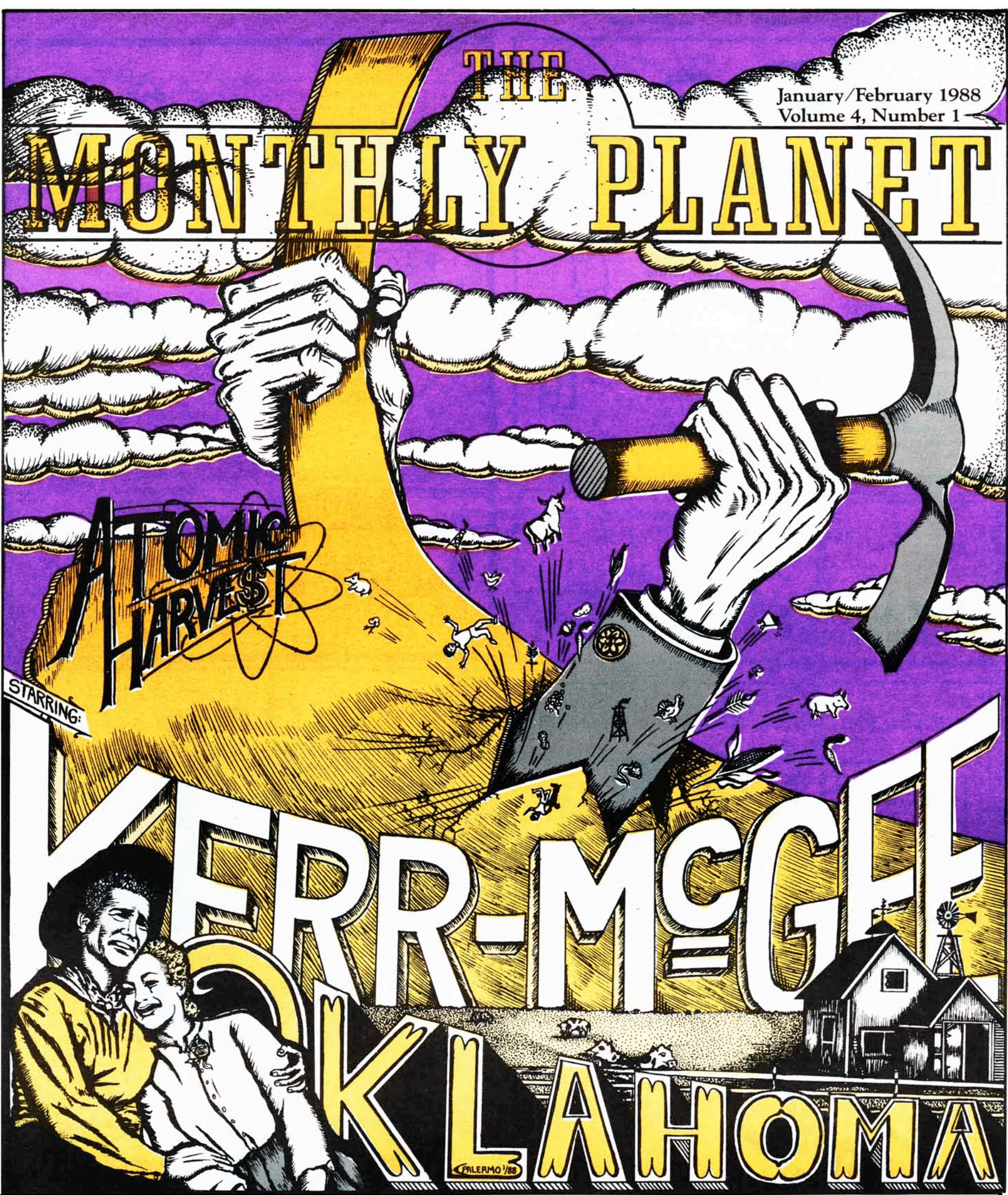


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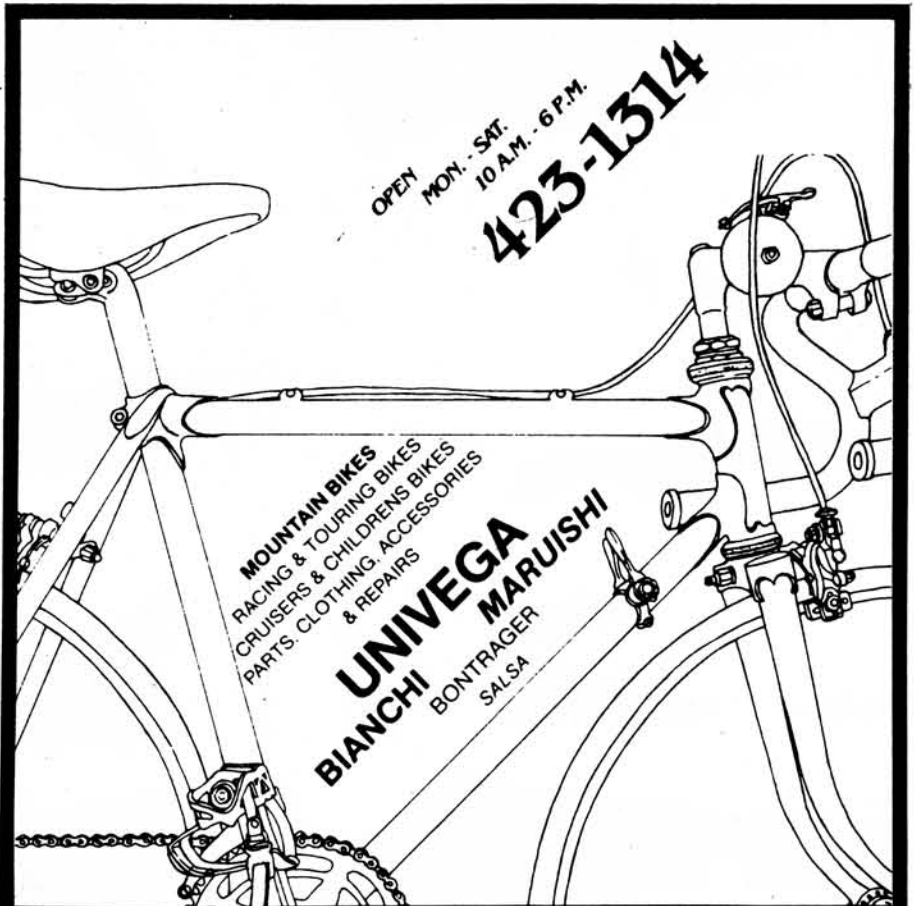


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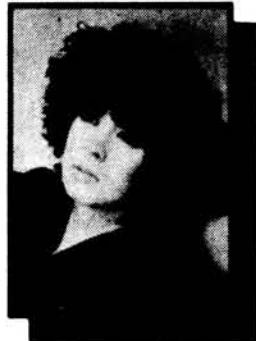


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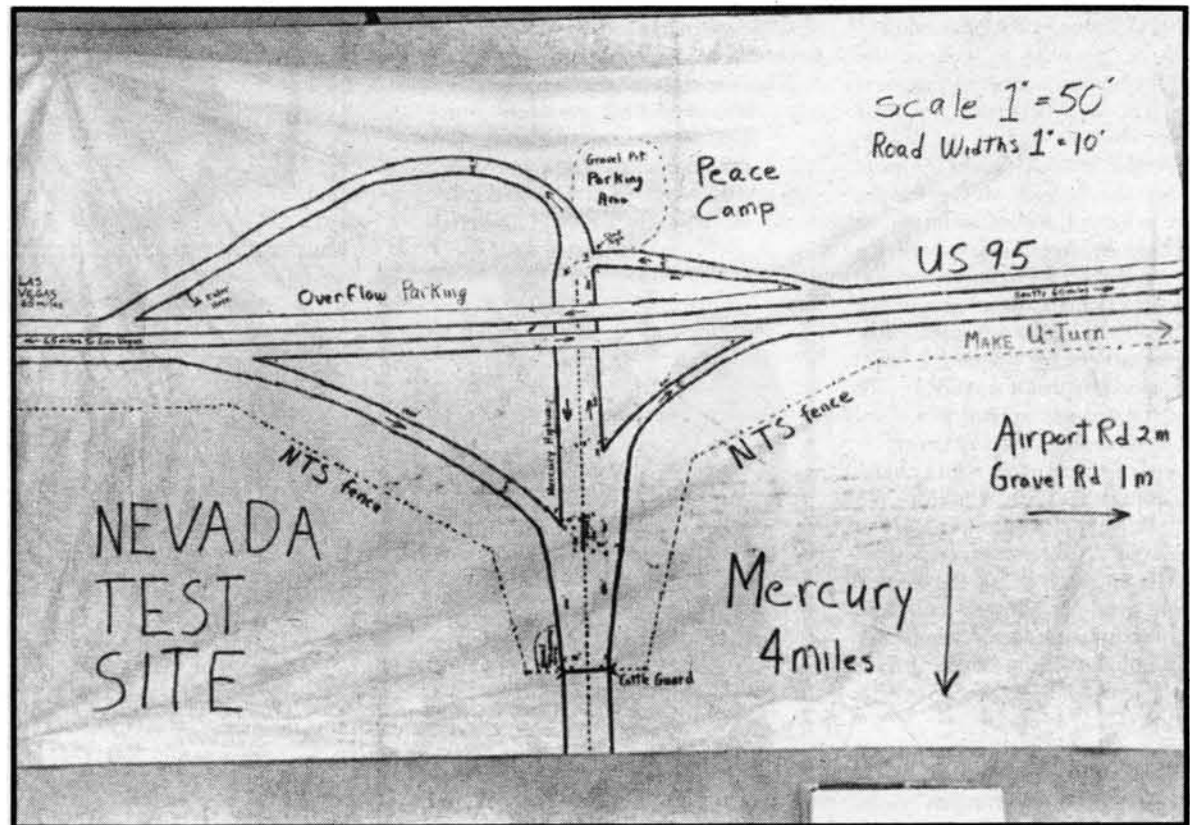
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### The Media Should Stop Soviet-Bashing

When discussing the Reagan—Gorbachev Summit, everyone in the media—press, TV, radio, plus the ones taking part in the process—was positive about what was achieved.

However, there was always a "But." But Gorbachev did not promise to withdraw soviet troops from Afghanistan by a certain date. But, he did not promise to stop violating human rights of Afghanistan "freedom fighters" or the Soviet refuseniks. But, he did not promise (and this is downright insulting) to change the "behavior" of the Soviet Union, vis-a-vis the other powers. As if the Soviet Union was a misbehaving school boy and not a sovereign nation. And on and on, with each positive remark of the summit, went human rights violations of Afghanistan.

It would be possible to believe the sincerity of the human rights champions if they were just as vociferous in their demands for human rights for Chile, where the people are held down by brute force; or for the people of Guatemala, where there is a great deal of suffering; or for the people in Argentina, where for years, the mothers and relatives would march and vigil, demanding an account of the whereabouts of their children, husbands and fathers; or for the people of El Salvador, plagued by death squads; or, for that matter, for people in practically every country in South and Central America.

How many of the human rights champions were even aware of the conditions in Afghanistan before their revolution? When the people lived in miserable conditions, predominately illiterate? When the women were virtual slaves, not allowed to choose their own husbands, punished when they appeared in public without covering their faces—now THAT is a human rights violation.

It is hard not to reach the conclusion that these human rights champions are not really interested in human rights violations. What they are interested in is Soviet-bashing. It seems they just hate to give up their "cold war."

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### Fifty Million for the World

FIFTY MILLION FOR THE WORLD, a petition, is the ambitious vision of the university professors and students in Costa Rica. The Friends Peace Center there writes that the national pride and joy at the honor bestowed upon President Arias by the Nobel Peace Committee has created a resurgence of hope and a determination to show the world that their president is supported by the people in Costa Rica.

The leaders of this unprecedented show of national solidarity, the university population, have already collected 50,000 signatures. The petition is two-fold: 1) Support of the Arias Peace Accord, and 2) A declaration on the Latin American debt by "communication and respect for the development of the Third World nations."

When the fifty million signatures all over the world have been collected, the petitions will be sent to the Organization of American States, the United Nations, and to the leaders of the U.S., U.S.S.R., and to Central American countries. This ambitious plan will culminate on August 7, 1988, the first anniversary of the peace accords.

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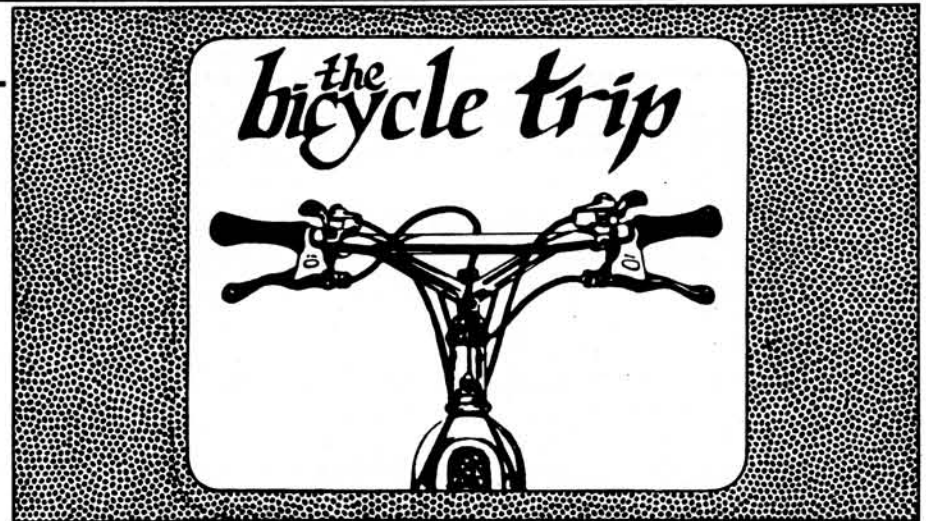
Last month, the Natural Resources Defense Council released a report showing that the U.S. has conducted at least 117 secret nuclear tests since 1963. The N.R.D.C., an organization with extensive scientific knowledge of nuclear testing, based its conclusions on an examination of previously published seismic data. The researchers found that these hidden tests made up 20 percent of all U.S. tests in the last 25 years.

This report shows that even the smallest of nuclear tests can be detected. According to the study, most of these unannounced tests were very small—under one kiloton. The fact that this group of scientists was able to uncover such a large number of small, concealed tests adds more proof to the already substantial body of evidence that verification is not an obstacle to a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Test ban advocates have been told by their allies in Congress that to get such legislation passed, the measure must be amended to allow tests under one kiloton, ostensibly to alleviate verification concerns. Indeed, the current legislative vehicle for the test ban includes this one kiloton limit. The peace movement, led to believe that tests under one kiloton were insignificant, has reluctantly accepted this approach.

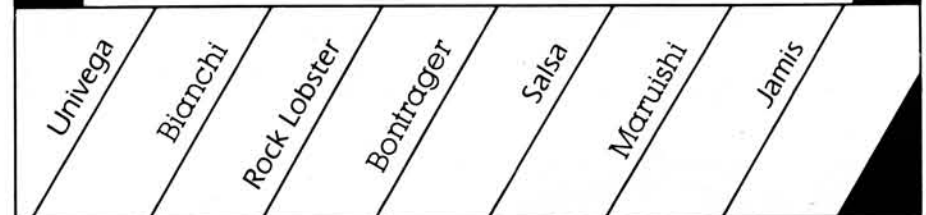
But the N.R.D.C. report raises serious questions for the movement as to just what a one kiloton limit means.

It may now be easier to get a test ban bill—with a one kiloton limit—passed by Congress, because “moderates” who previously feared that such a measure would cripple our testing program would now be reassured that a significant number of tests could occur within the one kiloton limit. But how “comprehensive” is comprehensive test ban which bans only 80 percent of tests?



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## Hot Flashes *by Ralph Chernoff and Ronald A. Lampi*

### It Could Have Been Worse

As engineers delve deeper into the fiercely radioactive wreck of No. 2 reactor at Three Mile Island, they learn just how close the world's third worst nuclear accident came to being the first (Chernobyl is first, Windscale second). They had thought that only a few fuel elements had melted, but now they find that 30 tons of molten fuel had burned through the wall of the reactor vessel and flowed to the bottom of the containment vessel, the five inch thick steel outer shell which surrounds the reactor vessel. They are surprised that the vessel withstood the heat and pressure generated by that much molten fuel. Had it exploded, the northeastern U.S. would have been exposed to about 100 million curies of radioactive material.

The work of removing the fuel from the reactor is painfully slow. The accident occurred nearly nine years ago, yet radiation levels are still so high that all tools must be remotely controlled and workers can work only one week out of six. Only small amounts of fuel can be removed at a time because just a hat full of the stuff might exceed the "critical mass," the amount of fissionable material large enough to sustain a chain reaction, hence cause a (relatively) small—but very deadly—nuclear explosion (Jan. 26, *New York Times*).

Meanwhile, Soviet authorities have announced the plans for a nuclear power plant near the Black Sea have been abandoned in the face of opposition by local residents. Reliable reports also indicate that plans for reactors near Minsk and Odessa have also been canceled. The reason, of course, is Chernobyl. The response to public opposition is significant not only

for the future of nuclear power in Soviet Union, but also, perhaps, as a sign of radical change in the Soviet political system generally (Jan. 28, *San Jose Mercury-News*).

—RC

### Seabrook Breaks Utility

A new uncertainty has entered the picture in the long-delayed start-up of the Seabrook nuclear power plant. Public Service Company of New Hampshire, which owns 36 percent of the plant, has just filed for bankruptcy. This has not happened to a major public utility since the Great Depression; it is also one of the largest bankruptcy claims in U.S. history.

Because of its enormous debt linked to Seabrook—a \$2.1 billion investment—the company requested before the New Hampshire Supreme Court a 15 percent

emergency rate increase to its customers to help in paying off its creditors. The request was rejected. The court ruling stated that a utility cannot expect its customers to pay for a plant that is not yet providing them with power. In a move to protect itself from its creditors, Public Service Company has filed under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, which will allow the company to remain in operation. Seabrook, though, has become, in the words of one critic, "an economic disaster... a mistake."

Though Seabrook has been completed since 1986, its start-up has been blocked by a wide range of opponents who have so far refused to cooperate with any emergency evacuation planning. Such planning is a federal requirement before the plant can operate. One of Seabrook's most noted opponents is Democratic presidential candidate Michael S. Dukakis, governor of neighboring Massachusetts (Jan. 29, *Wall Street Journal*; Jan. 29 *Los Angeles Times*; Jan. 29 *New York Times*).

—RL

### Secret Nuke Tests Revealed

The words "underground testing" took on a new meaning when a private source revealed that the U.S. had secretly exploded at least 117 nuclear devices in underground tests at its Nevada Test Site since 1963. Almost all the devices were less than 1.0 kiloton in yield. These tests were conducted in addition to 469 other tests which were publicly disclosed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) as they occurred, which designs and builds U.S. nuclear weapons. The yields of the disclosed tests were usually much higher than those of the secret tests.

The secret tests were disclosed in a Natural Resources Defense council report published in early January. A DoE spokesperson refused to confirm or deny the report. It is not known why DoE concealed the tests. The report suggests that one purpose was to test small "tactical" weapons. Another reason may have been to find out if very small tests could be concealed.

Many of the secret tests were detected by seismometers in Southern California, only a few hundred miles from the Nevada Test Site. The lowest detected yields are estimated to be in the .01 to .02 kiloton (10 to 20 ton) range. Thus on-site detection stations, which the Soviets have already agreed to) see the December *Monthly Planet*, p. 14), could verify a very low threshold test ban. The existing Limited Test Ban Treaty bans tests with yields greater than 150 kilotons. The House of Representatives has voted to lower the threshold

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to 1.0 kiloton three times, but the Reagan Administration has succeeded in blocking these changes so far, insisting, among other reasons, that the lower threshold would not be verifiable. This report quite thoroughly demolishes that claim.

—RC

the U.S. & Soviet nuclear arsenals, a comprehensive test ban, conventional arms reduction, ending regional conflicts, etc. Finally, they warn that the ABM treaty must be re-affirmed if there is to be serious progress on a 50% cut in strategic nuclear missiles.

—RC

families suing the government for deaths and injuries allegedly caused by Agent Orange.

All the plaintiffs sued under the 1946 Federal Tort Claims Act. The intent of that law was to abolish the hoary legal doctrine of "sovereign immunity," which simply said that you can't sue the government no

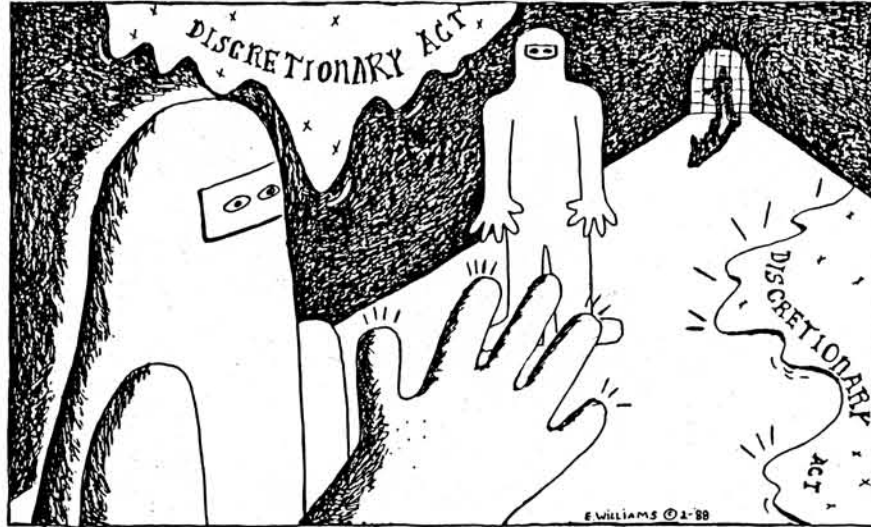
undoubtedly come as a surprise to many that, 200 years after we threw out King George III, the rule that the 'king can do no wrong' still prevails at the federal level in all but the most trivial of matters" (Jan. 12, *Los Angeles Times*).

—RC

## Turning Back the Clock

For the last 16 years, the minute hand of the clock on the cover of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, the world-famous symbolic indicator of the danger of nuclear war, has crept inexorably toward midnight. It reached three minutes to in 1984 and stayed there till last month when it jumped back to six minutes to. The *Bulletin's* editors gave several reasons for this optimistic signal, the chief one being the INF treaty. They give credit to both Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev for overcoming strong internal opposition to arms control.

They also cite several other hopeful events and trends, among them: the 18-month nuclear test moratorium by the Soviet Union, the National Resources Defense Council/Soviet Academy of Science test monitoring agreement, glasnost generally, New Zealand's nuclear free zone, and the peace process in Central America. But much remains to be done, such as: deep cuts in the remaining 95% of



## The King Can Do No Wrong

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from a lower court's ruling that the U.S. government is immune to suits by victims of fallout from above-ground nuclear tests. Plaintiffs claimed that their cancers, or those of family members who had died, were caused by fallout from test explosions in Nevada between 1951 and 1962. The trial court found that at least nine people had died of cancers induced by the fallout and that the government must pay damages to their families. This judgement, however, was overturned on appeal.

The court also let stand lower court rulings against Vietnam veterans and their

matter what it does to you. Or, as the common law maxim from which it sprang put it, "The king can do no wrong." Congress, however, put a loophole in the law which preserved the government's immunity for "discretionary" official acts. It didn't say what these were, but the Nixon-Reagan court has used the loophole to resurrect sovereign immunity and nullify the intent of the Tort Claims Act. For example, the court recently ruled that the government was not liable for deaths caused by secret germ warfare experiments in which Americans were used as unsuspecting guinea pigs, because that experiment was a "discretionary act" (Jan. 12, *New York Times*).

As one of the judges of the federal appeals court which ruled against the nuclear test victims explained, "It will

## Big Brother Is Still Watching You

The FBI is playing Big Brother again. A New York legal activist group, The Center for Constitutional Rights, used the Freedom of Information Act to find that for years the FBI had investigated over a 100 different groups and individuals that opposed the Reagan Administration's Central American policies for several years.

With an original intent to probe alleged terrorism in the group CISPEP (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador), the FBI expanded its investigation a hundredfold, with apparently no basis of criminal activity to go on. The CISPEP probe itself is said to have turned up nothing, but in the meantime the FBI collected tremendous amounts of data on any group opposing Reagan policy in Central America. The FBI infiltrated organizations, activists were photographed at peace rallies, and students were under surveillance on campuses. Political activists were found, but no criminals.

Representative Don Edwards (D-CA), chairperson of the House Judiciary subcommittee on civil and constitutional rights, commented, "This investigation has an odor of harassment about it." To Ann Mari Buitrago of the legal group that reported the find, "The FBI is well on its way to reassuming its... role as a secret thought police." (Jan. 27, *Boston Globe*; Jan. 28, *Los Angeles Times*).

It remains unclear whether the FBI's investigation has actually been closed.

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## A Closer Look

## Courage, Honesty, and "Conventional" Wisdom

by Susan C. Strong

February is President's month—the time of year we celebrate Washington and Lincoln, considered two of our most courageous and truthful leaders. Honesty and a willingness to think about the long-term results of current policies are still essential today. We need them to create the safe, just, and sustainable world community we all must have, merely in order for the species to survive.

With the signing of the INF treaty, it seems that the two superpowers, at least, have taken a first step to such honest thinking. Certainly the sight of General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev speaking in a direct and truthful way to his own people has given many in our country the confidence to support the INF treaty. It has also been the main reason Gorbachev is now jokingly reported to be leading in our presidential polls. But even as the negotiators begin to consider the much-touted 50% reduction of long-range nuclear weapons, we start to hear reports of extensive plans for a compensatory buildup of conventional weapons.

What this suggests to some of us who have been working on the nuclear issue for a long time is that our leaders have still not really gotten the point, which is that 50% of the current nuclear stockpile is still way too dangerous. Conventional wars lead to nuclear confrontations, arms buildups lead to conventional wars, and scaring people by building arms leads to them scaring you by building arms. Moreover, if people are scared that they will not get enough to eat, a roof over their heads, medical care or freedom to try to get these for themselves, they will, in desperation, try guns.

Some may conclude that conventional arms buildup talk is just what we should



expect from our leaders right now. This theory also says that the INF treaty is merely a sop to quiet or gut the peace movement and that our leaders are once again lying to us about their peaceful intentions.

What is our chance of getting honest public discourse? And is simply "not lying" enough to produce it? Is lying itself a simple behavior? What about denial? Psychologists tell us that denial is a complex and largely unconscious behavior. They also make it clear that it is a secondary reaction. It is a response to certain perceptions or assumptions about the world and

"reality". In the case of nuclear denial, people perceive the risk of nuclear war by design or accident, but they also perceive themselves as helpless to prevent it. This helplessness has had two sources: people's sense of powerlessness within their own country, and a sense of powerlessness in

But the people are not the only ones to feel powerless. Congressional representatives repeatedly tell us that they can't do anything unless we make a noise and put pressure on them. It seems that even military planners feel helpless—and not just in the face of the enemy, who may also be building up weapons out of fear of us. In a piece published in *Foreign Policy* in the spring of 1985, Dr. Stephen Kull described how something called "perception theory" has determined U.S. defense policy since the SALT talks of 1972. Crudely simplified, perception theory says that if the people believe that the way to have national security is to have more weapons, then we have to have more, regardless of whether that is actually strategically true or not. The astounding thing about this was the fact that the military planners actually feared the public most. Worse, they had no faith in the public or in their power to educate it. In addition, they were said to fear that the Soviets and other nations believed that simple numerical measuring was the correct way to assess national strength, and therefore we had to have more.

Either way, in the light of current talk about a conventional arms buildup, "perception theory" begins to look dangerously active again. And this is occurring exactly when the INF treaty represents the triumph of logic, honesty, and public education over the assumptions of "perception theory." The public has been educated about what strategic parity really

## Our leaders have still not really gotten the point.

the face of an apparently threatening external adversary.

means, and no longer thinks, if it ever did, that more nuclear weapons are better. Moreover, a national leader, Gorbachev, has the courage to speak the truth about it. There is real danger, however, that in shifting the dialogue back to the subject of conventional weapons, people will forget that we are still in the nuclear age. And in the nuclear age, the doctrine that more weapons are better does not work for conventional weapons anymore either.

We cannot go back to the world as it was before 1945 ever again. The only solution is to reduce stockpiles of all weapons, develop alternative conflict resolution or prevention strategies, and deal directly with the root causes of war. For example, how many people do you have to shoot or threaten in a free country where people have enough to eat, a roof over their heads, and adequate medical care?

The real truth is that the U.S. must learn to live its principles and practice what it preaches: we must support democracy, education, and freedom of information everywhere. That will bring a safe, just, and sustainable world community much closer than more demonstrably useless bombs, no matter how "conventional".

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# Inside the Movement

## Unity In Diversity

by Terry Teitelbaum

**“W**hy can't there be just one big peace group that I can make my contribution to and be done with it?” On occasion, I am asked that question by over-solicited donors.

Actually, there have been efforts, on both the local and national level, to move in that direction. From time to time, some ambitious local activist will try to get all the Santa Cruz “peace groups” to work together by committing to monthly planning meetings and pooling of resources. These attempts net mixed results. Nationally, the two self-proclaimed “largest peace organizations in the country” have merged to form SANE/FREEZE. This merger represents a consolidation of resources and decision-makers designed, in theory, to create a group more powerful and effective than the two groups working separately.

In some ways, at least at first glance, the idea of one big peace group seems attractive. Just think—direct mail from only one organization. No competition among groups for the same peace dollar. And imagine, no more duplication of efforts. One group would do it all—coordinating all the peace activities, lobbying efforts, and allocation of resources. You wouldn't have those tough decisions about which group is the worthiest of your time or money. You'd know that your contribution was being used in the most efficient and effective way possible. And you'd only have to contribute to one group. You'd probably even save money on contributions to peace.

Over-solicitation is one reason people cite when arguing for one big peace group. And it is a valid one. People hesitate to give money to a group, even when they wholeheartedly support its work, because they fear they will be put on many other groups' mailing lists if they do. One solution to this problem lies in stricter mailing list policies. Many groups, including the Santa Cruz Freeze, don't sell or trade their lists. Other groups severely limit the use of their lists by other groups. Individual donors can also specifically request that their name

not be traded or sold. Any organization which cannot honor such a request may not deserve support.

If people gave to only one peace group, there would be a net loss in the amount of money spent on peace. Certainly the peace movement need not rival, dollar-for-dollar, the amount the superpowers spend on war and preparations for war. But it does need to at least be in the game. There really is a direct relationship between the amount of money donated to peace efforts and the amount of peace work that gets done. Cut down contributions and you'll cut back on peace work.

Another concern about so many peace groups is the issue of “duplication of efforts.” This means many groups are doing the same things. It implies that this is bad. Currently in Santa Cruz, two separate groups are doing outreach to get people to attend what will be the largest test ban demonstration in the history of the Nevada Test Site next month. Is this bad? No, it is good, because at least twice as much work is getting done and many more people are getting involved in the organizing. Both people who prefer to work within “established” organizations, like the Freeze, as well as those who would rather form their



groups often interact and overlap. Their mailing lists have a lot of names in common. Yet each group working on peace, each from a different perspective, gets much more work done than any one group working on all these issues could. And while their lists of supporters may overlap, there are many unique names on each list. Many of these are people who give all of their support to one group—perhaps if that one group did not exist, they wouldn't give at all. Again fewer groups, less work and less public participation.

ways to achieve it. Practice nonviolence; eliminate nuclear weapons; stop military intervention; feed the hungry; house the homeless; and so on. Could one group do all of that?

The fact that there are so many “peace” groups around attests to a healthy and diverse “peace movement.” There are many ways to work for peace from a variety of perspectives. Each group and individual is merely a small, albeit significant, part of the overall movement to create a better world. This desire, this relentless drive, for a better world, however one defines it, is the unifying factor in the “peace movement.” Coalitions of varied groups coming together for a common goal form, disband and transform. Occasionally mergers of groups occur. The point is this: the “peace movement” is a fluid, creative force for change. The more choices which remain available to people to get involved, the more people will get involved. Real change for a better world will require everyone's participation. So, the next time you get 10 pieces of direct mail in one day, simply choose your favorite and throw the rest away.

*Terry Teitelbaum is the executive director of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze and a financial supporter of the Santa Cruz Action Network, Witness for Peace, American Peace Test, Community Action Board, Greenpeace and many other groups.*

**“Why can't there be just one big peace group that I can make my contribution to and be done with it?”**

own group can work simultaneously for the same goals. Of course, this setup works best when groups coordinate and communicate so that one group's efforts complement rather than detract from the other's efforts. Try thinking about it as a “multiplication” of efforts rather than a “duplication.”

Furthermore, groups are frequently organized around one particular issue. The Freeze focuses on nuclear weapons; the Resource Center for Nonviolence works on nonviolence in many contexts and the Coalition for Nicaragua concentrates on the war in Nicaragua. The goals of these

Imagine again one big peace group. Its mission—world peace. What would that group do to fulfill its mission? To help prove a point I am about to make, go ask five people what they think this group should do. I'll wager you get five different answers. Ask another five people what world peace means to them. Again, I bet you get five different answers. There's a lot to peace. First of all, it isn't really a static thing. It's an ongoing process. At least that's my perception of peace. There are probably as many perceptions of peace as there are people who spend the time to think about it. And different people believe in different





## Legislative Update

# Speaker Jim Wright Holds the Key to Contra Aid Vote

by Shelly D'Amour

In December, President Reagan signed a \$296 billion military spending bill for 1988. The bill continued the ban on anti-satellite weapons testing, and managed to require mandatory compliance with the ABM and SALT II treaties without actually naming them as such in the bill. However, the measure also provided funding for an additional Trident submarine, 12 MX missiles, increased Star Wars funding from \$3.1 billion to \$3.5 billion, and dropped all reference to a ban on nuclear weapons testing.

With the ABM and SALT II treaties temporarily safe until next October, the main legislative items this year will be ratification of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, achievement of a test ban, and putting an end once and for all to funding the Nicaraguan Contras. In future columns we will be examining in depth what's happening with the nuclear test ban. This month's Update focuses on the INF Treaty and Contra aid.

## INF Treaty

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is currently conducting hearings on the INF Treaty which was signed on December 8 by President Reagan and Soviet Premier Gorbachev. The treaty calls for the elimination of all ground-launched U.S. and Soviet missiles with a range of 300 to 3000 miles. Despite grumbings from hardliners such as Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC), most senators seem to view the treaty favorably and it is likely to be approved when it is voted on sometime in March.

It is worth noting however, that the Senate could attach amendments or reservations to the treaty, which would require renegotiation with the Soviets. Since such actions would effectively kill the treaty, it is unlikely that conservative senators will be able to garner the necessary votes to effect such a maneuver. Instead, those with concerns about the treaty will probably offer "understandings" which are non-binding statements.

**ACTION:** Contact Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson and urge their support for the INF Treaty. Tell them not to support any amendments or reservation to the treaty, or any other action which would require a renegotiation of its terms.

## Contra Aid

Declaring that he had not come into office to "preside over the communization of Central America," President Reagan asked Congress to grant his request for additional aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. The \$36.2 million package provides \$3.6 million in military aid with the remaining funds earmarked for so-called non-lethal support. "Non-lethal" aid is a recent invention of administration officials. It encompasses not only the more traditional "humanitarian" aid of food, clothing and

medical supplies, but also helicopters, trucks, and transportation of weapons.

The vote is scheduled for February 3 in the House and February 4 in the Senate. No amendments may be added. The aid request hangs on a one-house veto, which means if the House defeats the measure, then Contra aid is dead for the rest of the year; although conservative elements in the Senate may call for a symbolic vote in order to register their support for the president's proposal.

The structure of this vote is part of a compromise worked out between the administration and the Democratic leadership last December. At that time Congress was in a deadlock over the 1988 budget, in part because it contained additional "humanitarian" funding for the Contras. Congress eventually passed the budget, in the form of a catch-all spending resolution, after securing an agreement from the administration regarding future Contra aid requests. The agreement states that if Contra aid is defeated in the February 3 vote, the issue is dead for the rest of 1988. However, if the Congress should pass a Contra aid package, then the president may request further aid sometime between June 15 and August 1.

The aid request represents potentially the last opportunity for President Reagan to win official congressional sanction for his pro-Contra policies. The majority of congressmembers are opposed to military aid, however at least half would like to see some form of nonmilitary aid maintained. Some members of Congress have indicated that they may be persuaded to vote for the president's package, even though military aid is included, if that is the only legislative vehicle open to them that will insure that the Contras continue to receive support funds.

The administration is applying what



persuasion and pressure it can to win this vote. President Reagan has offered to place the military portion of the funding in an escrow account, to be released after March 31 if he determines that the Sandanistas have made insufficient progress on cease-fire negotiations with the Contra leaders. Prior to releasing the funds, the president has said that he will confer with the presi-

dents of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador; however their counsels will be of an advisory nature only. Finally, it is rumored that the president will make a televised appeal to the nation to support his bid for Contra aid.

A key figure in this debate is House Speaker Jim Wright (D-TX). Mr. Wright is an outspoken critic of military aid to the

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**Senator Pete Wilson**  
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**Representative Leon Panetta**  
Agriculture; House Administration; Select Committee on Hunger. Expected to be named chair of the House Budget Committee.

**Representative Ernest Konnyu**  
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## Legislative Update

Contras, but in recent days has indicated that he might favor some form of genuinely "humanitarian" aid (food, clothing, tents, and medical supplies only) if it were distributed through some non-government third party, such as the International Red Cross. The question of Mr. Wright's posi-

istration, surprised everyone last fall when he said he would vote against Contra aid in order to give the Central America Peace Plan the best opportunity to work. On January 27 Mr. Konnyu recanted that position, and threw his support behind the Reagan proposal

**"If there's any villain here as to who's compromised, it's the Congress."  
—Rep. Leon Panetta**

tion on this issue is critical for at least two reasons: one, as speaker he sets the tone and provides the leadership for all House Democrats; secondly, as a Southern Democrat, he provides leadership to, and a cover for, other Southern Democrats who will be looking to him to take their voting cues.

Locally, in the 16th district, Rep. Leon Panetta has vowed to vote against all forms of Contra aid. In a recent meeting with Santa Cruz constituents active in Central American issues, Mr. Panetta chastised his congressional colleagues for their inconsistency in opposing all forms of aid to the Contras, declaring, "If there's any villain here as to who's compromised, it's the Congress."

One person who could do to take that message to heart is 12th district Representative Ernest Konnyu. Mr. Konnyu, a hard-line supporter of the Reagan Admin-

**ACTION:** 1. Contact House Speaker Jim Wright (202) 225-5071 and urge him to provide bold and uncompromising leadership by opposing ALL types of aid to the Contras. 2. If you live in the 12th district, contact Rep. Ernest Konnyu (202) 225-5411 and urge him to support the Peace Plan by opposing all aid to the Contras. 3. If you live in the 16th district, contact Rep. Leon Panetta (202) 225-2861. Tell him you support his efforts to stop all funding to the Contras and thank him for the leadership he has shown in Congress on this issue. He needs to hear from you. 4. If Contra aid is approved in the House on February 3, Santa Cruz area residents should plan on attending a protest on February 5 at noon at the County Building, and consider Participating in civil disobedience at the IRS office afterwards.

Shelly D'Amour is legislative editor of The Monthly Planet



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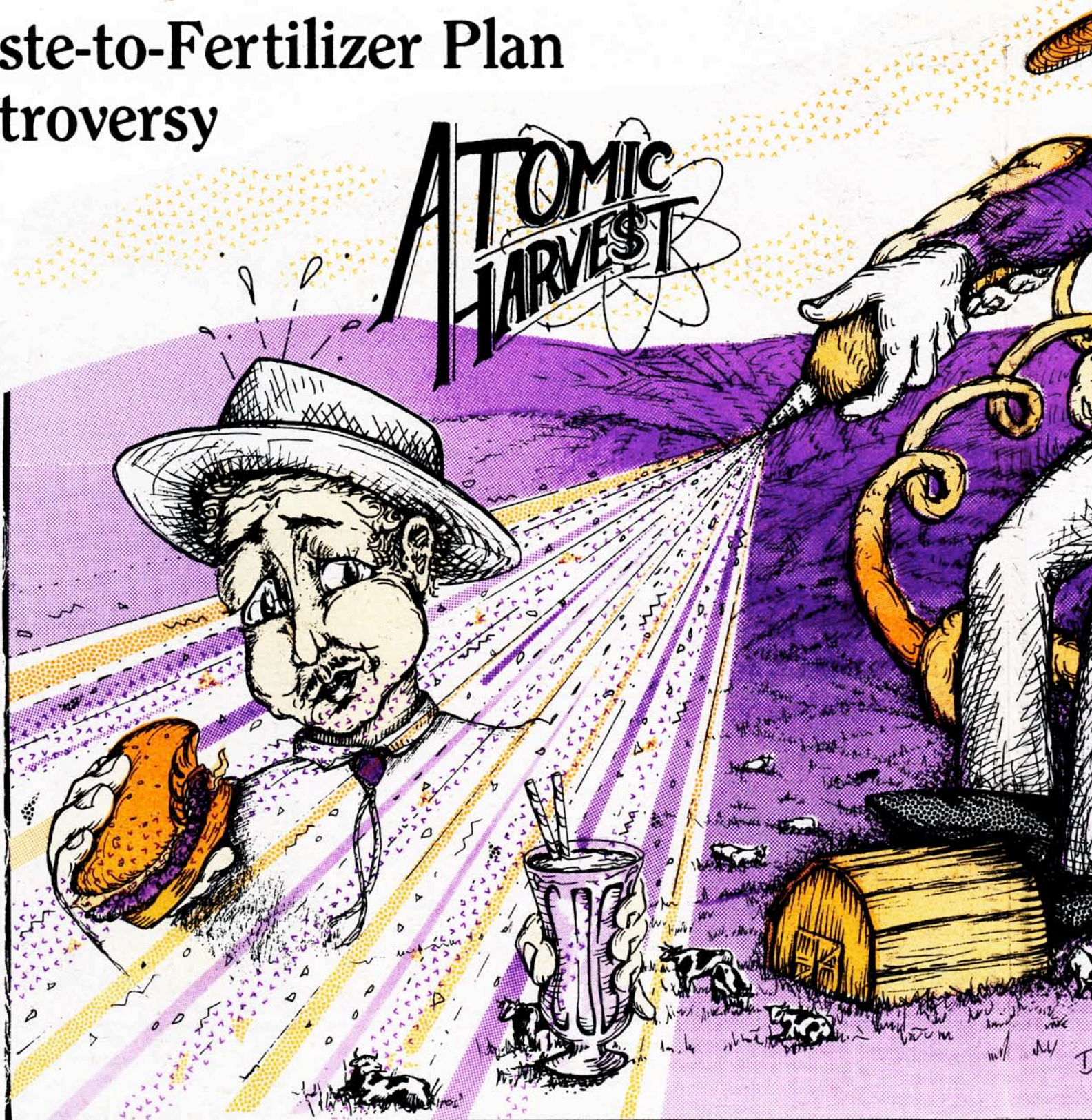
# Nuclear Waste-to-Fertilizer Plan Sparks Controversy

by Catherine Franke

The Kerr-McGee Corporation, a multi-billion dollar operation that up until November of last year owned one of the three plants in the U.S. that convert milled uranium to fuel for the nuclear industry, has had Oklahoma residents up in arms for years by the sloppy handling of the radioactive uranium wastes from its Sequoyah Fuels plant. Kerr-McGee, the same company that employed Karen Silkwood at the time of her death, has had a history of accidents and spills during the time they have operated the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation located in Gore, Oklahoma. Currently the facility has the residents of a tri-county area in eastern Oklahoma frightened by its latest large-scale method of toxic waste disposal: recycling radioactive uranium tailings into "fertilizer," then spraying the fertilizer onto 10,000 acres of pastureland.

Kerr-McGee began the application of the fertilizer, which the company generically refers to as "raffinate," a decade ago as an experimental method of waste disposal under the authorization of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. According to Jesse Deer In Water, chairperson of Native Americans For A Clean Environment which has been fighting the waste disposal methods of Kerr-McGee's Sequoyah plant, in 1985 Kerr-McGee was effectively able to change the state of Oklahoma's fertilizer law so that a fertilizer need only be based on its nitrogen content. About a month after the new law went into effect, Kerr-McGee was able to obtain a license from the Oklahoma Agricultural Department for their raffinate fertilizer, due to the proper nitrogen content raffinate had after being treated with ammonia (the ammonia reacts with nitric acid in the raffinate to produce nitrogen).

The company had begun to purchase "thousands and thousands of acres of land," said Deer In Water, to be treated



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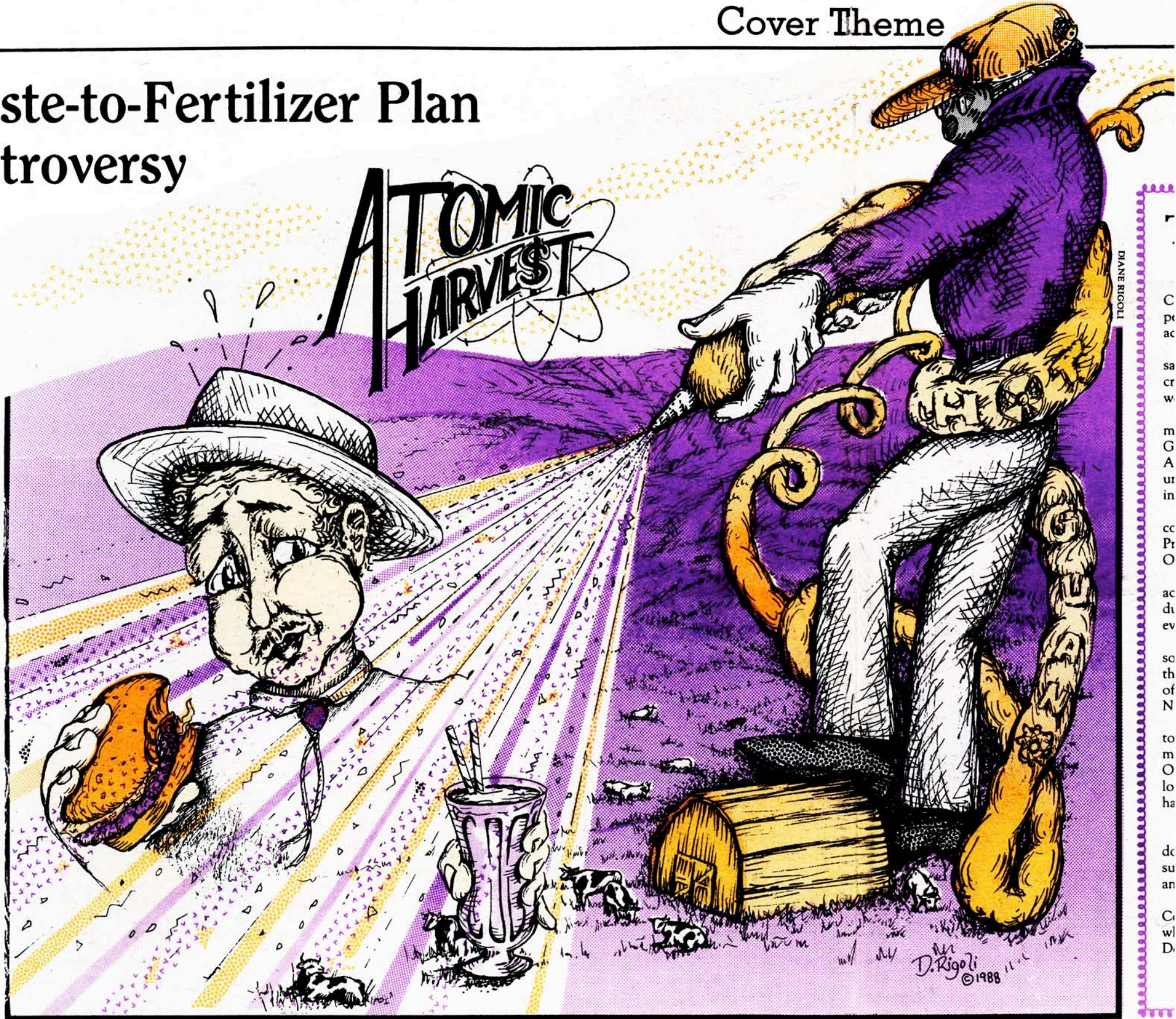
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## The Kerr-McGee Stronghold

Residents and activist groups in Oklahoma say that opposing the Kerr-McGee Corporation's negligent handling of toxic wastes and the company's latest "experimental fertilizer" which contains highly dangerous heavy metals and radioactive materials, is like trying to fight an "empire."

Sally Sutton of the Grass Roots Environmental Action Team in Oklahoma said that the press in the state would not print anything which could be seen as criticism of Kerr-McGee. Fliers announcing environmental impact meetings were torn down by company employees.

Sutton says of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the branch of the government that is supposed to be monitoring Kerr-McGee, "The NRC lets [Kerr-McGee] do anything they want to do." Jesse Deer In Water, chairperson of Native Americans for a Clean Environment (N.A.C.E.) said that the NRC is currently under four investigations from different agencies in the government for "being in bed with the nuclear industry."

The Kerr-McGee political stronghold in Oklahoma dates back to when the company was started by Senator Robert Kerr, Sr., a "very powerful friend of President Lyndon Johnson who had his way in government and in the state of Oklahoma," said Deer In Water.

Robert Kerr, Jr. is a member of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board which, according to Deer In Water, is the state agency "that allows this company to dump wastes into our river." The Arkansas River cuts through Oklahoma and eventually feeds into the Gulf of Mexico.

In an April 1987 fact sheet put out by N.A.C.E., the Oklahoma Water Resources Board was reported as intending to be responsible for the monitoring of the fertilizer "raffinate" wastes. This "places Robert S. Kerr, Jr. in the position of impacting the regulations for disposal of his company's nuclear waste," said N.A.C.E.

Brion Sprinsock, Santa Cruz chapter coordinator for the National Coalition to Stop Food Irradiation, has been studying Kerr-McGee for years. He commented on the raffinate spraying: "It's no accident this is taking place in Gore, Oklahoma. Kerr-McGee is a very powerful company in the state, they employ a lot of Oklahomans. Oklahoma is in many ways a company state. Kerr-McGee has a lot more power within the state of Oklahoma than they do elsewhere."

Currently, Robert Kerr, III is lieutenant governor of the state. For all of its power in Oklahoma, it appears Kerr-McGee finally had to bow down to bad publicity. Last November Kerr-McGee sold its Sequoyah Fuels subsidiary, the facility responsible for engineering the wastes-to-fertilizer project and for an accident in 1986 that killed one worker and injured many.

G.A. Technologies of San Diego is the proud new owner of Sequoyah Fuels Corp. Now that Kerr-McGee is out of the picture, the question that remains is, what will happen with the raffinate project? "They're still spraying," said Jesse Deer in Water.



with the fertilizer. According to an article that appeared in *The New York Times* on November 16 of last year, 18,000 tons of hay grown on the sprayed pastureland were sold commercially to Oklahoma-area ranchers and dairy farmers last year. Kerr-McGee also slaughtered and sold to market 350 bull calves of a 1,150 head of cattle that had been grazing on raffinate-treated pasture.

What are the effects of this nuclear-waste-turned-fertilizer on the environment of eastern Oklahoma? Kerr-McGee claims that all of the dangerous heavy metals and radioactive elements are "neutralized" in the process of converting waste to fertilizer. Yet a letter from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to Kerr-McGee dated January 18, 1983 states that the quantity of molybdenum in the raffinate exceeds the recommended maximum concentration of the element given in a 1972 National Academy of Sciences report. The letter from the NRC was in response to a request by Kerr-McGee that the heavy metal requirement concerning molybdenum be reevaluated. The NRC gave its approval to the change, delegating monitoring duties of the raffinate to Kerr-McGee itself, thus holding the com-

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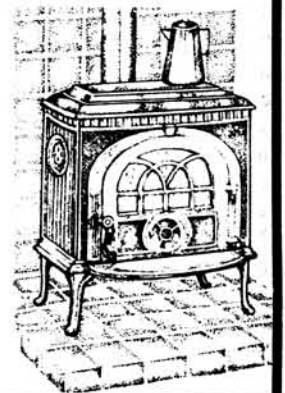
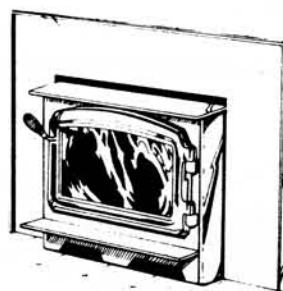
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pany internally responsible for performing "an investigation" and taking "corrective action if any sample shows elevated values."

Critics of the raffinate program and many area ranchers claim that the fertilizer has had bad effects on their crops and livestock. Reports of unexplained mutations in animals in the area, including a frog spawning five extra legs from its sternum which was found close to the Sequoyah field, are cited as evidence against the raffinate. In a letter from Oklahoma State University to Kerr-McGee on November 30, 1979, an experimental heifer from the Kerr-McGee project showed a high level of cancerous growths.

Kerr-McGee had planned to apply for a permit from the NRC this year to sell the fertilizer commercially, raising the fear of what could happen once raffinate is introduced into the food chain. Brion Sprinsock, the Santa Cruz chapter coordinator for the National Coalition to Stop Food Irradiation, comments on this, "What happens with many contaminants including the nuclear materials that are mentioned, the radioactive products that are in raffinate, is that as they work their way up the food chain they get concentrated. They lodge themselves in fatty tissue, so that you might spray a field of grain with this raffinate and it is in turn eaten by cattle which are in turn eaten by humans. As the chain progresses you get higher and higher concentrations of the material."

One of the biggest criticisms of the raffinate program is that all of the raffinate testing has been done by Kerr-McGee itself or by consultants who were paid by the company. No outside studies of the raffinate have been done, no long-term health surveys have been conducted, and milk and meat from the cattle which have grazed on raffinate-sprayed pastureland have not been checked for any contaminants.

According to Marvin Resnikoff of the Radioactive Waste Campaign in New York, "The primary hazard as far as I can tell is not the radioactive but the heavy metal contamination. That seems to be extremely serious." When questioned further on any noticeable effects the raffinate spraying had caused, Resnikoff replied, "I don't think you can see any noticeable effects in general. No one has done any health surveys. Without a health survey you really can't know anything."

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of Kerr-McGee's fertilizer operation is that the company is not isolated in its practice. There is indication of a growing trend nationwide to turn nuclear waste materials into a marketable product. The toxic wastes of the nuclear industry are thus widely dispersed into the civilian marketplace while at the same time demand for the original nuclear technology is increased by the creation of a commercial "need" for the waste products of the technology. Nightmarish visions of a society in which every part is



This nine-legged frog was found near the Sequoyah Fuels plant at Gore, Oklahoma, site of the radioactive waste-to-fertilizer project.

a product and a mechanism of a giant, self-perpetuating "nuclear machine," spring to mind.

Are we so far away from that frightening image? Sprinsock and Resnikoff think not, as they see the waste-to-dollars mechanism alive and thriving in the U.S.

Resnikoff cites several examples of this waste into profit trend: americium-241 is recycled by the Department of Energy from

Commission has approved spreading of radioactive materials on land."

Sprinsock believes that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is in the impossible position of trying to both monitor and promote this type of technology. "What is most disturbing, I think, is that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, since its inception in 1975, has been an agency with the primary charge to control and contain and regulate

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old nuclear warheads and put into smoke detectors; cesium-137 is removed from liquid wastes sitting in holding tanks in Hanford, Washington and goes into food irradiation machines; radioactively-contaminated metals from the Oakridge, Tennessee diffusion plant are recycled into useable metals, "frying pans for all I know." Resnikoff said that land farming with radioactive materials is a growing practice. "There have been approximately 20 incidences where the Nuclear Regulatory

the use of radioactive materials, and here we see the NRC now giving approval to an operation which isn't containing the material but actually dispersing the material into the environment. When the Sequoyah Fuels Facility was built it was probably never dreamed that the waste product would ever end up outside of the facility."

Throughout the nuclear industry's troubled history, the isolation of nuclear materials from the environment has been a perplexing problem. Now, an increasing num-

## What Is "Raffinate"?

Raffinate is essentially a generic term used by the Kerr-McGee Corporation to label the waste residue of a process that extracts purified uranium from milled uranium ore, or "yellow cake" as it is commonly called. The extracted fissionable materials from the yellow cake are used by the nuclear industry for weapons, fuel for power plants, and in nuclear medicine, according to Jesse Deer In Water, chairperson of Native Americans for a Clean Environment, who has spent many years studying and fighting the waste disposal methods of Kerr-McGee.

Raffinate is the sum total of all the "impure" elements in the ore in a chemical solution that are leftover when the desired materials are extracted.

This radioactive liquid waste contains the 18 heavy metals which are found in the experimental fertilizer, among them lead, arsenic, copper, sodium, cadmium, and molybdenum, and radioactive uranium in a toxic solvent solution.

According to a November 16, 1987 article appearing in *The New York Times*, Kerr-McGee treats the liquid waste with ammonia and barium to neutralize the acidity, reduce the radioactivity and lower the metal concentrations of the raffinate. The raffinate is pumped into giant holding ponds where the heavy particles attached to the ammonia and barium drop to the bottom and a clearer liquid is drawn off the top. This liquid is then centrifuged to "further reduce the percentage of toxic particles," the result being "a treated ammonium nitrate solution that contains 1 to 4 percent nitrogen."

Brion Sprinsock of the National Coalition To Stop Food Irradiation commented on this procedure:

"When you're dealing with nuclear materials you can't have 99% containment. The whole premise of regulating nuclear materials is that you can maintain 100% containment. There is no sense even building a facility if you can't maintain 100%. That's not true with other things. With some chemicals you can have other products released and they will do damage but they won't cause the kind of cumulative harm that nuclear materials will."

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ber of companies, faced with the trying task of developing disposal methods for their wastes, may have found a perfect solution: turning their toxic and radioactive garbage into a marketable commodity.

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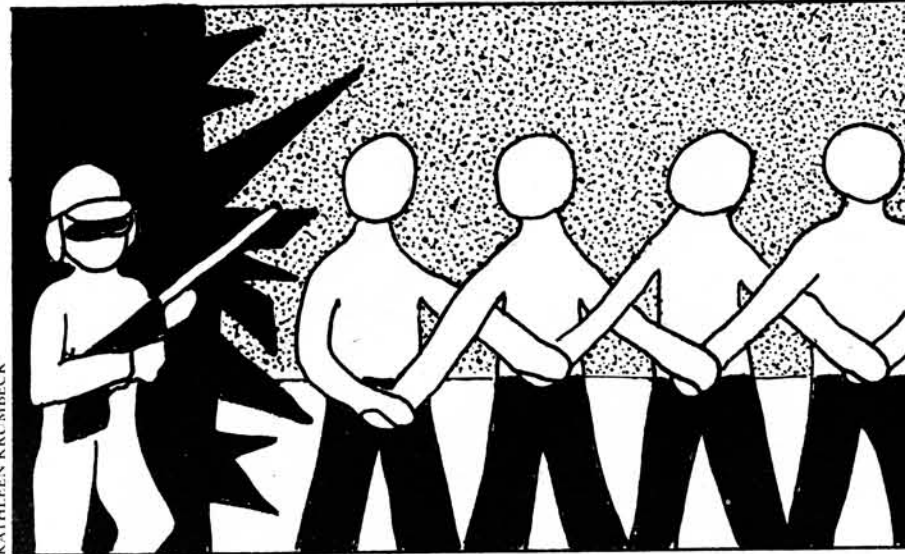
## Direct Action Notes

## Preparing for Nonviolent Direct Action

by Noel Sturgeon

Working for peace by engaging in direct action usually involves a fair degree of physical strain, worth it, of course, for the rewards of struggling collectively to make a better world. So what was I doing in a mineral hot spring, soaking in hot water while looking up into a sky of sparkling snowflakes, laughing and joking with some of the nicest people I'd ever met, looking forward to a hot meal of delicious gourmet vegetarian food and an evening of amateur entertainment? I was, in a rare combination of fun, intellectual stimulation, hard work and optimism, experiencing the American Peace Test's "Nonviolence Preparer's Gathering" in Oregon during four days last November. But more than the brief pleasures of what sounds like a stereotype of easy hippie life, it was the excitement of sharing perspectives on the politics of nonviolence preparations for direct action that made this event worthwhile.

American Peace Test is an offshoot from the national Nuclear Weapons Freeze which made the Nevada Test Site (NTS) its focus for a sustained and growing nonviolent direct action campaign against nuclear weapons. APT's short-term goal is a Comprehensive Test Ban, which would effectively



cease nuclear testing and be one of the most important first steps in a bilateral freeze and reduction of nuclear weapons. APT's next large action is the "Reclaim the Test Site" action scheduled for March 11-20. APT organizers hope to have thousands of people, organized into affinity groups, cross the test site during these weeks, in an attempt to disrupt normal operations of NTS and dramatize the American people's desire for a test ban. In an effort to increase participation, APT has concentrated on sup-

porting local and regional organizing groups, rather than operating from a centralized position in Las Vegas. To accomplish this, they have made every effort to decentralize decision-making concerning the action, and to encourage people interested in the March action to attend nonviolence preparations in their home areas and to come to the test site already formed into affinity groups, optimally with a plan of action in mind.

Thus, I found myself, as one of four nonviolence preparers from California, invited to Breitenbush Hot Springs in Oregon to attend a national nonviolence preparer's gathering. About forty other preparers,

on consensus process (a form of decision-making used by many who engage in nonviolent direct action) and affinity groups (small groups which provide support for each member and autonomously make decisions about their participation in actions).

APT, like many anti-nuclear organizing groups today, asks that everyone who participates in their actions attend a nonviolence preparation beforehand. This requirement has proved to be the essential ingredient in ensuring that actions remain nonviolent. But more than this, nonviolent preparations have enabled people to learn to organize themselves, to take responsibility for their own participation, to take control of the shape and spirit of their protest. Listening to the personal stories of the other nonviolence preparers in Oregon, and watching the care and thoughtfulness that went into their commitment to quality preparations, I began thinking about nonviolence preparations in a way I never had before. Several of the preparers had experience in giving preps for groups that wanted them for other reasons than to attend a nonviolent direct action: to theater groups which wanted a perspective on activism, to organizations which wanted to improve their decision-making skills, to people interested in solving conflicts in personal relationships, to neighborhood groups facing a particularly difficult set of bureaucratic hurdles. These stories brought into sharp focus for me something I had always implicitly known: that the reason nonvio-

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with from twenty years to practically no experience, were also there, representing most states in the country and a variety of movement groups, including Greenpeace, Catholic Workers, the Pledge of Resistance, and the Clamshell Alliance as well as SANE/FREEZE and APT-affiliated groups. The purpose of the gathering was to share information, create better nonviolence preparers, and to mobilize a nationwide network of nonviolence preparer's groups for the March action.

For four days, the gathering discussed the nuts and bolts, spirit and purpose of nonviolence preparations. An essential part of nonviolent direct action campaigns since Gandhi's work in India, nonviolence preparations consist of many hours of discussion of nonviolent action, its history, dynamics and techniques. They also include role plays of the action so that people can think through their limits and explore their feelings about nonviolent confrontations before the action begins. Since 1976, nonviolence preparations for many direct action groups have also contained sections

lence preparations proved to be such an exciting experience for those who attended them was more than that it "prepared" them for a particular action. Nonviolence preparations are about empowering people, teaching political and personal skills which are repressed and kept in short supply in our society: cooperation, assertion, flexibility, the articulation of feelings and political positions, and listening. The skills, in short, of a democratic citizenship. This insight (and the mineral hot springs, of course) made the APT Nonviolence Preparer's Gathering a memorable experience for me.

*[Anyone wishing to attend a nonviolence preparation for the March Test Site Action, or for any other reason, can call Ilene at 462-1655 for information on the next prep.]*

Noel Sturgeon is an activist and student of the direct action movement. Any comments on this column, or information on past or upcoming direct actions can be sent to her c/o The Monthly Planet.

# Direct Action Notes

## Updates on Previous Actions

—Katya Komisaruk was given a five year sentence for her White Rose disarmament action at Vandenberg Air Force Base last June. The judge also imposed a \$500,000 fine which he "presumed would come from a book or movie deal about her action." To express support, or to make donations for legal costs, contact the White Rose Collective, 1716 Felton Street, San Francisco, CA 94134.

The people who pled not guilty to charges resulting from the October Lockheed action in Santa Cruz were convicted in December and given the same sentence as those who pled no contest: a choice of two days in jail or community service.

—In a related case, five people active in Stop First Strike are being sued in small claims court by two Lockheed workers for "wages lost due to the protest." One case has been continued to Feb. 25, the other was heard before Santa Cruz Municipal Court Judge Richard McAdams. McAdams found decisively for the protesters, stating that First Amendment rights fully protected nonviolent demonstrators from civil suits and that it was Lockheed's responsibility that workers lost wages for the two days the facility was closed. To express support or make donations for legal costs, contact Stop First Strike, P.O. Box 7061, Santa Cruz, 95061, 427-0322. Supportive letters to local papers and spectators at the Feb. 25th hearing are also welcome.

—7 people were arrested at Vandenberg Air Force Base on Dec. 13 for vigiling along the public highway that crosses through the base. Their trial is pending. For more information, contact Ned Van Valkenburgh, (408) 427-2399.

—167 people were arrested at the Nevada Test Site during the Local Elected Officials action on Dec. 13, sponsored by SANE/FREEZE, including the mayor of Santa Monica and Oakland Councilmember Wilson Riles Jr.

—The operators of the train which ran over Brian Willson during a protest at the Concord Naval Weapons Station last September have brought a suit against Willson, Duncan Murphy, David Duncombe, and Nuremberg Actions for "mental anguish and emotional distress." According to the *San Jose Mercury News*, Willson's lawyer called the suit "outrageous," saying: "I think it's incredible that someone could run over another human being and cut off his legs and then ask him to pay money." Lawyers from Western States Legal Foundation, which provides legal assistance for many direct actions, say that this suit is part of a pattern of civil suits against protesters across the country which attempt to undercut First Amendment protections. More than 100 of these cases have been heard in recent years and every one has been decided in favor of nonviolent activists.

## Upcoming Direct Actions

Ongoing: Nuremberg Actions at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Daily presence to protest U.S. war in Central America (408) 426-7822 or (415) 933-7850.

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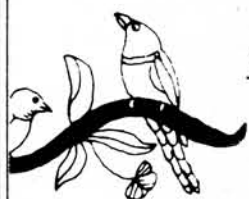
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## Planet Watch by Ralph Chernoff

### British Nuke Distaster Coverup Revealed

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In 1957 large amounts of radioactive material escaped from the Windscale nuclear reactor in England when it caught fire. The reactor produced plutonium for British nuclear bombs. The accident caused an estimated 33 cancer deaths and an abnormal leukemia incidence (three times the national average) in the fallout area. The only worse reactor accident on record was the 1986 Chernobyl accident, which killed 23 people at the reactor, and which will eventually kill an unknown but much larger number of people exposed to its radioactive fallout.

Sketchy reports released by the British government at the time concealed the extent of the accident and the danger to the public. A complete and accurate report of the accident showed that it was caused by faulty operation and equipment, but that report was suppressed by then prime minister Harold MacMillan because he feared that it might provide "ammunition" to American officials opposed to helping Britain produce nuclear weapons (Jan. 2, *New York Times*).



DIANA MOLL

### Star Wars Still The Hang-up

Despite Washington's post-summit "spin control" campaign designed to leave the impression that President Reagan had succeeded in decoupling further progress in nuclear arms control from the Star Wars issue, Gorbachev has made it quite clear that the two issues remain inextricably linked. In a TV report on the summit to the Soviet people, Gorbachev flatly denied that the Soviets had dropped their objection to Star Wars, and he sternly warned against "dangerous tendencies" to sow

confusion about the Soviet position in order to justify U.S. Star Wars development (Dec. 15, *New York Times*).

Gorbachev's version of the summit discussion on Star Wars was confirmed two weeks later by President Reagan's new national security adviser, Lt. Gen. Colin Powell. Responding to a query from Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, Gen. Powell confirmed that adherence to the ABM treaty was an express condition of the strategic missile reduction agreement which Gorbachev proposed at the summit (Dec. 30, *New York Times*).

The Soviets claim, but Reagan & Co. deny, that the ABM treaty bans testing or

deployment of Star Wars systems. But on Jan. 20 the U.S. proposed that the ABM treaty be amended to expire in 1994 (the present treaty has no expiration date), which seems to implicitly grant the Soviet claim that the ABM treaty does bar Star Wars (why else worry about when the treaty expires?). The Pentagon Joint Chiefs, however, oppose the proposal because they want to keep the treaty in force to prevent a Soviet Star Wars program. The Soviets have proposed keeping the treaty for at least another 10 years. This seems to indicate that the Pentagon and Kremlin might be pretty close to a long-range missile reduction treaty but for the Reagan White House.

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## Planet Watch

### Soviets Plan to Quit Afghanistan

The Soviet Union says that it will start pulling its troops out of Afghanistan by May 1 and complete the pullout in a year if Pakistan and Afghanistan agree to peace terms by March 1. The latter two countries have been holding talks in Geneva under United Nations auspices for some time, but the real negotiations on the Afghan war are taking place between the superpowers.

The Soviets demand that the U.S. stop aiding the Afghan rebels (through Pakistan). Secretary of State Schultz has indicated that the U.S. will do so if the Soviets pull their troops out and stop aiding the Afghan government. The Soviets have not yet publicly responded to the second U.S. demand, but they have made it clear that they don't want the Afghan war to stand in the way of the Moscow summit next May or June (Jan. 8, *New York Times*; Jan. 12, *Los Angeles Times*).

The superpowers have also been considering Austrian-style neutrality as the basis for a peace agreement. U.S., Soviet, British and French armies of occupation left Austria in 1955 in accordance with a treaty declaring its neutrality (Jan. 25, *Washington Post*).

### Bonn and Moscow Discuss Short-Range Missile Ban

Just a few weeks after the signing of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. INF agreement to eliminate medium-range (500 to 5000 km) nuclear missiles, West Germany has responded favorably to Soviet and East German proposals to eliminate German-based short-range (less than 500 km) nuclear missiles as well. According to a Jan. 11 *Los Angeles Times* article, Bonn's interest in the Soviet proposals upsets NATO/Reagan Administration plans to "modernize" those missiles to offset the loss of the longer-range missiles.

The ban was first proposed by Erich Honecker, boss of Bonn's old arch-enemy, Communist East Germany. Honecker actually proposed a ban on *all* nukes regardless of delivery means, which, if agreed to, would make Germany, East and West, a nuclear free zone.

The German public is particularly worried about short-range missiles because, as a West German politician put it, "the shorter the range, the deader the Germans." The Reagan Administration is irritated by such parochial concerns by the growing detente between the two Germanys. It is especially unhappy about opinion polls which show that more West Germans admire Gorbachev than Reagan, and that only 24% of them now consider the Soviets a threat vs. 55% five years ago.

According to a Jan. 20 *New York Times* article, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze proposed a "radical reduction" in conventional forces along with eliminating both short-range missiles and chemical weapons during his recent visit to Bonn. That offer would be highly persua-

sive because the supposed superiority of Soviet conventional forces in Eastern Europe is NATO's sole justification for stationing nuclear weapons in West Germany. Chancellor Kohl's conservative government has yet to agree to the Soviet/East German proposals, but, as Shevardnadze repeatedly pointed out to his German hosts, the Reagan Administration is the chief obstacle to such an agreement.

### World Arms Spending Up (Again)

World military spending climbed to \$930 billion in 1987, \$50 billion more than in 1986, according to a report prepared by Ruth Leger Sivard, a former official of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. The report states that U.S. arms spending rose to \$293 billion in 1987, \$13 billion more than 1986, while Soviet arms

spending rose to \$260 billion, \$15 billion more than 1986. The superpowers' arms spending thus accounts for over 59% of the world total. The total for all developed countries was \$790 billion, or nearly 85% of the world total.

### U.S. Must Quit Spanish Base

After months of wrangling, the U.S. has agreed to a new "arrangement" with Spain which effectively ends the close military alliance which began in 1953 when Secretary of State John Foster Dulles signed a "defense" treaty with his great and good friend, Francisco Franco. Under the new agreement, the U.S. must close its air force base at Torrejón near Madrid within three years. The U.S. is most unhappy about losing Torrejón because it now has to find another home for 72 F-16 fighter planes

covering the Western Mediterranean. It must also cut the number of Americans stationed in Spain by 40 percent.

Spanish Premier Felipe González insisted on the removal of the F-16's in order to hold up his end of a deal he made with the Spanish voters in 1986; he promised to expel the U.S. and its planes from Torrejón in return for their approval of a referendum on his government's unpopular decision to stay in NATO. The referendum was approved by a bare 52 percent, making it clear that letting the U.S. keep Torrejón would be political suicide for González. The U.S. has retaliated by drastically cutting military and economic aid to Spain (Jan. 16, *New York Times*).

In a 1953 letter to *The New York Times* protesting against the just signed Dulles-Franco treaty, the then exiled Spanish writer, Salvador de Madariaga, wrote, "Spain, when free, may repudiate agreements signed when she was gagged."

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## Free Speech Message

# The Palestinian-Israeli "Cycle of Violence" Must Be Broken

by R. Scott Kennedy

Whether by choice or by default, far too many Americans have simply accepted the current situation in the Arab-Israeli conflict as fact. We act as though the current situation of "No War/No Peace" can go on indefinitely, and as though Israel has the situation well in hand and the U.S. need do nothing extraordinary to hurry a diplomatic solution.

Events in the occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem and within Israel itself have shattered these illusions.

Massive civil disorder among Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories has been met by overt repression by Israeli authorities, followed by demonstrations of solidarity by Arab citizens of Israel, and expressions of condemnation of Israel by the United Nations and outspoken concern by the United States.

A familiar "cycle of violence" is in motion. An unjust situation such as the Israeli military occupation, which is imposed by threatened violence and the force of arms, inevitably provokes resistance. This resistance is suppressed by ever more blatant forms of violence; Israeli troops have at-

tacked demonstrators, even killing unarmed women and children, arbitrarily imprisoned thousands and threatened expulsion of alleged leaders. This violent repression in turn provokes even greater resistance.

The Israeli authorities are now belatedly hurrying to correct the more odious and counterproductive techniques utilized in suppressing the Palestinian uprising. Upgraded training in riot control techniques and crowd psychology and use of less-lethal weapons such as water cannons and rubber bullets may well succeed in reducing the number of Palestinian casualties.

But this is too little too late.

Only recently the Palestinian issue has taken a back seat to the Iran/Iran war. This development was greeted with a sigh of relief by Israel, the U.S. and the Western media. But now the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is back at center stage. And rightly so.

Furthermore, certain facts have emerged which can no longer be ignored. They include:

1) *The occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip is not acceptable to the Palestinians who live there.* Denial of their right to a national homeland and self-determination is a fundamental injustice that must be redressed. Failure to move decisively towards a political settlement, whether by the Israelis or by the Palestinians' own chosen leadership (the Palestine Liberation Organization), can no longer be justified. Such failure only breeds further despair, anger and irrepressible violence by successive generations of Palestinians.

2) *The price of the occupation being paid by Israel is no longer tolerable.* People in the United States assume that Israel can maintain a commitment to democratic principles and conduct a humane occupation. These assumptions have been destroyed by the

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photos of Israeli troops bullying, attacking and even killing Palestinian demonstrators. Israel is torn asunder with extremist racist, chauvinist and even fascist sentiment gaining support among youth and political parties. Both Israel's Jewish and its democratic nature are being put to the test by a continued and corrupting occupation.

3) *The present political course pursued by Israel and supported by the United States is not viable.* As one commentator recently wrote, it promises only "more riots, more oppression and more deaths."

It is ironic that Israel is now reaping the violence sown by outlawing or severely restricting the Palestinian's rights to political organization and expression. When normal political channels are closed sentiments pour into the streets. In the months immediately preceding the current crisis, Israel announced plans to expel Mubarak Awad, a native of Jerusalem and an outspoken Palestinian advocate of nonviolent struggle against the Israeli occupation.

Several Palestinian leaders, headed by the newspaper editor Hanna Siniora and including Awad, recently renewed calls for nonviolent struggle against the occupation. They are encouraging the Palestinian people to non-cooperate with Israeli occupation through a selective boycott of Israeli-produced cigarettes, non-payment of Israeli



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# Free Speech Message

taxes, and public display of solidarity through the wearing of black armbands.

These forms of nonviolent protest are to be waged until those arrested are released, threatened expulsions are rescinded, and some movement towards a political settlement is evident.

This initiative deserves our support. Such a militant yet nonviolent initiative may well channel resistance to the occupation into more constructive political struggle and hasten a negotiated settlement rather than further escalating violence and loss of human life.

Support should also be extended to those Israelis who oppose an unjust occupation and violent suppression of Palestinian political expression. Americans must hear those Israeli Jews who are refusing service in the occupied territories, demanding fair trials for the accused demonstrators, and working for a political settlement to the conflict.

And, finally, the U.S. government must move decisively in support of a diplomatic resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The present informal and de facto annexation of the occupied territories by Israel, without extending equal rights and protection under the law to the inhabitants, both denies the Palestinians' human and national rights and subverts Israel's democratic nature. Formal annexation of the occupied land with guaranteed equal rights for all its inhabitants would violate the wishes of the



This is a sealed entrance to the Balata Refugee Camp, Nablus, West Bank.

conflict. The tragedy of recent weeks will be compounded by failure to address the root cause of the conflict. The U.S. should use its influence to assure that negotiations begin to implement U.N. resolutions 242 and 338, securing Israel's continued existence within internationally recognized and guaranteed borders and creating a national homeland for the Palestinians in which they can exercise their right to national self-determination.

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vast majority of Israelis. Some Israeli leaders favor the forced expulsion of large numbers of Palestinians in order to gain the occupied land without its people. This approach, while consistent with much of Israeli behavior to date, is considered morally reprehensible by many Israelis and world opinion. It would prove politically catastrophic to Israel.

Palestinian freedom and Israeli security are inextricably bound to one another. The most sensible and sustainable political solution is two states co-existing alongside

one another. This solution, called for in the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan, is Israel's birthright. While initially rejected by the Palestinians and other Arabs, the two-state solution has been advocated by the PLO and Arab states for the past several years. It enjoys the support of the majority of the American people, though our government seems to have abandoned this position somewhere along the way.

It is timely, indeed long overdue, for all parties to move decisively towards a diplomatic resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli

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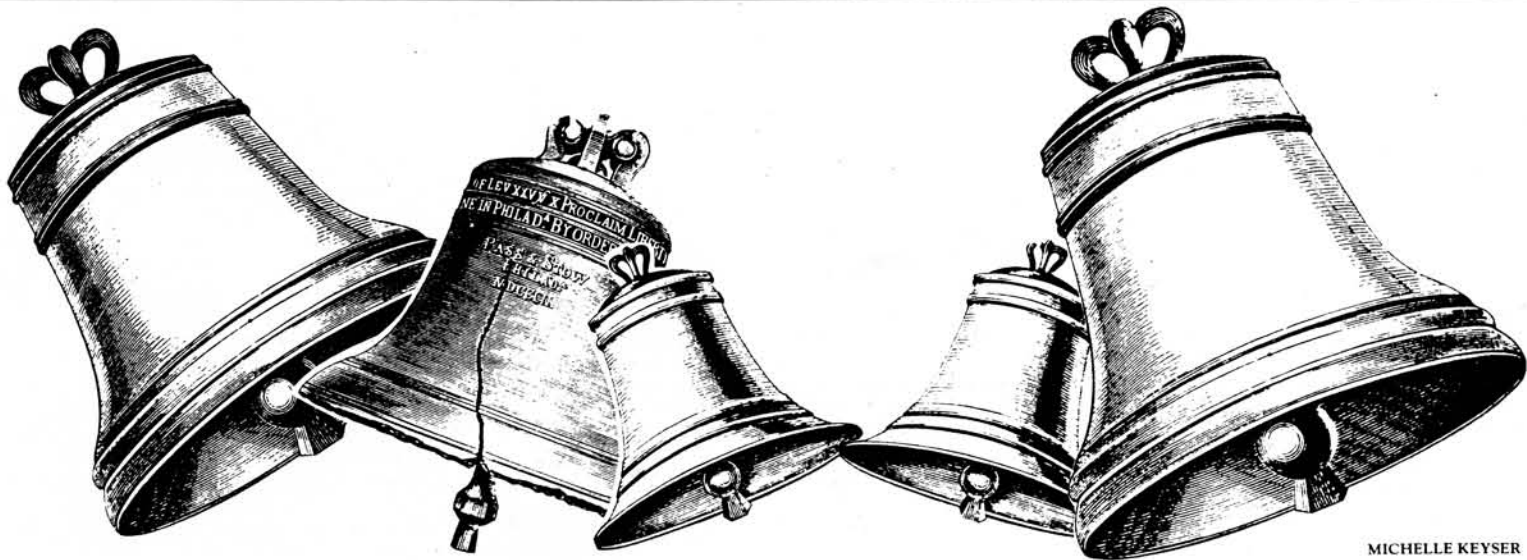
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# Planet Poetry



MICHELLE KEYSER

## The Bronze Bell

by D.M. Powers

The bell tolled beckoningly, and they came silently and unseen. They gathered at the base of the shrine and blended with the shadows of banyan trees and morning sun. They drifted gracefully, like silk on wind, their touch, unnoticed. A buddhist monk bent to the task of ringing the bell and, all the while, the audience grew.

Pushing her daughter's wheelchair, Misako arrived a little late to the ceremony. Masumi's legs were useless and the genetic damage to her brain rendered her all but a vegetable. So sad to come into life thus, Misako thought, it is fortunate that the girl cannot even comprehend her own condition. Life would be short for this one, mercifully.

The *Kami* of Masumi's grandparents looked sadly upon her. They knew that she did not have much longer to live. Other spirits drifted by, answering the irresistible ringing of the bronze bell. Upon seeing the disfigured girl, they bowed sympathetically to her mother, then solemnly and knowingly to her grandparents.

Masumi, alone, saw them and that without much comprehension. She tried to speak but only succeeded in drooling on herself. Her grandmother reached out with an ethereal hand to comfort her.

"Not much longer, Granddaughter," her grandfather spoke, unheard by all, save the retarded girl, "not much longer."

The girl grinned in idiocy, pointed a crooked hand at them and drooled again.

Old Sigeru had picked his way blindly to the shrine. It wasn't long before he felt the hands of others making the pilgrimage helping him to a shaded place where he could hear the ceremony. Sigeru could have found his way there unaided by the sighted, but he was grateful for their concern. He had long since outgrown bitterness. Being blind wasn't so bad, he thought, there were other *hibakusha* who had fared far worse than he. It had taken him a long time to resign himself to his fate. Now, in his old age, he had learned to treasure things like the compassion people were capable of and the memory of sight. Except for the memory of the last thing he ever saw; every day he tried to forget that.

There was one thing he could see, something the sighted could not. He had never told any one about them. It was enough to be blind, he didn't want people to think his mind was going as well. But then, there they were, drifting in vast numbers to the tolling bell, their shapes were inexplicable lights in his eternal

darkness.

Yukiko was also old and also had memories she treasured. The small village not far from Hiroshima where she grew up; her marriage; how gentle her husband had been and how proud when she had bore him four sons and a daughter. They were all just memories now, having perished a long lonely forty years ago.

Yukiko came to the temple every year at the tolling of the great bronze bell. Tears streamed down her face, silently, almost unnoticed. But then this also was a yearly event shared by all.

He stood close to her and tried to touch the tears that ran down the lines of age worn into her face. To him she had not changed in the forty years they had been separated, despite the wrinkles and tears. Their children gathered around and took turns embracing her, their lost mother. Not knowing of their nearness, she could not return their affection.

Saburo had not yet been born when his grandparents died. Still, he was at risk having been born to *Hibakusha*. his father had passed away last April; thyroid cancer, of course. It angered him that he might die the same way, of that his unborn children might suffer. He clapped his hands once and bowed in silent prayer. A breeze wrapped itself around the sound of the temple bell and followed it through the incense tainted air, piercing his prayers. he finished and made his way to the monk who stood at the top of the pagoda steps. Saburo handed him a wisp of rice paper, the name of his father printed on it. The monk received it solemnly.

"Hiroshima?" the monk asked, quietly.

"Hai." Saburo answered. He turned away to let the others behind him make their additions to the on-going list. All the while, the bronze bell tolled, calling, in the ancient way, the spirits of those who had died in the greatest terror of a modern world.

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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**Vigil at the Town Clock. End the Israeli occupation** of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Justice and a Secure Peace for Both Palestinians and Israelis. Co-sponsored by Kolaynu/Santa Cruz New Jewish Agenda and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. 5-6 pm.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Talk and slide presentation by Barbara Wiedner, founder and director of Grandmothers for peace**, which is dedicated to halting the nuclear arms race. The program will open and close with music by a grandmother for peace, San Francisco folksinger Faith Petric. 7:30 pm. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Melrose Ave. Free. donations appreciated. Info: 335-9553.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**If Contra aid is approved** on February 3rd, there will be a protest at the County Building at noon followed by civil disobedience at the IRS office. Sponsored by the Monterey Bay Pledge of Resistance 429-1247 or 335-3906.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**Weekend Conference, "The Role of Women and Men as Peacemakers."** Sponsored by Women for International Peace and Arbitration. Keynote speaker: Riane Eisler, author of *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future*. Bosch Baha'i School, in the Redwoods near Santa Cruz. \$85 includes 6 meals, 2 overnights; \$10 without meals or lodging. Info: 423-3387. (See Box).

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**Reception honoring local women artists to celebrate Black/African-American History Month.** UCSC Women's Center/Cardiff House, 4-6 pm. Continues through February 25. Info: 429-2072.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Video, "The Power Pinch: Sexual Harassment at Work"** introduces the problem of

sexual harassment in the workplace and features vignettes of typical harassment scenarios. A discussion will follow. Co-sponsored with the UCSC Sexual Harassment Committee, 12-1 pm, UCSC Women's Center/Cardiff House. Info: 429-2072.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Seventh Annual Western States Lesbian and Gay Students United Conference.** A great chance to learn, network and experience the camaraderie of the gay and lesbian lifestyle. The conference will feature workshops and speakers on topics ranging from alcohol and AIDS awareness to gay Republican and religious groups. Hosted by the California Polytechnic State University Gay and Lesbian Student Union, in San Luis Obispo. \$10 registration fee covers housing and attending workshops and speaker's presentations. No one will be prevented from participating due to lack of funds. Donations accepted. Info: (805) 546-9262 or (805) 546-8148.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

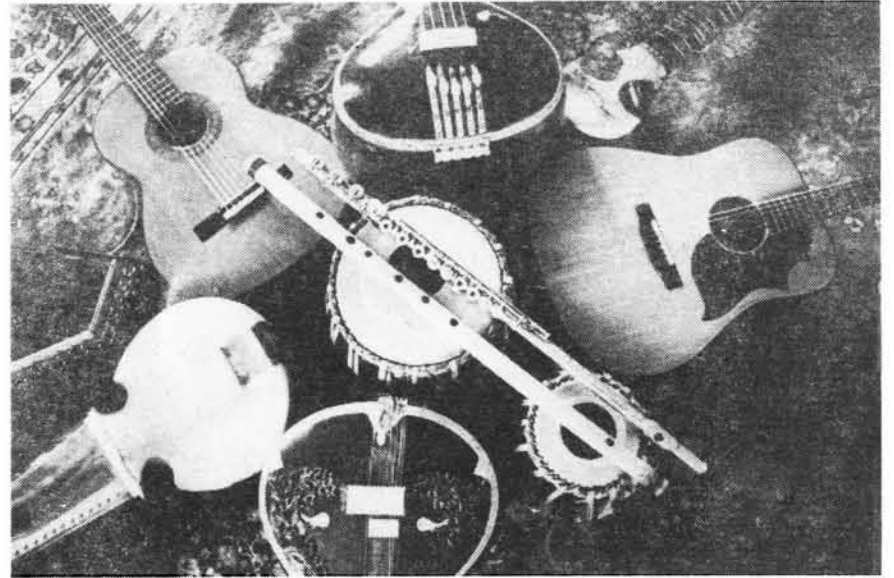
**Film, "Keeping the Faith"** with local filmmaker, Nina Koocher. Film deals with friendship, changing times and reunions. Refreshments will be served. Presented by UCSC Women's Center, 7:30 pm, UCSC Women's Center/Cardiff House.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

**Forum on the Gulf War Crisis. "Roots of the Iran-Iraq War and the Grounds for Peace."** Speakers include Ali Alyami of the Arab American Association for Human Rights, addressing the background to the conflict; Fred Lawson, Professor of Government at Mills College, addressing the U.S. role; Mojdeh Bahar, from the Committee for Peace and Democracy in Iran, addressing the impact of the war on her country and the Iranian people; and Sal Daoud of the Iraqi Democratic Union, addressing the same points with respect to Iraq. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Free. donations welcome. 1 pm. Info: 423-1626.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17-SUNDAY, APRIL 3

**Lenten Desert Experience VII.** Gathering of Christians, Jews and people of faith to the Nevada Test Site for prayer, vigil and civil disobedience in protest of nuclear



Help send people to the Nevada Test Site while enjoying a very special evening of jazz fusion/world fusion music featuring Windham Hill guitarist Alex de Grassi and MCA recording artists Ancient Future. Wednesday, March 2 at the Catalyst. See the calendar listing for more details.

weapons testing. Info: (702) 646-4814.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**Teach-in and forum on the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.** To address the underlying causes of the current uprisings in the Occupied Territories and to urge support of a political resolution of the conflict rather than a military one. Open to the community. Co-sponsored by Kolaynu/New Jewish Agenda and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of Poplar and Melrose Streets. 7:30 pm. Donations requested. Info: 423-1626.

**Film, "The Education of Rita"** follows a new Soviet teacher, Rita Tikhonova, a vivacious 21-year-old as she takes her teacher's exam and teaches her new class. From the PBS series "Comrades." In conjunction with the Modern Life in the Soviet Union class taught by Sigrid McLaughlin. Sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. Free, open to the public. 7:30 pm, Applied Sciences 152, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Documentary, "What Could You Do With a Nickel?"** about working Black and Latina women whose anger and determination enabled them to form the first domestic workers' union in the United States. Presented by the UCSC Women's Center, 7:30 pm, Women's Center/Cardiff House, UCSC.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Make Space for Peace—A National Conference on Alternatives to the Weaponization of Space.** Sponsored by the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. Holiday Inn Oceanfront, Indiatlantic, Florida. Info: (305) 422-3479.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Folksingers Charlie King and Aileen Vance** perform in a benefit for the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN). 8 pm, Santa Cruz High School, 415 Walnut Ave. Tickets available at Cymbaline Records. Info: 458-9425.

**An evening of poetry, music and herstory celebrating African-American/Black women.** Presented by the UCSC Women's Center, 6:30-10pm, Women's Center/Cardiff House, UCSC. Special guest speaker to be announced. Info: 429-2072.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**First Anniversary Celebration of the Veteran's Peace Action Teams' solidarity work**

with the peoples of Central America. An all-day series of events including: a public forum and reception with Brian Willson, video presentations of the veterans work in Nicaragua, a Central American dinner, candlelight march, and rock and roll dance. Vets Hall, Santa Cruz, 2-12 pm. Info: 426-7822.

**Workshop, "Linking Across Our Differences,"** dealing with racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia and anti-semitism. Presented by UCSC Women's Center. Conducted by a professional consultant and limited to 45 participants. Registration deadline is February 12. Info: 429-2072.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Film, "The Jews of Moscow"** by Danish TV producer Samuel Rachlin. Passover is the background for this film about the lives of different Jewish groups in Moscow from the refusenik families to the members of the Anti-Zionist Committee. The dream of meeting in Jerusalem next year has survived among many of the Soviet Jews, though not all want to emigrate. Shown in conjunction with the Modern Life in the Soviet Union class, UCSC. Sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. 7:30 pm, Applied Sciences 152, UCSC.



Folksinger Charlie King will perform with local songstress Aileen Vance in a benefit for the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN) on Friday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at Santa Cruz High School. Call 458-9425 for more information.





# Peace & Justice Calendar

Free, open to the public. Info: 429-2833.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**Film, "You've Got to Move"** about the civil rights movement in this country featuring various women of our times. Presented by the UCSC Women's Center. 7 pm, Women's Center/Cardiff House, UCSC.

**Trip to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.** Sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. Tour various Livermore facilities (such as the NOVA laser, the world's largest) and an opportunity to meet and talk with Livermore scientists. Deadline to sign-up is February 5, enrollment limit of 30 people. Bus leaves at 8 am from UCSC and returns 6 pm. Free and open to the public. Info: 429-2833 (afternoons) or 458-2711 (evenings).

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**Women's Video Night**, presented by the UCSC Women's Center and co-sponsored with Feminist Studies O.R.A., Women's Studies and History of Consciousness Program. 5:30-10 pm, Women's Center/Cardiff House, UCSC.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**Concerts for Kids: Mothersong**, a group of women who first came together to have more singing in their own lives, and who now meet and perform regularly with an



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*Neva Reece, local community activist, invites you to a celebration of the completion of "Images," her first recording for public distribution. Join her on February 28th, 7-10 p.m. at Zachary's, 819 Pacific Avenue in Santa Cruz. For more information call 458-5307.*

emphasis on songs that celebrate life, families and young children. They have produced their own tape and recently returned from performing in England. Benefit for Planned Parenthood of Santa Cruz County. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 children at Planned Parenthood and sponsoring stores. 11 am. Info: 425-1551.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

**Women and Work: Student Presentations.** An opportunity to explore various aspects of women and work as studied in professor Pamela Ruby's Women and Work Course. Presented by the UCSC's Women's Center. Bring your lunch. 11-12:30 pm, Women's Center/Cardiff House, UCSC.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

**Alex de Grassi and Ancient Future perform a special benefit concert for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze.** Proceeds will subsidize travel costs for people going to the "Reclaim the Test Site" action at the Nevada Test Site. 8:00 pm, Catalyst, 1011 Pacific Ave. \$10 advance; \$11.50 at the door. Info: 458-9975.



**MARCH 11- MARCH 20**

**Reclaim the Test Site—American Peace Test nonviolent occupation and blockade at the Nevada Test Site.** Get involved now! Form an affinity group in your area, start fundraising now to send your group to Nevada, and get involved in planning the action. Info: 458-9975 or (503) 484-2877.

**Conference on Gender and Peacemaking**

A local weekend conference, February 5-7, sponsored by Women for International Peace and Arbitration (WIPA), will explore a different avenue for creating a peaceful world, that of an equal partnership between men and women, as conference participants examine "The Role of Women and Men as Peacemakers."

The keynote speaker will be Riane Eisler, whose best-selling book, *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future*, looks at the male "dominator" model of society of the past 5,000 years as a cultural detour from the previous 20,000 years of the "partnership" model which she sees attempting to reemerge in our world today and gives us hope for the future. The Fundamentalist resurgence in the U.S. and the Middle East is, she believes, a rigorous attempt to repress this movement and maintain the "dominator" model in our society. Dominance, whether patriarchal or matriarchal, is authoritarian and aggressive; only through mutual respect and equality will we develop a lasting peace.

Members of the WIPA board of directors will serve as facilitators for "Sitting Room Seminars," which will provide the opportunity for an open sharing of ideas and concerns. They bring to these discussions a wide variety of expertise from their backgrounds in law, business, psychology, sociology, education, race relations, and women's rights.

The conference is being held at Bosch Baha'i School, 500 Comstock Lane, in the mountains above Santa Cruz near Bonny Doon. Registration fee is \$10; meals are available at \$4.50 per meal. Child care will be provided at no extra cost. For more information call 688-0221. To register call 423-3387.



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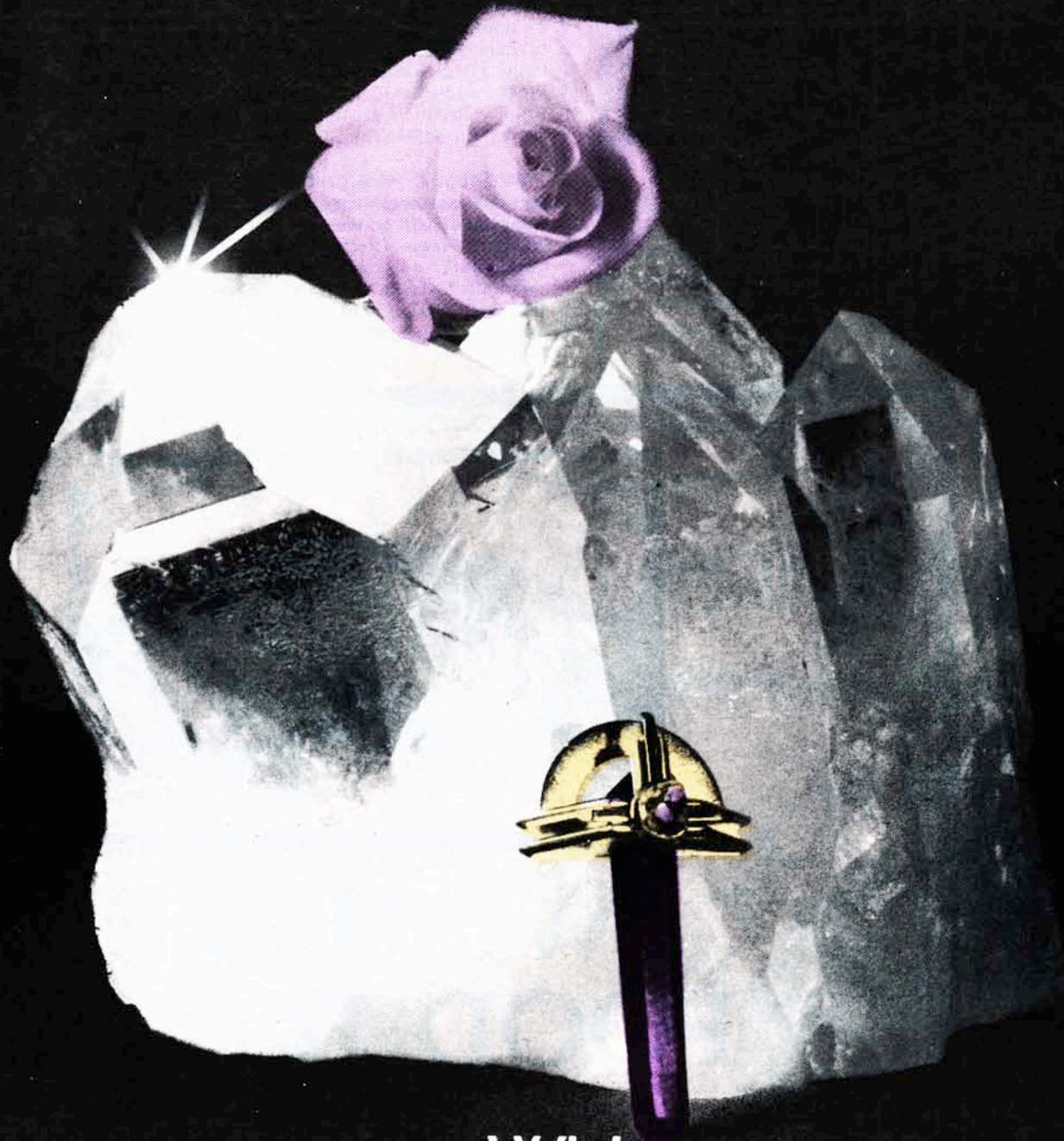
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