Letters

Cobb abroad

Dear Comrades,

We are a German weekly newspaper, something like the

Liberation News Service in the States. I'm sending you

this letter because we printed one of Ron Cobb's cartoons

on nuclear power plants without asking for your permission.

Nuclear power plants have been a public issue in Germany

for two years now, ever since hundreds of wine-growers

occupied the grounds of a future nuclear power plant

in 1974. We've been running articles on the subject for 2½

years almost weekly. The issue will last for at least another

year and a half, because of a new plant to be built. Many more

initiatives against them are being started all over Germany.

We've just had a second meeting of the independent

German papers (most of which have just started and are very

small) and we agreed to work together, so that each month

a common subject will be covered by every paper on a

regional and national level. The first go at this will be in

December, and the subject will be nuclear power plants.

Judging from this, I assume that Ron Cobb cartoon, as well as

other, older ones, will appear all over Germany.

Solidarity,

Georg for the ID-collective

Editor's Note: Our German colleagues have a good idea in

uniting the resources of what they call "independent" papers. If the

alternative publications here in the U.S. adopted this "gangster

approach," our potential could be tremendous.

Wholey Mackerele

Dear Editor,

Perhaps the most important problem for mankind today is the

survival of health: how to stay well throughout a reasonable

long life, without ending it in pain, in a hospital.

There are two paths humanity can take. One is the broad

and "easy" path of materia medica: with its drugs and surgery,

in the vain belief that these will keep and make one well in

the vain belief that one can abuse the body with all kinds of bad habits, and yet

go scot free, regaining health with pills, drugs, injections

and surgery.

The other path is the narrow

one, and fewer find and take it. It is caring for the body

through a wise use of the "alimentary essentials"—fresh

good food, pure water, sunshine, exercise, rest, and peace

of mind. It is not putting into the body what the

what was never intended to enter it—alcohol, tobacco,

food with chemicals, drugs, polluted air, impure

water, tension, hate, emotional

disturbances and imbalance.

True, in modern city

life, all these elements are not easy to avoid, nor their oppo

sites easy to attain or find—such as pure air. There are so

many adverse conditions in the

world today that good health is not easy to attain. However,
every attempt must be made to

live as simple a life as possible, avoiding the body as little as possible.

Today the big story is the

SWINE FLU IMMUNIZATION

PROGRAM, being operated by the

U.S. government. Millions are going down this bread,

and the easy path, the easy way. The government that has a

danger of a swine flu epidemic, believing the government that the

dispensed vaccine will save America from such an

epidemic, believing the government that the vaccine is safe

and effective.

We do not have the space here to tell you all the facts.

Came to the FALL FESTIVAL OF HEALTH—HEALING THE

ENTIRE PERSON, two full days—Nov. 12 and 13—at the

Congress Hall, 900 Francisco

Street, downtown Los Angeles.

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department reports, "The average woman worker earns less than three-fifths of what a

man does, when both work full-time round the year."

ZNS—Two Purdue University psychology professors reporting that pornography has the greatest influence on the very people who are most likely to be hurt.

Doctors William Fisher and Doris Byrne report they gave a battery of tests to 52 married couples, and then showed them a 10-minute film depicting a

man and woman making love.

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Special Gift Offer

Brr! Brr! Brr! It's that time of year again! Next thing you know, people are going to be selling all kinds of junk on you that you didn't want.

But at least you don't have to cave in and give them your money. You can give them something that will benefit them all year long.

You don't really need to hear the rest of this

thing and dance. It's in every periodical around this
globe, and I know of people who waste just any periodical.

This Christmas, Changsah, scibili, or what
daughter some yew name, has included a 1-year subscription to the L.A. TIMES, the momentous time of the

first, second, and any other time of the

week, for $5. (Regularly $10. So—Save the time!)

You're reading the LOS ANGELES VANGUARD, and by now you know it's well, if not a cut above the rest, at least an entirely
different one.

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L.A.'s elderly: bodies for sale

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According to Jeffrey Caster, a criminal investigator, nursing homes lose money from medical and medical procedures they have empty beds. As a result, some pay "bounty to headhunters to find elderly patients. One member of the ring, posing as a representative of a local alcohol rehabilitation program to the Los Angeles District Attorney, reportedly had been elderly alcoholics relatives for the treatment, according to Caster, the turned around and sold real elderly people to the nursing homes for $125 a month.

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sidered sex very important in their lives, were apparently not even influenced by the movies.

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Don't Watch What We Say

Surprise?

Men still get more

ZNS—Men are still collecting faster paychecks than most women.

This is the word from the U.S. government's commerce department, which reported that families headed by males had a median income of $13,347 this year, compared with female-headed households, whose salaries averaged about $8,500 each.

One out of 10 women workers heads a family in the United States, the commerce department states. Despite this, the department reports, "The average woman worker earns less than three-fifths of what a man does, when both work full-time round the year."

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Phone Co. releases credit records

Ma Bell is now Big Brother

(American Telephone and Telephone, each), could be in violation of Federal Communications Commission regulations, the 1972 Heart Act, and the Privacy Act, not to mention any state statutes.

You may wonder what difference it would make if police had to simply obtain subpoenas to get the information. In terms of the police, it would have been impossible, possibly, to the courts would at least ask that some evidence of "probable cause" be provided first that a crime was or would be committed. The major effect would be to make no access to this information by non-police agencies, such as private investigators, Interpol, and credit bureaus.

It seems common sense sources have told the L.A. Vanguard that these kinds of outfits can get information from the phone company indirectly by cultivating personal contacts in agencies with access. For example, investigators in the Veteran Disease program, which was cut off from the access list as a result of the public's, now get the information through the L.A. County Sheriff's Office via low-key contacts between investigators in both departments. Ishikawa's testimony came just in time. P.U.C. hearing examiner Philip E. Blacker had just scolded CAUSE attorney Jonathan Greenberg for

In his testimony before the public Utilities Commission last week when he said the phone company does not give out credit information.

The significance of Ishikawa's testimony was not lost on CAUSE attorney Tepper. While she was talking, he leaned over and sketched something on a piece of legal paper. It was a picture of a smoking gun with the words, "Testimony has to keep on wondering, at least for now. Although the phone company keeps records of what it calls its "interface", with "public safety agencies," it does not voluntarily inform its subscribers when one of these organizations requests or receives personal information. Mansfield testified that it was the phone company policy to notify a customer only if the customer asked for it, but he added, "the agency specifically requests us not to inform the customer."

In other words, it is highly likely that you will not even know if your name, address, unlisted phone number, credit information, or toll call records were requested.

Sarnoff, once chairman of the Los Angeles anti-Vietnam War Peace Action Council, and prosecutor of a so-called "official number," testified that he had written William Bowman, head of P.T.T.'s L.A. security office, asking which agencies had requested and received his unlisted information.

"The first time I wrote, he sent me the list of agencies eligible to get the numbers," he said. "When I wrote again, by certified mail, to ask for specific information, got the same receipt signed by Bow- man, but no reply." Probably whatever agencies had asked also asked that Sarnoff not be notified.

After the hearing, attorney Tepper noted that the state statistics that were $50,000,000 fine for providing perjurious information to the government agency, and there is the possibility perjury was committed because of P.T.T.'s written submission to the P.U.C. made prior to the hearing, which claimed that unlisted information was given out to agencies after receipt of written requests for the information. Under cross-examination by Tepper, Mansfield admitted under oath that the policy of P.T.T. was submitted to the commission in its written submission was not P.T.T.'s oral policy. In his testimony he admitted that is practice the vast majority of requests came in over the phone.

P.T.T. and General Telephone in California were not the only phone systems involved in the unlisted information racket disclosed last May, and it can be safely assumed that all Bell System subsidiaries nationwide (as well as all the smaller phone companies) are doing the same to assist the national police network with credit and toll call information.

A P.T.T. operations manual circulated as evidence at last week's P.U.C. hearing clearly explained to local security offices agents how to efficiently handle requests for unlisted information received from the Bell subsidiary in Wisconsin, D.C. And as John Whalen, assistant director of security operations for the New York City Company in Manhattan, said, "It is the policy of all subsidiaries of the Bell System to give out unlisted information to approved government agencies."

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FIGHT BACK
Worker Control: Who needs the boss?

Mary Lou Johnson

Recently I was at a party and wound up in a heavy political discussion in the kitchen. People kept coming into the kitchen to replenish their drinks, which involved the use of a very sophisticated refrigerator with one of those doors which service you with iced water, crushed ice, etc., from outside the door. You know the kind. You push your glass against a lever and, like magic, your glass is filled.

Someone remarked, “Hello, there’s a little man in there shuffling out that ice!” To which someone replied, “How do you know it’s not a woman?” To which I replied, “Man or woman, it’s only got twelve fingers to live!” because that is the rate at which a worker dies from an accident or industrial- related disease in this country.

There was a moment of shocked silence as the realization that our kitchen appliances, automobiles, clothing, furnishings, and all the things that comprise the everyday life of a consumer in our affluent society are provided at the expense of the health and safety of the worker.

At that moment, we were all struck with the invisibility of the worker in our society. About the only time the worker enters our consciousness is when there is a strike. The ensuing reaction is generally resentful of the demand for higher wages which will be passed on to the consumer in higher prices.

The excessive profits and exploitive working conditions of the corporations are seldom introduced into the public consciousness, while the seemingly excessive demands of the worker are given full play.

The giant corporations have pursued a policy of downward negotiation which kills 14,000 workers and permanently disables 900,000 more every year.

There are literally tens of thousands of untested chemicals put on the market each year and the worker is the guinea pig. If these chemicals produce symptoms similar to leukemia or the flu, that’s what the company doctor decides you have. For that minority of workers who belong to a union, there is some protection but that protection is enforced by a government agency which has no enforcement power.

Let’s talk about unions a bit. At that point I’d like to present my qualifications. I was chief steward in my plant and a member of the contract negotiating committee, a member of the Executive Board of my local, and a delegate to both our regional conferences and International convention.

I went from sixty-year-old organizer to totally disillusioned.

So we form an uneasy alliance with the people who live off our sweat, blood and lives for the purpose of protecting us from the people who live off our sweat, blood and lives! Guess what happened with the union? The union is a hired gun available to the highest bidder.

The point is that you don’t need the union and the reason you don’t need the union is that you don’t need the boss. This is most commonly stated as “the workers owning the means of production.” It’s a great idea if you’re a worker. It’s not as practical if you’re someone who is dependent on the system. It’s a hard idea to translate into the physical aspects of the system. In the end, I believe a society which is dependent on the system is refusing to grasp the obvious.

“We worship at its shrine and sacrifice ourselves to the corporate pig.”

I have my natural engineer who invents, designs and constructs the product at least half the salary of the engineer with the degree who gets all the credit.

This monster has no life without you. You don’t need it. The corporation is a fantasy, a chimera, a mass hallucination.

Can you imagine that we have allowed ourselves to be mesmerized into accepting the legality of the business corporations as a person and, furthermore, allowing it to have rights?

O.K. So you still think that somehow, somewhere there’s someone in the hierarchy that has some kind of equity in the corporation.

I am convinced that our society is not as bad as we’ve been led to believe. I am convinced that our society is still the same as it was 200 years ago. We have a system that is designed to perpetuate a hierarchy which produces power from the worker.

Obviously, this is a perversion, but in the minds of most workers, a necessary evil. “Better to have union than no union at all.” Sort of like bad breath!

Mary Lou Johnson is a member of the Free Women’s Union and a good friend of the Los Angeles Catholic community who works at the Salvation Army in Downtown Los Angeles.
Worldwide police net: closer than you think

Interpol runs amok in California

By R. J. DeWitt

Interpol, the international police organization, has been at it again. This time, the organization has been involved in an investigation into the activities of a known criminal. The investigation, which has been going on for months, has led to the arrest of several suspects in California.

The investigation began when Interpol received a tip from a confidential source that a known criminal was planning to enter California. Interpol immediately launched an investigation, and within days, several warrants were issued for the arrest of the suspected criminals.

The investigation led to the arrest of several individuals, including a known criminal who had been wanted by Interpol for months. The criminal was charged with several offenses, including drug trafficking and racketeering.

The case has sparked much controversy, with some calling for the termination of Interpol’s activities. However, others believe that Interpol is an essential tool in the fight against crime.

Despite the controversy, Interpol continues to work hard to keep the world safe. The organization has played a crucial role in many high-profile cases, and its efforts are often praised by law enforcement officials.

The case in California is just one example of Interpol’s work. The organization continues to work tirelessly to keep the world safe from criminal activity.
Throwing money to the wind

Group swaps services

Libby Binder
You cat needs a shot, your car demands a tune-up, and you could use a home-cooked meal. All those things cost money—but diminishing emotional resources. What to do?

Don’t despair. A new organization has been devised for people like you. Without spending an inflated cent—except for materials—cat, car and stomach can be taken care of. With a little creative effort, of course.

Free Sig is a labor cooperative based in West Los Angeles which provides free services to its members. First organized as an affiliate of Mensa, the society for high IQ people, Free Sig (Special Interest Group) opened to the public in Los Angeles six months ago. Now more than 100 members offer 150 services.

The list of services is impressive. They include: accounting, child care, insurance advice, house painting, piano lessons, plumbing, household repairs, swimming instruction, TV repair, veterinary medicine, yoga instruction, and scores of others.

The system is simple. Members commit a number of hours per week to the labor pool. There is no minimum or maximum amount of time required; that decision is individual. On the average, though, most members commit between 2 and 6 hours weekly. When contacted to provide service, members give their time freely and without obligation. If direct cost is involved—such as for home-prepared Dallas L’Orange—then the recipient pays for it. But the provider prepares the dinner at no cost.

Not reaching the poor is a problem.

If a member receives more requests for services in a week than he is committed for, his name is removed from the list of current providers. After working off his “backlog,” he is relisted. The co-op publishes monthly bulletins to inform clients about available services. Since many of the services are professional, he is prepared to offer such assistance—and who isn’t.

That someone is Richard Johnson, member of Greater Los Angeles Mensa and organizer of Free Sig.

Johnson says he patterned Free Sig on the Labor Gift Plan, a group active in New York during the early 1960s. Johnson administers Free Sig from his apartment (11-P, 1623 Granville Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90025). To those who send stamped, self-addressed envelopes, he sends information sheets and applications. He also updates the directory and supplements which are mailed to members.

The responsibility is making sure that providers of professional services are qualified. The hall holds

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Olstieller joined the committee this year. Another Clevelander, a long time in the nature of the services of them are exchanged and relatively unpaid. He cites the card sale, an example. The card sale was called a "specialized skill card," a day of the week to request service. Clevelander and legal protection of possible law suits. However, the Free Sig committee, with a waiver clause on liability, does in part: "All accept such service forms the person or property.

FREE SIG, its agents, and clients bear the claims, demands, arising directly from the service provided. Administrator Johnson: "This protects members, law suits." But Clevelander convinced. The mostly professional of the services and members—who appear to be well-intentioned, intelligent, and successful—on issue. Such an organization may attract the most of those with a comfort style which allows for hours. But would a woman with three toddlers 5 years old and an unemployed husband realistically time—and energy? says Mary Hughes, editor: Not reaching is a problem. And, admittance of offering any "mental healthasures, who has a condition, says. She appreciates some help. But, I mean, maybe in the directory they are Johnson, he now is semi-retired a mystique about Free Sig is not so the slightest. He suggested that she might benefit from his real estate advice. She didn’t. A certified accountant, Sandy Olstie, who offers Spanish and instructions in designing crafts, says, "I believe in sharing." Ms. Leisher has not called—or been called—for services. But she was contacted by a member (whom she already knew slightly). The member said, of services, the better Sig is to be." The group is going national.

Next, Monday, May 3rd is represented in it (one member in Japan). Johnson has a new coordinator. Ruth Silver handle East Coast affairs. Johnson plans more national and mail-order services, the latter for "the services, the better Sig is to be," The group is going national.

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**Police Bug Lawyers’ Beeps**

Rifles aren’t the only thing the police are stopping and monitoring these days. A private attorney in Fresno learned recently that his private “beeper alert” system was being monitored by the Fresno Police and possibly by the state Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, too.

Attorney James J.V. Henry, who has filed a complaint with the state’s Public Utilities Commission, claims that the company providing him with the system—Code Communications Inc.—turned his private friendlies into police scanners.

Henry said he first learned of the use of police friendlies in this case he was not a part of an agreement where police friendlies were to be used for surveillance of their client. "It was a request made by my insurance company and it, of course, not a desire of the police," said Henry.

"I was not told that the police were paying attention. I told them that the police were paying attention. Yet, they were paying attention." Henry said.

The police officer is in question is a Wm. D. Smith who said he had already taken steps to remove the device.

Attorneys for the Fresno Police Department, however, have said that the company has always been told that the police were paying attention. They have also said that the police were paying attention.

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It's a busy week for the city's cultural calendar with a number of colorful events. From films to lectures, exhibits to services, there's something for everyone.

films

A handful of exciting films are currently screening across the city. Don't miss "The Godfather," now showing at the Academy Theater, or "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," available at the Multiplex Cinemas. Both are popular choices for movie-goers looking for a classic or new thrilling experience.

lectures

For those interested in learning, there are lectures happening throughout the week. "The Rise of AI in Society" is scheduled for tonight at the University of California, Los Angeles, and "Exploring the Future of Space Exploration" can be found at the Getty Center. Both are free and open to the public.

exhibits

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is hosting an exhibition on "Expressionist Art," showcasing a collection of paintings from the early 20th century. The exhibition includes works by famous artists like Picasso and Van Gogh. The museum is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm and admission is free.

services

For those needing a break from the hustle and bustle, the city offers a variety of services. The Los Angeles Public Library is open daily and offers various resources, including books, newspapers, and magazines. The city's parks also provide a relaxing atmosphere for leisurely activities.

It's a vibrant week in the city, with a lot to offer for everyone. Whether you're a film buff, a learner, an art enthusiast, or just looking for a service, there's something for you in the city's calendar.
Assassination footnote

Jeff Cohen

When the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigating the John F. Kennedy assassination begins calling witnesses, it will be Sheriff Roger Craig. One of the most important witnesses in the Kennedy case, Craig died in 1975, at the age of 39. Fortunately, Craig’s testimony has been preserved in a videotape documentary produced by Mark Lane, and narrated by John Henry Faulk. Entitled Footnote to the Assassination, the 90-minute documentary is based on lengthy interviews with Craig recorded in his last year. (It previewed this September at the American Film Institute in L.A.) The producers hope to syndicate Footnote on television early next year; they are not overly optimistic, if aired, it would be the first documentary on JFK that did not accept the Warren Report’s lone assassin conclusion.

The film is composed of segments from Craig’s interview intercut with supporting material from Warren Commission documents and other witnesses. The following is Roger Craig’s testimony:

Craig was standing in front of the Secret Service’s office, a half-block from Dealey Plaza, when he first noticed the shots rang out. He ran to the Plaza and quickly bumped into a Secret Service agent, Arnold Rowland, and his wife. Rowland told Craig that he saw two men on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.

Rambler station wagon. The woman shot out the Elm Street past the Triple Underpass before Craig could get to the vehicle. Later that day, Craig was told by a Secret Service agent that the woman who ran down the street of the Depository, we know. The Warren Report placed Oswald on the street in front of his house. If not Oswald, who did see Craig, where there a woman? Craig was just one of many eyewitnesses who claimed to have seen Oswald at a place in time when the Warren Report established Oswald to be elsewhere. This pattern has given rise to speculation in numerous articles and a book about “the second Oswald”.

Craig is the latest in a long line of witnesses who have come forward with evidence that contradicts the Warren Commission’s conclusions. However, many of these witnesses have been ignored or dismissed by those in power. It is crucial that we continue to listen to these voices and investigate the truth behind this tragic event.

The documentary is a powerful reminder of the need for continued research and investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. It is a must-watch for anyone interested in the truth behind this historic event.
Changing the body to change the mind

Women's power is physical

Sharon Milan

It's not everyday you see a man who is 6' 5" standing in the middle of a room, holding a plastic hammer, and saying, "I'm going to break your heart." But that was exactly what I was thinking when I first laid eyes on the man who would become my self-defense instructor.

Women's self-defense classes are becoming increasingly popular, and for good reason. The statistics are startling: according to the National Institute of Justice, 1 in 5 women will be victim of sexual violence in their lifetime. Yet, women are often taught to be subservient and docile, which can make them more vulnerable.

The self-defense classes I attended were unlike anything I had ever experienced before. We were taught how to use our bodies as weapons, how to defend ourselves against attackers, and how to use our minds to outmaneuver them. It was empowering to learn how to protect myself, and I left each class feeling stronger and more confident.

One of the most important things I learned was the importance of awareness. I was taught to be aware of my surroundings at all times, to avoid situations where I might be vulnerable, and to trust my instincts. This has been invaluable in both my personal and professional life.

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EDITORIAL

The newspapers and electronic media these days have been filled with stories about Henry Kissinger’s belated efforts to salvage the reputation of the United States among emerging black African nations in southern Africa (Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe, Namibia).

After decades of openly supporting the colonial powers (Germany, France, Great Britain, Portugal, South Africa), the U.S. has been forced to admit that the tide has turned—colonialism is dead.

Not imperialist, though. And U.S.-based corporations are assuring that American imperialist power dominates Africa, regardless of any public relations ploys which would depict the U.S. as an impartial arbitrator between African nationalists and white rulers.

The ad on this page, part of an ad published recently in a South African newspaper, the Rand Daily Mail, shows what wide America’s corporate rulers are on.

The “imperceptible” referred to in the ad is a semblance of black liberation forces and their white colonial rulers—during South Africa’s intervention in Angola, or at home, where four million white South Africans face increasing unrest and rebellion from the 18 million blacks who suffer under that country’s system of “apartheid,” forced racial separation and subjugation, and who have virtually no rights.

Last month’s black uprising against white supremacy in South Africa resulted in the massacre of 174 blacks and the wounding of 1,000 others—according to government figures. Black South Africans leaders claim many thousands of blacks were killed. Only a few whites died clashing with the protests. South Africa’s government has been condemned by the United Nations for “illegitimate,” and American leaders publicly criticize apartheid (though the U.S. and its friends in the U.N. Security Council, the colonial powers of France and Great Britain, joined recently in voting a plan to take economic sanctions against South Africa. But away from public scrutiny, U.S. corporations have billions of dollars invested in South Africa. And away from public scrutiny, the repressive white regime of ex-President John Vorster, today with Vorster pointedly hailed as a “South African Victory” in a banner headline in the Johannesburg Star, and Adidas’ ad speaks for itself.

The ad is reminiscent of General Motors and Ford ads which appeared in Nazi German military magazines during World War II, at a time when the big U.S. auto firms were building most of Germany’s military trucks and numbers of its warplanes—with profits accruing to U.S. stockholders. One appearing in a 1942 edition of German Air Force, reads, “With the new GM and Ford Motors, World War II.” At the end of World War II, General Motors and Ford ads which appeared in Nazi German military magazines during World War II, at a time when the big U.S. auto firms were building most of Germany’s military trucks and numbers of its warplanes—with profits accruing to U.S. stockholders. One appearing in a 1942 edition of German Air Force, reads, “With the new GM and Ford Motors, World War II.”

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Dory Previn: going it alone

When you see her (and you will see her you'll love to), you can hear that song about the Hindenburg and the Cafe Miranda and the little girl who grew up to be a singer (and you will see her you'll love to) you want to hear Previn really is the child prodigy no more. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald were only 30 when they married, and I don't know when you're 30 you can't hear in her music—poetry, sound, and the sound of the music—her sound and her spirit and her honeyed voice and her honeyed soul, and you'll hear it in her music and in her song, "My God, I'm going to name my car 'Bette Davis'" that touch of music and despair, wonder and all the rest of it.

I saw it when I saw her. Scott and Zelda all rolled into one. The crazy Saturday, May 31. I saw them all, and then I saw her. Scott and Zelda all rolled into one. She was singing, "You and me because she kissed me twice and I was the only one." And all the rest of it.

A friend of mine, the daughter of Zelda and Scott would survive. We were all at the head of the table. The camera man and the machine down in a small room. The water flowing into the glass. She was splashing around in the water. "I don't know if she's alive," she said, "but I'm terribly allergic to water." She suffocated. She was seen by my friend, the daughter of Zelda and Scott.

Previn was one of the most wonderful people in the world. I had heard the story as a child, and I knew the story. I knew the story because her father had told me the story.

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FILM

Saying from simple propaganda

"Union Maid" filmmakers Julia Reubert, Jim Kitchin, and Miles Mogulescu bring a lively spirit to their topic—women labor organizer of the 1930s—that heightens our understanding of this period in labor history. By viewing their subject through the eyes of these women who were catalysts for change, the filmmakers infuse ideas with emotion; the synthesis is a documentary which speaks to our feelings as well as our intellect.

The three women—Sylvia, Stella, and Katherine—take us on a personal journey through a tenuous environment and a factory where each began her organizing work. The filmmakers capture the women with candor and with unflinching candor, showing us a treacherous and tenuous environment of their comments that this lesson so effective.

When Sylvia explains that a white man was brought into the laundry to be the "lady," even though black women do the laundry, but she didn't use, she shared our indignation.

The immediate, personal aspect is what makes "Union Maid" so interesting. The film's subjects are portrayed with care, bringing depth to their stories. The women's struggle for social justice is presented with empathy and sensitivity. Their resilience and determination are inspiring.

The film's approach is that of a structure, giving form to the women's experiences. The filmmakers use music, archival footage, and interviews to create a multi-layered narrative. The result is a powerful and evocative piece that will leave a lasting impression on its viewers.

Welsby films parallel environment

Chris Welsby had an evening screening at the Theatre Vanguard. His films are elegant landscape studies, in which the film is the primary complement to the complex environment. The changes in the countryside are reflected and paralleled by modifications in the camera set-up: the simplest camera, the camera that allows the viewer to see the world from the eyes of someone who is seeing it for the first time, the camera that is concerned with the immediate, the emotional, the immediate moment. The film is a reflection of the present, a reflection of the past, a reflection of the future. The film is a reflection of the world, a reflection of the human experience.

THEATER

'False Promises' drama rings true

The mighty Mino Troupe came through LA on a rag and bone tour, played four nights, and made the Cincinnati Red look like the Metzville Quintet. In their fifteen consecutive years on the boards (and mainly in the parks of San Francisco), the Mino Troupe swept through its magnificent play about class struggle. False Promises/No Es Engana (We've Been Hauled) to a sustained standing ovation from a packed house at Prenath Arena.

The play succeeds amply as a stark, narrative drama. Not even the Los Angeles theater critic, who could deny its "historical" value, nor the fact that the Troupe has the best acting ability to "make the audience forget". But most important is the profound force, the moral power, the Mino Troupe gives to the audience— the lives of the poor, the workers, the exploited, and the oppressed. The play is an attack on the power of the working class from the get-go, and claims no less than a vision of total victory for the international working people over capitalism and imperialism as its most passionate hope.

False Promises/No Es Engana weaves a miner's struggle (based on the real events of the mine in Cuba and on the fact that the miners were driven back a trail of scab and the need to push the strike leaders, the need for reform) into the story of the "savages" of the mine. The film is a reflection of the present, a reflection of the past, a reflection of the future. The film is a reflection of the world, a reflection of the human experience.
Music

Let the music industry take heed; a Don Quijote has set forth to vanquish it.

And the music-marketing establishment is not the lone target of Peter Yarrow’s lance. For Yarrow, formerly one-third of Peter, Paul and Mary, seems music as the magic weapon which can bring about a popular takeover of the entire American system.

Music, he explains, is, the force that can transform an idea into a movement, the force which gave the civil rights and anti-Vietnam war movements the impetus to change national policy.

“"The entire genesis of the energy and the form of all the ideals and attitudes were first and most poignantly examined in music,” said Yarrow.

Peter Yarrow’s quest:

To reclaim the real music

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FAT FREDDY'S CAT in "ANIMAL CAMP"

BY SPLEN & SHERIDAN

In this issue of Vanguard, we feature a comic strip by Spelen & Sheridan. The strip titled "Fat Freddy's Cat in "Animal Camp"" is a humorous take on a situation where a pet cat finds itself in the midst of an animal shelter, surrounded by various animals, including dogs, birds, and rodents. The comic plays on the stereotype of cats being aloof or indifferent, as the cat tries to make friends with the other animals despite their initial reactions of fear or rejection. The strip is a light-hearted and amusing commentary on the theme of acceptance and friendship, despite differences.