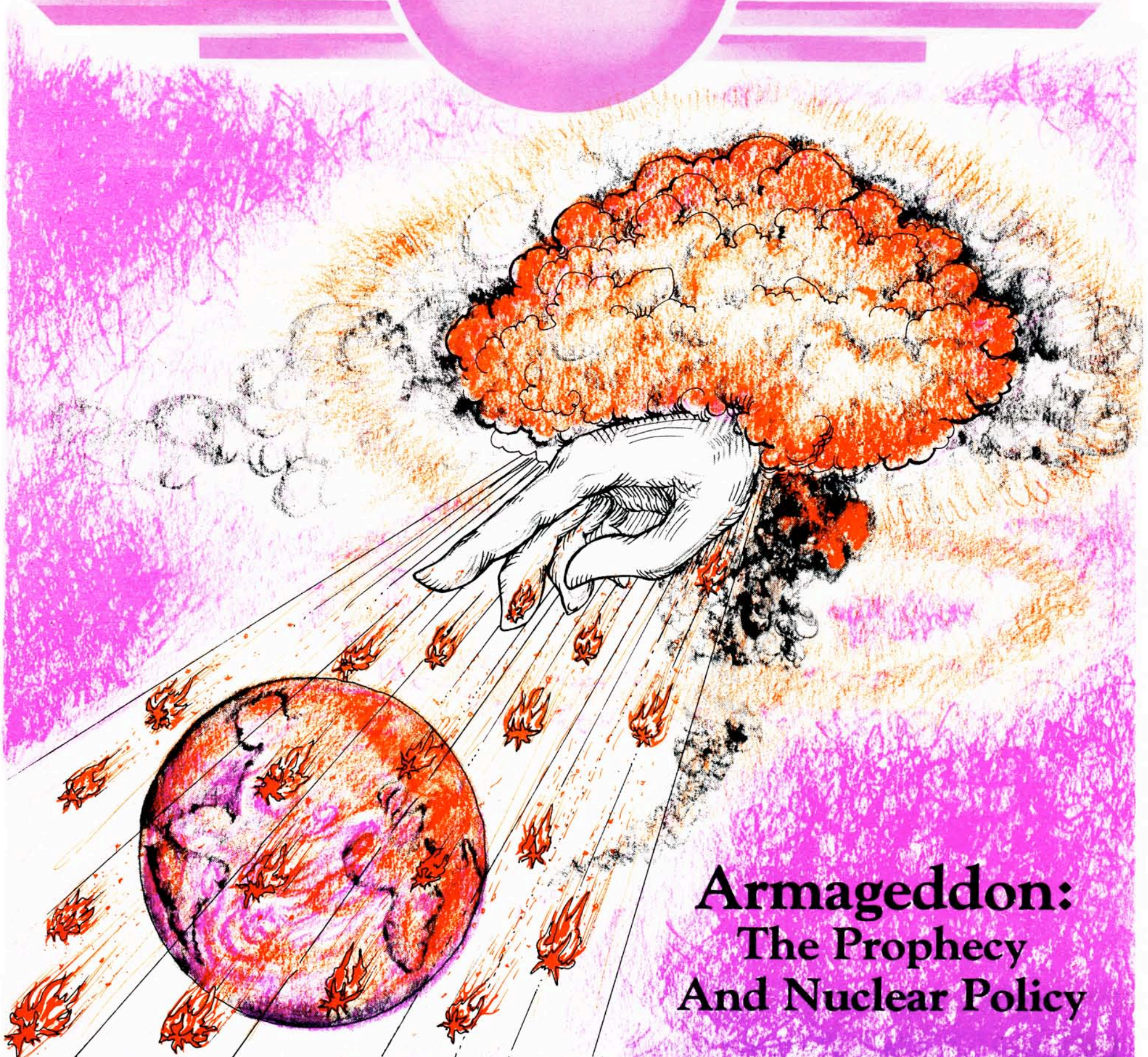


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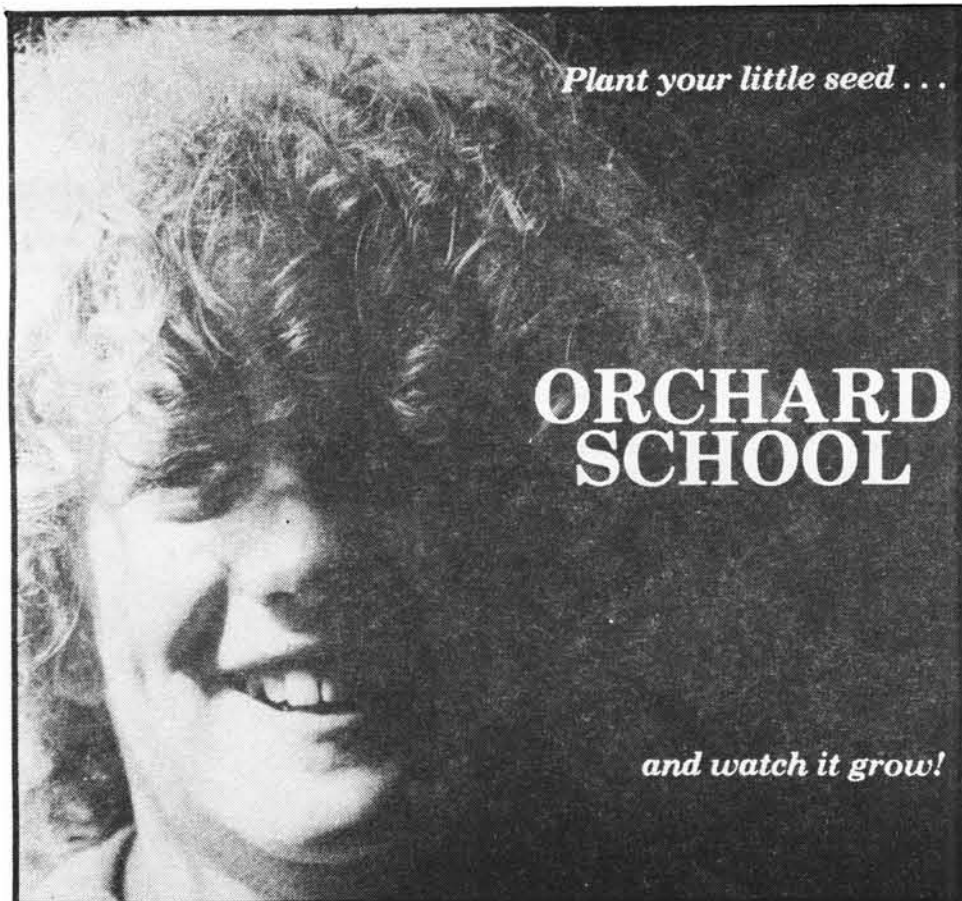


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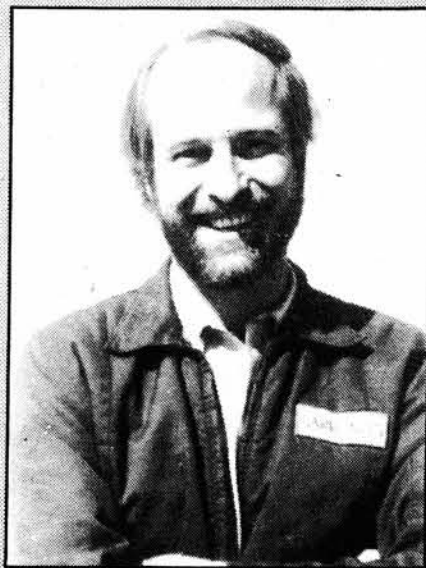


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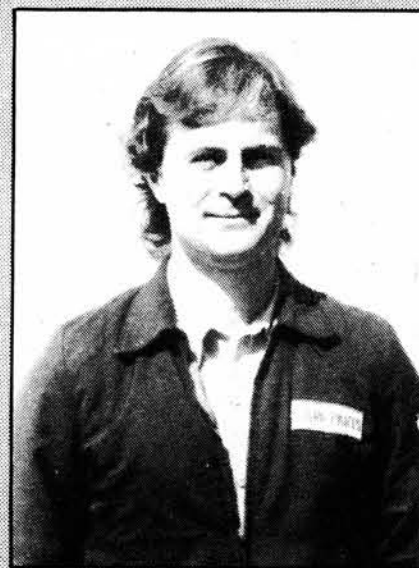
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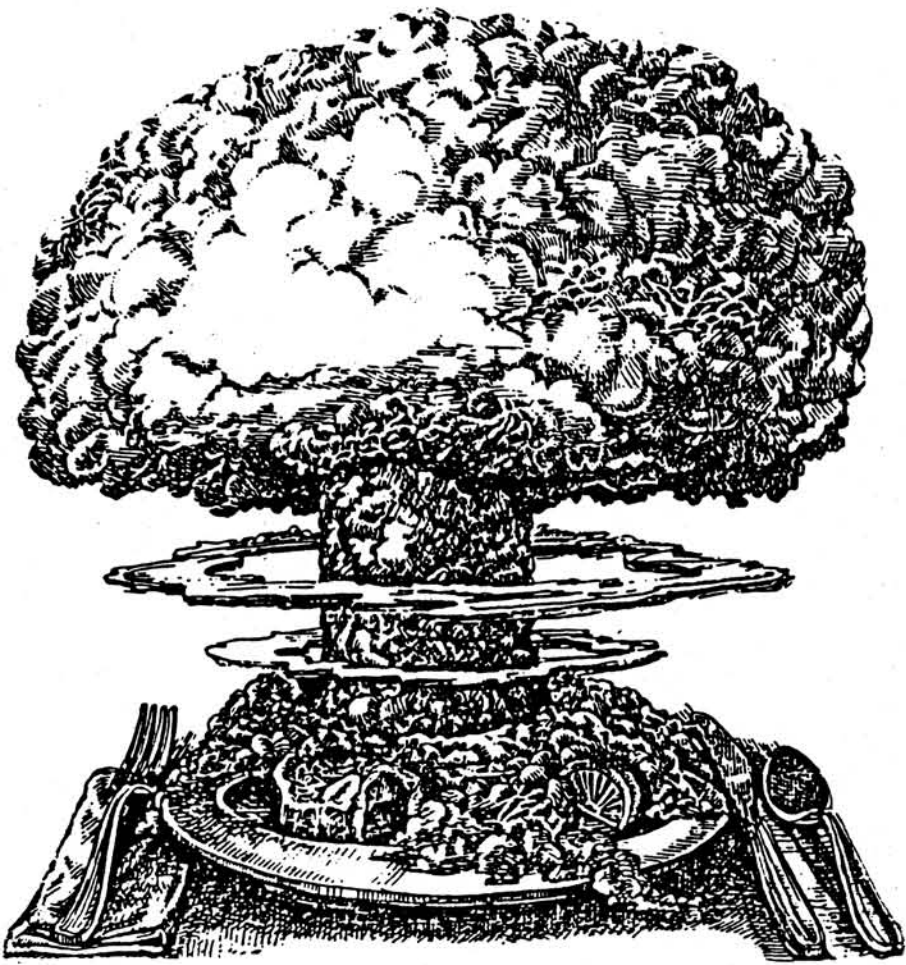
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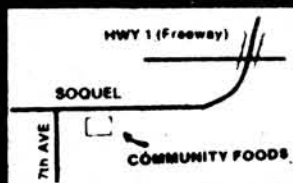


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The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign had its beginning in late 1979 when Randall Forsberg, director of the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies, drafted a paper—the Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race. National organizations and hundreds of regional and local groups and individuals endorsed the Freeze proposal and its goal of calling the U.S. and U.S.S.R. to stop the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons.

Since 1981, when the national campaign began, support for the Freeze has broadened and deepened. In the fall of 1982, more than thirty percent of the American public had a chance to vote on the Freeze. Overall, sixty percent of those voting favored the Freeze. In 1983, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Freeze resolution by almost a two-to-one victory.

In December, 1986, the National Conference of the Freeze adopted the current long-term goal of the Campaign: Enactment of a bilateral, comprehensive Freeze as an essential verifiable step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war; and the phased mutual reductions of nuclear weapons, beginning with U.S and Soviet ballistic missiles. These goals are concrete steps toward a vision of a world without nuclear weapons by the year 2000. Achieving the elimination of nuclear arsenals should be accompanied by an end to the cold war, sharp mutual reductions in conventional forces, conversion to a peace economy, and establishment of common security among the nations of the world.

The Freeze Campaign is now active in all fifty states. It is broad-based and non-partisan. Through the Freeze, American citizens are demanding that the nuclear arms race be stopped and then reversed.

From The Grassroots



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Keep It Up

Dear Freeze,

I want to take this moment to say that you guys are doing a great job with the Planet. It gives me faith to see that there are still people around with earth consciousness. Hopefully, through papers such as the Planet, more people can wake up before it's too late. Keep up the good work.

Simply,

Arthur T. Volpe
Stateline, Nevada

P.S. Can you please send me another copy of the March 1987 issue? Thank you.

Armageddon — Re-visioning The Dream

Dear Freeze,

When I was a child, I had recurring nightmares in which I was chased by three or four cartoon-like wolves. Although the wolves looked like a cartoon, I was always terrified

when I awoke from these nightmares. Perhaps if I had been a conscious dreamer and could have altered my dreams, I would have been able to also alter my external reality and even my life.

However, in my household we never discussed dreams or what they meant and I continued to live with these menacing dreams. You may wonder how one could alter dreams. There are a few possibilities. Instead of running away from the wolves, I could have turned and told them that this was my dream and I did not want them to be in it. Or, I could have tried to make friends with the wolves. It takes a great deal of power and thus love and caring to heal one's fears about being on this planet, in these troubled times. As a spiritualist, I believe that although what we manifest on the outer plane (in our daily lives) is important, healing the inner plane is an extremely powerful way to alter the outer reality.

The mind is forever judging, and it is through this judgement that all separation is created. When one looks at this planet one can see separation everywhere because there is judgement everywhere. When one looks inward, one can also see much judgement and separation. If each one of us was in total unity then our world would reflect that unity. Judgement and separation are the sources of all pain. When we are aligned — when we are attuned with the light — pain cannot exist.

It is interesting that Armageddon has been termed the "Judgement Day." The thought of the possible annihilation of this beautiful planet and its population creates such feelings of separation and pain that it makes the "linear" and "reasonable" thinking (that led us to



believe in such a possibility) completely unbearable. And here is the key. "Armageddon" and the idea of complete annihilation can serve us in a very powerful way. If we regard the mind as a tool and a servant but certainly not as our master, we can set it and all of its judgements and programming aside while we experience our heart and our truth. We can then begin to heal the separation and judgement that dwells within us and that ultimately manifests itself as war on the outer plane.

Through the power of meditation one can expand one's understanding of the Goddess and God that dwells within. A very powerful meditation for adults and children alike is to find a stone on the ground that you are particularly attracted to. Pick it up and cradle it in your hands and imagine it as the earth, our mother and nurturer. Now, bringing in the light, so that it penetrates every cell in your body, allow it to surround your stone (the earth). Feel the stone surrounded by your love and protection and allow this feeling to grow so that both you and the stone become one.

The earth needs us all now and we must ask how in our daily lives we can be more in our love and more in our power. We should remember, also, that each experience manifesting itself in our lives is a lesson that we have attracted to ourselves to learn and to grow.

Nancy Ring
Aptos

Nancy Ring is a local psychic and artist — specializing in regressions, counseling for children and teenagers, and psychic art.

The Saga Continues

Dear Freeze,

I was puzzled by Susan's reaction to my criticism of her article "No Laughing Matter." I had assumed that she would try to discredit me. Instead she appeared overly anxious to prove my accusations of elitism correct. She begins by describing peace activists as "unusually fine people." From there she goes on to explain how she "would cheerfully see the entire country become members of such an elite, in which case we would be an elite country. If that happened we would be able to live up to the dream we have had of ourselves since the Mayflower, that we are morally superior." The following questions suggest themselves. Who is she hoping to be superior to? What country are we to be elite compared to? And the Mayflower? Where do those of us who came over on slave ships or were here to meet the boat fit into her moral hierarchy? Self improvement is fine, but by using relative terms such as "elite" and "superior," she indicates a desire for unwarranted comparison to others. It seems to me her attitude is exactly the attitude responsible for breeding prejudice and war. And once again she has used inclusive terms such as "we peace activists" to indicate that all other Freeze workers share this misguided attitude with her.

As for her claimed attempt at humor, I assume she is referring to her suggestion of "ensconcing missiles in 10 yards of funeral satin, at great public expense." I saw nothing humorous in this. Her article had already managed to portray freeze workers as ivy tower liberal types who considered the general public to be illiterate. It appears her job was not complete without insinuating that, in keeping with their liberal heritage, Freeze workers find it hilarious to throw public money away for their own amusement.

Susan is a woman with an impressive list of credentials who ought to know exactly what she is doing. Among other things she has taught persuasion. In her article she states that "Most Americans do not read" and then goes on to further imply that she is writing about reaching an illiterate audience: "Of course, we all use cartoons already in our work, but cartoons are also aimed at the literate." I fail to understand how anyone trained in the art of persuasion can honestly believe she is winning the Freeze any public support by informing the public that they are illiterate. I am asking her to please stop what she's doing. Enough damage has been done already.

Sincerely puzzled ex-Freeze worker,
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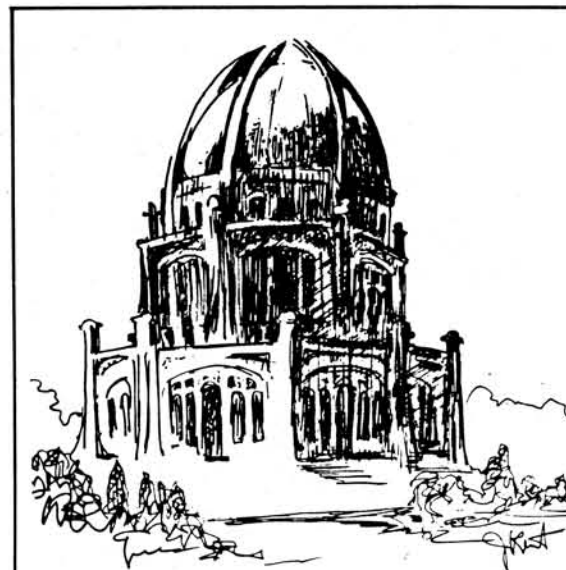
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Gorbachev's Challenge

There he goes again. Mikhail Gorbachev, that is. The flamboyant Soviet leader continues to grab headlines with his far-reaching nuclear arms control proposals. This time even some Western leaders think he has gone too far.

This year Gorbachev has not only accepted the American "zero-zero" proposal of 1981 to eliminate all medium-range missiles in Europe, but he's also offered to scrap, unilaterally, all of the Soviet shorter-range missiles in Eastern Europe.

With all medium- and short-range missiles gone, only very short-range, or tactical, nuclear weapons would remain in Europe. Thus, NATO would have no choice but to explode nukes on its home territory to repel the hypothetical Russian attack. Not a very attractive scenario for the allies.

Well, Gorbachev says, let's get rid of all tactical nuclear weapons, too.

All of this has happened so fast that the NATO alliance has not yet come up with a coherent response. While some experts are delighted with the prospect of a nuclear-free Europe, others are worried that, without the American "nuclear umbrella," Warsaw Pact forces would be free to overrun Western Europe with ease.

This argument assumes that the West would be too weak to repel a Soviet invasion without relying on nuclear weapons, due to what is seen as an imbalance in conventional forces. While this reasoning involves more than a few questionable assumptions, and has been discredited by a recent International Institute for Strategic Studies report, it has many adherents in high places.

Gorbachev's challenge, to significantly eliminate whole categories of weapons, has Western leaders scrambling. But what is clear is that those in government who do not wish to see progress on arms control will seize heavily onto the "linkage" of nuclear and conventional forces as the reason to avoid reductions in weaponry.

But the Freeze, and peace movement in general, is now also challenged.

Those who work for nuclear disarmament have always been aware of the connections between nuclear and conventional forces and strategies for their use. Now the peace movement is being forced to directly confront this linkage.

In the coming months and years, the national and international debates will center on how best to build up conventional forces in order to reduce reliance on nuclear ones. It is now the job of the peace movement to shift the debate. The real question to be posed and answered is how to increase our security by reducing both.



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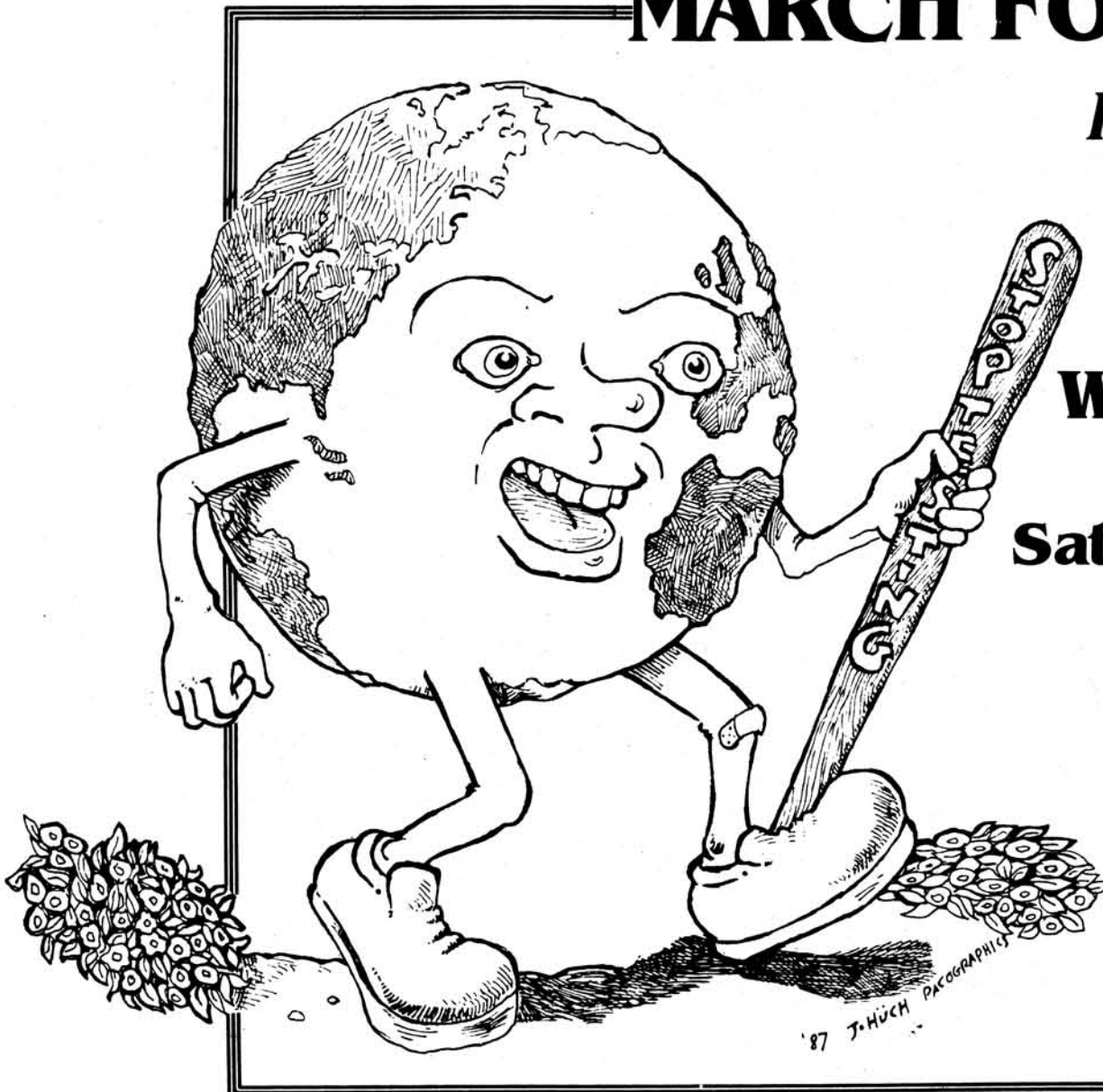
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by Ronald A. Lampi and Bradley David Neily

Judicial Fallout

The U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned U.S. District Court Judge Bruce Jenkins' ruling made in 1984 that the government negligently failed to warn or educate residents living downwind of radiation hazards from tests carried out by the Atomic Energy Commission at the Nevada Test Site from 1951 to 1962. The Court of Appeals decided that the government could not be held for the claims filed by the residents because of the discretionary powers given to the AEC in the Atomic Energy Act of 1946.

Chief Judge Monroe McKay wrote: "Only Congress has the constitutional power to decide whether all costs of government activity will be borne by all the beneficiaries or will continue to be unfairly apportioned, as in this case." In an opinion that was part of the 3-0 ruling, McKay added: "While we have great sympathy for the individual cancer victims who have borne the costs of the AEC's choices, their plight is a matter for Congress."

However, the plaintiffs' attorney Dale Haralson of Tucson said that he held out little hope that Congress would act upon the residents' behalf. Congress failed to pass legislation introduced in the early 1980s that would have provided compensation for people with fall-out related illnesses. Haralson went further in his assessment of the case by saying: "I have no reason to believe that in view of the tremendous lobbying of the nuclear defense and nuclear industries that there will ever be any legislation that will compensate these people."

—BDN

Nuclear Leaks

Senator John Glenn of Ohio has demanded the resignation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commissioner Thomas M. Roberts after discovering that internal NRC documents describing major safety defects at a nuclear power plant in Waterford, La. were leaked by Roberts to the Louisiana Power and Light Company that was still under NRC investigation.

The resignation of NRC Commissioner Roberts was called for after an investigation by the Senate Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Mr. Glenn, into allegations that the nuclear agency gave

favoured treatment to some of the electric utilities it regulates. Under questioning, Ben B. Hayes, the head of the agency's Office of Investigations, testified that the commission documents leaked to Louisiana Power and Light had given the company "a tremendous advantage" in a subsequent NRC investigation of serious plant safety flaws. When a copy of the commission document bearing Mr. Roberts' initials was found in the company's files, Mr. Hayes said he was ordered to turn over his investigative file on the matter to NRC Commissioner Roberts who in turn told the senators that he destroyed them because "I thought somebody was trying to set me up."

In a related issue, Representative Edward J. Markey has asked that Victor Stello Jr., head of the NRC staff, remove himself from further proceedings in a regulatory dispute involving the NRC and the management of the Seabrook reactor, which was recently denied an operating license because of the refusal of the state of Massachusetts to endorse its emergency evacuation plan. Representative Markey charged that Stello "coached" the company on how to get around the licensing requirement. During a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on power, Mar-

key stated: "I am deeply concerned that the NRC staff is not meeting the standards of impartiality that the law requires."

All five members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are Reagan appointees and the agency has come under increasing criticism as being biased in favor of companies it is meant to regulate. Critics charge that the agency is rapidly losing its credibility as a neutral arbiter of crucial safety issues that are its principal business.

—BDN

Nuclear Nightmare

The federal government ordered the shutdown and closing of the Philadelphia Electric Co.'s Peach Bottom nuclear power plant because the plant operators were found to be sleeping on the job. Victor Stello, executive director of operations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, said, "Continued operation of the facility is an immediate threat to the public health and safety." Investigators found that most of the sleeping occurred during the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. graveyard shift. The NRC order cited that "one or more of the Peach Bottom operations control-room staff (including licensed operators, senior licensed operators, and shift supervisors) have a least for the past five months periodically slept or have been otherwise inattentive to licensed duties."

The problem at Peach Bottom is a growing concern within the nuclear power industry: the people who work in the plants are often less reliable than the technology. Congressional committees, watchdog groups, and the NRC have repeatedly found operators of nuclear plants asleep or impaired by alcohol and other drugs. Joshua Gordon, a nuclear analyst with Public Citizen, the Ralph Nader group, recently said, "People, human error, is responsible for almost all nuclear accidents."

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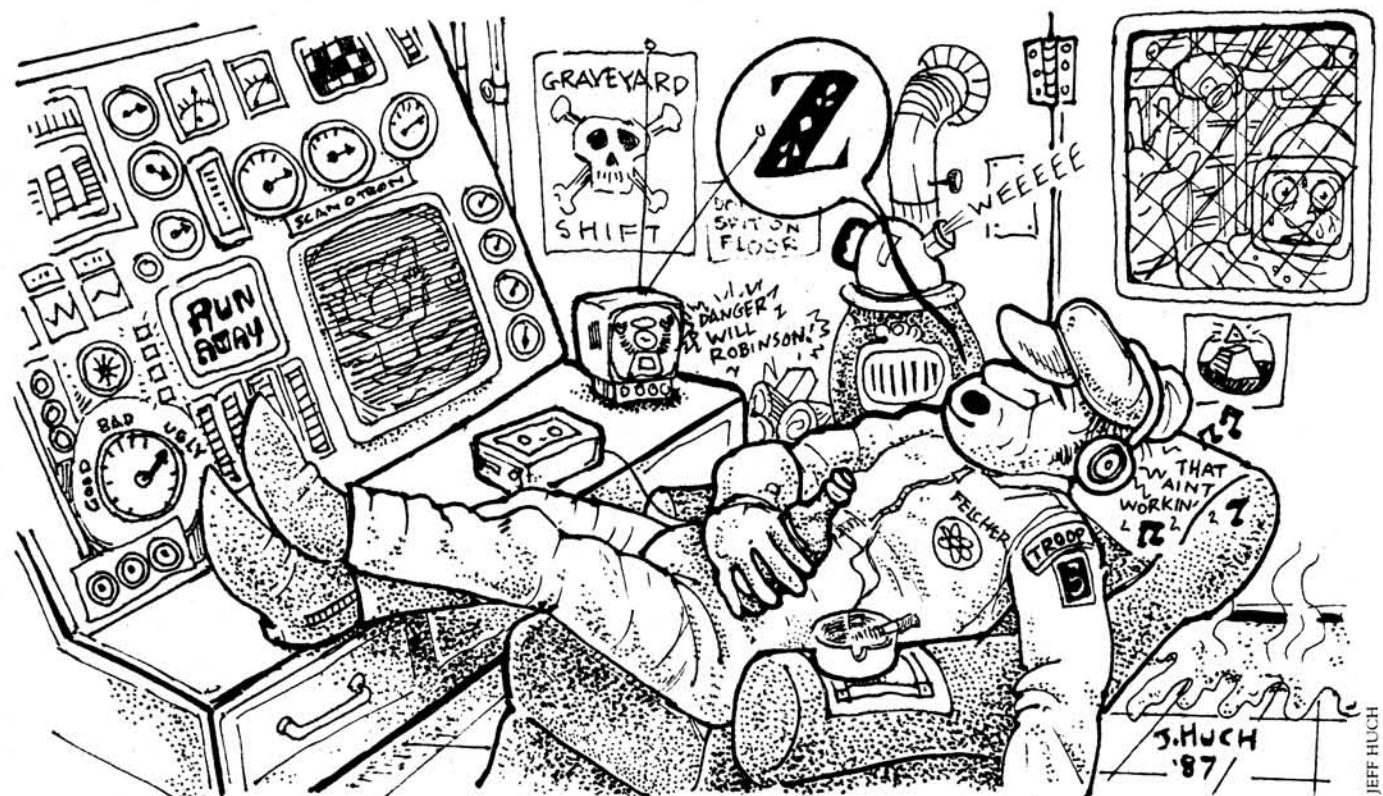
The Price Of Cooperation

The recent controversy over the space station project regarding its possible use by the U.S. Defense Department has reportedly been settled. The controversy had allies threatening to drop out. At a recent meeting, though, NASA, the State Department, and representatives from the project's foreign partners, with the National Security Council acting as mediator, all came to a resolution that primarily involved the wording of the project agreement. The U.S. military will still be allowed to do research on the space station, but any language invoking "national security purposes" has been deleted. The agreed upon wording is that the space station is "for peaceful purposes consistent with international law."

It was Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger's letter to Secretary of State George Shultz in early April that heated up the controversy. In it, he said that "We must be prepared to go forward alone if the price of cooperation is too high." He wanted the United States to reserve the right to use the space station for its "national security purposes" and also objected to giving the allies an equal voice in the project. Congressional criticism resulted.

There are still other questions about the project. In 1984 when President Reagan first endorsed it, its estimated cost was \$8 billion. That has now jumped to anywhere between \$14 and \$20 billion. The increases have forced NASA to plan a scaled back version of the space station it had originally designed. But the General Accounting Office has still come out with tough criticism of the project, calling its computer systems outdated and the high cost of human personnel onboard wasteful. Some critics are expressing their doubts about going ahead with the project at all.

—RL



Ready or Not, Here It Comes

While the Reagan administration continues its public policy of appearing non-committal on the question of when to deploy Star Wars, the Pentagon has been secretly preparing a highly classified program for deploying space-based defenses in the near future.

Senators William Proxmire of Wisconsin and J. Bennet Johnston of Louisiana have released a congressional study asserting that while the administration had offered mixed signals in public about the intended timetable for the deployment of Star Wars, it had already taken action to shift money into programs that could be deployed early.

The staff report contended that the Pentagon program was classified so as to limit congressional review of the plan. Some scientists interviewed by the Congressional staff reported that the secrecy was being used to cover up technical weaknesses in it. This would contradict Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger's suggestion that missile defenses might prove ready for deployment sooner than previously thought, a claim that has provoked sharp debate in the scientific community in recent months.

The report's authors, Douglas C. Waller and James T. Bruce, estimated that the kind of early defense that might be deployable by 1994, a date mentioned by Weinberger as a possible starting point for deployments, would be capable of knocking out only about one of every six Soviet missile warheads.

—BDN

Protracted Nuclear Power

The Reagan administration is pursuing a project to ensure sources of emergency electrical power to fight a protracted nuclear war. The Air Force, charged with developing most nuclear weapons and their support facilities, depends mainly on commercial power grids to operate everything from missile guidance systems to the bases for the jet fighters which are armed with nuclear-tipped cruise missiles. Air Force officials testifying before Congress have stated that the daily power requirements for bases range from five to 60 megawatts during peak demand and cost \$900 million last year. They estimate that wartime demands would be double that requirement.

Thus the Air Force is exploring the possibility of building several hundred small nuclear reactors that could be protected from repeated nuclear attacks while continuing to provide power to command posts, communication centers, and nuclear weapons. The reactors would be transported by air around the country and would be used if the commercial power grids were destroyed in a nuclear attack. According to Gary S. Flora, the Air Force's Associate Director of Engineering and Services: "The key components of our energy supply and distribution systems are vulnerable to accident, natural disaster, terrorism, sabotage, war

and economic actions." Administration officials maintain that survival of communications is a critical factor in fighting a nuclear war.

The Air Force had tried to keep the project secret from the American public out of fear of the political repercussions. Much of the debate will center in Congress, which must approve all funds for research, development, and production of the reactors. The project is vital to the Reagan administration's doctrine and strategy for fighting and winning a protracted nuclear war.

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Pure And Simple

A conservative organization, already under investigation for its link in the Iran-contra scandal, is now also under investigation for its political ads. The National Endowment for the Preservation of Lib-

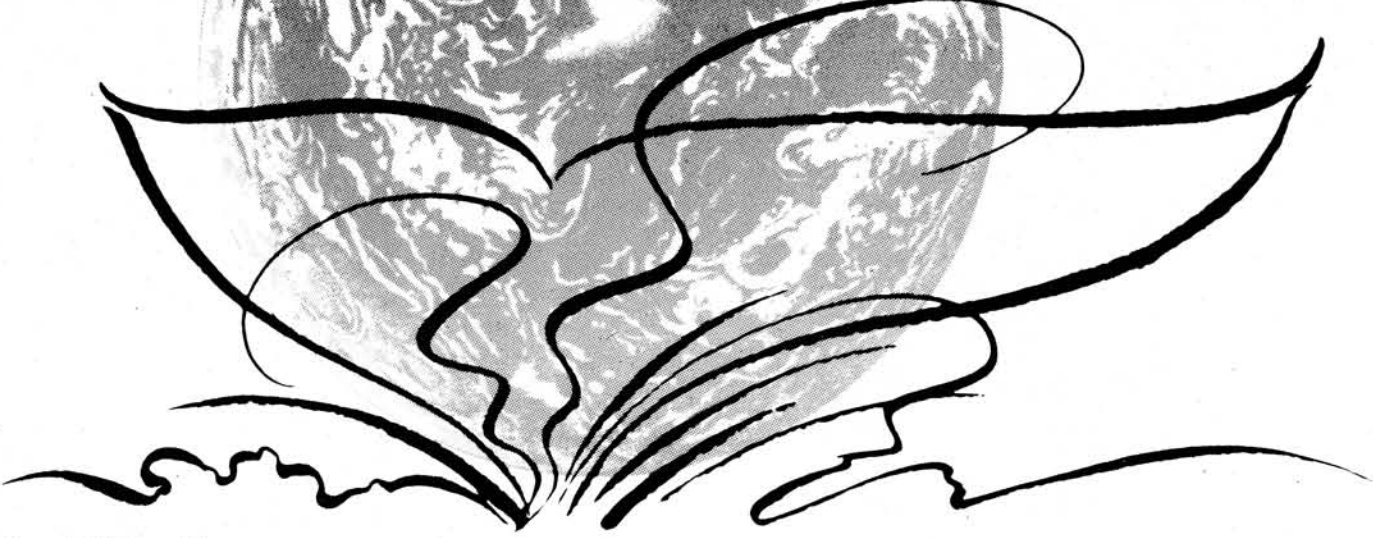

erty is a tax-exempt organization that by law cannot engage in political work. Yet, last year it produced a number of television commercials, ostensibly for educational purposes, that, as it now comes out, were undoubtedly meant to influence congressional campaigns. Evidence supporting this conclusion has been collected from the group's own internal documents and from interviews with those who have contributed to its cause.

Contributors have admitted being told that the commercials were meant to hinder Democratic candidates and help Republicans. The subject of the commercials was Star Wars. Without naming names as to who did and did not support Star Wars, the commercials still implied to whom one's vote should go. One contributor, Robert A. Mosbacher Jr., president of a Houston oil company, has been quoted as saying, "It was clear to me that the purpose of the ads was to try to defeat

candidates who were hostile to the idea of S.D.I. [Star Wars]."

Federal investigators have also been looking into the group's involvement in the Iran-contra affair, specifically its fund-raising program called "Toys." The group has claimed that it was raising money to buy Christmas toys for the Nicaraguan rebels' children. Evidence shows that these "toys" were actually weapons for the rebel fighters. This was going on during the time when the federal government was prohibited from providing them with military aid. But, by law, the National Endowment cannot use its tax-exempt contributions for any military purposes either. According to one of its former bookkeepers, though, "The idea of Toys being for Christmas toys for children is laughable. It was for weapons, pure and simple."

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Women Join Together At Nevada Test Site

by Terry Teitelbaum

Unity is one of the most important elements of any movement for social change. In the peace movement, one way it has been sought has been through merging of large national organizations with shared goals. One way it has definitely been achieved has been through the Mother's Day Action organizing taking place all over the country. Women from a variety of peace organizations as well as individual women have joined together to plan a "women's action" at the Nevada Test Site, the latest in a series of direct actions there to protest nuclear weapons testing.

This action will take place on Mother's Day, May 10, invoking the original purpose of the commemorative holiday—to protest war and to prevail upon all women to use their power to bring about peace. In her poem, "Mother's Day Proclamation," Julia Ward Howe called on women to "... leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace..."

Feeling that the time was right for a woman's action to protest nuclear testing, a handful of women from the American

Peace Test, Nevada Desert Experience and the Women's International League For Peace and Freedom (WILPF) got together in Las Vegas in January to plan a national Mother's Day Action.

Each woman came away from this meeting with responsibility for organizing certain geographical areas, but with few guidelines on decision-making struc-

took on a life of its own, making attempts to coordinate organizing activities simultaneously frustrating and somewhat unnecessary. At one point Beth commented, "I was so worried about Berkeley because we hadn't heard anything, and now, finally I find out that two different groups of people that we didn't even know existed are chartering buses to go



scended all political divisions. Lesbian feminists are working with very politically moderate women. Women from organizations like the Freeze and WILPF are working with those who usually prefer direct action to lobbying and electoral strategies.

According to Noel Sturgeon, "Women acting together against the arms race contribute something special to the general struggle against the arms race. But what that 'something special' is has been a matter of varied interpretation for the women involved in organizing for the action, and more interpretations of the meaning of women acting together are sure to appear as more women become involved." Organizers of the Mother's Day Action are counting on those differences to be the very strength of the action. They believe that when people can be united in spite of their differences for one common goal, it can be a powerfully effective force.

Terry Teitelbaum is a member of the Mother's Day Action Collective and the Executive Director of The Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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tures or firm definitions on just what was meant by a "women's action."

One woman, Beth Coats of Aptos, was charged with organizing the entire state of California. Beth, an active WILPF member, immediately called a meeting of women she considered to be effective organizers. These women formed the statewide organizing committee, each taking responsibility for making sure her region was working on outreach for the action. What most of the women found was that after initial letters and brochures were sent out about the action, it

to Nevada."

In spite of the lack of centralized coordination for the action, the work seems to be getting done. In Santa Cruz, efforts are being coordinated by the Mother's Day Action Collective, a group of about 25 local women. Some of these women are from local organizations, such as the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, but most are individuals, either veterans of direct action or women new to the movement.

An issue which had to be resolved early on was the question of men's participation in a women's action. Most of the women felt uncomfortable excluding men, especially those who have proven their commitment to ending the nuclear arms race. However, most also felt that to have a women's action that men worked on would prevent it from being a women's action at all. (Organizers eventually agreed that the action would be organized solely by women but that men could participate at the test site, especially in support roles.)

Women were forced to examine and articulate why they wanted to participate in a women's action in order to define just what the term meant. Those who worked in organizations such as the Freeze said they wanted the opportunity to work with women and hear women's ideas because, in spite of the high level of feminist consciousness in their groups, it still seemed that men spoke more frequently at meetings and held most of the leadership roles. According to one woman, "It's been so refreshing to hear what usually quiet women have to say, even if it's prefaced by 'This may not be a good idea.' They almost always have something brilliant to say."

To Noel Sturgeon, the statewide contact person for Santa Cruz and an active member of the local organizing collective, "Women's actions are opportunities for women who share an interest in peace, but who otherwise may have very diverse interests and perspectives. Through face-to-face, shared action, we can develop a greater sense of cohesion along with a respect for one another's diversity."

It appears that by making this a women's action, organizers have tran-

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Direct Action Against Nuclear Testing On The Rise

by Terry Teitelbaum

The first nonviolent direct action against nuclear testing was held at the Nevada Test Site on August 6, 1957. Eleven people were arrested after crossing onto the property of Camp Mercury, one of the Atomic Energy Commission's above-ground nuclear testing installations. Such efforts to end atmospheric nuclear testing proved successful by 1963 when President Kennedy stopped U.S. testing and challenged the Soviets to join in a moratorium. The Soviets accepted this challenge and within two months, the Limited Test Ban Treaty (LTBT) was signed. The LTBT banned all nuclear explosions in the atmosphere, underwater and in outer space. Yet instead of ending nuclear testing altogether, the LTBT merely forced nuclear testing underground.

Direct action continues to be a viable tactic in the movement to end nuclear testing, an important step to freezing and reversing the nuclear arms race according to test ban proponents. Direct action, including civil disobedience, has been enjoying growing support among activists in a variety of peace organizations. Individuals who are veterans of direct action in the anti-nuclear power movement as well as the anti-nuclear weapons movement, who have worked outside the framework of traditional organizations, are forming unprecedented alliances with organizations such as the Nuclear Weapons Freeze to apply the power of direct action to stop nuclear testing.

Nonviolent direct action has played an essential role in making America a more



American Peace Test organizer Nancy Hale is pictured here on February 4, preparing activists for nonviolent civil disobedience at the Nevada Test Site. The next day 438 were arrested for trespassing in the largest demonstration in the history of the test site.

large majority of the American people supporting a comprehensive test ban, many activists feel it is time to force Congress and the administration to confront the nuclear testing issue. More than 1,500 U.S. citizens have been arrested for protesting nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site. Demonstrations at the site have grown dramatically in recent years, increasing in size from a handful of people in the 1950s to over 2,000 people, 438 of whom were arrested for civil disobedience on February 5, 1987.

ing together for a "Test Ban Caravan," eight separate national organizations, including the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, SANE, Physicians for Social Responsibility and others, each with different

constituencies and styles of activism will join together on June 8 and 9 for scheduled visits with congressional representatives followed by civil disobedience sponsored by the American Peace Test.

These organizations are creating what they hope will be a systematic and sustained campaign of direct action and civil disobedience as part of an integrated strategy to stop nuclear testing and achieve a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The American Peace Test as well as other groups and individuals do not view nonviolent civil disobedience as a substitute for more traditional forms of political pressure such as electoral work, letter writing and lobbying. They encourage participation in many forms of political activity including direct action, an essential component in the movement to stop nuclear testing and end the nuclear arms race.



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just and peaceful society, according to the American Peace Test (APT), a national organization which formed out of the national Nuclear Weapons Freeze campaign to coordinate direct action against nuclear testing. The American Revolution, the abolition of slavery, the organization of unions, the struggle for women's suffrage, the civil rights movement, and the effort to end the Vietnam War were all campaigns in which nonviolent direct action made critical contributions. The APT holds that the movement to end the nuclear arms race is not unique in its needs. As Martin Luther King wrote, "Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored."

With public opinion polls showing a

Largely through the leadership of the American Peace Test, direct action at the Nevada Test Site has been incorporated into the broader campaign to end nuclear testing. Many groups and individuals have made a test ban a major priority as the first step to ending the nuclear arms race. Their shared goal is a suspension of testing funds leading to the signing of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This effort includes maintaining a high profile at the Nevada Test Site, including regularly scheduled legal and civil disobedient actions. Such actions have included the Lenten Desert Experience, a forty-day vigil organized by the Nevada Desert Experience from March 4-April 19 and the Mother's Day Action, a women-organized action scheduled for Mother's Day weekend, May 8-10.

This strategy also includes nationally coordinated events in Washington, D.C. to promote anti-testing legislation. Join-

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One reason we don't have Peacesat is that the general public doesn't know about it yet. Perhaps in the long run, historians will say that Star Wars led to Peacesat, because Star Wars led to public awareness about the need for Peacesat.

In the current climate of debate about Star Wars and the ABM treaty, the key link is remote sensing, or the ability to take high quality and very detailed pictures from space. According to Robert Katula of the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space, SPOT pictures of the controversial Soviet radar display alleged to violate the ABM treaty were recently shown on a regular ABC-TV news program. (SPOT is the French civilian satellite monitoring system; its photos are available for purchase by the public.) By the time you read this, satellite photos of both the Soviet display and the one we are building at Thule, Greenland may have been shown on national TV together. Katula says that satellite coverage of the Chernobyl disaster first gave a wide range of people the experience of how freely and universally available public information could affect international crises and relationships positively.

Such examples of information gathering through satellite photography should help convince the public that instead of pursuing Star Wars, we must follow the model of "deterrence through information" which Peacesat could provide. Since human warfare began, surprise and secrecy have been essential to victory. Remote sensing removes these from the equation. This is *real* protection. Public access to the information also defends us from the other very real danger of the 20th century, disinformation.

More and more people in Washington are beginning to hear this message. Katula has already prepared draft legislation calling for the relevant government agencies

to prepare reports and proposals for ways our government would participate in or help form such an agency. He is working closely with Rep. George Brown (D—Los Angeles), who recently gave an address on the House floor on the subject of "open skies." Other congresspeople who have shown serious interest in this subject, according to Katula, are Rep. Robert Mrazek of New York, and Rep. Robert Walker of Pennsylvania. Dr. Ray Cline, a former Deputy Director of the CIA, published an article last August in *The Defense Daily* arguing for a Peacesat-type of world security system. Several articles on the subject have recently appeared in *The Christian Science Monitor*, and two congressional committees are holding hearings related to the subject: the House Subcommittee on International Scientific Progress and Cooperation, and the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Agricultural Research, and the Environment.

Speed in developing Peacesat legislation is essential. Testing of space weapons' components in space will generate levels of debris that will destroy existing satellite capability and make new ones impossible. The reason why an international hue and cry over this has not been raised may be that, like the development of space communication itself, such efforts are not being coordinated by one body, despite the preeminence of Intelsat as the largest international organization in the field. It sounds like a bit of a frontier situation, where everyone is minding his or her own business, while the public business, in the largest sense, is being left to take care of itself. Perhaps the people involved in satellite communications planning and administration simply can't believe that superpower governments or the people behind them would really be stupid enough to destroy what these pioneers have built already and would like to see in the future. They may believe that it is all just research with no intention to implement anything or actually test in space. History since 1945 suggests other outcomes.

I asked Mr. Katula what the public can do at this point in the process. He said there were three important things that the public can do right now. The first is that people can write letters to congressmembers on key committees, urging them to explore remote sensing technology instead of weapons options such as Star Wars. We should ask these congress-

members to hold more hearings as soon as possible, and to move toward developing legislation quickly. The committees he mentioned were: Defense, Intelligence, and Science and Technology.

Second, Katula suggested that we once again write to the president, saying that we share his concern for protection, but that Star Wars and other space weapons options are not only *not* the wave of the future but that they will *prevent* global progress in the 21st century. We should ask him to develop a Council on Global Safety, a sort of crash scientific program, which would be independent of the Defense Department. The new project would be devoted to "remote sensing," and could be in non-threatening areas such as global weather and ecological

monitoring. Katula likened this new body and the urgency of its mission to the Manhattan project; we could call it the anti-Manhattan project.

Third, we should work hard educating all of the presidential candidates on the choice that faces us between weaponization of space or "open skies," "remote sensing," and deterrence through information. Senator Hart has already heard from the experts on this subject. I think he and the others need to hear from the people *now*. This time, let's not wait to tell the experts whether we want what they have wrought. Let's tell them what we want to see them invent.

Susan C. Strong chairs the Northern California Freeze Campaign.

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time in discussion with another world leader." She went on to speak of her "remarkable insight" into Gorbachev's handling of sensitive issues, and their "impassioned" debates on such important questions as the security of a "denuclearized Europe" in case of a Soviet conventional onslaught. But, on her flight back to England, Thatcher seemed to have trust in Gorbachev, saying she "would implicitly accept his word."

One *New York Times* commentator, writing after the two leaders met, spoke of "a remarkable relationship . . . that seems to have blossomed just as the spring thaw begins to touch the Russian capital." Thatcher first met Gorbachev in 1984, just before he became the Soviet leader.

Strange Suicides

The suicides of four scientists, three of whom worked for a British military contractor doing work on Star Wars, are causing a sensation in Great Britain. The disappearance of a fourth scientist, who also works for the contractor, Marconi Company, Ltd., is also adding to the James Bond aura surrounding the deaths.

Some observers, in a manner suggesting a spy thriller, have speculated on how the similarities between the victims' occupations may have linked their deaths. They also point to the almost melodramatic ways in which David Sands, Vimal Dajibhai and Ashad Sharif—the three who worked for Marconi—apparently killed themselves. Sands drove his car, fully laden with cans of gasoline, into a wall, and died in the ensuing explosion; Dajibhai fell to his death from a high suspension bridge; Sharif fastened one end of a rope to a tree, tied the other end around his neck, and sped away in his car, thus hanging himself.

Others watching the case do not find it very unusual. They point to the intense pressure experienced by high-level employees of military contractors as a credible reason for the suicides.



CHRISTOPHER PALERMO

World Limited Missile Ban

After four years of secret negotiations, seven industrial countries have unveiled a signed agreement to control the transfer of rocket technology. The countries, including the U.S., say they are attempting to contain the spread of technology which could be used to build nuclear missiles. Besides the U.S., the other countries that signed the agreement are Canada, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan. The agreement bans the export of certain classes of missiles and their components to most countries.

Critics attacked the agreement on several fronts. Some see it as an indication of the failure to stop the spread of nuclear explosives, while others point out that it will not stop nonsignatories from exporting missile technology. The agreement will also not stop the export of many types of the signatories' missiles, including France's Exocet and the U.S.'s Stinger anti-aircraft missile.

Britain Thatcher Meets Gorbachev

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher visited Moscow in late March, and met there with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to discuss arms control and human rights, among other topics. Upon emerging from a nine-hour session in the Kremlin, Thatcher remarked that she could not "remember ever having spent so much

West Germany Two Faces

Major differences exist between Chancellor Helmut Kohl's public and private positions on short-range nuclear weapons, according to government officials and recent newspaper reports. Publicly, Kohl's administration has favored superpower moves to rid Europe—including West Germany—of NATO and Warsaw Pact medium-range missiles, while for short-range missiles it has advocated a reduction to "equal ceilings at a low level."

But in private, the Kohl administration has advocated an increase in the number of short-range nuclear missiles stationed in West Germany. In a letter sent to President Reagan in early April, Kohl reportedly asked the U.S. to consider two options for short-range weapons. The first is to introduce a new type of nuclear-capable short range missile, such as the Army's Tactical Missile System, and the second involves conversion of currently deployed Pershing 2's into short-range nuclear missiles by removing one of their rocket stages.

There are currently 72 short-range nuclear missiles, known as Pershing 1A's, in West Germany.

China Seismic The Soviets

William Arkin of the Institute for Policy Studies has obtained a Defense Department document showing that the U.S. is monitoring Soviet nuclear tests from China. The document, obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, tells of one seismic monitoring device located in China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, and used primarily to gather data helpful in estimating Soviet nuclear test blast yields.

Recently, the U.S. has also monitored Soviet tests from a location off the Soviet Union's Pacific coast. According to the same document, a U.S. ship 600 miles from the Kamchatka Peninsula drilled a hole in the ocean floor and inserted a seismometer.

Japan Telegram Troubles

A recently unearthed, declassified 1966 telegram indicates that U.S. ships and aircraft regularly brought nuclear weapons into Japan. Japan forbids the introduction of nuclear weapons into the country. The secret telegram was sent by then-Secretary of State Dean Rusk to the U.S. embassy in Tokyo, and also spoke of a "confidential 1960 agreement [that] affords U.S. right to seek GOJ [Government of Japan] consent to introduction of nuclear weapons into Japan."

The telegram contains instructions to the embassy on how to turn the Japanese against a certain Soviet arms control proposal. The Soviet Union at that time had suggested that the superpowers renounce nuclear attacks against countries having no nuclear weapons within their borders.

The issue of the telegram is being used by opposition parties as part of a campaign to expose the government's hypocrisy with respect to its own policy of barring nuclear weapons. Neither the Japanese government nor the U.S. State Department has commented on the telegram yet.

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France Nuclear Positivism Shows Cracks

Serious accidents disrupted the normal routine at two of France's most prominent nuclear facilities in mid-April. On April 12, Europe's largest uranium enrichment plant released a radioactive and highly toxic gas, injuring seven workers. The plant, located at Tricastin, was closed one week while the leak was investigated.

On April 13, Europe's largest breeder reactor, the Superphenix, leaked 25 tons of sodium coolant into the environment. Although this extremely dangerous gas is said to be nonradioactive, it immediately explodes upon contact with water.

Unlike many other Western industrialized countries, the French government enjoys public approval of its aggressive nuclear program. Currently, France gets about 70 percent of its electric energy from nuclear power. But the two accidents, along with some disappointing economic results, have given environmental groups opposed to nuclear power more hope of turning the public around on the issue.

Huge Military Buildup

The French Parliament recently approved an ambitious five-year military buildup that includes increasing the number of France's nuclear warheads by 400 percent. The \$78 billion buildup also includes building the country's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, arming submarines with a new six-warhead missile, developing a strategic missile capable of carrying 10 warheads, and continuing development of a tactical nuclear missile which could be fitted with a neutron bomb.

The plan, approved April 9, received support from Socialist and conservative members of Parliament. Both groups seem united on the issue of militarization, despite France's worsening economic situation. Both groups also generally oppose nuclear arms control for Europe.

Europe Radiation Detected

Several European countries detected increased levels of radiation between March 9 and March 15, but did not report the unusual levels of radioactive iodine and xenon until April 14. Rumors of another nuclear accident in the Soviet Union, site of the Chernobyl disaster, circulated in West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Norway and France, the countries reporting the increase.

But Tommy Godaas, chief inspector of the Swedish National Radiation Protection Agency, told *The New York Times* that the level of radiation indicated it could have been caused by the burning of radioactive isotopes used for medical purposes or the "cleaning" of a reactor.

Soviet Union March To Moscow

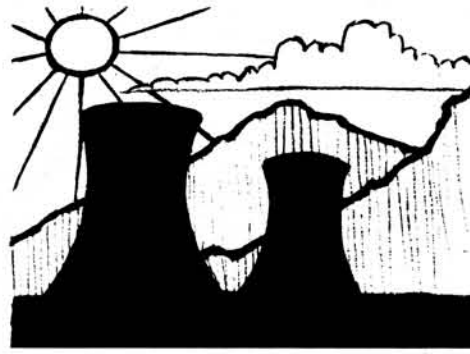
Plans for 200 Americans and 200 Soviets to march this summer from Lenin-

grad to Moscow are continuing. The 450-mile march is being organized by the Soviet Peace Committee and International Peace Walk Incorporated, based in Irvine, California. The march is based on the Great Peace March of last year, when several hundred people walked from Los Angeles to Washington D.C.

The marchers, who will be on the road from June 8 to July 12, will walk half the distance and be bused the rest of the way. A rock concert at Moscow's Olympic Stadium is planned for the end of the march.

The Official Story

Ukrainian Health Minister Nikolai Romanenko said that a maximum of 600 Soviets may die of cancer as a result of radiation received from the Chernobyl nuclear accident. Romanenko was quoted by a visiting delegation of British journa-



lists and trade unionists. Romanenko's figure is considerably less than the figures given by some Americans and West Europeans, whose lowest estimates are in the thousands. He was also quoted as saying that the radiation released by Chernobyl was 15 times less than originally thought.

In a related matter, an article recently released by the Tass news agency claimed

there were no radiation-linked abnormalities found in babies born to women who lived near Chernobyl at the time of the accident.

Spain The Protest Continues

In yet another display of Spain's unhappiness with U.S. military presence in the country, more than 3000 Spaniards marched near the city of Rota. The demonstrators, who demanded the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Spain, showed their anger by burning a U.S. flag and clashing with police. The 34-year-old agreement allowing for the U.S. bases, which expires next year, was signed by Spain's Fascist dictator, Francisco Franco. U.S.-Spain negotiations on the future of the bases are currently stalled. (For more details, see "Planet Watch" in the March and April 1987 issues of *The Monthly Planet*.)



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Controversy Surrounds U.S. Bases in Philippines

by Steve Shalom and John Miller

On February 2 of this year, the Philippine people ratified a new constitution. To many Filipinos, a yes vote indicated an endorsement of the popular presidency of Corazon Aquino, against the right-wing pressures and coup

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attempts of former Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and his allies in the military.

The constitution is a relatively conservative document—some on the left, particularly in the labor movement, opposed ratification because it failed to address the mammoth problems of urban and rural poverty. Yet the United States government is unhappy about one particular aspect of the new charter: the provisions dealing with foreign military bases. While these provisions are not as strong as the anti-bases and anti-nuclear activists in the Philippines had hoped, they place potential obstacles in the way of the Pentagon. To understand the significance of these provisions, it is necessary to appreciate how highly valued the U.S. bases in the Philippines are to Washington.

Over the years, the United States has used these bases, chief among them Subic



Naval Base and Clark Air Base, to project military power into Asia. During the Vietnam War, the bases served as the crucial logistic hub for the U.S. intervention. They have also served as jumping off points for interventions and shows of

force as far back as 1900 (in China), and as far away as the Persian Gulf. U.S. bases in the Philippines play a key role as well in U.S. nuclear strategy: they house command, control, communications, and intelligence (C³I) facilities essential for waging nuclear war, and they host anti-submarine warfare aircraft, necessary components for nuclear warfare. It is not known whether there are nuclear weapons stored in the Philippines at the present time, but documents reveal that such weapons are to be deployed in the country in times of war without prior notification of the Philippine government. Nuclear-capable and nuclear-armed ships regularly use Subic Naval Base.

The Pentagon claims that the bases in the Philippines are necessary to counter the Soviet military presence in Vietnam. This argument is extremely misleading. U.S. bases in the Philippines were established long before Soviet ships sailed in Southeast Asian waters or before they had access to facilities in Vietnam. Moreover, the Soviet Union has offered to give up its bases in Vietnam if the U.S. would give up its bases in the Philippines. If the U.S. concern were simply to eliminate the Soviet threat in Southeast Asia, some such trade-off would be eminently reasonable. But the Pentagon seeks not demilitarization of that region, but U.S. dominance, and for this purpose the bases are indeed valuable.

In the past, the military bases agreement between the United States and the Philippines was signed as an executive agreement; no approval was required by the U.S. Senate, and there was little public debate. Between 1972 and 1985, the Philippine side of the executive agreement was approved by a single individual, the dictator Ferdinand Marcos (a situation not unwelcome to U.S. policy makers who worried about opposition from a nationalist Congress). Now all this is changed. Under the terms of the new constitution, any new military bases agreement (the

current one expires in 1991) must have the status of a treaty, approved by a two-thirds vote in both the U.S. and the Philippine Senates, and, if the Philippine legislature so decides, approved by the Filipino people in a plebiscite. This presents a powerful opportunity for anti-bases activists—in the Philippines and the United States—to publicly challenge the bases. Robert Dole, the former majority leader of the U.S. Senate, reflected the fears of many U.S. officials when he complained that the new constitution will turn the military bases "into an explosive domestic political issue."

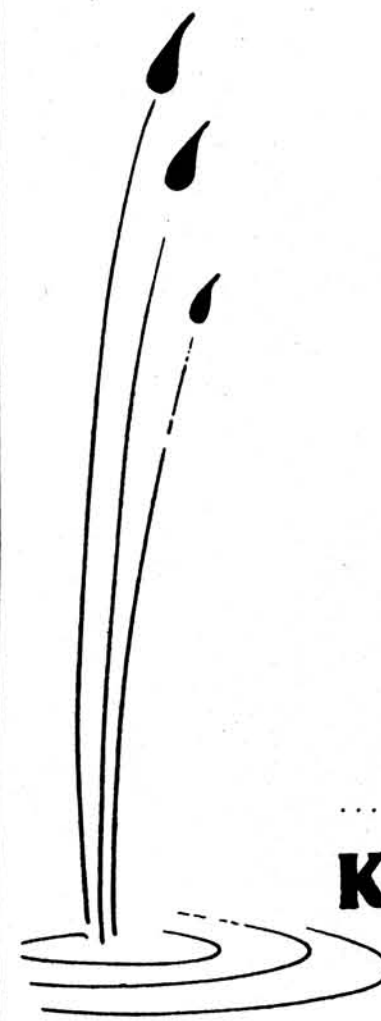
Another provision of the new charter states that the Philippines shall be nuclear free "consistent with the national interest." This is an extremely ambiguous formulation; the Pentagon successfully operates military bases in countries with similarly gaping loopholes in their anti-nuclear legislation. Nevertheless, the anti-bases movement in the Philippines has taken the view that, as unsatisfactory as this clause is, it allows them to argue that a strong nuclear ban is, in fact, the "national interest" of the Philippines.

There are six good reasons to remove the U.S. bases from the Philippines: three of these benefit Filipinos; the others, by promoting world peace, are beneficial to all. The bases make the Philippines a target for superpower attack and promote serious social ills near the bases, including prostitution and drug smuggling, while inducing U.S. intervention into Philippine affairs. More generally, the bases make nuclear war more likely by supporting a first-strike posture as well as wars of foreign intervention. They serve as they do as a "permanent aircraft carrier" in the western Pacific. At the same time, they obstruct efforts to neutralize, de-nuclearize, and demilitarize Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

There is only one argument of any significance in favor of the bases: the jobs they provide for impoverished Filipinos. Anti-bases activists in the Philippines are promoting alternative peaceful uses for the base facilities that could provide substantial employment. Under consideration are proposals to convert the bases into a civilian ship repair yard, an industrial park, an agricultural complex, and a commercial airport.

In the United States, a new coalition of organizations and individuals opposing the U.S. bases in the Philippines has formed, bringing together the Alliance for Philippine Concerns, the Church Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, Friends of the Filipino People, Mobilization for Survival, and the War Resisters League, among others. The Campaign Against U.S. Bases in the Philippines—or CAB, for short—will try to influence the coming debate in this country on the bases issue.

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by Igal Dahari

Knife Fight

The Army's M9 Multipurpose Bayonet System was briefly back in the news last month (see "It Slices, It Dices," in the "Contractors Corner" of the November 1987 issue of *The Monthly Planet*). The \$15.6 million contract to manufacture the M9 was awarded last October to Phrobis III of Oceanside, California, but a losing bidder, Imperial Knife of New York city, cried foul. Imperial's knife, at a unit price of \$19.75, is about \$30 cheaper per blade than Phrobis, but the Army claimed it did not meet the trooper's needs (it only cuts and stabs, while Phrobis' "System" can also snip and saw), and furthermore, that field tests showed it was unsafe. Imperial claimed that a retired Army colonel had improperly advised Phrobis on what exactly the Army had in mind to replace the bayonet.

Anyway, the whole matter was taken to Congress' General Accounting Office, which sided with the Army's decision to buy the considerably more expensive M9.

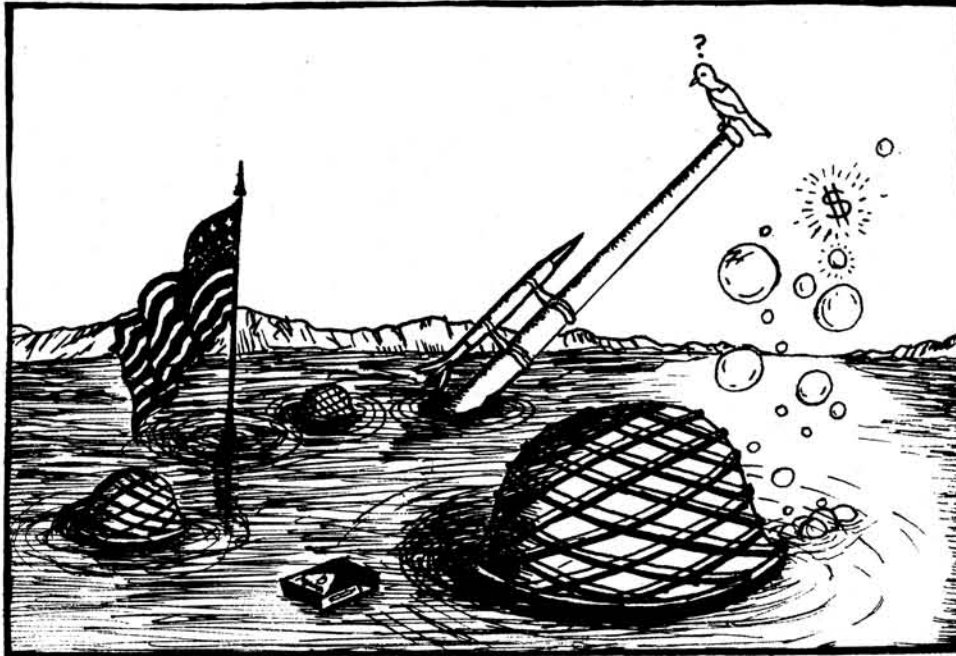


This Is Not A Test

The Pentagon wants to consolidate all of the weapons testing offices, including the "independent" Office of Operational Test and Evaluation. The proposed centralization has drawn criticism from both Republican and Democratic members of the House, especially those belonging to the Congressional Military Reform Caucus. This informal group was partly responsible for the passing of a 1983 law establishing the independent office, directed by John Krings.

The fuss concerns the fact that under the Pentagon's plan, all the members of the Office of the Secretary of Defense involved in weapons testing would, figuratively, move in with Krings. Thus, Krings' staff would be working closely with the people whose poor performance prompted Congress to create Krings' office in the first place.

On top of all this, Congress' General Accounting Office (GAO) recently released an unflattering report on the effectiveness of Krings' office. Krings, who agreed with the criticisms in the GAO's report, blamed his troubles on the scarcity of personnel at this office. Krings supports the Pentagon's plan, claiming it will improve his office's ability to test weapons by providing more inspectors. He is also asking Congress for \$120 million to buy new testing equipment.



Bradley Can't Swim

The Army's Bradley Fighting Vehicle, manufactured by the FMC Corporation of San Jose, sunk again (for the seventh time), this time near Fort Benning, Georgia. The Bradley, which carries up to eight soldiers, is supposed to be amphibious. When fording a river, soldiers deploy a rubberized "swim skirt" around the vehicle to keep water out; but it "swims" in theory, not in practice. The Army has already purchased more than 3,000 Bradleys, and offers no explanation as to why it did not ask FMC to fully test the vehicle *before* the purchase was made. Now the Army (read: the taxpayer) will foot the bill to find a solution.

And no matter how cute a Bradley looks in its "skirt," it is still too heavy and unwieldy to effectively cross rivers and streams in combat situations—with-out being a sitting duck.

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House Cuts Funds For Testing

"It will be a big year for arms control," predicted Rep. Norman Dicks (D-WA) shortly after the House of Representatives, for the second time in a year, voted a mandatory cut-off of funds for nuclear weapons testing.

The amendment, sponsored by Representatives Bill Green (R-NY) and Les AuCoin (D-OR), limits underground nuclear weapons tests to one kiloton, so long as the Soviets observe the same limitation.

The amendment was one of several offered to an \$11.3 billion supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal year 1987. Supplemental appropriations are Congress' way of funding additional monies to specific programs over and above what has already been allotted to them for the current fiscal year. An additional \$1.3 billion has been allotted to the military for the current fiscal year. However, the bill as a whole exceeds the spending limits imposed by the Gramm-Rudman Deficit Reduction Act. The House must find some way to cut an additional \$2.5 billion in order to bring 1987 spending back into line with Gramm-Rudman provisions.

In addition to the amendment on nuclear testing, an amendment to require the administration to comply with the

numerical limits of the SALT II treaty also passed.

As expected, supporters of the Reagan administration argued against both amendments, stating that the president was on the eve of an agreement with the Soviet Union regarding intermediate-range missiles in Europe. Such arms control ini-

tiatives coming from Congress, they said, could only hurt the process. Clearly, this time around, House members didn't buy it. Retorted Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) "If he's [the president] on the eve of an agreement, he must live in the land of the midnight sun. He's been on the eve of an agreement since 1982."

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The supplemental bill will now go to the Senate for a vote, where amendments on nuclear weapons testing and SALT II stand at least an even chance of succeeding. However, the president has indicated

Defense Authorizations

The House of Representatives is currently considering the fiscal year 1988 Defense Authorizations bill. The defense authorizations process sets the spending limits for specific military items for the coming fiscal year, which begins on October 1.

The House Armed Services Committee completed its mark-up of the '88 defense bill and has sent it on to the full House for consideration. Debate on the bill and a floor vote should occur sometime during the week of May 4. The current version of the '88 defense bill reflects the conservative spirit of the Armed Services Committee. However, amendments will be offered from the House floor to strengthen existing arms control language within the bill, and in some cases to institute arms control provisions where currently there are none.

Listed below are key areas of concern in the '88 Defense Authorizations Bill.

Budget
The House Armed Services Committee called for an overall military spending figure of \$304 billion for the coming year. Expect the House to cut that figure to last year's level of \$288.7 billion.

Nuclear Testing

Representatives Richard Gephardt (D-MO) and Pat Schroeder (D-CO) will introduce H.R. 12, which is identical to the Green/AuCoin bill mentioned above. Locally, Rep. Leon Panetta (D-16th) is a co-sponsor of H.R. 12, while Rep. Ernest Konnyu (R-12th) opposes it.

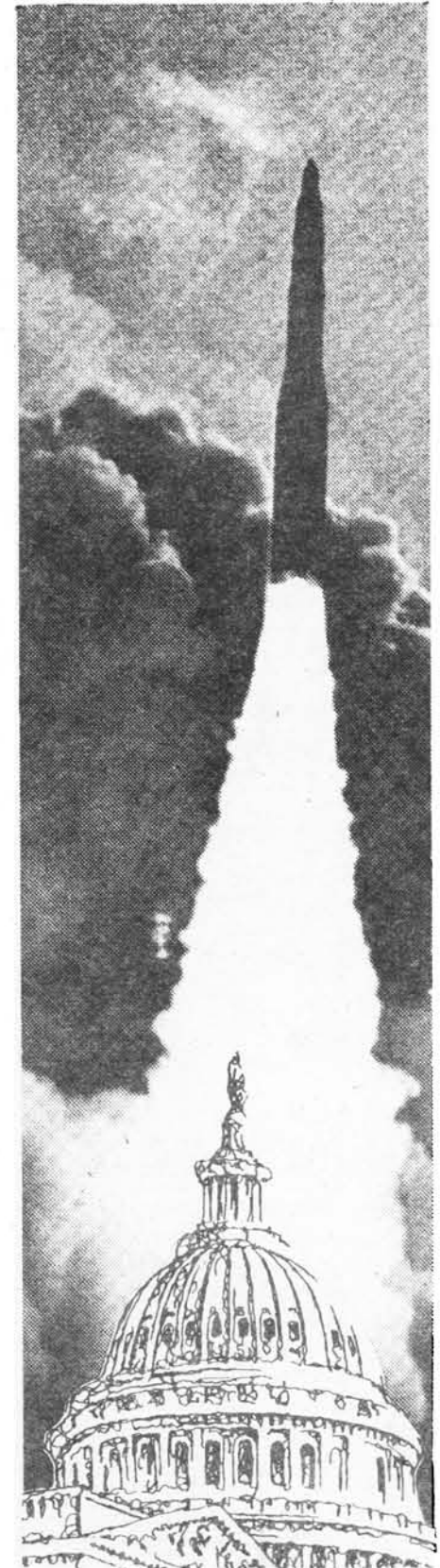
SALT II

In the Senate, Senators Alan Cranston (D-CA) and Tim Wirth (D-CO) will introduce a similar measure, S.472. Senator Pete Wilson (R-CA) does not support an end to nuclear weapons testing.

ACTION: Contact your representatives and let them know, loudly and forcefully, that you support a test ban and want them to do the same. We can make this the year we started the Freeze by stopping the testing.

SALT II
Rep. Norman Dicks (D-WA) will offer H.R. 347, which requires the U.S. to adhere to the numerical limits of the SALT II treaty for one year.

In the Senate, S.415 has been drafted



as a companion piece to the House legislation. SALT II has enjoyed a lot of lip service from senators to date; however, a vote on S.415 will be the first actual test of senate resolve on this issue. We will need the support of both houses of Congress in order to make sure that SALT II limits are enforced.

ACTION: Contact your representatives and tell them to support these pieces of legislation.

Star Wars

The House Armed Services Committee approved a whopping \$3.9 billion for the Star Wars project, an \$800 million in-

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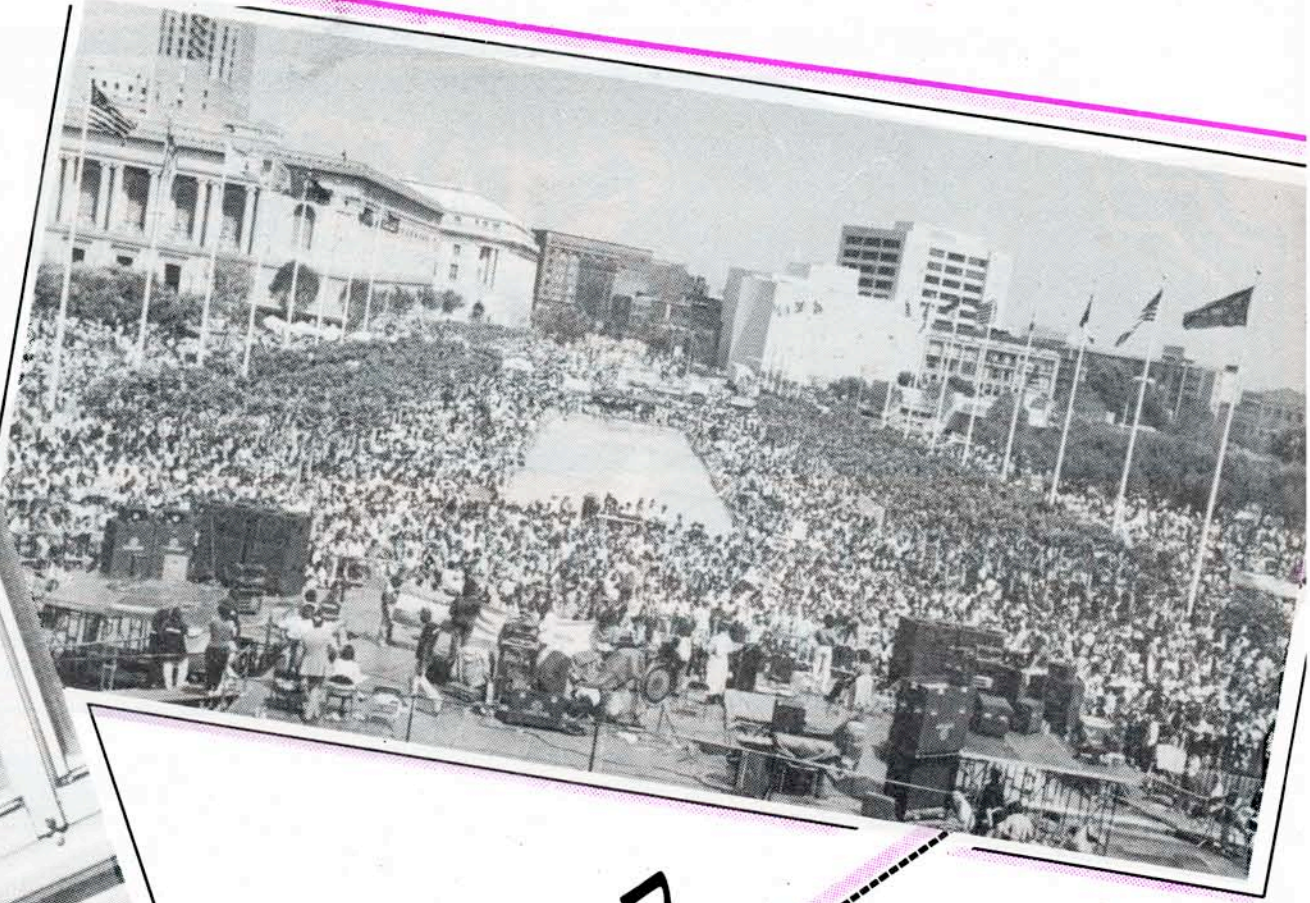
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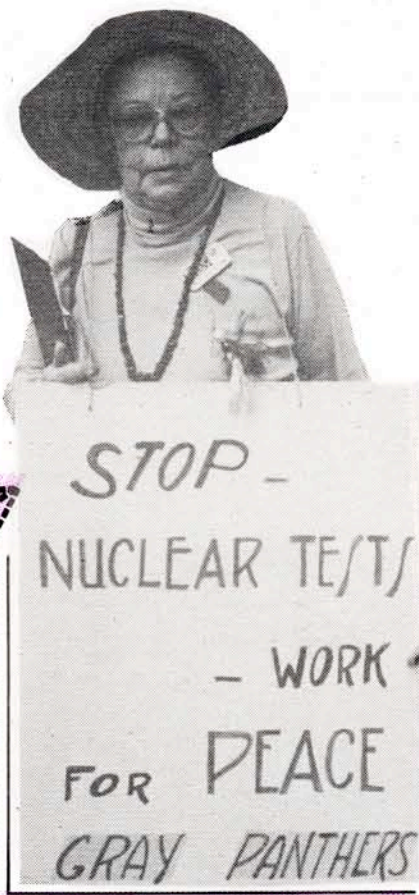
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Thousands of peace activists joined together on April 25 in San Francisco for this year's Spring Mobilization for Peace, Jobs and Justice.

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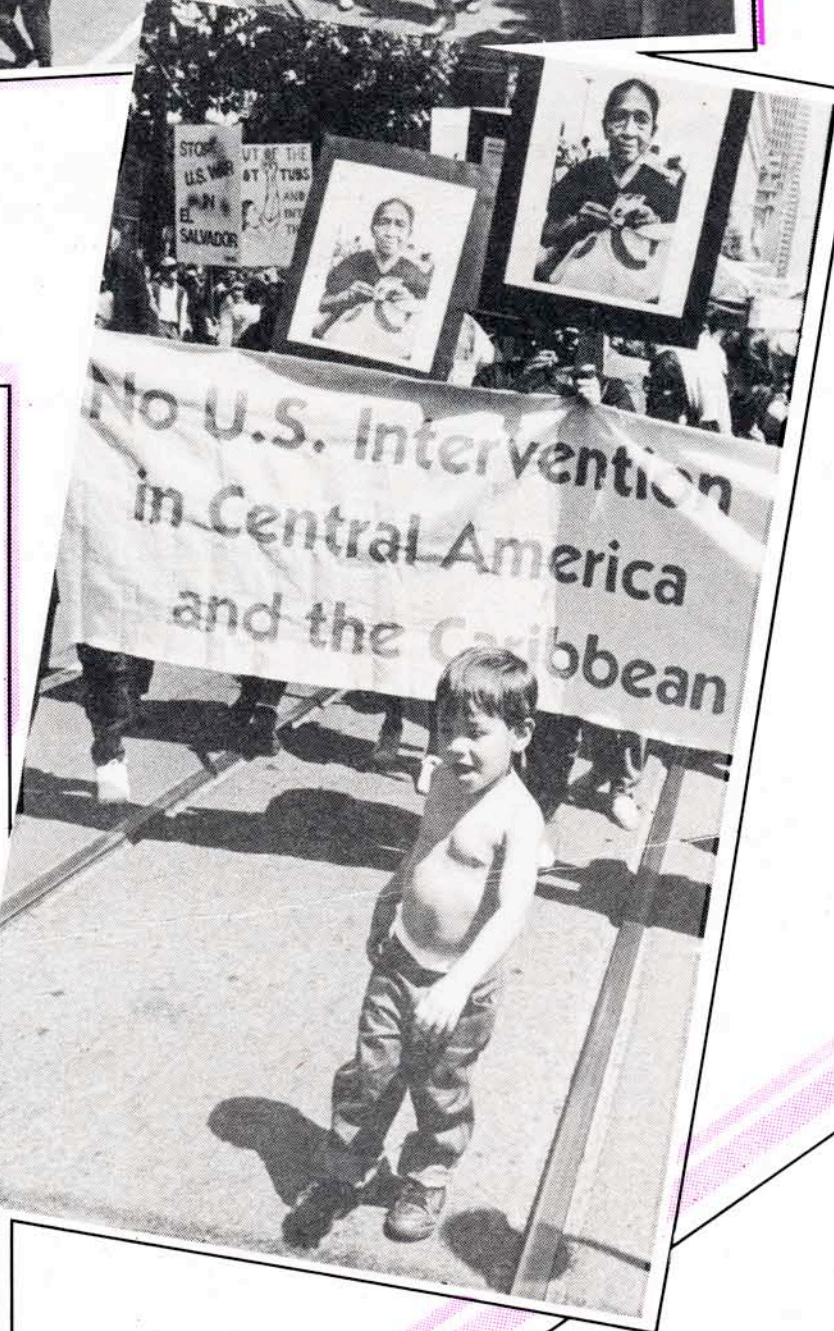
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Reverse the Nuclear Arms Race, concerned citizens demonstrated their opposition to a wide range of policies of the Reagan administration. This year's rally was noteworthy due to the strong support of organized labor, seniors, students, and refugee groups.

—Pat Kitson



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Armageddon: A Self-Fulfilling Prophecy?

by Ronald A. Lampi

If there is one word that has come to represent in the American social imagination the notion of the final days of our Earth, it has to be "Armageddon." Whether one agrees with them

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or not, fundamentalist Christians in recent years have managed to make their mark. It is interesting that Armageddon has become the key event in the whole complicated, bizarre scenario known as the Book of Revelation. Perhaps it is because Armageddon is supposed to represent the final battle of all the nations on Earth that it seems to be so aptly applicable to today's world, an age when all-out nuclear war would be the final battle.

Certainly an Armageddon is a possible reality. What is especially alarming, though, is the role it has come to play in the thinking of the fundamentalist Christian Right. Because it is prophesied in *The Bible*, and *The Bible* does not err, then, as they believe, Armageddon must eventually happen, and each passing day appears

to be bringing it closer and closer. During the 1984 presidential campaign the theme of Armageddon was regularly in the news as President Reagan and many of his associates made a number of public statements concerning their beliefs. "We may be the generation that sees Armageddon,"

Reagan was quoted as saying, as he readily endorsed the view among many fundamentalist Christian leaders that biblical prophecy is applicable to the contemporary world and, in particular, that the days of Armageddon are probably just around the corner. If evidence shows that this has had any influence in the political policy of the Reagan administration, we then have an alarming picture of possible self-fulfilling prophecy unfolding.

To act politically on the assumption that Armageddon is our fate is to court its becoming a reality. There is such a thing as preparing oneself spiritually for the possibility of the end of the world, but this should not be misapplied into political attempts at preparing a whole country. Those in government and in the military who might be acting accordingly would be guilty of concocting a dangerous mixture of religion and politics. Our massive arms buildup, the Star Wars program, the Reagan administration's poor record so far on arms control all tend to give evidence of such a mixture. One could even argue that politics is being made to serve religious ends: we must fulfill God's will.

Yet, one could argue the other way also: religion is being used to serve political ends. It is no secret that there are those in our government and those in the private sector who influence our government who dream of seeing the Soviet Union defeated and our country become the one dominant power on Earth. How convenient it might be then to view the Soviet Union as the Evil Empire that must be brought to its knees. How convenient to think then that an Armageddon must be waged, especially if we possess a first strike capability. Never mind that, according to one interpretation of the prophecy, true Christians are to be swept up to heaven in a Rapture before the great battle, a battle in which all the Earth will likely be destroyed. No doubt there are Christians who are counting on the Rapture to save them if there ever were a nuclear

war. But to take preparations for an Armageddon seriously may be just the gambit needed to keep the arms race going.

Even when the active preparation for Armageddon is not being advocated, we may still find expressed an attitude of laissez-faire: since Armageddon is coming and is God's will, we can do nothing to prevent it, but should simply let it happen. To try to prevent it from happening is actually to oppose God's will. This, of course, runs counter to all peace activism. The fundamental thesis of peace activism is that we can do something about the arms race, we can turn back the tide of its insanity, we can work toward a peaceful future. But listen to what James Robison, a born-again Christian minister who President Reagan chose to have kick off the 1984 Republican convention in Dallas, had to say about peace activism: "Any teaching of peace prior to his (Jesus') return is heresy. It is against the word of God—it is Anti-Christ." Is this another piece in the puzzle as to why the Reagan administration has been so reluctant to pursue vigorous arms control? It is frightening to think how many born-again fundamentalist Christians are out there who actually do not want peace.

Let us be accused of giving an unbalanced portrayal of the Christian faith, we should keep in mind that mainstream Christian theologians and the other millions of Christian faithful do not share these fundamentalist views. Many Christian leaders have expressed their displeasure with the fundamentalists and wish in no way to be lumped together with them. And it is to the credit of the Catholic Church that it has repeatedly come out against the arms race.

The fundamentalists' view hinges, of course, on their interpretation of *The Bible*. In the Book of Revelation and in the Old Testament books of Ezekiel, Daniel, and Zechariah, they claim to find references to all manner of contemporary items and events. But the hermeneutical guidelines for translating the bizarre and often confusing visions of these books into contemporary terms remains unclear, to say the least. The interpretations offered strike us as highly selective, arbitrary, and farfetched. The argument here is not with prophecy per se, but with how we are to interpret prophecy. The fundamentalists' view raises many questions about the psychology of mind-sets and ulterior motives, about millennialism, literalism, and all the traditional problems of *Bible* hermeneutics.

Armageddon, the symbolic name for any great, decisive, world-shaking battle, is a possible reality. It has figured into the American social mythology of the latter 20th century. To wish in any literal way that this prophecy be fulfilled may play into the hands of that part of ourself that is our constant danger—our own self-destructiveness.

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by Joe Palermo

What role has Armageddon played in Ronald Reagan's vision?

During the campaign for the 1980 presidential nomination, Ronald Reagan appeared on the PTL Television Network

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as a guest of Jim Bakker (of recent sex scandal fame), and, without prompting, informed viewers that "we may be the generation that sees Armageddon." Later in the campaign, Reagan told a group of Jewish leaders in New York City that "Israel is the only stable democracy we can rely on in a spot where Armageddon could come."

Six weeks after Reagan was inaugurated, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who is clearly the closest religious figure to the president, told Robert Scheer of the *Los Angeles Times* that he regularly discussed Bible prophecy with the president, and, according to Falwell, Reagan said to him in 1980, "Jerry, I sometimes believe we're heading very fast for Armageddon." When Reagan's Armageddonist tendencies became an issue in the 1984 re-election campaign, Falwell denied having any knowledge of the president's views on Bible prophecy or Armageddon, even though Scheer had tape recorded the interview.

In October 1983, the *Jerusalem Post* quoted Reagan as telling Thomas Dine of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, "... I turn back to your ancient prophets in the Old Testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon, and find myself wondering if, if we're the generation that's going to see that come about."

In an excerpt from a December 1983 interview with *People* magazine that was omitted from the published copy, Reagan said, "never has there been a time in which so many of the prophecies are coming together. There have been times in the past when people thought the end of the world was coming, but never anything like this."

In fact, on at least 11 occasions, five of them as president of the United States, Ronald Reagan has referred to his belief that Armageddon will occur during this generation, and may be coming soon.

Another salient feature of Reagan's world view is his overwhelming religious determinism. When he attained the California governorship in 1966, Reagan told reporters that he has "always believed there is a certain divine scheme of things," and that his election was "part of God's plan."

Rev. Don Moomaw, the president's pastor for the last 24 years who delivered both the invocation and the benediction at Reagan's inauguration, says that Rea-

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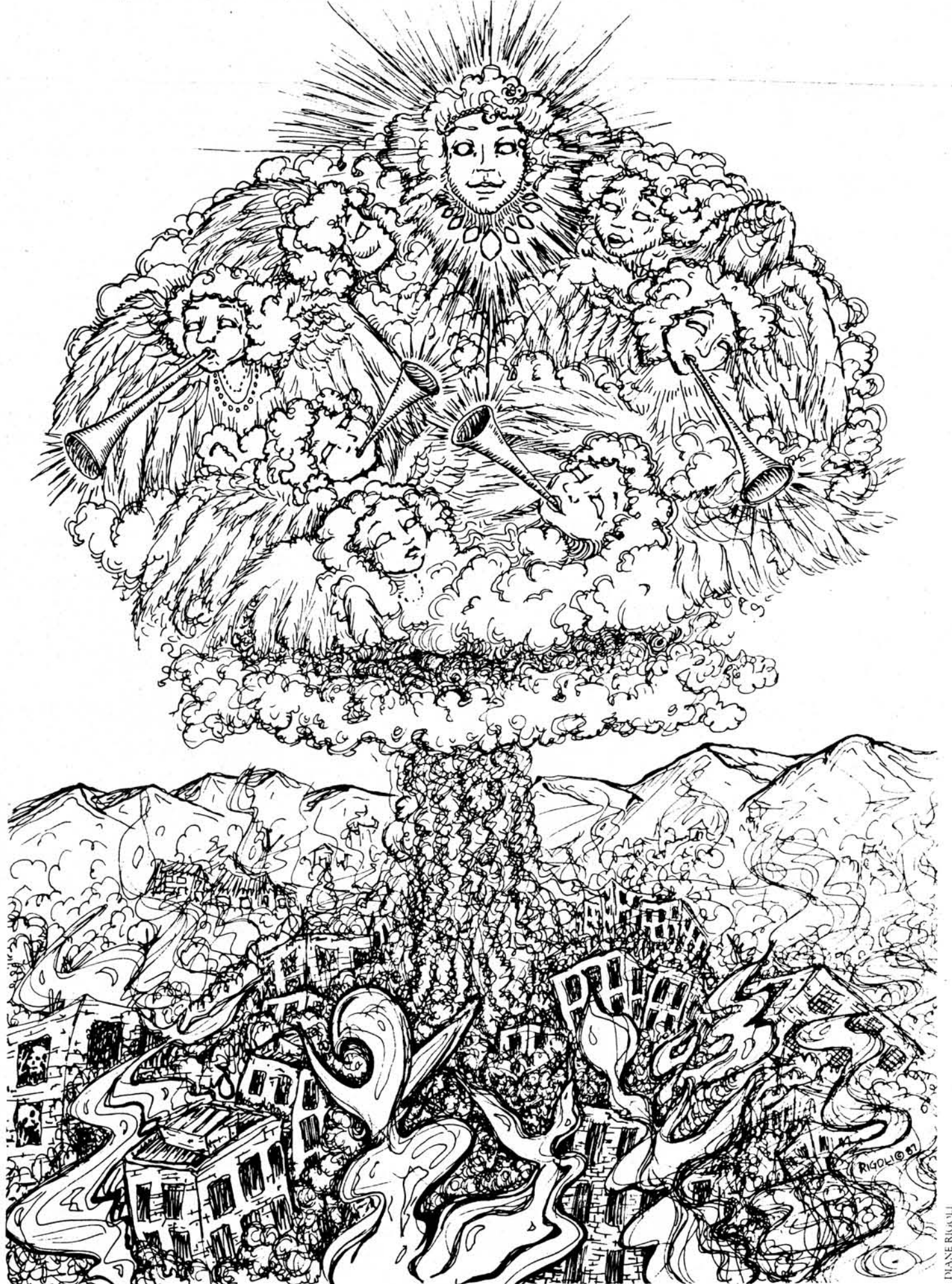
gan "has a sense of being divinely appointed" to the presidency. Millionaire preacher George Otis, a longtime friend of the president, claims that Reagan's ascension to the White House was fore-ordained by God during a 1970 prayer group in the governor's home. Following his 1981 attempted assassination, Reagan

claimed his life was spared because, in his words, "God was not done with me."

Jerry Falwell, who possessed a White House security clearance throughout Reagan's first term, predicts Armageddon will come in "less than 50 years," and "that Russia is going to move in on the Middle East and particularly Israel." Fal-

well's pamphlet on the subject, "Armageddon and the Coming War with Russia," which features a mushroom cloud on the cover, predicts that a "final holocaust" at Armageddon will consume the earth, communism will "cease forever,"

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The Fundamentals Of Armageddon

by Shelly D'Amour

Since the days of the early church, Christians have awaited the return of Jesus Christ. His return has been prophesied to inaugurate the end of human history. This is not a theological concept that is new to Christian thought. However, over the course of the last 40 years humankind has developed the capacity to bring about the end of human history all by itself. The potential political implications for our future, should those who espouse this apocalyptic theology come into positions of world power, cannot be underestimated or overlooked. In recent years the term "fundamentalist" has been used to characterize those Christians who purport such beliefs. But what exactly does it mean to be a "fundamentalist Christian" and how is their theology distinct from other Christian thought?

Fundamentalism as we know it today in this country has its organizational roots in mid-to-late 19th century Europe (primarily Britain) and America. However, its current theological roots can be traced back to the period of the French Revolution in Europe, and to the Puritans in America. It began as a reform move-

ment within established Protestant denominations and some of its greatest proponents were Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist clergy.

The period of the 1870s through the late 1920s saw tremendous growth and change within American culture. The Industrial Revolution, the emergence of labor unions and the suffrage movement, as well as rapid developments in science and technology, had left their marks on church and society. Conservative Christians were quick to decry what they termed the "modernist" movement within society and its liberalizing influences within the churches. They saw their vocation as one of preserving what they considered to be the original apostolic faith and mission of the church, which they felt was being eroded due to the influence of secular forces within the demon-

Over the course of the ensuing decades, these Christians have, in general, left the more mainline Protestant denominations and formed their own churches and associations. Although fundamentalist Christians can still be found in all denominations, most tend to shun denominational affiliation and congregate instead into local nondenominational churches. Today they number in the tens of millions in the United States, although an accurate number is hard to come by. Some of the

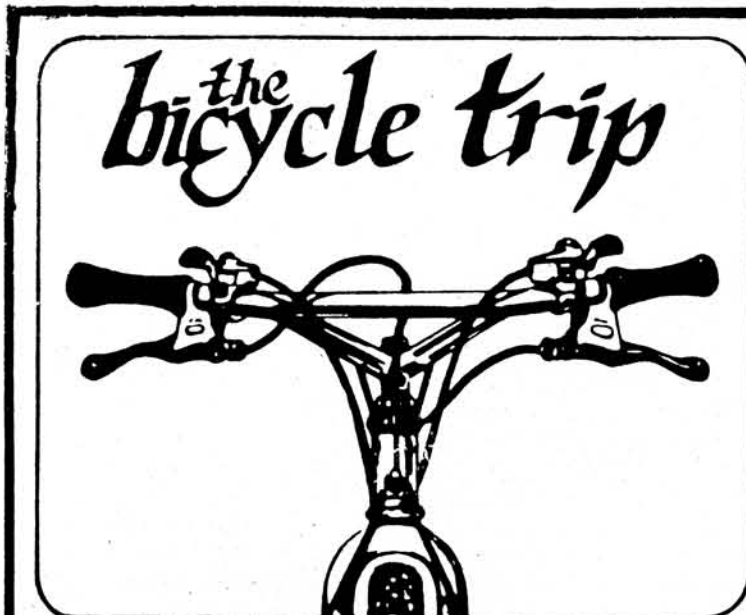
more recognized fundamentalist denominations are the Seventh Day Adventists and the Southern Baptists. Jehovah's Witnesses and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) can also be included in this category, although they are generally perceived as apostate or heretical by other fundamentalist Christians—and generally, they return the sentiment.

Fundamentalists stress a strong individualistic piety as well as an individualistic interpretation of the Bible. It is therefore difficult to state with assurance what all fundamentalists believe. However, most fundamentalist Christians share certain basic tenets, mainly: a strict literal interpretation of an error-free Bible; the need for a personal conversion experience and statement of faith in Jesus as one's personal savior; evangelization of this message to the "unsaved"; and a solid belief in biblical prophecy which is unfolding toward a final cataclysmic battle between God and Satan and the return of Jesus to reign over the "new heaven and the new earth." As a rule, they tend to shun any biblical scholarship or critique that does not affirm a literal interpretation of Scripture. Although generally non-hierarchical in structure, fundamentalist churches are predominately male-led and male-dominated, and believe in the strict separation of roles between men and



women, as outlined in the teachings of the apostle Paul in the New Testament.

The fascination with the "end times" that is so prevalent in fundamentalist thought today goes back through all the centuries of Christendom. Apocalyptic fervor has grown and diminished over the course of the past 2,000 years, but has especially flourished during periods of world crisis. Some such notable periods include the French Revolution;



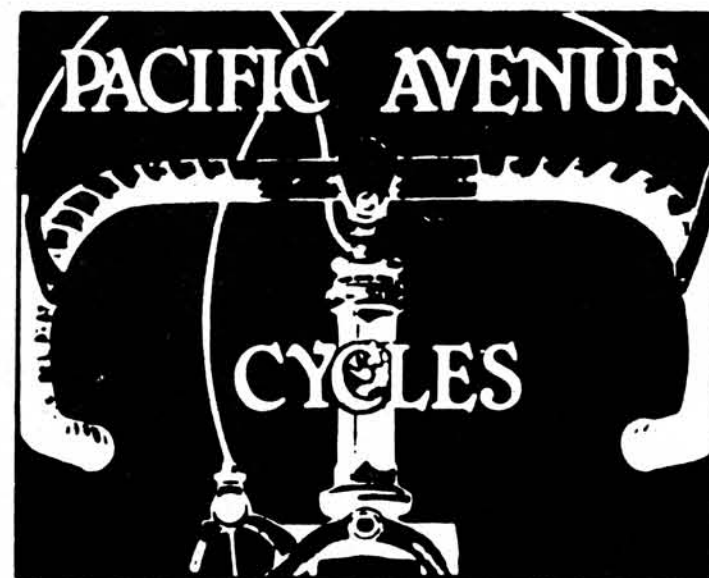
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Armageddon

The Plain of Armageddon, which is located outside of Jerusalem, is thought to be the location of the last battle of history, as defined in the Book of Revelation.

Anti-Christ

A satanic personality which, according to some interpretations, will rise to a position of world power and lead 10 nations in a conspiracy against the forces of good, culminating in a final confrontation between God and Satan on the Plain of Armageddon. Various personalities that have been thought to possibly be the Anti-Christ in history have been Emperor Nero, Hitler, Stalin, the Roman Catholic papacy, and the Soviet Empire, among others.

Tribulation

A seven-year period of international turmoil culminating in a world war and the return of Christ. The seven-year figure is based on numerical interpretations of certain passages of the Books of Revelation and Daniel.

Rapture

Interpretations of Matthew 24:40-41 and I Thessalonians 4:16-17 have led fundamentalists to believe the Christians will not have to endure the Tribulation, but will ascend, body and spirit, to be with Christ and will return with him to the earth in glory at the culmination of the last battle. According to this belief, Christians everywhere will be taken up into Heaven instantaneously from wherever they happen to be at the time—which, they state, may result in traffic accidents and plane crashes, depending on the religion of the driver.

Millenium

According to the Book of Revelation, when Christ returns he will reign over "a new heaven and a new earth" for 1000 years, after which will come the Last Judgement and the final End of Time. This 1000-year period is called the Millenium.

Christian

According to fundamentalist Christian belief, a Christian is one who has made a statement of faith in Jesus as one's personal savior. This person is then considered to be "saved" and can expect to go to Heaven, no matter what s/he does the rest of his/her life. According to this view, personal effort, good

works, or participation in one's local church would not make one a Christian or bring one eternal salvation.

Historically, Catholics, and frequently mainline Protestant groups have not been considered to be Christian by fundamentalists because, among other things, they have doctrinal differences over how one's eternal salvation is attained.

Fundamentalist

The cornerstone of fundamentalist faith is belief in a literal, inerrant Bible. Emphasis is on personal conversion, evangelization, and the ordering of family and society after biblical models, particularly those found in the Epistles of the New Testament. Obedience to the state, government modeled after biblical principles where possible, and the strict separation of roles between men and women figure prominently in their view of society. There are some fundamentalist denominations, most notably the Southern Baptists. However, most tend to organize themselves into small, local nondenominational churches. Notable fundamentalist preachers include Jerry Falwell and Jimmy Swaggert.

Evangelicals

As their name implies, evangelization is the hallmark of evangelical Christians. This is a broad category, and applies to Christians from many different denominations, including mainline Protestant. Generally conservative in nature, evangelical Christians are frequently (although not always) fundamentalist.

Pentecostal/Charismatic

These groups believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as outlined in the first chapter of Acts and in I Corinthians 14 in the New Testament (speaking in tongues, healing, prophecy and others), are being given to Christians today. Pentecostalism goes back to the turn of the century in the United States. The Assemblies of God is a notable Pentecostal denomination. TV evangelists Oral Roberts, Jim Bakker and Pat Robertson also belong in this camp.

The Charismatic Renewal is a relatively recent phenomenon occurring in predominately mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic communities. Less than 25 years old, it is viewed as a force for spiritual renewal within the established denominations. In most respects, charismatics and pentecostals have fairly identical beliefs and practices. Both tend to be quite conservative theologically and are generally biblical literalists. Traditional fundamentalists such as Jerry Falwell tend to view pentecostalism unfavorably, seeing it as fanatical and heretical.

World Wars I and II; the period of the 1920s in America; and during the Middle Ages, particularly just before the year 1000.

In the mid-1800s a movement began to grow within the Protestant denominations that was called millenarianism. The name is derived from the biblical concept of the millenium, which is stated in the Book of Revelation as the 1000-year reign of Christ on earth following his return. The millennialists emphasized the study of biblical prophesy and its relation to the current events of their day, trying to read into the "signs of the times" whatever indications they could find of the imminent return of Christ. Times of social upheaval, wars (especially world wars), and the increasing secularization of society were pointed to as indications that the

End was near.

Various religious movements came under the millennialist banner, from the more scholarly, seminary educated cleric to fanatical sects which sold their property and gathered on hilltops awaiting the Second Coming. Part of the millennialist movement believed that the restoration of the Jews to Palestine was a key element in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Many set about supporting a political settlement that would allow Jews to re-establish a homeland in the Middle East. This was motivated more by the desire to see Bible prophecy fulfilled than out of genuine concern for the Jewish people.

These movements reached their zenith of influence within mainline Protestant denominations during the 1920s, as millennialists and other fundamentalist groups joined forces to try to crush the teaching of evolution. God, they maintained, did not evolve the human species from animals, but rather created humans instantaneously and in their present form and likeness. "Creation or Evolution?" became the litmus test as to whether a person was fit to pastor a church or teach in a school. And so it remains today.

Clearly, these strains of thought are present in all their myriad ways in the various fundamentalist churches and movements of the 1980s. Their message of impending doom and judgement resonates an uncomfortable chord in the hearts of all who live under the nuclear shadow. Although Catholic and mainline

Protestant denominations reject fundamentalist interpretations regarding the End Times, and themselves offer a more hopeful biblical analysis and witness for peace, people are continuing to flock in great numbers to fundamentalist churches. In fact, the growth in membership within the evangelical, charismatic and fundamentalist churches in this country over the past five years has outdistanced by far growth within the more established Protestant churches. Similar gains are reported in Latin America and other Third World countries, as people in their despair and powerlessness search desperately for answers.

"We are living, we are dwelling in a

grand and awful time" says the old millennialist hymn. And so it is. Never before has so much been at risk. Never before has there been so much promise. The church now stands in a pivotal position in history: to motivate its people toward either the biblical promise of the peaceable kingdom based on justice, or toward a cosmic nuclear Judgement Day in which they are not actors, but merely recipients.

Prophecies, after all, of whatever variety, have a way of being realized.

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and all born-again Christians are "going up in the Rapture before any of it occurs."

Falwell and evangelist-author Hal Lindsey have emerged as the two most popular promoters of the "nuclearized" version



of the second coming of Christ. Lindsey's book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, was the best-selling nonfiction book of the 1970s with over 20 million copies in print. In it Lindsey cites Bible prophecy to construct a Cold War geopolitical scenario for the end of the world.

Like Falwell, Lindsey foresees an attack on Israel by the Soviet Union and its allies which provokes a limited nuclear war. At this time the Jews will be purged through unprecedented violence until only a remnant survives to accept Jesus Christ. This is called "the Tribulation."

Lindsey and other believers in conservative evangelical eschatology, (or the theology of final events), claim that just prior to the breaking out of massive destruction, all born-again Christians will be physically whisked away to join Christ in the air to prepare for the Second Coming. This is called "the Rapture."

Lindsey, who is on the board of directors of "Christian Voice" and claims to have lectured at the Pentagon, has been a

key popularizer of literalist apocalyptic prophecy. He interprets the "fire on Magog" described by the prophet Ezekiel as indicating that nuclear missiles will annihilate the Soviet Union. He has become the foremost proponent of the doctrine of a cleansing, predetermined nuclear holocaust.

about 8 million), some of the most vocal adherents to this brand of eschatology are known to be close to Reagan.

Religious themes in the president's speeches are constant and recurrent. He often repeats the message of the televangelists: America is a nation set apart, specially blessed and favored by God

might."

In October 1981, Reagan told a U.S. Senator that he interprets Bible prophecy to mean "that Russia is going to get involved" in Armageddon.

Such biblical fatalism, which strips humanity of free will and embraces as God's predetermined plan the nuclear denouement of human history, leads to the belief that earthly attempts at peace are futile and run contrary to God's will. Following the logic of Christian fundamentalism, those who work for peace, (particularly in the Middle East), are actually working against the will of God.

Falwell incessantly denounces peace activists and claims that the "freeze-niks" have direct "links to the Kremlin." In March 1981, President Reagan arranged a National Security Council briefing for Falwell on the subject of Soviet nuclear capability, so that the reverend could better carry Reagan's "peace through strength" message to his flocks over the airwaves.

The man Reagan chose to deliver the opening prayer at the 1984 GOP convention, James Robison, claims that any attempt at peace in the Middle East prior to the Second Coming is "heresy" and "of the Anti-Christ." Reagan chose Jerry Falwell to give the closing prayer at the same convention.

The honorary chairperson of "Christians for Reagan," George Otis, believed that Henry Kissinger was the Anti-Christ for his role in negotiating a peace settlement to the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Is it any wonder that Ronald Reagan has opposed every arms control agreement made by any president—Republican or Democrat—since Hiroshima? According to Robert Scheer, author of *With Enough Shovels*, "this administration more than any other is infatuated with nuclear weapons."

Such a belief system influencing the highest levels of political power in America raises unnerving questions for many. The fact remains: for the first time in history, Armageddon may be a human decision.

Joe Palermo is a staff writer of *The Monthly Planet*.

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Armageddonist preachers reach 10 to 15 million TV viewers each week, and polls have shown that four out of 10 Americans accept the fundamentalist notion of a biblically predestined nuclear war.

Although only a minority of practicing Christians accept the Cold War interpretation of Bible prophecy, (the Christic Institute estimates their number to be

over other nations. Moreover, Reagan sees the Soviet Union as being America's biblically ordained enemy.

The President told a group of cheering evangelicals in March 1983 that the Soviet Union is "the focus of evil in the modern world." He inveighed against the "evil empire," and proclaimed that "we are enjoined by scripture and the Lord Jesus Christ to oppose it with all our

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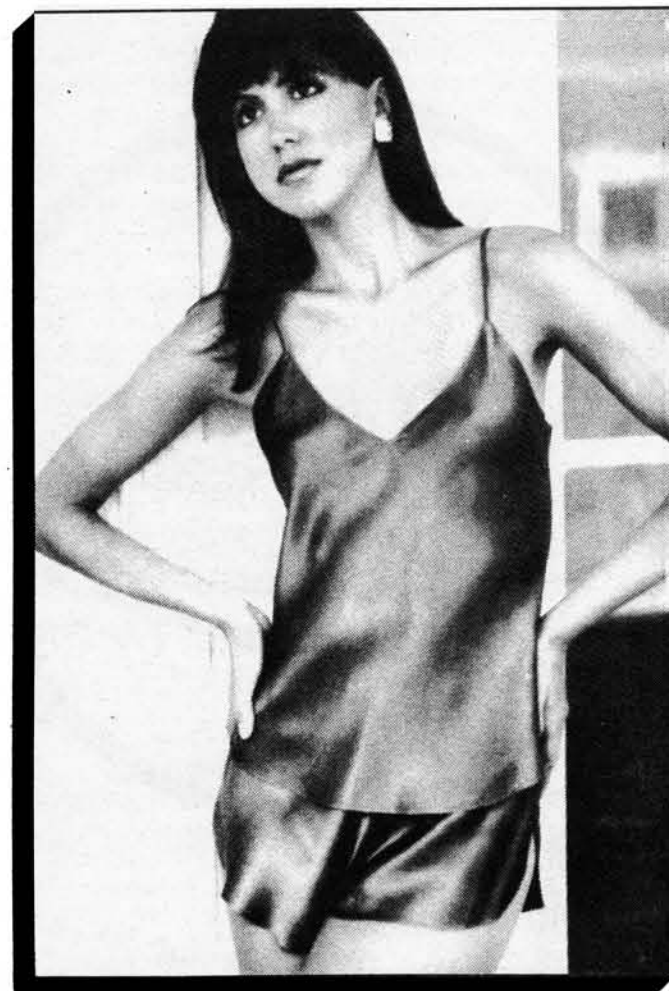
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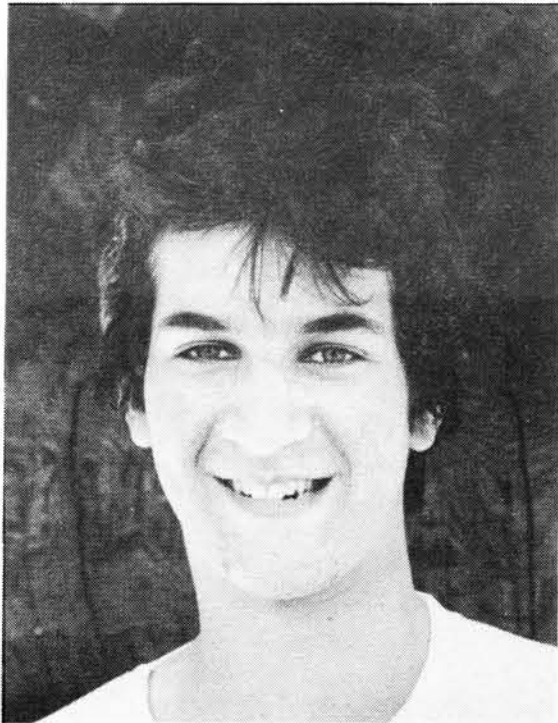
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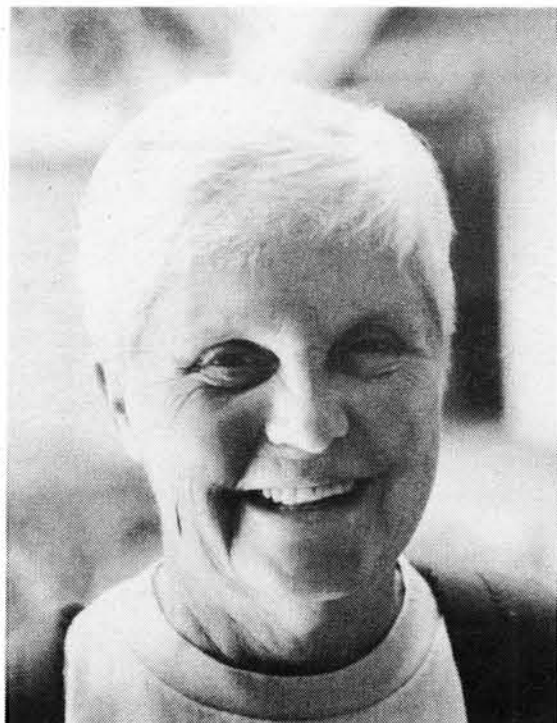
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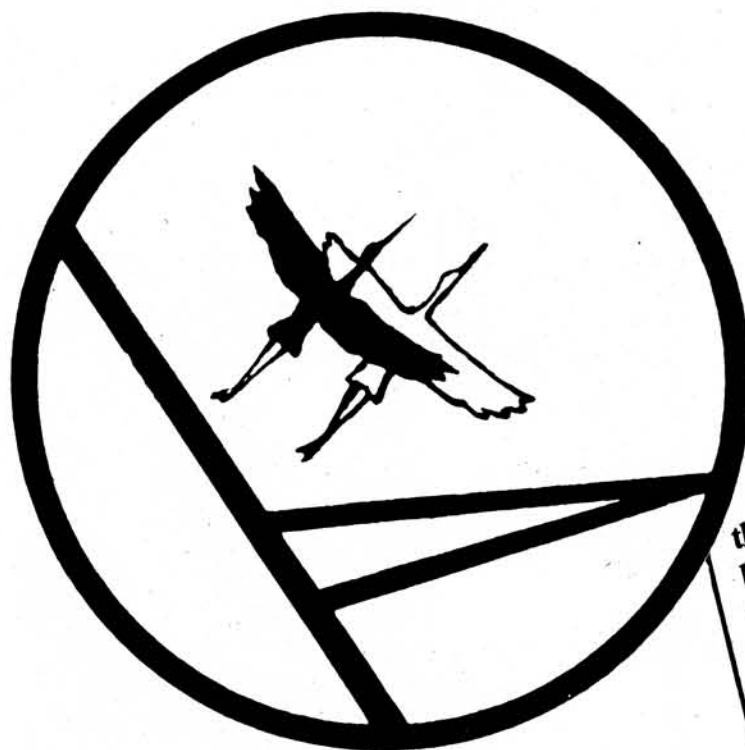


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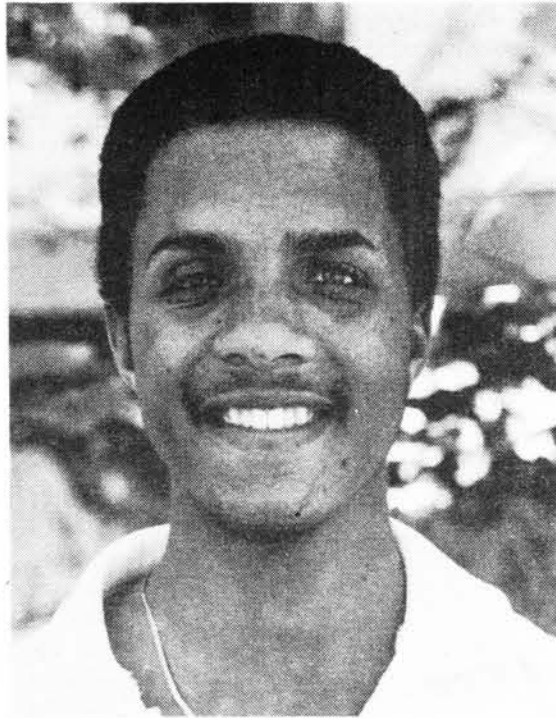
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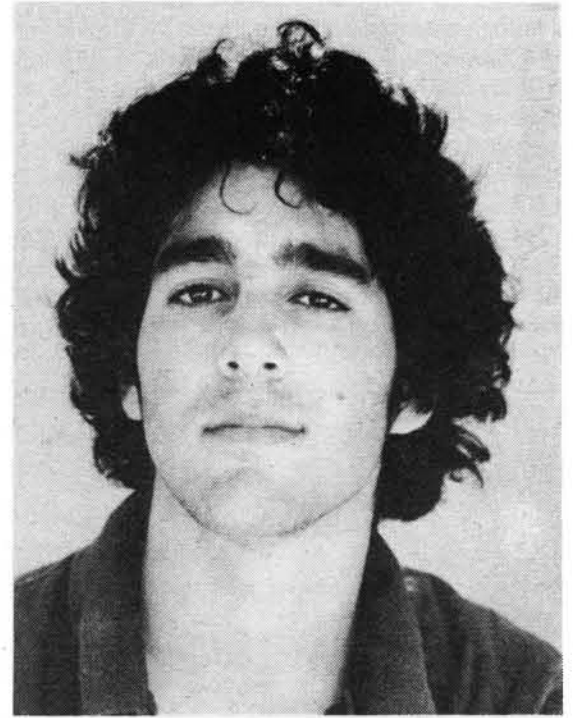
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Sean Dennis
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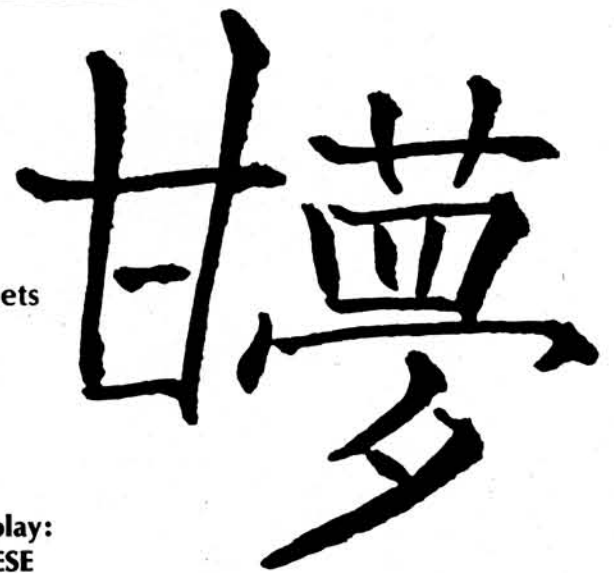
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crease over last year. The committee overwhelmingly rejected an amendment by Rep. Charles Bennett (D—FL) to slash Star Wars funding to \$2.85 billion.

Even so, the House is not in a mood to be generous to the Star Wars program. A report released last month by the nation's leading physicists has cast serious doubts about the viability of the program and about the possibility of deployment until well into the next century.

Rep. Tom Ridge (R—PA) will join

Rep. Bennett in introducing an amendment on the House floor that would freeze Star Wars funding at last year's level of \$3.1 billion.

ACTION: Contact your representatives and tell them to support any legislation that would cut funding for the Star Wars program.

ABM Treaty

By a razor-thin margin of 25-24, the House Armed Services Committee approved an amendment offered by committee chair Les Aspin (D—WI) that would require the Reagan administration to adhere to a narrow interpretation of the ABM treaty. The administration has indicated that it wishes to "reinterpret" the 1972 treaty to mean that it can test and deploy Star Wars components. The

ABM treaty specifically forbids the testing and deployment of space-based systems (see the April *Monthly Planet* for background on the ABM debate). It is likely that the House will affirm this vote. A similar measure will be introduced in the Senate, where a tough battle will be fought.

ACTION: The ABM is the most important arms control agreement that we have. It is imperative that the administration not be permitted to subvert its intent. Contact your representatives immediately and urge them to get behind all efforts to save the ABM treaty.

MX

The House Armed Services Committee approved \$250 million to research and develop railroad trains that could potentially serve as basing modes for MX missiles, a plan that congressional critics have dubbed "Amtrak-pack."

Congress has fixed a "flexible cap" of 50 missiles to the MX program, stipulating they would not consider funding for additional missiles until an acceptable basing mode is found. Currently, MX missiles are stored in existing Minuteman missile silos. The committee approved funding for 21 MX missiles, which, when deployed, will almost complete the 50-limit ceiling. The Reagan administration would ultimately like to have 100 MX missiles deployed.

ACTION: Contact your representatives and tell them to vote against any additional funding for the MX program.

ASAT

The House Armed Services Committee approved \$250 million to conduct anti-satellite weapons tests against objects in space. Currently there is a ban on such tests. The Pentagon had sought \$1 billion for such tests over the course of the next two years.

Representatives George Brown (D—

CA) and Lawrence Coughlin (R—PA) will offer H.J. Res. 176, which would continue the current ban on ASAT testing for another year. It is likely that the ban will be upheld.

Continuance of the ASAT moratorium is a critical component toward keeping the arms race out of space.

ACTION: Contact your representatives and tell them to support the continuance of the ASAT ban.

Central America

The 1987 Supplemental Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill denied a request from the administration for \$300 million in what is termed "economic support funds" to provide for the training of police forces of El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala. However, the 1988 House Foreign Aid Bill does include this \$300 million in funds. A senate foreign relations subcommittee also passed similar funding. It is not clear at this point that such funding can be defeated once the foreign aid bills reach the floor of each house.

Congress has been unwilling to fund regional police training in recent years, due to the abysmal human rights records of these countries and also due to the fact that such monies previously allocated were, in fact, used to fund training in torture techniques. For the first time in several years, Guatemala has been added to the list of those countries to receive such funds, despite the fact that it has the worst human rights record of any country in Central America.

ACTION: Contact your representatives in the House and Senate and tell them to vote against funds for police training in Central America. Further, tell them to vote against any economic aid that is tied to military assistance.

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9:00 pm ***Women—for America, for the World***

Winner of the 1987 Academy Award for Best Documentary. Twenty-two prominent American women challenge the economic and political realities of the arms race with common sense and compassion.

9:30 pm ***A Step Away from War***

Paul Newman narrates this Center for Defense Information Production which presents a convincing case for a Comprehensive Test Ban as the first step to reversing the arms race.

10:00 pm ***What About the Russians?***

Fourteen experts, including Robert McNamara, George Kennan, and William Colby, answer the questions most Americans ask about the U.S.—Soviet nuclear weapons competition.

10:30 pm ***The Edge of History***

Admiral Noel Gayler and 11 other prominent individuals explode the myths that the nuclear arms race is inevitable and that the American public is powerless to stop it. A film that calls individuals to action and leaves them with a sense of hope for the future.

Also, on Thursday, May 21, at 9:30 p.m., a special edition of *Look Into It* will be dedicated to Peace Week. Host Doug McVadon moderates a panel of peace activists, experts, and artists explore the causes of war and violence and discuss viable solutions. For more information, contact KRUZ Television at 458-1922.



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Coming To Terms With Nuclear Technology

HONEST LANGUAGE

Hannes Alfven

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Santa Barbara, 1986

reviewed by Patty Harvey

Words are the tools of communication. The way we use them, our attention to clarity and precision, reveals thoughts and motives unspoken. Such is the message of *Honest Language—Semantics of the Nuclear Debate*, published by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) of Santa Barbara and written by Physics Nobel Laureate Hannes Alfven of Sweden.

In this issue of the NAPF "Waging

Peace" series, Professor Alfven analyzes today's nuclear debate—its dangers and moral implications, and the role of science and the military-industrial complex. He proposes a path to peace which is independent of the terror of mutual deterrence.

By omission and misnomer, language is used in the nuclear debate to conceal actions and discourage inquiry and opposition. When we accept incorrect words in place of more appropriate terms, declares Alfven, we automatically accept the premises that create them. For example the bearing of arms once denoted heroism, but in relation to nuclear arsenals, this is no longer the case.

The first order of business, according to Alfven, is to correct our terminology

in order to enter the nuclear debate. "We must use the correct words for everything we speak about," insists Alfven.

Alfven re-names nuclear arms as "annihilators," while "nuclear war" becomes "omnicide." Can massive destruction of civilians around the globe and creation of a nuclear winter possibly be termed "defensive action?" In the name of accuracy, Alfven declares, we should then rename the Department of Defense as the "Department for the Mass Killing of Civilian Populations," or "For Mass Productions of Hiroshimas and Chernobyls . . . this is honest language" that gives new perspective.

Alfven sees some hope in the existence and momentum of today's peace movements, and in the many organizations of

scientists, physicians and other professional and non-professional groups who seek to avert a "final epidemic." On the other hand, Alfven writes, "At present a general madness appears to be sweeping the world, and humanity is girding its loins for omnicide, the killing of all of us."

In his book, *The Tyranny of Words*, written in 1938, Stuart Chase expresses a similar concern. "With a dreadful irony we are acting to produce precisely the . . . situations which we do not want . . . Something has perverted human-survival behavior . . . I assume that it is bound up to some extent with an unconscious misuse of man's most human attribute—thinking and its tool, language."

Philosophical argument about the implications of language usage is long standing. In this exchange from Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*, the crux of that discussion is revealed:

"The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things."

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master—that is all."

Better that we should ask, with Alfven, who are the "communists?" "Who the Russians?" Clearly, they are neither equivalent to nor inclusive of all the peoples of the Soviet Union. Who, in fact, makes up the "free world?" Can it be said to include the community of non-communist dictators? What would the destruction of these populations achieve? These are extensional questions whose answers are neither right-wing nor left-wing. This is not a communist vs. capitalist debate, insists Alfven, but one between "nuclear and humane intelligence."

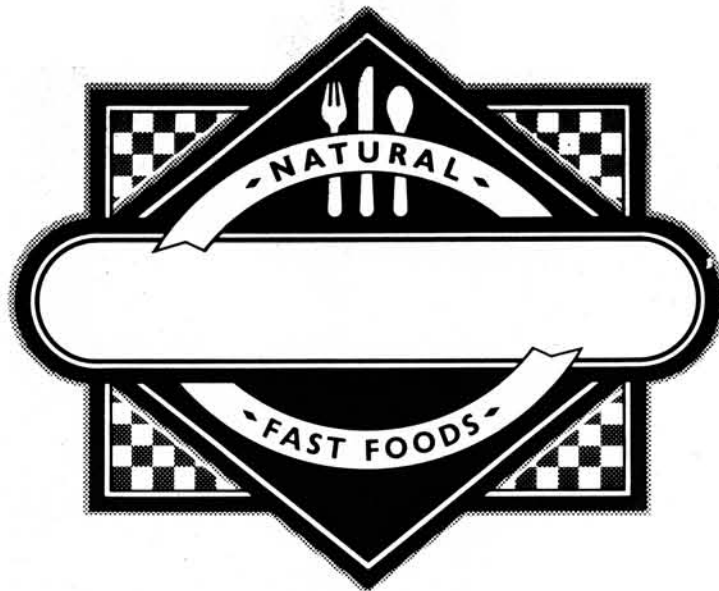
"Deterrence," writes Alfven, ". . . is approaching its end. Modern annihilators are increasingly constructed for first-strike attacks." In our efforts to defend ourselves we must finally reap what we have sown. Life and nuclear technology seem mutually exclusive. Before his death a few years ago, Admiral Hyman Rickover, father of the nuclear navy, warned that science was not sufficiently sophisticated to cope safely with nuclear power. Expanding on this theme, Alfven writes, "One of the two—life or nuclear technology—has got to be buried forever."


In view of the extreme danger and volatility of the world's nuclear situation, with increasing tension and proliferation of the technology of destruction, there is only one realistic policy to be followed, contends Alfven. "(That is) one which aims at rescuing us from the nuclear threat, one that stop(s) all nuclear activity as soon as possible."

Like the air we breathe, language is subject to pollution. It can create blindspots in our thinking that lead to untenable conclusions. Objective examination behind the words we use is one way to reassess and reshape the trends of thought which have brought us to a nuclear stalemate.

Clear, correct language is a beginning toward achieving the necessary clarity to end the threat of nuclear annihilation.

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Trying To Make Star Wars Work

STAR WARRIORS

William J. Broad

Simon and Schuster, New York, 1985.

reviewed by Lee Purcell

Who are the scientists and engineers working to make Star Wars a reality? William Broad, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, spent an intensive week inside the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory trying to learn what motivates the designers of "weapons of life" and the Star Wars arsenal. The character studies within this book reveal a quirky, obsessively dedicated, oftentimes arrogant group of individuals who rationalize their weapons work in a variety of ways and who are motivated by bewildering, often contradictory reasoning.

The Soviets are described as backward, scientifically inept failures when it comes to designing counter-measures for any of the exotic weaponry such as the nuclear X-ray laser. However, the Soviets suddenly become crafty, technological wizards when it is necessary to present them as a serious threat to world peace that can only be stopped by advances in U.S. weaponry.

Star Warriors also illuminates the deceptive recruiting practices used by the Lab through the Hertz Foundation. Top-physics graduates and computer scientists are tantalized by substantial research grants, and gradually pulled into working directly on weapons systems. One example, Peter Hagelstein, came to the Lab at the age of 20 with the intention of working on an X-ray laser for peaceful, medical applications. Despite his abhorrence of weapon systems, he became one of the designers of the nuclear X-ray laser, a key component of Star Wars.

How did this transition take place? William Broad doggedly pursues the psychological traits that drive the designers. In the case of Hagelstein, the breakup of a romantic relationship and the desire to prove his intellectual mettle against another staff member broke down his resistance to working on weapons.

In some of the others, the reasons for participating in the program range from a vitriolic hatred of the Soviet Union to an ego-driven desire to work on projects that could change the course of world history.

But, probably the most common shared desire found in each of the Star Warriors to some degree was the pure scientific challenge, isolated from the human effects, of doing something that had never been done before. The excitement of being in an environment surrounded by intelligent peers, furnished with exotic test equipment and computers available in few other locations, and being given the



BECKY FUSON

leeway to follow esoteric lines of scientific research provided powerful incentives for these researchers. All avenues were open as long as the Lab "father" (such as Edward Teller, a principal developer of the H-bomb) deemed the inquiries appropriate to long-range goals. And their goals range to all extremes. They of developing chilling new weapons such as "brain" bombs that would bombard the enemy with long wavelength radiation causing absolute mental confusion.

Despite their obvious intelligence and scientific knowledge, the Star Warriors frequently overlooked fundamental facts in their elaborate rationales on how the Strategic Defense programs would eliminate the hazards of war. For example,

even if the proposed X-ray laser battle stations succeeded in blowing up multitudes of Soviet missiles, the resultant plutonium cloud released into the atmosphere could contaminate the entire earth.

William Broad skillfully leads us through the corridors of Lawrence Livermore Laboratory and introduces us, face to face, to the personalities and minds that are striving to share the weapons policy of the nation by designing the next round of destructive tools to make last year's doomsday tools obsolete. The most frightening part of meeting these weapons designers is that, for the most part, they defy fitting into the obvious portrait of hawkish, Red-hating super-patriots. Instead, they seem more like an

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exclusive college fraternity of eccentric Mensa members, largely isolated from conventional society by the time pressures and the demands of their work, playing pranks on each other and making late-night runs for pizza and beer, devouring coke and ice cream while devising complex schemes to outwit a devious opponent at an intricate chess match with international stakes.

The Star Warriors seem to sincerely believe they are making a lasting contribution to world peace, but, when pressed about the actual effectiveness of the Star Wars plan, they readily admit that the details have not been worked out. The details will be worked out, however, they assure us, and when they are, the world will be a far better place to live.

William Broad is not convinced, and you will not be either upon finishing this book. The insights are unsettling: the architects of the current revival of the nuclear arms are the honor students of college physics and mathematics programs cajoled into weapons work by devious means. *Star Warriors* offers valuable insights into the entire process, a process that must be understood if it is to be stopped.



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Peace Day: A Community Event

by Julie Pollock

Join the celebration of Santa Cruz's Third Annual *Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground* at Mission Plaza Park on Sunday, May 31 from noon until 9:00 p.m.

Peace Day is a day offering everyone an opportunity to actively build peace within our community and explore possibilities for world peace in a tangible and exciting way. Peace Day brings our community together to celebrate our similarities and differences as we recognize our common desire for a safe and healthy world. The day is proclaimed by our mayor and co-sponsored by Santa Cruz City Parks and Recreation.

The day will begin with a Native American opening ceremony guided by Che Queesh Auh-ho-oh and Patrick Orozco. An Interfaith Celebration for Peace at

Holy Cross Church begins at 6:45 p.m., featuring the Cabrillo Chorus. The evening will close with a candlelight meditation in the park.

Throughout the day there will be ongoing multi-cultural performances on an outdoor stage. Interspersed with such local notables as the UCSC Gamelan, Senglaese Master Drummers and Dancers, Randy Masters and Ashwan Batish, A Brazilian Marching Samba Band, and Charmaine Scott will be presentations by school children and senior citizens, "Youth Speaking to Leaders," a group sing-a-long and a closing talk by Craig Schindler.

For children of all ages there will be a children's stage featuring songs, storytelling, puppetry, children's poetry, clowns and mimes; there will be many free art activities.

New Games which bring us together for non-competitive fun are scheduled for

2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the field behind Holy Cross Church.

At Peace Day you can become acquainted with dozens of community organizations which will be participating with activity and information booths and a wonderful array of ethnic food booths.

Three educational workshops will be offered free of charge at old Holy Cross High School in Room 101. From 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Wendy Wheeler will present "Children's Creative Response to Conflict," a workshop for children and adults to enhance communication and cooperation skills; From 2:30 - 3:30, Community Board of Santa Cruz presents "Neighborhood-based Conflict Resolution," a workshop exploring ways to resolve neighborhood disputes through mediation. Viewpoints will also be discussed on local mediation needs in our community. From 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. San Franciscan Jacqui



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Harmes presents "Speaking Up and Speaking Out," featuring the academy award winning film: *Women — For America, For the World*, followed by a confidence building workshop encouraging participants to identify their power to create change in public opinion and legislation. To pre-register in workshops contact Andy at 425-8790.

Also taking place on Peace Day will be a Discovering Our Common Ground 5K and 10K race at 9:30 a.m. along Westcliff Drive in conjunction with the World Runners, an international organization dedicated to ending world hunger, and San Lorenzo Valley will host a free brunch for families and seniors at Highland Park in Ben Lomond. (For reservations contact Lisa MacDonald at 425-2395.)

Peace Day activities will be flourishing throughout the country during the month of May. In Santa Cruz County classrooms many teachers will be "Teaching Toward Peace," using a handbook of peace education teaching material that has been compiled by Santa Cruz County teachers. (Teachers who wish a free copy of the handbook contact Sheila at 336-5670.) A Peace Day ceramic tile mural will be installed and dedicated by the New Brighton Middle School students. "Give Peace a Dance," a dance for teens, will be held on Saturday evening, May 30 at the Vets Hall on Front Street. A "Campaign for a Peaceful Memorial Day Weekend," combines the efforts of the Peace Day Steering Committee and the Santa Cruz City Police Department, and is a positive awareness campaign for the tourists who flock to Santa Cruz for Memorial Day Weekend.

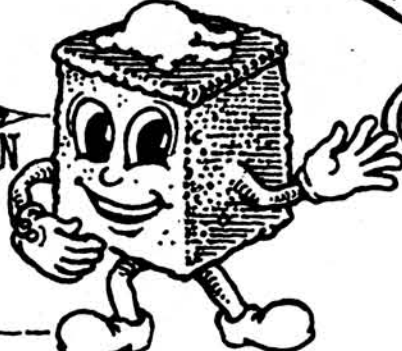
Bring your family, friends, a canned good for the drive for the needy and especially those people you wish to make peace with and join together in Discovering Our Common Ground at Mission Plaza Park on Sunday May 31. For information call Sheila at 336-5670 or Andy at 425-8790.

Peace Day is Funded in part by Santa Cruz Cultural Council, The Pizza Company, Capitola Bookcafe, and the Pontiac Grill.



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All events listed are in Santa Cruz, unless otherwise noted.

Calendar items must be typed, double spaced, and sent (along with any photos) to *The Monthly Planet*, 320-G Cedar St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

We must receive your listing no later than **Tuesday, May 19**, for inclusion in the June issue (publication date: Thursday, May 28).

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Children and Violence Discussion Series: Planning Local Action—A panel discussion. Representatives from local organizations will work with the public to develop strategies for change and ways to help parents and educators support each other in their efforts to bring up peace-loving children. \$3-\$5 sliding scale. 7:30-9:30 pm, Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Info: 423-1626.



KAREN STACKPOLE

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Join Louden Nelson Community Center in a celebration of Cinco de Mayo! Events will start today with "Amor en Aztlan, a Crosscultural Fiesta," at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. The program will include concerts featuring pianist/composer Mary Watkins, dancer/choreographer Debra Floyd, and singer Rita Lackey and band. There will be a poetry reading by Osa Hidalgo-de la Riva, and a slide show and lecture by Esther Hernandez, about the Mission District murals in San Francisco. Carolyn Brandy and band will perform salsa, and latin jazz music. Also previews of films by Sylvia Morales and Judy Baca. 11 am, free. Info: Louden Nelson Center 429-3504.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

9th Annual Chicano Art Exhibition will be the highlight of "Amor en Aztlan," A Crosscultural Fiesta." Artists from throughout California and surrounding communities will exhibit their works during ten days at Baobab Lounge and open Conference Room (Merrill College), and the Art Lounge (Oakes College). The opening reception (8-9 pm) will include a cultural program of poetry readings and musical presentations. Followed by a dance with music by Javier Muñiz and the local salsa bands he leads, The Rhythmagics and Salsa Cruz (9 pm-1 am). Free. Info: Lola de la Riva 426-1036 or Teresa "Osa" Hidalgo-de la Riva 423-7841.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Youth Day at the UCSC Rock Quarry, as part of the "Amor en Aztlan, A Crosscultural Fiesta." Local youth will present forums, speakers, films, performers, Black and Latino break dancers, an art exhibit, and poetry readings. Co-sponsored by the UCSC Educational Opportunity Program (SAA/EOP), Estudiantes para la Salud del pueblo (ESP), and the Santa Cruz High School Black Student Alliance. Parallel to this, the 8th Annual Multicultural Festival will take place at the UCSC Rock Quarry, noon to 5 pm, with live entertainment and ethnic food selling booths. Free. Info: Lola de la Riva 426-1036 or Teresa "Osa" Hidalgo-de la Riva 423-7841.

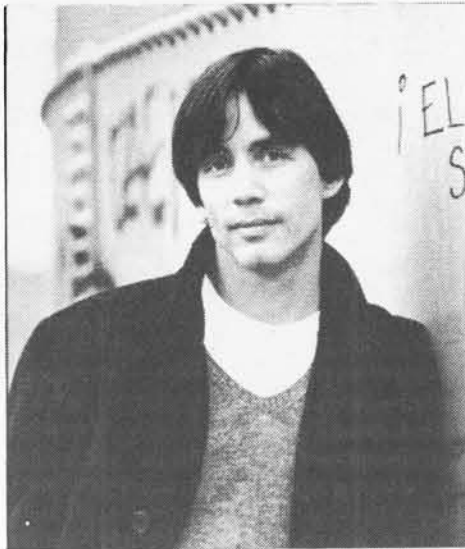
Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival sponsored by Louden Nelson Center. Festivities include live salsa music by Orquesta Gitano, norteño music by Los Hermanos Lara, folklorico dancers El Esperanza de Valle, food booths, piñatas, games, and much more! Laurel Park, on the corner of Washington and Laurel Streets, 11 am to 6 pm. Free. Info: Louden Nelson Center 429-3504.

Potluck dinner for people going to the Nevada Test Site for the Mother's Day Action to protest nuclear testing. Bring a dish to share. 6 pm, 303 Walnut. Info: 336-8960.

Nonviolence Preparation for both men and women planning to participate in the Mother's Day Action at the Nevada Test Site. May 8-10. 10:30 am-5 pm, 515 Broadway. Info: Noel, 336-8960.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Lab Week At UCSC: Students on all nine of the University of California campuses have similar events planned for the week of May 4-8 and will be rallying throughout the state for the UC Regents to "Cut the Ties" to the laboratories that have designed every nuclear weapon in the US arsenal. The contracts between the University and the Depart-



Jackson Browne will be joined by David Lindley in an all acoustic concert, Tuesday, May 19 at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. This is a benefit performance for the Bill Motto Post 5888 and the Veterans Peace Action Teams. Tickets are available at the Civic's Box Office, 429-3444.

ment of Energy are signed every five years, and the current contract will expire in September 1987. The Regents will vote on whether to re-sign the contracts and maintain their "management" of the labs over the summer when students aren't in school. Tonight: **Slide Show of the Great Peace March**, 7 pm, Stevenson Fireside Lounge. Free. Info: Haley Mack 423-7930 or 429-2899 days.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

"Loteria de Pasiones" bilingual play, presented by El Teatro de la Esperanza, the leading Chicano theater collective now based in San Francisco. A lush, intense, and colorful visual drama that explores Chicano/Mexican views on life, luck, destiny and choice. Porter College Dining Hall, UCSC, 8:30 pm. Free. Info: Lola de la Riva 426-1036 or Teresa "Osa" Hidalgo-de la Riva 423-7841.

Lab Week At UCSC: Movies: Atomic Cafe and A is for Atom, B is for Bomb, a Nova biography of Edward Teller, the father of the H-bomb. 7 pm, Oakes 105, UCSC. Free. Info: Haley Mack 423-7930 or 429-2899 days.

Pastor Elisabeth Gerle ("The Great International Peace Journey" Leader from Sweden) will speak. "The Prospects for Nuclear Disarmament — End to Star Wars — A European View . . ." Also Swedish and American peace songs by Rev. Gerle and Linda Arnold, local songwriter and performer. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 2500 Soquel Ave. 7:30 pm. Sponsored by St. Stephen's, Pastor Glenn Johnson, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Mary Holmes, lecturer and renowned art historian, gives four lectures. Presented by IDRIART, the Institute for the Development of International Relations through the Arts. Program: "Role of the Arts." Del Mar Middle School, corner of 17th Ave. and Merrill Street. \$4 adults, \$3 students. Tickets available at Cymbaline Records, 435 Front Street or through IDRIART. Info: 423-1284.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Lab Week at UCSC: Debate: "Comprehensive Test Ban: the UC Connection" with UC Berkeley physicist Charlie Schwartz and two Livermore National Laboratory Scientists. 8 pm, Stevenson Dining Hall, UCSC. Free. Info: Haley Mack 423-7930 or 429-2899 days.

"Unlearning Racism" workshop. Presented by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Carmela Woll, who will lead the workshop, is an instructor at the American Academy of Family Studies in Scotts Valley, and a member of the Human Relations Task Force for Santa Cruz City. Trinity Presbyterian Church Social Hall, Poplar at Melrose. Info: 425-7618.

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THURSDAY, MAY 7

Lab Week at UCSC: 1987 Oscar award winning documentary, "Women From America for the World" and feature film, "Desert Bloom." \$2 admission, 7 pm, Classroom Unit 1, UCSC. Info: Haley Mack 423-7930 or 429-2899 days.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Lab Week at UCSC: Cut the Ties Rally. Calling for the UC Regents not to re-sign the contracts with the Department of Energy for management of the wea-



pons labs. 1 pm, Upper Quarry, UCSC.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8-
SUNDAY, MAY 10**

Mother's Day Action, for mothers and others, at the Nevada Test Site near Las

Vegas. Women from all over the U.S. will gather to protest nuclear testing and to support a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Info: Noel 336-8960 or Beth Coats 688-0898.

Crystal Visions—Personal and Planetary Peace. A workshop led by Diane Mariechild, M.A. and Shuli Goodman, M.A. using creative visualization, affirmation, energy balancing, movement, ritual, and meditation. Tuition \$80. Mount Madonna Center, 445 Summit Road, Watsonville. Info: 847-0406 or 722-7175.

**SATURDAY, MAY 9-
SUNDAY, MAY 10**

We Are Family, a Women of Color Cultural Festival, will celebrate the diversity of women's culture with two days of music, dance, poetry and forums. This is part of the "Amor en Aztlan, A Crosscultural Fiesta." Noon to sunset. The Asian American Student Alliance (AASA) will present a theater performance by SoundSeen, a multi-ethnic ensemble from the San Francisco Bay Area. UCSC Performing Arts Concert Hall, 8 pm. On Sunday: a Chicana/o Lesbian and Gay Forum at Oakes Academy 105, Oakes College, noon to 4 pm. "Amor en Aztlan" will end with a Native American Ceremony, the Blessing of the Redwood. Free. Child care and limited lodging available upon request in advance. Info: Lola de la Riva 426-1036 or Teresa "Osa" Hidalgo-de la Riva 423-7841.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Green City Opening Day: planning for a sustainable future in Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz Mayor Jane Weed will speak on the potential for the Green City Program in Santa Cruz. Workshops will address human services, community economics, housing and environmental quality. Awards will be given to individuals who have contributed to improving the quality of life in Santa Cruz. Garfield Park Christian Church, 111 Errett Circle. 12:30 to 5 pm \$3 donation. Sponsored by The Green City program Coordinating Committee. Info: 479-0702.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Mary Holmes, lecturer and art historian. Program: "Why Changes Through The Arts?" See May 5.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Peace Day Orientation Meeting for booth participants. 7:30 pm, Civic Auditorium. All booth forms due by April 29. Info: Ariella St. Clair 423-4723.

An Introduction to Brazilian Reality: A four-part video series offered by Project Abraco. Part 4: After the Miracle (Life in the cities). See May 6 for details.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

"The Nature Of Our Womanness: Images and Voices," a multi-media celebration of the eternal feminine featuring slides by photographer-midwife Harriette Hartigan, singing with Mothersong and drumming and chanting by the all-woman percussion group, She-Boom. 7:30 pm, Moraga Hall. Tickets: \$5 at the door. Info: Debora Davis 429-1835.

**FRIDAY, MAY 15-
SUNDAY, MAY 17**

Spirituality and Social Action. Led by Gordon Feller, Director of The Ark Foundation, this program focuses on the

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Soviet media commentator Vladimir Posner will speak on "Peace, Friendship and Democracy — A Soviet View" on Sunday, May 31 at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium (near Berkeley) at 12:30 p.m. See the calendar listing for details.

TUESDAY, MAY 19
Mary Holmes, lecturer and art historian. Program: "The Arts Today." See May 5.

SATURDAY, MAY 23
Statewide Trident II/first strike resistance strategy, planning, and informational meeting, 12:00 noon at 2850 Folsom in San Francisco. Help organize the October 24-28 statewide peace demonstration and nonviolent direct resistance action to block production of key Trident II D-5 first strike missile components here in Santa Cruz County, in coordination with regional nuclear weapons resistance actions throughout the U.S., on the 25th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Co-sponsored by the San Jose Peace Center, First Strike Prevention Project, California Alliance to Stop First Strike, and National Mobilization for Survival. Carpooling available. Info: 479-8781.

The Dance for Life Collective will be presenting a monthly dance to benefit local community groups. This first dance will benefit Peace Child's Soviet Union trip and the Bill Motto Post. Come hear Peace Child's chorus and dance to the Meltdowns. 8-12 pm, Vets Hall, 842 Front Street. Tickets at the door, sliding scale (\$2-\$10). Smoke free. All ages are welcome. Info: 426-4061.

TUESDAY, MAY 26
Mary Holmes, lecturer and art historian. Program: "What Will Be The Future Of The Arts?" See May 5.

FRIDAY, MAY 29
Sign and Banner Making Party. Come on down to the Freeze office and help make signs and banners for tomorrow's March for a Test Ban. We will have some materials, but people are encouraged to bring their own. Refreshments provided. 7-9 pm, 320-G Cedar St. Info: 458-9975.



SATURDAY, MAY 30
March for a Test Ban! Walk in the Sixth Annual Nuclear Freeze Walkathon to show your support for a Comprehensive Test Ban. To be a walker or a sponsor, or to help with the event, call 458-9975.

SUNDAY, MAY 31
Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground, noon to 9 pm, Mission Plaza Park (in front of Holy Cross Church). Join in as our community unites to express our common desire for a safe, peaceful, and healthy planet. There will be educational booths, workshops, New



Games, multi-cultural entertainment, and art activities—emphasizing cooperation, communication, and reconciliation; the day concludes with an Interfaith Celebration at Holy Cross Church. All activities are free, and delicious ethnic food will be sold by non-profit groups. Come with family and friends, and bring canned goods to help build our "Feed the Hungry" canned-good-sculpture. Phone Sheila 336-5670, or Bonita 479-8905 for information, to make a donation, or to volunteer.

Meditation, sponsored by the December 31st Committee for world peace 7:30 pm, Unity Temple, 407 Broadway. Let's continue the momentum towards Critical Mass for world healing. In unity we have power.

Vladimir Posner will be the special guest speaker at this year's People's Daily World Banquet. Posner, a popular radio and TV commentator from the

Soviet Union, has recently appeared on many U.S. TV shows, from Nightline to Phil Donahue, and has co-hosted several people to people peace bridge telecasts between the U.S. and the USSR. Posner will speak on "Peace, Friendship and Democracy—A Soviet View." Banquet organizers say Posner's appearance will offer a unique opportunity to hear firsthand Soviet proposals for a nuclear-weapons-free world, as well as his commentary on the internal changes underway in Soviet society. Richmond Memorial Auditorium, near Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Ticket and car pool info: 429-9720. Best hours to call are before 9:30 am and after 6 pm.

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Unite The Struggles

by Swanegle

Virtual minutes remain in our hands to effectively divert the final global horror into living solutions. Quickly we must gather up the crucial missing links so basic in the united stand that efforts of conscience everywhere are struggling to pull off. As long as failure to grasp the complete puzzle, the healed circle, is evident, we do not even approach the success of facing the destroyer in a quality manner. The lessons learned must finally be implemented, totally integrating the sterling examples of Gandhi, Martin Luther King and many Native American Elders. Integrity and courage wait to be claimed as the tools of Peacemakers.

A sharp time has come that simply is separating those who stand for the Earth and those who don't. Each complicated struggle that occurs in all parts of this world is essentially the same. Every living person chooses whether to oppress or strive for universal dignity even in the smallest detail of life that emanates outwards. Us and them transcends artificial borders as effortlessly as the wind when it comes to the choices made about sexism, racism, ageism and violence in all personal interactions. The essence of the evil threat arises to be challenged in all of us and the

larger movements we commit to are the visible reflections of how groups of activists or oppressors have chosen to ultimately carry out theory into action.

Divisive fragments need to carry on with specific focuses as being true facets of the one common vision; saving all of life and that of the coming generations. The only way to heal the fragments, to bring on the multi-faceted whole, is to address the evil as it is faced. Continually, nonstop. Racism, sexism, ageism and violence must be eliminated from the internal workings or failure will be the legacy.

That the struggles of Native Americans has not been included in the theme for the April 25th Mobilization is deeply disturbing. For many decades now, indigenous people have been attempting to bring out the deadly fact that the majority of uranium used in nuclear warheads comes from Indian Reservations. Cancer rates among Navajo children are 15 times higher than the national average. Not one private uranium mill tailings pile has been cleaned up since passage of the Uranium Mill Tailings Reclamation and Control Act in 1978. Millions of tons of these radioactive mill tailings blow freely on the reservations in Arizona, New Mexico, Washington and South Dakota. Navajos facing relocation in the Big Mountain/Joint Use Area in



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Arizona are to be moved onto lands contaminated by the largest radioactive waste spill in U.S. history. In 1979 United Nuclear was responsible for a tailings pond that broke into the Rio Puerco River which courses through the "new lands" and is the primary source of water, unfit though it is. Slow motion genocide is no less horrific than that being carried out in a bloodier, more immediate fashion in Central America and South Africa.

Uranium mining is only one of countless other atrocities being waged against Indian people. The same multinational corporations involved in South Africa and Central America are involved in the relentless push for resource development on the reservations where the 500-year-old stand of the traditional people remains the hidden heartbeat of a peace movement striving toward cohesion.

The Spiritual, Nonviolent Stand of the Dineh (Navajo) and Hopi Elders is a call for the unity of all the races, creeds and colors. The spirituality indigenous to this land provides a greatly neglected segment of the framework used for guidance. An Elder Traditional Dineh Grandmother taking this spiritual, nonviolent stand is a most inspiring living integration of what a livable future truly is. Remember her . . . for her ancient knowledge is urgently needed in this hour.

A common fate awaits us all and that thread is further reinforced by the desire of all peoples to pass on life to their children. Intentional efforts to face and halt rapes in peace camps, to face and halt the neglect of including people of color in peace actions, to face and halt the senseless institutionalization of our children and elders, whether it be in public schools,

jails, the military or rest homes, will make the common goal attainable. None of us are free from the ominous threat, but those of us who are educated, articulate and middle class have a decided position of advantage that must be utilized if we dare hope to excel beyond the apathy of the "good Germans" who paid Hitler's way.

The language used must convey the total vision without disregarding the significance of all struggles. Too often it is the educated white-skinned people who communicate struggle that they may only be involved with in their spare time. Priority must be given to those who live continually on the frontlines. Every conference, benefit, event and action working for justice must make way for the powerful voices that for too long have been unheard, pushed aside, ignored and brutalized by ally and foe alike. The emerging behavioral work of art has a facet fitting each unique element of the diverse whole. Live the solution now!

For information on Native American struggles, contact the Big Mountain Legal Defense Offense Committee, 2029 N. Center St., Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

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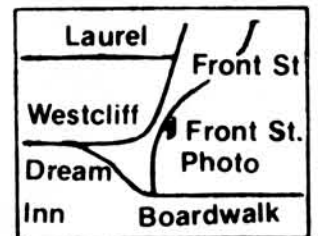


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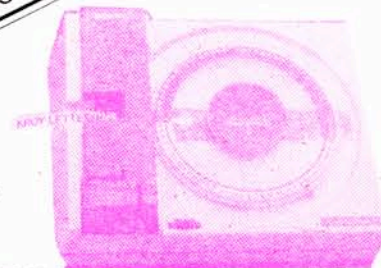


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