

# Liberation—Independence Day

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## Palo Alto

Street action broke out in Palo Alto, Cal. July 4 when local pigs attempted to close an impromptu rock concert sponsored by the Palo Alto White Panthers. Banks, the local newspaper, the telephone company and a department store were trashed. One pig injury was reported. Ten persons were busted, including the seven members of the band who didn't dig the pigs banning amplified music.

## Washington, D.C.

Some heavy fighting with the pigs broke out in Washington, D.C. on the Fourth of July. If you don't know about it, it's cause the straight press didn't want to tell you about it—another news blackout.

The TV coverage from the Kapital showed Bob Hope and Kate Smith putting on their show for the 150,000 "Loyal Americans" who attended.

What you didn't see on the tube or in the paper was the 15,000 freaks who were fighting the pigs in back of the cameras, trying to liberate the stage.

That's right. 15,000 freaks. They didn't make it, but they sure as shit made a good try. While Billy Graham was intoning his death wish into the mike, 44 Washington, D.C. hogs were royally trashed, stomped, and put out of action.

## Berkeley

In Berkeley, California, street people and radicals celebrated America's Independence Day on July 4 as "Liberation Day" with block parties and trashing expeditions around the city. At least one of the parties was B.Y.O.F.: bring your own flag—an NLF or Pathet Lao flag to wave or an Amerikan flag to burn.

A rally was held in recently renamed Ho Chi Minh Park to celebrate the victories of the Cambodian forces in recapturing most of their homeland, the forthcoming return of Huey Newton to the streets of Oakland Cal. and the liberation of women.

During the week before the rally, the city had been burning with scattered acts of arson that kept the under paid firemen running back and forth. The firemen are now prepared to go on strike.

## Milwaukee

A total news blackout by the pig media shrouded a people's park riot in Milwaukee. July 7 the city ordered a 10 PM curfew that was to begin July 14, for a small park surrounding a fountain on Lake Michigan. It had been a regular hangout for freaks in the downtown area so the politicians decided to shut it down.

Come July 14 the community responded. About 4,000 people attacked police trying to enforce the curfew. The pigs responded with gas and the people hit back with bottles and rocks from the beach. They trashed stores and burned a squad car and for the next two days the people ruled the streets.

The pigs killed a youth, Randy Anderson, who they alleged firebombed an A&P. Except for this loss, the riot was a people's victory, so much so that the straight media has seen fit to release little or nothing about it.



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