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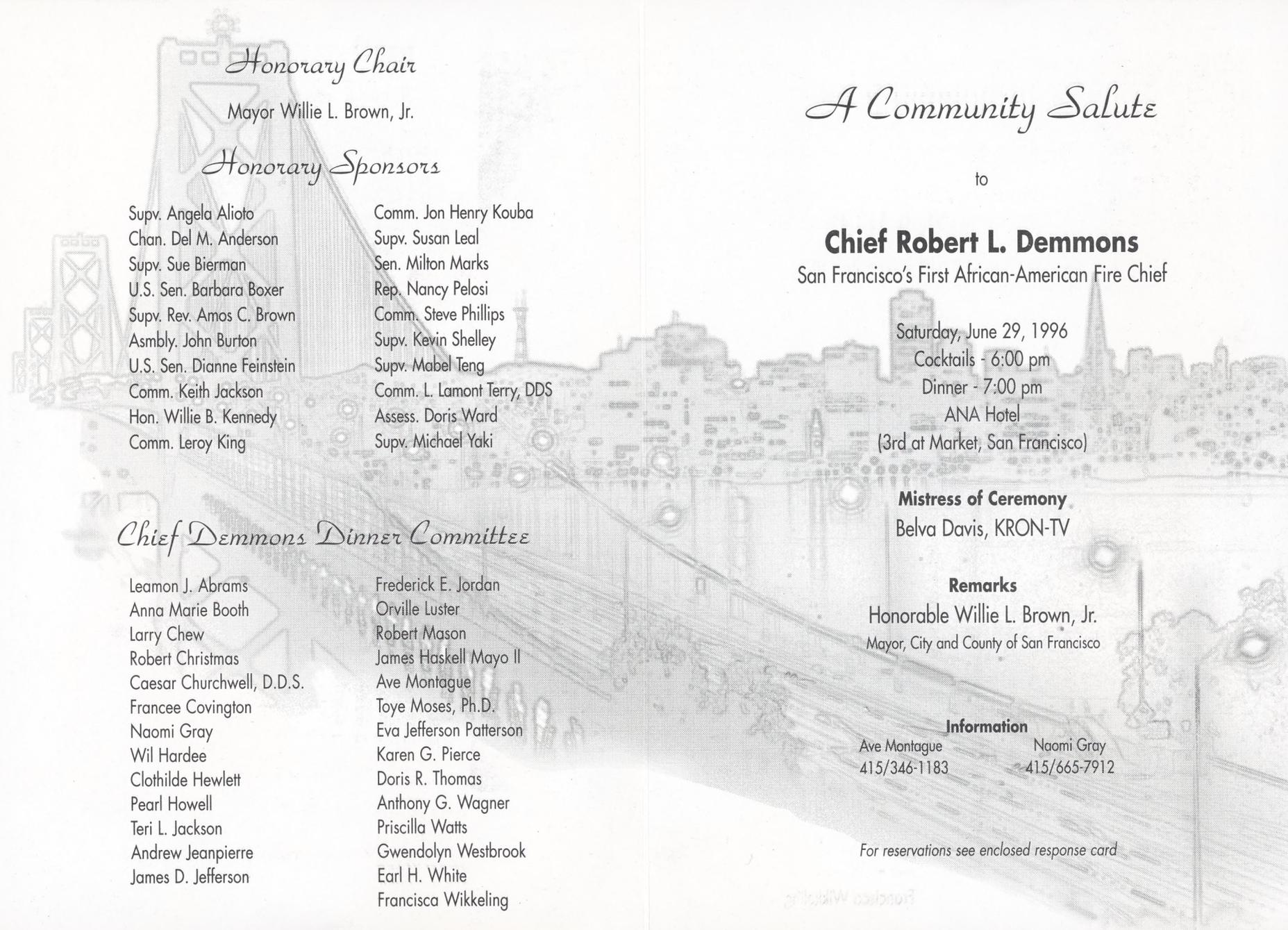
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## *A Community Salute*

to

**Chief Robert L. Demmons**  
San Francisco's First African-American Fire Chief

Saturday, June 29, 1996

Cocktails - 6:00 pm

Dinner - 7:00 pm

ANA Hotel

(3rd at Market, San Francisco)

### **Mistress of Ceremony**

Belva Davis, KRON-TV

### **Remarks**

Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr.  
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

### **Information**

Ave Montague  
415/346-1183

Naomi Gray  
415/665-7912

*For reservations see enclosed response card*



### **Robert L. Demmons**

Chief Demmons entered the fire service for the City of San Francisco on July 29, 1974. Prior to joining the Fire Department, he worked for PG&E. He served in fire suppression throughout the City and had worked in each of the 41 stations.

A lieutenant in 1979, he became captain in 1988, and battalion chief and then Division Chief, in 1991. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in 1993, and appointed to Department Chief, by Mayor Brown, in January, 1996.

Demmons managed the Fire Department's Division charged with ensuring Consent Decree compliance. Chief Demmons also chaired the Standard Operating Procedures and Performance Appraisal System Committee which created a revised system that was very well received in the Department. He annually serves as an instructor at the Fire Officer Executive Development Program. He is an active member in the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Chief Demmons is very active in the community. He has a strong interest in children's issues and is currently working to develop a partnership between the Fire Stations and the communities they serve to provide programs focusing on the youth of the City.

Chief Demmons was born in Texas, and his family moved to San Francisco when he was an infant. He attended public schools in San Francisco, and served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He gained an Associate of Arts degree from San Francisco City College in Engineering. Chief Demmons is married to Willie Demmons. He has two sons and one daughter: Robert Todd, Steven and Tiffany.

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THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH  
BAPTISM AND COMMUNION SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1996  
10:45 A.M.

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Order of Worship

Prelude..... Organist  
Call to Worship..... Rev. Ambrose Carroll  
Processional Hymn .....*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* ..... Choir & Congregation  
Invocation..... Deacon Calhoun Brown  
Choral Response .....*I Love Him* ..... Choir & Congregation  
Worship and Praise ..... *Glory to His Name*..... Choir & Congregation  
Radio Greeting ..... Mr. Benjamin Johnson  
Welcoming of Guests ..... Ms. Michele Jacques  
Musical Selection..... Combined Choirs  
Scripture..... Deacon Robert Webster  
Musical Selection..... Combined Choirs  
The Proclaimed Word..... Rev. Michael Eric Dyson

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Invitational Hymn.....*I Am Thine, O Lord* ..... Choir & Congregation  
Altar Call.....*Oh Lord, Have Mercy* ..... Pastor Amos C. Brown  
Altar Prayer ..... Rev. Aubrey Lewis

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
Presentation and Consecration/Doxology

Communion Hymn..... *Let Us Break Bread Together*..... Choir & Congregation  
Church Covenant..... ALL STANDING (Back of Bulletin)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Pastoral Observations..... Pastor Amos C. Brown  
Benediction Hymn .....*Always Remember* ..... Choir & Congregation  
Benediction ..... Rev. Rickey Cooper  
Postlude..... Organist  
Recessional..... Choir

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In Loving Memory  
of  
Brazola Spencer

Sunrise  
August 26, 1933

Sunset  
April 30, 1992



Funeral Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1992  
11:00 A.M.

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH  
1399 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, California

Officiating  
Dr. Amos C. Brown, Pastor

# Obituary

**BRAZOLA SPENCER** was born in Union Springs, Alabama, August 26, 1933. She was born to the union of Aaron and Margie Pugh. Brazola was the eighth of eleven siblings. She completed her education in Chicago and upon graduation enrolled in the University of Illinois. Brazola married Henry Spencer on August 26, 1959. To this union four sons were born, Henry, Reginald, Sydney, and James.

In 1962 they moved to California, whereby she continued her educational pursuit at San Francisco State University. Brazola was a faithful member of Third Baptist Church, serving as the Fellowship Chairperson of Sunday School Class #4 and member of W.M.U. - Phyllis Wheatly Circle. Brazola became a diligent member and worker for the NAACP in 1979. She served as board member, Chairperson of the Membership Committee and member of the Bay Area Life Membership Committee. She actively served as a member of San Francisco's Order of Eastern Star, the Daly City Black Heritage Club, and the Esquire Educational and Social Development Foundation.

Brazola retired from UCSF's Accounts Receivable Department on March 28, 1991, following 28 years of devoted service. She was a committed organizer for the UCSF Black Caucus and elected officer and member of A.F.S.C.M.E., Local 3218. Her elected offices of tenure by far are too numerous to state. She was well loved and respected by all whom came in contact with her.

Brazola Spencer was a strong christian with a deep sense of family direction and pride. She constantly demonstrated this with love, kindness, compassion and understanding. She was a caring and nourishing person, her home often a haven for many. She was an exceptional cook, whereby many folks shared at her table. Hearth-felt sounds of joy and laughter filled her home.

Brazola will be missed, but never forgotten.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Henry Spencer; her 93 year old mother, Margie Pugh; four sons, Henry (Shelia), Reginald, Sydney (Yvonne), and James; four sisters, Mrs. Ezell (John) White, Akron, OH, Mrs. Juanita (Lawrence) Long, Akron, OH, Ms. Ruth Pugh, Chicago, IL, Mrs. Marjorie Foster, Chicago, IL; two brothers, Curtis (Rose) Pugh, Tampa, FL and Cargie (Elnora) Pugh, Chicago, IL; one grandson, Darius Braggs, Detroit, MI; four step grandsons, Raphael, Dewayne, Issac and Steven; mother-in-law, Thelma Spencer, Chicago, IL; three sisters-in-law, Bessie Jones, Chicago, IL, Lilly (Leroy) Seabrook, Chicago, IL, Minnie Smith, Chicago, IL; two brothers-in-law, Marvine Spencer, Chicago, IL, DeCarlo Conley, Tampa, FL; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

REST IN PEACE

# Order of Service

- PROCESSIONAL .....Musical Prelude
- SCRIPTURE .....Old Testament: Psalms 23  
New Testament: St. John 14: 1-4
- PRAYER .....Rev. J.D. Wilhite, Pastor  
St. Stephen's Missionary  
Baptist Church
- MUSICAL SELECTION .....Lorrain Franklin-Taylor
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....Bridget Price
- RESOLUTIONS (2 min.) .....1. NAACP - Peter Cohn  
2. WMU  
3. SS#4
- EXPRESSIONS (2 min.) .....Open Invitation
- OBITUARY .....Bridget Price
- MUSICAL SELECTION .....Shelia Stapleton
- EULOGY .....Dr. Amos C. Brown, Pastor
- REVIEWING THE REMAINS .....
- RECESSIONAL .....

## Interment

OLIVET MEMORIAL PARK  
Colma, California

## Burialbearers

Family and Friends

*Begin the day with God,  
Kneel down to Him in Prayer;  
Lift up thy heart to His abode.  
And seek His love to share.  
Open the book of God,  
And read a portion there;  
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,  
And sweeten all thy care.  
Go through the day with God  
What ever thy work may be.  
What ever thou art at home, aboard  
He still is near to thee.*

*Converge in mind with God  
Thy spirit heavenward raise.  
Acknowledge every good bestowed.  
And offer grateful praise.  
Conclude the day with God  
Thy sins to Him confess;  
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,  
And plead His righteousness.  
Lie down at night with God  
Who gives His servants sleep;  
And when thou tread at the vale  
Of death, He will thee guard and keep.*

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We the family wish to thank our many friends for their kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy shown during our bereavement, also for the flowers, cards and telegrams.

*Final Arrangements Entrusted to:*

*— Lewis and Ribbs Mortuary —*

**GARDEN CHAPEL**

6424 Third Street • San Francisco, CA 94124

(415) 468-2360

The family of Sam Gold  
sincerely thanks you for your  
love and support and asks  
that donations in Sam's memory  
be given to

**BAY AREA ANTI-APARTHEID NETWORK**

**(B.A.A.A.N.)**

**P.O. Box 98**

**Oakland, CA 94604**

A Memorial for  
**Sam Gold**

(1914 — 1992)



*To celebrate a lifetime effort in the fight for  
peace, equality, and socialism*

Sunday, November 22, 1992  
First Unitarian Center  
San Francisco, California

Today we celebrate the life of Sam Gold, a man of high principle, dedicated to the cause of humanity. A tireless fighter for peace, equality, and socialism. Sam died of heart failure shortly after celebrating his 78th birthday.

Born the fifth of six children, Sam lived most of his life on the West side of Chicago, where as a boy he was involved in neighborhood sports and his lifelong interest, art. After high school, Sam attended the Academy of Fine Arts, graduating into a depression-gripped city. For thirty years he worked as a commercial artist, resigning his position with Encyclopedia Britannica in 1968 when he and wife Mollie moved to California hoping to leave Mollie's poor health behind.

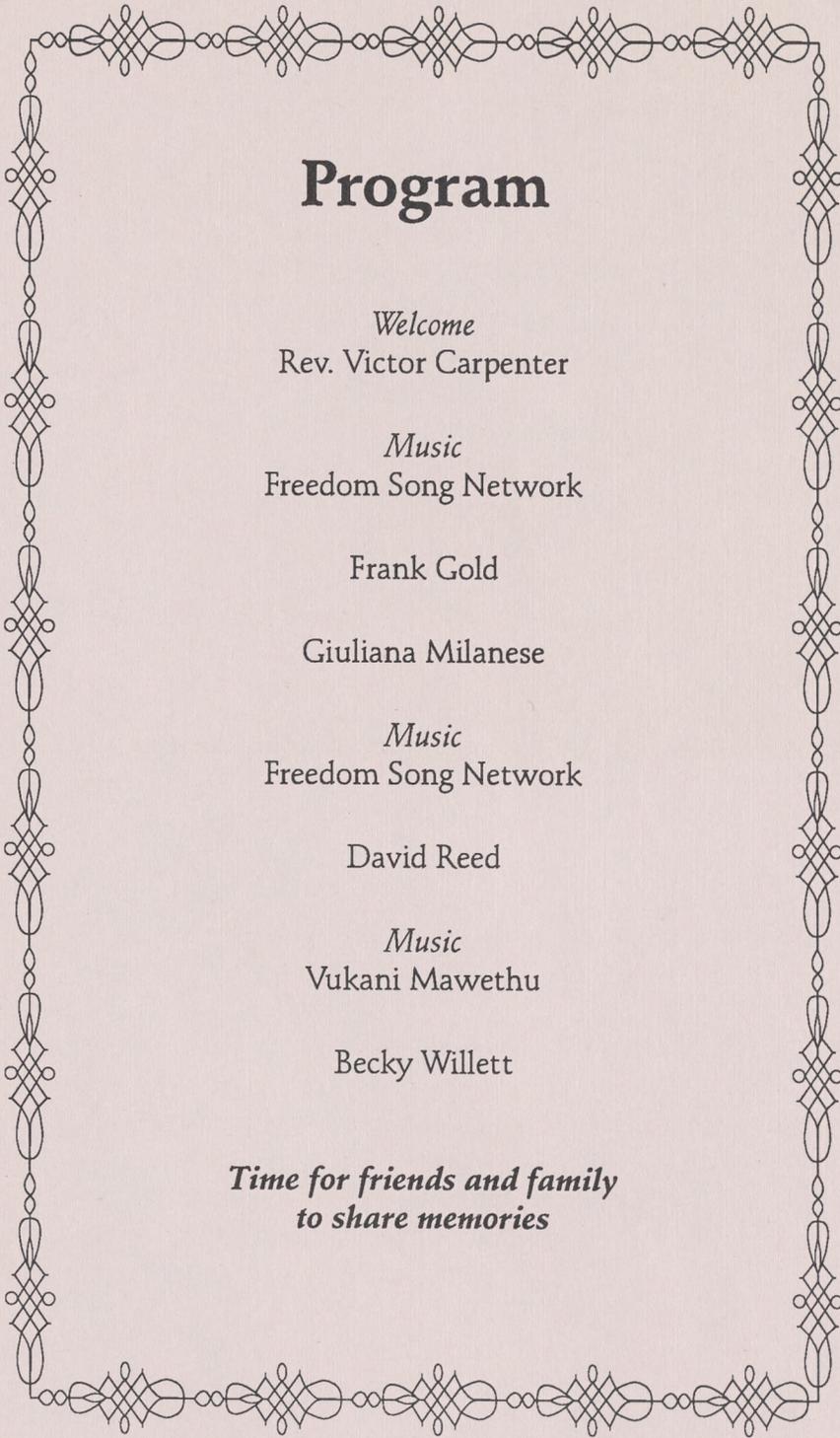
In California, Sam joined the staff of the Peoples' World, moved on to become West Coast representative for Imported Publications and International Publishers, and finally a manager of the Book Center, San Francisco's progressive bookstore.

In 1936, Sam joined the Communist Party and remained a member until his death October 11. During WWII Sam served as a Union Steward in a war plant and following the war was selected studio rep for the Commercial Artists and Photographers Union. His working class commitment was seen on countless picket lines, significant demonstrations, and in important boycotts for nearly sixty years.

The presidential campaign of the Progressive Party nominee Henry Wallace garnered his support as did aldermanic hopefuls in the 24th Ward of Chicago, an important cog in that city's corrupt and racist political machine. Sam helped organize the first ever neighborhood chapter of the NAACP and marched on Washington with Martin Luther King in 1963.

In his last years Sam and Mollie were active in the anti-apartheid movement, helping to organize many events and meetings, including the huge gathering for Nelson Mandela in the Oakland Coliseum. Sam also edited the anti-apartheid Alert, a newsletter valued as a vital source of information from and about South Africa.

Sam and Mollie married in 1941 and worked side by side on a variety of progressive and radical issues for nearly 52 years. Other products of this relationship are sons Frank and Jeff and grandchildren Buffie and Michael.



## Program

*Welcome*

Rev. Victor Carpenter

*Music*

Freedom Song Network

Frank Gold

Giuliana Milanese

*Music*

Freedom Song Network

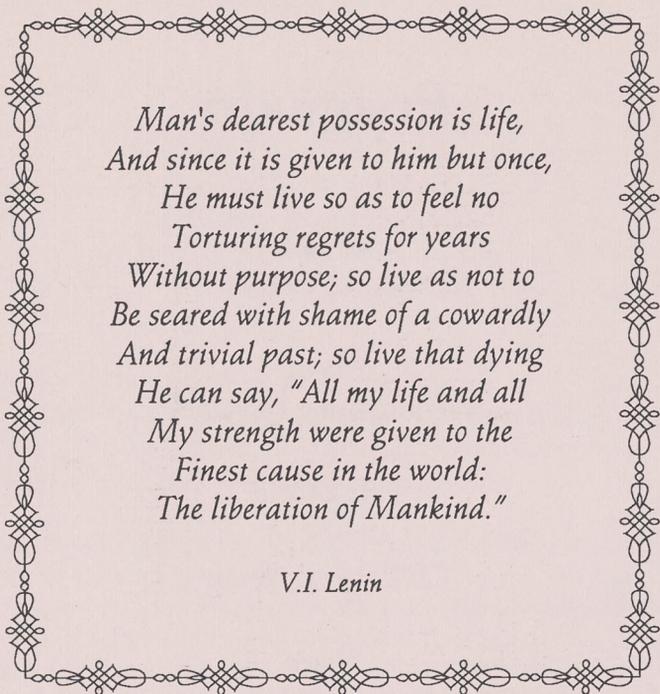
David Reed

*Music*

Vukani Mawethu

Becky Willett

*Time for friends and family  
to share memories*

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*Man's dearest possession is life,  
And since it is given to him but once,  
He must live so as to feel no  
Torturing regrets for years  
Without purpose; so live as not to  
Be seared with shame of a cowardly  
And trivial past; so live that dying  
He can say, "All my life and all  
My strength were given to the  
Finest cause in the world:  
The liberation of Mankind."*

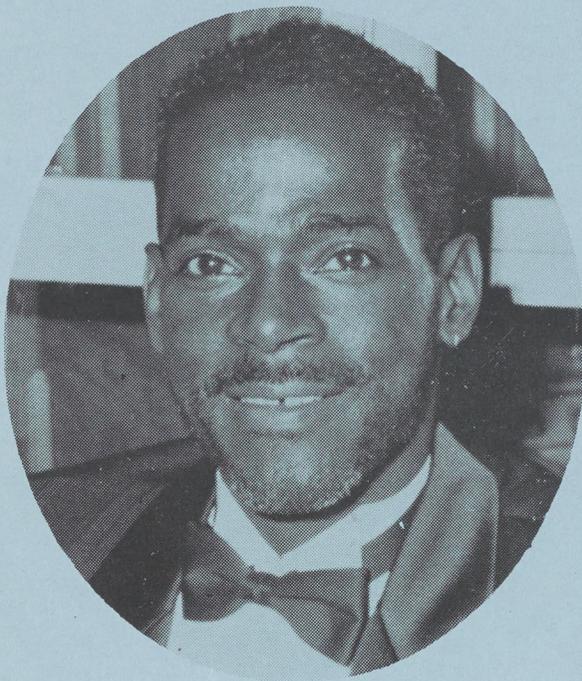
*V.I. Lenin*



*The family requests that donations be made to:*

Bay Area Anti-Apartheid Network  
Sam Gold Memorial Fund  
P.O. Box 98  
Oakland, CA 94604

In Loving Memory  
of



Ronald R. Burton

Sunrise  
February 15, 1952

Sunset  
October 17, 1992

Funeral Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1992  
11:00 A.M.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
1321 Oak Street  
San Francisco, California

Rev. Edwin Watkins, Pastor

## Obituary

Mr. Ronald Reagan Burton was born in San Francisco, California in the year of 1952 on February 15th. Ronald was a precious black rose to his mother, Dorothy Mae Burton and, his late father, Dellie Augustis Burton, Sr.

He attended George Washington High School, where he served as the president of his student body and was the honorable validictorian of his graduating class. In pursuing his academic dreams, Ronald graduated from the University of San Francisco, then proceeded on to be an educator within the public school system. After dedicating his time and energy to the educating of our youth, he went on to be a highly respected employee of Pacific Bell for 12½ years.

This great and faithful servant of our Lord and Savior was a lifetime member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church located in San Francisco. In keeping with his Christian upbringing, Ronnie, as he was lovingly called by his family members, loved and gave freely of himself to all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn, his precious mother, Dorothy Mae Burton; his loving and endearing grandmother, Lula Johnson; five brothers, Dellie Jr., Christopher Sr., Reginald Sr., Phillip, and Marlon Sr.; two loving aunts; three loving uncles; five nephews; seven nieces; seven great nieces and nephews; a host of loving cousins, and many, many friends.

## Order of Service

THE PROCESSIONAL .....	Musical Prelude
SCRIPTURE READING	
Old Testament .....	Psalms 18:1-6
New Testament .....	
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	
PRAYER .....	
MUSICAL SELECTION .....	
REFLECTIONS .....	Marlon Burton, Jr.
REMARKS .....	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....	
SOLO .....	
THE EULOGY .....	Rev. Edwin Watkins
THE RECESSIONAL .....	Musical Postlude

### pallbearers

Christopher Burton, Sr.	Marlon Burton, Sr.
Reginald Burton, Sr.	Marlon Burton, Jr.
Phillip Burton	Reginald Burton, Jr.

### Honorary pallbearers

Christopher Burton, Jr.	Niles Burton
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### Interment

CYPRESS LAWN CEMETERY  
Colma, California

*Because of Ronald's compassion and love for his fellowman, his firm belief in family unity, and his many great deeds, he'll always be cherish and remembered.*

#### **In Appreciation**

We wish to express to you, our many friends, our gratitude for your kindnesses evidenced in thought and in deed, and for your attendance at the services.

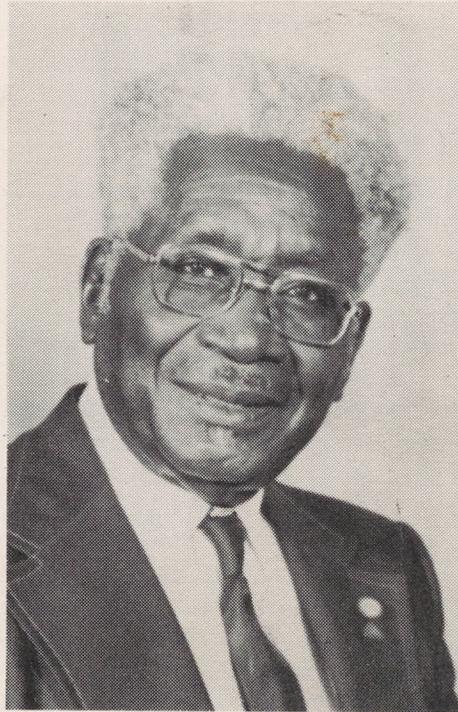
—The Family



**POLLARD**  
**& SONS**  
MORTUARY

1904 ADELIN ST. OAKLAND, CA. 94607 415-835-8530

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Rev. Lewis T. Allen*

*Sunrise*

June 1, 1904

*Sunset*

August 1, 1991

*Funeral Service*

Wednesday, August 7, 1991 - 11:00 AM

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH  
1399 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, California

Dr. Amos C. Brown - Pastor

*The Entombment*  
SKYLAWN MEMORIAL PARK  
San Mateo, California

## The Obituary

Rev. Lewis Thomas Allen expired on August 1, 1991 at St. Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco, California. Born in Beaumont, Texas, June 1, 1904, to Bogie Snell and Frank Allen. In Texas he received a B.S. Degree from Prairie View State University, was editor of Prairie View Newspaper, and was honored for saving the lives of several students when the dormitory caught fire. He worked as a High School Principal and Assistant Principal, taught math and science, organized and taught a community in Corrigan, Texas to can chickens and make liver sausage. After teaching for two years in Greenville, Texas he met and married Miss Charlie Mae Clinton in 1936 and moved to California in 1942. In 1951 to this union was born one child Zandra.

In 1954 after experiencing a crisis in his immediate family and in need of blood, a blood bank under the leadership of the Rev. F.D. Haynes, Sr., was organized and Rev. Allen gave the first pint. Rev. Allen received a B.D. at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and became an ordained minister. He taught at James Denman Junior High School, S.F. and served as Full-time counselor. At John O'Connell Vocational High School and Technical Institute he was also Full-time counselor. From the University of San Francisco he received a M.A. in Administration and Supervision, and M.A. in Pre-Marriage and Family Counseling.

Rev. Allen's experiences include: Allen's Grocery Co., Chain of 3 Stores, owned and operated a fifty-two room Hotel in San Francisco, Past President of Negro Grocery Association, Past President of the Negro Business and Professional Association, Past member of the NAACP Board, and Past Clerk for the American Woodman of the World. As Past member of the San Francisco California Teachers Association, he served as Member of the Board of Directors - 5 years, Member of the Negotiation Team and Vice President - 5 years, Secondary City Schools Director - 5 years. Community Relations Chairperson - 4 years, Political Action Chairperson - 3 years, Grievance Committee Chairperson - 2 years, Reduction of Vandalism and Improvement of School Safety Chairperson - 3 years, and Member of Human Rights Commission of the City and County of San Francisco's Youth and Education Committee. Previous President of Investors Alliance Inc. S.F., Member, Organizer, and Past President of Gamma Phi Beta Sigma Chapter of San Francisco, Inc., Consultant for the Business and Christian Women of San Francisco, Associate Minister at Third Baptist Church, S.F., served for eight years as Minister of Religious Education, Youth Director and Assistant Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church, and one year as Interim Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, San Mateo, California.

Other public activities include: President of Southwestern Neighborhood Improvement Group. S.N.I.G., picnic tables, benches, barbecue pits and modern trash disposals were installed at Oceanview Playground. Board Member and worked in education section, and was Chairperson for Church Section of Ocean View Merced Ingleside (O.M.I.) Community Association Newspaper. Founder and Board Member of O.M.I. Community Center. Instrumental in organizing and sole community representative for the Southern Neighborhood's Youth Court, now known as the San Francisco Youth Court Inc. Joined the Mission Lions Club and was a Past President. Later helped organize three Lions Clubs and two Lioness Clubs. Served as Extension Chairman and District Chaplain in District 4-C-4 of Lions Clubs International. Mid 1980's joined the San Francisco Ocean Ingleside Lions Club. Life Member Helen Keller Fellow Lions Eye Foundation of California and Nevada Inc., Worked with the Board of Directors; Ear of the Lions Foundation, Palo Alto, California, was Board of Director, Booker T. Washington Community Center, Member of Black Men of Action, past clerk for the American Woodman of the World; Past President of the Negro Business and Professional Association; Board of Director of Ingleside Terraces Homes Association, Member of Advisory Board to Legal Assistance for the Elderly. Member of Hannibal Lodge No.1 Free and Accepted Masons. One of the founding Members of Vista Senior Housing Project Team, now known as Sheriffs Eviction Assistance Project, Prairie View University Alumni Association Member. Rev. Allen has received many numerous awards throughout his life for his work in the community. His most recent Award of Appreciation for the community was received from the Ingleside Presbyterian Church on June 30, 1991.

Survivors are, his wife: Charlie Mae Allen; daughter: Zandra Allen; brother: Rev. Eugene Allen; cousin: Joe Mosley, a host of other relatives and many loving friends.

## The Order Of Service

THE PARTING VIEW	Musical Prelude
THE PROCESSIONAL	Mr. Thomas May, Organist
THE INVOCATION	
THE SCRIPTURE READINGS	
The Old Testament	Psalm 23
The New Testament	Philippians 4:5-7
A SOLO	"This Little Light Of Mine" Mr. William Wiggins
THE OBITUARY (Read Silently)	
REMARKS / RESOLUTIONS	
Southwestern Neighborhood Improvement Group	Mr. Will Reno
S.F. Sheriff's Eviction Assistance Project	Sgt. Frank Hutchins
S.F. Youth Court Inc.	Capt. Philpot
Lions District Governor 4-C-4	Lou Ercoli
Booker T. Washington Community Center	Rev. Timothy Dupree
Third Baptist Church	
A SOLO	"Life's Railway To Heaven" Mr. Douglas Haynes
THE EULOGY	Dr. Amos C. Brown
A PRAYER	
THE BENEDICTION	
THE RECESSIONAL	Musical Postlude

### The Pallbearers

Frank Hutchins	Richard Hogg
Marion Williams	Allen Wilson
John Jackson	Lovell Davis
	Lonnie Adams

R. 430  
4 PM

*To Our Friends*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a donation, if so we deeply appreciate it.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, As any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you very much.

The Allen Family

Donations May Be Made To:

The Lions Eye Foundation  
In Memory of Rev. Lewis T. Allen  
Post Office Box 7999  
San Francisco, CA 94120

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

*Osborne's Funeral Directors*  
2200 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California 94115  
(415) 922-4110

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# NEWS AND VIEWS

## LOCAL 2 RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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209 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

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**Quarterly**

Charles Gricus, Editor

**April, 1991**

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### In Memory of Flo

I had the good fortune to work with Flo for twelve years while building the Local 2 Retirees Association. She did the work of three people with caring and deep feeling. Flo gave of herself beyond the call of duty. She will be missed.

*Charles Gricus*

My association with Flo Douglass was a warm and cooperative one. She was always a wonderful, unselfish woman whom I considered to be my friend, in every sense of the word.

*Martha Bisgaard*

Knowing Flo Douglass was a new friendship for me. Not knowing her as well as others did, still I felt her thoughtfulness and caring at once. We all think of her in a very special way. We miss her.

*LaVada Arslan*

Flo was a good person to work with. Not only was she a good Secretary, but (I) found her to be a friend. She will be greatly missed.

*Bob Moses*

The passing of Secretary Flo Douglass is a great loss to our Board and to the Retirees Association. She was always pleasant and willing to take time to answer any questions I asked her at our meeting and over the phone. I will miss her.

*Katherine Nash*

Flo was an institution for our organization, as well as the Culinary as a whole. We will miss her greatly.

*Milton Funchess  
Board Member*

Flo Douglass, our Secretary and Treasurer, worked hard for the retirees. She put many hours in getting Reno trips, barbecues, outings and Christmas parties together. She was always there when you needed her. I think she was great.

*Nick Stanich*

I would like to express my memories to the loss of our beloved trade-union sister, Flo Douglass. She was definitely a wonderful and great secretary-treasurer. She will be missed very much from the Local 2 Retirees' Association. When I was picket-captain during the '50's, I used to go to Local 48 to pick up my check. She would have my check ready for me that particular week. She also struggled to bring Afro-American waitresses into the Local. She will always be remembered by our members at the Local 2 Retirees' Association. We will always love her. She will never be forgotten.

*Lee Brown*

Life is like a rose in full bloom.  
How few notice the rose petals,  
As they fall one by one to the ground and die,  
knowing come spring, they will bloom again.

My prayers for you, dear Flo, is that you will bloom forever in God's never ending spring.

*Lillian Turner*

**Local 2  
Retirees Association  
made a donation of  
\$100.00 to the  
Shriner's Hospital for  
Children in memory of  
Flo Douglass.**

## QUARTERLY LUNCHEON

We will have our Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on April 26th. There will be a number of important things to discuss.

Turkey, meatloaf, salads and dessert will be furnished.

Your generous donations of salads and desserts will be deeply appreciated. Many thanks for your past donations.

One hour of business - one hour of bingo. Come and enjoy!



## RENO CALLING

Our first Reno trip this year is Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and 7th. the cost is \$42.50 for double occupancy. Refund will be \$43.00 cash and coupons. Make your reservations NOW and play it safe. Pay now. Bring a friend.

For further information, call:  
LaVada Arslan 282-5432

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# ELECTION

## of Local 2 Officers

# May 8th,

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## Polk Hall at Civic Center

Many important things depend on your vote.

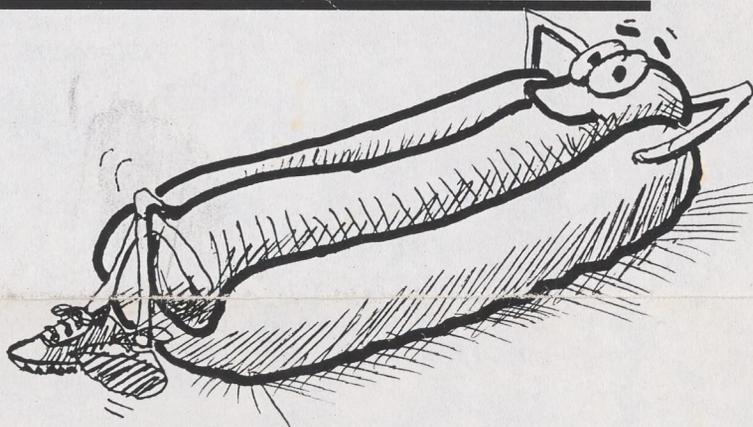
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## NOTICE

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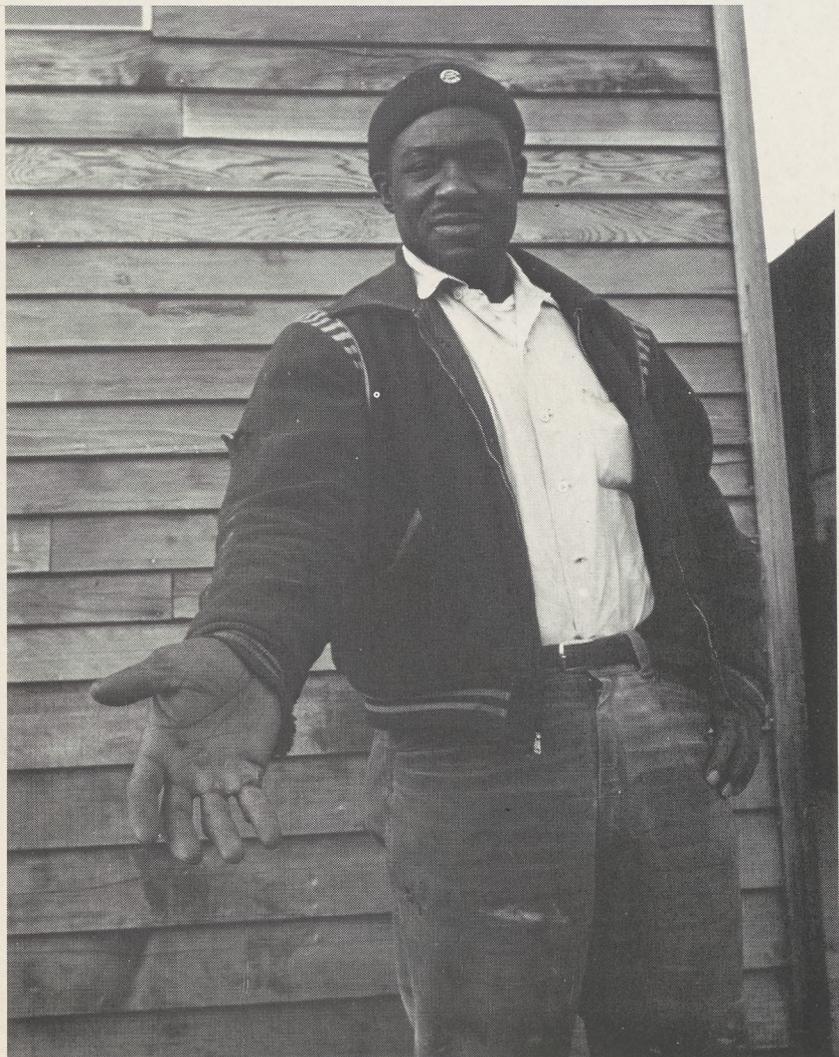
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Membership Chairman  
Retirees' Association  
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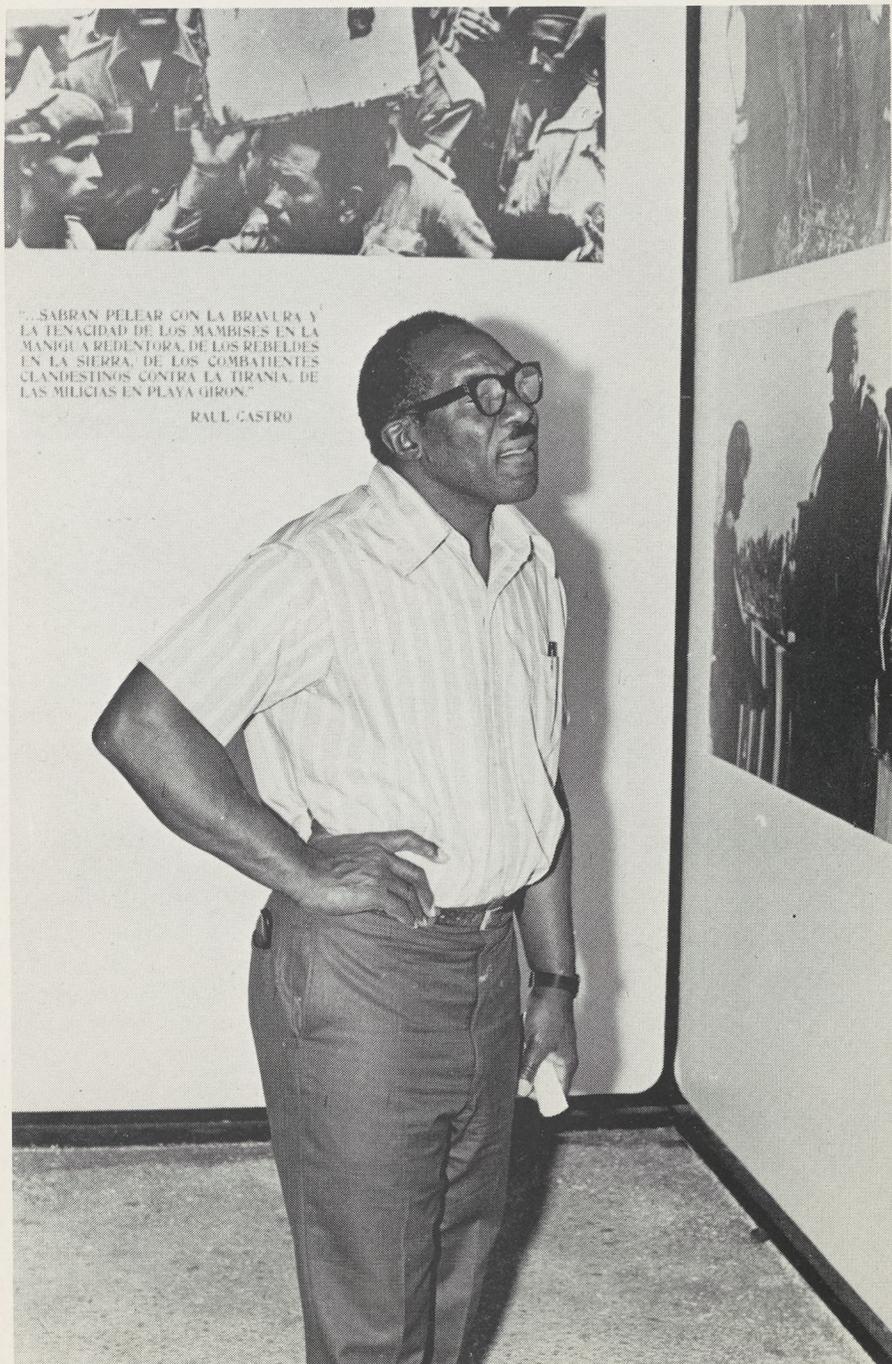
## HOT DOGS

Bob Moses, the Hot dog Specialist, advises one and all that he will have plenty of hot dogs at our April meeting. You don't have to order in advance. Just be at the meeting. Cost is 50¢ per hot dog.

ROSCOE PROCTOR  
1921-1986



## Cuba, 1972



Roscoe Proctor, warehouse worker, carpenter, labor activist, community organizer and longtime leader of the Communist Party, died February 4 in Gary, Indiana from complications of leukemia.

At the time of his death, Proctor was a member of the Central Committee of the CPUSA, and was organizer of the Communist Party in Indiana. Before moving to Gary he had been a member of the party's Political Bureau, serving as secretary of the National Labor Department.

Proctor was born in Texas in 1921 and was an outstanding high school athlete. He moved to Los Angeles when a football injury barred him from entry into the armed forces. In 1941 he became a member of Local 13 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in San Pedro, later transferring his membership to Local 6 when he moved to Oakland. That same year he joined the Communist Party.

Proctor became the political action director of Local 6 in 1947 and served in that capacity until 1967. Along with his union responsibilities he worked in the community, helping to build movements and organizations that resulted in the employment of the first Afro-American bus driver in Oakland. He also worked to break the city's racial barrier in public accommodations.

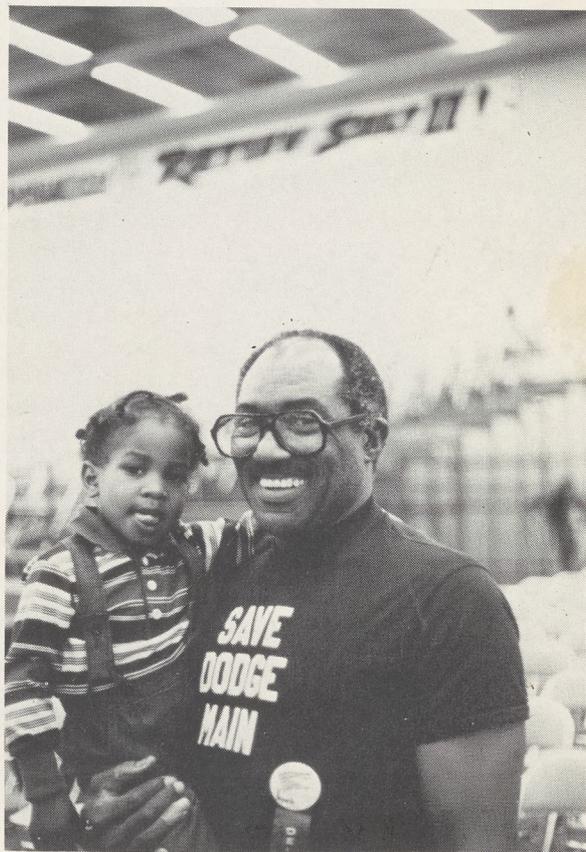
Proctor helped organize tenant organizations, led rent strikes and organized Youth for Jobs, a neighborhood-based organization that fought for jobs and recreational facilities for young people.

In the late 1960s, Proctor worked as a carpenter but was forced to leave the trade when the Carpenters Union denied him membership because of his Communist Party membership. Proctor unsuccessfully challenged the union's constitution in court.

He fared better in his next legal battle, however. During the height of the McCarthyite hysteria, he was indicted with several other Party members for refusing to register under the infamous McCarran Act.

After years of battle, the Supreme Court overturned the convictions of a lower court to protect first amendment rights, not only of Communists but of a whole generation of civil rights, peace and labor activists.

Before leaving California in 1968 he served in a number of Party positions: as chair of the Alameda County Committee, as a member of its Labor Commission and also on the Black Liberation Commission of the then Northern California District.



# Tribute to Billy Allan

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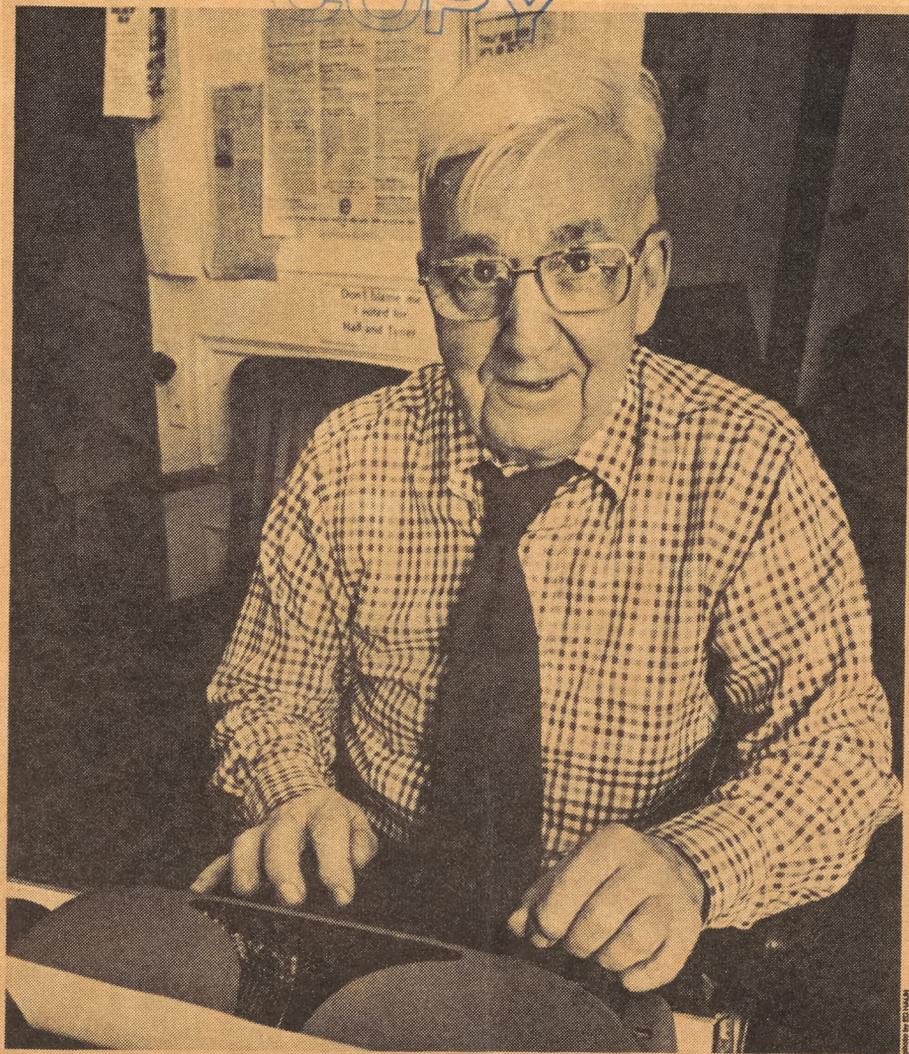


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75th Birthday

50 Years a Labor Journalist

June 26, 1982

# A Brief Biography

William Allan, hereafter referred to as Billy, was born April 24, 1907 in Glasgow, Scotland. His family was working class, his father a house-painter, his mother a weaver. He began work and school at age 5, starting as a stableboy for Clydesdale horses. At age 12, he was forced to quit school because tuition was required past the 8th grade and went to work as a baker. He joined his first union in Glasgow.

At age 15, he shipped out as a baker on a merchant ship and when he was 21, migrated to the United States. Here Billy joined the Bakers Union #20 in Detroit. He became active in the union and the Detroit Central Labor Council.

In 1930, Billy became his local's correspondent to the Detroit Labor News and wrote his first labor story. During these early years of the Depression, Billy aligned himself with those trying to organize the basic industries, out of which grew the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and the struggle for industrial unionism as opposed to craft unionism. He joined the Communist Party in 1935.

By 1941 when Ford Motor Company was finally organized, facism was threatening the world and he joined the army. Billy was stationed in the South Pacific for three years and was decorated for his service.

Returning home in 1945, Billy immediately returned to action as the Daily Worker reporter in Detroit and organizer of labor struggles as the post-war era opened with attacks on both unions and the left.

In 1953, the Rosenbergs were executed and hundreds of Communists around the country were being put on trial for thinking as witch-hunts, thought control and red-baiting were turned on all progressive movements, especially unions. On Oct. 26, 1953, Billy and five of his comrades went on trial in Detroit for violating the Smith Act.

Sentenced to five years, Billy served three months in Milan Federal Penitentiary before being released on bail while the conviction was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1954, he was put on trail again as they tried to take away his citizenship and deport him to Scotland.

The Supreme Court overturned the Smith Act convictions and restored Billy's citizenship and until 1978, he covered Detroit — strikes, peace demonstrations, community actions, elections and the UAW, like no reporter ever has.

In 1978, Billy and Stephanie moved to Oakland, California. Billy, now officially retired, became a "volunteer" for the People's World newspaper. He and Stephanie threw their combined years of experience and dedication into the seniors movement.

The Allan Family includes Billy, Stephanie, daughters Stephanie, Martha and Jeanne and sons-in-law Leo Downey and Michael Wunschl, and hundreds of friends.

# Program

This Land is Your Land.  
WELCOME

Jon Fromer  
Yvonne Golden, Principal  
Alamo Park H.S., SFUSD

Loren Thompson, Teamsters No. 315

THE SCOTTISH YEARS, Learning about unions, class struggle, socialism and the General Strike of 1926

DETROIT—1928, The Depression, Bakers Union No.20, hunger marches and the Ford Massacre

THE CIO & AUTO, 1934-37, The open shop, Flint Sit-Down Strike and the signing of the General Motors contract

WORLD WAR II, The fight against facism

POST-WAR BATTLES, McCarthyism, arrest, trial and deportation

REBIRTH IN THE 60's, The Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam protests, organizing the unorganized

TODAY, The 70's both Billy's and the century's, seniors, California and still on the street

TRIBUTE

Carl Bloice, Editor,  
The People's World  
Billy Allan

All of us Together

WORDS  
Solidarity

Program Participants  
The Senior Chorus, directed by Jim Wood

*The Workers Flag*

*Solidarity*

*Hold the Fort*

*Sit-Down*

*Which Side are You On*

Jon Fromer  
*This Land is Your Land*  
*It Could Have Been Me*  
*Soup Song*  
*Solidarity*

Eric Pace  
*Praise of Learning, B. Brecht*  
*Bread of the People, B. Brecht*  
*Freedom of the City, B. Friel*  
Stephanie Allan & Leo Downey

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# Solidarity

Written in 1915

When the union's inspiration through  
the workers' blood shall run,  
There can be no power greater  
anywhere beneath the sun.  
Yet what force on earth is weaker  
than the feeble strength of one?  
But the union makes us strong.

## CHORUS:

Solidarity forever,  
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Solidarity forever,  
For the Union makes us strong.

It is we who plowed the prairies,  
built the cities where they trade,  
Dug the mines and built the workshops,  
endless miles of railroads laid.  
Now we stand outcasts and starving  
midst the wonders we have made.  
But the union makes us strong.

## CHORUS

All the world that's owned by idle drones  
is ours and ours alone.  
We laid the wide foundations,  
built it skyward stone by stone.  
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but to master and to own,  
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# RED letter

December, 1988

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Dedicated to Billy

## TO BILLY'S FAMILY

He gave to us, with all his heart, what we are suppose to be about- the empowering of the working class. And we love him for it.

## FROM BILLY'S FAMILY

As you know, we lost our beloved father and partner of 50 years on October 10, 1988. While his loss is deeply painful and sad to us as a family, we know that his many friends, comrades and fellow workers also mourn him.

Because so many of you have written and called to express your support and sympathy for us as well as a desire to honor Billy's 81 years of struggle and commitment, we wanted to find a fitting memorial for him.

Billy hated ceremony and took great delight in puncturing pomp with his incisive wit. He always told us that he never wanted a memorial. But he led too big a life to just close the book. Therefore, we are putting together a booklet to memorialize billy in a way we think he would have appreciated.

There is another thing Billy would appreciate, and that's donations to his favorite cause, the People's Daily World. If you are able or wish to make contributions to the Billy Allan Fund at the PDW, this, too, would be appropriate.



## Report on the California Elections to the District by John Holme

In California, Bush got 51% of the vote, Dukakis 47.7%. Bush won 45 of California's counties, Dukakis won 13, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo. Neither Republicans nor Democrats ran on the issues; but the Democrats worked up an impressive grassroots campaign organization to bring out the vote.

Pete Wilson won reelection to the U.S. Senate by 54% to 46%. It is interesting that Wilson, who is the servant of agribusiness and the defense

## PART!!! (REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION COMMISSION)

we got alot smarter during 1988, both in how we do things and as a result of some of the educational projects we finished this year. Before a quick recap of our 1988 plan (yes, our commission is proud to say we had a written plan of work and we achieved alot of it) here are some news flashes for 1989:

**NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION JANUARY 7 & 8** All those with one year or less in the Party and who have not already attended both days of a new members orientation should plan to do so. It really is interesting, you learn new things, get to ask any question that's bugging or intriguing you (even though we may not have all the answers) and you get a free lunch. Contact your Club/County Education Director or the District Office to sign up.

### **BILLIE ALLAN CADRE SCHOOL JUNE 24 - JULY 1, 1989**

The seven-day, fulltime, intensive school during 1989 will be named in honor of Billie Allan, Communist Journalist. The school is especially for those comrades with some experience in the Party who are assuming more responsibility and need more education. About 20 students will participate. It is by invitation from the District. Clubs, counties and commissions are encouraged to submit recommendations of comrades you think should be invited. The first batch of invitations will go out December 15.

**MARXIST STUDY SERIES NEEDS NEW BLOOD** The MSS has been going strong for 15 years (better those other groups out there can say) and plans to continue into 1989. The next round of classes will be held in March and April but the preparations have to begin soon. And your MSS needs you.

Some of the clubs -- Sacramento, Billie Holiday, SF-Eastern -- have taken on classes and really thought it was a good experience.

really important that the club leadership share this letter with the clubs and hold some discussions on it. How we understand the outcome of this election will affect the kind of work the CPUSA does for some time to come.

The Educational Commission also calls on the Club Education Directors to start some discussions on the U.S. Economy. We expect big things are going to happen during 1989 and they should not catch us by surprise. People will be looking to Communists to explain it and there will be (already are) hard questions about it. So we need to start working with the members to prepare ourselves.

The Sept-Oct 1988 **Political Affairs** had a good discussion article: "How Stands the U.S. Economy" by Victor Perlo. For more in depth information, Perlo's book **Super Profits and Crises** is very good. In fact, the National Education Dept. has provided us with a study guide for that book. Clubs and individual comrades can get a copy from the Education Commission or the District office.

**NOW FOR A LOOK BACK AT 1988 IN PARTY EDUCATION** The Ed. Commission tried to step it up this year and we did achieve alot even though there is alot still undone. Some of the counties took up various ideas including San Francisco which held a club leadership training session. It is widely said that the clubs need to improve and that it would help if the club officers studied more. This sort of session provides help and other counties should consider if they could hold one during 1989.

Alameda County organized one public education forum on the Middle East that was an example of what could be done. And Sacramento County organized a class in the Marxist Study Series which will become a regular event.

One Worker's School was held last February in Watsonville conducted in Spanish. It resulted in one recruit. This is a good kind of class we are not doing enough. The Ed. Commission asks Industrial/Trade Union clubs to consider the possibility of holding such a