

GENERAL CALL TO HIGHWAYRESISTANCE,

The Redwoods, the Ironoaks, the oaks, the birds, the bats, the yellow legged frogs and the rest of life are up against it in Richardson Grove State Park, a few miles south of Garberville in Southern Humboldt County

Both Californians and the Feds are busy planning for a future that can't exist. Californians is willing to twist our environmental laws until we can drive a truck through them - right there at Richardson Grove. Specifically the STA trucks which represent the future of Biggar and Fawcett trucks that are longer and carry double the loads. Eureka's port will pour a cornucopia of goods out of and into the HumboldtBayway through the open veins of Richardson Grove!!!

The Feds are putting in three quarters of the money. They have their Military Defense Highway Phase as their motivating delusion. The expansion will enable the Military to run their heaviest wheeled thru the new highway. Meanwhile the real highway system around us is in a shambles, popping apart like a loosely clamped water pipe. Here, as the summer of 2010 slips away, it is time for a call to sanity.

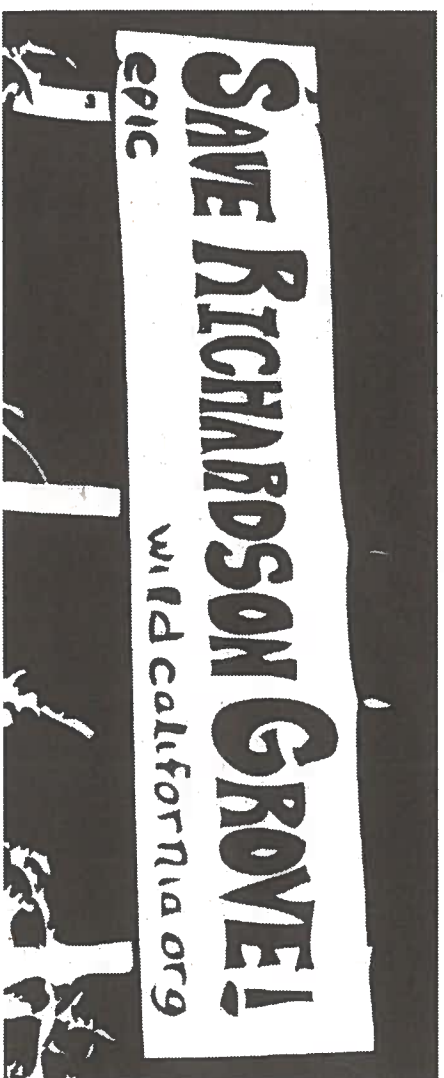
Can't get to the lovely Gulf Coast to soak up oil with your soul? Richardson Grove is built on the same model: guaranteed harm in the present to the natural world on behalf of the expectation of future profits. Google and then scroll down Californians Richardson Grove Final Report. Trucks, markets, economics...you don't find the natural world until the appendix. Then it is "harm yes...impact not significant." Not to them,

Even imagining this thoughtless atrocity breaks the treaty we made with the trees to compensate for the Positiver. Il cutting of the rest of the forest. The logged off wood went into the suburban explosion via the automobile - fueled liberally by our global control of oil production. The expansion of the highway in the Grove is the last link in the Federal Highway system - an Eisenhower era imperial symbol that may rival the Pentagon in its magical importance to the Military/Industrial/Congressional complex. We can't let the evil Pinball Wizards win this one.

The expansion is also standard issue Business Bubble building - you know: the deeper port in Eureka to the north, with cheaper goods on bigger trucks, bigger goods on cheaper trucks - all the fantasies of the anything to make a buck crowd. This worship of money at all costs is bubbling away in the gulf but focusing locally on the Grove can give birth to and even unearth our previously buried senses of urgency. Sept 30th was the start up date, now the task is of Jan. 2011. We can't let this happen.

This is definitely not about a little, teeny, kittily widening of the road through Richardson's Grove of Redwoods. The fight is about when do we start acting as if we wanted a future for our species in the web of life. It's about no longer allowing the state of California and the federal government to set the agenda from their offices up there in Covid Cocoon Land.

It was once said that the Meek will inherit the Earth when nobody wants to buy it. Obviously the time is ripe for a re-assessment of this mercenary relationship with the Earth, as well as some kind of revolutionary upheaval. It seems clear that when institutions fall miserably as they are falling now in the face of ecological and economic collapse, we will fall back on each other. That is the revolutionary moment - when widespread exasperation leads cooperatively to unique solutions outside the box.



We've been practicing various forms of nonviolent resistance on behalf of the environment for decades now. The utter wasteful stupidity of the Richardson Grove project - so symbolic of our global crisis - is weakening us as an action community again. Our talent for innovation may place us in the forefront again of the effort to - first - save the earth, and - second - liberate ourselves. Whenever the call comes to defend the grove, we must rise to the occasion. Paul Encher (wildcalifornia.org is a good place to remain in touch. Write me at Box 182, Percy CA 95567)

THE DEPOT REVEALED

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hungry attitude. Some employees at the Depot say, "All you need to be a coordinator is a cup of coffee and the ability to criticize." Student coordinators have a higher salary and in a sense, because of most of their buddy-buddy relationships with Aguilar, more job security.

Mary Jane, a second-semester worker who also chose to go with an alias, claims that while some student coordinators can be "chill" others are just power-hungry and rude. "Sometimes if they don't want to do a job themselves, they'll get one of the workers to do it." She said, shaking her head in disapproval.

One extreme example of a coordinator was Jen. She worked last semester and now has graduated. Jen was described by Jane as a constant black cloud of the Depot. Jen was close to management, which inspired the all too well known alienation from her peers, enabling her to be increasingly unpleasant to the other workers. Betty, another fellow worker with an alias said, "She doesn't get anything done. She just sits in the cash room and yells at people." There were countless horror stories regarding this dictatorial coordinator.

Besides the concerns about the obvious top-down hierarchy, workers are upset by the food wastage. Mary Jane recounts that she can't even look while she throws away all the uneaten breakfast burritos at grill. "Every day I go down to Arcata and I see a guy with a sign that says 'I am hungry' and here we are dumping all of this food," she said. In fact, the Depot is extremely wasteful. Betty said that Salsa City alone throws away up to 3 full trash bags of food per day; food that can still be eaten. Workers would like to donate it to the needy,

Shattuck Cinema Workers continued

Recently, workers at Embarcadero Center Cinemas in San Francisco have joined the IWU and made a list of demands. The Union hopes to not make some of the same mistakes that were made in the past at other theaters. The possibility is slim to non-existent that Embarcadero management would voluntarily recognize the Union. Holding an election is not an option because like Minneapolis, Cambridge and Shattuck, this is the company's big hope to derail the worker's power.

Landmark portrays itself as indie and progressive and art house and all that. They have an image that the corporate head office continually polishes. All the while, tightening corporate control. Like Starbucks

The essence of this approach is, "Have your Union, but you will never get a decent contract." We can bargain forever but the company is not legally bound to agree to anything.

So Cinema workers everywhere are encouraged to get involved organizing on the job and in the industry to make the bosses give in to worker's demands because they have the power.

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but the management fears the danger of getting sued. What most people don't know is that if the Depot were to donate food, it would be protected under the Good Samaritan Food Donation Act. This means that being sued isn't a real danger. However, this ties in with the former topic. Most workers are outraged at the wasteful mannerisms of the Depot, but they are too afraid to face management.

There is still a light at the end of that tunnel. A small group of workers have gathered and met with the IWU (Industrial Workers of the World) to try and bring in the idea of a union. They hope to end the abuse of power of management, so concerns can be voiced without the fear of being unjustly fired.