

MENTAL PATIENTS RIGHTS COMMITTEE
handout sheet for MPA General Meeting - March 28, 1973

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR DEMONSTRATION MARCH 30th AT RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL

10.30 a.m. -part of demonstration leaves Drop-In. Placards and props go out in M.P.A van, and all vehicles going to demo be suitably decorated with posters etc.

11.30 a.m. set up skits & demonstrators. Literature distribution starts

(1) A brightly attired hippie skips along the street mindlessly sniffing flowers. The 'blue meanies'/'Mind police' snatch this harmless creature and carry him off to the 'Provincial mental health facility', where a lobotomy is performed by 'the Doctor', who has a 'fireman' as an assistant. Two people emerge from the 'operation'; one in a grey-flannel business suit carrying a briefcase, walking with a Parkinsonian-type tremor, the other a beat-up looking worn-down individual keeping pace with the first, but crawling alongside him.

(2) Gerald Budds to dispense 'psychiatric advice (free???)

(3) Free 'meds' to be handed out (large Smarties sorted according to color)

(4) A walk-in 'dangerousness' testing machine with a suitable scale (designed by Gerald Beroldi)

(5) Al Kuensli will appear in a straight-jacket (which will keep coming undone)

(6) "pacer syndrome" 2 chairs set up about 30 feet apart, one person sitting in each; every half-minute these persons get up and pace to the opposite chair. This one keeps repeating.

(7) We have the use of a portable blackboard, but as yet no skit designed around it.

12:00 noon -- LUNCH

12:30 p.m. about this time the conference itself should be breaking for lunch and we'd like to hand out literature and talk to the people who are attending it.

1:30 p.m. we'll wrap-up around this time or sooner and go back to Vancouver.

The Mental Patients Rights Committee is organizing printing of leaflets and posters, and contacting people in media about the demonstration and counter-conference, which will also be topic at this Thursday's 'Politics Nite' at M.P.A.

"Mental illness" Is A Myth

MENTAL HOSPITALS MANUFACTURE MADNESS
INSTITUTIONAL PSYCHIATRY IS VIOLENCE against persons

INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION IS PUNISHMENT - NOT TREATMENT

PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT IS IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL

INSTITUTIONAL PSYCHIATRY IS THE SPANISH INQUISITION OF OUR AGE.

DOWN WITH THE WITCH HUNT FOR DANGEROUS PERSONS
PSYCHIATRISTS ARE MORE 'POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS' THAN "PATIENTS"

DOWN WITH SANE CHAUVINISM!

"MENTAL PATIENTS" LIBERATION
ELECTRO SHOCK "TREATMENT" IS PSYCHIATRIC VIOLENCE

POWER TO THE "PATIENTS"

THE "MENTAL HEALTH" MOVEMENT IS A WITCH HUNT IN "SCIENTIFIC CLOTHING"
"SCHIZOPHRENICS" ARE CREATED-NOT ILL

INVOLUNTARY CONFINEMENT IS A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

PSYCHIATRY RULES BY VIOLENCE AND FRAUD

PSYCHIATRY IS A TOOL OF POLITICAL OPPRESSION

HOW CAN ANYONE PROVE HE IS NOT "DANGEROUS"?

SOCIETY NEEDS CHANGE - NOT ADJUSTMENT

PSYCHIATRISTS ARE POTENTIAL KILLERS" OF THE MIND

HUMAN CONDUCT IS NOT A "MEDICAL PROBLEM

END THE VIOLENCE OF THE THERAPEUTIC STATE

ARE 50,000 Lobotomies non-violent?