

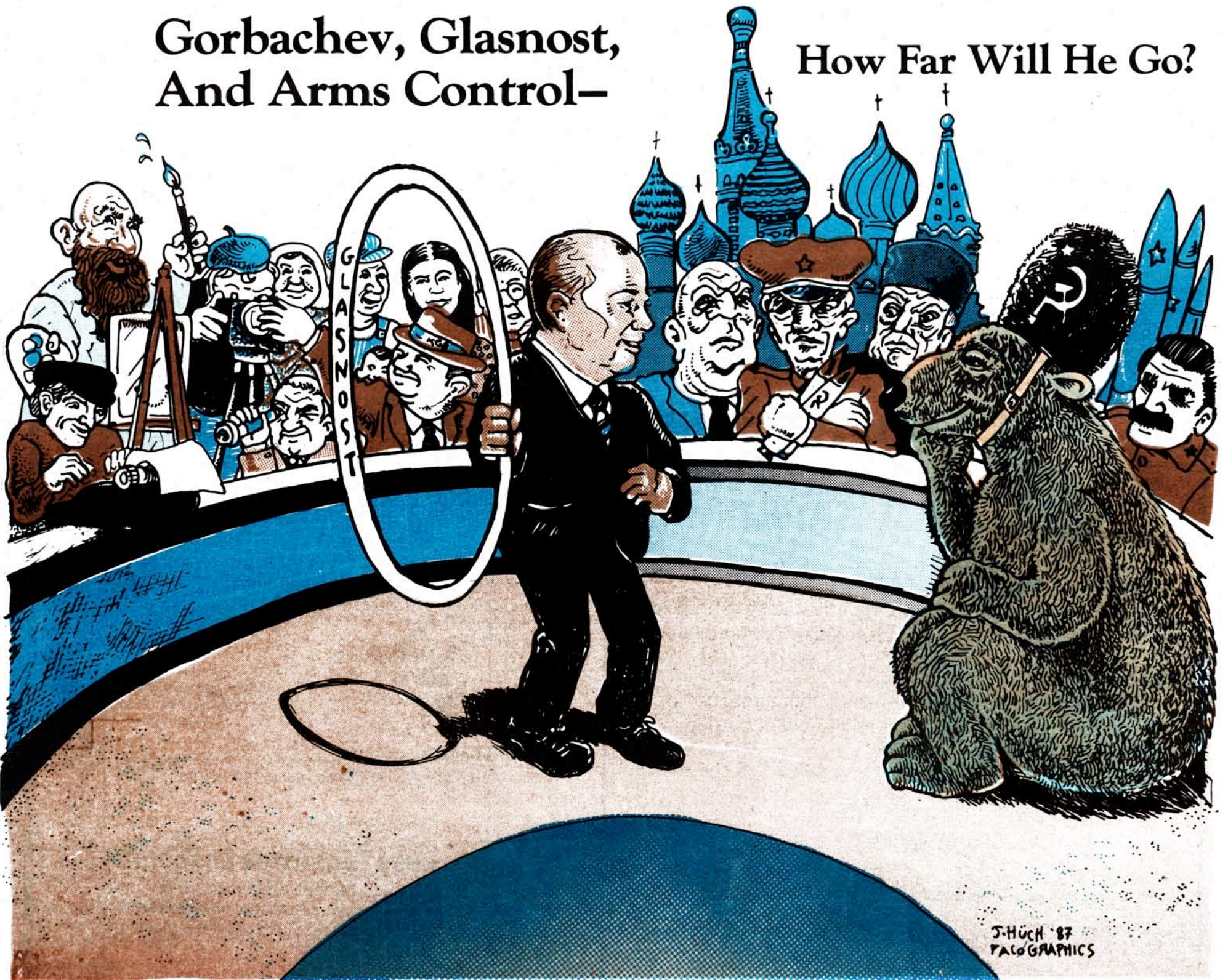
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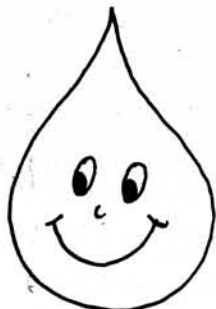
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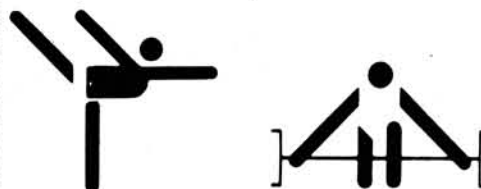


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## The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign

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



Letters to the Freeze must be **typed, double spaced**, and not more than two pages in length. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and clarity. *Handwritten letters are now O.K., too. (But please be legible.)*

## Fasting For Life

Dear Freeze,

Too many of our sisters and brothers will needlessly pass from this Earth today because of war, disease, hunger or lack of will to continue living. With each and every rotation of this planet about 35,000 human beings die as a result of hunger and starvation alone. Of that number 26,250 are children. This intensely dehumanizing and debilitating hunger is experienced by one out of every five people on this planet.

The nations of our planet spent about \$900 billion in 1986 on military armaments. This is a waste of human energy and billions of dollars allowing millions to die now with the intent of killing billions in the future. This is an absurd act for a species which has chosen to call itself homo sapiens.

I cannot in my name allow this to continue without an individual effort of some kind on my part. I will be fasting along with many concerned citizens at Central Park in Davis, California between the dates of August 6 and August 9. This time period was chosen because on these dates 42 years ago the first and second atomic bombs were used to destroy members of our human family. I ask each of you to join us in spirit or person for whatever portion that you can in this Fast and Encampment for Life. In this act we will be one. The money that I would normally spend on food will be donated to one or more of the many groups that have worked long and hard to see the end of hunger and war become a reality. I ask all those who take part in this effort to do the same.

We cannot think our way into a new way of acting, we must act our way into the new way of thinking.

In Peace,  
Stephen Souza  
Davis

## Solutions For Survival

Dear Freeze,

I recently purchased the "Solutions for Survival" series of VHS tapes from The Educational Film and Video Project. I plan to show these films to as many people as I can. I will start by showing them at Hewlett Packard where I work. Because I know many people there, and am offering free goodies at the show, I should get a pretty large audience. I would like to show the films at other corporations and at high schools.

When I talked with Ian Theirmann of The Educational Film and Video Project, he suggested that I talk to you guys about having someone at the shows to answer questions afterwards. This might not be necessary for the showings at the corporations, but I think someone should be there at the high school showings. Could this be arranged?

Ian Thiermann also suggested that I talk to Teachers for Social Responsibility about showing the film in high schools. Ian says it's been done in Berkeley and he'd like to see the films shown in high schools all over the Bay Area (and maybe beyond!).

Peace,  
Jennifer Burch  
Santa Cruz

## Stop This Deadly Phobia

Dear Freeze,

At the ongoing Iran-gate hearings with Eliot Abrams testifying, an exasperated Senator Brooks lashed out at Abrams saying, "I wonder if you can survive (or should?) as Assistant Secretary of State." Abrams snarled, "Fortunately I do not work for you, Senator, I work for the Secretary of State, George Schultz."

Shades of Ann Burford Gorsuch, who, when under fire, claimed, "I serve the President"; and Attorney General Meese, "I serve the President"; and Jean Kirkpatrick and others and recently Howard Baker, "I serve the President."

Is that what is meant by the Imperial Presidency? Have many in government, elected or appointed, including President Reagan, forgotten, given up or simply blocked out the fact that this is still a country of the people and by the people—and that they work for the people, not for each other. Have they forgotten this in their obsessive phobia of dubbing every attempt of people in the world to get out from under oppression, exploitation and plundering of their lands as "communist" or "Soviet aggression?" And therefore concluded that whatever they do—be it invasion,



KAREN STACKFOL

subversion, corruption, law-breaking, etc., even to the destruction of the very "freedom" they claim to defend—is justified? Nay, some even call these actions heroic and patriotic.

Unfortunately, far too many Americans have accepted this concept that the Soviet Union is *The Enemy*—that it has to be stopped and defeated (destroyed) by any and all means.

Of course the concept is not new. Other administrations and presidents have pursued this deadly phobia in one form or another. The present administration, however, is carrying on this phobia much more arrogantly by supporting, joining, or financing corrupt, brutal ruthless and dishonest rulers as long as they are acting in the name of "fighting communism."

The most brazenly arrogant pet project of President Reagan, SDI (Star Wars), is to carry this phobia into outer space with military (nuclear) implements. As if outer space was specifically provided to insure our national security, and not covering the entire planet.

Unfortunately, far too many Americans have become infected with this deadly virus. Far too many have accepted this phobic concept as a certainty, that the Soviet Union is the enemy, is out to conquer the world, and will certainly attack Europe, Asia, Central America and of course the U.S.A. Therefore whatever those in our government do to prevent such a catastrophe is justified and has these peoples' support.

Will the people of this country continue to carry this deadly virus without searching for a vaccine against it? And there is a vaccine: the growing peace movement here and in the world. The marches, demonstrations, cross-country walks, protests at nuclear testing sites—the increasing people-to-people contacts, meetings and communications.

The sooner the people with this virus join growing numbers of those who are acting against it, the sooner the people of the world will succeed in stopping the maniacs and together help stop and eliminate the nuclear threat hanging over us all.

Zena Druckman  
Santa Cruz

## Doing Time For Peace

Dear Freeze,

re: Last month's excellent article by Terry Teitelbaum on the Women's Action at the Nevada Test Site on Mother's Day...

Please note that many people who had gone to court for civil disobedience at the January 27th and/or February 5th, 1987 actions did time in jail prior to the charges being dropped for the remainder.

Personally I did a stint in the Tonopah jail from March 27 to April 5, 1987 in the good company of two women protesters from Utah and seven women protesters from Sonoma County (all serving time for the January 27th and/or February 5th actions.)

In peace,  
Kathryn Miller  
Health Educator  
Saratoga

## Don't Forget The Pacific

Dear Freeze,

It's a pleasure to read *The Monthly Planet*. We're grateful to your Department of Networking for making it available to us.

A couple of notes on the June issue: Kudos to Igal Dahari for highlighting Pacific peace politics in the "Planet Watch" column. All too often the U.S. peace movement, following the bad example of the mainstream media, has eyes only for what's taking place in Europe. In the last decade, many of the most exciting and productive steps toward disarmament have been taken in the Pacific, and this will continue to be the case. Washington and Moscow are responding vigorously to these developments in their own heavy-handed way, while big U.S. peace organizations, ironically, still have difficulty seeing west of Nevada.

This leads to my second point. In your "Legislative Update," attention is directed entirely to a few favored issues—test ban, Star Wars, MX, SALT II, etc. These are The Real Issues as defined by the same good people who are having so much trouble seeing the Pacific. I don't mean we should ignore them, but let's not overlook other, less

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visible aspects of the arms race like those occurring in our own backyard, notably the arms race at sea.

We need to take heed of the fact that the Reagan administration is on course in its build-up from 450 to 600 ships. Thanks to the Tomahawk sea-launched cruise missile, it's also well on the way to filling the oceans with nuclear weapons. If Tomahawk is deployed as planned, 200 U.S. vessels will have long-range nuclear strike capacity—instead of 15 aircraft carriers, as in the past. Our growing fleet is also better equipped than ever for interventionary strikes.

One mention of all this appeared in the June *Planet*—in Justine Tatarsky's poem "Dream: Living One Mile from the Naval Base." We who live on the sea need to wake up to what's happening before that bad dream becomes a much worse reality. We work on naval issues with organizations throughout the Pacific Basin and would welcome contact with similar groups in Santa Cruz.

Aloha,

Nelson Foster  
International Coordinator,  
Pacific Campaign to Disarm the Seas  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### The Problem is Nuclearism

Dear Freeze,

I am thrilled to see that people are protesting against nuclear testing. Their activism on the issue will not be unmarked. Politicians may soon realize that there is a big problem in this country and it must be dealt with.

The problem is nuclearism.

Since 1945 our culture has been walking into a big trap. It started with the atom bomb which was followed by the hydrogen bomb, and now, even a third generation of nuclear bombs is evolving. We claimed that the bomb would be used for peaceful purposes; but when the Soviet Union got it, the whole ideology of deterrence formed.

Today, we are still relying on deterrence to prevent us from war. And as we continue to rely upon it, Reagan continues to venture into the nuclear underground.

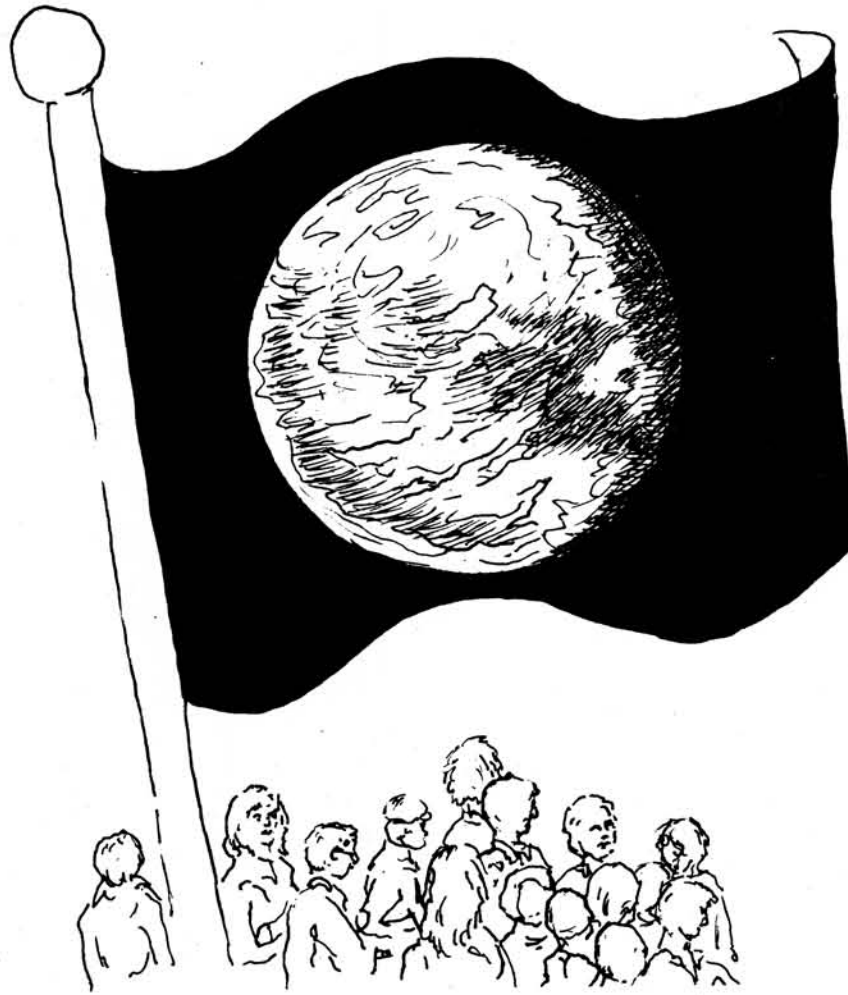
Reagan thinks that he can find the solution to nuclearism, but there is no simple solution. By testing, he is trying to gather information so that he can develop a technological defense system against nuclear bombs. But are we going to rely on technology to ensure our national security? Can there be any defense system that one person can trust and guarantee to keep billions of people free of a nuclear attack? It is scary to think that so many people believe in such a system.

Although I feel strongly against nuclear testing, I still believe that some tests must be permitted. One test per year, less than one percent of the amount done last year, is necessary to ensure the reliability of the bombs in our stockpile. Yet Reagan's extensive amount of tests must be banned. The only way to achieve this is to protest at the sites and to get the public's attention.

Even though I support some testing, choosing which sites to protest is not a problem in my mind. Even if one protested at a site that is conducting a test for a bomb's reliability, the protest would still be a statement against testing as a whole.

We must try to stop testing aimed at getting a technological edge. In this attempt we can at least apply some pressure on officials toward making some considerable reductions. If this can be done, a significant step will have been taken in our arms race.

William H. Kassoy  
Santa Cruz



### Searching For Earth Flag

Dear Freeze,

While at the Mother's Day Action in Nevada, I saw many people making interesting and creative statements against the arms race, but the one that impressed me most was a person carrying a flag. The flag was not that of any country or group—it was simply a picture of the planet earth as seen from space on a blue background. The statement it made was beautiful and simple: we are all citizens of this planet, and national lines and divisions are artificial and unnecessary.

I would very much like to obtain a flag like this. If anyone knows where I can find one, I would appreciate hearing from you. My address is 206-41 Caltech, Pasadena, CA 91125.

Ann Terese Heil  
Pasadena

### Don't Approve Sister City

Dear Freeze,

There is much justifiable publicity about oppression and war in Nicaragua and South Africa. Little is reported, however, about the Soviet Union's Genocidal Campaign against Afghanistan.

Consider these facts:

—Of the roughly 15 million Afghans alive in 1978, a million are dead, five and one-half million have fled the country, and another two million, fleeing Soviet attacks, have become internal refugees.

—Over five million Afghan exiles are barely surviving in Pakistan and Iran. Today, one out of every two refugees in the world is an Afghan.

—By deliberate Soviet policy, Afghani-

stans's arable land and farming population have been so devastated that at least half a million Afghans within the country are facing starvation.

—According to the French medical agency, Doctors Without Borders, last winter 85% of the Afghan infants in the hard-hit Panjsher Valley died because of the war.

Countless Afghan villages have been destroyed by bombing and strafing. Following the air strikes, Soviet troops often enter a village to bayonet and shoot any survivors—including the children.

There is a parallel campaign to maim children by dropping from the air or scattering on the ground small, shiny toys, and even bars of soap, which are booby-trapped. The explosive is powerful enough to destroy limbs, but not to kill. The Soviets want the Afghan popula-

tion to see these little maimed bodies and remember the cost of resistance.

All of this is going on while the Santa Cruz City Council is considering a city in the U.S.S.R. as a Sister City.

It is true that the U.S. has backed unpopular regimes, in Central America and elsewhere, through military action. But this is no excuse for endorsing a Sister City whose nation is run by an unelected dictator.

Bob Lissner  
Soquel

### Of Housing And Bombs

Dear Freeze,

I'll wager that at every anti-nuclear Freeze demonstration, many, many senior citizens have been in the front lines. Seniors are an important segment of our political, economic, social, cultural, educational, artistic and peace communities throughout all America. They make valuable contributions to all aspects of society. They are a valuable asset to one/all of us.

Well, now, that's what I think! Apparently, our County Board of Supervisors doesn't share my views. At their May 1987 meetings those elected five took legal steps to add the old polo grounds in Aptos to the regional park system. Oh what a "slap-in-the-face" that was to a large group of senior organizations, churches and unionists in our County of Santa Cruz.

A coalition of these groups known as ECHO had plans to build many, many low cost seniors' units and a park. Due to the desperate housing crisis in our areas, far too many seniors are being forced to leave. How stupid can you get to drive away nuggets of gold? Have the supervisors gone out of their minds? Are there some deep, dark, evil forces bringing behind-the-scenes "pressures" on them?

ECHO's plans are sound, compassionate and won't cost the taxpayers one thin dime. Practically, a gift to all the people of Santa Cruz. The same type of thinking that believes we can't have universal world peace without nuclear bombs usually says we can't afford low cost seniors' (and others!) housing. They're bedfellows!

I ask all readers of the *Planet* to get behind ECHO's plans and telephone/write to supervisors to do likewise. Shucks, our supervisors are our elected leaders. They should be the very ones leading the fight to get it built. If they refuse, then the time has come to un-elect all five!

Yours very truly,  
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# ACTIONS FOR PEACE

Many direct actions for peace took place over the last month. Left: over 300 people cross the Water Street Bridge in the Santa Cruz Freeze's Sixth Annual Walkathon. Right: citizens occupy Senator Pete Wilson's office in San Francisco before being arrested, demanding that he support a nuclear test ban. Bottom: demonstrators confront police and soldiers across barbed wire at Concord Naval Weapons Station, major embarkation point for U.S. arms shipments to Central America.



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# Editorial

## Take Back The Flag

As our nation celebrates Independence Day on this 200th anniversary year of the Constitution, we are witnessing some extremely disturbing trends in government. Highlighted by the Iran-contra scandal, but manifesting in other equally outrageous ways, is the fact that extremists are running our foreign policy.

Colonel North and his associates claim to have bypassed Congress and the constitutional process for noble reasons: "national security," to protect the president's policies, or simply because they were "patriotic."

Patriotism, or love of one's country, seems to be a difficult concept to grasp these days. It does not mean "my president, right or wrong," or even "my country, right or wrong."

A true patriot is not one who blindly follows the will of political leaders, but one who questions political leadership when abuses of power become evident. Such is now the case.

If we are to be true patriots—if we truly love our country—we should be willing to do everything in our power to right our country when it has gone wrong.

The current leadership in America is not only out of touch with the will of the American people, it is doing its best to subvert that will.

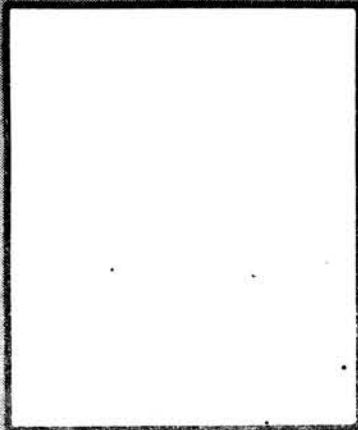
As our leaders continue to push for higher military budgets while cutting services to the poor, build new nuclear weapons while libraries can't afford new books, and engage in military interventions abroad while letting the homeless in our streets starve, we are forced to re-define "national security."



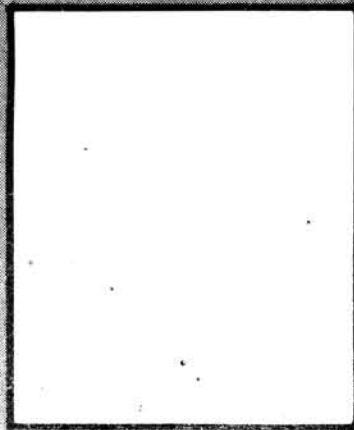
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## WHO ARE RUSTY, JIM & PETER?

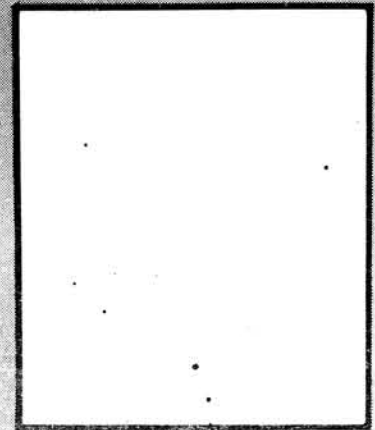
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## The Buck Stops Where?

To what extent should the nuclear industry be liable in the event of an accident at one of its reactors? That question is the focus of a debate going on in Congress right now. Particularly, what is at issue is the Price-Anderson Act of 1957, which comes up for debate and renewal every 10 years.

Current legislation limits the private nuclear industry's liability at about \$700 million, no matter where an accident might occur or how serious. If an accident occurred at one of the Department of Energy's plants, the federal government would be liable for up to \$500 million, while the private contractor operating the plant would be fully exempt.

Critics of the nuclear industry and members of Congress who definitely agree that the Price-Anderson Act must be revised contend that the amount of liability currently set by law is wholly inadequate if a major accident were ever to happen. Last year's Chernobyl accident in the Soviet Union is, of course, still fresh in memory. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group, one of the

groups lobbying against the limits of the current law, has argued that the Price-Anderson Act gives a signal to the nuclear industry that "No matter how negligent, careless, or reckless you are, you are not responsible for fully compensating damages you cause the public."

In the debate, due to end by August 1, some want the limits for liability removed entirely, while others are arguing for the

## Hot Flashes

by Ronald A. Lampi, Bradley David Neily, and Susan Marsh

limits being raised. At debate, too, is whether the private contractors at federally-owned plants should not also be included in the parties of those liable.

—RL

### Barrels Of Fun

On June 18, an Appellate Court panel said it would decide the future site of 15,000 barrels of radium-tainted soil unearthed from lawns in suburban New Jersey three years ago. By determining whether the soil can be transferred from northern New Jersey to a wildlife refuge in Jackson Township, the panel will set the precedent for how to dispose of the remaining thousands of barrels of contaminated soil that was used as landfill 60 years ago in the communities of Montclair, West Orange, and Glen Ridge.

The soil, which was believed to have been tainted from a radium plant that manufactured luminescent clock faces and paints in the 1920s, was removed because the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found unhealthy levels of radion, a radioactive gas, in the homes that sat on top of it. James Marshall, a spokesperson

for the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the soil had been stored in barrels, "stacked up near the sidewalk covered with tarps and surrounded by a cyclone fence."

Meanwhile, however, the question of where to store the barrels looms large. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection originally wanted to send the soil to a low-level dump in Nevada, but authorities there blocked the plan in the courts. The case will probably reach the Supreme Court later this year.

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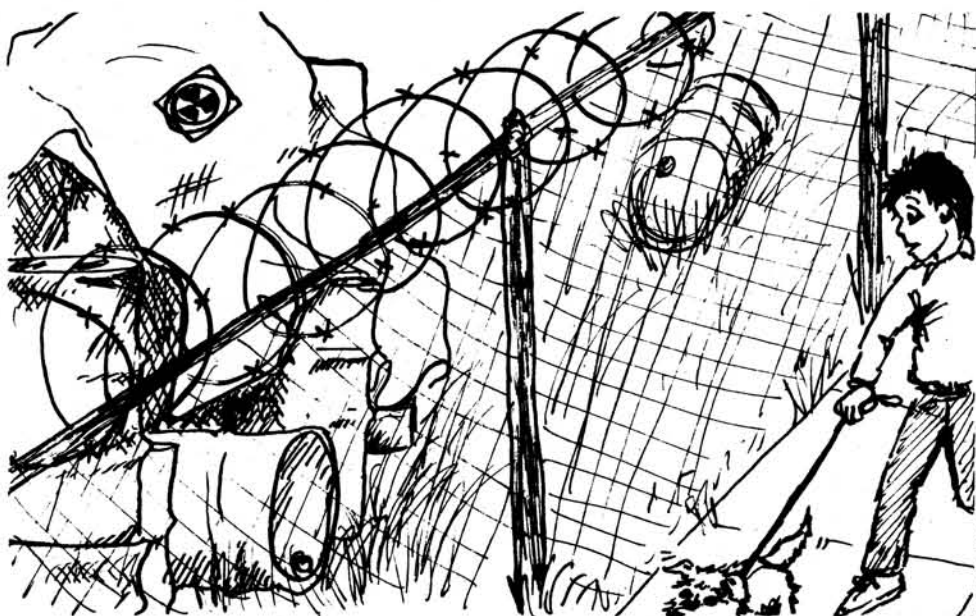
### Person-To-Person

Last year's Great Peace March spawned another one this year, though it took place not in the United States, but in the Soviet Union. Dubbed the American/Soviet Peace Walk, it was initiated by two of last year's marchers, Carlos de la Fuente and Allan Affeldt, and became a reality through the joint coordination of their private American organization International Peace Walk Inc. and the official, government-approved Soviet Peace Committee. The 360-mile walk, scheduled to have ended by June 30, stretched from Leningrad to Moscow, with about 230 Americans and 200 Soviets participating.

Organizers described the walk as a "person-to-person educational event aimed at ending an arms race nobody wants." It was also called "unprecedented."

There was much compromising between the Americans and the Soviet government. The Americans insisted on the opportunity to engage average Soviet citizens along the way, while Soviet officials insisted on organizing formal tours and formal meetings with local groups. Another issue that had to be worked out was the Americans' desire to camp out under the stars, instead of being put up in hotels. Though Soviet hospitality was made available, the American walkers got what they wanted.

—RL



KAREN STACKPOLE

### Home On The Missile Range

On June 16, Federal District Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer handed down a ruling condemning the Department of Defense for its continuing, three-year-long delay in opening unused military structures to the homeless and for spending the \$8 million Congress had appropriated for that purpose on military equipment and weapons instead. Despite the fact that there are hundreds of unused military buildings that could serve as shelter for the swelling number of homeless individuals throughout the nation, only six are now open.

Although the housing program had been legislated and funded in late 1983, it was not until the lawsuit brought by the National Coalition for the Homeless was well underway that the Defense Department issued "interim regulations" for program implementation. Judge Oberdorfer also ruled, however, that unless

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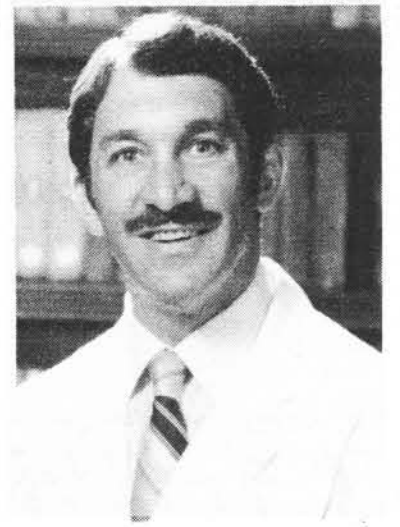
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the department issues final regulations by November 18, these interim regulations will be used. The Defense Department gave no explanation for its delay.

—SM

### Hypothetical Catastrophe

During a recent breakfast meeting with reporters, Sylvester R. Foley Jr., assistant secretary of energy for defense programs, admitted that the U.S. nuclear arsenal does have reliability problems. Overseeing an annual budget of about \$8 billion for building the nation's nuclear weapons, Foley said that probably over a third of the 15,000 warheads in the U.S. arsenal are faulty and are in need of some modification or repair. "Hypothetically, it could be catastrophic if you ever wanted to use it [a nuclear bomb] and you pushed the button and nothing happened," he said.

His remarks were made to help justify the need for continued nuclear testing.

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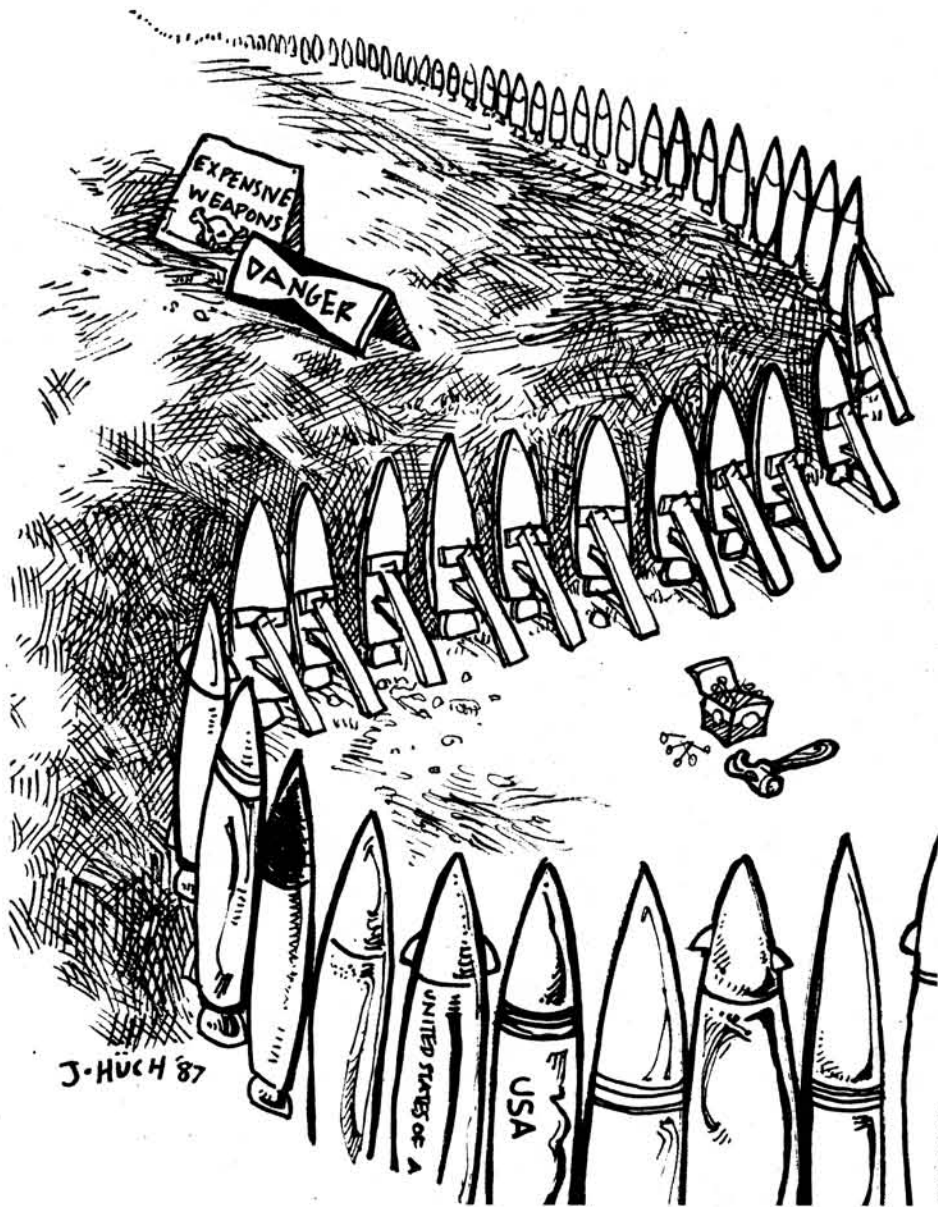
### Grounded in Logic

The Department of Energy has begun research aimed at developing a new type of nuclear warhead that would burrow into the earth before exploding.

Although the Pentagon has not yet formally requested such a weapon, "we foresee it as a requirement coming on," said Sylvester R. Foley Jr., a retired admiral and the assistant energy secretary for defense programs. The Soviets "seem to be taking an awful lot of things and putting them underground" and nuclear bombs that explode on the surface or in the air can't destroy such targets, he added.

The Energy Department is responsible for designing, developing and producing nuclear warheads needed by the Defense Department. About \$8 billion of its budget is allocated for military programs.

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# Republican Filibuster Blocks Arms Control Debate

**D**issent over the fiscal year 1988 Defense Authorizations Bill brought congressional debate to a halt for an unprecedented six weeks, and continues to threaten key arms control provisions in the bill. The difficulties are in part due to a clever strategy by House and Senate Republicans, aided and abetted by the Democrats' own inability to present a unified front.

In May, the House authorized a total of \$289 billion in military expenditures for the coming year, which begins October 1. The Senate approved a figure of

\$301 billion. For six weeks, Senate Democrats refused to budge on their figure, despite repeated offers by House Democrats to compromise. Finally, in late June the leadership of both houses agreed on a figure of \$296 billion. President Reagan had requested \$312 billion. The \$296 billion figure is contingent on presidential approval of a \$19 billion tax increase. If the president does not approve the tax increase, then Congress will only authorize \$289 billion for the Defense Department. In response, President Reagan stated, "this is a bill I can live without."

Congressional Republicans have largely been sitting on the sidelines, enjoying the spectacle of House and Senate Democrats fighting among themselves. By exempting themselves from the debate and refusing to work with the Democrats on a compromise figure, the Republicans have left it to the Democrats to come up with a majority from within their own party. The Democrats, having been left to their own devices, have fallen to haggling among themselves over individual points, all to the delight of the Republicans, who would like to deny them any opportunity to build a successful track record prior to the '88 elections.

However, although Senate Republicans may be content to sit out the budget debate, they have taken a very active stance to prevent arms control initiatives from being voted on. A Senate filibuster has forced consideration of arms control provisions to be suspended indefinitely.

In May, the House of Representatives passed arms control legislation on nuclear weapons testing, SALT II, anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons testing, and Star Wars. Senate Democrats seemed well on their way toward passage of similar legislation when Republicans began their filibuster.

In particular, the Senate filibuster is aimed at preventing consideration of a proposal by Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA) that would force the administration to adhere to a strict interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. The ABM Treaty specifically forbids the deployment of any space-based system. Last year, President Reagan stated that he wished to "re-interpret" the ABM Treaty to allow for testing and deployment of his Star Wars program.

Since the filibuster began, discussion of any aspect of the defense bill has been impossible in the Senate, and so resolutions on nuclear testing, SALT II, and Star Wars funding have not even come to the floor. So far, Senate leadership has been unable to come up with the 60 votes needed to end the filibuster. At this point, any of several actions are possible:

- Senate Democratic leadership may negotiate a compromise with Republicans, which might involve postponing discussion of the ABM resolution and other arms control initiatives, or dropping them altogether. If the Senate passes an authorizations bill without arms control



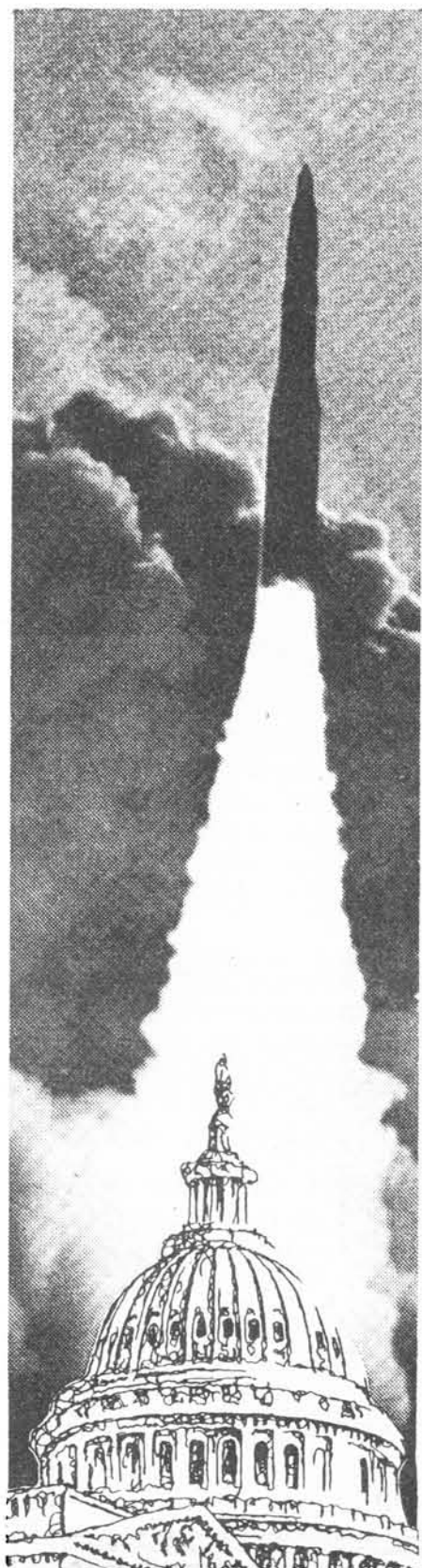
A Freeze/SANE delegation from California met with Senator Alan Cranston in Washington, D.C. last month as part of a national day of citizen lobbying for a test ban.

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provisions, then both the House and Senate would have to iron out the differences between their versions of the defense bill in a conference committee. It would then be up to the House to hold firm on its arms control initiatives. Given previous house track record in conference committee, this is not a heartening prospect.

- The filibuster may be broken if 60 votes are garnered to stop it. Then the issues could be debated and voted on.

- If the filibuster is not broken, and Democrats refuse to compromise on arms control initiatives, then there may not be an authorizations bill at all. This means that in the fall the debate would begin all over again as both houses consider the appropriations bill. In this case, arms control initiatives passed by the House during the authorizations process would be lost entirely, and they would have to start all over again during the appropria-



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tions process.

• If the House and Senate agree on a defense bill containing arms control provisions on the ABM Treaty or nuclear weapons testing, the president will still veto it. It would take a two-thirds vote to override the presidential veto, and at this time the votes simply aren't there. If the veto is sustained, then the bill would be sent back to each house for re-working. Given the fact that the appropriations process begins in mid-September, it is unlikely that Congress would come up with an authorizations bill acceptable to the president, and so it would probably be dropped.

In a related matter, the 1987 Supplemental Appropriations Bill is still being debated. The supplemental provides additional monies for specific programs above the amount budgeted for those programs last year. The Pentagon has requested additional funds, and arms control supporters in Congress are using this as an opportunity to try to reinstate some of the arms control language that they dropped last year, when Reagan went to the Iceland Summit. The supplemental bill is now in conference committee where opposing factions are battling over SALT II and weapons testing. Since SALT II enjoys stronger support in the Senate than test ban legislation, insiders predict that the test ban will be bartered away in return for a unified vote to force the president back into compliance with the terms of the SALT II treaty.

### Central America

Pro-contra forces within the administration have been on the attack against Central America activists since the death of American volunteer Ben Linder in Nic-

purpose of supporting communist guerilla groups or pro-communist organizations in other Central American countries, as so designated by the president. This bill had been modified from an earlier ver-

gress a list of all U.S. citizens known to "be working, directly or indirectly, in a paid or volunteer capacity, for the government of Nicaragua."

Clearly, such moves are designed to curtail opposition to U.S. policy in Central America by making it harder for Americans to travel there and learn the truth of the situation for themselves. That such an attack on our civil liberties was initiated and carried out by the House of Representatives, which is considerably more liberal than the Senate, does not bode well for activists. So far, this resolution has no force of law unless the Senate were to take up and pass its own version. We will be watching this very carefully in the coming month and keep you updated on what actions you can take.

*Shelly D'Amour is the Legislative Editor of The Monthly Planet.*

aragua. An amendment to the State Department Authorizations Bill to "restrict the travel by U.S. citizens to Central America for the purpose of performing services to or supporting the military operations of the Nicaraguan government" passed on the House floor by a vote of 213 to 201. The bill further restricts travel by U.S. citizens for the

sion which forbade travel for the purpose of assisting the Nicaraguan government in general, or if the country/group involved received aid from Cuba, Nicaragua or the U.S.S.R. The Senate has not yet seen similar legislation introduced, but it is expected that it will. The House defeated a bill that would have required the Secretary of State to release to Con-

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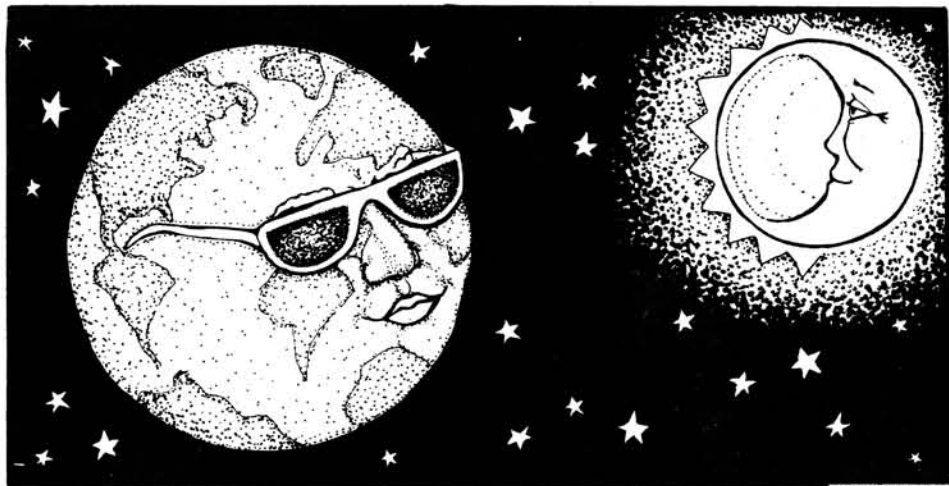
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## Iran Warnings Traded

Iran warned on June 9 that it would retaliate against any United States attacks by in turn attacking the latter's interests, including "U.S. nuclear centers and reactors." The warning, monitored in Athens, was reportedly broadcast on Iran's official radio. The Reagan administration issued its own warning earlier that it may order the bombing of Iranian missiles, if the missiles were deployed near the Strait of Hormuz, in the Persian Gulf.

## Soviet Union Rusty Air Defense

West German Mathias Rust apparently took glasnost, or "openness," too literally when he flew his small single-engine Cessna into the Soviet Union and landed near the Kremlin wall. His seemingly innocent 500-mile flight from Helsinki foiled one of the world's most formidable air defenses

and toppled several high-ranking Soviet military officials. The 19-year-old Rust and his parents, who visited him in Moscow's Lefortovo Prison where he is being held, say his intentions are peaceful. Rust has not been charged with any crime, but he could face up to 10 years in prison for violating Soviet air space.

Rust's May 28 flight may have actually been a boon for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, primarily because it led to the ousting of several military officers who may not have been fully cooperating with his programs.

While the flight of a small plane has uncovered weaknesses in the Soviet Union's highly developed air defenses, some observers see it as testimony to the notion that the simplest "attacks" can at times defeat the most complicated military systems used to stop them. Thus, say these observers, Rust's voyage should be a lesson to any country which hopes to rely on "undefeatable" offensive/defensive military systems.

# Planet Watch

by Igal Dahari

## Petrovsky's Proposal

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said in Geneva that the Soviet Union would accept mandatory and quick "challenge" inspections of nuclear test sites as part of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty. Petrovsky's offer came June 9, at the 40-nation Conference on Disarmament. Petrovsky also repeated his country's offer to immediately resume observing a testing moratorium, or at least put a limit on the size and number of tests, providing the United States reciprocates. The Reagan administration has refused to participate in any type of moratorium or limiting agreement, but claims it desires negotiations on a comprehensive test ban to take effect sometime in the future.

## West Germany The Media's March

Tens of thousands of West Germans gathered for a march in West Berlin recently, one day before President Reagan's speech at the Berlin Wall. The marchers, whose number was variously estimated to be from 24,000 to 80,000, depending on who was doing the estimating, were protesting Reagan's presence. The number of police present was more easily estimated at about 10,000.

Some observers found the leading media's responses to the march more interesting than the march itself. For example, while *The New York Times* (June 12, 1987) described the marchers' signs as "placards with relatively tame and standard slogans," the *Los Angeles Times* (June 12, 1987) gave two examples: "USA, International Genocide Headquarters" and "Reagan is a Murderer."

The *Los Angeles Times'* article, written by staff writer William Tuohy, went on to criticize the marchers by saying "that most West Germans are grateful to the United States for its support... [but] many young people have short memories and take a different view of U.S. officials and their policies." By the same token, *The New York Times'* article, written by Serge Schmemmann, described the clashes between the police and some demonstrators as being "prompted less by Mr. Reagan than by frustrations and tensions within West Berlin's teeming counterculture."



CHRISTOPHER PALERMO

## France Big and Leaky

France's Cattenom nuclear power plant is leaking radiation into the Moselle River, according to Luxembourg's Foreign Ministry. The ministry said recently that scientists discovered abnormally high levels of radiation in the Moselle, in a spot not far downstream from the Cattenom, which will be Europe's largest nuclear power plant when it becomes fully operational in 1990. The Cattenom began partial operation last year, despite protests from concerned citizens in Luxembourg and West Germany.

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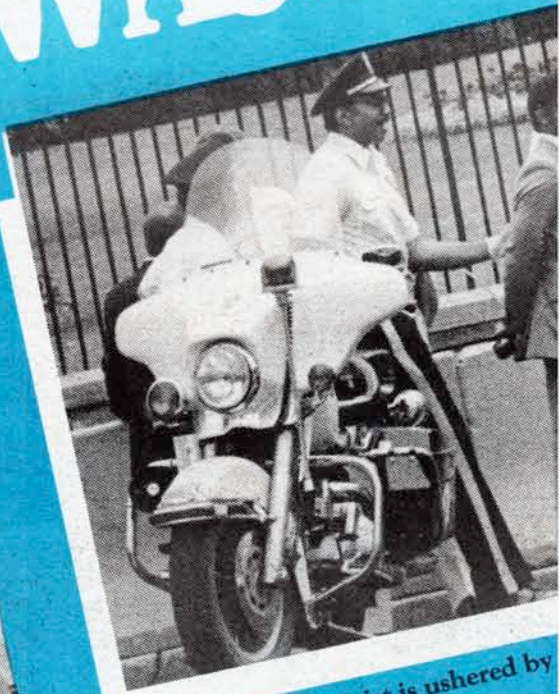
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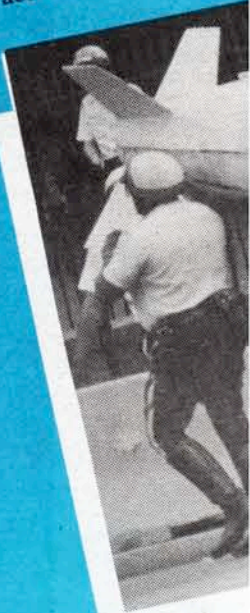
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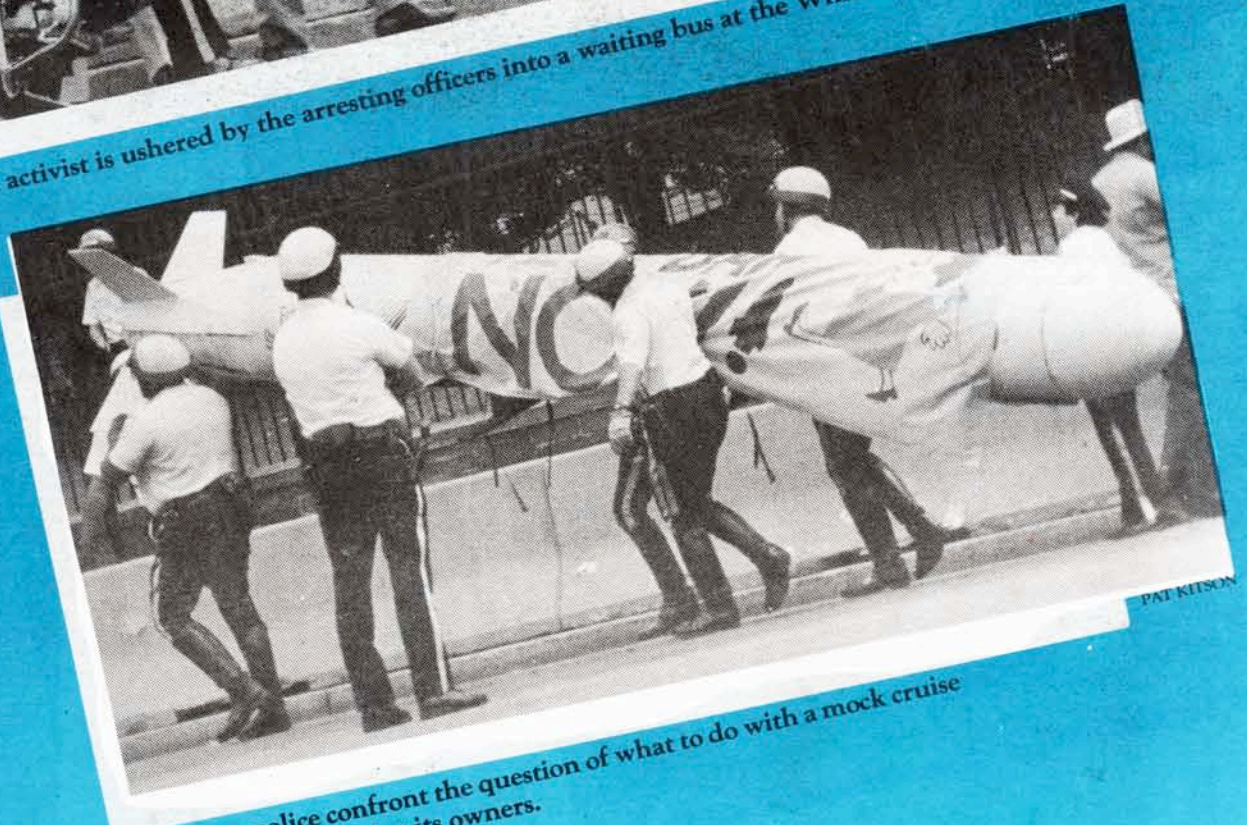
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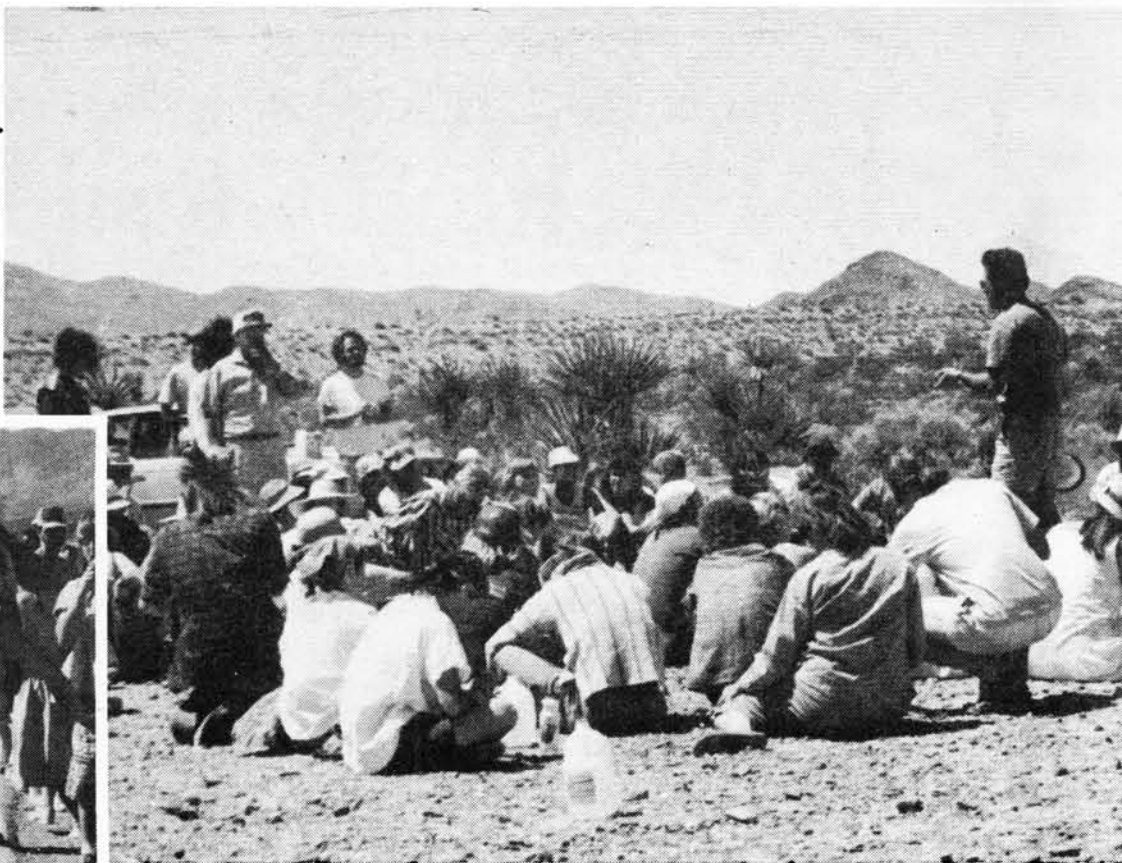
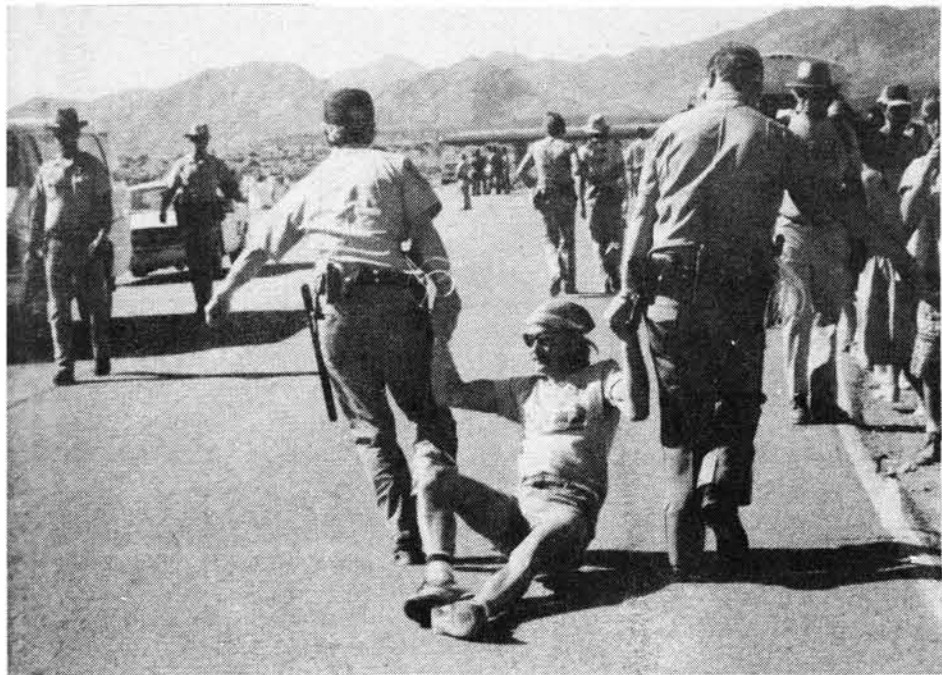
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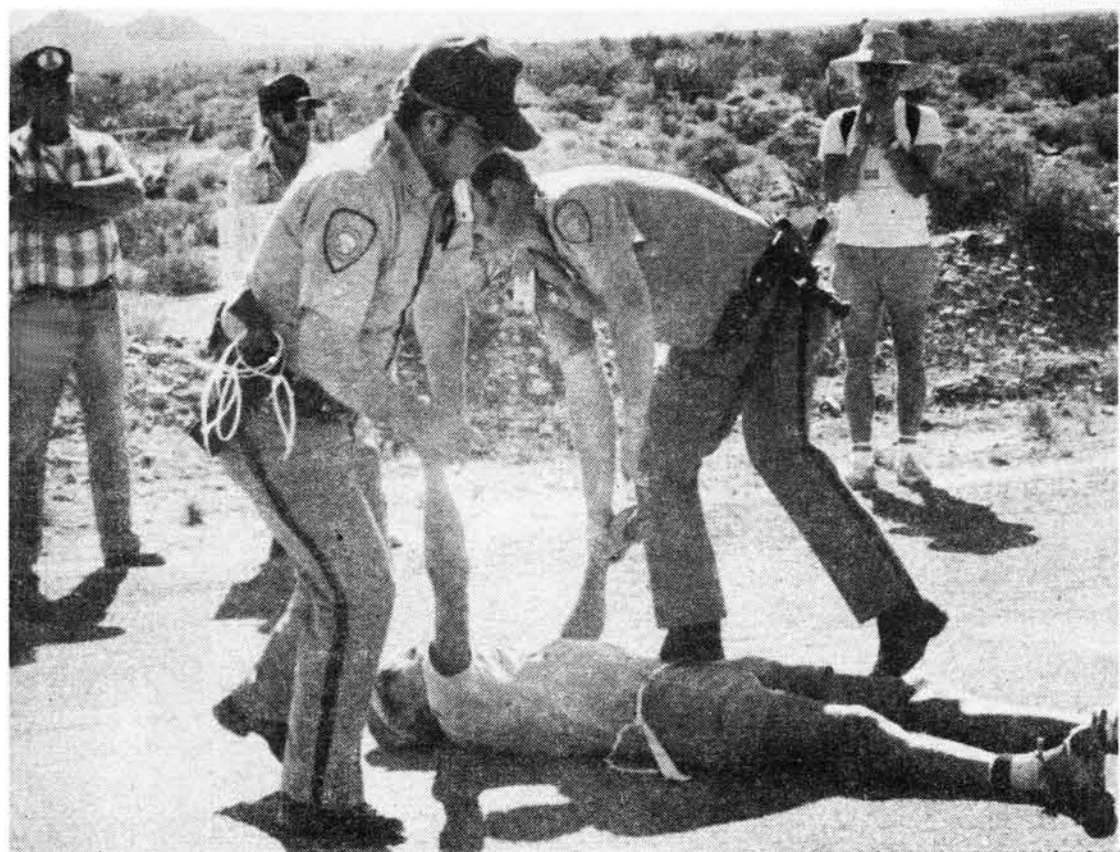


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# Mikhail Gorbachev: The Man Behind Glasnost

by Igal Dahari

**M**ikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev. If the name sounds familiar, it should. But just several years ago, it would have been rare to have heard it on television or read it in a periodical. Now not only is the name of the Soviet Union's dynamic leader in every major Western newspaper almost every day, but it is also being chanted by Eastern Europe's rebels, both young and old. Gorbachev is associated with *glasnost*, the Russian word now so commonly used to describe the essence of his policies in the Soviet Union. *Glasnost* translates literally as "voiceness," but "openness" distills more of its gist. Gorbachev is also being widely compared to Krushchev and Lenin, but perhaps more to the latter. Lenin and Gorbachev are the only top Soviet leaders to have studied law, and both assumed power at a relatively young age.

How did an anonymous party official from the southern Russian district of Stavropol become General Secretary of the Communist Party only seven years after arriving in Moscow? That is still a mystery, although some important factors in Gorbachev's ascendancy are known. The most important may be the tutelage of Yuri Andropov, the deceased former head of the KGB who briefly led the Soviet Union. Andropov, during his tenure as General Secretary from late



An official government portrait of Mikhail Gorbachev, with his usually prominent birthmark airbrushed away.

ishing his studies, which included at least as much politics as law. In 1978, he was appointed agriculture secretary on the Central Committee of the Communist Party, an uncommon vault to power. On March 11, 1985, less than 24 hours after Chernenko's expected death, came Gorbachev's equally expected election to the post of General Secretary.

On first glance, it is surprising that Gorbachev was made leader after the Soviet Union's annual harvests suffered badly while he was agriculture secretary. On the other hand, few may know that Gorbachev made his way to the top party post in Stavropol after immersing himself in a career managing that region's agricultural production. During those 23 years, he had introduced reforms that raised agricultural production. It is unlikely that this success was lost on Kremlin leaders who witnessed the national decline in crop production—and the rise in grain imports—during the 1970s.

Predictably, the West's leaders and mainstream media greeted Gorbachev's first days as General Secretary with, "More of the same." Later, their assurances that nothing was really changing in the Soviet Union lost some steam as Gorbachev's moves toward reform gained speed. His laying the blame for the Soviet Union's political and economic problems squarely on the doorstep of the Communist Party, for example, dealt a major blow to his Western detractors' wishful images. Currently, Western leaders and the mainstream media are in disarray regarding how to respond to what they had said could never happen, and what to do about a public—especially in Western Europe—that seems to have more confidence in Gorbachev than in President Reagan.

Eastern Europe's leaders are watching Gorbachev and his "openness" campaigns at least as closely as their Western coun-

1982 to early 1984, is believed to have positioned Gorbachev for the top position. Following the Brezhnev era's last gasp for power in the form of the decrepit Constantine Chernenko, Gorbachev took the crown.

Gorbachev was born March 2, 1931, in the village of Privolnoye, district of Stavropol, just north of the Caucasus

mountains. The son of peasants, he was 11 when the German army occupied his village, and the experience must have left a deep impression. After attending local schools, he went to study law at Moscow State University, where he met his wife, Raisa, and where he first became a member of the Communist Party. Gorbachev returned to Stavropol in 1955, after fin-

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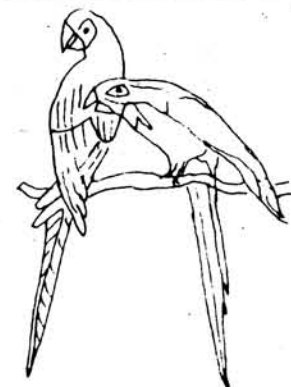
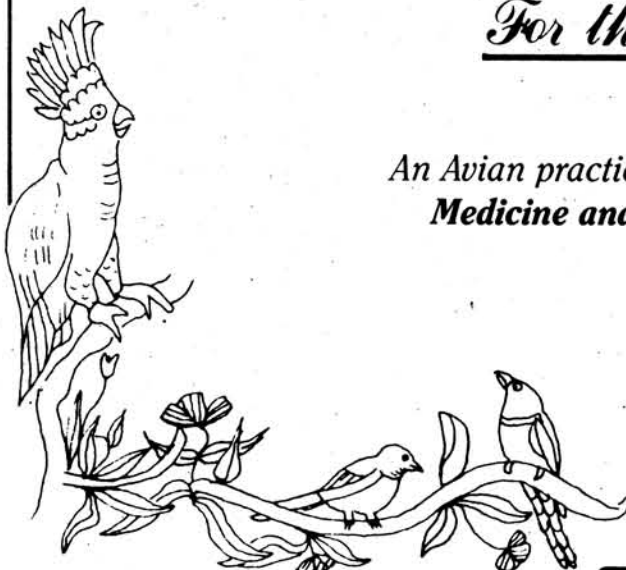
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terparts. Most are reacting less than favorably, and none are able to keep the reverberations set off by the Soviet leader's speeches and initiatives from reaching their people. Those who have welcomed Gorbachev's new direction include many young East Germans, who, while clashing with police near the Berlin wall recently,

chev's spring visit earlier this year. But Husák's efforts were thwarted in effect when thousands of Czechs lined up to greet Gorbachev during a walk with his entourage in Prague. The "Prague Spring," that brief period of great political reform in 1968, must have been seen by many Czechs as being reborn—only this time

**How did an anonymous party official from the southern Russian district of Stavropol become General Secretary of the Communist Party only seven years after arriving in Moscow?**

chanted "Gorbachev!" along with the familiar "The wall must go!"

The leaders of East Germany, Romania, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia have so far been cold to Gorbachev's calls for reform, and have used their measured independence from the Soviet Union to resist changes in their countries. The Hungarian government, which seems to be still recovering from the trauma of almost being invaded by Warsaw Pact troops during the height of the Solidarity movement, also supports *glasnost*, if only because it weakens the prospects of a Soviet hard line.

Perhaps the most telling—and ironic—show of support occurred in Czechoslovakia. Czech leader Gustav Husák, who rode to power on the Soviet tanks that deposed reformist leader Alexander Dubcek in 1968, tried to play down Gorba-

in Moscow as *glasnost*.

What could the West's reaction be at the ironic and unexpected sight of Czechoslovakians looking to the country that snuffed out their brief period of *glasnost* as the guarantor of a new "Prague Spring?" Reform in the Soviet Union, provided it continues and grows under Gorbachev and his allies in the face of opposition from various levels of that country's huge bureaucracy, will certainly find its way into Eastern Europe and perhaps, beyond. This spells more disappointments for cold warriors everywhere, but especially in the United States, where Reagan's successor will have to confront a Soviet Union in flux. And a Soviet leader who aims to keep it that way.

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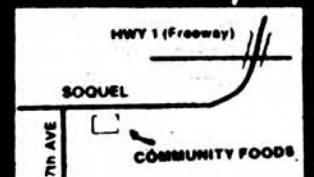
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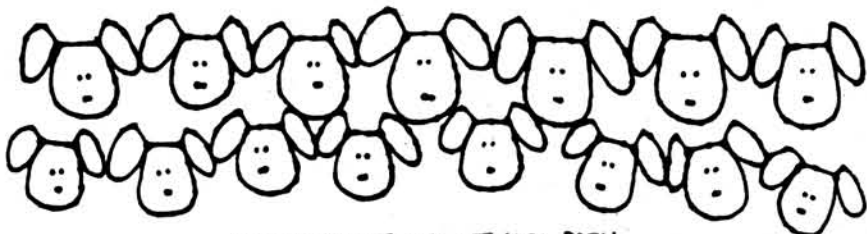
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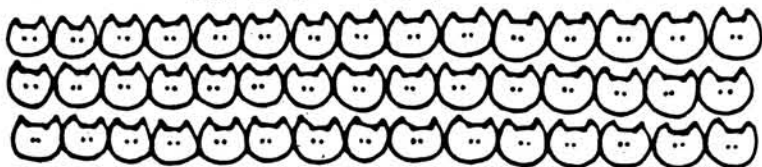
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# How Far Will Glasnost Go?

by Ronald A. Lampi

Is the Soviet Union undergoing a big thaw? This is the question all the world is asking these days. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in his two years of coming to power, has sent out a new rallying cry in his country, often summed up in one word: *glasnost* [openness]. A new openness that promises a relaxed grip on information, greater artistic freedom and more candid expressions of public opinion, a greater self-criticism, with its attendant themes of restructuring the Soviet system and democratization of public involvement on certain levels of decision making, has been announced to the world as a major policy change under Gorbachev. If this is so, we would then expect to see the early signs of it taking place in Soviet cultural and social life as well as in politics.

That change is underway in the Soviet Union cannot be denied. Within this last year alone—a relatively short period of time—Soviets in artistic and intellectual circles have definitely noted it. However, to measure these changes by our own standards of artistic license and social freedom would be too easy—of course, they would seem meager. A more accurate indicator of change would be to measure these recent developments by Soviet standards. And after 70 years of cultural and social repression and censorship, we can hardly expect a country's masses, let alone a vast bureaucracy, to move in a new direction very quickly. Honesty tells

us that people anywhere are slow to change and that there are always those resistant to it. Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms are not exactly skating along without resistance.

For a first rough indicator that something new is in the air, we might take a look first at an incident that happened not in the Soviet Union actually, but in East Germany. Early last month, large

*glasnost*.

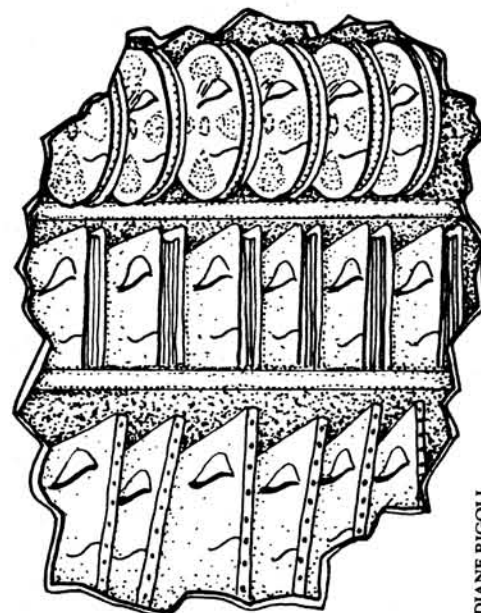
Gorbachev himself has made personal appeals to artists and writers to come out and breathe the fresh air of the new openness he is offering to help reinvigorate Soviet society in turn with fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and much needed self-criticism. Indeed, we hear now of an official recognition that the Soviet system had grown too rigid, Soviet economy

number 10,000, is due to be thinned out. More and more, the censorship of most art and writing will be placed in the hands of art directors, editors, and publishing houses; the Glavlit bureau will concentrate mostly on government and military secrets. Yet, the new relaxation of controls over art and the written word is not without its qualifications; Gorbachev has still made known his view that unrestricted artistic license and freedom of the press is "anarchy."

## Books, plays, and films once banned are now enjoying official acceptance.

groups of East German rock fans clashed with police when authorities tried to prevent them from eavesdropping on three days of rock concerts that went on just the other side of the Berlin Wall. During the clashes, the fans shouted not only the expected "The wall must go!" but also, surprisingly, "Gorbachev! Gorbachev!" In this most repressive of Eastern Bloc countries, Gorbachev's call for reform has not been a welcome idea among the authorities, but in the grassroots, as the above incident shows, it has not only been embraced but perhaps has raised expectations too high. The East German system has resisted following the example now being set by the Soviets. In fact, Gorbachev's speeches are commonly censored in the official East German media, and the most common offending word is

weak, its culture dull and stagnant. We hear now of open admissions that they, too, have their social ills. And all the while, the great majority of the nation's artists and writers have been covered into playing it safe. But Gorbachev wants a change: the artists and writers, as well as the news media, are now being encouraged to address social and political problems more openly. Also, we hear of a greater need being felt to come to terms with the past, especially the Stalinist years, which had been systematically



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covered up by official silence and distortion. Gorbachev has even gone so far as to invite exiled artists to come back to their native country, with the promise that they can work with a new freedom. All of this, too, is thought to be a bold maneuver on Gorbachev's part to rally support from the artistic community to help fight the bureaucratic, old-line resistance his reforms are facing.

The Soviet Union's large censorship army, its infamous Glavlit bureau, said to

Books, plays, and films once banned are now enjoying official acceptance. Works by authors and poets Anna Akhmatova, Boris Pasternak, Nikolai Gumilyov, Ossip Mandelstam, among others, have recently been reinstated and will be officially published. Probably the most renowned work that will finally find publication in its native country is Pasternak's *Doctor Zhivago*, a novel depicting horrors of the Bolshevik Revolution. Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1958, but was not allowed to accept it; he died in 1960 in official disgrace. What Soviet authorities, with their almost innate compulsion for censorship, have been extremely reluctant to understand is that art, in its attempt to portray the truth, is not on that account anti-patriotic.

Plays dealing with once-taboo subjects such as communist political corruption and Jewish emigration policies are now being allowed to run. A recent play contains much criticism of the official re-

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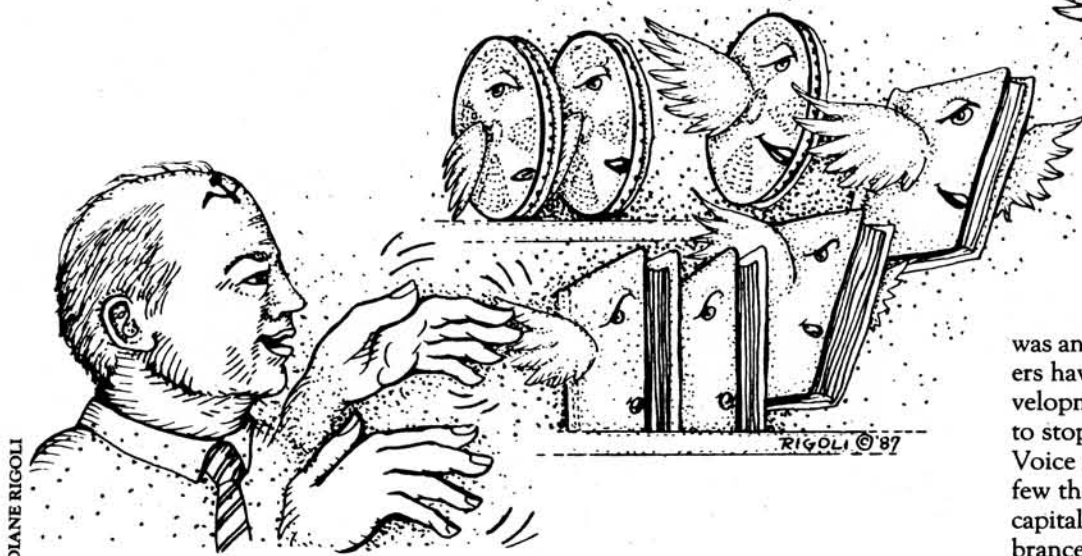
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sponse to last year's Chernobyl disaster. Above all, though, it is in the Soviet film industry where the greatest currents are said to be taking place. In the last two years, films that have long sat on the censors' shelves have one by one been released. A special panel, given approval by Gorbachev, has in recent months been reviewing about 50 politically sensitive, suppressed films and is expected soon to

privileged, to express their resentments and frustrations. Bored by the traditional fare of youth activities sanctioned by officialdom, Soviet youth have discovered a new excitement and inspiration in rock, and apparently the state has finally come to recognize this and to make something positive of it.

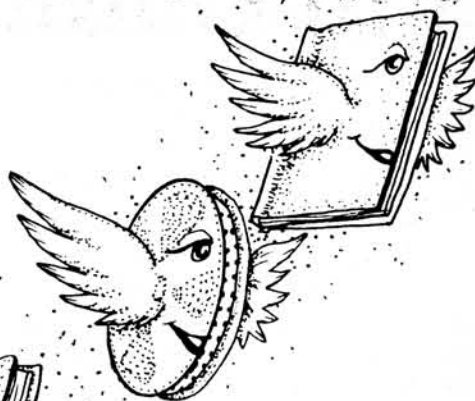
Glasnost has been invoked in various other developments also. Gorbachev's



give permission to release nearly all of them. The ulterior motive for Gorbachev is that he hopes to see the newly encouraged film industry do its part in helping to resuscitate the gasping Soviet economy.

Official restrictions on rock music are also being relaxed. Many rock groups are now given official sanction. The new rationale is that rock music—though Russian lyrics are still rather anemic compared to those written in the West—allows the young, especially the under-

claim that a new Soviet policy on human rights "is there for all to see" was made at an international forum on peace and disarmament in the Great Kremlin Palace in February; seated in the audience at the time was physicist and Nobel prize winning human rights activist Andrei Sakharov, the most famous of Soviet dissidents, who had just recently been released from his confinement in Gorky. The release of Jewish dissident Anatoly Scharansky, allowing him to emigrate to Israel,



was another notable media victory. Others have been released also. Another development is the recent Soviet decision to stop jamming the radio broadcasts of Voice of America. And recently when a few thousand Latvians marched in their capital Riga in a public act of remembrance for the victims of Stalinist terror, they were met with no opposition from the police; they were allowed to proceed and to rally at Riga's Monument of Freedom where they heard speeches, a ceremony, and sang. One explanation for the police restraint—*glasnost*.

The question remains, of course: How far will this program of openness and restructuring be allowed to go? Is this merely the swing of a social pendulum which will sooner or later swing back to

past standards of repression? The Soviet Union has had experience with a brief cultural thawing once before under Nikita Khrushchev, only to have seen the pendulum swiftly swing back. Given all that we have seen so far—and we should find it encouraging—let us hope that Gorbachev's call for reform does prove to be more than what some conservative commentators have suggested, that it may all be a matter of style. The fact is, major reforms will take years. And with the possibility that Gorbachev could remain in power for years, it will be important for the world to see just how much the Soviet system can change.

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# Difficult Issues Remain In Treaty Talks

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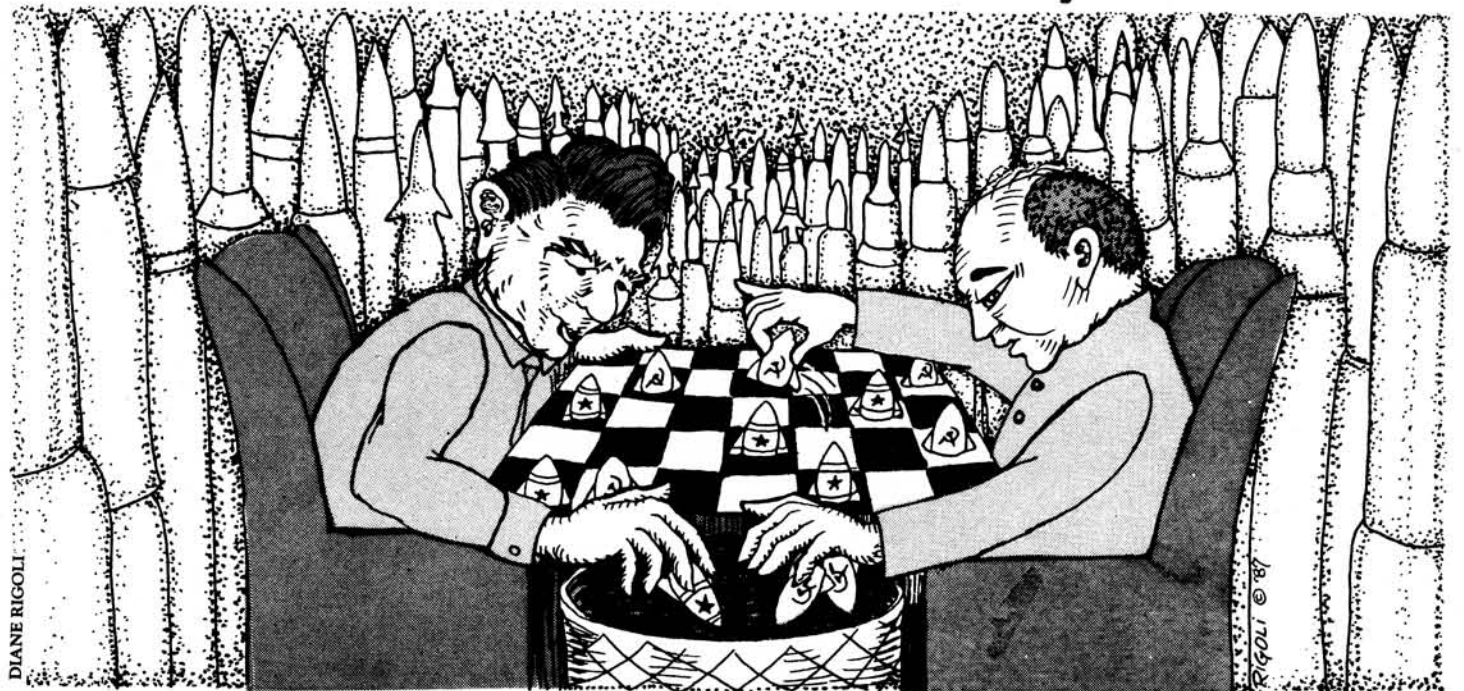
**F**ive months after coming to power in March 1985, Soviet General Secretary Mikhail S. Gorbachev declared a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing, and invited the United States to join in at any time. For 18

## Analysis

months the Reagan administration continued to test while the Soviets did not, arguing that a test ban was not in our national interest. Some 29 U.S. tests later, Gorbachev continues to leave the door open for a mutual superpower test ban that could begin "even today" according to Soviet deputy foreign minister Vladimir Petrovsky, if only the Reagan administration would agree.

Gorbachev's action regarding nuclear testing, which is far superior to any set of proposals, and the chilly American response, serve as an interesting backdrop to the current negotiations in Geneva on intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF). Having precluded an agreement on strategic nuclear forces through old-fashioned obstructionism, the scandal-embroiled Reagan administration has now apparently softened its line on an INF accord.

It is possible that Reagan and Gorbachev may reach an arms control agreement eliminating medium- and short-range land-based missiles in Europe.



NATO foreign ministers recently agreed to the plan, leaving it open for Moscow and Washington to iron out an agreement. Difficult issues remain to be resolved, including the timing of missile withdrawals and provisions for verifying compliance. Nevertheless, the superpowers are now approaching their first arms control agreement since 1979.

Many observers have noted that both Reagan and Gorbachev appear to have strong political motives for concluding an accord, making their possible third summit meeting an occasion for signing

the document. Gorbachev needs a lessening of Cold War tensions in general, and an agreement on nuclear weapons in particular, to further his *glasnost* domestic reforms, and to mollify hostile military elites that have grown increasingly critical of the little success his widespread concessions have brought.

Similarly, Mr. Reagan needs some kind of agreement to help lift him out of the morass of the current scandal, attempt to rebuild the shattered confidence of NATO allies, and restore U.S. "credibility" generally. He would also

like to use the lure of a summit this fall to dissuade the Congress from "tying his hands" with arms control amendments to Pentagon appropriations bills.

Currently on the table in Geneva is a draft agreement on what has been called the "zero-zero" or "double zero" plan—derived from the fact that the plan would scrap the superpowers' land-based European missiles in two categories: medium and short range. Medium-range missiles are capable of striking targets 1,000 to 3,000 miles away; short-range missiles can strike anywhere from 300 to 1,000

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miles. Both classes together comprise what is commonly called "intermediate-range nuclear forces."

As now agreed in principle, the United States will withdraw 316 warheads on Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles; in return, the Soviets will dismantle some 1,440 warheads on SS-20 and SS-4 missiles. In addition, the Soviets have proposed to eliminate missiles in the 300- to 600-mile range in which they have a virtual monopoly. The Soviet Union has hundreds of shorter-range SS-12, SS-22 and SS-23 missiles which were deployed in response to NATO's decision to match Soviet medium-range missiles. Since the United States has no shorter-range missiles directly under its control in Europe, such an agreement is clearly in the West's favor.

Despite the overwhelming advantages to the West, the Soviets have moved steadily toward the American position on INF ever since Gorbachev entered office. By October of last year, the Soviets agreed to eliminate all such weapons in Europe, and to limit their number in Asia to 100 warheads. At that time Gorbachev linked the accord to constraints on Star Wars. But in February he dropped this barrier in the face of American intransigence on the issue.

Since then, Gorbachev has added short-range missiles to the equation of the "zero option," and has also accepted, in principle, very stringent American proposals regarding verification.

However, one problem that could possibly vitiate the agreement is the status of 72 Pershing 1A missiles that were deployed in West Germany 20 years ago but are still just as deadly. The Pershing 1As are owned by Germany but are designed for the option to carry nuclear warheads controlled by the United States. (Germany cannot have nuclear weapons based on the treaty that ended World War II.) These missiles have a range of 450 miles and would come under the short-range category.

Secretary General of NATO Lord Carrington and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz have declared that the German Pershing 1As are not a proper

subject for the Washington-Moscow bilateral talks.

But the Soviets, who will dismantle far more missiles than the Americans under the "zero-zero" plan, view the West German missiles as a potentially daunting

missiles trained on Europe, and reduce its intermediate forces to no more than 100 nuclear warheads in Asia. The United States would remove its 208 ground-launched cruise missiles and 108 Pershing II ballistic missiles from Europe,

tactical, or battlefield, nuclear weapons were included under INF and were removed, more than 2,000 U.S. nuclear weapons would remain. Furthermore, NATO is considering whether to add new missiles and bombs to its arsenal and re-classify them to technically comply with the agreement.

Of course any INF agreement would not affect the strategic balance of terror. Today, we have almost 12,000 warheads on long-range missiles and bombers, and the Soviets have about 11,000. Moreover, these weapons can be aimed at any of the targets covered by the INF systems. An INF treaty, if it materializes, will reduce the arsenals of the superpowers by less than 3 percent.

But without the very real and substantial concessions offered by Gorbachev these past 28 months, not even this relatively small agreement would be possible under the current leadership in Washington.

Joe Palermo is a staff writer of The Monthly Planet.

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problem. If the United States requires that Germany keep its 72 short-range missiles, then the Soviets could demand a "comparable right" to allow its East European allies to field similar weapons. This would weaken the accord by creating a formidable loophole for deployments of re-classified missiles.

But if the two sides can resolve this issue, along with the details of verification, the Soviets will remove all of its

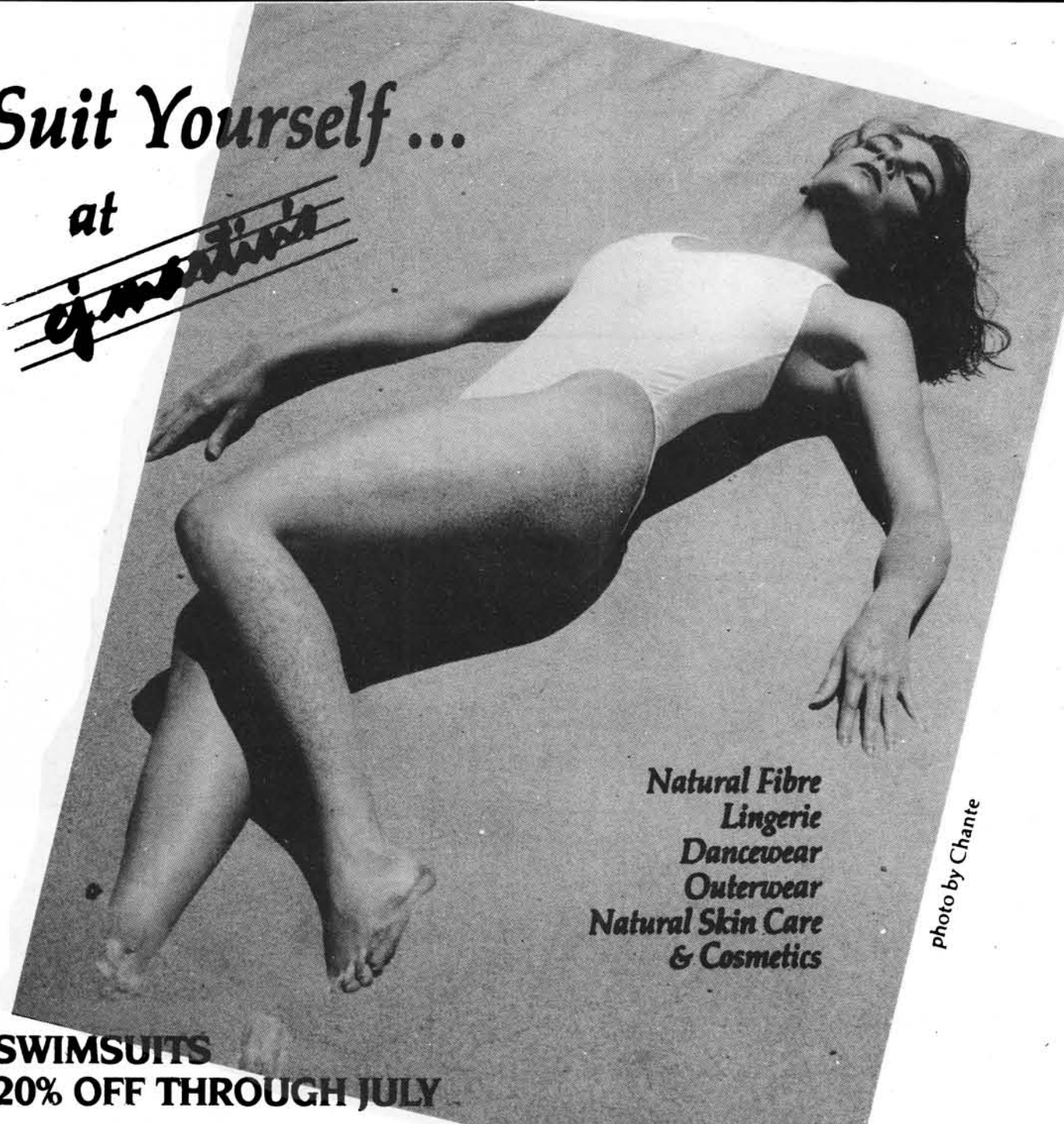
and still be allowed to retain a force equal to the Soviets' 100 warheads on American soil.

However, the expected INF agreement will still leave more than 4,600 U.S. nuclear warheads in place on fighter/bombers deployed at forward bases in Europe and on submarines. This is in addition to the growing French and British arsenals, and to U.S. carriers offshore. Even if the 1,000 or more

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## "Are Gorbachev's Arms Control Proposals Sincere?"



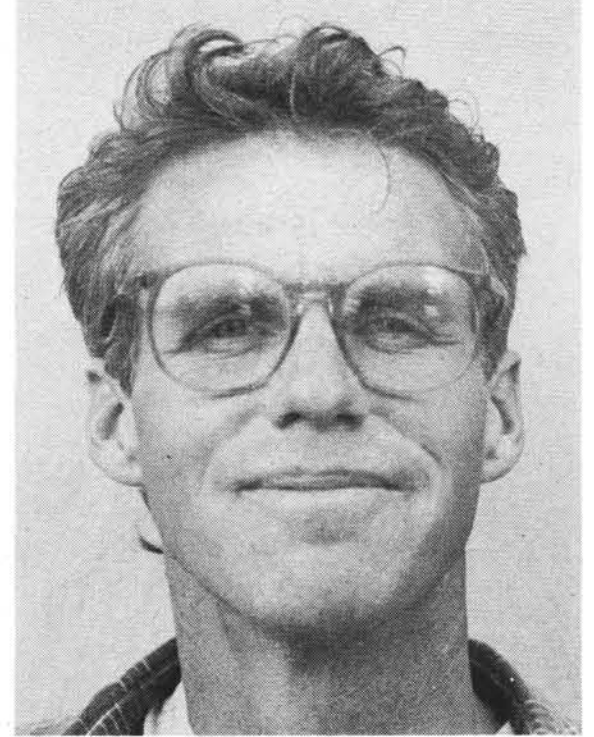
Sue Ann Van Epps  
Small Business Consultant  
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Yes, the Russian people are really in touch with what devastation means. Gorbachev is sincere in wanting it but how he approaches it may be reserved.



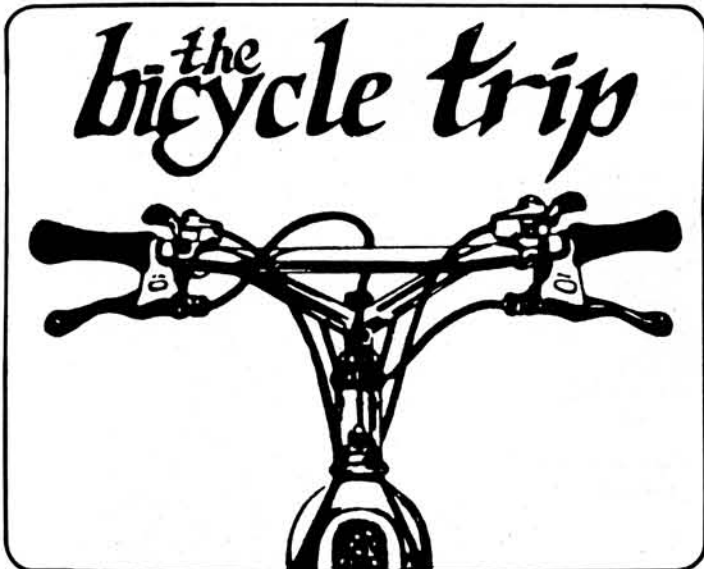
Craig Trammell  
Clerk  
Palo Alto

Yes, from what I can see on television and in the papers, he is the only one making an effort for arms control.



Jim Sylvain  
Hypnotherapist  
Holtville

Yes, the United States has showed bad faith in bargaining, while Gorbachev's image has remained untarnished in his continued offerings of arms reduction.



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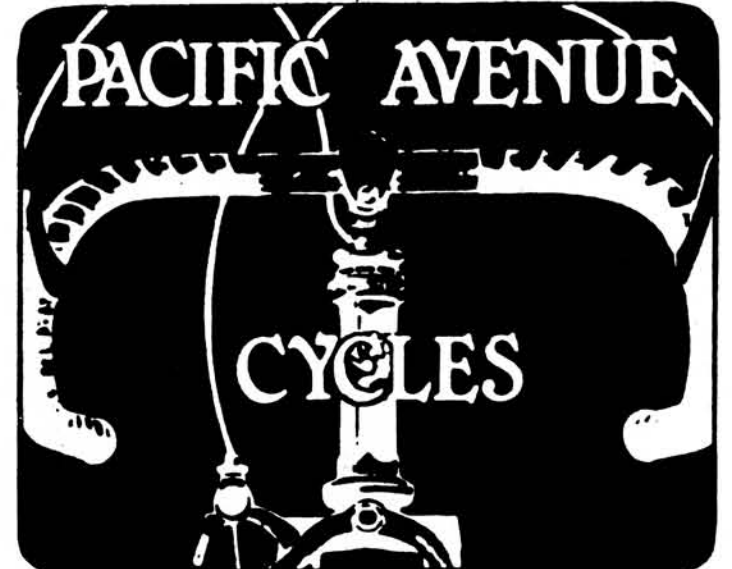
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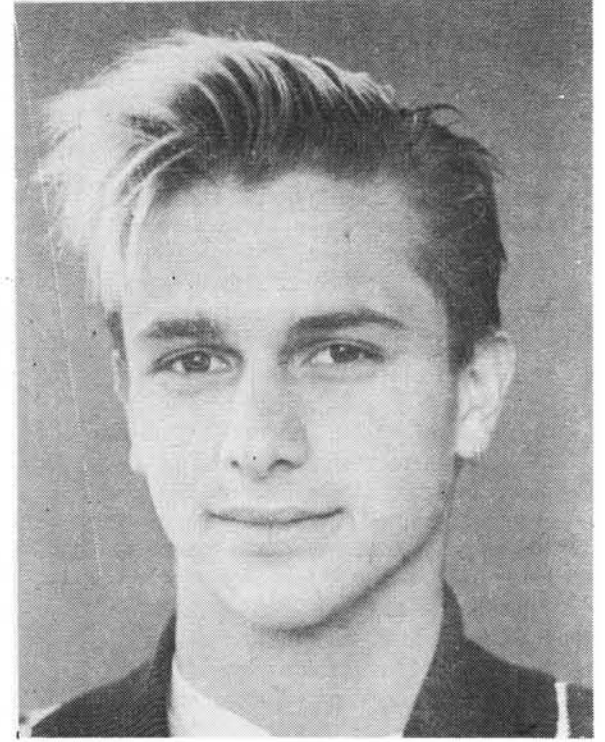
**Eddie Banks**  
Cook  
Santa Cruz

No, he is about as realistic as Reagan. They're just political moves as they are heading toward war. I think he wants total power himself.



**Terri Hill**  
Nurse  
San Jose

Probably. First of all, I don't think that any national leader wants to escalate the arms race to the point of destruction. Secondly, the Soviets are less technologically advanced, and with Star Wars and Chernobyl on their backs they are more likely to want to reduce.



**Paul Garofalo**  
Student  
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Yes, I hear on television that the Soviets want arms control, and the Reagan administration keeps refusing the proposals. But if things were turned around and Gorbachev was refusing it would be blown out of proportion.



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**Navy Shuns Investigation**

A recent report released by the Project on Military Procurement, a Washington-based private group monitoring military contracts, alleges that in early 1984 the Navy stalled a fraud inquiry. The report was written by a Pentagon investigator, and concerns Rausch Manufacturing Incorporated, a subcontractor for the troubled Phoenix guided missile program.

In late 1983, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service looked into charges that Rausch had used cheaper welded metal castings in the Phoenix, instead of the solid metal castings ordered by the Navy. As part of its investigation, the Service attempted to enlist the help of the Navy's program manager in charge of the Phoenix. But it was told that "for unexplained reasons, the Navy would not provide support to the investigation," according to the Project's released report.

The report goes on to say that "this lack of cooperation not only delayed the completion of the investigation by many months, it still leaves the quality and reliability of the Phoenix missile weapons system in a questionable status."

Eventually, Rausch admitted to defrauding the government. Two of the company's top executives were given prison terms.



**Of Sergeants And Generals**

A civil suit against General Dynamics Corporation stemming from allegations that the company defrauded the government while building a prototype of the now defunct Sergeant York anti-aircraft gun will likely be dropped. A federal judge recently dismissed all criminal fraud charges against General Dynamics because the Justice Department said it lacked enough evidence to support its 19-month case against the company, three of its executives and one former executive. General Dynamics used unrelated accounts to bill the Pentagon \$7.5 million in cost overruns on the Sergeant York.

The Justice Department is expected to end its pursuit of the charges, despite the fact that earlier this year it called the case against General Dynamics "very significant for the direction and success of future prosecutions" against other military contractors.

**Half Costs Twice As Much**

The Navy spent \$10.7 million to acquire a partially built attack boat—a completed boat was supposed to cost \$6 million—which will not meet its original specifications even if it were completed. But that's not all. It would cost \$5 to \$6 billion more to complete the craft, or two-and-a-half times more than the Navy had originally estimated. RMI Incorporated, builder of the "half-a-boat," went bankrupt before it could finish the job.

The source of these figures is a recent report released by the Pentagon's inspector general's office, itself not known for being opposed to the military-industrial complex. The report called the entire affair an "anatomy of failure," adding that even the completed craft would be "unusable."

But the Navy remains optimistic about its incomplete boat. It said the craft will "prove a valuable developmental test and evaluation asset for further exploration of special warfare technologies."

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**Bombing In Paris**

Rockwell International's trouble-laden B-1B bomber was a dodo at the Paris Air Show recently. The plane, which cost taxpayers more than \$20 billion to develop, has technical problems with almost every one of its major systems. The particular B-1B at the air show apparently had run-down batteries—the ones that power the unit that in turn starts the plane's engines. Rescue came from West Germany in the form of a United States Air Force auxiliary ground power unit; local power units had the wrong voltage. Such convenient help would be doubtful in wartime.

Now, if the very expensive B-1B can't handle the Paris Air Show...

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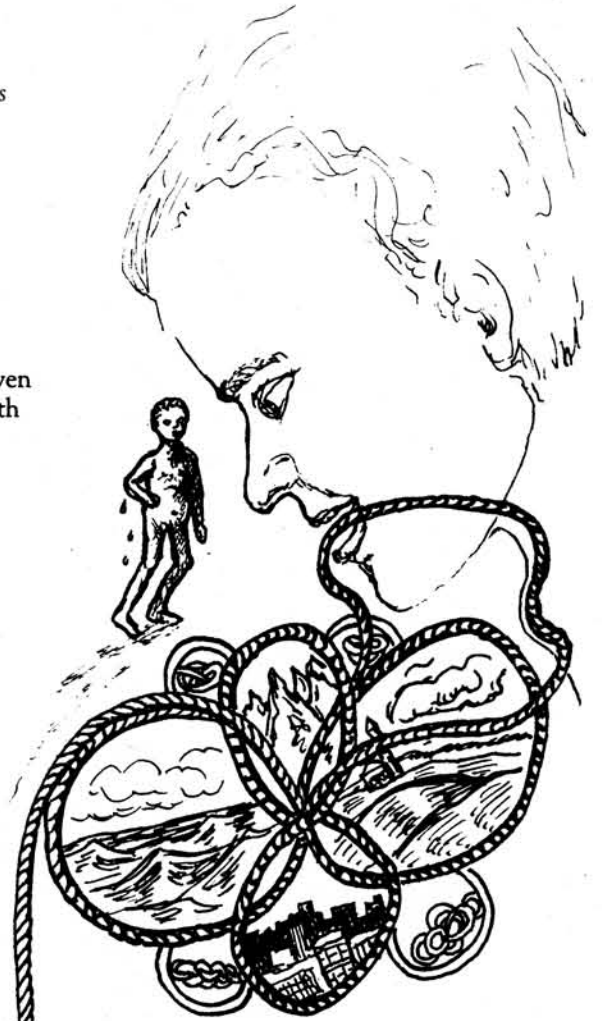
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It is not the places that grace men, but men the places.  
Agesilaus

## THE POET'S PLACE

Philosophical pilgrim  
whose realm ranges across Himalayas  
of seasons. As historian, the Parnassian  
struggles to decipher hieroglyphics carved within  
the caves of men's confusion, carrying still glacial  
roots and Olympian memories in an age contorted by shaven  
skulls, mushroom clouds and Gulag Archipelagos. Beneath  
ever shrinking dwarf stars, the doctor of words is left  
to ponder the puzzles of how to erase dominions of  
darkness, unlock unborn rhythms caught in  
Caribbean conch shells, strip naked the  
dogmas of hate, and salvage the snow  
leopards from the fate of the  
unicorn. As prophet, he  
must lead the masses  
out of the Minotaur's  
maze, weave the  
divine around  
edges of the  
holocaust  
and challenge  
false gods  
stretching  
to infinity.  
From chaotic  
storm-black  
nights, he  
is left to  
create  
fragile  
legends.  
Seer walking  
the circle  
of time,  
he becomes  
the ancestor of truth.

Ruth Wildes Schuler  
Novato



## EXHUMATION

At the sound of sirens  
the children will come up from the ocean  
You will pull from your throat  
the long rope of your history  
carrying all your offspring  
and each of your creations

I too will uncoil my past  
tugging at the rope  
until it is no longer  
the stuff within

It will be in the morning  
I will smell the fire  
I will still be painting  
with a smile

At first I will not notice  
the footsteps of the children  
tracking ash

The children who are halfway  
between the familiar worlds,  
life and death

but whose walking  
is the final receding

Justine Tatarsky  
Santa Cruz

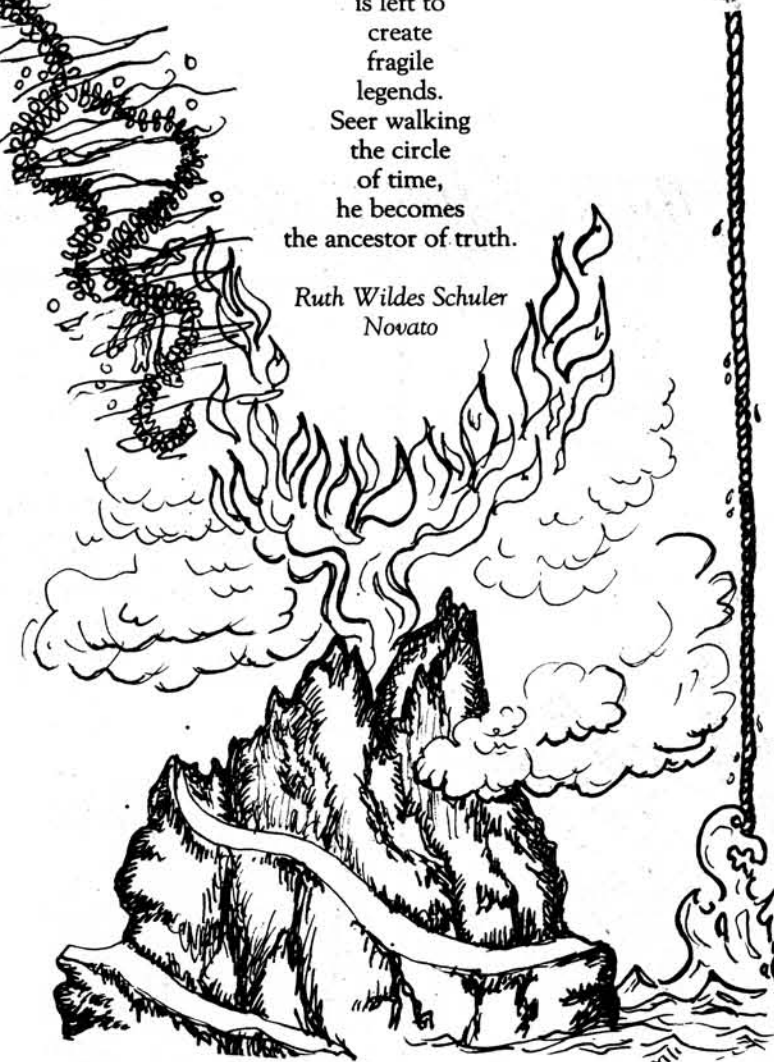


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*San Francisco Examiner*  
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## MASSACRE FOUR SCORE AND TEN

Decomposing bodies  
in a mountain village,  
shimmering bones mirroring death  
with afternoon arching itself  
across a grey sky,  
Druze fighters show  
the shriveled sacrifices  
made once again  
to the gods of war.  
Lives weeded by gun fire,  
terror filtering through  
a prism reflecting only horror.  
Truth has been scattered  
like corpses in the fields,  
stallions paw the earth  
in disguise of ravens.  
Life is a transparent fiber  
and defeat rides  
in the shoulder-blades  
of these mountain militiamen  
knowing that peace  
is not likely to come  
with the spring thaw.

Ruth Wildes Schuler  
Novato



Poetry submissions are now being accepted for Planet Poetry. Poems must be typed, double spaced, and sent to the poetry editor at *The Monthly Planet* address. Enclose a SASE if you wish to have your poem returned.

# Lockheed Blockade Set For October

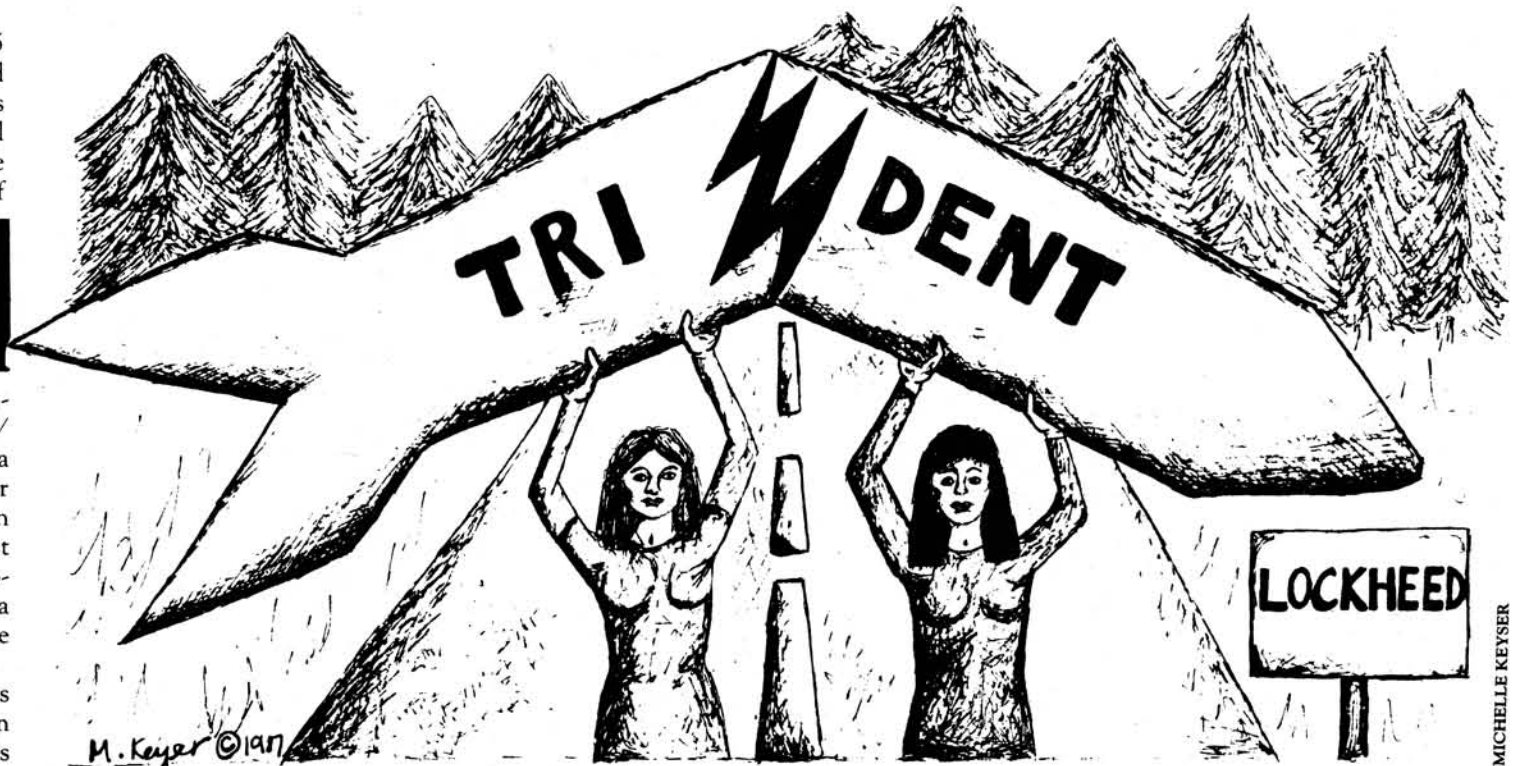
by Peter Lumsdaine

Production of the Trident II D-5 nuclear missile system, described by one of its former designers as "the ultimate first-strike weapon," will be challenged this October by a statewide peace demonstration in the heart of

## Activist's Notebook

California's Silicon Valley and a non-violent resistance action at the Lockheed/Navy D-5 facility in the nearby Santa Cruz Mountains. This action, to occur on the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, was initiated by a First Strike Prevention Project (FSPP) proposal but is now being co-sponsored by a steadily-growing network of peace groups.

Two dozen people from peace groups in Southern, Central, and Northern California reached consensus at FSPP's March 29 strategy meeting to form a new statewide Alliance to Stop First Strike. The Alliance will sponsor a set of fall 1987 teach-ins and educational programs, leading up to the statewide Missile Crisis action at Trident II missile facilities October 24-28. Long-established peace organizations such as the San Jose Peace Center (and its ongoing Campaign



Against the Lockheed D-5 project), the San Mateo County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, and the Mount Diablo Peace Center, have joined the organizing campaign for the Trident II action in October.

Plans are currently being discussed for a week-long Peace Walk through the San Francisco Bay region in the days immedi-

ately preceding October 24. The walk will link the Concord Naval Weapons Center, where weapons are shipped to El Salvador, with the corporate citadels of the San Francisco financial district and the Lockheed Missile and Space Company headquarters in Sunnyvale.

California's Trident II Missile Crisis action, as well as the educational/outreach activities leading up to it, will emphasize the essential role of the D-5 (and the associated Navstar global targeting satellite system) in completion of the Pentagon's plans for a nuclear first-strike capability.

duction and testing of the Trident II D-5's precision guided re-entry vehicles, along with the explosive devices used to separate stages of the Trident II rocket and release their warheads.

After the Saturday peace rally, non-violence preparations, and final discussions on Sunday October 25, people from throughout California will begin a nonviolent blockade and occupation of the forested 4,400 acre site and the one road leading into it, in order to obstruct the activities usually conducted there by over 300 Lockheed and U.S. Navy personnel. This affinity group-based

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## California's Trident II Missile Crisis action will emphasize the essential role of the D-5 in completion of the Pentagon's plans for a nuclear first-strike capability.

The march will arrive in the urban sprawl of Silicon Valley, just north of San Jose, for the Saturday, October 24 peace rally, with noted speakers, musicians, and delegations from throughout California. This major legal demonstration against nuclear first-strike policy and weapons development will be held near the main Lockheed Trident II plant, flanked by the first-strike anti-submarine warfare aircraft of the Navy's Moffett Field, and the Air Force global satellite command center, "the Blue Cube," a super-sensitive facility first challenged by an FSPP-initiated demonstration in March 1986.

Less than 20 miles from the freeways of Silicon Valley is the Lockheed Santa Cruz Facility, located at the end of a two-lane country road in the Santa Cruz Mountains between southern San Francisco Bay and the Pacific. Since 1957 this facility has played a little-known but key role in the U.S. missile and space program, first in the testing of powerful rocket motors, and now in the pro-

action will begin around dawn on Monday, October 26 and may be sustained for a number of days.

The organizers view this action, and a subsequent Alliance to Stop First Strike strategy conference in late 1987 or early 1988, as a crucial step toward an ongoing, sustained and growing nonviolent obstruction of preparations for initiating nuclear world war, and therefore as a unique opportunity to take decisive non-violent direct action in defense of life—before it is too late.

There will be an informational/planning meeting for the October 24-28 Trident II action here in Santa Cruz on Thursday, July 16 at 7:30 pm at 515 Broadway. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 479-8781 for more information.

Peter Lumsdaine is the coordinator of the First Strike Prevention Project, which is supported by the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze. He serves on the national Coordinating Committee of Mobilization for Survival.

# Peace & Justice Calendar

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, July 21**, for inclusion in the July issue (publication date: Thursday, July 30).

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

**Green City Program Workshop: Environmental Quality.** The Green City Program is a grassroots program designed to facilitate community-wide participation in the process of planning a sustainable future for Santa Cruz. These workshops will bring together community members and resource people to develop long-range goals and plans for implementation on specific issues. 7-9:30 pm, 340 Soquel Ave., Suite 115. Info: Theresa 479-0702 or Sue 425-0264. Childcare assistance: Raven 336-3384.

## THURSDAY, JULY 2

**A gala sendoff for Helen and John Isherwood.** Dr. and Mrs. Isherwood are leaving the Fourth of July for six months of volunteer work in Nicaragua. They will be taking medical and sports equipment in a truck donated by Unitarian Paul Blue. Public is invited to the potluck-strawberry fruitcake dinner followed by music, singing and dancing. 6 pm, Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos. \$2 donation.

## FRIDAY, JULY 10

**Huara, the superb folk ensemble from Chile,** will perform in concert. Welcoming Huara will be popular Santa Cruz folksinger Aileen Vance, who will sing an opening set. Huara is strictly instrumental, interpreting well-known traditional pieces, works by Violeta Parra and Victor Jara, as well as original compositions. The five-person ensemble plays more than 25 different instruments. Produced by the Chile-Santa Cruz Friendship Committee and the Coalition for Nicaragua, in association with KUSP 89

fm and KZSC 88.1 fm radio. Tickets \$7 advance, \$8 at the door. Advance tickets at Cymbaline Records in Santa Cruz and Blue Rhythm Records in Capitola. Under age 13 free. Santa Cruz High School Auditorium, 415 Walnut Avenue, 8 pm. Info: 458-0303 or 425-8493.

## SATURDAY, JULY 11

**Sneak Preview: The Peace Film; Chronicles of the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament** will be shown. Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos. Several marchers will be on hand to give their impressions of the march and answer questions. In addition to the hour work-in-progress video, music will be provided by members of the Santa Cruz Freedom Song network. Donation is on a sliding scale: \$2-\$10. Sponsored by the UU Social Action Committee. Info: Schaffer 462-2580 or Tomas 427-3494.

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

**Bernie's Place: A Monthly Musical Showcase.** From San Francisco, Jon Fromer, an active member of the Bay Area Freedom Song Network performing frequently at demonstrations and on picket lines throughout the Bay Area. From Oakland, Linda Hirschhorn, an artist who celebrates her Jewish heritage. Bernie's place was conceived by a group of people affiliated with the Freedom Song Network to be a special, warm environment for those who enjoy an evening of music in the Freedom Song Network tradition. They intend to bring you a monthly showing of local and out-of-town musicians, good people with good music to offer, and thereby create a venue not found on a regular basis in our community. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Melrose and Poplar. 8 pm, sliding scale \$3 to \$5. Info: 458-5307.

## THURSDAY, JULY 16

**Informational/Planning meeting for October Missile Crisis Action at Lockheed's Trident II facility in Santa Cruz County.** Find out about the state-wide peace demonstration, march, and



TOMAS WITZ

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nonviolent resistance action to stop Trident II first-strike missile production October 24-28. This is part of a nationwide set of regional nonviolent resistance actions at key first-strike nuclear weapons facilities on the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. 515 Broadway, 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the First Strike Prevention Project, San Mateo County Freeze, San Jose Peace Center, National Mobilization for Survival. Info: 479-8781.

## SATURDAY, JULY 18

**Demonstration against the USS Fort Fisher's visit to Santa Cruz.** Info: 423-1626. See the box on this page for details.

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

**Psychic Fair.** Hearts in harmony: preparing for harmonic convergence. Promoting world peace through inner peace. 11 am-6 pm, 303 Walnut St. \$2 admission; mini-readings \$10 and up. Info: 462-2388.

## THURSDAY, JULY 23- SUNDAY, JULY 26

**Political Training Academy: Promoting the arms control debate in the 1988 elections.** Offered by the Freeze Voter Education Fund. Open to everyone, Freeze activists of all backgrounds will have an opportunity to share political experiences, develop strategies for electoral organizing, and strengthen the grassroots Freeze network. The training will take place in Washington, D.C. \$25 registration fee. Info: 202-783-8747.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

**August Desert Witness at the Nevada Test Site.** Observances of the 42nd anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Aug. 5th: Nonviolent preparation. 6th: Inter-faith services and civil disobedience. 7th: Organizing and strategizing workshops with George Lakey. 8th: Nonviolent preparation. 9th: Inter-faith services and civil disobedience. Info: 458-9975 or (702) 646-4814.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 6- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

**Fast and Encampment for Life at Central Park, Davis, CA.** The Fast, coinciding with the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is an action toward ending war and hunger. Participants are encouraged to join in for all or part of the fast and to donate the money that would have been spent on food toward organizations that are working to end war and hunger. Participants are encouraged to be a part of this visible statement by camping all or part of the four days at Central Park. The Fast and Encampment begins at 8 am August 6 and ends at 12 midnight August 9. Info: Stephen Souza (916) 758-2964.

## Navy Ship To Visit Santa Cruz; Protest Planned

Invited by the Santa Cruz City Council, the USS Fort Fisher will anchor in our bay from July 16 to 20. This amphibious assault ship has the capacity to land 320 marine combat troops for "onshore bombardment," and is equipped for electronic and chemical warfare. It is one of the U.S. military ships the citizens of Nicaragua may one day see off their coast on the eve of an invasion.

In addition to the Navy's public tours, another welcome is being planned by local community groups. The Resource Center for Nonviolence, the Pledge of Resistance, V.F.W. Bill Motto Post 5888 and others invite Santa Cruz County residents to join in a nonviolent demonstration on Saturday, July 18 on the Santa Cruz Wharf. A peace flotilla and other gala activities are also planned. For more information, contact 423-1626.




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