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To win the case, which hopefully will allow underground newspaper sellers to hawk papers free of harassment about permits and licenses and being told to "move on", it's going to take a deluge of witnesses in court testifying that they have been bothered by the D.C. inks.

And that's where you come in if you've been hassled. All the people who have been told to move on - or tricked into jaywalking by pigs in cars who ask to buy a paper and then arrest you for being in the street - or who have been told they need a permit or license to sell papers - or who have been frisked - or who have had their papers confiscated - or who have had run-ins with the pigs in a number of other ways, get in touch immediately with Quicksilver at 483-8000 and leave your name and phone. No incident of harassment is too tiny to testify about. Incidents can have occurred on city or park property.

By all working together we can end the shit. And by ending the harassment, we can insure that any underground paper (not only Quicksilver) in the city will continue to be sold on the streets.

## COMIX FROM LONDON'S NOTTING HILL GATE



## QT needs you

The revolution is happening. We in the Quicksilver Times collective want to keep the Washington free community aware how people from Indochina to Georgetown are liberating themselves. Whether building new food co-ops and day care centers, fighting imperialism in Vietnam with the NLF, or stopping the government here on MayDay, we are all taking control of our own lives so we can change this world and make a better one. Liberation is hard but joyful work everywhere, just as it is here at Quicksilver.

Quicksilver is asking for help; we need new staff members -- people totally committed to creating a new society. Share our food, our home, our joy, our struggle. Artists, writers, photographers, returned Vietnam veterans, street people, anyone serious and hard-working is welcome to come down anytime to our house at 1736 R Street NW and talk to us. Join us. Help us make Quicksilver a better "people's paper".

# LETTERS

### Editors:

For obvious reasons we cannot identify ourselves as we are a small unit in Vietnam involved in passing out Nixon's shit and could be immediately identified by numerous rip-off agencies. But we have just finished reading your special MayDay issue of Quicksilver and we want all you beautiful people to know that you have our backing and we love you for what you are doing for us, and all the people of the world. We are living in Vietnam, and we see the truth. It's only through your news service can you tell the public the truth... the real truth. We wish we could help, but from here there is little we can do until we return to the "World". Anyway, we just wanted you to know the GI's here in Nam are behind you all the way. Right On.

M.A.R.  
 G.R.S.  
 R.L.C.

### Quicksilver:

I have a five year old boy. Some day he'll be a draft card like a million other little boys and some day I might be like my mother, sorry every day because her son died in Viet Nam. Some day my son might leave a wife and children, sisters, mother and father for a cause as hopeless as Viet Nam. If I and a million mothers like me don't do something now we will be like the mothers who have lost their children. Our mothers knew there was war and needless death when they bought us into the world but they didn't try to stop it, and they believed liars (presidents) who told them "our boys will not die on foreign soil." Where are they this miserable day? What did President Nixon lose in Viet Nam? What has he lost because of Viet Nam? Not a fuckin' thing! I think it's time they lose something valuable. By "they" I mean Nixon, Congress and lead

ers of every fighting nation an count can be found. I want to know if you think Nixon or Agnew would lose a son or relative in war? Fuck no! But we will if we don't do something now. Women who go to church on Sundays have lost their sons; prayers haven't stopped war. God helps those who help themselves. I've been to a peace rally and a demonstration but from now on I'll be there with my children and no fucking war will take my son! It's a needless one that took my brother. For every woman who has a son and thinks Uncle Sam won't take him, I feel sorry for you. My mother thought the same thing. You can learn from other people's mistakes.

Mary Price

Dear Sisters and Brothers:  
 While the Quicksilver Times has shown itself to be a friend of Gay People, some of our brothers and sisters on the left are a bit more timid. I would like to share my experience at Saturday's Peace Rally with Q.T. readers.

I encountered or was approached by about 25 radical or leftist brothers and sisters offering or selling newspapers, magazines, flyers, etc. Each person (most were white males) was attempting to politicize against the evils of racism, male chauvinism, capitalism, exploitation of the masses and persecution of other (or all minorities). There were variations of what was said but the groups being considered were Blacks, Spanish-speaking persons, women, the working class, welfare recipients, and "all other persecuted minorities." In about 6 cases I asked the person about the oppression of Gay People. But not one person volunteered the

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If your animal is ill, you should take it immediately to the nearest veterinarian, or the the Tailwaggers Animal Clinic for underprivileged pets at 71 0 St. NW, open from 12 until 5 Monday thru Friday. NO7-5737. If you cannot keep your pet, it should be taken to the Animal Rescue League at 71 0 Street. The Tailwaggers charge a nominal fee and will aid you in having your female spayed. Females have puppies when they come into heat twice a year for three weeks if they are bred to a male. The spaying will in no way effect your female's personality or figure and will be much easier on her and on you, unless you have a way to keep her away from male dogs during that time. Cats come into heat at least three times a year and this brings many unwanted cats into the world, approximately 24 per year per female cat. The National Humane Education Center will send you free information on the care and feeding of your animal and also take in abandoned animals. There address is Waterford, Virginia.



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information to the masses of people gathered around. Of the 5 pieces of literature I brought home, each discussed the problems of oppressed people with special emphasis on one particular problem such as male chauvinism. But each peice of literature freely recognized the problems of all others as well as their own. All others that is but one... Gay People's problems were conspicuously absent.

It is not possible that our radical brothers and sisters don't know that Gay People exist. The only thing that I can conclude is that most of the New Left is as unwilling as the Old Left or the bourgeoisie to champion the rights of Gay People. After all, who wants to be thought of as Gay? The white racist, male supremacist liberals of the establishment safely pay lip service to the rights of Black People and Women. These men won't be considered black or female, but instead, will be heaped with praise by establishment media for their "liberalism" or generosity. However, championing Gay rights puts a heterosexual on the spot. Perhaps a real test of sincerity may be the willingness of people to struggle for the rights of Gay People since thereis a high risk of being considered gay and thereby becoming an object of that persecution oneself. My question to brothers and sisters of the Left: Are you really willing to struggle with us or will you too just pay lip service?

Your gay brother,  
Charles Hall

### QUICKSILVER:

Mayday week was more than a success but it could've been even greater and may be the beginning of something truly new if we had kept up. I think maybe Rennie Davis and others, no matter how well meaning, really blew it when they called it first a failure and then later just stopped the whole thing short. So-called leaders with inflated rhetoric shouted all week about filling the jails and not stopping till the war ended, but they didn't realize that we took them seriously. And what is worse, they had no ear for anything beyond their immediate demonstrating constituency so when after three days and the capital bust and many regulars were winding down, some even getting depressed, they cooled it, but in fact people out here in Hyattsville, who would normally be thought of as "necks" and who normally think of us as hippies and "commie students" were about to get it on. Regular people who had been bitching about the prospects of spending hours in traffic jams on Monday, by Thursday were ready to walk downtown and block the capital themselves if the people kept getting busted for nothing more than trying to stop a war which EVERYONE sisters and brothers wants out of. Wednesday night I got a call from the U.S. Farmers Association in Des Moines, Iowa saying they were with the demonstrators 100% (they contacted me because I've been doing some articles on them). Thursday people were calling from around the country saying they were hitchhiking in. Some did. Others turned halfway here or just never came when they heard nationally that Davis and others had called it all off, said it was over. It's time we moved as a people, dug each other and what we have to offer, and whether the mass media likes it or not, refused to allow others to determine what course we will take. After all, what we are after is control over our own lives and destinies once and for all. It must be obvious that the way to get that is not to substitute a hip leader or stoned beaurocracy for a hep leader and stoney beaurocracy, but just to depend on and learn to work with not only our affinity groups-not only our people-you know, people who look like us but with all our sisters and brothers who want the same thing-and that's everybody but the controllers. Next time, let's get it on for good.

yr brother,  
lally

# People's bust insurance

"Jails are bad places to be, and being locked up without knowing how or when you are going to get out is a nightmare," said Susan Garland, a Maryland resident and one of the organizers of the Legal Assistance Fund.

A recently-created nonprofit corporation, L.A.F. is designed to provide a person who has been arrested with immediate help in securing release from jail and, if necessary, bail. A membership costs \$10 per year and works like this: After completing a simple application form and paying the ten dollar membership fee, you are given a special L.A.F. identification card. The ID card gives you, in addition to brief legal advice on what to do and what not to do on arrest, the 24-hour a day L.A.F. phone number you are to call if placed under arrest.

Utilizing a pool of about fifty lawyers, all of whom are criminal defense specialists, an attempt is first made to obtain your release on personal recognizance (without posting money), a tactic with which L.A.F. has had surprising success. However, if money is required, the L.A.F. office quickly contacts persons you have listed on your application as willing to provide money towards your bail. A cooperating bondsman facilitates your release, and you are given a free consultation with a L.A.F. attorney, whom you may or may not hire for later legal proceedings.

"It's knowing that there's someone out there working to get you out that makes the Legal Assistance Fund valuable," noted Miss Garland. "Many people are stunned and helpless when arrested, and we want them to know their rights and to get out as fast as possible," she continued.

The Legal Assistance Fund now serves a 25-state area, including the eastern seaboard, but its main area of concentration is in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. An application, or further information may be obtained by writing to the Legal Assistance Fund, 1532 Key Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22201; or by phoning (703) 522-0725. Any money collected in excess of operating cost will be placed into a bail fund which will, when large enough, be used to provide interest-free loans to members who are unable to obtain money from any other source for their bail.

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