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I marched with thousands of people down the streets and up the steps to the Capitol building in Sacramento, more aware of the individuals than the event itself. Looking into their faces and their eyes, more than listening to their cries, I could see the happiness they know from inside. Many of them carried posters and banners but their faces told the greater tale...that they've been liberated. Set free. Not by joining up with an organization and participating in committee meetings and fighting for their freedom, but by simply letting the prince of peace into their hearts.

The thousands of Jesus People who marched on California's state Capitol held more than a BELIEF in common. They have experienced RESULTS. Their personal prisons have been blown open. Their problems have begun to leave. They've experienced GOD-LIBERATION. The love of God and the peace of Jesus. The freedom of the Holy Spirit.

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# GOD LEADS A SHELTERED LIFE

At the end of time, billions of people were scattered on a great plain before God's throne. Some of the groups near the front talked heatedly, not with cringing shame, but with belligerence.

"How can God judge us?" "How can He know about suffering?" snapped a joking brunette. She jerked back a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror, beatings, torture, and death!"

In another group, a black man lowered his collar. "What about this?" he demanded, showing an ugly rope burn. "Lynched for no crime but being black!" "We have suffocated in slave ships, been wrenched from loved ones, toiled till only death gave release."

Far out across the plain were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering He permitted in His world. How lucky God was to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light, where there was no weeping, no fear, no hunger, no hatred. Indeed, what did God know about what man had been forced to endure in this world? "After all, God leads a pretty sheltered life," they said.

So each group sent out a leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. There was a Jew, a black, an untouchable from India, an illegitimate, a person from Hiroshima, and one from a Siberian slave camp. In the center of the plain they consulted with each other. At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather simple: Before God would be qualified to be their judge, He must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God "should be sentenced to live on earth - as a man!"

But because He was God, they set certain safeguards to be sure He could not use His divine powers to help Himself. Let Him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of His birth be doubted, so that one will know who is really His father. Let Him champion a cause so just, but so radical, that it brings down upon Him the hate, condemnation, and eliminating efforts of every major traditional and established religious authority. Let Him try to communicate what no man has ever seen, tasted, heard, or smelled - God. Let Him be betrayed by His dearest friends. Let Him be indicted on false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury, and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let Him see what it is to be terribly alone and completely abandoned by every living thing. Let Him be tortured and let Him die! Let Him die the most humiliating death - with common thieves.

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the great throng of people. When the last had finished pronouncing sentence, there was a long silence. No one uttered another word. No one moved. For suddenly all knew... God had already served His sentence.



MAN, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME FOR NONSENSE LIKE THAT!!

WATCH THAT FIRST STEP BROTHER!!

Jesus is a "thought-crime" punishable by death. All Jesus meetings are secret and underground. Bibles are scarce, so, individual pages are ripped out, memorized, and passed on to other Christians. Watchman Nee, an outspoken follower in the underground Jesus movement, is arrested as a ringleader. (His books have helped to convert thousands of Chinese to the salvation of Jesus.) The authorities imprison him but are afraid to kill him; afraid he will become a martyr and that thousands more will accept Jesus. So they silence him with imprisonment. Yet the flow of his writing continues. They discover that the guards have been converted, and are smuggling out his books page by page. They kill the guards but the flow continues. Guard after guard is converted. Guard after guard is killed. Finally, the arms of Watchman Nee are cut off. Yet the flow continues.

His books are translated into many languages including English. Thousands more come to know Jesus as they read. These books proclaim the joy of freedom in Jesus, the liberation through the spirit; all written by a man who has been in prison for years. Watchman Nee knows what he speaks of...he's been able to put it to the test. Spiritual liberation. Personal peace. Freedom, if you want it. It's real, and it's now.

Watchman Nee is finally released from prison by the Communist government, in a political play for public sympathy, and a hope that the Christian fervor will fall off. Followed constantly, he is no more free than when in prison, but talk to him or read his books and you will understand that he never knew what prisoner meant. He is free. Jesus dwells in him...and he who the son of man sets free is free indeed.

I see a sign held high by one of the Sacramento marchers. It says, "UNCLE SAM...JESUS WANTS YOU."

While some people in America are shaking their heads and counting the days until 1984, others, like the thousands in Sacramento, are too busy counting their brothers and sisters to notice what year it is. Wasn't yesterday 33 A.D.?? And isn't tomorrow Heaven?? And isn't today wonderful? I've never felt so free!

# SAD TRIP TO NOWHERE!

As a young dude I listened, I listened with a thirst  
To the Devil's distortion, at its musical worst  
He coaxed me toward hating my Mom and my Dad.

As the record turned, the indoctrination was sad  
Hate your country! Hate your Mama; she doesn't understand  
Hate your ol' man; he supports this filthy land.

Seduce that young girl with booze and with drugs  
Rip up the flag; let's listen to the fugs  
Run away from home; hit the road, hit the road.

Listen man, listen, and I'll program you more  
Listen little girl, and you'll be a wasted whore  
So cold, so very cold.

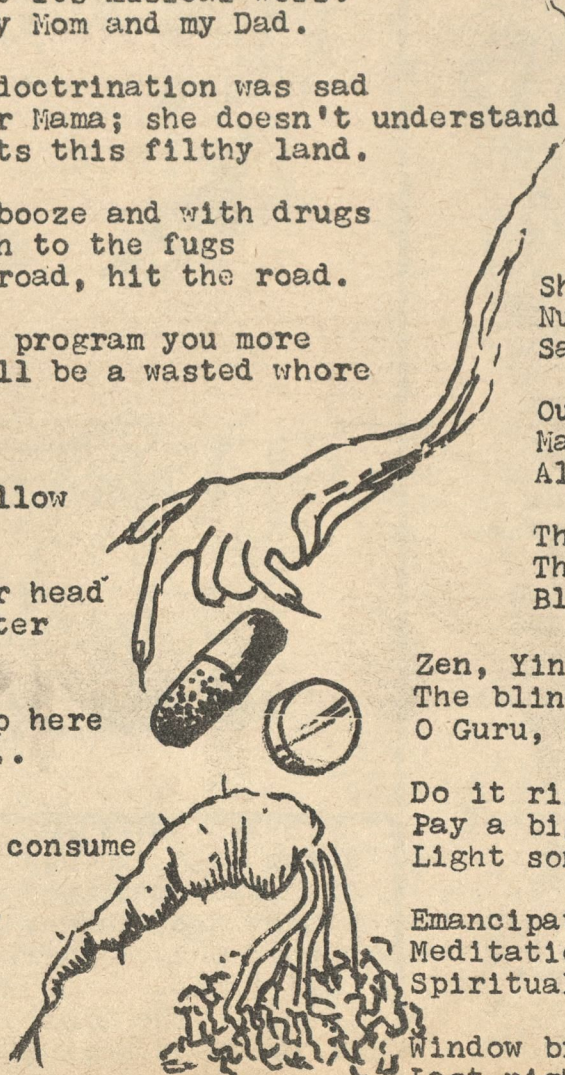
Drop a red and a yellow  
It's really mellow, young fellow  
Turn on a friend.

Uppers and downers, feed your head  
A hallucinogenic roller-coaster  
Take some hash to bed.

Meditate man! It's groovy up here  
Love and Peace. Drop a tab...  
I'll do my number tomorrow.

Colored spirals, acid <sup>etched</sup> ~~etched~~, consume  
Undulating walls in the room  
Melting faces spell our doom.

Rock music it's said  
Does a trip to my head  
I can't run...I can't run.



Listen little sister, would I lie?  
Just try some grass; let's get high  
Your so mature for thirteen. Ah Ooom.\*

Satanic trip to a marmalade sky  
Mom and Dad are asking why  
Isn't that funny?

Put on some music, you know the kind  
I've got some good stuff to get behind  
So mellow.

Shuffle the Tarot Cards, study the stars  
Numerology's the thing, Witchcraft has zing  
Satan sings.

Outlaw "white" hate, (but hate the white)  
Make it right, make it right  
All power to the people!

The narcs are everywhere  
They're all growing long hair!  
Black magic is in the air.

Zen, Ying and Yang, I Ching  
The blind spot between my eyes is everything  
O Guru, Guru, tell me more.

Do it right! Eat vegetables every night  
Pay a big price, (they're organically grown)  
Light some incense.

Emancipation! Self-Realization  
Meditation. (This young junkie thinks he's God)  
Spiritual masturbation!

Window broken, dirty mattresses, torn  
Last night I was, right here, re-born  
And now...I'm down again.

I tried a job  
The boss was a slob  
Said I wasn't dependable.

Smoke it, eat it, put that spike in your arm  
Wow! It's the gateway to heaven  
There's no harm, no harm.

When I'm up...it's all so simple  
When I'm down it's a drag  
Gimme a dime bag.

Any day now I'll put down  
But drugs will always be around  
To help others find...my heaven.

Who O.D.'d? Man! Like that's a bummer  
But he was marching to a different drummer  
Not me. Not me.

The big city's dirty, the gutters are full  
I wish I had a blanket...made of wool  
It's a lonely world if nobody cares.

Flashy car, and his manners are nice  
This dude will fix you, if you have the price  
Look into his eyes!

I'm sick, I've been burned  
My connection has earned  
A year in jail.

The ground is hard, the air is cold  
My sleeping bag and I...are getting old  
Not much hope left.

Making candles, or paintings, or cutting up leather  
I'm going to get it all together...someday  
Maybe tomorrow.

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If there's no place at all for you to hide  
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Who-or what-is the "Spirit in the sky" anyway? Well, we'd have to say it's God. Granted, we don't know what God looks like, or just where He resides. Most people seem to consider the sky as the location of Heaven and assume that God gets His mail at that address. But "where" doesn't really matter. The important thing is that everywhere we look we see proof of God on earth. So He HAS to be, and BE somewhere. If you're thinking straight, you'll want to be with God after death, Norman Greenbaum says how! He says the way is through Jesus. The Bible backs him up and says the same thing: "Jesus is the way, truth and life and no one can get to God except through Him."

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In a reply, which was printed along with Hoyland's letter in the British underground weekly, "The Black Dwarf," Lennon said very perceptively:

"What kind of a system do you propose, and who would run it?...I'll tell you what's wrong with it - people - so you want to destroy them? Ruthlessly. Until you/we change your/our heads - there's no chance."

His summation of the problem: "...sick heads and nothing else..."

"He (Jesus) did not need anyone to tell Him what people were like; He understood human nature...Jesus said, 'Without me you can do nothing.'"

Forgive me, Lord.  
 Forgive me, Lord,  
 Please, those years when I ignored you  
 Forgive me, Lord,  
 Those that feel they can't afford you.  
 Help me, Lord, please,  
 To save you with more feeling.  
 At both ends of the roads,  
 To the left and the right,  
 Above,  
 and  
 Below us,  
 Out and In...  
 There's no place that you're not in.  
 Ooh, won't you hear me, Lord.

Help me, Lord, please  
 To rise a little higher.  
 Help me, Lord, please,  
 To burn out this desire.

Hear Me Lord  
 by George Harrison  
 "All Things Must Pass" album



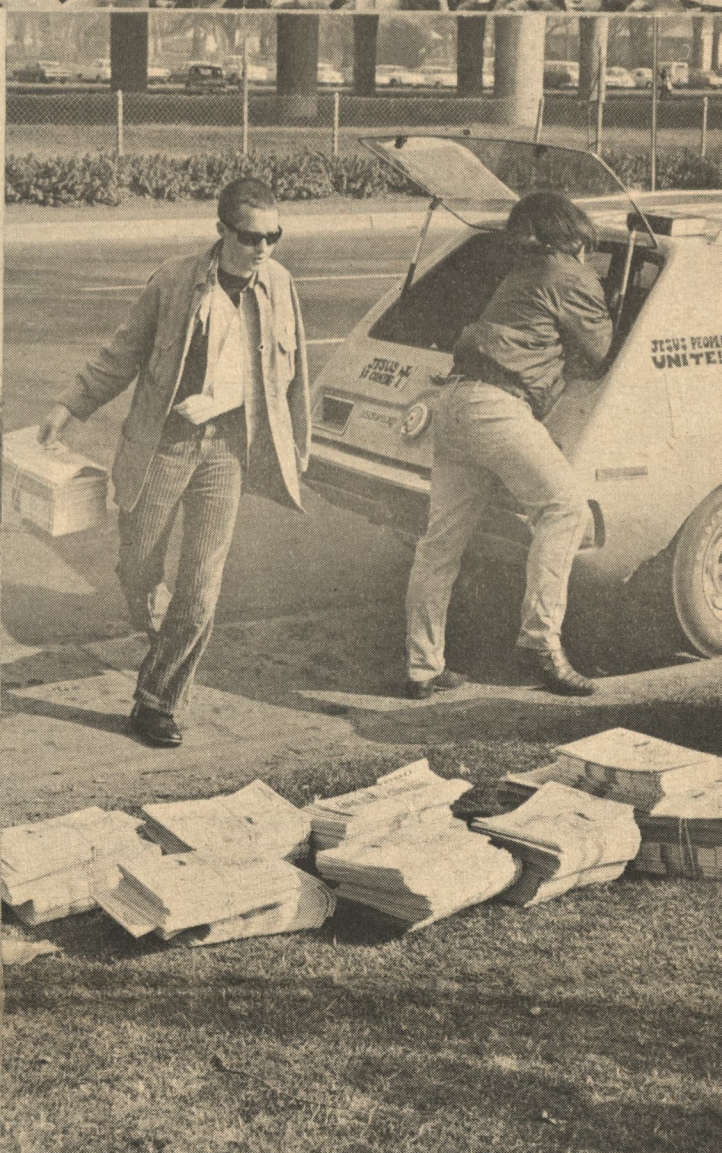
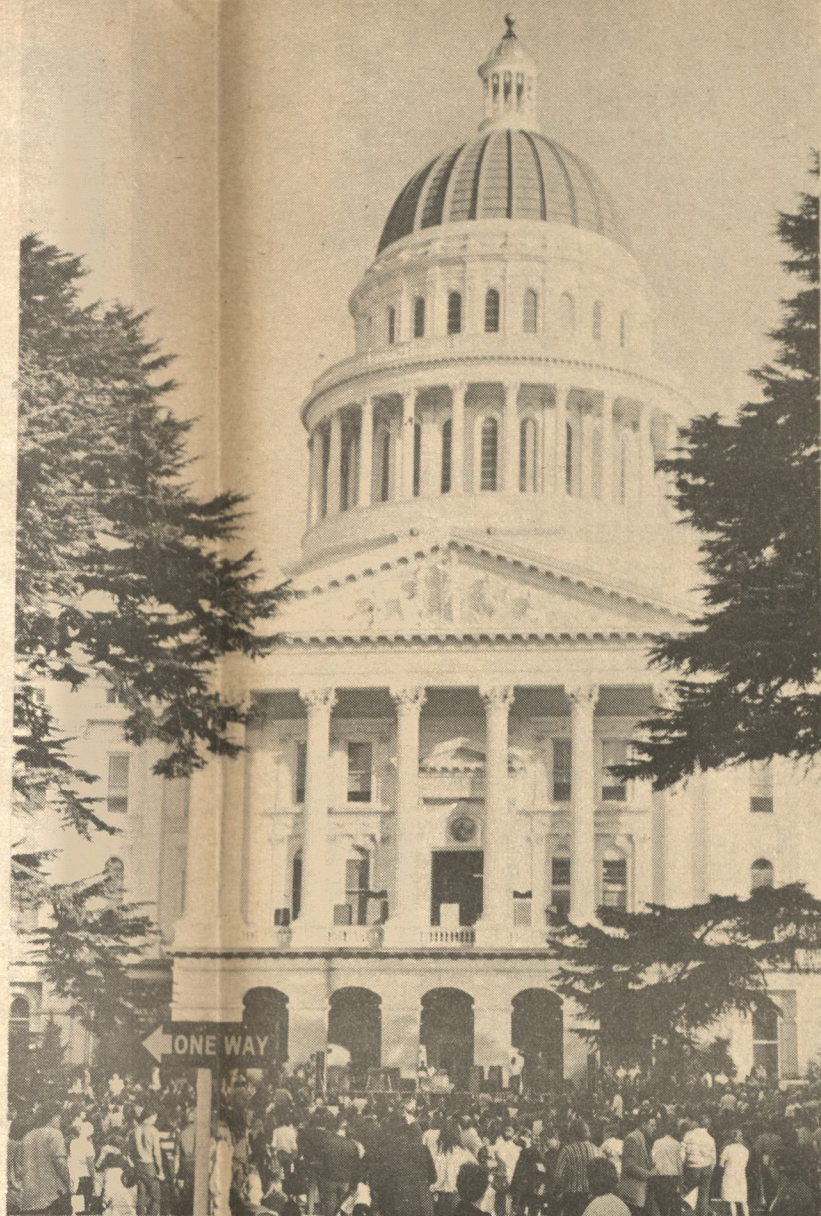
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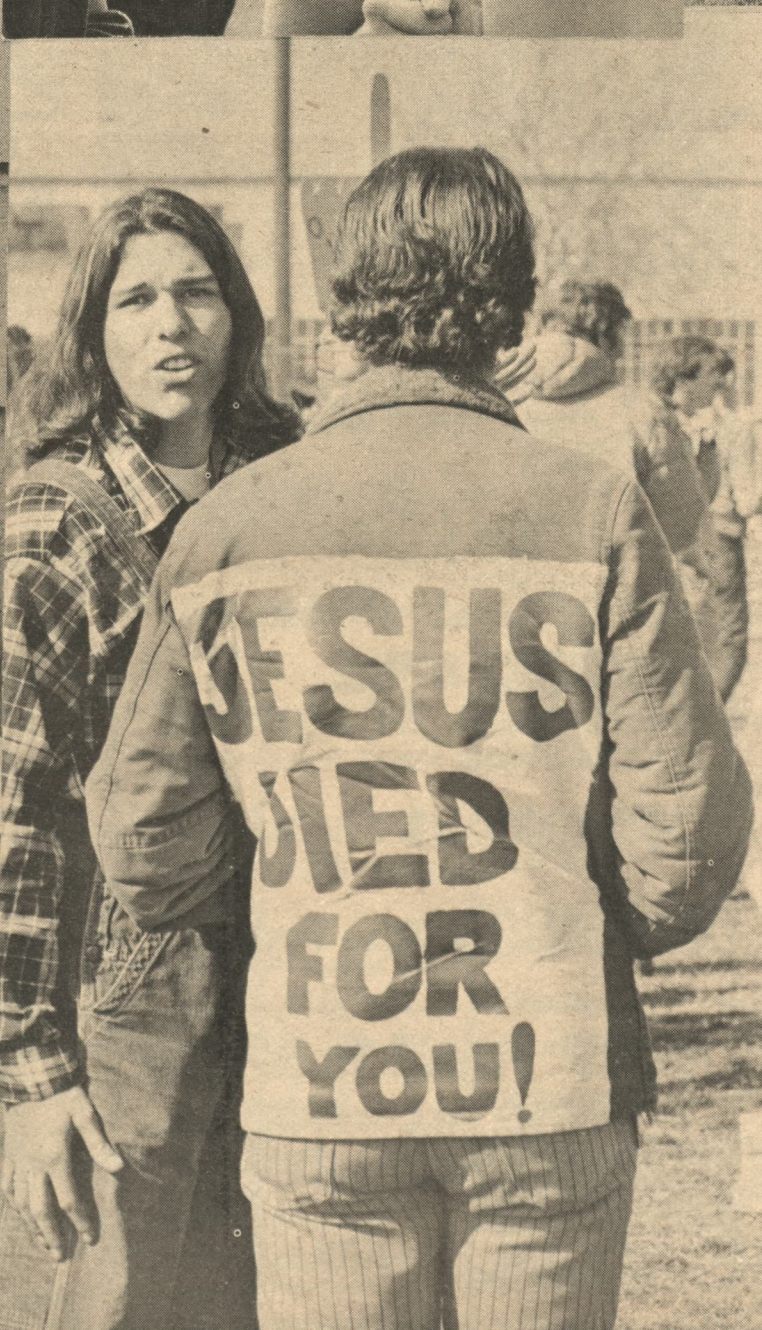
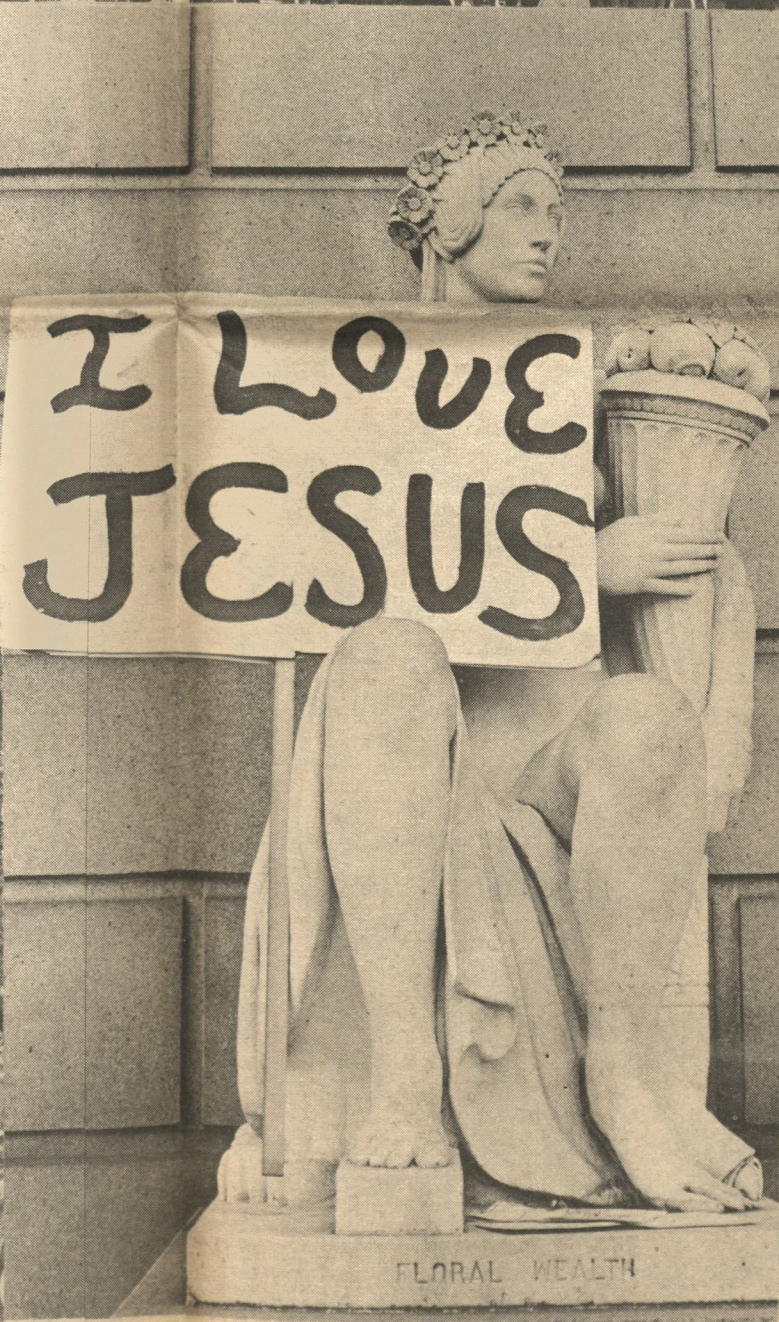
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