

Community amnesty rally

by Greg de Giere

A City Hall rally to demand amnesty for arrested SF State student strikers -- and to "continue the struggle against racism and take it into the community" -- is set for Saturday, May 24, at 12 noon.

The rally was planned at a meeting last week of the "Student Strikers Against Racism," the remnant of the Strike Committee. Over 100 persons attended the rally planning meeting, which also called another meeting for tonight at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church to make final plans and mobilize for the rally.

"The four demands of the community rally will be amnesty for the SF State 700, free Huey Newton, smash racism, and jail killer cops," according to black student leader Bridges Randle of the Progressive Labor Party (PL). Randle and other PLers pushed last week's meeting to organize a rally based on fighting racism in the community, not just amnesty.

LEGAL DEFENSE

The Legal Defense Committee, meanwhile, again begged for witnesses to the January 23 mass arrest, for which many students are still on trial.

"Witnesses can be faculty members, students, staff members, etc., who can testify that their college activities were not disturbed by the pickets or the rally.

We also need witnesses who attended the rally but escaped the mass bust," a Legal Defense statement said.

Potential witnesses can contact the new Legal Defense office in

and that was followed by several other murders. They're keeping Huey in jail because he advocated self-defense in the black working class community. These are the main kinds of areas where racism



Black student leader Bridges Randle confronts campus police after last, partially successful amnesty rally.

the re-opened Gallery Lounge (469-2281), or the Upward Bound office in Ed 11 (469-1744), the statement added.

RALLY

Randle emphasized taking SF State student strikers' fight against racism into the community, "which is the main place where racism exists."

"The day after O'Brien was freed, another pig murdered another black man on Third Street,

must be fought, not just on campus," Randle said.

SF police officer Michael O'Brien was recently acquitted of murder charges arising from his slaying of black bus driver George Basket. Black Panther leader Huey Newton, convicted of manslaughter in the death of an Oakland policeman, is currently being held without bail pending appeal.

JOB HILL

Randle's position at last week's

rally planning meeting was opposed by the "Joe Hill Caucus" of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), which called for a "mass rally" demanding only amnesty. The Joe Hill Caucus attacked the plan for expanding the rally to include community demands as "sectarian."

Pat Forman, a leader of the rival "Worker-Student Alliance Caucus" of SDS, which includes several white PLers, backed Randle's plan and replied to the Joe Hill Caucus's attacks.

"We have faith in the people, and believe that large numbers of workers and students can be won to very sharp anti-racist politics. We want to use this rally to build a city-wide movement against racism, not just to use legalistic, liberal arguments to try to get ourselves off the hook in the courts," Mrs. Forman said.

"RACIST"

Randle even called the Joe Hill Caucus's plan for an amnesty-only rally "racist" for "looking at 700 arrested students as more important than the hundreds of black working class people who are murdered every year."

"But I also have to be self-critical," Randle said. "At the last meeting my subjective anger at this racism overcame me and I made a remark about all students being petty-bourgeois, which was wrong. I should have directed my anger against the petty-

bourgeois, and racist ideas within the movement".

Alex Forman, a leader of the Joe Hill Caucus who recently withdrew from the race for AS vice president under pressure from the Worker-Student Alliance Caucus, was sharp in his criticism of the PLers' rally plan at an earlier meeting.

"COMMUNIST"

"A person shouldn't have to be a communist to participate," Forman declared.

Mrs. Forman -- no relation -- labeled Forman's remarks as "red baiting and anti-communism."

"PL is a communist party and doesn't try to hide it, and Alex is trying to play on people's fear of communists to 'isolate the Maoists,' as Alioto called for, and avoid dealing with PL's and the worker-student alliance's political ideas," she said.

AGREED

Randle agreed with Mrs. Forman.

"We keep hearing more and more cries of 'manipulation,' 'sectarianism,' 'external cadre,' etc. These are part of nation-wide attacks on PL, launched by the ruling class but echoed by right-wing forces within the movement. We will not run from this anti-communism, but we'll stand and fight to build an alliance between workers and students and a revolutionary movement to smash racism and imperialism," Randle said.

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AS hopeful ruled out of election

As if the AS didn't have enough problems, the spring Associated Student elections, scheduled for May 21-22, may have suffered the loss of one of the two major presidential candidates.

Harry Lehmann, the "Satyagraha" party candidate for the top AS position was declared ineligible to run for office yesterday by the registrar's office.

According to Robert Glick, AS elections committee chairman, Lehmann's records in the registrar's office show that he is registered for only six units this semester.

"The AS constitution provides that a candidate for any office must be a full time student carrying at least 6-1/2 units for the semester," Glick said.

The elections committee chairman said that Lehmann would have until this evening to prove his eligibility.

Lehmann, later denied that he is a part time student and said that he would personally go to the registrar's office to prove he is carrying a 12 unit load.

A request by Lehmann to be allowed to bring to the committee the signatures of his professors as proof of his eligibility was rejected by Ken Keefe, of the Administration's activity office, who said that this kind of evidence would not be sufficient to prove that Lehmann is indeed registered in these classes.

The election's committee will meet today at 12 noon in Library G-14.

Among the matters for consideration at today's meeting will be the grade point requirements needed by candidates to be eligible to seek office.

According to the AS constitution a student needs at least a 2.5 average to run for office. It has been the policy of the AS, in the last two years, however, to allow

The English Students Union will meet today at 12:30 p.m. in Sci 201 to present a taped interview with Pat Gleeson, English faculty member who was denied rehiring by the department. All students have been invited.

students with a 2.0 average to run. The committee must also decide

today its policy toward the acceptance of pass/no report work in deciding whether a candidate is eligible for office.

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Editor:

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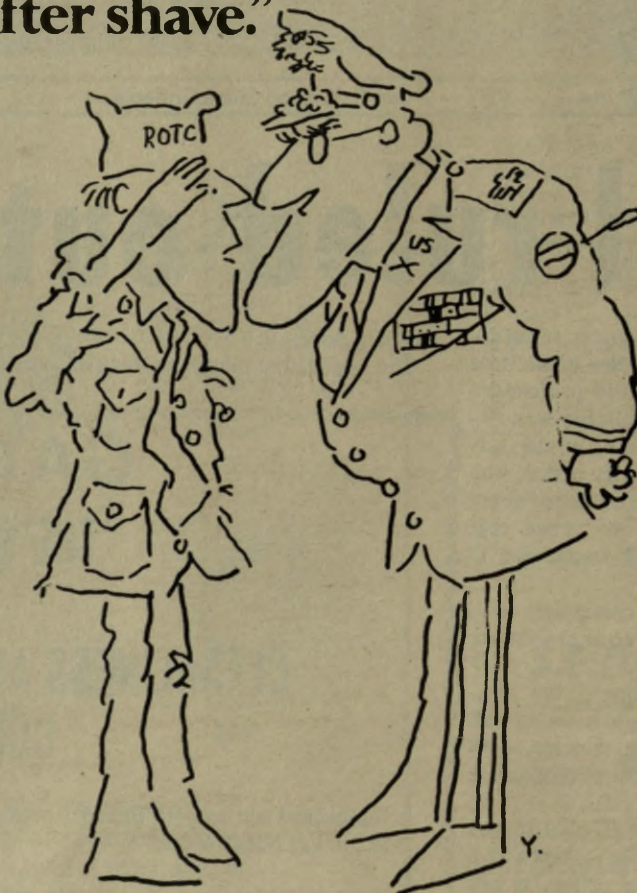
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fection is extremely great since the soap is probably not sterile. I suggest that the author of these suicidal abortion methods think, and do some research before deciding to share his secrets with us again, since we don't need any more methods of human extermination than already exist.

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Haley's personal black history

by Norm Ploss, lecture correspondent

Alex Haley, collaborator for "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" and the author of "Before This Angry," engulfed the 300 people present for his lecture in the Main Auditorium with the saga of his family in America.

"This is not just my story, but the story of all black people in America," Haley said. He spoke last Thursday in the College Lecture Series.

In a tale passed by word-of-mouth, Haley related the history of his family in this country from the "African called Kinte."

As a punishment for trying to run away, Kinte had his foot cut off. The result was the rarity of a slave family staying together.

AFRICAN WORDS

"I had heard the story of Kinte from my grandmother and of the words (in African) that had been passed on: 'Kinte' and 'Cambibolongo,'" Haley explained.

While working on the autobiography of Malcolm X he became "interested in genealogy and the move for independence in Africa," Haley continued.

"I started looking through microfilm in the US archives and found one link with my family

there," he enthused.

RETOLD

"I looked up all the old ladies in the family and one, called cousin Georgia, retold the whole story as my grandmother had done.

"I used to stop Africans at the United Nations and ask them to listen to the words. Most of them thought I was crazy. I finally spoke with Dr. Jan Vancina at the University of Wisconsin (an expert in genealogy) and told him the story twice. He said that the story was accurate and that the words were in the Mandingo dialect. 'Cambibolongo' meant the Cambir River in Africa," Haley continued. Haley said he never dreamed of what would then happen.

SAFARI

"I organized a safari with the land rover and me in the pith helmet, for a change. They have mosquitos as big as sparrows there," he exclaimed.

Among the tribes in Africa it is the job of an old man to pass on the history of that tribe to a

younger man. In this way history is kept.

"After consultation with the tribesmen, the old man agreed to tell me the story," Haley went on.

EXILE

"Yes, we have been told by the forefathers that many of us from this clan are in exile in that place called America," Haley was told.

As the story continued, the historian explained that this tribe was named after a Maribou holy man named Kinte. The king's soldiers came and captured one son and for weeks they searched in vain.

When the story concluded, Haley revealed that he was a descendant of that captured slave.

RETURNED

"Praise be to Allah for one long lost to us and returned to us," was the native historian's reply, Haley explained.

"All 25 million black people in this country have the same story," Haley exclaimed in excited tones.

"When I was there three emotions were working on me all

at once. Everyone I saw was pure black, I felt that I was the impure among the pure, and I never felt blacker than I felt that day," Haley went on.

SHIP

To fill in the story "I had to find the slave ship. In the 1023rd crate of records, at Lloyds of London, I found a ship that fit into the schedule of the one I was looking for.

"I found that it was called the Lord Lingoneer, built in this country. It stayed 10 months in the Cambir River area to get elephant tusks, bees wax, and 140 Africans (of which only 98 survived the trip)," Haley concluded the eight

year saga.

Haley footnoted the story that it was in the small town of Blackfoot (now called Henning), West Virginia, that black and white settlers came after the Civil War and together pulled tree stumps from the ground to begin farming that he is immediately descended.

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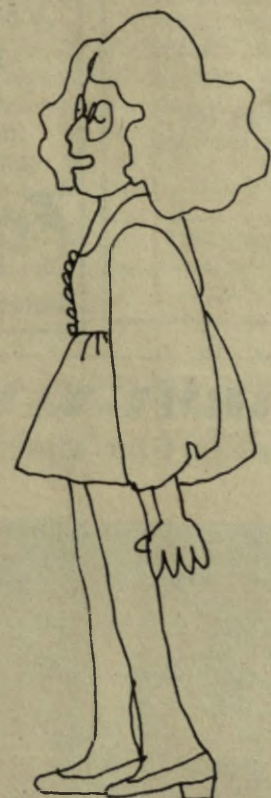
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