

# 16 point platform and program

8. We want decent and free housing, fit shelter for human beings.

We believe that free shelter is a basic need and right which must not be denied on any grounds. Landlords are capitalists, and, like all capitalists, are motivated only by the accumulation of profits, as opposed to the welfare of the people. Therefore, the system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

9. We want to abolish the existing judicial system. We want all third world and gay people when brought to trial, to be tried by a people's court with a jury of their peers. A peer is a person from similar social, economic, geographical, racial, historical, environmental, and sexual background. We believe that the function of the judicial system under capitalism is to uphold the ruling class and keep the masses under control. The system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

10. We want the reparation for and release of all third world, gay and all political prisoners from jails and mental institutions.

We believe that these people should be released because they have not received a fair and impartial trial. The system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

11. We want the abolition of capital punishment, all forms of insitutional punishment, and the penal system.

We want the establishment of psychiatric institutions for the humane treatment and rehabilitation of criminal persons as decided by the people's court. We want the establishment of a sufficient number of free and non-compulsory clinics for the treatment of sexual disturbances, as defined by the individual. We believe that the system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

12. We want an immediate end to the fascist police force.

We believe that the only way this can be accomplished is by putting the defense of the people in the hands of the people. The system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

13. We want all third world and gay men to be exempt from compulsory military service, in the imperialist army. We want an end to military oppression both at home and abroad.

We believe that the only true army for oppressed people is the people's army and third world, gay people, and women should have full participation in the People's Revolutionary Army. The system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

14. We want an end to all institutional religions because they aid in genocide by teaching superstition and hatred of third world people, homosexuals and women. We want a guarantee of freedom to express natural spirituality.

We believe that institutionalized religions are an instrument of capitalism, therefore an enemy of the People. The system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

15. We demand *immediate* non-discriminatory open admission/membership for radical homosexuals into all left-wing revolutionary groups and organizations and the right to caucus.

We believe that so-called comrades who call themselves "revolutionaries" have failed to deal with their sexist attitudes. Instead they cling to male supremacy and therefore to the conditioned role of oppressors. Men still fight for the privileged position of man-on-the-top. Women quickly fall in line behind their men. By their counterrevolutionary struggle to maintain and to force heterosexuality and the nuclear family, they perpetuate decadent remnants of capitalism. To gain their anti-homosexual stance, they have used the weapons of the oppressor, thereby becoming the agent of the oppressor.

It is up to men to realistically define masculinity, because it is they, who, throughout their lives, have struggled to gain the unrealistic roles of "men." Men have always tried to reach this precarious position by climbing on the backs of women and homosexuals. "Masculinity" has been defined by capitalist society as the amount of possessions (including women) a man collects, and the amount of physical power gained over other men. Third world men have been denied even these false standards of "masculinity." Anti-homosexuality fosters sexual repressions, male-supremacy, weakness in revolutionary drive, and results in an inaccurate non-objective political perspective. Therefore, we believe that all left-wing revolutionary groups and organizations *must immediately* establish non-discriminatory, open admission/membership policies. The system must be changed. Socialism is the answer.

16. We want a new society — a revolutionary socialist society. We want liberation of humanity, free food, free shelter, free clothing, free transportation, free health care, free utilities, free education, free art for all. We want a society where the needs of the people come first. We believe that all people should share the labor and products of society, according to each one's needs and abilities, regardless of race, sex, age, or sexual preferences. We believe the land, technology, and the means of production belong to the people, and must be shared by the people collectively for the liberation of all.

REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM IS THE ANSWER.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



into the people

Amor  
extraño aire  
nostalgia ahuecada en un zapato de sueño  
canción que me acuerdo con toda la letra y que canto  
para mí  
imagen de compatriota brotado de ayer  
un cine lorraine, una noche de llovizna y primavera en  
que la conocí con su pelo  
largo rubio  
mirándome con gruñidos desde un cielo brumoso  
y qué hay entre nosotros  
3 años  
este puente roto  
este río hondo que toca las orillas y te devuelve las  
caras  
ese momento que recupero para mí  
si quiero imitar a jeanne moreau cantando  
y la guitarra  
qué mal cantabas caminando como loca con tu  
portafolio y tus tesoros  
leídos en cafés cortados  
mientras yo soñaba con proust  
y tu boca húmeda en un taxi buscando a alicia y los  
pasos perdidos  
pájaro desesperado  
quiero verte otra vez espoleando calles escupiendo  
mendigos con un brazo de  
amor  
mientras todas las mujeres te abrazan y los hombres  
te lamen el ombligo  
al lado de tus tetas  
y tu boca se abre  
y un río de flores de saliva llueve sobre las piedras  
que los guardias del amor custodian  
verte otra vez recorriendo ojos fríos y manos húmedas  
y tu varita mágica en las costillas de dios  
verte otra vez  
verte  
cuando los ángeles terrestres se regalen flores  
y la copa brille  
como un sol de agua  
entre los dedos.

—Néstor Latrónico.N.Y.70

## Mi Soledad

Bendita sea la madre que me parió  
Trayéndome a la soledad del mundo  
a luchar contra lo que no veo  
ni apenas creo  
y la duda increíble crecida  
en el ser humano.  
Y apenas alumbrando el corazón sensible  
Que a poco tiempo extingue  
el fuego de la curiosidad.

Qué batalla con la existencia!  
Qué pelea perdida!  
Pero  
Qué es  
la existencia  
sin amor?

— Ana Sánchez

