The Next Los Angeles: The Struggle for a Livable City
What is Los Angeles?
“The new Ellis Island”

– Kevin McCarthy
“The West Coast of Iowa”

– Joan Didion
“A constellation of plastic”

– Norman Mailer
“Fattest land I ever saw”

– Harrison Gray Otis
“A commodity; something to be advertised and sold to the people of the United States like automobiles, cigarettes and mouth wash.”

– Morrow Mayo
“Cheap pedicures, perpetual sun, guilt free careerism, seeing Vincent Price at the 7-Eleven, having a back yard, no cockroaches, true love, and Disneyland.” — Ann Magnuson
“A city of several cities, divided by color, culture, and cash.”

– Bob McEnery
“A strip of plastic and clapboard, decorated by skimpy palms… this long sunny nothingness, born yesterday”

– Elizabeth Hardwick
“A gaudy, flamboyant, richly scented, noisey and jazzy place.”
– Carey McWilliams
“A city of the future, a place of possibility”

– Local activist at the Progressive L.A. conference
Dan Grayson of the Working Class Party Elected Governor
Job Harriman
The Bombing of the Los Angeles Times Building
Dear Friend:

The very interesting pamphlet enclosed herewith will show you that Upton Sinclair’s candidacy for the Governorship gives us Californians at last a practical answer to the old question: “What can we do about it?”

At all former elections we had to be content with the ballyhoo and specially posed photographs presented by the subsidized daily press. At the next primaries we have for the first time opportunity of voting for a candidate with real qualifications. Upton Sinclair’s idealism, humanitarian views, sound economics, and abhorrence of social injustice will become obvious if we read this, his latest pamphlet, and help the good cause as I have done.

Send $1.00 to Upton Sinclair, together with the names and addresses of fifteen of your friends whom you wish to read this.
“...an honest reformer who has become the unwitting dupe of the CIO, the Communists and certain crackpot reformers.” – Los Angeles Times, 1938

Fletcher Bowron
Norris Poulson and the Chavez Ravine Fight
Reaping the Fruits of Radicals’ Tireless Labors

Ambivalence crept through me last Saturday morning as I parked my Toyota Tercel between two Mercedes. “Brentwood Bolsheviks,” I sneered. I had been sent to Occidental College to cover a conference of “progressives” celebrating “struggle,” convened on the 75th anniversary of social crusader Upton Sinclair’s arrest at a longshoremen’s rally on Liberty Hill in San Pedro. In the parking lot, I began to
Sister Diane Donoghue
Maria Elena Durazo
UCLA Labor Center and LOSH
Kent Wong and Marianne Brown
Heal the Bay
Living Wage Ordinance 1997
Justice for Janitors
Bus Riders Union
Korean Immigrant Workers Advocates (KIWA)
ACORN Demonstrates: The Struggle for a Housing Trust Fund and Inclusionary Zoning
Parks & Open Space and the LA River
Community Benefits Agreements: LAX
Inglewood Says No to Wal-Mart

Altagracia Perez speaks out
The Community Food Security Movement Takes Root
Immigrants Cultivate Community Gardens
Electing Progressives

Karen Bass
Judy Chu
Jackie Goldberg
Eric Garcetti
Tom Hayden
Sheila Kuehl
Martin Ludlow
Ed Reyes
Gloria Romero
Gil Cedillo
Hilda Solis
Mark Ridley Thomas
Antonio Villaraigosa
Maxine Waters