

## Police State

In the interest of protecting civil rights in this country it is imperative that every citizen be made aware of and protest the passage of Senate Bill 1437 now before the United States House of Representatives.

According to the Bay Area Coalition to stop SB 1437, it is a bill that rewrites and supposedly reforms all the federal criminal laws. However it does much more. "It includes many sections that severely threaten our democratic rights. It gives the government vast authority over our lives. It creates new federal crimes and gives the federal police the right to interfere in matters that previously have been handled by state and local authorities."

"Sentencing for crimes would be handled by a sentencing commission to be appointed at some future time which would be completely beyond our control. There would be little chance of parole. The federal government would be able to appeal sentences it felt were too low and by questioning our 'sanity' federal prosecutors would be able to lock us up in 'suitable facilities' without trial."

If SB 1437 becomes a law you could be jailed for:

—Striking: SB 1437 has deliberately written so that successful strike activity falls within the extortion provisions. Sabotage charges could also be brought against strikers.

—Boycotting: Labor unions that urge consumers to boycott a company's products during a labor dispute could be guilty of blackmail.

—Rioting: The vague and broad terms in these sections would allow tremendous government discretion to prosecute people such as labor organizers or political activists who cross state lines or use the mail or telephones to organize or participate in a 'riot'. Riots are defined as "public disturbances that involve ten or more persons involved in tumultuous conduct that threatens to hurt people or damage property."

—Revealing something the government does not want us to know: sections of the present law that were used to prosecute Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo for revealing the Pentagon Papers have been maintained. Newspaper reporters could be forced to reveal their sources and several other sections could be used to prosecute those who tell the government's secrets.

—Failing to tell the government what it wants to know: It would be a federal crime to make a false statement to a federal official whether an FBI agent, a postmaster, or an Internal Revenue Agent. By imposing "use immunity" on a witness, federal prosecutors could deny 5th Amendment rights. They could then ask any question or obtain any document they desired.

—Conspiring: There are several sections that could make one guilty of a crime never committed. Called the "inchoate offenses" these sections include "conspiracy," "criminal attempt" and "solicitation." Persons doing nothing more than holding discussions about some contemplated protest or even planning to hold such discussions could be guilty of conspiracy. In the last few years we have seen the Federal government use the charge of conspiracy to prosecute people when it did not have enough evidence to convict them of a crime, e.g. the Chicago 7.

The House of Representatives must be urged to defeat this bill entirely. Mass opposition is the only way to stop it. Every person who is concerned with protecting individual rights and limiting the power of the federal government must act now.

For more information on what can be done to stop this bill contact Mike McCarty, ASG president, or write Bay Area Coalition to Stop SB 1437, P.O. Box 5929 San Francisco, Calif. 94101.



## weather station

By Jim McCaffrey  
Of The Print

### Lost In Space

A retraction:

Contrary to what you may have read in last week's Nestle's story, it has been brought to my attention that third world mothers are being adequately boiled. It is the baby bottles and the nipples which are not being adequately boiled.

If you have a pot sample that you suspect might be contaminated with paraquat or just a sample of a drug that might be contaminated, the National Organization For the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) recommends having the samples analyzed. An anonymous test can be made by sending a one-half gram sample in a plastic bag

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Make up any five-digit number and enclose it in the envelope. Include \$5 to cover the cost of the testing.

Wait one week and call PharmChem for results, using the five-digit number to identify your sample. Also, if there is a drug information center in your area, often you will be able to get anonymous testing done at a minimal fee.

It should be pointed out that many of the so-called paraquat testing kits that have recently come on the market are worthless junk. Often these kits contain about 15 or 20 cents worth

of packaged chemicals and these are sold for between \$10 and \$15 per kit.

On March 13, NORML filed suit in federal court to halt United States involvement in the spraying of highly toxic herbicides on Mexican fields. Since about 20 percent of the marijuana samples seized at the Mexican border are contaminated and since preliminary studies show that paraquat causes a permanent lung disease called fibrosis, NORML has long known about the spray activities but has hesitated to act because it did not want to be in favor of helping to proliferate the Mexican heroin traffic which the program was originally intended to do.

Now that the question of public health has arisen the organization is actively seeking help to try and stop the spraying. If you feel strongly enough, the organization asks that you write:

President Jimmy Carter  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

As you decide whether or not to vote this week and for whom, you might remember that it is not individuals who change things so much as an attitude of the people they represent. The unique situation of Oregon leading the way in the nation in pot reform and environmental quality laws is more a reflection of the attitudes of Oregon than that of any individual legislator. Voting for a particular politician and not showing up to vote at all are both reflections of an attitude. You can make the decisions.

Since we are talking about in this column, if you are to be travelling much, the mer you might keep in mind the states you visit do not have the same pot laws as Oregon. Seven out of ten busts made in the United States are for marijuana. As recent as 1976, there were 441,100 busts involving marijuana which has cost the taxpayer over a million a year just in arresting and prosecuting people are currently serving sentences on marijuana charges in states with the more liberal laws.

Marijuana should not be considered a dangerous drug. Federal courts have ruled that it cannot be considered as such because it is a denial of protection under the law should be kept in mind marijuana is illegal and, therefore, potentially dangerous. In three states, Nevada, Arizona and Florida, it is still a felony to possess even small quantities of the herb.

The famous jazz musician Louis Armstrong, talked about marijuana in this way just a few years before he died. "The reason we appreciated pot was the warmth it always brought forth. Mary Warner, honey, sure was good and I enjoyed 'heep much.' But the price was a little too high to pay wise). At first you was a demeanor. But as the rolled on, you lost your mind and got meanor and meanor."

## feedback

### Athletic support

To the Editor:

I owe a very special Thank You to everyone and anyone here at C.C.C. involved in the Women's Track & Field program. Only here could an "old lady" (of 27) go out for track for the very first time in her life and end up on a national championship team. I'm so glad to have been given the opportunity. Especially to the women on the team and

our coaches, I'll always be grateful. For caring, encouraging, supporting, and enriching my life in ways you'll never know. Thank you.  
Barb "Wrinkle" Rost

### Guessing game

To the Editor:

We want information on the CCC teacher who can't talk to newspaper editors in pink body shirts. This is the same man who dresses up for costume parties

as John Paul Jones. This man is Frank Harlow, coach of the successful CCC Forensics Team.

But, did you know that this dashing, debonair, sophisticated man-about-town has claimed for years that he is 29 years of age. We'll know the real truth. How about you?

This is your golden opportunity to help unearth this ancient mystery. If you think you know this man's real age, ballots will be available at all suggestion boxes and at the ASG Office.

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