Pittsfield Evictions Unexplained
Where have all my neighbors gone?

by Claudia Green

Conflict between McKinley Properties and the tenants of Pittsfield Village has heated up recently in the wake of a slew of unexplained eviction notices to young families, elderly and low-income tenants. At least a dozen Village tenants have without warning received notice from McKinley that their leases will not be renewed, according to Pittsfield Village Tenants Union (PVTU) co-founders Leslie Riester and Martha Perkins.

Pittsfield Village, a 422-unit rental housing complex in southeastern Ann Arbor, had provided affordable housing for 40 years. But in January 1986 the Village was taken over by McKinley Properties, a large company started in the late sixties by Ann Arbor resident Ron Weiser. Since then rents have skyrocketed.

The Pittsfield Village Tenants Union (PVTU) was formed when tenants found the new owners unresponsive to their needs and in March 1987, a rent strike was organized through the Union. The strike resulted in some repairs, but according to a PVTU spokesperson, tenants complained that the work was shoddy and extremely disruptive with workers pounding on roofs, breaking out windows and entering apartments without warning.

Many of the tenants who have held on through what they considered disruptive repairs, insensitive management, and rent hikes averaging 12-15% a year have now received a form letter from McKinley denying them a chance to renew their lease.

Nancy McAllister, a 22-year resident of the Village, received such a letter on November 7, 1987. The letter instructs McAllister to vacate her apartment by January 1, 1988 or face $30 per day rent, or even "physical eviction." The letter includes suggestions that she seek for new housing in area newspapers or other cities, buy into a co-op or go to the welfare office.

McAllister was first sent a letter instructing her to accept or reject her new lease. When she called the Village management office to inform them that she had not received a new lease they checked their records and told her that she would not be offered a new lease. They did not offer any explanation. McAllister has been active in the PVTU.

Five-year Pittsfield tenant Carrie O'Durna was offered a new lease with a $50 per month rent hike, but before she could sign it she was informed that the offer was revoked and that she had six weeks to move out. A 30-day extension was denied to her.

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You don't need to leave the country to get a world view

by Lee Bresseur

Across the border lies a resource we Americans don't often take advantage of—television—specifically CBET, Channel 9, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) station in Windsor. Oh, sure, there may be one or two programs you like to watch, like the British dramas that appear before PBS has gotten hold of them. But, you might be surprised to learn that the best part of Canadian television is the news broadcasts.

Americans, who have grown up watching American network news, tend to believe that the United States is the center of the world. Given the network news' focus on Washington and on U.S. reaction to global events, that's not really an inaccurate supposition. Many of us just don't realize we have been getting a distorted view of the world. Often, it takes a trip overseas to realize this. But living on a border means you don't have to travel—you can just choose to tune in. Whether it's a report from Mozambique or a feature from France, Canadian news takes you into each particular country so that you become aware of the world as a global village. And this can have enormous consequences in terms of your feelings and actions.

CBC news has made the commitment to improve not only the quality of its presentations but the shape of its format. For thirty years CBC news consisted of a twenty-five minute report at 11 pm. But, on January 11, 1982, CBC took what John Owens of The National called an "enormous risk." They moved the news to prime time—10 pm—and changed the format to an hour presentation: twenty minutes of news summary (The National) and forty minutes of current affairs (The Journal). After the commercial-free National, The Journal offers a program featuring documentaries, live interviews with people from around the world and many special features. Critics claimed the move to prime time would be disastrous, but it actually increased viewership by one and a half million viewers. "The gamble," as Owen calls it, paid off.

This summer when the South African-backed MNR killed hundreds of people in a massacre in Mozambique, the CBC's Journal pulled from its files a documentary done earlier in the year on Mozambique. In the documentary a CBC correspondent stood in a village not far from what would later be the site of the massacre. As he took us through the countryside, the camera showed the people in their houses; working in the fields; gathering to discuss how best to defend themselves. What was so different about this documentary was the dual focus—a concern and respect for both the presentation of facts and the portrayal of the people as intelligent self-directing human beings; not as a people in need of assistance from another nation. In essence, CBC presented a story without reference to how Canada as a larger, more powerful nation felt about it.

John Owen says U.S. news makers tend to be "xenophobic" in their coverage of the world. And they do tend to be afraid of featuring news stories that do not have specific connotations for the American people or government. But in Canada, broadcasts often contain more foreign news than domestic. In fact, in the period from August 31 to September 6, CBC devoted 55% of its coverage to foreign news. This summer, as part of its commitment to foreign news, it presented a documentary on the conflicts in Central America. Entitled Seeds of Revolution, it showed an overview of the turmoil in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cuba and El Salvador from 1900 on. By examining each country's history separately you had an overview of how the seeds of revolution were sown throughout the region and how U.S. involvement had been the major contributor to the upsurge. But it also featured the struggles within the countries themselves.

This lack of a world-dominating perspective lends itself to a different version of objectivity. Such attention to world affairs, though, is not just the news' domain. CBC recently aired a four-part series on the world food shortage in prime time.

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by Kim Groome

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Bulbs not Bombs
by Arlin Wasserman

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A Day at the Wildflour Bakery
by Danny Calderone

Wildflour. General job areas are divided among the bakers; one watches the oven and the bread rising in the "proof box"; another is responsible for mixing the day's bread and cookie doughs; and the third takes care of the customers and activities around the kneading table. In order to keep each area running smoothly, to introduce volunteers to new tasks, and to take care of customers' needs, the bakers must maintain constant communication. Communication is vital: during each shift, with the community, and at every meeting. Coordinators. Consensus is the mode of decision making. When all the coordinators feel comfortable with an issue, it has been resolved. It can sometimes be a long process, but it is assuredly one that involves all concerned in every aspect of an issue.

Our alternative business' success is very tied up in routine. There would be no success without all the time and care put into every step of the operation. Communication is vital: during each shift, with the community, and at every meeting. Coordinators, volunteers, and the community at large enhance the success for which we are both responsible and grateful. Greetings from Wildflour Community Bakery.

Recipes

Russian Tea Cookies
Cream together: 1 c. butter, 3/8 c. honey, 2 t. vanilla
Mix flour and nuts with butter mixture. Scoop onto cookie sheet in small mounds, form a depression in the center of each cookie and fill with organic jam, mashed fruit, etc. Bake at 350 for 14 minutes.

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Cream 1 1/2 c. butter, 2/3 c. maple syrup and 1 1/2 c. chopped walnuts
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Covenent
(from page 3) Why not switch to a long distance service with no weapons contracts, like MAX/Allnet or MC1? Instead of power tools made by TRW, purchase tools made by Black and Decker, Echco, or Sihl.

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It seems to me that this sort of have their freedom so abruptly curtailed. Why wait for something "wrong" to happen? plain "sit up straight" rationally, maybe it's to wander into a situation where they need to basically I believe in a certain sense of because I believe in yoga, that the energy proper, use some self-discipline. I could exercise freedom we find that we're of content. For example, I'll be sitting around with some kids. A kid gets loud, not we're doing and I don't know if it's always There will be a certain amount of failure, and the pursuit no less anti-education to deal with this environment, people need time and space. But the kids get wild once in a while; we all do. We have to have faith in the kid too. My response to this is that all kinds of cultural and societal forces are trying to get a hook in the kids by the time they're two. Plenty of people have twelve people at the table eating, everyone can't be people think you can do anything until a kid gets sassy or breaks their weaknesses. A vigilance which requires a moral energy most of us are incapable of doing this. This involves a lot of discipline. I read something recently in a book by an Australian woman who crossed the desert with camels ('Tracks' by Robyn Davidson). She says that . . . to be free one needs constant and . . . nurturing, and care. The discipline involved in this is personal and spiritual. When you try to exercise freedom we find that we're more restricted than we think. By a certain cultivation of personal habits, people find freedom.

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leave this intact you have to work harder than if you were trying to create Society's out there pounding all the time, trying to get a hold of their minds and spirits. The point is to keep their minds and spirits free. Paradoxically this involves a lot of discipline. I read something recently in a book by an Australian woman who crossed the desert with camels ('Tracks' by Robyn Davidson). She says that . . . to be free one needs constant and . . . nurturing, and care. The discipline involved in this is personal and spiritual. When you try to exercise freedom we find that we're more restricted than we think. By a certain cultivation of personal habits, people find freedom.

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Interfaith Council for Peace and First Baptist Church. The fourth annual Alter- native Holiday Fair, Dec 6 (see CAL), 663-1870. Products from several local organi- zations will be available along with such gifts as: chickens, cows, pigs, and goats. In the name of a friend, farm animals are sent to third world vil- lages through the Heifer Project International. The animals become a permanent source of meat, milk or eggs for villagers. Children love seeing the ani- mals on display and get a kick out of buying a chicken for 50 cents in the name of a parent or sibling. Also on sale are beautiful handicrafts sold by SERRV, a trading cooperative committed to ensuring that craftspeople in third world countries receive fair prices for their goods.

HAP-NICA/Guild House, 882 Monroe, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 761-7960 100% cotton t-shirts, five-color design with motto "Let Nicaragua Farm," S-XL, 14-16 child’s, in green, turquoise, lilac, maroon, white, gold, black, fuschia, and red. Specify size and two color choices. $9.95 ppd. "Seeds of Hope" is an 18- minute slide/tape documentary that portrays the suffering and hope of the Nica- raguan people and how Ameri- can agricultural scientists are working to promote independ- ent agricultural development in Nicaragua. It is ideal for civic, school, church, or business groups. Retail $20, purchase $85. Call to arrange a speaking program. Send check to above address.

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delegation, will show slides and talk about her recent trip to Nicaragua. Also, a holiday season sing-along of peace and justice songs. 7-7:18

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation. 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

14 Monday
Meeting: South Africa Political Prisoner Bracelet Program. 5 pm (see 7 Mon)
Integrity Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation. 8:45 pm (see 7 Mon)
Meeting: Free South Africa Coordinating Committee (FSACC). 7:30 pm (see 7 Mon)
"Brothers": Gay Men's Coffee House. 8 to 11 pm, Guild House. 763-4186 (see 11 Fri)

15 Tuesday
Calendar Deadline: AGENDA. Send formatted Calendar listings and photos to AGENDA Calendar, P.O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106
Ad Space Reservation Deadline: AGENDA. Call 996-8018 to reserve advertising space for January AGENDA.

Lesbian-Gay Male Radio Show: Gay Liberation. 6 pm on 88.3 FM, WCBN.
Meeting: WHE-AC. 6 pm (see 1 Tues)

Revolutionary History Series: "SPARK: 7 to 8 pm. "1917 Russian Revolution: Workers Begin Building a Socialist Society." (see 1 Tues)
Meeting: Lesbian-Gay Rights on Campus (LaGROC). 8:30 pm (see 1 Tues)
Meeting: Michigan Student Assembly. 6 pm (see 1 Tues)

16 Wednesday
Happy Chanukah!
Beans and Rice Dinner: Guild House. 6 pm (see 2 Wed)
Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC). 8 pm (see 2 Wed)
Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation. 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

17 Thursday
Meeting: United Coalition Against Racism. 6 pm (see 3 Thur)
Meeting: Palestine Solidarity Committee, 7 pm. (see 7 Wed)

18 Friday
Women's Tea: Women's Crisis Center. 5:30 to 7 pm (see 4 Fri)

19 Saturday
Community Resource Directory (CRD) Deadline: AGENDA, P.O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106.

20 Sunday
Korean Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society. 10 to 11:30 am (see 6 Sun)
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Meeting: Bread for the World. 7:30 pm, Chapman Rm., First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. 478-9058
Meeting: Brothers. 8 to 11 pm (see 11 Fri)
Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation. 6 pm (see 2 Wed)

25 Friday
Merry Christmas!

27 Sunday
Korean Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society. 10 to 11:30 am (see 6 Sun)
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Meeting: Huron Valley Greens. 7:30 to 9:30 pm (see 6 Sun)
Meetings: Israeli Folk Dancing: Hiltel. 7:30 to 10 pm (see 6 Sun)
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CURRENT NEWS: This Sept. we started publishing AGENDA’s financial inner workings. One of the most prevalent questions in response to this campaign has been: "Are you going to continue publishing?" The answer is "yes." We will continue to publish AGENDA as long as we can. Much of the doom and gloom you’ve noticed in these research reports comes from our frustrations as editors and publishers. AGENDA was once a 36-page paper. It is now 16 pages. The difference is that we must now delete or reject more articles than we publish. The difference is that the paper is not as comprehensive and inclusive as it once was. Important Dates: Tues., Dec. 8—Public meeting to review the previous issue and discuss future plans, at 7:30 p.m. for location. Dec. 9, editors Peggy Novellie and Laurie Wecht will be interviewed by Paquette Palmer on WCBN, 88.1 FM. Ask for Community Resource Directory. Please call us at 966-6018 for CRD guidelines.

GOALS: In the short term we will continue to allocate at least 50% of the paper to advertising until subscriptions make a significant contribution to our budget. A fundraising committee is now working to increase subscriptions and create funds of offering other than advertising. Within the next few months we hope to bring the publication back up to 24 pages.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: AGENDA is a free paper but there is a substantial cost behind each copy. Who pays for it? Right now advertisers are buying space that could belong to you. Just to give you an idea, 200 new subscribers could buy one whole issue. And a subscriber-funded paper would still be available for free to a wider audience than we face now as a community. So write a check, and send it NOW!

FINANCES: Since Sept. AGENDA raised $9,465. We achieved but didn’t go beyond our hopes. To reach our $13,710 goal, we are $4,245 short. We won’t be discussing our finances in print again until there is a rosier picture. We hope it’s soon! Thanks again to everyone for your concern!

Bread for the World (BFW)
706 Dwight Street, Ypsilanti, Ml 48198, 478-0058

PURPOSE: Bread for the World (BFW) is a citizens lobby organization that deals with hunger and health related legislation. It is a national grassroots lobbying group that provides a pathway to creating common ground where men can talk, joke and share. We have come together under the name of BFW and we are working on several issues, including legislative updates. Meetings are held at the First Baptist Church (Ann Arbor) and LaGROC, the U-M campus based lesbian-gay organization, through its members, has given crucial support to BFW concerns, including legislative updates. Meetings are held at the First Baptist Church (Ann Arbor) and LaGROC, the U-M campus based lesbian-gay organization.

BROTHERS
C/o Guild House, 802 Monroe, Ann Arbor, Ml 48104, 763-8699

PURPOSE: We are a new group forming to create a comfortable and supportive space for men who find men attractive. This does not exclude men who are also attracted to women, and is not limited to men who are actually involved with other men. Men who are attracted to non-men need a place where labeling sexual orientation is not an issue, a place where they can enjoy their manhood with harmony to attraction to other men, a place where their sexuality is recognized as part of their masculinity.

Gay Liberation
1017 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, Ml 48104, INFO: 763-4186, HOTLINE: 662-1977

PURPOSE: To provide information, counseling and support to others with questions about sexual orientation: (1) maintain Hotline for people seeking help in coming to terms with everything printed in the paper. (2) help provide factual information to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men. (3) work to obtain human and civil rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation. (4) help
Graduate Employees Organization (GEO)
802 Monroe #3, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 663-1870, Hours: 9:30 am-5 pm

CURRENT NEWS: Office Hours: Mon. 3:30-5 pm, Tue. 4-5:30 pm, Wed. 5-7 pm, Th. 9:30 am-12 pm, Fri. 4-5:30 pm. The GEO updated Handbook is now completed and copies have been mailed out. If you have not received a copy contact the GEO office.

The GEO has been awarded a work/study position from Eastern Michigan University. We are looking for an EMU graduate student with Macintosh computer skills to work 10-15 hours per week at $6-$6.50/hr for fall and winter terms. If interested contact GEO.

The GEO is proceeding with an Unfair Labor Practice suit against the University. This suit stems from the University’s implementation of the ten-term rule, a rule which limits the amount of financial support from the University for Graduate Students to ten terms. GEO contends that the rule is a change in conditions of employment and thus subject to negotiation before implementation.

Huron Valley Greens
1402 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 994-4937

PURPOSE: The Huron Valley Greens recognize the interconnection of all social and natural processes and that neither social or environmental problems can be solved in isolation from each other. To insure the survival of this planet, and to enable all species to attain their highest potential, we dedicate ourselves to moving beyond plethora, violence, domination, alienation, and capitalism. The role of human beings is not to rule over nature, but to work with it in order to meet human needs in the context of social justice and an ecologically balanced future. Huron Valley Greens is a non-profit educational organization, believes in the principle of non-violence, and promotes action on these issues. We act as a clearinghouse for peace and justice activities in Huron valley.

MEETINGS: There are 3 membership meetings per term. The final Fall meeting will be Thu, Dec 5, 7-9 pm in the Pond Room of the Michigan Union. Announcements for membership meetings will be posted in GEO bulletin boards and listed in the “University Record” ten days prior to the meetings. (1986)

Interfaith Council for Peace (TCP)
604 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, 663-1670, Hours: 9:30 am-5 pm

PURPOSE: Interfaith Council for Peace (TCP), a non-profit educational organization, believes in the possibility of a world where every woman, man, and child has the opportunity to live in freedom, peace, and without fear. Begun in 1965 by a small group of area clergy and lay persons interested in protecting U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Over the past 20 years Interfaith’s work has expanded to address justice concerns relating to hunger, agriculture, and Central America in addition to the ongoing work for peace.

TCP, a local chapter of the national Clergy and Lay Concerned (CALC), has worked to educate and promote action on these issues. We act as a clearinghouse for peace and justice activities in local religious congregations and in the community at large. Interfaith raises moral questions about disarmament, hunger, the U.S. food system, economic justice, and environment. Interfaith actively works towards this work are gratefully accepted at the above address.

TCP’s membership includes 60 area congregations and approximately 3,000 individuals. A Steering Committee, made up of the work of the staff and the work of four task forces: Disarmament Working Group; Land, Food, and Justice Committee; Hunger Task Force, and the Religious Coalition on Central America.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: TCP publishes a monthly newsletter; provides a lending library of both written and audio-visual materials on peace and justice concerns, and has a speakers bureau which includes both TCP and task force members.

"Covenant for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons" kits are available from the TCP office for $6. Also available through the office is a new book by Phil Mouton entitled "Assurance for Peacemakers." ($7.50). Cards which feature scenes of Juigalpa, Nicaragua are available through the office ($25/pack) and benefit the Central America Sister City Task Force. Drop in and visit us. The TCP office is located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church (corner of State and Huron).

CURRENT EVENTS: TCP and First Baptist Church are sponsoring an Alternative Holiday Fair, Sunday, Dec. 6, 4 to 7 pm, at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall (512 E. Huron). Items purchased at the Fair as "gifts" include chickens, cows, pigs, and goats. In the past TCP "gifts" are sent to third world villages, through the Heifer Project International, where the animal becomes a permanent source of meat, milk or eggs for the villagers. Children love seeing the animals on display and get a kick out of buying a chicken (.50/chicken) for a parent or sibling. Also on sale are beautiful hardwoods, sold by SERRV, a trading cooperative, to help craftspeople in third world countries receive fair prices for their goods.

On Mon, Dec. 7, TCP, SANE, and WAND are sponsoring a "Symposium Celebration," 7:30 pm, First Baptist Fellowship Hall (512 E. Huron). As the U.S.-U.S.S.R. summit opens in Washington, D.C., there will be an oral presentation of the anticipated signing of the INF Treaty (Intermediate Nuclear forces), with emphasis on next steps needed for enduring arms race—Star Wars, stopping nuclear weapons testing, mutual cutting of strategic weapons, and reducing conventional forces. The program includes speakers, music, refreshments, and a graphic illustration of what the INF Treaty means in terms of weapons reduction. (7004)
COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY
Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC)
4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor MI 48109, 665-6438

PURPOSE: LASC is a nonprofit group dedicated to supporting the legitimate aspirations of Latin America. It understands that self-determination, its goals are to increase awareness here about contemporary realities in Latin America and the U.S. role in the region. Because current U.S. policy perpetuates violence and injustice in Central America, LASC serves as a community of concerned citizens to organize nonviolent activities to pressure our government to change its military, and economic policies toward Latin America.

MEETINGS: Join us in room 2435 Mason Hall every Wed, evening at 8 pm for the general LASC meetings. Information about weekly activities can be obtained by visiting or calling the LASC office.

The office is currently staffed from 12 to 2 on weekdays, and messages can be left on the answering machine at all other times.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: LASC sponsors educational events as well as other groups interested in Latin American issues. If you would like somebody to speak to contact us at 665-6438.

The LASC newsletter La Palabra is periodically sent to about 800 subscribers. It contains a summary of our activities and updates on the news from Latin America.

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WHO WE ARE: We are a group of people committed to changing this hostile profit-oriented world that is overfowling with nuclear weapons—when people don’t have places to live or medical care—when we depend on our air and water for survival; illiteracy and unequal education—where knowledge exists; unemployment—where there is plenty of work to be done; starvation—where there are

CURRENCY NEWS: Last month, several political prisoners were released in South Africa. They are Walter Tshikila, Thomas Masuku, Mthutuzeli Meteboane, John Nkosi (imprisoned in 1963 for his work with the Pan-African Congress), and Govan Mbeki, released after 23 years. Once, along with Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, he was imprisoned for his leadership of the outlawed African National Congress. Both Nkosi and Mbeki were prisoners supported by IPUS’s bracelet program. In addition two members of the African National Congress Movement, who were jailed in 1983, were also released.

The outdoor events can make a difference. We are currently conducting a survey of our membership in Ann Arbor to find out exactly what issues they want to work on in the local chapter. If you are interested in getting more active with the newly formed local chapter please give us a call (3276)

On Dec 7, Ann Arbor SANE/FREEZE is co-sponsoring a rally marking the signing of the INF agreement between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. eliminating all American and Soviet intermediate range missiles from Europe. SANE/FREEZE is also co-sponsoring the rally marking the in announcing the INF agreement is not as seen by the American public as an end in itself, but a beginning to more serious arms reduction negotiations. The time is now to halt all nuclear warhead testing—let Congressman Pursell know we are counting on him for action.

We have just completed the door-to-door canvass of Ann Arbor collecting thousands of signatures against contra aid in any form. We are hopeful that the current negotiations will succeed in removing all aspects of further contra aid. The Reagan administration is unlikely to let this issue die so easily so we encourage you to write Congressman Pursell on this issue as well.

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South African Political Prisoner Bracelet Program
International Possibilities Unlimited, 2815 Roundtree Apt. #2A2, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, 572-5607

PURPOSE: The purpose of the South African Political Prisoner Bracelet Program is to educate the public about the plight of the political prisoners in South Africa particularly, and more generally, to increase the public's awareness of the continued racial and socio-economic oppression of the people of Southern Africa.

Each brass bracelet bears the name of a South African political prisoner serving a life sentence. The bracelet facilitates the development of a personal bond between the wearer and the prisoner named thereon and their family. To help strengthen that bond, we provide addresses and phone numbers of the prisoners so our supporters can write to a particular prisoner. In addition, a portion of the funds generated through the sale of the bracelets is contributed toward meeting the prisoners' family needs. In 1983, we identified to receive IPUs contributions include International Defence and Aids Fund, the Washington Office on Africa, and the Amnesty International as a macroeconomic development of the bracelet program.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETINGS: We ask that sincere members agree to our bylaws and principles of unity. A fee of $10/month is required, and we publish a newsletter titled "Palestine Focus," which is available at our events, our office or in local bookstores. We meet every Thursday at 7 pm in the Mich. Union MUG.

LOCAL EVENTS: On Oct 27, we sponsored a lecture concerning the deportation proceedings of eight pro-Palestinian activists from Los Angeles. We also informed the University community about recent Israeli human rights abuses in the Occupied Territories through a letter-writing campaign. We participated in a U.S. national tour that brought a trade-unionist from Birzeit Univ. to Ann Arbor. We also co-sponsored a lecture: "The Unfinished Struggle for Palestine," which was available at our events, our office or in local bookstores.

We held a bracelet sale last month in the Fidbowl. We'd like to thank all who showed their support by purchasing bracelets and volunteering to help with futureIPU programs. If you missed the sale, bracelets are always available at Collected Works, Orchid Lane, and Crazy Wisdom Books. We'd like to thank these stores for their generosity and support of the program and the prisoners.

MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP: Meetings are held Mon, evenings at 6 pm in the first floor lounge of the Center for Afro-American and African Studies (CAAS), West Engineering Bldg. Anyone interested in IPU is encouraged to attend all meetings to expand the bracelet program. In 1983, we identified to receive IPUs contributions include International Defence and Aids Fund—$300; Washington Office on Africa—$200; Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law—South Africa Project—$500. This brings IPUs total donations to date up to $2534.

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that they are interrelated: they are all caused, propagated, and/or implemented by capitalism and its ruthless drive to maximize profits for the benefit of a privileged few and the immensely wealthy clique of people. To change these things is not to simply replace those in office while leaving the structure that perpetuates violence and injustice in place. We must also confront the system, internationally, so that all people, as citizens of

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the Earth (not divided according to dotted lines on a map), would benefit from all the resources and technology in this world.

We are revolutionary communists. We want to see a socialist world, run not by executives of big businesses, not by dictators, not by the bureaucracies of today's so-called "communist" countries, but by real people in democratic councils, where workers, farmers, and students make the decisions that affect our own lives.

Now is the time to build a revolutionary organization. In doing so, it is important not to draw from the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, but also to look at the struggles, mistakes, failures, and successes of those oppressed peoples who have fought in the past to change the world.

WHERE TO FIND US: We have a weekly revolutionary history discussion held 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in B116 MBG. If you are angry, depressed, confused, or curious about what options the future holds, come to our class. Or look for us and our literature tables around the university, or contact us at the address above. (5329)

World Hunger Action-Action Committee (WHE-AC)
PURPOSE: WHE-AC is a campus based organization which focuses its work on both domestic and international hunger issues. Our goals are to educate ourselves and the community about the social, political and economic forces which cause and maintain hunger in the world. WHE-AC works closely with Oxfam America and the Institute for Development Policy (Food First). We also encourage ourselves and community members to do volunteer work at the Co-op and to donate money to Oxfam America projects. WHE-AC will be discussing plans for the winter at our Tuesday meetings. (1304)

Ypsilanti Food Co-op
PURPOSE: The Ypsilanti Food Co-op is a non-profit community business that has been in Ypsilanti since 1975. The Co-op sells nutritious, wholesome food to keep the members and bulk at the lowest possible price. The Co-op is open to the public seven days a week (closed the store for hours), with new members and shoppers always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP: The core of the Ypsilanti Food Co-op is its members, who for a small initial fee can obtain greater food discounts. Members who choose to do volunteer work at the Co-op receive an even greater food discount. More importantly, members are part owners of the Co-op and are eligible to vote for directors along with issues that affect the Co-op. In addition, regular membership and board meetings are held, along with a monthly general membership meeting.

EVENTS: The Co-op will be celebrating the holiday period by participating in the Depot Town Christmas celebration. Holiday gifts and various in-store specials will be for sale at the Co-op. On December 13th, the Co-op will hold its annual Christmas party at the Depot Town Firehouse starting at 6 p.m. The event is a potluck and is open to all Co-op members and guests. (1278)

Ypsilanti Food Co-op
312 North River Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, 483-1520

EVICIONS
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well,
Kiester and Perkins believe certain types of tenants are being singled out because of management's decision to follow city-wide trends, "upscaling" the Village to cater to higher income tenants. After months of rent strikes and court battles, tenants are reorganizing to make public their frustration against these evictions. Members of the PVTU and other Pittsfield Village tenants are also involved in the city-wide campaign to stabilize rents in Ann Arbor. They feel confident that the recent stabilization ordinance would put McKinley Properties and other parties involved in the gentrification of Ann Arbor in check.

Covenant
from page 6
The Covenant, sponsored by over 30 local and national organizations, was largely researched and organized by Donald Pelz, an Ann Arborite active in several local peace organizations. Pelz continues to publicize the Covenant through mailings and has updated the text twice since its initial 1985 printing. The Covenant for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons kit is available for $5. It includes the Buyer's Guide, information about writing the CEO's of the top 30 corporations, and a logo. The Buyer's Guide is available separately for $3. Contact the Interfaith Council for Peace at 663-1870 to order, or mail requests, with payment, to the ICP office at 604 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, 48104. Checks should be made payable to Interfaith Council for Peace, attention "Covenant."

Kings from page 7
I've been eating the same food as the kids, which I guess some people might see as a sacrifice. I guess I'd call it feminism of the heart. It shows that we need to care not how much it costs but how much it measures the power and strength of the home.

To do what we're doing I'd also say that it's important or even imperative to be in the country; otherwise I would be susceptible to all the complications of living in the city. I'd almost call it an absolute that kids start in a simple environment.

Being a good parent is living right and you can't hardly talk about it, it gets away from you. You do it and try to catch yourself at mistakes. Home education is living and learning we're all learning. As soon as education is different from life, it's an institution.

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