

FELLOWSHIP OF HUMANITY

Nice step up entrance at 390 27th Street between Broadway and Telegraph
Garden entrance at 411 28th Street

Editor for August: Bert Herman

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See Ed Rippy's article Page 8

PROGRAMS ON SUNDAY START AT 1 PM

First Sunday in August

August 3 1 PM

David Moe

THE UNITY OF POETOPIA IS REVEALED.

Dave resumes his reading-and-discussion of his many headed realm of Poetopia, in which all form is a crime! but he will openly admit to the Fellows *today* assembled that at a certain time and in a certain way there comes to be **the agape government** – revealed as a terrifying and mysterious concomitance of persistent relationships cupping the sports, welfare, libertarian, intentional and biodome communities. Ed. Note: Come on time, or you'll never catch up to the ongoing movement of Moe's thought.

THE REPORT FROM THE BY LAWS COMMITTEE IS DUE. [45 DAYS BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (SEPTEMBER 28TH)].

Second Sunday in August

August 10 1 PM

Jim Jacklich

THE SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION OF HUMANISM

Based in part on the book "Inexhaustibility and Human Being" by Stephen David Ross. Jim will attempt to broaden the scope of Humanism. {Whitehead, anyone?}

PLEASE SEE JIM'S OPINION PIECE IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN

Third Sunday in August
August 17 1 PM
Walter Springer Field Trip

CELEBRATING THE MARS – EARTH ENCOUNTER

Meet at Chabot Space Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. (510)336-7300
For \$1.00 admission you get parking and the Mars show at the Chabot
planetarium, plus the special Mars exhibition and a virtual vacation on Mars.
Transportation available from the Fellowship.

Fourth Sunday in August
August 24
Edwin Massey, Jr.

Ben Hur was a great movie. Ben Hur was a great book. General Lew Wallace
was the actual Civil War General who defended Washington, DC in 1862 and
thereby saved the Union. After a truly distinguished life as an Army officer,
General Wallace retired AND WROTE THE STORY OF THE JEWISH/ROMAN
WARS which we know as BEN HUR.

Fifth Sunday in August
August 31 1 PM
Bert Herman

Free Speech Forum. Topics could include • Among left leaning people in general,
advocating violence is called 'Trotskyism' [T/F] • One-third of Americans who
do not have health insurance have annual (household) incomes of more than
\$50,000 [T/F] • A recent study of 1,000 (Singapore) men and women under 40
revealed that only 25% of men wanted sex more than six times a month. That
desire dropped to 10% for women. "They are just too stressed out at the end of
the day," according to Prof. Victor Goh, of the National University of Singapore,
who conducted the study [T/F]* • Free Jeff Luers – environmental activist
sentenced to 23 years [www.freefreenow.org]. [Why/why not] • July 18: David
Kelly, former member of UNSCOM who has been to Iraq 37 times
on weapons inspections and was believed to be in the process of presenting
evidence that showed that Blair doctored his "Iraq dossier," is found dead.
Anyone who seriously believes this was a "suicide" probably still believes
in the tooth fairy, too. [T/F]

*Pepper Schwartz (a sociologist) wrote the book, "Everything You Know About Love and Sex is Wrong." We need a book review/talk. Any takers?

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[Last Sunday, July 27th was a **chartreuse** letter day at the Fellowship. I always say chartreuse when I mean a color beyond my limited red blue green ken. Not everyone can keep up with Doug Rees on the knowing things side, and he outbid himself on obscure but true, last Sunday. Here then are a few highlights. BHH]

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HOW COUNTRIES YOU NEVER HEARD OF SURVIVED THE COLD WAR

There is a country named Mustang.
There is a country named Seborga
There is a country named Seaugais.

You know about them, don't you? You do if you were here last Sunday!

Actually the question of what is a sovereign country is always enjoyable. There are a few small islands in the Pacific which are actually members of the United Nations.

Now if you thought that the Vatican (a sovereign neighborhood in Rome) is a sovereign country, you are right. But we are indebted to Doug Rees for telling us about a sovereign country within the sovereign country of the Vatican.

The Knights of Malta are an ancient elite and a sovereign country, which had a role in the Crusades. They were kicked out of Malta by Napoleon. Doug Rees knows, and the rapt audience at his talk, learned where they went with their sovereignty unimpaired. You do know where, don't you?

Ideals of Humanism

A Proposal for the Fellowship of Humanity

We intend to establish a free Fellowship of rationally enlightened individuals who will mutually contribute to furthering our knowledge of Man* in relation to himself [herself]*; to others, and to Nature; and to nourish socially responsible individuals who will recognize and correct the injustices in their respective societies and throughout the world.

Though we shall be inspired by the scientific ideals of the Enlightenment, we shall also develop a compassionate regard for our suffering human beings, and when appropriate, a critical as well as an appreciative understanding of all traditions and cultures of the world.

Based on the unique dignity of each human being, we shall promote equality and responsible freedom for all deserving individuals and promote those noble ideals manifested in the sciences, the humanities, the arts, and in life.

Finally we hope to promote the ideals of humanism by public meetings, lectures, workshops/seminars, social and artistic activities, distribution of relevant literature and constructive, progressive, liberal political activities.

Jim Jacklich

* Jim has 'Man' and 'himself'. I added 'herself'. BHH

I won't attempt to answer IN DETAIL David Oertel's rather muddled article in the July 2003 Newsletter. The section of the "mocking ex-member" by whom, I assume he means Henda Lea uses the technique of the Big Lie, that is, repeat a lie often enough and people, against reason, will begin to believe it. Henda has paid her renewal dues, her renewal was confirmed by the members, and therefore she is a member. If David does not like her, that is his right but this does not justify his assuming an authority he does not have to exclude her from membership. David's rather paranoid and bizarre version of what happened just does not hold water.

Such a biased article as that of David, typically, is permeated by projection. Is it Henda, or is it David, who is trying to take over? Think about it.

The Fellowship has had its ups and downs over the years. Speaking personally, it was at a high point during my first terms. It was fully rented (though at lower rates than now) by Marty Robbins, a prime example of an "old-time" member. Marty received no commission of other remuneration. He worked hard out of loyalty to the Fellowship and its principles. Ray was the nominal caretaker; he lived downstairs, in quarters markedly inferior to the present rooms, rather secretively as his residence was felt to be illegal (and probably is). He was paid a nominal salary of about \$140 a month. We had a good surplus in those days, using it to increase the balance in our CD account, do shingling, build shelves in the library, and on several other matters.

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{Walter talks of a period when the Fellowship was at a low point, under the "near dictatorship" of then President Le Rue Grim, and a period of anarchy when a crazy actress nearly took over.}

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"She, also, was an example of irrationality...and yet it may prove to be the seed of future success. Our production of ANTIGONE on which Ranier worked very hard and very creatively, was successful artistically and in drawing an audience."

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"Members can submit amendments to the by-laws. But the Board of Directors, as such, is not qualified to submit such amendments.... The by-laws clearly state: "all power and authority to amend the Articles of Incorporation and this constitution and by-laws, whether by modification, adoption, or repeal, either in

whole or in part rests in the membership." To that end the June membership meeting formed a committee to submit amendments to the by-laws.

{There is plenty more to the letter. Anyone interested ought to contact Walter. BHH}

Editorial

OUR HUMANIST PAST

Almost everyone knows by now that the militant founders of this Fellowship were just too radical for any ordinary Church. If the Unitarians believe in one God, if any, then what did we believe when we left them *en masse*? We believe in *radical democracy* as expressed by the EPIC formulation: End Poverty In California!

In an era when *good* people were too *goody goody* for words, we rejected their sexual hypocrisy and adherence to outworn doctrines. And now that people are drowning in hedonistic atheism, what do we believe?

March 1941

We publish a songbook: (#s 1 to 4): America, O Beautiful for Spacious Skies. Star Spangled Banner. O Native Land, How Fair You Seem. (#s 44 to 48): The Prince of Peace. Send Down Thy Truth. A Doxology. Life the Renewer. Power Eternal.

OUR HUMANIST DOXOLOGY – Come let us praise the truths we know,
For strength to stand for human right;
Until the earth stand in the glow
Of Freedom's pure and holy light

Sunday program: April 3, 1955, at 10:30 AM, with Mrs. Lillian Wright on the piano. W. David Brown, Leader, spoke his "Thoughts for Palm Sunday." And they sang Song #21:

O day of light and gladness,
Of prophecy and song,
What thoughts within us awaken,
What hallowed memories throng!
The soul's horizon widens,
Past, present, future blend,
And rises on our vision.
The life that hath no end.

Earth feels the season's joyance;
From mountain-range to sea
The tides of life are flowing,
Fresh, manifold and free.
In valley and on upland,
By forest pathways dim,
All Nature lifts in chorus
The Resurrection hymn.

They were some kind of springtime shitkickers!

**TRAGIC EVENTS IN OAKLAND
UNBELIEVABLE SAVAGERY
OF OAKLAND COPS**

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Oakland Cops

[This is from audio recordings of a town hall meeting in Oakland on April 28 and a Public Safety Committee meeting the following day, and newspaper reports; names may be misspelled.]

The April 7 shootings of protesters and dock workers with "less lethal" weapons by Oakland police has a background: several OPD members have a long history of abusive practices, police had met with Port management shortly before the protest, and the California Anti-Terrorism Information Center (CATIC) had suggested associations between the protesters and the violence at the WTO meeting in Seattle. There is also a history of police repression of labor.

According to records kept by People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO), a number of cops, including some of the “Riders,” have been abusing, harassing, and even killing people (often of color) with impunity for years. The shipping line APL and Stevedoring Services of America met with police a few days before the protest to discuss plans; they notified, but did not invite, the union. CATIC told OPD that the Berkeley-based Ruckus Society was involved, and that it had also been involved in Seattle. It did not mention that both the Ruckus Society and Direct Action to Stop War were pledged to nonviolence. Many protesters and longshoremen say police attacked without provocation or warning; police say that they gave several clear orders to disperse and that people threw rocks and metal objects at them. None of the publicly released videotape shows any thrown objects, and police shot many in the back.

<badges covered with tape>

According to at least two witnesses, police covered their badges with tape or didn't wear them. One dock worker said that an officer warned him to get into his car a couple of minutes before they started shooting. An Oakland attorney said he got shot five times (four in the back). First police ordered demonstrators to leave and then blocked the only exit; a few minutes later they started shooting and pursued them for a mile, taking an hour and a half. Jack Heyman, Business Agent for ILWU Local 10, was telling workers to leave because the scene had become too dangerous when four policemen dragged him from his car, stomped him, handcuffed him, and threw him in the paddy wagon. Despite confirmation of his identity and his responsibility there, they took him to Santa Rita, keeping him for a total of eighteen hours.

June Brasheers said several officers grabbed her while she was on the sidewalk with no warning. She saw a legal-observer woman arrested roughly, and in the paddy wagon she heard a voice on the radio direct police to arrest another legal observer and to ride their motorcycles into the protesters. Another cop, sitting in the front of the wagon, followed the action with glee.

One labor official reminded the Public Safety Committee that workers originally formed the ILWU in response to San Francisco police shooting of two of them during a dispute with the Pacific Maritime Association. Stevedoring Services of America (which met with OPD before the demonstration) is an Association member which has long wanted no-strike clauses in its contracts; it has a new contract in the Persian Gulf.

Another recalled the three-day general strike in Oakland after police escorted scabs and struck goods across picket lines in 1946.



Officers: Charles Gary (President Pro Tem), Ed Massey (Vice President)
Florence Windfall (Secretary), David Oertel (Treasurer)
The Officers and Board meet on the first Thursday of each month (at 1PM)
All members invited!



On Friday people eat, work, play guitars and hang out on the lawn, or in the kitchen. On Sunday the crowd comes in at noon and hangs out for an hour for coffee & stories, but as Yogi Berra used to say, "Nobody goes there anymore; it's too crowded."