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LETTERS

quicksilver where have you been? we've been here, but you've been far out. we've dug you when you wore flowers and shouted love. we grew when our child read mao's redbook. we made bread from: "quicksilver times better than the new york times get your quicksilver here only 25¢;" so that you could have bread too, because we dug you now you're really far out. we still dig you, but where are you? mayday gayday; mayday lifeday. it was your day too, but you made it so damn blue we want to cry with you.

in the last year and a half we have seen q.t. go from being a drug-culture oriented hippie paper into a struggle-oriented political newspaper.

this is great. we have sold, read, bought and occasionally stolen thousands of q.t.'s and have watched all of the changes closely.

in the last few months q.t. has gotten much worse; it has failed to grow. we are street people, sometimes the only money we have comes from selling papers. we used to feel we were passing the word, joyously spreading our love and life and dreams in the middle of the death agonies we all feel under the shadow of the great white penis. now it's business again; the joy is gone.

the last issue, *Americong*, is a good example of what's gone wrong. mayday, the greatest orgasm of love-pain, joy-sorrow, life-death we have ever felt was treated with no love at all.

where is your coverage (coverage?) of gaymayday? we are gay and don't like being missed. we were there. we were action--maybe even in a leading role--in trying to deal with sexism at the campsite (algonquin peace city? whoever called it that?). we too took over the stage once. we made our flags, our banners, our chants and noises known. q.t. must have heard us, at least once.

where is the mention of sclc, and nwo? these are perhaps the two most energetic, broadbased progressive groups in the country. they are based primarily in black communities. aren't they worth a little space in the page of q.t.?

what about the thursday april 29 town meeting, where the people of the campsite decided that the regional

Pigs on trial

If you've ever sold Quicksilver Times on the street and have been hassled by the law, now's your chance to return the fire.

On June 7th the long pending case of Quicksilver Times (and the Washington Free Press and the Washington Area Free Press) versus the DC police comes to court.

To win the case, it's going to take a deluge of witnesses in court testifying that they have been bothered by the DC oinks.

That's where you come in if you have ever been hassled. Anyone who has ever been told to move on- or been tricked into jaywalking by pigs in cars who ask to buy a paper then arrest you for being in the street- or been told they need a permit or license to sell papers- or have been frisked- or who have had their papers on iscated- or who have had run-ins with the pigs in other ways, come to a meeting with our lawyer, Kurt Von Kann, Saturday, June 5th, 10 AM, at 815 Conn. Ave, 5th floor. 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 QT) in the city will continue to be sold on the streets.

representatives, instead of the may-day organizers, would run their campsite from that point on.

what's happened is, q.t. seems to have no real consciousness of what happened during mayday. it's a view from the outside--events are reported on, 70 pictures of 'heavy' actions filled the pages with technically perfect sterility. q.t. seems to be totally out of touch with the community that surrounds it. instead we have isolated reportage, critical, where most of us weren't really critical, glorifying a misrepresentation of what we did, missing out on most of what was important to us.

if the hip press is to be revolutionary, it must do more than report what happened and be on our side. it must be a tool in the struggle. we must have constant interchange, we must be able to see what we did right and why it worked, what we did wrong and how to learn from our mistakes. it doesn't do much good to read about ourselves, no matter how favorable the coverage is; and most of q.t.'s readers are from washington, we were here, we know what happened.

q.t., and the d.c. hip community have come a long way. we've still got a long way to go.

in love and struggle,

marie anderson
doug lawson
terry lee
gaymayday

Marie and Terry come by last week to deliver this letter and talk over with us these and other criticisms of the paper. Primarily, they feel that while Quicksilver exists to serve and inform Washington's young, revolutionary community; it is at this time isolated from many segments of that community.

We agree; this problem is not new to us, but the solution will have to be. The QT collective should be seen as a part of the free community, and not as a detached observer. Likewise, the paper is a part of the community. Our small collective cannot directly involve itself in all that happens here. To best serve it's purpose as an information and communications center for free Washington, Quicksilver's contents must be largely a product of that community. We are totally committed to working with our sisters and brothers to produce a better people's paper, but we can't do it alone. All of our community has to contribute to the free flow of information, criticism, and support among us.

If you have any criticisms or suggestions on how best to bring all this about, please call us or stop by and rap.

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- The Alternative - 1724 20th Street NW
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