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all relate to the
incident in the
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"Synanon" property
(invasion of)

Times 9-17-67

8 Synanon Aides Seized as City Levels Fence

BY HARRY TRIMBORN
Times Staff Writer

Eight officials and members of the Synanon Foundation's new headquarters—the once plush Del Mar Club in Santa Monica—were arrested Saturday in a clash with Santa Monica police and city work crews over removal of a chain-link fence.

The private narcotics rehabilitation center charged that removal of the 100-foot-long, 10-foot-high beachfront fence was an illegal invasion of private property.

The city maintained that the fence was on property which had been leased to the former operators of the club, and the lease automatically expired when the property was transferred to Synanon in July.

City officials said they moved in after the foundation ignored a notice to take the fence down.

Deadline for removal was Friday,

said Police Lt. James Keane. Ronald Silva, the foundation's director of planning and engineering, claimed Synanon had not received the notice.

Arrested on a charge of failure to obey a police order to disperse, a misdemeanor, were Synanon president Jack Hurst, 35; board members Reid Kimball, 49, and William R. Crawford, 38; Synanon's counsel, Norman Herring, 59, and members Vincent D. Tessitore, 24; Andrew J. Moore, 28; David Behar, 34, and Walker D. Ray, 33.

Resisting Arrest Charge

In addition, all except Kimball, Hurst and Herring were charged with resisting arrest.

All eight were later released on their own recognizance for appearance at 9 a.m. Monday in Santa Monica Municipal Court.

The clash occurred about 7 a.m. when Sandy Sandling, Santa Moni-

ca's director of parks and recreation, showed up with a work crew to rip out the fence.

It paralleled the shoreline in a north-south direction between the ocean and the headquarters at 1910 Ocean Front Ave.

When residents of the beachfront facility saw the workmen, they rushed from the building to block removal of the barrier.

While the Synanon residents formed a human chain, a call went out that brought about 20 policemen to the scene. The police broke up the chain and arrested the eight members after they ignored orders to disperse, said Keane.

Synanon officials maintained that they did not have to obey the dispersal order. "We just had a sit-in on our own property," said Silva.

The Synanon officials also accused the work crews of damaging the club's beachfront paddle tennis

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Synanon Foundation New Headquarters in Santa Monica

SYNANON FENCE

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courts by drilling holes in the asphalt.

Workmen drilled the holes after removing the fence. They were to be used as postholes for a new fence that the city maintains represents the correct line between the club and its property.

"This is not the way civilized municipalities act," said State Sen. Anthony C. Bielenson (D-Los Angeles) at the scene, "nor would they act this way toward any other leaseholders.

"This is not the way you settle legal disputes. You settle them in courts," he

said. Bielenson said he had heard about the clash and gone to the site. Synanon is not in his district.

Among others rallying at the site to show support for the center were actor Ben Gazzara and his wife, actress Janice Rule and actor Leonard Nimoy.

Synanon acquired the Del Mar Club, which reportedly is valued at \$3.6 million, last July under a

lease with an option to buy. In addition to recreation facilities, the 40-year-old club has 120 hotel rooms.

It is located a short dis-

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tance from Synanon's former headquarters at 1351 Ocean Front.

October 3, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Reagan:

On September 16, 1967, Santa Monica police unlawfully invaded the Synanon Club, formerly the Del Mar Beach Club. Synanon was not properly or legally served before the city manager of Santa Monica ordered this action.

Hopefully, something can be done to protect the rights of these citizens, who have worked so hard to regain admittance to society.

Yours truly,

Louise Blum

Louise (Mrs. Paul) Blum

Paul M. Blum

Paul M. Blum
2303 Divisadero
San Francisco, California

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Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95833

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Paul M. Hines
3303 Divisadero
San Francisco, California


Louise (Mrs. Paul) Hines

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October 5, 1967

Ronald Reagan
Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor:

I am a registered architect in California, employed by WED Enterprises, Inc., the architectural firm of Walt Disney Productions.

This letter is to state a complaint against the officials of Santa Monica for their absurd and childish actions directed at the Synanon Foundation located at 1910 Ocean Front, Santa Monica. I am particularly concerned about the city's latest absurdity; invasion of Synanon by city operated bulldozers at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, September 16.

I have been a sponser member of the Synanon Foundation since 1961, during which time I have been continually impressed and pleased with the important work the Foundation has been doing for the community of Santa Monica in particular and the Nation in general. A job that millions of tax dollars have been directed at with pitifully little appreciable results.

We are years past the time when the abilities of the Synanon Foundation are to be questioned. Synanon is an established fact - established as the most significant solution to the drug addiction problem and to the growing anti-social attitude in our Society.

Acting as a citizen of the State of California I expect, in fact, demand that you, as Governor, look into the conflict between Synanon and the City Officials. I say City Officials because the community of Santa Monica supports Synanon and has from the beginning, else it would not be there today.

In order for the principles of democracy to exist, the responsible citizen must take part in the workings of our government. This letter is my taking part. I feel it incumbent upon you, as Governor, to act also.

Respectfully,

Richard F. Davidson

Richard F. Davidson
c/o WED Enterprises, Inc.
1401 Flower Street
Glendale, California 91201

cc: Herbert A. Spurgin
Mayor
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

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October 4, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

RE: Support of Local Police Forces

Dear Mr. Reagan:

A desire shared by conservatives and liberals alike is to keep government and law enforcement on a local level. World history has taught us too many painful lessons with powerful national police forces.

Knowing that you favor local autonomy, I'm certain you were shocked by the Santa Monica police force's recent purge of Synanon property at Del Mar. Mr. Dederick of Synanon, who I assure you is no advocate of federalism, has asked for federal sanctuary. Under the circumstances, he has little choice.

This travesty, I believe, should be pointed to as an example - an example to people who can see the enormities of powerful national police forces and wish to support local police - fair and law abiding local police.

Sincerely yours,



Mark G. Dowie

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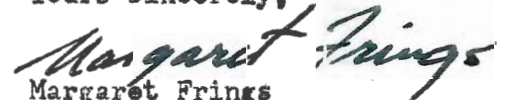
September 30, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Bldg.
Sacramento, California 95814

Governor Reagan:

I am writing to you to express my deep concern over the fantastic actions being taken by the city government and police department of Santa Monica against the Synanon Foundation. The unprovoked naked use of power to prevent a group of citizens from using court procedures to protect their property is like something from the Nazi era. I am the director of casework in a family service agency and my admiration for the members of Synanon is almost unbounded. Their integrity in what they do reclaim lives and form good citizens is in startling contrast to the actions of these government officials. It seems to me that a crisis state of emergency exists in Santa Monica and I urge you to look into it.

Yours sincerely,



Margaret Frings
850 Bay Street
San Francisco, California 94109

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Director, Office of
State Planning
and Economic
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in regard to the...
The enclosed report...
I am sure you will find...
Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]
Director, Office of
State Planning
and Economic
Development

~~Ms~~ Mrs Shirley A Jones

September 20, 1967

Governor Reagan,

I wish to bring to your attention the incident that took place on Saturday September 16, 1967 between The City of Santa Monica and Synanon Foundation, Inc.

I hope that you will be curious enough to ask for an investigation of this incident. It seems to

me that the parties concerned, if there is a difference of opinion as to ownership of land, should have met in court long before bulldozers and policemen were called.

If I am right then why
 was it handled in the
 way that it was and
 who is responsible? We
 certainly can't all have
 our private ^{corporate} armies
 settling all our grievances.
 We have courts for that.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shirley A. Jones
 3068 Gamut Drive
 El Cajon Calif 92020

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Thank you for your letter

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Sincerely,
Governor

Mrs. J. B. ...
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523-B Chesnut
San Francisco, California
October 20, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

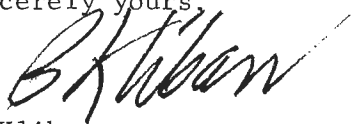
Dear Governor Reagan:

As voters, taxpayers, and non-resident members of Synanon, which as you may know is an organization devoted to rehabilitation of drug addicts, and more recently to the revitalization of "straight" citizens who somehow feel a lack of conviction or meaning in our society, we would like to strongly protest the arbitrary and oppressive police tactics instigated by the city government of Santa Monica against both the property and people of Synanon in that city.

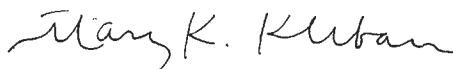
We refer to the invasion of Synanon property (the former Del Mar Beach Club) on Saturday September 16 at 7:30 a.m. by demolition workers, accompanied by heavy equipment, employed by the city of Santa Monica who, without notice, moved onto Synanon-leased land and started tearing up tennis courts, fences, etc., with the explanation that they were "reclaiming land" for the city. When they were non-violently blocked by Synanon residents and ordered off the property, they summoned (?) policemen who promptly arrived armed with riot guns and ordered the residents to disperse under threat that they would be arrested for "unlawful assembly." The Synanon people did not move, being completely within their rights, and were attacked by the police who arrested eight people, including some directors of the Synanon Foundation, all of whom offered no resistance but were nevertheless subjected to insults, degrading search methods, armlocks, and general rough handling.

As an elected official we feel that you should be made aware of these Nazi tactics, which have no place in our government, infringing as they do on the rights of peaceful and law-abiding citizens, and furthermore we urge you to investigate this dangerous situation for yourself and act in the interests of law and order.

Sincerely yours,



B. Kliban



Mary Kay Kliban

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October 10, 1967

Earl R. Kranz

Earl R. Kranz
3753 Fairway Dr.
La Mesa, California

His Honor The Governor
Ronald Reagan
State Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

I'm sure that you are aware of the shocking incident which happened 7:30 A.M. Saturday September 16, 1967 on the private property of Synanon in the city of Santa Monica.

I'm also sure that you have already investigated this incident and found that it was perpetrated on strictly legal grounds and that your hands are tied legally from doing anything about it.

I know that you view the rights of men and women in this country as being slowly taken away from us and so this too has helped to erode our basic freedoms. I wonder what the future will be for my boys? Will they be at the wrong end of the butt end of a gun, handled by a police officer who legally is within his rights to take action?

Eight members of Synanon at Santa Monica were arrested, charged with unlawful assembly (on their own property) and handled in a way reminiscent of the stories which came through from Nazi Germany, Communist Russia and Communist China.

I'm not really sure whether those in charge of Synanon at Santa Monica were onehundred percent correct but I really don't think that is the issue here. The issue is how and in what manner the law was enforced. As I understand it, there was a dispute over a property line. This dispute could and should have been resolved in the courts and did not require the physical manhandling which took place.

I have been a member of Synanon for about 6 months. I participate in the square games. I am not always in complete agreement as to the approach that some members of Synanon take, however, I can not but be aware of the fact that many hundreds of dope addicts have been cured and are in their own way responsible members of their community. When this record is compared with the federal program or penitentiary, with practically no success, one must recognize that Synanon has a place in our society.

I, like you, came from the middle west, near Rockford Illinois, and like

you, I come from a whole line of conservative Democrats. I have become more and more conservative as I recognized that the conservative view stays closer to true principles, and these principles must be upheld if we are to have a free society. Being just one man who tries to stand up for principles I therefor have to stand up and be counted because here too a principle has been abused. It is my understanding that no warrant was used but that police officers from Santa Monica approached and invaded private property.

One further comment regarding Synanon. They speak of existing as a micro-world within our total society and in many ways administrate and handle themselves after the fashion one would assume to be socialism. The Synanon leaders, and residents who live in a quasi-socialistic set-up actually talk and demonstrate their faith in the powers of an individual. I don't know as a matter of fact, but I understand that they have never taken a government handout, simply because they did not want any strings attached or any dictations from that governmental agency.

This is a protest for the manner in which the police of Santa Monica handled what I feel was a civil problem; it could have been taken up in court. I do request that you, as my governor, do what you can to slap the hands of the Santa Monica officials who were responsible for this atrocity.

I remain, respectfully yours,



Earl R. Kranz

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acted what I feel was a civil protest; it could have been taken up in
court. I do request that you, as my government, do what you can to stop
the police of the Santa Monica officials who were responsible for this
activity.

I remain, respectfully,



[Illegible name]

639 Westbourne
La Jolla, California 92037
September 20, 1967

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Sir:

As a friend of Synanon Foundation I wish to convey to you my outrage at the events occurring at the Synanon house in Santa Monica last Saturday. I refer to the manner in which the City of Santa Monica reclaimed a section of beach it said was illegally occupied by Synanon.

The issue is not the terms of the lease and whether Synanon, in fact, did have a right to exclusive use of the beach; this matter can be clarified by simply examining the lease.

My objection is to the manner in which the beach property was forcibly and destructively commandeered by the city police. Synanon's directors were aware of no warning or notice of the City's impending action. During my visit to the Santa Monica Synanon facility late Saturday afternoon, September 16, I saw the result of the morning's "raid." The beach was swept clean, where a few hours earlier there had been cabanas and children's play equipment. It is my understanding that much of it was destroyed. A paddle tennis court was rendered useless by the erection of a fence defining the alleged property line.

Santa Monica city government attitudes toward Synanon are a matter of record; however, when these feelings are vented in such Gestapo-like tactics, something is very wrong. I am appalled that the city government of Santa Monica would conduct itself in such a manner.

Synanon will pursue this fight, as it has pursued others -- through the courts. These same courts are available to the City of Santa Monica. Strangely, the City elected not to pursue its case with regard for due process.

This letter is to ask you to inform yourself and your colleagues of this matter. It is one over which I and a number of citizens here in San Diego are very concerned.

Very truly yours,



John F. Landa

JFL/nlc

cc: Governor Ronald Reagan
Senator Jack Schrade
Assemblyman John Stull

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SANFORD H. LAZAR, M. D.
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3580 CALIFORNIA STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94118
TELEPHONE (415) 921-2266

September 22, 1967

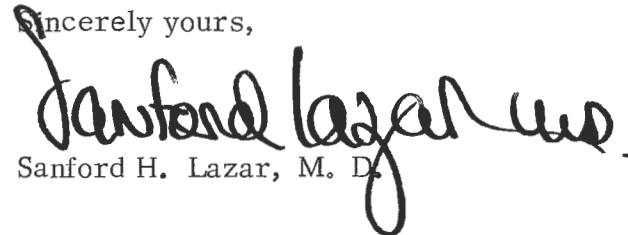
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

As you may be aware, the City of Santa Monica, led by a cordon of police and backed up by mechanized equipment mowed down some human beings and some structures on the beach last Saturday, September 16, 1967. The stated purpose of this assault was to recover and "protect" some square footage of sand said to belong to the city. The new occupant, Synanon Foundation, Inc. has reason to believe that the land in question lawfully belongs by lease and long recognized usage to the Del Mar Beach Club - recently purchased.

Whatever the dispute, regarding leases, property lines, etc, etc, the manifestation of municipal muscle is to be condemned strongly. In my view this flagrant, militaristic, inhuman, lawless action should be investigated thoroughly by the state and federal government since it appears that the rights of some constructive citizens of Santa Monica have been trampled wantonly. At the very least the "city fathers" turned their back on due process.

Sincerely yours,



Sanford H. Lazar, M. D.

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Copy to: The Honorable Thomas Kuchel
The Honorable Milton Marks

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
LANSING, MICHIGAN

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PROPERTY TAXES

Dear Sir:

The attached report
shows the results of
the study conducted
by the Michigan State
Department of
Transportation.

Very truly yours,

The attached report, entitled "Study of the
Michigan State Department of Transportation
and its relationship to the Michigan State
Department of Public Safety," was prepared
by the Michigan State Department of
Transportation. The report contains
information regarding the Michigan State
Department of Transportation and its
relationship to the Michigan State
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also contains information regarding the
Michigan State Department of Transportation
and its relationship to the Michigan State
Department of Public Safety. The report
is being submitted to you for your
information and guidance.

Handwritten signature
John W. ...

Very truly yours,
The Honorable ...
The Honorable ...

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155 Pfeiffer Street #B
San Francisco, California
October 3, 1967

Mr. Ronald Reagon, Governor
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in connection with the unlawful invasion by the City of Santa Monica of the property of the Synanon Foundation on September, 16, 1967.

First of all I want to say that, in my view, there is no healthier, no more helpful, no more hopeful institution in America today than the Synanon Foundation. Also, no more law abiding.

Now, concerning the events of September 16: as I get the reports, the City of Santa Monica simply appeared, without any advance notice, on Synanon property, quite early that Saturday morning with earth moving equipment and proceeded to destroy the property (tennis courts, etc); when Synanon's attorney appeared, he was manhandled by police and arrested; and so it went. Now, if anything like this happened, that it did is fantastic, unimaginable in American society.

I understand that Synanon is, of course, taking legal action. Another form of action that appears in order is for the ^{City} State of California to investigate the behavior of the government of Santa Monica. That an entity legalized by the State should act as the City did is highly irregular; the State should make it clear that no entity it sanctions has license so to act.

I request you to enquire into the merits of such an investigation.

Sincerely,

Bruce Marshall

Bruce Marshall

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120 State Street
San Francisco, California
October 5, 1967

MR. RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in connection with the matter
invested by the City of San Francisco of the transfer of
the various franchises to the City of San Francisco.

First of all I want to say that in my view there
is no question, no doubt at all, that the various franchises
in question are the property of the City of San Francisco.

Now, regarding the various franchises in question, I
the various franchises in question are the property of the
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I request you to advise me as to the status of the
transfer of the various franchises to the City of San
Francisco.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
Governor

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Geoffrey Mogilner
1777 Neale St. 297-2161
San Diego, Calif. 92103

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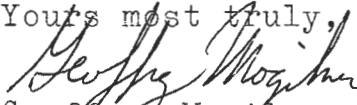
Honorable Governor Ronald Reagan:

On Saturday September 16, 1967 Synanon Foundation Inc. was illegally harassed and a portion of its property destroyed by the city of Santa Monica.

I am sympathetic to the service this organization does for our great State and for our Nation. In reforming dope fiends they surpass any other program, private, state, or Federal, ever instituted and do it with private money, not tax money.

The uninformed public fears anything to do with dope addiction. It is a tragic commentary on the decadence of some elected officials when they manipulate this fear for political purposes and in so doing damage this truly humanitarian organization. Such people must be either ignorant and unworthy of public office or corrupt, unprincipled, evil people. The only responsible position that can be taken toward Synanon is to strive and lead in the formation of a more enlightened public opinion.

I ask you to take note of the persicution this organization is receiving. Actively support Synanon's cause by speaking out against Santa Monica's actions. Don't withhold the truth in private conversations, thereby supporting the lie. Do make public statements condemning the irresponsibility of Santa Monica's acts towards Synanon.

Yours most truly,

Geoffrey Mogilner

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Dear Sirs.

G. Nikkels.
1928 W 182nd St.
Torrance C.A.

I write this letter to voice my embarrassment 10-6-1967
as a foreign born American citizen who many years ago
endured the kind of harassment, the City fathers of
Santa Monica have forced upon Syranon.

Anyone who reads the newspapers, saw the Mayor and
City Manager on the Les Crane Show or who has seen
the ridiculous fence on the Santa Monica beach,
cannot help to realize that this kind of irresponsible
behaviour is pure harassment, a waste of taxpayer's
money and discrimination against a minority group.

I cannot believe that professional people like a
Mayor and City Manager have not realized
that their behaviour would result in free publicity
in favor of Syranon.

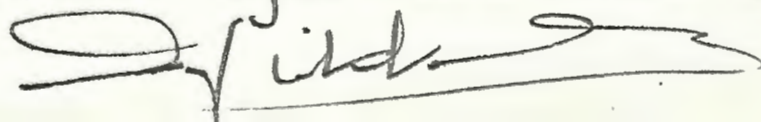
I cannot believe that these professional people have
not realized that this kind of behaviour cannot
intimidate an extremely successful and dedicated
organisation as Syranon.

This brings me to the essence of the matter;
Who is the unprofessional, unintelligent, irresponsible
force behind all this and why?

Is it someone or some group in favor of drug addiction
who cannot stand for the successful rehabilitation
of addicts?

Is it someone or some group in favor of segregation
who cannot accept total integration as it exists
at Syranon?

It is my opinion that a thorough investigation
should be made to expose this undesirable force
for the good of the community and to prevent
reoccurrence of this kind of undesirable irresponsible
behaviour.



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October 9, 1967

Ronald Reagan, Governor
State Capital
Sacramento, Calif.

Honorable Sir:

We are astounded that responsible leaders in our community do not come forward to take a position on the recent invasion of private property belonging to the SYNANON CLUB of Santa Monica.

Eight people were illegally arrested for protecting their own property from illegal bulldozers and skiploaders on September 16, 1967.

As responsible residents and homeowners in the Santa Monica - Venice area, we want to know why a thorough investigation is not being made? We want to know who rules Santa Monica (with an iron thumb)? Dont these people have faith in the American system of jurisprudence? What guarantee do we have that this will not happen to us, next?

Councilman Kenneth Wamsley said that the city council of Santa Monica has had to bear with the "nuts" of the community who have been attacking Synanon since 1959. He admitted that "there have been no problems whatsoever with Synanon" in a public statement.

What in God's name can the people of Santa Monica have against a group of people who are joined together to cure dope addiction? From everything we have read, Synanon deserves praise and recognition for the amazing results they have achieved.

In addition to all else, Synanon owns about five million dollars worth of property in the area (acquired most honestly). They are substantial taxpayers and are entitled to police protection of their property - not destruction.

We hope that you can reassure us that this kind of armed invasion by elected representatives cannot happen again.

Most sincerely,

Totally + Milton Padno

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Padno
587 Grand Boulevard
Venice, California (90291)

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October 10, 1967

Honorable Earl Warren
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Warren:

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Sincerely,

Earl Warren

Earl Warren
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

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Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to express my concern over the recent action taken by the city council in Santa Monica against the Synanon Foundation. No doubt you are aware of the fact that city officials violated the Constitutional right of private property when they ordered land-moving equipment and men to erect a fence across the beachfront of the old Del Mar Club, now under lease to Synanon.

I urge you to use your legal powers and influence[^] to seek hasty and just retribution, else the individual citizen, not only in Santa Monica, but in any American city, will be bereft of other Constitutional rights and privileges. What happened in Santa Monica is an incomprehensible outrage which absolutely must be corrected.

Respectfully yours,
Harry G. Polkinhorn
Harry Polkinhorn
4181 41st. St., Apt. 8
San Diego, Calif.

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September 29, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

As one of several thousand friends of Synanon Foundation, I am alarmed by Santa Monica's mistreatment of this organization.

Synanon has an impressive record of success in helping irresponsible people to become responsible citizens. Hundreds of people are being helped directly and many thousands indirectly including relief to the tax payer. I hope that you are aware that Synanon is relieving the government from the problems and cost of helping many people who would otherwise be in hospitals, jails etc.

I know where Synanon stands. I wonder where and for what the persons who are attacking Synanon stand? I hope that you will have the proper authorities investigate this situation.

Sincerely:

Neil Remnant
1027 Hayes
San Francisco

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R. W. Taylor
Box 86
Byron, California 94514
October 9, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Reagan:

Would you be kind enough to make an investigation into the legal condition now existing between the City of Santa Monica and the Synanon Foundation facility in that city?

It is my impression that the city, while under a restraining order, actually attached the property of the Foundation in a truly unlawful fashion. Further, that the city has taken special pains to harass and refuse cooperation to Synanon on a number of occasions in the recent past.

I hope you can determine the facts in this matter and use your influence to set the matter straight.

Respectfully,
R.W. Taylor
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cc: Senator George Miller
Assemblyman James Dent

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W. W. Taylor
Box 50
Spartan, California 95376
October 9, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95833

Dear Mr. Governor:

Thank you for your letter of the 10th regarding the proposed
amendment to the State Constitution which would allow the
Governor to appoint judges to the State Supreme Court.

It is my opinion that the amendment is a very important
one and should be passed. The State Supreme Court is
the highest court in the State and its members should
be appointed by the Governor.

I hope you can determine the best way to proceed
and let me know the result.

Sincerely,

W. W. Taylor

W. W. Taylor

WWT/ps

cc: Senator George Miller
Assemblyman James Jones

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2001 Delaware Street
Berkeley, California 94709
23 September 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Reagan:

I am very angry concerning the campaign of harrassment and terror that the city officials and police of Santa Monica are using against Synanon. I write this to ask that you use your position and influence to encourage a State investigation of this deplorable behavior on the part of public officials.

In this instance we have a case of public officals committing unlawful acts, then brutalizing and arresting people who without violence assembled on their own private property to protest this mad-dog behavior of these public officials. For this the Synanon residents were violently attacked and arrested by police.

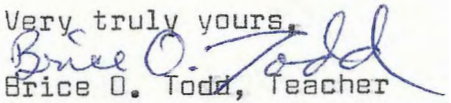
Synanon stands for sanity and adherence to the law in a society that is slowly going insane. Synanon people do not resort to violence, they do not use drugs, they do not otherwise knowingly break the law. Should they disagree with the law, they resort to the courts. I know these things because I have been helping to support Synanon for well over a year now. Through many visits to various Synanon facilities I have come to know many people who belong to the organization, and I fully respect their position and their integrity.

I do not understand why the city officials and police of Santa Monica use fascist tactics to continuously harrass Synanon and its people, but I do understand that such tactics are illegal and are not conducive to the continuation of any kind of free society. If, upon investigation, the State of California should find that Santa Monica officials have been operating unlawfully, those officials should be arrested and replaced by others.

As a person who has always tried to respect the people who enforce the law, I would find it difficult to continue this respect if an organization such as Synanon is not given the fullest protection and justice that our system claims to offer. As a teacher who has always tried to teach the values of lawfulness and respect for the rights of others to his students, I would find it difficult to honestly continue teaching such values if an organization such as Synanon is not given the protection and rights it deserves under the law.

Will you please do your utmost to personally look into and do what you can to rectify this unwarranted Santa Monica situation?

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Bruce O. Todd, Teacher
History Department
Berkeley High School

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Lawrence Hamilton
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95834

Dear Governor:

I am very sorry concerning the receipt of your letter of September 21st and the fact that you have been unable to attend the hearing on the matter. I will be glad to see you and your family and to discuss the matter in person. I will be glad to see you and your family and to discuss the matter in person.

In this instance we have a case of public officials receiving money from a private source and we are sure that you will be glad to see me and my family and to discuss the matter in person.

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I do not understand why the city officials and police of Santa Monica are being asked to do this. I am sure that you will be glad to see me and my family and to discuss the matter in person.

As a person who has always tried to report the people who enter the law, I am sure that you will be glad to see me and my family and to discuss the matter in person.

Will you please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any more information.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Hamilton
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95834

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September 21, 1967

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Governor Reagan:

How times change! The last time I was in Santa Monica, I was enjoying a scotch and soda at your bar. Now, I'm a resident of Synanon, here at the former Del Mar Beach Club. Too many scotchs and sodas led to my eventual downfall; the loss of my business, home, family- plus the possible destruction of my political career.

Now, however, I've begun a new and exciting life in Synanon, which I hope will eventually lead me back to a useful and purposeful existence, should I ever decide to return to the "outside."

No doubt, you have heard of the assault on our beach property by the Santa Monica City Council, and the S.M. Police Department. The final outcome of this matter will be decided by the courts, but since you, too are a resident of Santa Monica, I am appealing to your known sense of fairness and judgment, to use your influence as a leading dignitary, to help see that we in Synanon, are given a fair and unbiased hearing, and that we will not be subjected to further harrassment as a result of pending litigation.

One other thing. Synanon is doing a remarkably effective job in the rehabilitation of former drug addicts, alcoholics and emotionally disturbed people. This is being done at a cost of about \$3.75 per day, per person. The State of California spends an average of \$30,000 per year, per person, to do an ineffective job of rehabilitation, with a "repeat" rate of over seventy-five per-cent. Doesn't this suggest something, economywise?

Sometime, when you're in Santa Monica-if you have a spare moment- I'd like to be able to see you and explain what happened at the Hilton Hotel meeting in San Francisco, and also, the article I wrote for Ramparts.

Sincerely yours,



Fred Ullner
Synanon House
1910 Ocean Front
Santa Monica, Calif.

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DUNCAN CAMPBELL WEBB
ATTORNEY AT LAW

2806 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO 94109
TELEPHONE 771-3313

September 29, 1967

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Sir:

I am writing this letter in response to the recent incident in Santa Monica on September 16, 1967, and the inexcusable conduct of the Santa Monica Police Department invading Synanon property.

I am a sponsor of Synanon and have been so since 1965. I am a member of Synanon legal staff here in San Francisco and a member of the Synanon Game Club. Being involved in a genuine social movement such as this, I am staggered by the irony presented by the unlawful conduct of the Santa Monica Police Department who, theoretically at least, are charged with keeping social order.

Synanon rehabilitates and cures drug addicts with the singular purpose and philosophy of absorbing them into the responsible society. Thus treated, the ex addict's response to his new environment, as has been proven many times beyond a doubt, is that he becomes a responsible member of society. The uniqueness of this approach remains undiscovered and even unsuspected by our State Correctional Institutions. The effectiveness of this approach is, to say the least, awe inspiring. The irony of this approach was its application in Santa Monica when our fellow citizens, Synanon residents, while on their own property, were invaded by the Santa Monica Police Department without a warrant, arrested and thrown in jail.

Mr. Norman Herring is a member of the California State Bar Association. This man is a Synanon resident and almost totally blind. On the date of this incident he was arrested on Synanon property, beaten and thrown into a truck by the Santa Monica Police Department. As his brother attorney, I can now only indicate my horror and disgust upon learning what has happened to him. At this writing the situation has not been rectified and I call upon you as my representative to use any and all means at your disposal to see that it is done. This incident must never again happen in our state and must never again happen to a group who have so diligently labored over the past ten years to become good citizens.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,


DUNCAN CAMPBELL WEBB

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September 28, 1967

The Honorable Joseph Roman
Governor of California
Sacramento, California 95834

Sir:

I am writing this letter in response to the letter which I received in June

1967 regarding the activities of the Communist Party of the United States

and its efforts to organize and influence the people of California. I am a member
of the Communist Party and have been active for many years in the
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Sincerely yours,

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OR SERVING OF ANY PAPERS.

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WHOSE CODE DOES NOT ALLOW VIOLENCE THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC SCANDAL
WITH NATIONAL PUBLICITY UNLESS YOU INTERCEDE

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122 Los Aguajes, Apt 5
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101
23 September 1967

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, Calif 95814

Dear Governor Reagan:

I am deeply shocked by the recent
armed invasion of the Cloverdale Apartments
in Santa Monica, currently occupied
by members of Synanon Foundation, due
when a group of private citizens can
take upon themselves to decide which
law-abiding people shall be allowed
to live in which buildings, then
we come dangerously closed to the
beginnings of Nazi behavior and
mentality. I urge you, as Governor
of California, to act promptly in
defense of Synanon and to stamp
out the rise of a new Hitler-Germany
here.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Phyllis M. Zweig

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