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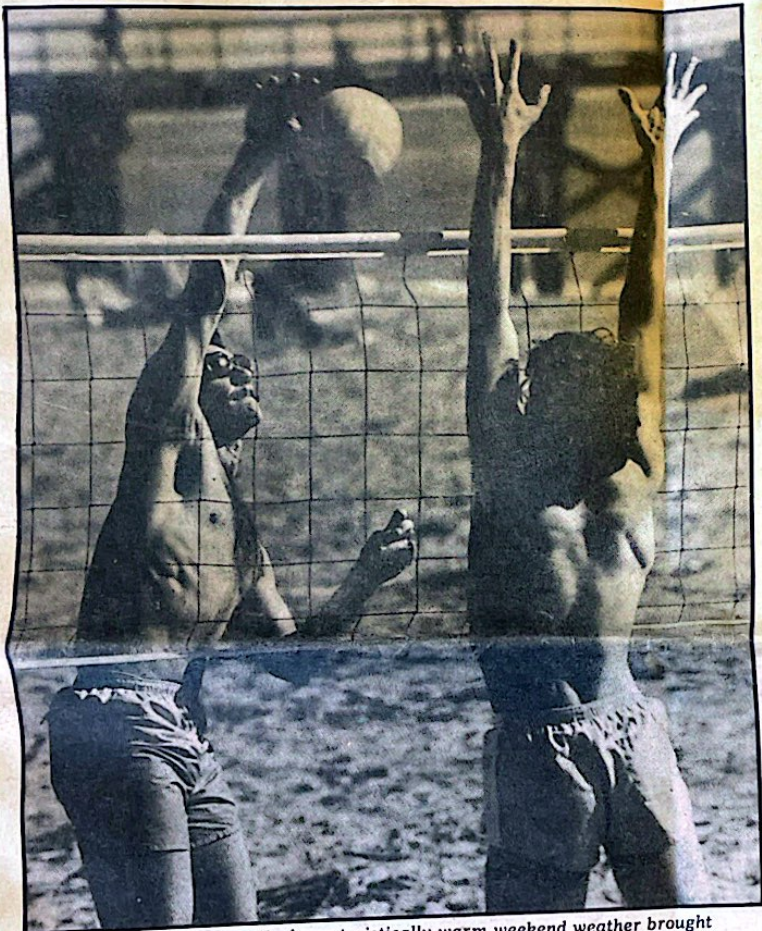
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## Student Lobby Protests Bill Which Would Overturn State Rent Control Laws

By Jane Rosenberg  
Sacramento Correspondent

SACRAMENTO — A controversial bill which would gut city rent control laws from Santa Monica to Berkeley is actually "the hidden agenda" of realtors and landlords, a new rent control lobby charged Thursday.

Californians for Local Control said Assemblyman Jim Costa's latest proposal to eliminate tough rent ordinances is "even more onerous" than legislation the Fresno Democrat sponsored last year, which he later withdrew.

The new bill, Assembly Bill 483, allows landlords to raise rents after evicting tenants, and the bill's definition of single family owner-occupied residences could make every rental unit in the state exempt from current and future ordinances, the lobbyists said.

"This bill will completely and permanently eliminate rent stabilization in California," said CLC member and Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board lobbyist Lenny Goldberg. "In the past, the issue has focused on cities that have had strong rent control. We believe it is now the intent of landlords and realtors to gut rent control throughout the state."

Californians for Local Control is a coalition of pro-rent control groups including the AFL-CIO, the California Rural Assistance League, the California League of Cities and the California Housing Action Information Network, which was formed to fight the bill. They held a press conference Thursday to announce their formation.

Under Costa's bill, single family residences occupied by their owners would be eligible for the homeowner's exemption from rent control laws. Goldberg and Bob Gustafson, chief of operations for the Board of Equalization's property tax unit, said the provision could apply to every rental unit, since the potential for owner occupancy exists.

"If you own the building and live in one of the units, you could live in any one of them," Gustafson said, explaining how a landlord living in a 100-unit building could keep the other 99 apartments free of rent control.

The same provision was contained in last year's bill, but was considered too broad even by realtors, Goldberg said. Pro-rent control lobbies proposed removing the clause before the Senate Judiciary Committee heard the legislation, he said.

The clause's reappearance this year signals that landlords really have a "hidden agenda" in the bill, he said.

Costa aide Terry Reardon said the provision only applies to condominiums, cooperatives and single-family homes.

Rent control activists are focusing on the issue "as a principal way of getting attention," he said. "If they're really interested in solving this problem, they should come to us."

Reardon said if there are problems with the interpretation of the clause, Costa might be open to amending the bill.

The legislation could have a severe effect on Santa Monica's six-year- (Please turn to pg.12, col.1)

## Vietnam Vet Says Country Must Heal Itself

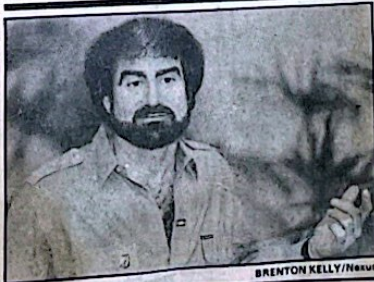
By Robin Stevens  
Editor-In-Chief

A co-founder of the Vietnam Veterans Outreach Program told students Thursday that veterans "are a problem today to people who don't want to hear about Vietnam."

But, he said, the veterans of the war are "the greatest survivors in the history of America," who now serve as the conscience for a younger, more naive generation.

Shad Meshad served in Vietnam as a psych officer, counseling 90,000 combat troops, helping the young soldiers to understand the terror of the war.

In UCSB Religious Studies Professor Walter Capps' class, which studies the religious impact of Vietnam and in an impact of Vietnam and in an interview, he explained his need to speak out about the war, to speed what he calls the national healing process, to make sure that people in the United States know what happened in Vietnam, and what is still happening in the minds of its veterans.



BRENTON KELLY/NEXUS

One of the problems facing Vietnam veterans, which did not confront those of other U.S. wars, was the attitude of the American public. When Meshad returned home from the war, he was greeted at the San Francisco airport, not by the friends and relatives he had hoped, but with an angry crowd of war protestors hurling molotov cocktails. It was at this point that he became angry.

Too many veterans, he said, have never become angry at the way they were treated. To overcome the emotional stress caused by their experiences in Vietnam, called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, they must learn to say, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

"I am tired of the silence. I have broke silence. When I hit the San Francisco airport, I broke silence ... and I am still talking.

"We veterans are an eyesore for you folks. Talking about it is going to make you, particularly the men, question society. People are looking at the vets and saying they weren't taken care of."

— Shad Meshad

Some people still haven't broke silence and I think they should."

"I don't have all of the answers, but if you ever want to talk about the bottom line, I'm ready. Hey, I'm not living in Disneyland," Meshad said. He jumped up from his seat, "the bottom line is that we are here to live and die. Most people never think of that, at least in this society."

Meshad oversees the outreach

program in 10 western states, where approximately 40 percent of the Vietnam veterans in the country live. He announced Thursday that a veterans' center with "the primary purpose of providing readjustment counseling for post Traumatic Stress within the Vietnam veteran community," will soon be opening in Santa Barbara. He has been working for years to secure funding for the center, against an administration which he said calls his program "a nickel and dime operation."

Overt action in Central America "would be a repeat for 17 and 18-year-olds, there is no doubt in my mind," Meshad said. "Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, it is so beautiful. We're back in, and G.I. Joe is a hero again," he added sarcastically. "The only reason I am here is because people have a choice, they have an option.... I don't want them sent off like cattle in a slaughterhouse. Because that will hurt me. I will cry. I will talk

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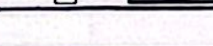
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# Vietnam Veterans...

(Continued from front page) out, I will act out. I will probably be looked at as the enemy once again by the administration. But I don't want to bury another American, whether it is in Central America, or wherever."  
"We veterans are an eyesore for you folks," Meshad told 25 students who gathered after class to ask

him questions. "Talking about it is going to make you, particularly the men, question society. People are looking at the vets and saying they weren't taken care of."  
"I don't want you to feel sorry for me. I want you to feel concern for America and for what could happen again," Meshad said. "Don't just fester on the agony of

the story, of what happened. Try to do something about it so that it doesn't happen again. Really look at it as if this might happen to you. Because I am here and I made a very staunch effort to be here. So that you can really look at (war) and see how it can change your life, give you more meaning. If you don't do that, you are going to be dealing with it..."

# Lobby Fights Rent Control Bill...

(Continued from front page) old rent control law, which exempts owner-occupied units from the ordinance until the time the owner moves out. Costa's bill could keep those buildings rent-control-free even when the landlord leaves, said Santa Monica Rent Board member David Finkel.  
The latest edition of Costa's bill no longer contains a provision which would prevent landlords from raising rents upon tenant eviction, noted Joe Pasqualini, CHAIN lobbyist. Last year's bill only provided for de-control if tenants left voluntarily, he said.

But Reardon said Costa will amend that section, and attributed the slip-up to the Legislative Counsel, which drafts all legislation.  
Mobile home parks were exempt from last year's bill, but could be included in the new legislation. Costa had originally included mobile homes, but they were eliminated during an assembly floor fight last summer. Fifty-three California cities have enacted rent control laws, with all but 12 applying exclusively to mobile homes.  
The Costa bill, which eventually died last (Please turn to pg. 16, col.1)

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS FROM FRIENDS TO FRIENDS.

"Are you OK to drive?"  
"What's a few beers?"  
"Did you have too much to drink?"  
"I'm perfectly fine."  
"Are you in any shape to drive?"  
"I've never felt better."  
"I think you've had a few too many."  
"You kiddin, I can drive with my eyes closed."  
"You've had too much to drink, let me drive."  
"Nobody drives my car but me."



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