage to stand up against a closed, repressive government. So register to vote if you're 16 or over. The place to register is located at 19 York St. And vote in the upcoming elections - it's the year of the balloon or the bullet. If the people find that they have no redress of grievances, no means to petition the government for violation of basic rights, then the only solution is revolution. This is in accord with what our founding fathers said when they drew up the Constitution. They themselves recognized the evils that the government can sink to.

Very reliable sources from inside City Hall informed us that Mayor Lewis and company had plans to curtail city council meetings out of freedom of press. The tactic: a mass of the staff on obscenity charges just before election time to prove that the present administration is out on an anti-smut campaign. However, a timely interview on WSAV News aired on July 16 shatred those plans - the publicity called the political bluff. Still another tactic rumored to run us out of business is through ticketing street sellers for impeding traffic and fining them in rubber stamp Recorder's Court. The latter tactic has already been tested and proven effective in Judge Elmores chambers. One of our staff members, who has been constantly bailed by Big Brother's helpers lately, was fined fifteen dollars for interfering with the flow of traffic. Fifteen isn't much, but it adds up and discourages people from selling. Why is nothing of the sort done to Morning News street sellers who are continually blocking up rush hour traffic in the mornings, you might wonder. Also, Judge 4 'Necessity' Elmores summarily dismissed criminal charges against two pigs who admittedly while off duty had cursed, tried to run over, and threatened with a gun two Altowns Voice street sellers. Another of the increasing number of cases of blind American justice!

To add to the mounting wave of repression that's swelling in City Hall, the Ku Klux Kian plans to ransack our office. Word on this comes from a former Kian member who has come to realize how wrong the Kian's ways are. The basement, a gay bar, was recently bombed and nothing much was done to catch the culprits. Needless to say, if City Hall has any power over a bombing investigation of this office, even less will be done to arrest the bombers. Contrary to what was said in last issue's interview with a policeman about Chief Lovett, we do not think the Chief is any more than a yes man for the power structure. Words otherwise were from the mouth of a former subordinate of the Chief's, not from ours.

Times are really tight for freedom of all kinds in this city. And people wonder why Savannah lost so many in the last Census count. With government that's clearly repressive, anti-youth it's not hard to understand why there's an efflux from Savannah. No amount of increased industry or business will cure the cancer of repression that plagues this city. Speaking of repression, Altowns Voice has had to reconsider its language choice - specifically four-letter words. In the first two issues the editorial policy was tight on the usage of four-letter words; however, in the third and fourth issues there was some loosening up. And as a result of flipping the golden coin of freedom, we saw the reverse silver side of responsibility flashing in our eyes. It seems Puritanic, prudish Savannah lost some gray hair over a few Anglo-Saxon specials. A professor once said that if you can't curse for ten minutes without repeating yourself, then you're not really educated. Perhaps, Savannah's education only comes forth in closed bathrooms - but whatever the case, the editorial policy has returned to the original stand that the paper will use words that will communicate with broadest possible audience. Four-letter words have brought down a storm of protest and objection to the paper. We don't want to turn people off simply through alliteration in a few words which can easily be replaced. The truth can still be made obvious without shocking people with cheap thrills.

THE WISDOM OF GOD

"The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country. Russia is threatening us with her might, and the republic is in danger. Yes, danger from within and from without. We need law and order! Yes, without law and order our nation cannot survive... Elect us and we shall restore law and order, We shall by law and order be respected among the nations of the world. Without law and order our republic shall fall." (Excerpt from a campaign speech made in Hamburg in 1933 by Adolph Hitler.)
He whose face gives no LIGHT, shall never become a STAR

LETTERS
to the PEOPLE

WASH OUR PENS OUT

My dear friends,

Your resolution, expressed in believe in your first paper, to avoid providing your readers by using certain four letter words which may find distasteful-- your great resolution which gave promise that you could succeed where greater papers have failed-- your grand plan-- where has gone? Let us again resolve to make substantive issues the test of your acceptability in our community. Do not destroy your real power to help us better men and women by sacrificing so much, for so meaningless an obsession.

Gladly did I show the first issue to young men in my neighborhood-- people with whose parents I share mutual respect and friendship. And now, must these people be denied the benefit of your views simply because you cannot restrict the minimum temptation to print just one four letter word? And you will blame the parents. I blame you because you know better.

The four letter word means nothing to me. For the young people to whose parents I really care, it's a senseless taboo, and the paper will continue to retain a place in my magazine rack. But why can't you sacrifice what even I can understand is a little fun -- let them take the paper home to Mom and Dad without the words. Then Mom and Dad, if they choose, will be forced to debate the issues. (Why did man die in jail? These are questions I learned from one Mom whose son reads the paper about jail deaths -- she might even tell you.) Giving up a few dirty words should be easier than that which you ask of most Savannahians-- their life, Please try.

(Other comments)

-- Bill Strong

WEAS PLEASES

In Saturday's paper, Barr Nobles' column, "Our Front," I read...

Being a skeptic, I tuned to WEAS FM and what do i hear... in Savannah... uninterrupted F.M. -- "Refined Bougie" by CannonBeat. I then call... "KS to thank them for the thing. What do I hear... "24 hours if there is enough support." My God, what is support? Letters, man, letters. Could Savannah have a "SFCL" like Atlantic where country AM carries the bill for rock F.M.? Listen to it... and write! Help yourselves!

T.W.H.

Pass the word

Ed. note: Please see editorial p. 2 and 3 for changes in editorial policies.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT REALLY BOTHERS YOU: KIDS TO OK-- YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO GROW UP!

I CYCE WANTED TO GROW UP-

BUT THEN I TOOK A LOOK AT GROWN UPS AROUND ME-

PICKING HIVES OUT OF THE GIRLS THEY AREN'T ATTRACTED TO AND STAYING AT HOME TRYING TO GIRLS THEY THINK HAK TRUMPS.

COMPLAINING ABOUT THE JOBS THEY HAVE AND DICKS OF INFERNAL MONTHS AFTER THEY RETIRE FROM THEM.

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MISTER, TO MY GENERATION, NOT WANTING TO GROW UP IS A SIGN OF MATURITY. - FEIFFER

What's a Mom to Do?

The saying goes that if you get into something you can get out of it. When I was growing up, my parents stood behind me whether I was right or wrong. They didn't condone me being wrong but they didn't blame me. They tried to understand what I believed in. What I believe in? I believe in that all people have a problem now. The youth of our town want a place to meet and to get together with their friends, regardless of how they look. Most of the kids out at Daffin Park are still school kids. All of them don't have long hair and all of them don't dress alike. These are your kids, long hairs and all.

We have been meeting in Daffin Park every night under the corner light so everybody can see and know that we aren't doing anything wrong. If having a get together and singing and talking is wrong, then we are wrong. Lately, the Police have been running us out of the park because they say we are causing a disturbance by being there where everyone can see us. They arrest us or threaten us if we don't leave right when they order us to. Long hair doesn't make a person a criminal. Give your kids your support.

-- Ted Adams

Bill Strong
VICE AND PRICE

This is the city; Friday, July 17th was the day at 11 a.m. Albion’s Voice held an interview with Chief Investigator Price and his courageous crew of eight. The meeting was set up as a result of an incident that happened at the Steppenwolf Concert July 1st. Reisser, one of Price’s boys threw a tantrum because a camera belonging to our fearless photographer was pointed in his direction in return for narc’s camera being pointed at the audience. Reisser grabbed the camera from Richard and smashed it on the stands breaking the flash attachment. He also seized the film in the camera, but when police later developed it, they found no pictures of their little brothers. Warrants were made when Price offered to pay for damages. The promoters of the concert got involved in the dispute, and in the process, Reisser found out what goons like Reisser can be like. So yes, warrants were made and an appointment was set up to meet at the Bureau of Drug Abuse located on the second floor of the Southern Coast Line Railroad Building in room 201. After a couple of delays on the meeting, we finally did have our rap session.

We (Richard, Gary, and myself) were greeted by Strozier and Brown, two agents. We looked around the office and spotted out a five-foot tall marijuana plant growing in a trash can. The plant looked unremarkable; he suggested that it be placed near a window and fed a mixture of water and plant food. The room was filled with other novelties such as two beautifully large water pipes equipped with polished wooden bowls and silk hoses which were set on either side of a plack containing information and specimens of cannabis sativa. On another table many pamphlets and leaflets were displayed that dealt with drugs. A large portable case neatly displayed many drugs including barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, hash, and marijuana.

Price then entered the room and we were ushered through a second office equipped with other display cases and a radio unit. The atmosphere was friendly but still a tinge of uneasiness could be felt. Gary brought a tape recorder along; however, he was told he couldn’t use it. We asked many questions which were sometimes answered, sometimes ignored and even evaded. The first question asked Price was whether or not it was true that pictures were being taken of the Albion’s Voice office and people who enter and leave it. It had been rumored that plain clothes police in unmarked cars have been taking pictures of us in hopes of connecting Albion’s staff with drugs. He said that no pictures had been taken because there was no reason to. When asked how he defined his job, he replied that “our only concern is to arrest those who violate laws. We’ll make a case against anyone we find (connected with drugs), and we’ll put anybody in jail who sells drugs from low town dealers up to the Mafia.”

The only problem is the majority of people Price has put in jail for drugs are under 21 and are the low men on the totem pole in the drug world. Few if any arrests have been made up the line where they should be made. The only way to stop a fuddle from forming is to cut the water supply from the top, not to soak it up at the bottom where it will form again. Price also made the statement, “Personally, I wish they could fire me today.” I am sure many share the same wish for different reasons.

When asked if he and his cohorts supported the Constitution, he became rather perturbed at such a question and replied with an emphatic, “Yes!” He had reason to be perturbed because of actions by some of his men which have proved to be unconstitutional.

Many people are concerned over what happens to addicts after being arrested and jailed. We asked just what does happen to “junkies.” He stated that “once we make an arrest we have no jurisdiction over them.” However, he also said that he has sent many persons on heroin to doctors who are given free treatment if they have no money. “Every person put in jail that we know is addicted is visited every day by a physician to administer medication.” He added, “If I put someone in jail, and they need help, then by God, they better get help.”

We also learned from the meeting that Price had many “outstanding” warrants. They were outstanding because agents were unable to locate the persons wanted. Price indicated that these indictments never ran out unless the person died. When asked if his staff worked on a number basis, he told us that he was not interested in numbers of kids. “I’m after the person who sells drugs.” He also said that he has not raised any parties to mark up numbers which shows some sophistication. Before he joined the Vice Squad there were many mass arrests for drugs like the one at Cloverdale in which twenty people were busted in one haul.

Considering the upcoming elections, we asked Price if he had ever been influenced by anyone in politics. He retorted, “no one has ever been on my back.” A few times public officials have been seen riding in police cars. When asked about this, he said that “a lot of people think they’re policemen.” The only people able to do anything about the way Price does his job are the citizens of Savannah and the city manager who hires or fires him.

A few interesting comments were made by Strozier and Brown at the end of the meeting. Strozier came out with this little ditty: “I enjoy putting people in jail! I enjoy doing my job which requires me to put people in jail for violating a law.” The only things really accomplished at the meeting were an exchange of views and a more intimate acquaintance, as intimate as we could get with nars. The staff of Albion’s Voice does not support or condone the use of hard drugs like heroin or speed; we think there are more important issues to be “strung out” on like getting outside of one’s own scene enough to help others and to love others. Hard drugs only offer an escape from others, just as alcohol does. Not only that, but dealing drugs only gives the man a chance to put people away. It’s time young people start growing up and getting beyond the drug experience.

POSTED

Sponsor: Sophie’s Poster Shop at Chippie Sq
Judges: Sophie and Albion’s Voice.
Deadline: Saturday, July 31, 1970.
$10 first prize

Posters and other swell things to at least ten (10) runners up (maybe more).
Please sign your name and address on the back of your work and turn it in at Albion’s Voice, 24 W. Gaston, basement, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The posters have to be on local politics inspired by the upcoming elections, especially the mayor’s race. Back your favorite candidate (or most disliked for that matter), a political lampoon if you wish) with a political poster, and we’ll pay for the best one. Who knows, when the revolution comes, it may some day hang in Telfair Art Academy!
BERKELEY, Calif. (INS)-- Not to be outdone by Nixon’s proposed plans to cancel the 1972 elections, California’s Ronald Reagan is working on plans of his own to make his the first complete police state in America.

Aided by lavish federal funds, Reagan’s aim is to draw civil, military, and police forces together within the framework of advanced scientific techniques in order to crush “revolutionaries and other troublemakers.”

“No longer,” states one of his aides, “can we allow these people to misuse democratic rules to play the revolutionary game. The enemy must be identified and isolated. Then we can deal with them.”

Reagan has chosen counter-insurgency expert Dr. William Herrmann as the master planner of his police state. Dr. Herrmann used to be a cop before he went into the “think tank” business. Now he does his thinking in an office at Systems Development Corporation in Los Angeles along with some 1,000 other data crats.

Besides working on the usual pig operations (improving electronic surveillance, getting more undercover pigs into revolutionary groups, etc.), Herrmann and his co-thinkers are trying to develop “mathematical probability models” to predict the time and place of future resistance and outbreaks.

Central to these plans is the use of computers in solving problems of of defense and law enforcement as well as handling riots and disorders. Further, computers are being used to establish national data banks containing personal details about millions of people and through the newly initiated CLETS (California Law Enforcement System) any pig enforcement agency in the state can get almost instantaneous information on just about anybody. The information in the computer banks is gathered from several sources. Despite assurances given in Congress, the Army has failed to destroy its vast data banks on the political and private activities of millions of people.

Additionally, the FBI and state and local pig enforcement agencies gather all the information they can on suspected dissidents -- police records, reports by pig informers, tax information, credit card usage, etc. -- and put them into computer banks in Washington and Sacramento. In other words, any time you do anything that might be recorded as using a Shell credit card or receiving a call from a tapped phone you can bet the information will end up in your file in the computer banks.

Using high speed computers, CLETS is America’s largest statewide computer information system. It is also a significant forerunner of a centralized intelligence network which John Mitchell hopes will bring conflicting police enforcement agencies together with the ultimate goal of a nationalized pig force.

While realizing that the “Big Brother” aspects of his plans will cause some concern, Reagan believes that by increasing the climate of fear in America he can sneak his plan through. “Terrorism leads to a clampdown and so do charges of repression,” commented Dr. Herrmann.

“The remedy is to split off those bent on destroying the system from the mass of dissenters; then, following classic guerilla warfare theory, to find means which will win their hearts and minds.”

-- Egbert Soule

“...while there is a lower class I am in it, while there is a criminal element I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison I am not free.”
-- Eugene Debs, 1918
B.A.S.F.

R e v e n g e o n t h e R i c h?

Hilton Head, S.C. — For years Beaufort County has been a haven for the elite of the manufacturing game. The figureheads and major stockholders of some of the largest firms in the nation have been retreating to Hilton Head to escape the pollution of their individual cities (much of which are directly responsible for! But now, it seems, a certain German chemical firm (referring to the same firm that manufactured the gas used to exterminate Jews in World War II) has eyes for opening a plant in the midst of their wilderness, and the BIG PIGS aren't any too happy about it. We all agree it would certainly not be in the best interests of our country to spoil one of the last of the untouched sea island regions. But turning the Savannah River into a garbage pit isn't exactly in the best interests either.

The B.A.S.F. plant at Victoria Bluff promises not only to provide jobs for Beaufort County's infamous poor people, yet to turn the Colleton River — and, Helena Sound region into a wasteland what more could we want?

As Mother Nature slowly dies and finding an acre of land without at least one Coke bottle on it becomes harder, it would seem that it just wouldn't be worth the money and prestige to be a company executive and know that you're responsible for killing our trees and our future generations.

A N O P E N L E T T E R T O T H E A M E R I C A N B U S I N E S S M A N

Dear Mr. Executive,

It's certainly bad karma to pollute our fair city's air and water with no conscience and then refuse to live in our city because of it. So, remember that you always reap what you sow. In fact, you should buy yourself a houseboat, tie it up behind your company, and get the full benefit of all your beautiful wastes.

How many revengeful people do you think there are around that would love to see it all come back on you? Probably enough to insure you have a helluva fight keeping B.A.S.F. from opening its waste gates into your river. But we'll fight with you because we know there's too much pollution already. So start fighting for America instead of yourselves. It all comes back in the end.

Love and Power to,

Robbie Collins.

Points Against Pollution

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The following are some steps you can take to fight against pollution. Excerpted from Armstrong Student Operation Survival.

1) Don't use colored tissues, such as paper towels, or toilet paper. The paper dissolves, but the dye lingers on.
2) If you have a large accumulation of coat hangers, don't junk them, return them to the cleaners.
3) Don't buy unreturnable containers.
4) Stop littering.
5) Don't buy or use DDT.
6) Support ZPG (zero population growth).
7) If you see oily sulfuric smoke coming out of chimneys, report it to the Sanitation department or Air Pollution Board.
8) Spare your water. Don't leave it running.
9) Help in your cities clean-up programs.
10) Measure detergents carefully, doing this will help cut a third of all detergent water pollution.
11) Don't dispose oil into the sewages.
12) Protest the SSTW. Write the President! Today's Boeing 747 can already move more people without ear-shattering sonic booms.
13) Support anti-pollution movements.
14) Last and most important — vitally important — if you want more than two children, adopt them.

In fact, you should buy yourself a houseboat, tie it up behind your company, and get the full benefit of all your beautiful wastes.

While you are reading these words four people will have died from starvation. Most of them children.

America has always been a growth society. Zero Population Growth (ZPG) is an organized challenge that is being mounted against the heart of that concept. They believe that increasing population is the cause for many of our problems: pollution, violence, loss of values and of individual privacy. In America, 210 million of us devour more resources than 2.5 billion living in less developed countries. Most of the young people in the movement pledge themselves to restrict the size of the families they keep as long as they have to.

The population bomb keeps ticking...

Mark Norris
ARE YOU READY

STEPPENWOLF
Friday night saw Savannah's first major rock concert, but not our last. 7,500 "outlaws" and more than enough cops were on hand. It had rained most of the afternoon preceding the concert. The rain providing a good (nay)excuse for some of our schizophrenic brothers. The vibe was rather uncertain, never having attended a concert at the stadium before, Hoffmann didn't know what to expect. Showing up at the stadium and seeing our friends, and sisters, and brothers, everyone felt better. I heard a lot of moaning about the empty seats in the bleachers, but most people were turned on to the 7,500 who showed... a good number of folk both young and not-so-young paraded out to the Wais Cinema to see it. And hear it. And in many cases got nice and stomed from it. Though my feet stuck to the floor in a rank smell of popcorn and milk dud, and a 300 pound redneck snorted and yelled. But the Buttered Popcorn only inches from my ear throughout, I could still kind of dig it.

At most, the music is only equal to everything else that happened by Madleigh & Co. misunderstood its significance and devoted too much footage to the performers. Not that it matters all that much though because no amount of film technique could ever capture the spirit of Woodstock anyway. You just don't go to a movie theater and see 400,000 people head over heels in love with each other and come out really believing it. The idea is too difficult for most people to come to grips with. It's too fantastic. The rebirth is still taking place because almost nobody can accept it yet. But at any rate the music is dynamic. Richie Havens, Country Joe, CSNY, Joe Cocker, Santana, Hendrix, Ten Years After, The Who and on and on. Once decided, the crew knew what they wanted and filmed and recorded each set with virtual flawlessness. In the case of the Who I can only say exceptional. At the instant. Townshend leaped five feet into the air and thru stop action was hung with virtual flawlessness. And at the end, the famous ritual of destruction. The screaming and slamming of equipment on stage accompanied by shattering electrical noises, all of which grinds to a devastating halt as Townshend heaves the final shreds of his guitar into the crowd and frame of the stage. It is excessive. The Who managed to distinguish themselves even further when they kicked Abbie Hoffman, a well known political fanatic, offstage when Hoffman seize the microphone and tried to tell everybody what a rotten time they were really having. This was not shown in the movie, for obvious reasons. Joe Cocker did 'With a Little Help From My Friends' and at least a hundred thousand brand new joints were lit. Arlo Guthrie came on an sniggered, "Wow, the New York Thorough's closed, ain't that far out." And by God it was. This time, Saturday night, Yasgur's farm was the third largest city in the state of New York. Kids were being born, food and medicine were being disseminated by the ton, and helicopters were called in for airlift operations. It was Rock City, U.S.A.

But so much has been said about the whole thing already, the event and the movie, that it would be downright redundant to say very much more. It should be renamed Woodstock.

Everybody knows the story of the 400,000 freaks who gathered it all in for three days in a field in upstate New York and staged the most fantastic backlash of the decade. Words and cameras and things seem to fall painfully short of the mark. Everybody has an experience itself is excessive. You don't know what it's like to eat a banana split until you've actually eaten one. You can read the list of ingredients on a menu and say "Now bananasplit must be out of sight", but you don't really know until you've tasted one. Likewise, until you've tasted the sweet and earth and flesh and grass, and heard with a billion ears the primal roar of rock and roll across the rural American night, you'll never really know the feeling.

Woodstock-the movie is worth it's salt because it shows what can happen (What did happen?) when nearly a half million (cont'd to p. 16, WOODSTOCK!)
The Pig Revealed

In what do you see? You realize that none of the classic rock tunes take to the pig, they are only forced into their roles by the capitalist system. As long as this system is allowed to exist all creative expressions, guitars will be ripped from the community and turned into media machines, charging people to hear them. These stipends will be accomplished by the silencers of the system. Animal Liberation Front is the only group that is not only too good to package anything that attracts half a million, but we will not put them up for sale. We will fight to turn the pig back into the pig. The festival is a pig because the producer had heard that the love generation was perceived and shared dreams with others. The promoters were forced to decry to appeal to that charitable leasing in their audience and pick on a few dollars more. The promoters were forced to pay for the projects and all the time and effort that the promoters were forced to take over. The festival itself. You certainly couldn’t expect the promoters to give to the festival. The absurdity was evident when the music was missing. Even if the music was there, the audience was decrying. So, we must fight for the pig to live and fight for the peace and love. The promoters stop planning.”

The Promoter Pig

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A week later and a look back. We did indeed do a thing. What sort of thing is not as clear. Certainly it was good, that many freaks cannot gather together without the result being somewhat good. But certain aspects of the weekend point up some difficult questions about the sub-culture which, though perhaps unanswerable within the context of this society, must at least be acknowledged. One must not be too quick in assigning the roles of heros and villains. What beast indeed.

THE GROUP AS PIG

God, here I am sitting outside and these promoters are asking me for fourteen clams just to go inside. They are without a doubt bad guys. It’s the people versus the promoters! Right on! No, bull. You want to get inside to hear the music, right? And do you know what that music asked for before it came to make you want to get inside and hear it? Around two hundred thousand clams. Can you dig it? The Airplane sings about the evils of private property while raking in around $50,000. The Band demanded $60,000 for about an hour’s fun and the promoters balked. In case you didn’t notice, the music at Byron was compared to Wood stock; compared to last year’s two day Atlanta Pop Festival. Why? Because the groups listened to the festival hype too, and figured that a lot of people would come to such things and thus they could ask for a lot of money and that’s why there was a cat at the gate asking for bread. It would probably not break any of the “big name” groups to give their concerts free. After all, they do make bread off their albums. It would seem that they could appear in person just to express their appreciation to theivic-buying public. At least, recognizing the mammoth expense involved, they could present their services free at festivals, just so the tickets could be purchased for, say, two or three clams. At the very least they could play for free after a festival has been declared open to all. If the groups at Byron had been told that the festival would be free only if they took a substantial cut in pay, I wonder what these musicians, the vanguard of the social revolution, would have decided? Keep in mind that Ten Years After was at the Cosmic Carnival but refused to play after being told that there was no money to pay them. Groups are pigs, man. Dig their music, but never forget that it is them as much as anyone else that keeps music from belonging to the people. Let’s hear it for the Grateful Dead! If there is a legitimate musician’s strike, the promoters are asking me for fourteen clams just to go inside and these promoters are asking me for fourteen clams just to go inside. What a nice way to make a living. What a way to make a living.

Saturday afternoon I found myself groovin’ along a highway next to the festival site riding on the fender of a car in an enormous train of hot dirty freaks riding and trucking their way to “The Creek.” “The Creek” turned out to be a muddy stream in the woods just off the highway filled with several hundred brothers and sisters enjoying the revered by most southern tradition of “swimming” naked in the stream hole.

Well, this was all well and good, mind you, but it was getting a little crowded and there wasn’t but one good tree to jump out of, and it was hard to climb on account of the bark tended to scrape the hell out of a fellow’s “neck” crotch. And besides, there was a beautiful clear lake in view on the other side of the highway, and it had a sand beach, a tall sliding board, and diving towers, and even a water fountain.

So naturally people sort of began to proceed over to the lake and were quickly shocked to find themselves up against that anathema to human freedom—a-fuckin’ fence, the armstrong chain link kind. And on the other side of the fence was a short-haired fellow holding a short-haired dog which resembled a wolf and where I come from is known as a “Sooner Dawg,” because he’d sooner eat you than look at you. Nevertheless, several brothers who were either extremely courageous or more probably crazed by the heat and the dope, climbed the fence and faced down the dog and got into a rap with the man about private property and humanity and freedom and such. Being of reasonable faculties, the dog dug the rap and stopped barkin’ and I was later seen to the fence and faced down the dog and got into a rap with the man about private property and humanity and freedom and such. Being of reasonable faculties, the dog dug the rap and stopped barkin’ and I was later seen...
Early in the morning when the sun was still a ball of fire, and red-eyed people had just started to wake up, the man was cold and hungry. He had come to the festival to escape the reality of his life, but now he found himself in a field of mud and sound, with no way back to the city.

The man was a refugee from a world where people were afraid of love and freedom. He had sought refuge in the arms of the pickets and promoters, who had promised him a land of milk and honey. But now he realized that the festival was a trap, a place where he could be used and abused by those who thought they could control him.

The man was determined not to be a pawn in the hands of the promoters. He would fight to keep the festival true to its roots, to keep it free of the corruption of the outside world. He knew that he was not alone, that there were others like him who were fighting for the same thing.

― Meher Baba

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**The Pig Revealed**

So, what do you do? You realize that none of these people or things are the true pigs, they are only forced into their roles by the capitalist system that Lester Maddox thinks was devised by Jesus Christ. As long as this system is allowed to exist in its current exploitative form, groups will be ripped off from the community and turned into media models, charging all the traffic will be for people to see them. These rip-offs will be accomplished by the culture-vulture promoters, also products of the system, who are only too good to package anything that attracts half a million people and sell it back to you in an emasculated form. Woodstock Nation remains one of the worst victims of American imperialism. Charging the gates at Byron was probably the most political thing most of us had ever done. And it was done out of pure selfishness. Sure, we'll charge the semi-freak festival promoters until we are too weak, and show it off right here in Georgia. Come on down and soak up all of the good vibes—missed last August. And there it was, right in the middle of the pecan trees, Woodstock, nicely wrapped so you could take it home and show it to all of your friends. It wasn't enough. You had even included a free stage so that you could groove on the free vibes you were going to miss when you paid your fourteen bills. Every dollar was included in the plan except the excess of mud and shortage of food. Enjoy Woodstock from the comfort of your own living room. The absurdity was evident when Arvin Lee announced "Come, Home," and we all started clapping, having learned our parts down at the Rhodes Theatre. Far out. The whole weekend something was missing. Even when it became free, it was declared free, it didn't just become free. De pure instead of de facto. The essential ingredient of the subculture is spontaneity, and there was little of that there. And no one is to blame. One must instead blame the concept of the festival itself. You certainly couldn't expect the promoters to plan in food shortages so that your sharing would take on meaning. Nor could you blame them for having a free stage. No, they were forced by the system to rob the festival of its spontaneity. The festival will not be this summer's sub-culture, media-hype happening. That was last year. A year before that it was Chicago. Maybe this year it will be the community. But one can't predict it, because prediction would rob it of its authenticity. We must just wait and see. And hope our ride don't fall through. The festival is pig because it attempts to absorb us and put us in a niche. We must never let that happen. Let's hear it for Monterey.
1. If you are stopped and/or arrested by the police, you may remain silent; you do not have to answer any questions about alleged crimes; you should provide your name and address only if requested (although it is not absolutely clear that you must do so). But then do so, and at all times remember the Fifth Amendment.

2. If a police officer is not in uniform, ask him to show his identification. He has no authority over you unless he properly identifies himself. Beware of persons posing as police officers.

3. Police have no right to search your car or your home unless they have a search warrant, probable cause or your consent. They may conduct no exploratory search. That is, one for evidence of a crime unconnected with the one you are being questioned about. (Thus, a stop for an auto violation does not give the right to search the auto.) You are not required to consent to a search; therefore, you should not consent, in front of witnesses if possible. If you do not consent, the police will have to go to court to show probable cause. Arrest may be corrected later.

4. You may not resist arrest forcibly or by going limp, even if you are innocent. To do so is a separate crime of which you can be convicted even if you are acquitted of the original charge. DO NOT RESIST ARREST UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. If you are stopped and/or arrested, the police may search you by patting you on the outside of your clothing. You can be stripped of your personal possessions. Do not carry anything that includes the name of your employer or friends.

6. Do not engage in "friendly" conversation with officers on the way to or at the station. Once you are arrested, there is little likelihood that anything you say will get you released.

7. As soon as you have been booked, you have the right to complete at least two phone calls — one to a relative, friend or attorney; the other to a bail bondsman.

8. You must be allowed to hire and see an attorney immediately.

9. You do not have to give any statement to the police, nor do you have to sign any statement you might give them; and, therefore, you should not sign anything. Take the fifth and fourteenth amendments, because you cannot be forced to testify against yourself.

10. You must be allowed to post bail in most cases, but you must be able to pay the bail bondsman's fee. If you cannot pay the fee, you may ask the judge to release you from custody without bail or to lower your bail. But he does not have to do so.

11. The police must bring you into the court or release you within 48 hours after your arrest (unless the time ends on a week-end or holiday, and they must bring you before a judge the first day court is in session).

12. If you do not have the money to hire an attorney, IMMEDIATELY ASK THE POLICE TO GET YOU AN ATTORNEY WITHOUT CHARGE.

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From Bobby Seale's View

At this point it's very necessary — and the Party is trying to get rid of male chauvinism in all our practice and work in the Party as much as possible. Some males will jump up and say the women are going to take over. I don't think this is the women's idea at all. The women want to be treated equal and like human beings. Out of the Connecticut cut 14, seven of those Black Panther members are women. In Los Angeles in that raid those sisters helped us as much as those brothers did, laid their lives on the line too. So this is very important to understand.

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ALGIERS (LNS) — Kathleen Cleaver, Communications Secretary of the Black Panther Party, is living here in exile with her husband Eldridge. A reporter from the Woman's Page of The Washington Post recently interviewed her. The reporter asked Kathleen what was a woman's role in the revolution — ... waiting to get a recipe for revolutionary apple pie. Kathleen replied: "No one asks what a woman's place in the Revolution is. In wartime conditions, women do the jobs of men. But when the war is over, women are expected to return to their secondary positions. If women can function in men's roles during the war, they can function there all the time. And this viewpoint, women occupying a secondary place in society, is shown to be so fallacious as we always knew it was. "Everything women do is viewed as secondary in capitalist society. Even having a baby is viewed as secondary because men can't do it. "But in a socialist society the labor force needs everybody, and therefore women are not looked on as secondary citizens." Kathleen and Eldridge, who gave the revolution a baby boy, Maceo, last July, are now expecting a second child, according to the Post reporter.

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A Woman Comes True
TRIBAL HOOD

"If our people fight one tribe at a time, all will be killed. They can cut off our fin-
es but not our spirit. We have learnt to fight, we will make a powerful fist."
-- Little Turtle of the Miami Indians, 1791


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OUR

What We Want

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our black community.
   We believe that black people will not be free until we are able to determine our destiny.

2. We want full employment for our people. We believe that the federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment on a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, then the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

3. We want an end to the robbery by the CAPITALIST of our black community. We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which we have made.

4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings. We believe that if the white landlords will not give decent housing to our black community, then the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

5. We want education for our people that expresses the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society.
   We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society, and the world, then he has little chance to relate to anything else.

6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service. We believe that black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of black people. We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States gives a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

BROTHERHOOD

Brother Malcolm once said, "I believe in the Brotherhood of all men, but I don't believe in waiting brotherhood on anyone who doesn't want to practice it with me." Yes, these are words of wisdom and I believe in them. I suggest only give one the respect one gives me and my people. I can practice no more and no less because I'm a Black Man of African descent.

Malcolm X also said, "Victims of Racism are created in the image of racists." I cannot mold myself after some Racist Pig that's enforcing the order of committing genocide against my helpless Brothers and Sisters who don't realize what's coming off at Pig Headquarters.

Wake up, wake up! Brother, it's not too late, join hands, join minds! Let's join the People with Brotherhood and Stop the Racist Pig before it's too late.

I imagine the reader now is puzzled over who we can join hands with. We must face reality.

BLACK PEOPLE MUST realize that ALL BLACK PEOPLE are not cool. Some are, some aren't. Some believe in (you name it). Many may know better than I do. But our time has come when people with a common goal must unite themselves with love and peace. Can you dig it? But first we have to relate this to our White Brothers.

The question is TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

The only solution to our problems is an end to the three levels of oppression: demagoguic politicians, arrogant businessmen, and racist PIG COPS. In these states of America the three levels of oppression come only from the reactionary governments of America. When those who ask what about BLACK Capitalism, we know that the Black masses can deal with the endorsed spokesmen and BOOTLICKERS any time they so desire.

To All Others We Remind Them the Criticism of Weapons Will Never Equal Weapons as Criticism.

All Power to the People. Down with Zionists.

Death to Fascist Pigs!

-- Al Asko Mitchell

8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails. We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

9. We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person who has earned equal economic, social, religious, and environmental, historical and racial background. To those who ask what about BLACK Capitalism, we know that the Black masses can deal with the endorsed spokesmen and BOOTLICKERS any time they so desire.

10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace. And as our major political objective, a United Nations supervised plebiscite to hold throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

When, in the coming human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and nature's God entitlethem, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But, when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing in the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.
There's a cancer of hate and destruction spreading around that Gay Life. A few months ago two guys were arrested for female impersonation, commonly known as being "in drag." Then, Let's hear that word again because of their sexual and personal preferences. Recently, a smoke bomb was thrown into the Basement. This act of aggression against homosexuals clearly dramatizes sadistic, hateful feelings directed at gay people by heterosexual chauvinists. Madison Square, the square in front of the Basement, has been plagued by muggings, beatings, shootings, and police simply laughed at his report. In November, a man was shot in the leg by police and Venetian, the Preacher, was turned from the church to the church. Everyone is welcome.

Father Cobby, St. James Catholic Church

1. (A) There are ranges of points of view in the Catholic Church. (B) It may have been a mistake to begin with, but to pull out now would hurt a lot of innocent people. But continuing the war is hurting a lot of innocent people, too. 2. The church is that we are in favor of birth control, but not when it is used as a total means of birth prevention.

God is Love

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God is Love (cont'd) to p. 16, Go do Good)
Surfers at Savannah Beach are petitioning against the surfing regulations which restrict surfers to the area between 3rd and 7th streets. The waves are best two hours before and after high tide; yet at this time the area is on the rocks and sea wall, surfing impossible except between 6th and 7th streets. At times, even the area between 6th and 7th is unridable. Over one-third of the area assigned to surfing is of no use. Much of the time there are over a hundred surfers in the water trying to ride the block long waves.

The surfers have over 350 names on their petition protesting the lack of space for surfing. The surfing laws at the Beach are enforced, but there are no signs on the beach stating the law. The Beach Police officials seem to enforce only the laws they choose to. The bars stay open on Sundays, which is illegal under state law. Surfing regulations are strictly enforced.

On July 1st, 1978, Jack Macher was arrested for surfing illegally. At 5:10 p.m. with no swimmers around, Macher, Ga. State Surfing Champion, was surfing between 7th and 8th streets, which is legal after 6 p.m.. The Beach lifeguards came and forced Jack to move up to 6th and 7th sts. Several minutes later the police, hip revolvers and all, arrived at the scene of the ‘crime.’ Refusing to come out of the water at first, Macher was charged with surfing in restricted area, and then with disorderly conduct when he argued his case in disgust. On July 20 Macher will go to court on the two charges.

There have been numerous incidents with the local surfers and Beach officials. Something must be done about the lack of space -- surfers need more room. It is too crowded and too dangerous to surf in the restricted areas. If you support the surfers, sign the petition and help them get more space to surf in. Petitions can be signed at the Tybee Island or Savannah Surf Shops.

BY COBBIE R.

The moral to this story (if there is one to be found) is Self-defence is the best defence.

City Hall has really gotten desperate: Alderman Gaudry is now out on a smear campaign against Albion's Voice. He claims that he and City Hall have nothing against Albion. However, since the very beginning of the paper, city government has shown a reluctance to allowing freedom of press.

Next tactic planned according to our inside sources was to be a mass arrest just before election to make a appeal. City Hall was out on a crusade to clean up Savannah of obscenity while the grossset obscenities go on unchecked behind closed doors of business and government. The plan to crack down on Albion's Voice fell through because of a timely interview with this writer on WSV News calling City Hall a bluff. The word from City Hall is that they had no such plans and that they supported freedom of press.

Now it's Gaudry out to get us with fabrications of threatening phone calls and damage to his store which he found when he returned from the golf course (busy businessman and politician, no doubt, out golfing for the afternoon). Even if it were true that someone had called and threatened him and this caller claimed to represent Albion's Voice, why would Gaudry be foolish enough to believe that anyone on our staff could give when their head of gloved repression was opened for the public to see.

Obviously have to protect their boys. Any word from City Hall have nothing against Gaudry's charges against us come as no surprise to us -- we were just wondering what City Hall's next tactic against us would be. This most recent maneuver to smear and harass City Hall has really gotten desperate: Alderman Gaudry, who is rumored to be running for mayor of Savannah, has now taken steps backward; and someone tries to take the child from the mother's arms. He swings and threatens those around him but people continue to come. A struggle ensues and the people win.

Brenda Cooperman, the mother, was checked at Memorial Hospital for injuries. Bad bruises on her arms and sides were the only signs of injury. She may try legal recourse; however, she should not expect any justice in local courts. Judges obviously have to protect their boys. Any witnesses to the incident at Daffin are asked to come forth in behalf of Brenda. She has lost her job as a teller over the incident. Later that same night up comes Sgt. Goin and he orders the park cleared out immediately. Some dare to ask why. ‘Because I say so, just do what I tell ya and nothing will happen,’ Goin growls. David Smith, one of Savannah's finest citizens and one of the people keeping the park scene together, asks the good Sgt. for his name and badge number. Officer Goin reacts in true pig style. David is arrested for cursing and abusing an officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest, none of which is he guilty. David is then thrown up against the paddywagon, his shirt torn, and he is roughed up.

Saturday the 18's Morning News carried a story on the arrest of the alleged LSD sellers. In the article Mr. Price, Chief of Vice Squad, states that as long as the youths in the park behave themselves, they will be allowed to stay. Contacting the City Police on Saturday, we at Albion's Voice were told that arrangements for use of the park had to be negotiated with City Manager Price. Lloyd. Also, assemblies at the park are unlawful. Several times during recent weeks, local goons have attempted to intimidate people with physical violence. In one case a little boy was beaten and several girls were threatened and slammed around. When helped the goons ran; yet no help came from the Police Department -- that only comes when they want to arrest someone for peaceful assembly.

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BY BILL STRONG
INSIDE the MONSTER'S WOMB

When the populous of youth in our society protest, they protest against many things. One of the major things they demonstrate against is that fabulous prospect of our military system which even former General and President Eisenhower had warned against taking too much power to its own ends.

Unfortunately, most people realize very little of what the military has been and is doing to gain its ends. People on the outside of the war machine don't generally think of the military as a Leviathan intent upon turning the world into a police state. With political help such a coo may not be very far away in this very country. Had Wallace's vote for presidency two years off, very few have considered what the interminable government would have been, but generals in Washington were.

People also generally tend to overlook the military's effect on the individual. The GI serves much attention; he has to face and endure the anti-individualistic pressures that the military puts on men, men who either voluntarily or unwillingly surrender their freedom to the war machine.

During one's military career, a GI is constantly threatened with Article 134's and Court-martials. A soldier can receive punishment for any number of things. He can be punished for not knowing who's who in the military; haircut; disrespect to those who outrank him, and hundreds of other things.

While this writer was in Germany, the upper echelons attempted to try me for reading literature considered 'subversive.' This material found in my possession consisted of a copy of Mao Tse-Tung's Little Red Book, several issues of the Berkeley Tribe, and the anti-military newspaper Alley. After contacting my state representative, charges were suddenly dropped. These attempts to try me were a direct attack on my constitutional rights as a citizen.

About four months later they tried the same trick. Again I pulled the same strings and again all was suddenly dropped. If there is one thing the war machine is afraid of, it's adverse publicity. Show you're not afraid and you'll have little to worry about.

--- Dusty

Ed. note: Anyone interested in Draft Counseling, in learning how to draft counsel and helping others from the jaws of the war machine, contact Albion's Voice in the basement of 24 W. Gaston and a date can be set for a group interested in instruction in draft counseling can be set up with the Committee on Non-violence in Atlanta.

A DARK TOMB

A federal judge ruled last week that a soldier accused of atrocities at My Lai could not be tried by court-martial until a three-man civilian judicial panel had decided on the legality of the Vietnam War and the constitutionality of the Army's Uniform Code of Military Justice.

District Judge Albert Henderson made permanent a temporary restraining order obtained by civilian and military lawyers representing Sgt. Esequiel Torres, of Brownsville, Texas. The order marked the first intervention by a civilian judiciary in the pre-trial stages of a court-martial. (from N.Y. Times)

Another Southerner, and a black man, Sgt. David Mitchell of St. Francis, La., is being tried along with Torres and several other U.S. soldiers for the murder of over a hundred Vietnamese civilians at My Lai, Vietnam on March 16, 1968.

Charles L. Welter, a defense attorney contends that U.S. military aggression in Vietnam has been conducted "without constitutional or other lawful authority," on command of President Richard Milhouse Nixon with out a lawful declaration of war by Congress.

Counsel for the Army told the judge that the granting of a permanent injunction would encourage a flood of similar petitions and "hemming the whole system of military justice.

Besides challenging the legality of the war, Welter charged that SYSTEMATIC KILLING OF NONCOMBATANTS IN VIETNAM WAS THE OFFICIAL POLICY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. (our capes) He argued that all those responsible for indiscriminate devastation of human life--not being prosecuted, only Torres and a few other scapegoats. Therefore, because the Generals and politicians who ordered the massacre are not being tried, Torres and other foot-soldiers are being threatened with cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

To support his charge, Welter offered as witness Dr. Peter G. Bourne, a former director of psychiatric research for the Army in Vietnam. In his book, "Men, Stress and Vietnam," Bourne has charged that noncombatants, including women and children, have been systematically included in the Army's "body count" of slain soldiers. Capt. Hornblower
The Black Panther Party is definitely moving in every fashion and form we can to get rid of male chauvinism, to get rid of the dominance over women by males because it’s directly related to the class system itself. It’s cross-related to the racism that exists in America. Even back to the time of the garden of Eden, everything is blamed on the woman by the male, who is continuously dominant. She is the one who supposedly got the apple which caused the so-called sin and everything which is bad, is wrong. But by respecting Huey P. Newton, we turn right back around and say Adam was a jive cat because he wouldn’t even protect the garden of Eden, the land of paradise, from the pig Angel with the flaming sword.

It’s important to observe this in terms of the brainwashing of the system at large. An article I read explained how women are subjected to certain kinds of jobs, etc., and they are regulated from the old male chauvinistic position that a woman’s place is in her home. Now let’s go back to the word “place” and relate it to the racism of the society as it’s perpetuated and maintained by the hired racist killers or associates of the power structure—the racists in society say, “Keep the nigger in his place”—it’s directly related. So, in essence, I think that we can see here the greed for people to understand the oppression of women and, of course, the black man in the Black Panther Party realizes that the black woman is even more oppressed in the society—not only the black woman, but the Indian woman and the brown woman. The white woman is oppressed too, but the point is that racism and chauvinism are interlocked and it’s perpetrated and maintained by the ruling class who are interested in the government—the avatars, demagogic ruling class elite.

I think that the oppression of women that exists—the overall oppression that exists of different peoples—is not going to be solved without the liberation of women.

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[This was excerpted from a longer interview with Bobby Scale published in The Movement]
The Great Escape

Escape from Freedom was... 

Hitler and Nazism were at their peak of popularity in the late 1930s and the totalitarian state cast an ever-growing shadow over a world which had been slowly and painfully working its way toward the concept of individuality found in the dignity of man. Erich Fromm, the author, sets out to analyze what freedom means to modern man, and why and how he attempts to escape from it.

Fromm feels that man has two indispensable needs: (1) self-preservation (which implies working and producing); (2) to be related to the world outside oneself (avoidance of moral absolutes and authority). The two needs are interrelated, and his awareness of himself as an entity. This second need marks a departure from Freud's idea of an basically anti-social. Fromm believes that the two needs are interrelated, and that he cannot tolerate isolation or moral aloneness, but he does not discount the biological drives. One need is equally as important as the other, he says.

With this premise, he has developed the thesis that, although modern man has attained his freedom as an individual, he has lost the feeling of security that his individualistic character had given him. Thus, his freedom, while giving him independence and rationality, has made him feel isolated, powerless, anxious.

Because man cannot bear isolation, he must escape from this negative freedom. He may do so by submitting to some new authority for a sense of security, or by trying to realize his full potential as a unique individual, and thereby attain a feeling of unity with the world.

From this dilemma, according to Fromm, two character types have emerged: authoritarian and autonomist. He describes the authoritarian character as longing for submission to a higher power, while the autonomous character tends to concede to the will of society. All spontaneous feelings of individuality and uniqueness are suppressed in early training, with emotions tabooed and original thinking crushed.

Hitler, Fromm says, is the archetypal authoritarian character who appealed to the needs of the lower classes of Germany. This was made up the backbone of the Nazi movement, who psychologically ready to submit to a strong authority who would promise them security and order. The authoritarian character, the loss of the war and their monarch had shattered their whole basis of life, and the opposition arising as the consequence. Therefore, the rising Nazi party gave them an outlet for their feelings of bitterness and resentment as well as a new authority to submit to.

Fromm then directs his attention to the democracies. He asks if the problems that gave rise to Fascism are not also the same problems that we face: the insufficiency and powerlessness of the individual. He says that we pride ourselves on our right to express ourselves, but that the right expressed something if we have thoughts of our own to express. He feels that the democratic culture has tended to foster the autonomous type of character, and that we have freed ourselves from the overt forms of authority -- church, state, etc. -- only to fall prey to a new kind of authority -- conformity.

According to Fromm, we have become automatons who live under the illusion of being self-willing individuals. Fromm offers no solution to this dilemma, but he does point out the real problem and his insights into man's various character traits are invaluable in pointing out the reasons for some of man's and society's actions. For, as Fromm points out, understanding the reasons for the totalitarian flight from freedom is a prerequisite for any action which aims at the victory over the totalitarian forces. -- Peggy Strong