

THE LIVING BOOK

A black and white photograph of a classical statue of a winged cherub, possibly a putto, standing on a pedestal. The statue is the central focus, with its arms slightly outstretched. It is surrounded by other statues in a museum setting, with architectural details like columns and arches visible in the background. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the statue's form against a darker background.

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THE LIVING BOOK OF THE LIVING THEATRE

This is not a book about the Living Theatre, this is the Living Theatre. It is as much a presentation of the group as any theatrical spectacle. It is the essential philosophy of a group which overturned classic and experimental dramatic forms to replace them with political protest and moral anarchy. The Living Theatre's point-of-view is here expressed in words and photographs which alternate between daily life and the stage. Poetic and political statements alternate, rich images follow one another, sometimes lyric, sometimes tragic, but universal in their denunciation of the alienating structure of capitalist society.

The Living Theatre, founded by Judith Malina and Julian Beck, went beyond revolutionizing contemporary drama to represent a life-style of its own. In its years of activity, the group opened new worlds of political and social action to audiences in the United States and Europe. Because of this, it was constantly in conflict with those forces representing established values and patterns of behavior.

This book has no single author. It is the result of a group effort, including even those who, in the spirit of the Living Theatre, worked on the technical aspects of producing the physical book. It is a unique, revolutionary signpost, pointing toward possible new paths for the future.

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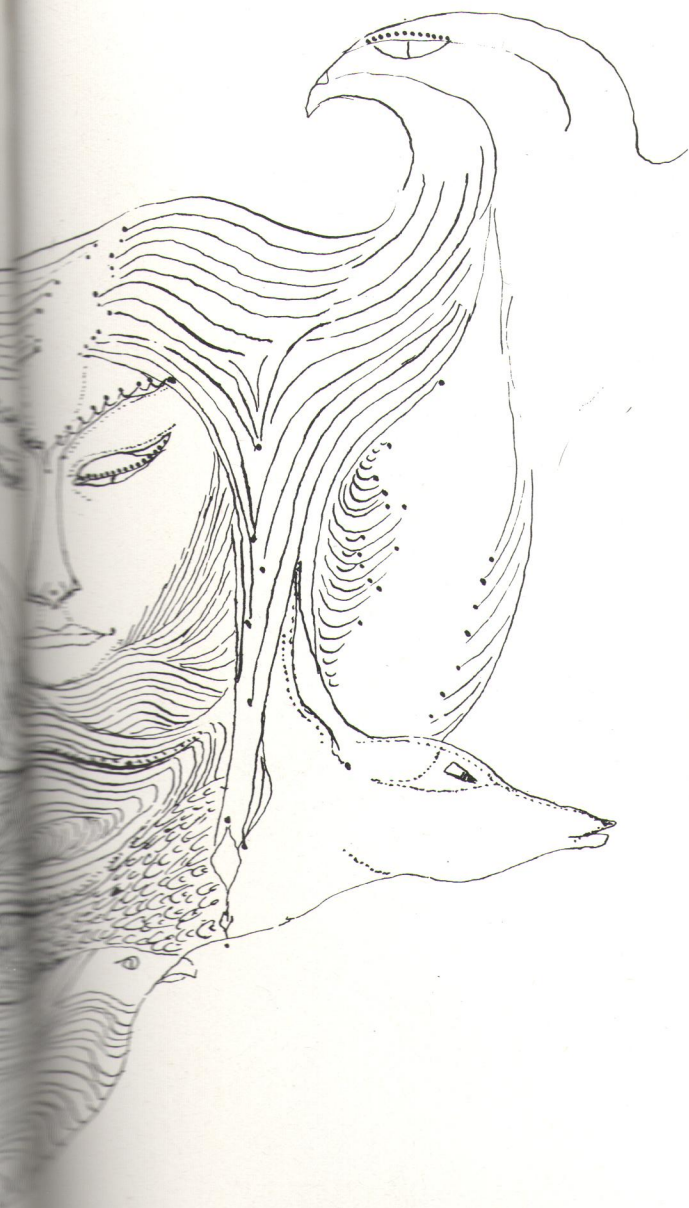
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A DECLARATION
PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP FOR ALL
LIFE ON EARTH AND THE UNIVERSE
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An end to all capitalist and exploitive imposition and law — the class system x x x. The break down of the economic structure of the bourgeois state by proving that it does not exist once the worker-farmers non-violent revolution has overthrown it. A workers-farmers-scientific-creative-social-collective to be the voice, structure, genius of the revolutionary. An end to all forms of violence through training and education. The unconditional withdrawal of all armed and police forces from foreign soil, underwater and space. Disarming and destruction of all nuclear, germ, biochemical and conventional weapons. Prohibition on war. Cancelling of all contracts with corporate monopoly capital. Collectivization of the means of production. Collectivization of hospital and medical care. Collectivization of natural resources. Collectivization and establishment of natural health nurseries and resorts for the new born, parents and children of all ages. Building of the most modern housing collectives, urban, suburban, country and farm by workers and farmers no longer working for bourgeois monopoly capital but for themselves. Establishment of collective communities. Centralization of industry. All real estate and landed corporate, theological and private institutional property to become that of workers and farmers. The end of the manufacture and growth of all produce destructive to the health and well being of all life. End of all forms of economic aid to foreign countries. The settling of all economic debts with foreign countries — end to economic trade. The fullest self determination for males and females — the popular vote. Cutting of the number of hours and days to the work week in accordance with the progression of change from a monopoly capitalist state to a workers-farmers revolutionary collective. Propelled by fuels of the collective genius, employment of the most modern techniques for science, industry and agriculture etc. through automation, so as to insure time for the people to scientifically create new worlds of thought, organically cleanse their bodies, be with their families and loved ones. The development and immediate production of electric and or steam driven auto vehicles etc. Cleaning and revitalizing of polluted earth, water and air. Changing the diet. An end to the production of all unnatural foods, etc. These to be taken out of the stores and destroyed for being contaminated. To be replaced by the collective farming of only organic natural foods. End to the use of animals, reptiles and etc. as « beasts of burden » and domestication. An educational collective that represents the needs, wants, desires of the collective community. End to conscription. The releasing of all men and women from the armed services. End to all law enforcement and protection agencies. End to the slaughter of animals, reptiles and etc. for the purpose of eating and processing their flesh. The construction of roads, highways, electric monorails, railroad and airports. The opening of and end to all penal institutions and releasing all those subjected to its decadent institutional life. All foods, housing, clothing and produce necessary for the health and maintenance of the workers-farmers-scientific-creative-social-collective to be that which comes out of the collective life and shall be for those within it, free from monetary or barter exchange. Dismemberment of the bank and banning of its use as an institution and instrument of exchange. End to the use of gold etc. certificates and all means used by bourgeois monopoly capitalism as a source of exchange



for commodities and labor power.

An end to barter and all means of exchange for life's birth right. The work done by the worker-farmers collective will be the combined strength of the collective.

Development of health centers, athletic fields, natural parks, etc. to further the organic and electromagnetic well being of all living beings.

An end to private and small business established under the system of bourgeois capitalism. Revitalization through use of the best forms of natural health care to prolong longevity.

Collectivization and establishment of new studies into preventive medicine through organically healthy bodies by way of diet, exercise and creative science.

The study and building of new cultural outlets for the expression of the workers-farmers-scientific-creative-social-collective.

The fullest and most expansive creative scientific research and exploration into universal space and earth, for the thorough health and maintenance of all life.

An end to mysticism, superstition and institutions that uphold those beliefs through theology and corrupt social systems.

The fullest expression of sexual freedom within a world where male and female plant and grow the seed to give birth to life.

The building of a world united front of workers-farmers revolutionaries and revolutionary collectives.

An end to all counter-revolutionary forces through the practice employment and fulfillment of the workers-farmers collective draft program.

Drawing of a constitution.