## from "NARODNIKS" 16mm BW 1978

screened twice in April 1969 on San Francisco's pioneering public television station KQED-TV

not seen since



## Palo Alto Race & Liberation Commune

Cantrills Filmnotes June 1972

[DDH] : source is David Harris' 1982 memoir, Dreams Die Hard : Three Men's Journey Through the Sixties online @ archive.org

Planning meeting for the Commune's 'RESISTANCE CARAVAN' down Highway 101 to L.A. in an old DelRio truck

At each day's stopover

food for the locals from the macrobiotic chuckwagon

music from the Commune's band 'The Fool' — Blaize the lead singer,

"Tasting...tasting... hello, I'm Johnny Cash..."

and at night, with the generator chugging in the background screening Felix Green's hour-long doco
"INSIDE NORTH VIETNAM"

## evening Morgan Hill



Monique and Ed on the macrobiotic chuckwagon
In Topanga Canyon, I ask Ed about meditation
"It's like taking a mental shit"

Dennis calls the Buddhists in the Commune "space cadets"

By 1970 the Commune has disintegrated, with the leftwingers and the Buddhists unable to get along

[DDH]

Delano
Steve Rees (who took over from Swiss soundman Urs, fearful of arrest),
Dennis, and one of the many local protesters



The Caravan is run off the road leaving Delano.

"It's just like the South"

says Dennis.

A civil rights activist, Dennis was firebombed in McComb in 1963. [DDH]

At Delano, they spot the Stanford U. film cases and call the Dean Department of Communication.

I'm in trouble, too.



Steve Rees Grant Park, August 1968 during the Democratic Party Convention
Dennis at lower right

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Steve Rees photographs of the University of California, Santa Cruz

This picture Steve took at the Remocratic Convention in Chicago Below are frames from film - you need to whine a light through them , we a magnifying plans — at this stage, stills are just too Longon Hill. 0

Ed, Kent and the truck Palo Alto Peace and Liberation Commune



Dennis at the Commune



'The Fool'

Blaize, lead guitar

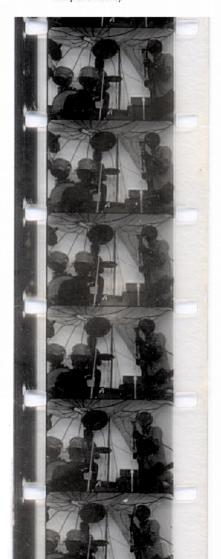
Tramp and Rodney



Dennis joins in on rhythm guitar: the core band members agree, reluctantly.

"Dennis had heavy hands"

[DDH]





'NARODNIKS' opening titles, scripted by Dennis

THE NARODNIKS WERE A PARTY OF SOCIALIST-ARARCHISTS IN TSARIST RUSSIA

BELIEVING

THAT THE WAY TO REVOLUTION LAY IN A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

THEY WENT OUT INTO THE VILLAGES TO EDUCATE THE PEASANTS

In March 1881, the Narodniks assassinate Alexander, the last Czar of Russia.

In March 1980, In New York, Dennis shoots his longtime mentor, Allard Lowenstein.

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