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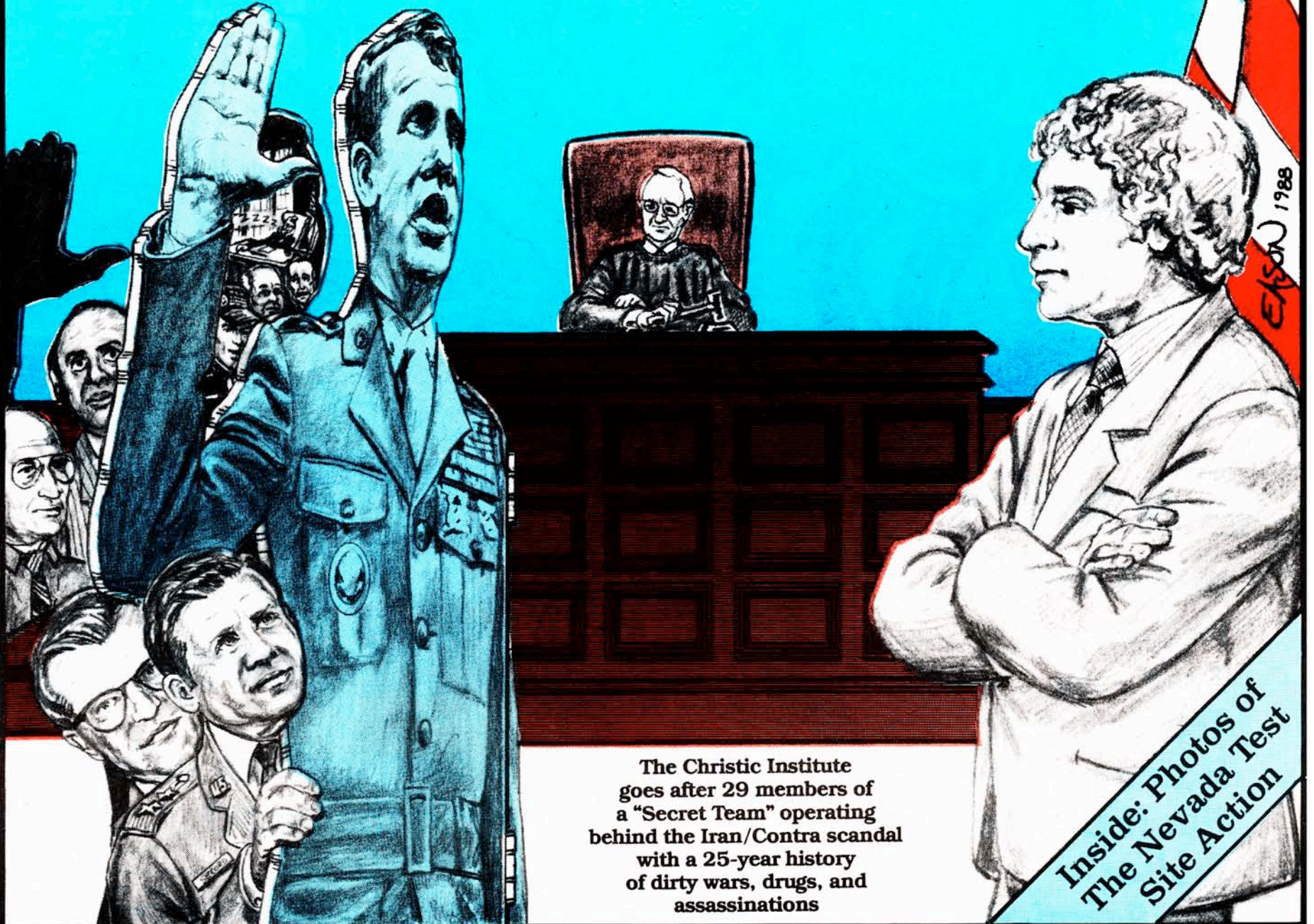


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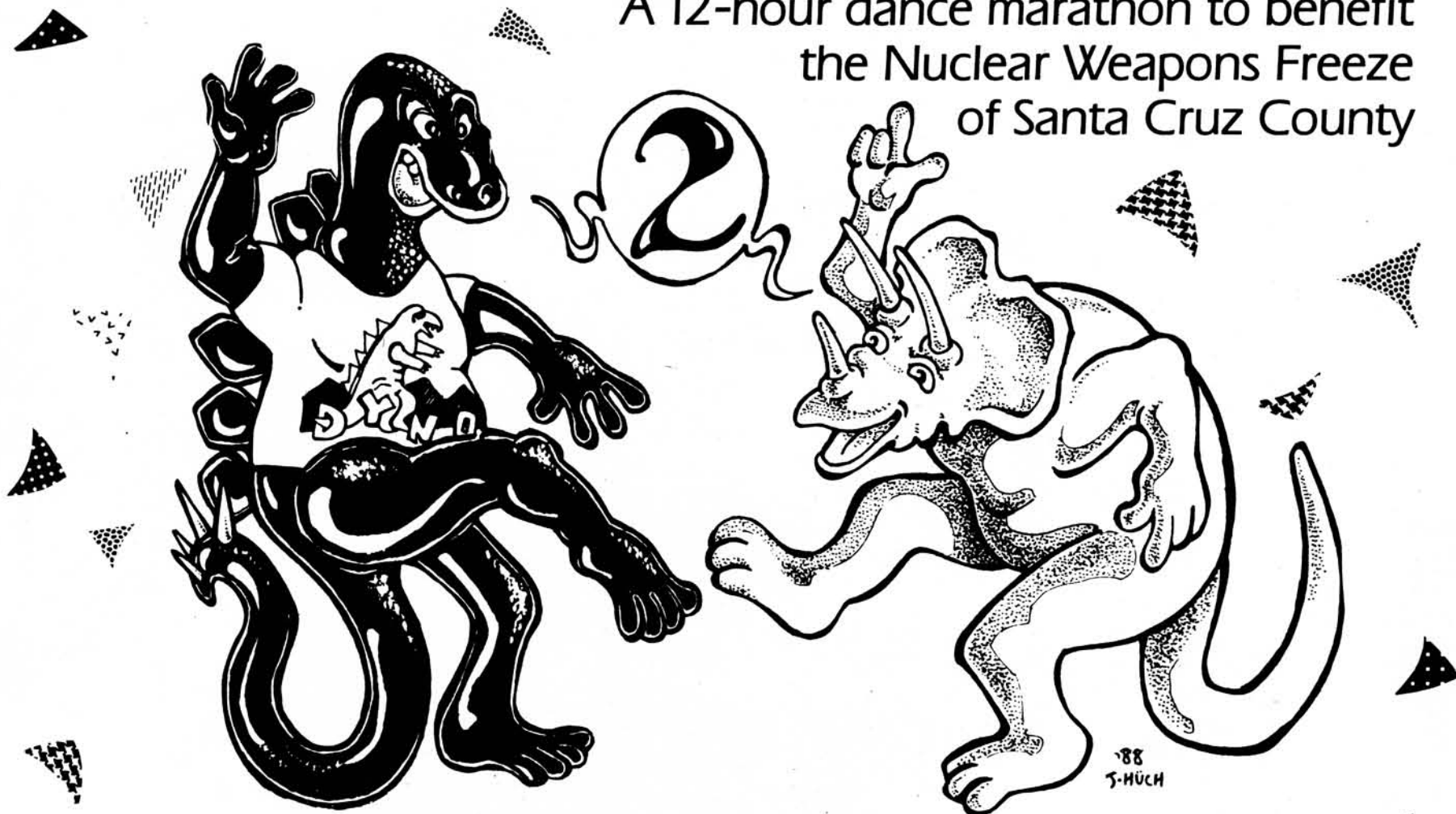
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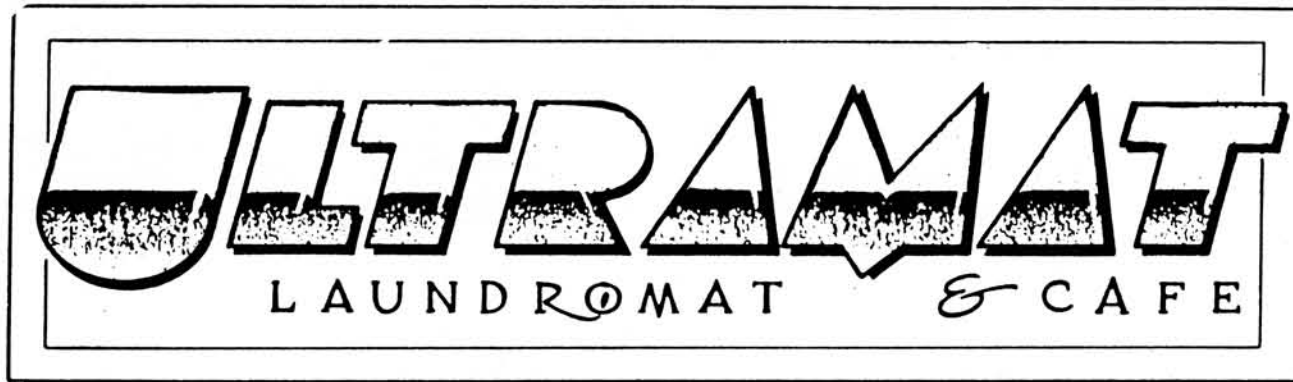


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Wearing buttons is not enough; Santa Cruzans (left to right) Blue Jones, Troy Guzman, and Joe Neu were among the thousands of demonstrators who journeyed to the Nevada Test Site to demand an end to nuclear testing. See this issue's special photo section on the largest demonstration in the history of the Nevada Test Site, pages 17-20.

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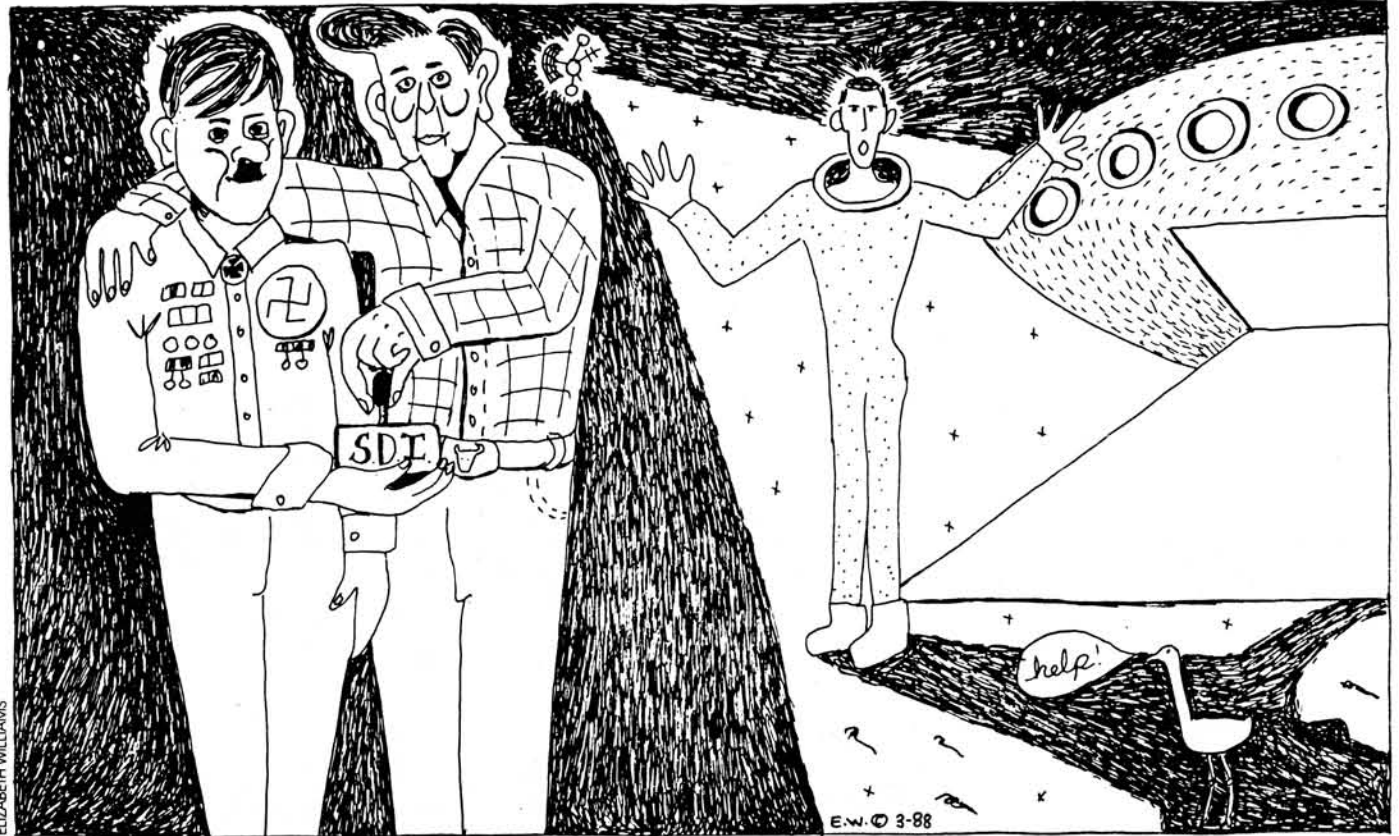
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Star Wars, the Pleiadians, and Hitler

I am writing to add to the discussion of "Star Wars vs. Common Sense," the informative article by Ralph Chernoff in last month's issue. As the title implies, the reasons given by our government to pursue SDI don't make "common sense." Why couldn't we give up something we don't even have yet for some real progress in negotiations? I have felt for a while that there was some missing piece of information that might explain this behavior by our leaders (even beyond the big bucks certain well-connected contractors might receive), considering the fact that the idea for an SDI-type system goes back to the early '50s. This missing piece I may have found out on the fringe of "accepted reality." I offer no "proof," only interesting connections and possibilities.

This began for me last year after reading *Light Years, an Investigation into the Extraterrestrial Experiences of Euard "Billy" Meier* by Gary Kinder. For those unfamiliar with the Billy Meier case, it is called the best documented UFO case ever. For more on this incredible story read the book, but for the Star Wars connection I will summarize: Billy Meier is a poor, uneducated Swiss farmer who for 11 years was in frequent contact with non-Earth humans in circular spaceships who claim to come from the Pleiades star system. Meier's contact was a Pleiadian woman named Semjase (Sem-yah-see) and he was allowed to take hundreds of still photographs, tape recordings and movie footage of their



beam ships and also approximately 2,000 pages of notes of information about the relationship of Human-of-this-Earth and Human-not-of-this-Earth.

Now, to get back to the SDI connection, this past January I met a man who had been to visit Billy Meier in Switzerland three times. He worked for the government in the early '50s when he had what is called a close encounter of the first kind—a sighting. He was intrigued and reported it to his superior. Soon he realized there is this "black hole" in the U.S. government where UFO information goes in and only denial comes out. After a few years as his interest in UFOs and his frustration with the "official" attitude grew, he quit his job for full time investigation. He was

visiting Meier to "see for himself" and got some information that others had not because he spoke Meier's native Swiss/German and he was persistent.

The scenario told by Meier is this: The Pleiadians are humans from another planet who have interacted with the evolving humans on Earth for a long time. The key word here is "Humans," more advanced but still capable of mistakes. They say they come here to help their Cosmic Cousins become aware of our situation here—that is that we now have the technology to destroy our planet and need the spiritual/political balance to prevent this.

However, they know our tendency to fear and/or worship them if they appear to us. They prefer to work through

humans to bring this information into the "collective consciousness." The Pleiadians say they or others have influenced much of our popular science fiction to open us up to other possibilities. *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951), *Close Encounters*, the *Star Wars* trilogy and especially *Star Trek* are good examples. They say that *Star Trek* concepts of "warp speed," "beaming up," crystal-powered ships and a Galactic Federation with a variety of alien forms following a "prime directive" are a reality to them. They use this slower, gentler influence because they have used a more involved approach that failed miserably.

According to Meier some of the Pleiadians were in contact with a young Hitler in the '20s and had hopes of forming a solidified world government with his help. Could this be the source of Hitler's interest in the occult? His contacts spoke of a "New Age" coming (the 1,000 year Reich?), but that humankind was resistant to this and needed a strong leader to follow and maybe even help push them into it. They also implied that part of our problem here was too many de-evolved humans that were holding the planet back from this "New Age." Sound familiar? Hitler was given technological information to rebuild his country and influence the world. However, he took the information and mixed in his own prejudices, fear and ego and went about his "mission." When his E.T. help saw what he was doing they said something like "you misunderstood; you are killing your best minds, your scientists, philosophers and doctors—this is not what we meant by a 'pure race.'" When Hitler did not agree, their support was withdrawn and he fell. When our forces entered Berlin, drawings were discovered of saucer-shaped fighter vehicles and other advanced technologies. Hitler did have the first jets and rockets, a big jump

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from the technologies of the '30s. Many top Nazi scientists were recruited to our side so the knowledge of this off-the-planet help was now held secret by our government.

And what would they think of these E.T.s' motives to discover their connections to Hitler? More than likely this fragment of information added to the prejudices and fears of our leaders, raised on "churchianity," produced the conclusion that the E.T.s were evil! What else could they think? They might also think the E.T.s would try to dominate the world again, this time through the "evil empire" of the U.S.S.R. Could this fear of the unknown have fueled (1) the cold war, (2) the fear-based science fiction movies of the '50s (i.e. *Invasion from Mars*), (3) the extensive government cover-up of all UFO related information and (4) SDI as a defense against a feared E.T. invasion? There is a CIA document released through the Freedom of Information Act that states that this is the true intent of SDI. In fact many UFO researchers have stopped investigating sightings and are focusing on the government and what it's *not* saying. If some of the E.T.s are at fault here, could they have been the Oliver Norths of the Pleiadians violating their own prime directive? Anything is possible.

If anyone would like some open discussion of this or to borrow my copy of *Light Years*, write me at P.O. Box 357, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. I will close with a quote from Semjase: "...The only thing limiting the progress of the Earth-Human is the Earth-Human himself."

Michael Abbey
Santa Cruz

Israel Grants Equal Job Rights to Women

During periods of great national crisis, there is often great political progress. Such is the case with Israel, which recently passed a law giving equal job rights to women.

Ora Namir (Alignment) introduced the legislation, and Sarah Doron (Likud), Shulamit Aloni and Ran Cohen (both Citizens Rights Movement) submitted private members' bills on the subject.

Quoting an article by Dvorah Getzler in the March 5, 1988 edition of the *Jerusalem Post*:

The law's main provisions include a prohibition of any sexual discrimination in granting work, in conditions of employment, advancement, professional training, dismissal or compensation for dismissal.

Employees may not be discriminated against by reason of sex, marital status, or parenthood.

Men as well as women may take post-maternity leave, with the choice of who takes the leave being up to the parents.

Similarly, the father, rather than the mother, may decide to leave his job after the birth of a child, in which event he will be entitled to compensa-

tion pay.

The right to obtain leave from work to attend to a sick child is to be conferred equally on either parent.

Discrimination resulting from an employee's failing to give way to sexual harassment will be punishable as a criminal offense. Legal aid will be available to help the employee bring a civil suit as a result of such harassment.

If an employee is dismissed because of sexual prejudice, the law provides for the annulment of the dismissal and the reinstatement of the employee.

Israel, a country tortured by extreme viewpoints and conflicting ideologies on most issues should be congratulated for its outstanding new law! In America where we face very few of Israel's direct

confrontations, we have not yet reached such a reasonable awakening.

Mimi Hill
Santa Cruz

U.S. Should Adhere to International Law

Ronald Reagan can bang on the table all he wants to, demanding support for his so-called "Freedom fighters." All the world knows that they are little more than U.S. mercenaries who are screwing up so badly that they have been kicked out of Costa Rica and, according to the agreements of the Arias Peace Plan, will soon be out of Honduras.

The president's continued support for the Contras flies in the face of admonitions by the majority of the Organization of American States members, the Contadora nations, and the United Nations and World Court. As in Vietnam,

many of our European allies are also against U.S. interventionism.

Public opinion has moved against our government's stand and firmly in favor of self-determination for the people of Central America. This is evident by the House vote on Contra aid when a majority of Republicans and Democrats voted against the package.

The Reagan obsession for the Contras and for his "doctrine of pre-eminence" echoes the 19th century idea of Manifest Destiny and is a reminder to people of the disasters in Vietnam, Lebanon, and the Iran-Contra debacle. Peace does not depend on more military intervention or "secret wars," but on U.S. adherence to international law, diplomacy and mediation by the U.N., if regional peace efforts break down.

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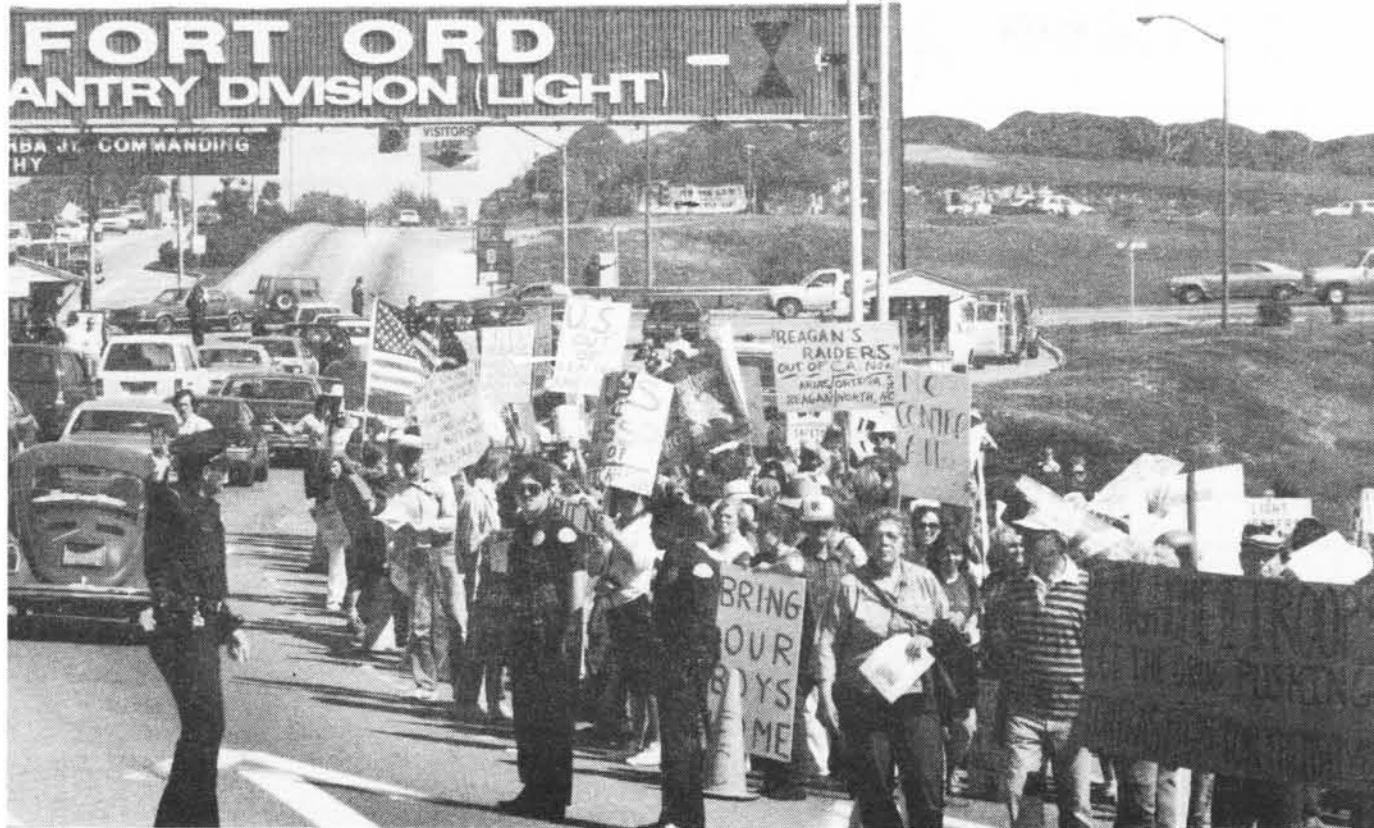
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Feature

U.S. Troops to Honduras: Ploy for Contra Aid?

by Ralph Chernoff



On Saturday, March 19, hundreds of citizens protested at Fort Ord. Demonstrations broke out across the country in response to the deployment of U.S. troops to Honduras.

For the last seven years, almost from the moment he took office, President Reagan has been waging war against Nicaragua. He has invaded Nicaragua by way of Honduras, not with U.S. troops but by means of a mercenary army organized, supplied and directed by the CIA. Over those years his administration has been forced to retreat from or abandon many a cherished goal of the far right: the reversal of the civil rights revolution, the elimination of environmental protection programs, and, above all, the renewal of the nuclear arms race. But there are two other goals to which Mr. Reagan still clings with an ayatollah-like obstinacy. The first is Star Wars and the second is Nicaragua. We dealt with the first of these obsessions in last month's *Planet*; this month's Honduran episode forcefully reminds us of the second.

President Reagan's vendetta against the Sandinistas suffered two seemingly mortal blows last year: first, the Iran-Contra scandal, and then, in August, the Central American Peace Plan (often called simply the "Arias plan," in honor of Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Sanchez who received the Nobel Prize for bringing it about). The first revealed how Reagan & Co. had lied to Congress

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about supplying arms to the contras, and the second called upon the U.S. to stop supplying them.

These setbacks didn't deter Reagan from going back to Congress for more money for the Contras this year, both for "lethal" (guns, bombs, etc.) and "humanitarian" aid (everything else). When the first bill lost in the House in early February, Reagan resubmitted another for "humanitarian" aid alone, but that, too, lost in early March. So did a third bill which House speaker Wright submitted as part of a complex compromise with the administration (see this issue's "Legislative Update"). So aid to the Contras—at least "legal" aid through Congress—had struck out.

Meanwhile, in Nicaragua itself, the Contras were in even bigger trouble. Last fall, the Sandinistas responded to the Arias peace plan by offering the Contras a cease-fire. In December, the Contras responded to both with a bloody attack (one on Christmas Day) on three towns south of the Honduras-Nicaragua frontier. In early March, the Nicaraguan army began a campaign to drive the Contras out of that region. By March 15, they had captured the main Contra base in northern Nicaragua, and the Contras were high-tailing it for Honduras with the Sandinistas in hot pursuit.

That same day, the White House resubmitted the Contra aid bill which Congress had rejected March 3. It was, of course, promptly re-rejected by House Speaker Jim Wright. On the next day, the 16th, the White House accused Nicaragua of invading Honduras and announced that it was sending 3200 U.S. troops there in response to a plea for help from President Azcona of Honduras.

Did the Nicaraguans invade Honduras? On the 16th, Stephen Kinzer, the *New York Times* correspondent in Managua, Nicaragua, phoned Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, for confirmation. "We have no concrete information that Sandinista troops have crossed our border," said Col. Manuel Suarez Benavides, a spokesperson for the Honduran army (*New York Times*, 3-17-88). President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua promptly denied the invasion charge and invited foreign observers to visit the border area to see for themselves. He also asked for an on-site inspection by the United Nations and the Organization of American States. On the other hand, an Associated Press story on the same day quotes an anonymous "intelligence source" in Honduras saying that Honduran troops had surrounded 2000 Nicaraguan intruders.

Congress is skeptical. Several members openly charge that the White House forced Honduras to ask for aid. Others recall the alleged "invasion" in 1986, which turned out to be a hoax. As Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin put it, "...Congress has been lied to and balonied so many times that you have to have St. Paul on TV before you're willing to believe them."

Unfortunately, the White House couldn't produce St. Paul. Nor could it

produce a single identifiable, non-anonymous, eyewitness to verify the 2000-troop Nicaraguan invasion. That fact, plus the Honduran army spokesperson's denial of knowledge of an invasion, plus Nicaragua's offer to open the border area to inspection, all point to the conclusion that this "invasion," like its predecessor, was a hoax. A brief foray into Honduras in pursuit of fleeing Contras may well have occurred (such "hot pursuit" of marauders is permitted by international law), but no one outside the Reagan White House would call it an "invasion."

Unfortunate, also, for the White House was the fact that four Contragate conspirators, including Oliver North and John Poindexter, were indicted on the same day that the "invasion" and airlift were announced. Some suggest that the latter was a manufactured crisis to divert attention from the former, but the

coincidence had just the opposite effect by reminding everyone of the Reagan Administration's long history of lying.

In any event, the crisis was short-lived. By the 20th, the same anonymous sources that reported the "invasion" now said that the Nicaraguans were going home, and the Pentagon said that the troops would be withdrawn in ten days or two weeks or something like that.

One very remarkable and heartening result of the crisis was the speed with which large, spontaneous protests were improvised all across the country. Well over 2000 demonstrated in San Francisco. Other protests took place in Boston, Chicago, at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, at many college campuses, and at Fort Ord, the home base of some of the troops dispatched to Honduras.

Even more heartening is the incredible denouement of this strange, and

sometimes scary, story. On the 21st, the Sandinistas and the Contras sat down to negotiate in Nicaragua. On the 23rd, they announced a cease-fire. It starts April 1st and is to last 60 days, during which time a permanent truce is to be negotiated. The Nicaraguan government will grant a "gradual amnesty" and political exiles will be allowed to return. The Contras may receive humanitarian aid, but only from neutral sources, not the U.S.

Washington appears to be taken completely by surprise by this outcome. And taken aback. What started as an incident designed to blackmail Congress into voting more aid to the Contras may end up with the downfall of the Contras and, perhaps, the end of Reagan's war against Nicaragua.

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The Price of Security

In 1986 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted 3 to 2 to exempt commercial nuclear power plants from installing the same security measures required at reactors producing weapons-grade nuclear materials, despite the fact that international terrorist organizations have broadcast threats against American nuclear power plants.

The decision, which is now under reconsideration, was due largely to what such security would cost utility companies. Hydraulic vehicle barriers, which would be installed at power plant gates and could be activated by guards from below ground vaults, are estimated at about \$200,000. "That is one ten-thousandth of the value of such a plant,"

commented Connecticut Representative Sam Gejdenson at hearings of a House subcommittee on March 9.

Vehicle barriers have been installed at many sensitive government facilities after the 1983 truck bomb attack on the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut.

(Source: *New York Times*, 3-10)

—Catherine Franke

NRC Staff Blow the Whistle

Two veteran staff members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have accused their superiors of trying to discredit a Justice Department investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority's top nuclear manager, Steven A. White. White is being investigated for

making "willful material false statements" to the NRC in certifying that TVA reactors complied with federal safety standards. He claims that his statements were not false, but rather were misinterpreted.

The two staff members, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retribution, said in separate interviews that a committee of NRC officials visited the Justice Department in February and told its criminal division that top agency officials did not believe the incriminations against Mr. White, hence they were not worth pursuing. A third staff member, also requesting anonymity, corroborated their report.

These staff members regard the committee's action as nothing less than a "sellout," pointing out that the NRC has been anxious to bypass the investigation so that TVA could resume operation

of its nuclear power plants, all five of which were shut down in 1985 for deficient safety standards. The commission in fact approved the restarting of TVA's Sequoyah Unit 2 plant with a 5-0 vote on March 22, preferring not to wait for the Justice Department's verdict.

(Sources: *New York Times*, 3-6, 3-23)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

This Dump Not Worth Its Weight In Salt

The nation's first permanent nuclear waste repository slated to receive 125,000 barrels of military plutonium wastes has been decreed potentially unstable due to water leaks and for the time being will accept only one-fourth that amount for "studies."

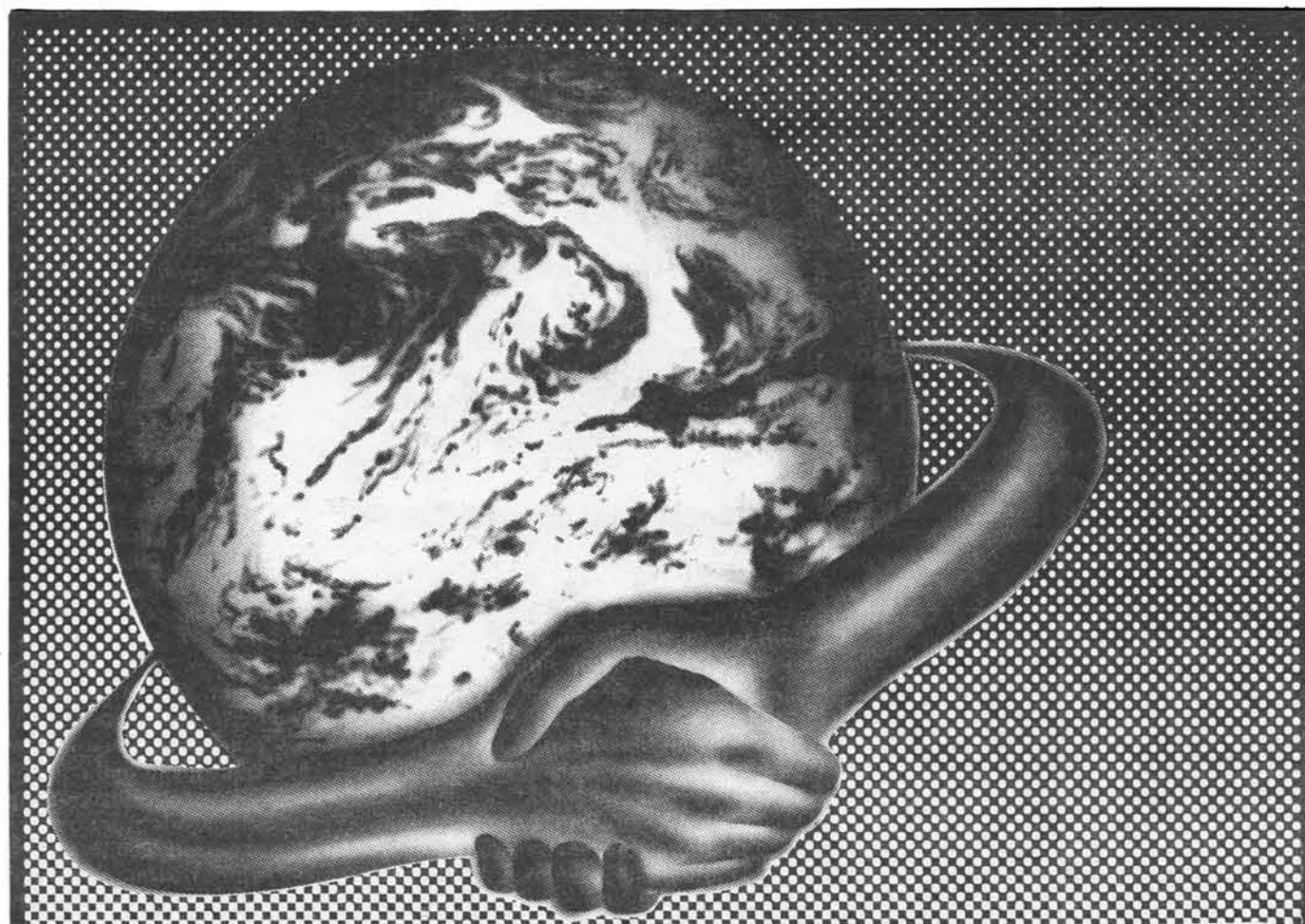
The \$700 million disposal site carved from salt beds 26 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, has been discovered to contain water—a threat to storage safety. Salt beds are easily mined, and in the past have been regarded as geologically stable and water-free. But state and federal scientists began warning as early as 1980 that the New Mexico site was a risky proposition because of large pockets of water that were trapped when a prehistoric ocean evaporated 225 million years ago.

The scientists and the Department of Energy then waged a private feud: the scientists claimed that the water could form a brine that would corrode the steel drums allowing wastes to escape; the DOE denied that the leaks were serious. But last December two New Mexico geologists went public with their concerns about the amount of water seepage discovered throughout the mine shafts. In January the National Academy of Sciences issued a report claiming the leaks generated enough "uncertainty" to warrant further investigation, and it called upon the DOE to entomb only enough waste to monitor seepage rates and how they might affect the stability of the repository.

Meanwhile, back in Idaho Falls, 128,000 barrels and 11,000 boxes of plutonium wastes remain stacked above ground at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. And nuclear weapons factories and laboratories in 10 states have been left without a place to send their wastes.

(Source: *New York Times*, 3-11)

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Give Peace A Virus

On Thursday morning, March 2nd, Marc Canter, president of Macromind Inc., a Chicago-based software company, sat down at his Macintosh and called up a workfile in progress. What he got on his screen instead was a surprise: "Richard Brandon, publisher of MacMag magazine, and its entire staff would like to take this opportunity to convey their universal message of peace to all Macintosh users around the world." The program then self-destructed, taking Mr. Canter's workfile along with it.

Marc Canter was the victim of a software "virus": a rogue program that is secretly introduced to a computer's operating system and then reproduced undetected via floppy diskette. The virus programs can perform tasks ranging from innocuous message printing to destructive file erasure, data alteration and program annihilation.

Software companies are concerned about their vulnerability to product corruption. But "immune systems" for protection against bugs and viruses are difficult to construct and expensive both in programming hours and precious information space, as they frequently contain more than 400,000 lines of code. Furthermore, there is no guarantee of

failure-safety. "We're cognizant that we have a weak point," says Jeffery Harbers of Microsoft Corporation. "I can see spending more of our development time trying to counterattack terrorism." (Source: *New York Times*, 3-17)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

In My Backyard— Please!

Residents of Needles, CA, are rejoicing at playing host to California's first low-level nuclear waste dump, while residents of Baker and Trona are miffed at being passed over in the final selection. U.S. Ecology, a Kentucky firm hired by the state, will construct the disposal site in the Ward Valley desert area, 25 miles west of Needles. The project should take about two years.

The site was chosen for its overall edge on seismic stability and groundwater depth, which, at 700 feet, puts it well below the level of waste to be stored; and for its five-mile proximity to the rail line that will be transporting the waste. Assemblymember Bill Leonard (R-Redlands) represents the Ward area and believes the site is the best of the three contenders, "...although I would rather not have the choice be between any of them," he said.

Leonard voices sentiments shared by few, for the majority of Needles' residents welcome—and indeed lobbied for—the 40 above-minimum wage jobs that the \$20 million disposal site will generate. Although a handful of residents express health concerns, most others, like Needles' Mayor Bob Prochaska, dismiss the issue as "emotional." "It's safer to store the kinds of materials they are talking about than pesticides," Prochaska said. "As far as I'm concerned, the site is safer than smoking cigarettes and the site area isn't

exactly pristine anyway."

(Sources: *Los Angeles Times*, 3-17; *New York Times*, 3-20)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

Take It From the Top

The *Monthly Planet* reported in November that the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant was forced to shut down by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as "an immediate threat to health and safety" and would not be allowed to reopen until the Philadelphia Electric Company could prove that its control room operators were capable. They had been discovered literally sleeping on the job.

As Lando W. Zech Jr., chairperson of the NRC, said then, "Part of the problem, as I can see, is leadership, right down from the top."

Well, according to Joseph F. Paquette, the new company president who took over that position last month, perhaps the problem has now been solved.

"Everybody has been removed, from the chairman and the president all the way today to the shift supervisor in the control room."

(Source: *New York Times*, 3-8)

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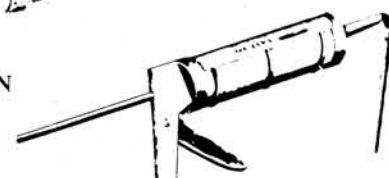
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Holley Rauen: Activist Midwife

interview by Gypsy Flores

Holley Rauen is a midwife and peace activist. Together with her husband, Brian Willson, she co-founded the Veterans Peace Action Team, the Nuremburg Actions at Concord, and most recently the Institute for the Practice of Nonviolence. She also set up the Esteli Midwifery Program in Nicaragua. Gypsy Flores of the Union of North American Women for Peace and Justice in El Salvador conducted this interview for *The Monthly Planet*.

Interview

MONTHLY PLANET: What is your background as a midwife and as a peace activist?

HOLLEY RAUEN: From 1967 to 1970 I was really active as a high school student against the Vietnam War. My first husband was a draft resister and eventually became a draft dodger. Not long after we got married we went to live in Mexico for a year and a half or so. My son was conceived there. We came back to live in New Mexico and I had my son at home. I couldn't find a midwife so I delivered him myself. I really didn't want to give birth in the hospital because in the town where we lived they were really inhumane to women and gave them no choices at all. I didn't want to be cut or end up with a Caesarean section. I owned a natural foods store at the time and taught yoga classes; so I became really notorious for having had my son at home. Three weeks later a friend called me from the hospital and said "I don't like the way they are treating me at all, I am going to do what you did." I met her at her home and we delivered the baby. Much later I went to the Santa Cruz School of Midwifery and the Institute for Feminine Arts started by Raven Lang. I have been really

involved with midwifery legislation over the last five years. We've had two bills fail in Sacramento to legalize lay-midwifery.

MP: Could you speak a little about the Esteli Midwifery Project?

RAUEN: My first trip to Nicaragua was in November of 1986—that's when I met Brian Willson. I went down there with the Committee for Health Rights in Central America. I was asked to go down to present the training program from the California Association of Midwives to the Nicaraguan midwives, because the Ministry of Health in Nicaragua has a really fantastic program. As I was touring around the country, I met a Chilean midwife, Susanna Veracroix, who started the first natural birthing center in all of Central America at Esteli. When I met with Susanna I asked her how could we help because the idea was really right. She said, "What we really need are skilled midwives to come and work in the hospitals . . . to teach the doctors how to manage natural childbirth in the hospital." I got started on that program on my second trip to Nicaragua when I went down with the Veterans Peace Action Team. I have turned the project over to *Madre* so it can be promoted on a national level.

MP: You mentioned your trip with the Veterans Peace Action Team. Were you in the war zones of Nicaragua?

RAUEN: I actually helped form the Veterans Peace Action Team. When I first met Brian it was an idea of his. I'm a real organizer. We went with veterans and one other woman. We walked 73 miles through the war zones in Nicaragua. We walked completely unarmed and without military protection. We went through about five battles; there were ambushes all around us. We were really



in a combat area. One of the biggest dangers was land mines. We learned how to sweep the roads the way the soldiers and civilians do. We really got a taste for what it is like to live in the countryside, what these people live with every single day, and the fear of how close they are to death.

MP: You mention that just you and one other woman were on this walk. There are quite a number of women who are veterans of Vietnam. Is there any movement towards women vets becoming a part of the Veterans Peace Action Teams?

RAUEN: We have made it a priority to try to have a woman on each team. We do want to recruit women vets. We have had women on teams, but they haven't been vets. I think we will in the future. There are so many exciting things about the Nicaraguan revolution—even

though the war is so devastating. One of the exciting things is that there is a feminist movement happening because women are fighting on the front lines.

MP: You will be speaking at the "Making the Connections" forum in April. Also you have mentioned that you feel very connected with the people of Central America. What are the connections for you?

RAUEN: The connections come from the heart. I was raised by Indians from Oaxaca. I've always felt a real warmth towards our southern neighbors and a really deep anger at the people around me that discriminated against people that weren't white. I feel more at home on a dirt floor making tortillas. I feel these people are my sisters and brothers. They deserve to be treated equally and they are not, both in our attitudes and economically. Even though the people

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in Nicaragua would say "we know it is not you, it is your government," I paid my taxes for many years. I was silent for many years. I feel that my silence and my complicity makes me really responsible. I feel like I am my government, as much as I hate to say that. I feel that I have to be active, and to do everything possible to stop the continuation of our interference and this insanity.

MP: Your activities seem to be expanding. You have recently formed the Institute for the Practice of Nonviolence.

"It is a good time for change. I'm not looking to Washington for that change, though. I'm looking to a grassroots movement of the people."

RAUEN: Both Brian and myself, and other friends are in the process of setting up the Institute for the Practice of Nonviolence. We are going to recruit and train people, give them the background in the spirit of nonviolence like Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Then we will place them in both domestic and international settings from one to three months. They will have the opportunity to practice nonviolence. That will begin to include not only military installations where weapons of low-intensity conflict will be, but also nuclear installations. We are becoming more involved with the nuclear issue. The institute has been a dream and a vision of mine since I was about 14 years old—a real peace army.

MP: What will be your first step in instituting this plan?

RAUEN: We are going to Nicaragua in about two weeks with a small delegation, including John Stockwell and Phil Roetinger, both ex-CIA agents, to implement the Citizens Peace Force. We are putting out the call for reparation in the war zones. We want to have five or six North Americans in every single small town in Nicaragua. If we are going to fund the Contras, whether we call it "humanitarian" aid or not, the Contras are going to kill people. If this plan works, the Contras are going to have to confront North Americans everywhere they go. The government and the unions in Nicaragua really want to help us implement this plan.

MP: What is happening with the Nuremburg Actions at Concord?

RAUEN: Every single train since September 1st out of the main gate to the docks with weapons, except for one, has been blocked by people. They've had to pull people from the tracks and arrest them. There's a 24-hour vigil going on there. We have one woman who sleeps on the tracks every single night. As part of the Citizen's Peace Force, we want to create four or five other Nuremburg Actions throughout the country. We are working closely with the Pledge of Resistance on this idea.

MP: What are the Nuremburg Principles?

RAUEN: The Nuremburg Principles say that if there are crimes against humanity being committed by your government, such as bombing villages, innocent people, and health care facilities, then that is a breach of international law. The citizens have a duty to do everything possible to stop their country from committing these atrocities. We really base our Concord actions on those Nuremburg Principles. We are hoping to call a huge Nuremburg Tribunal in the fall, probably in Washington,

D.C. We are recruiting judges and attorneys. We want a sort of mock trial and we want to put under citizen's arrest everybody that has contributed to covert action and indict them ourselves as the people. I think we should start with Elliott Abrams.

MP: How do you feel this being an election year affects your work?

RAUEN: I think that the war has been brought home to us. I think that being an election year could possibly be a motivating factor for people to be more active right now. It is a good time for change. I'm not looking to Washington for that change, though. I'm looking to a grassroots movement of the people. I think we should involve ourselves on every level that we can.

MP: How can people support your organizations—either with money or themselves?

RAUEN: All monetary contributions can come through the Institute for the

Practice of Nonviolence. Donations will be tax deductible and checks can be made out to the Institute with a note as to where they would like to see the money go (Veterans Peace Action, The Institute, Esteli Midwifery, Nuremburg Actions). Information about volunteering can also be obtained through this address: 1827 Haight Street, Box 3, San Francisco, CA 94117. The phone number is (415) 753-2882.

We will be recruiting people to go to Nicaragua and offering nonviolence training for people that want to spend their time either at Nuremburg Actions, the Nevada Test Site, or Ground Zero Campaign. We want to facilitate more people to be involved in this kind of direct action.

Holley Rauen will be a keynote speaker at the forum entitled "Making the Connections: Women United for Peace and Justice—Confronting the War in Central America and at Home." The forum will be held Saturday, April 16, 1988, at Cabrillo College from 9:30-5:30 p.m. The forum is sponsored by UNA-Union of North American Women for Peace and

Justice in El Salvador (formerly Amigas de AMPES), Somos Hermanas, and the Cabrillo College Women's Center.

Maria Teresa Tula, representing the Committee of Mothers of the Disappeared, Assassinated, and Political Prisoners of El Salvador, (CoMadres), will also be a keynote speaker.

Salvadoran writer, Cecilia Guidos, will read her poetry.

There will be a series of workshops in the morning and the afternoon. Workshop subjects will include: a labor workshop; the connections between the Nuclear Weapons Freeze and the solidarity movement; the homeless in the U.S.; the politics of AIDS, lesbian and gay issues; Salvadoran women; immigrant and refugee rights; reproductive rights and public health care; and cultural workers in solidarity.

Videos on Central American and domestic issues will be presented all day.

The event will be bilingual, with free childcare and transportation provided. Preregistration for childcare and transportation is encouraged—call 426-3452 or 458-9743. Anyone interested in attending organizational meetings or volunteering the day of the forum may call 426-3452 or 458-9743. Admission will be \$5-\$10 sliding scale, but no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

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No Surprises at NATO Meeting

Despite the fact that they generate miles of news articles, NATO meetings are not known for gut-wrenching drama. Not even when they're "summits"; i.e., meetings attended by the NATO heads of state, and not (as in the routine meetings) by mere foreign ministers. The NATO meeting which ended March 3 in Brussels was no exception. "Boring," was an Italian official's curt reply on network news when asked how the meeting was going.

Not even a Reagan gaffe livened things up much; when asked how he liked the summit's final communiqué, he replied that he hadn't seen it yet, but when prompted by Howard Baker, he remembered that he had, and that it was, "Yes, very good." The communiqué in question was in fact written and approved before the meeting.

The dullness of the summit should not, however, be mistaken for absence of conflict or rancor. Margaret Thatcher's presence alone would have insured against that. But the main disputed question—whether or not to "modernize" (i.e., make bigger) American short-range missiles in Germany—was simply deferred. Reagan and Thatcher want to do it, Chancellor Kohl of West Germany (where the warheads will go off) doesn't. Kohl may be interested in a private deal



DIANA MOLL

with the Soviets for a nuclear-free central Europe.

Also, lack of accomplishment should not be mistaken for purposelessness. These meetings serve two main purposes:

1) They serve as consolation prizes for allied heads of state who resent the media attention lavished on the "real," Reagan-Gorbachev summits.

2) It gives us a chance to tell the West Europeans once again that we're willing to cheerfully commit mass suicide by turning a conventional European war into an intercontinental nuclear war. They don't really believe in the "first-use" policy any more than we do, but they

like to hear us say we do because they think that the Russians may believe us.

—Ralph Chernoff

Reagan-Gorbachev Summit Date Set

The fourth Reagan-Gorbachev summit will take place May 29 to June 2 in Moscow. The setting of that date seems to have been the only definite accomplishment of the two-day Shultz-Shevardnadze pre-summit meeting in Washington which ended March 23. It was "tough going," said Shultz in his hour-long news conference that evening.

The main topic, of course, was START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty), the proposed 50% reduction in U.S./Soviet strategic (long-range) missiles, and the main obstacle was, as usual, Star Wars. But, according to Michael Gordon of *The New York Times*, the U.S. now agrees with the Soviet position that Star Wars and START are linked issues. Three previous summits have come to naught due to the Reagan Administration's refusal to recognize this connection. Quick agreement on START at Moscow, however, will not follow; the two sides are still far apart on how to interpret the ABM Treaty. The White House insists that the treaty permits Star Wars, but the Soviets say

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no way. Moreover, the discussion of difficult verification issues has scarcely begun.

The other main topic was Afghanistan. Shultz reported that the Soviets expect to be out by the end of this year, but many questions, especially when to end arms aid to both sides, remain unresolved. Afghanistan-Pakistan negotiations on ending the war drag on in Geneva, but peace, if there is to be any, is in the hands of the superpowers.

There were "sharp differences" on the Israel-Palestinian conflict; the Soviets want an international conference while the U.S., like Israel, wants to exclude the U.S.S.R. from negotiations.

Human rights were also discussed, but with no practical result, and for no apparent purpose other than election year posturing.

(Sources: *San Jose Mercury News*, 3-24; *New York Times*, 3-25)

—Ralph Chernoff

Missile Proliferation Has U.S. Edgy

A proliferation in Third World countries of missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads has the U.S. on edge.

Last month China sold Saudi Arabia an undetermined amount of CSS-2 missiles with ranges of 1,700 to 2,200 miles, among the longest-range missiles ever to be sold from one country to another. State Department spokesperson Charles E. Redman said that the United States is "actively engaged" in discouraging the sale of weapons and technology from developed countries to the Third World countries.

Saudi Arabia justifies its growing arsenal as a contribution to "regional stability."

Meanwhile, India's Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, received a standing ovation in Parliament when he announced the success of a test-fired surface-to-surface missile developed by India's own scientists. Gandhi said that the new missile, which is capable of delivering nuclear weapons, was purely for defensive purposes.

(Sources: *New York Times*, 3-19, 2-26)

—Catherine Franke

Sandinista-Contra Cease-Fire Signed

On Wednesday, March 23rd, the Sandinista government of Nicaragua and the Contra rebels signed a 60-day cease-fire to begin April 1. They say that they will work out a permanent truce in that 60-day period. The terms of Wednesday's agreement are:

- 1) The Contras are to enter designated zones within Nicaragua by April 15. The zones will be determined at a March 28 meeting.
- 2) The phased release, 100 at a time, of 3300 prisoners, both Contras and former members of the national guard of the overthrown Somoza regime.
- 3) A government guarantee of "unrestricted freedom of expression."
- 4) The return of exiles without fear of

retribution for "political-military" activities.

5) The Contras agree to recognize the legitimacy of the Sandinista government.

6) The Contras will keep their weapons until the final peace agreement is signed.

7) The Contras agree to accept only "exclusively humanitarian aid channeled through neutral organizations."

8) The Sandinistas pledge free participation in all elections, local, national, and for the Central American Parliament.

9) The agreement is to be verified by Cardinal Obando y Bravo, and by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Joao Baena Soares.

President Daniel Ortega said "We invite the president of the United States to join this peace effort." The White House made no response, but a "senior official" expressed "discomfort." Secretary Shultz, however, said the accord was

"an important step forward," and congressional reaction was described as "enthusiastic."

(Sources: *New York Times*, 3-25)

—Ralph Chernoff

U.S. Japan Plutonium Route Changed

Plutonium, one of the most deadly substances known to humankind, will be traveling a route from Europe to Japan via plane but will not stop over in Alaska as had been previously intended. This is according to a new plan outlined by the Reagan Administration that allows for the shipment of reprocessed plutonium from U.S. fuel to Japan.

In a pact signed in November, the United States gave Japan advance consent for 30 years to recover the plutonium from the fuel which the U.S. supplies to Japanese nuclear facilities.

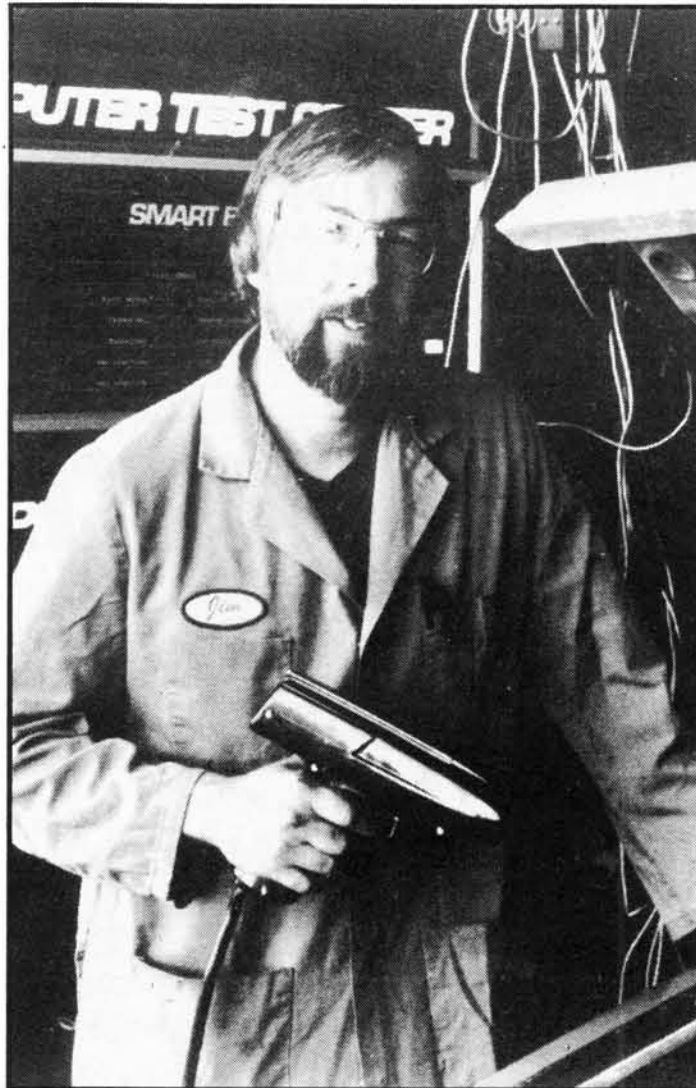
The administration sought to appease Alaska, which had filed suit against the federal government for the proposed plan, by re-routing the shipment route of the plutonium so that the planes would land in Alaska only "if there was an emergency." Congress is still uneasy about the agreement.

Critics assert that the easy access to plutonium by terrorists, a highly increased risk of accidents, and the proliferation of a dangerous international trade in plutonium will be outcomes of the Reagan Administration's blanket agreement with Japan.

A study by the General Accounting Office concludes that the agreement "does not meet the requirements" of the Atomic Energy Act, which governs the transfer of plutonium, and "deprives the Congress of its oversight function."

(Source: *New York Times*, 3-13)

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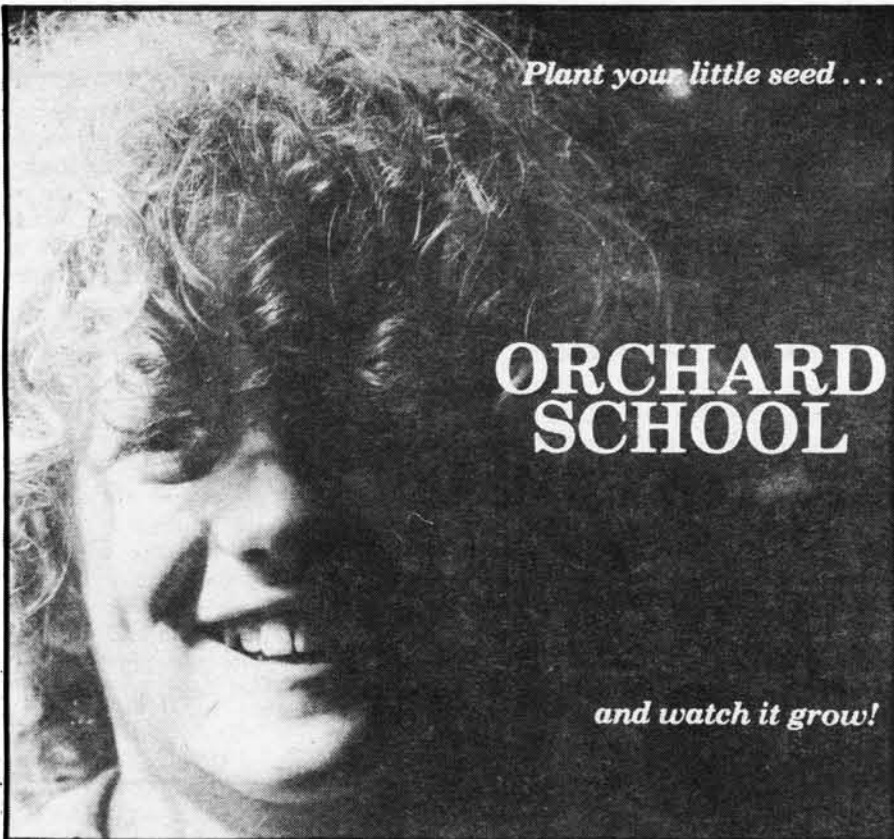
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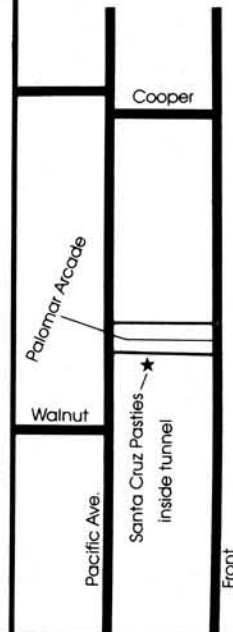
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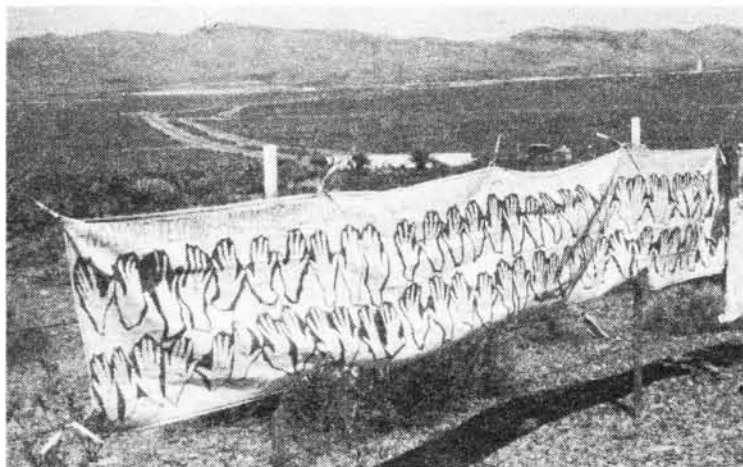
Signs of Change

People came from as far away as Australia and as close by as Las Vegas to express their feelings about continued nuclear testing at the Nevada Test Site during the week long "Reclaim The Test Site" actions on March 11-20. Turn the page for more details.



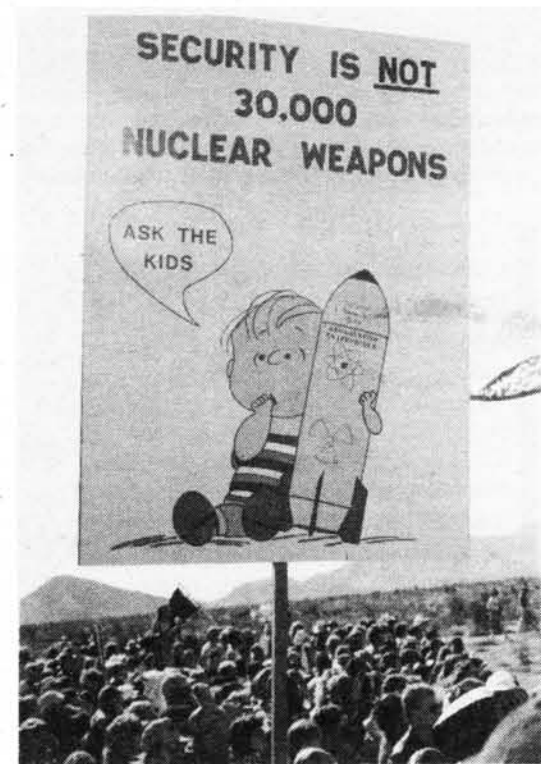
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The Mile Enders affinity group brought their banner all the way from Australia.



GREG MARTIN

Banners with imprints of hands of people who could only attend the demonstration in spirit were hung along the barbed wire fence surrounding the test site.



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"Americans for Nuclear Testing," a group of test site workers and their supporters, posted this sign on the fence near the entrance to the test site. One worker, employed at the site since 1966, expressed fears about the effect of the growing test ban movement: "This could sway Congress, but I hope not. We need a nuclear deterrent; we need to keep testing weapons."



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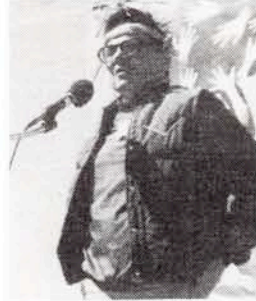
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SANE/FREEZE President Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr.



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Actor Robert Blake



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6,000 people gathered just outside the Nevada Nuclear Test Site for a rally on March 12, marking the beginning of a week-long series of actions to demand an end to nuclear testing and the arms race. In the background lies the town of Mercury, where technical workers at the site live.



GREG MARTIN

Actress/comedian Teri Garr



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Author/Activist Daniel Ellsberg and his son

6,000 Attend National "Reclaim The Test Site" Rally on March 12

The largest demonstration ever to occur in opposition to the testing of nuclear weapons at the Nevada Test Site began with a rally on Saturday, March 12. 6,000 participants listened to the Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr., president of SANE/FREEZE; Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farmworkers Union; the Reverend Tim McDonald, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Dr. Michio Kaku, Professor of Nuclear Physics; John Ryan, former FBI agent; Corbin Harney, Western Shoshone Nation's spiritual leader, and other speakers.

Reclaim the

Nonviolent Direct Action Nuclear Test Site March 11-20 Nevada Test Site

More than 8,000 people converged upon the Nevada Test Site to demand an end to nuclear testing during this historic 10-day series of actions organized by the American Peace Test.

The week started with a large rally on March 12 which hosted 6,000 participants, followed by mass civil disobedience as activists simultaneously crossed the barbed wire fence surrounding the test site as a "wall of humanity." This civil resistance resulted in 1260 arrests. Activities on March 12 marked a doubling of the size of any past action at the test site.

Highlights of the following week included a back-country action in which a nine-woman affinity group named "Princesses Against Plutonium" walked to Mercury on Sunday, March 13. These women face a possible six-month sentence. On March 17, activists joined together with spiritual leader Ram Dass for a day of community building with discussions about nonviolence, racism, sexism, consensus decision-making and media work.

The action concluded on Sunday, March 20. Western Shoshone Nation leaders William Rosse, Sr., Corbin Harney and Chief Raymond Yowell led prayers and offered words of encouragement to action participants. A final civil disobedience action took place when several activists walked onto Shoshone land, were arrested and bussed to Tonapah and then released.

Total arrests for the entire action reached 2,065. Those arrested for simple trespass were held in a large pen, bussed three hours away to Tonapah and then released without charge. According to American Peace Test organizer Jessle Cocks, "They [Nye County officials] violated our constitutional rights by transporting us anywhere with no intention to prosecute us." Plans to file an Injunction against Nye County are underway with assistance from the ACLU, while individuals are also filing civil suits. Cocks added, "The beauty of a nonviolent resistance movement is that no matter what the authorities do or don't do, we use it to our advantage—this is the power of nonviolence."

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Nevada Highway Patrol officers put plastic handcuffs on civil resisters who crossed the cattleguard onto test site property.

Total Arrests For Civil Disobedience Top 2,000 arrests

During the ten-day action, there were 2,065 arrests, topping the 1,900 arrests at the 1981 Diablo Canyon two-week action. According to a report from *The Nuclear Resister*, arrests for nonviolent resistance to nuclear weapons and power **increased** by 60% between 1983 and 1987. Nearly half of all arrests in 1987 (5,300) occurred at the Nevada Test Site where 2,515 arrests took place. The "Reclaim The Test Site" action holds the record for the **highest** number of arrests ever at the site.

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After breaching the barbed wire fence surrounding the test site, these activists headed across the desert until they were arrested.



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When nearly all the civil resisters were apprehended, the "cage" was emptied as people were loaded onto 30 buses and driven 150 miles away to Tonopah.



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As civil resisters were arrested for trespassing, they were herded into a holding pen ("It's not a cage!" claimed Department of Energy officials) which was constructed just for this action in preparation for the expected mass arrests.

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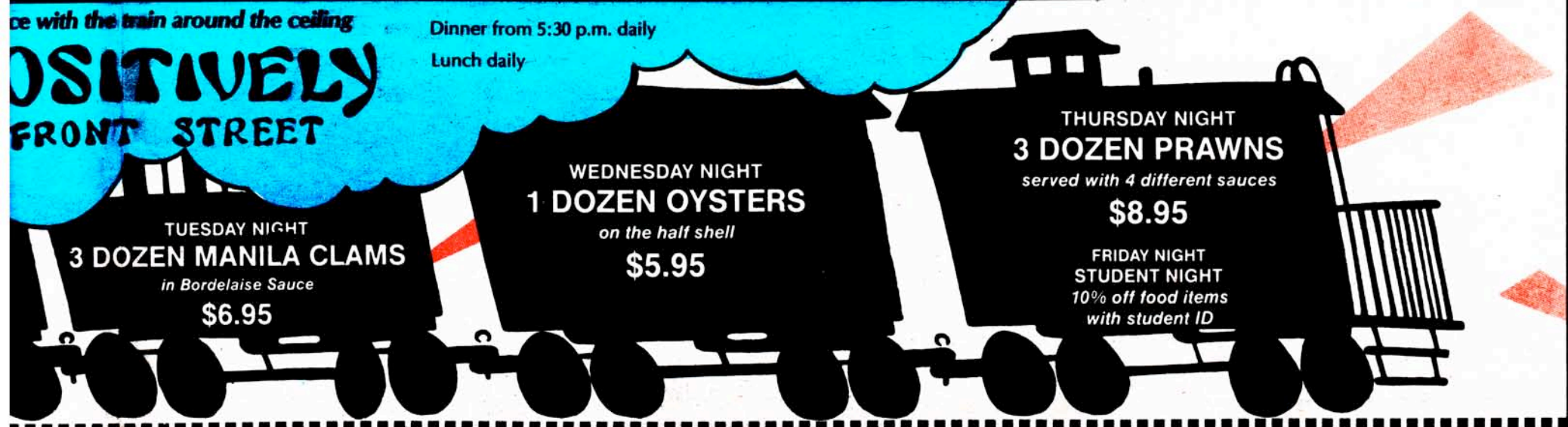
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A Nonviolent Community



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A Santa Cruz affinity group, "Gaia," performs a ritual before heading out across the desert on test site property.



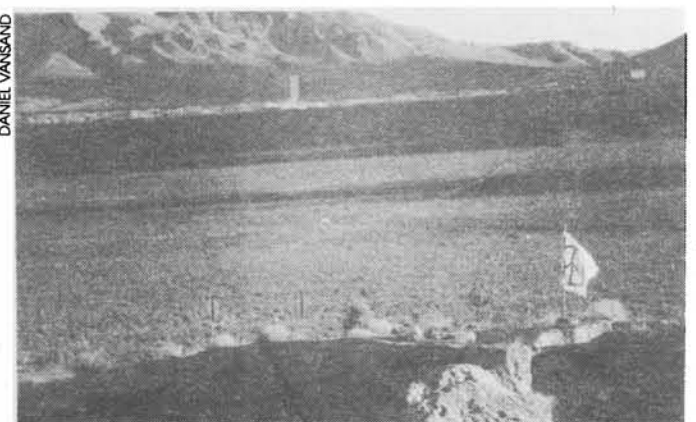
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Shoshone spiritual leader Corbin Harney led action participants in prayer several times during the 10 days. He thanked the demonstrators for giving him strength to continue the struggle.



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Hundreds of action participants stayed at a "Peace Camp," across the highway from the test site. Meals were available for a dollar a day; porta-potties and temporary structures were also at the camp.



DANIEL VANSAND

The Nevada Test Site is 65 miles north of Las Vegas in Nye County. It occupies sacred Shoshone land according to the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863 which was ratified by the Senate in 1866 and President Ulysses S. Grant in 1869. The Shoshone issued permits to action participants, inviting them to gather and walk on their land.



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Action participants were organized by affinity groups. Some members of affinity groups crossed the line and were arrested, while others filled support roles for them.



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A large tent housed the "Community Center" at the peace camp. It served as a meeting place and information center for all action participants.



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A Closer Look

A Concrete Step Toward International Security

by Susan Strong

Common security is a new term one hears a lot today in peace movement circles. In its simplest form, it means that today no nation can feel secure unless all other nations also feel secure. It is often described as a positive long-range goal for the peace movement. Yet some people have criticized the concept as being too vague or futuristic for any practical short-term organizing purposes.

The introduction in Congress of the International Security and Satellite Monitoring Act of 1988 (the "Peacesat" bill, HR 4036) in late February shows, however, that the concept of common security is neither vague nor impractical. The concept itself is the main subject of a letter to President Reagan dated December 3, 1987, signed by New York Representative Mrazek, along with George Brown and Ron Dellums of California, George Hochbrueckner, Gary Ackerman, and James Scheuer of New York, Bruce Morrison of Connecticut, and Albert Bustamante of Texas. Beginning with congratulating the president for the successful INF negotiations, the signers go on to say:

As recent events have shown, national security also includes managing a global economy and environmental problems. These interlinking concerns affect all nations. We are in a new historic era in which traditional concepts of security have been rendered obsolete. The collective security of all nations may well depend on the formation of an alternative security program that will complement positive developments such as the INF treaty. The United States should be the lead nation in this effort.

An alternative security program could be based on the "Open Skies" model first advanced by President Eisenhower over 30 years ago. In-

stead of using classified military assets, the opportunity now exists to implement this concept using civilian remote sensing systems. The United States could solicit the support of all nations for moving ahead with "Open Skies" and usher in an era where international security and stability is based on the dissemination of information regarding environmental and economic concerns, as well as the military aspects envisioned by President Eisenhower.

The letter urges the president to bring up the subject during continuing negotiations with the Soviet Union, which has recently set up a government agency to openly distribute satellite data from its own system. Pointing out the relevance of the "open skies" model of handling space, the letter stresses the importance of encouraging traditional American values of openness and free dissemination of information in the international community.

Representative Mrazek's Peacesat bill, introduced shortly after the writing of this letter, calls for the formation of a commission to study ways the United States could contribute support for an international security system based on satellite monitoring. Such a system would operate on the principle of freedom of information and "open skies." It would also involve environmental monitoring as well as military surveillance and treaty verification. Other applications include assistance in controlling international drug traffic and terrorism.

The Mrazek bill is designed to start the process of putting the U.S. on record as having changed its position of opposition to such a Peacesat or ISMA system when it was initially proposed at the U.N. in 1982. Refusing to support the "ISMA" in 1982 at the U.N. were the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and other Soviet bloc



BRUCE HARMAN

countries. In that era, the superpowers still had a monopoly on secret satellite monitoring. Today, this is no longer true; the launch in 1986 of the French SPOT system, a civilian satellite which sells its photos to the public for \$1.00 an acre, brought an end to the monopoly. (In fact, it was SPOT photographs of the Chernobyl disaster that made the danger of that crisis real for the whole world.) Other nations such as Canada and Japan are now moving aggressively into the field.

Although the superpowers can no longer completely control the situation, satellite monitoring is currently developing as a purely commercial and national military activity, in a relatively anarchic fashion, and will not serve the interests of real international security unless it is given a firm and cooperative direction. International support for a common satellite monitoring system based on freedom of information should preclude the use of space for warfare.

The Mrazek bill provides a concrete and positive alternative.

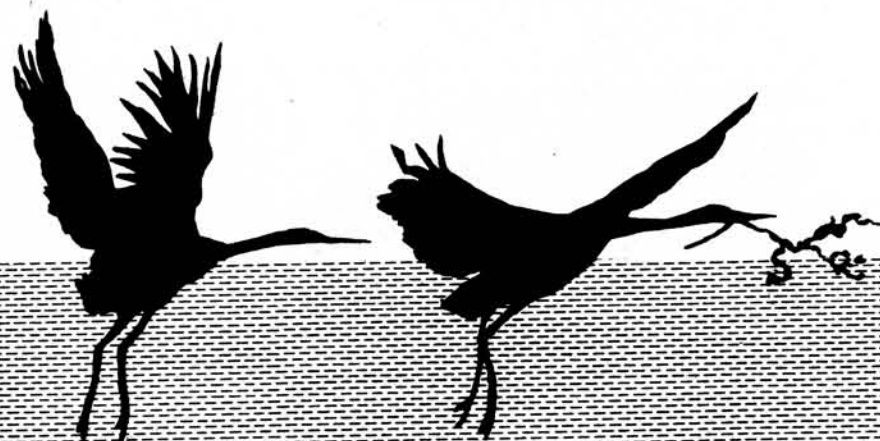
Consequently, "common security" is a solid concept and a practical organizing tool. HR 4036 is the first bill which gives concrete reality to the new spirit of world community that the 21st century must have. In working for its passage, the peace movement has another historic opportunity to change the face of world opinion. First we made it possible for people to say no to nuclear weapons. Now, we can help them demand guarantees of real long-term safety—international cooperation in the first peace system for the whole world community.

Note: Copies of HR 4036 can be requested from Rep. Mrazek's office. The address is: 306 House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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Legislative Update

Cease-Fire Puts Further Contra Aid in Doubt

by Shelly D'Amour

On March 3rd House members voted 216-208 to defeat a controversial plan to provide \$30.8 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. This so-called "Democratic alternative" package was to provide food, clothing, medicine, spare parts and communications equipment to the Contras, as well as monies for the Miskito Indians and for child victims of the war. Liberals and hard-line conservatives, each for their own reasons, voted against the aid package, after which House leadership declared it was not interested in considering any additional aid proposals.

In the days following the vote, the Reagan Administration created an international incident out of a Sandinista-Contra border skirmish and sent 3500 U.S. troops to Honduras for "emergency deployment readiness exercises." The White House had hoped to create a groundswell of public opinion that would pressure Congress to pass a military aid package to the Contras. The administration succeeded in fomenting a public outcry—against the deploy-

ment, and against continued aid to the Contras.

Not all members of Congress, apparently, read public opinion polls. Within days of the troop deployment, a bipartisan coalition of senators drafted a \$48 million aid package that, among other

reached between Sandinista and Contra leaders further complicates matters for the administration. Under the terms of the accord, the Contras may receive humanitarian assistance only through the hands of a neutral third party organization, such as the International Red

account, to be released in the event that the cease-fire breaks down. House Speaker Wright has declared that he will not consider any aid package that is not harmonious with the terms of the cease-fire agreement.

Action: Call Speaker Jim Wright at (202) 225-8040 and the White House at (202) 456-1414 and demand the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Honduras.

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things, provided for the immediate release of all previously authorized military equipment which had not been delivered, and provision for an expedited vote on any future presidential request for Contra aid. However, Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-WV) and House Speaker Jim Wright (D-TX) remained in agreement that no package that contained military aid would be considered.

The recent cease-fire agreement

Cross. The administration had used the absence of a cease-fire as one of its strongest arguments for continued military aid to the Contras. White House officials, clearly taken by surprise at the success of the negotiations, are scrambling over what the official public posture will be toward the accord. Indications are that the Reagan Administration will try to push through some kind of aid package, perhaps asking that the monies to be placed in an escrow

Refugees

The Senate will give final consideration to the Moakley-DeConcini bill when it comes to the floor sometime in April. The legislation will halt the deportation of Salvadoran and Nicaraguan refugees for a period of two years. It passed in the House last summer by a 56-vote margin.

Action: Contact Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson and urge their support for this important legislation.

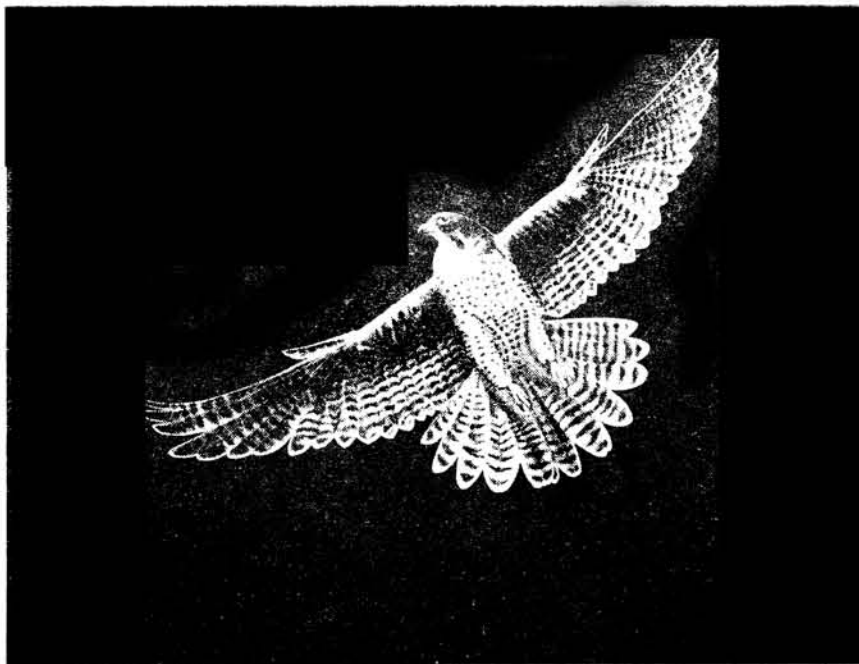
Military Budget

The House Armed Services Committee is considering the 1989 Defense Authorizations Bill, with floor action

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Contra Aid in Doubt

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expected the week of April 25. The bill establishes an overall spending limit of \$299 billion for the coming year. The Armed Services Committee is expected to attach amendments banning anti-satellite weapons testing and to uphold the traditional interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty. Amendments will be offered on the House floor to cut funding for nuclear weapons testing, Star Wars, and the MX program.

Of particular interest this month is congressional debate over the MX and Midgetman programs. The MX is popular with the military, although Congress would prefer to fund the single-warhead Midgetman. However, Congress has invested considerable funds over the years in developing the MX program. In 1985 Congress limited deployment of the MX to 50 missiles until an acceptable basing mode could be found. Currently there are 38 MX missiles deployed in silos at Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming.

The House Armed Services Committee has been studying a proposal by the Air Force to put up to 100 MX missiles on trains. These would be kept at Warren Air Force Base, but moved out during times of international crisis, presumably making the missiles less vulnerable to attack. This year the administration is requesting \$1.7 billion for the MX program, including \$837 million for research and development of the Rail Garrison Basing Mode. Representatives Nicolas Mavroules (D-MA) and Les AuCoin (D-OR) will introduce an amendment to cut that figure to \$100 million. Also, congressional hearings on the Rail

Garrison proposal will be held in the coming months in several states, including perhaps California.

One of the principle issues in the debate over MX vs. Midgetman programs is cost. The highly destabilizing, 10-warhead MX is much cheaper than the single-warhead Midgetman (\$13 billion vs. \$40 billion). It would take roughly 500 Midgetman missiles to equal 100 MX's. Armed Services Chair Rep. Les Aspin came up with an "inter-

esting" solution—adapt the Midgetman to carry two warheads, thereby cutting the cost of the program in half. Aspin was once a supporter of the MX program but its unpopularity among his constituents and colleagues made him back away from that position. This may be another backdoor attempt to come up with a multi-warhead system.

INF Treaty

The Senate will probably move to consider the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty sometime this month. Senators view the treaty favorably and it is expected to be ratified without any crippling amendments.

Covert Action

By a vote of 71-19, the Senate approved a bill requiring the president to notify at least the four most senior members of Congress (the Senate majority and minority leaders, the House Speaker and House minority leader) within 48 hours of the start of any covert action. Senator David Boren (D-OK), chair of the Intelligence Committee, which produced the bill, declared that

As tax day rolls around again, Americans can look forward to paying almost 60 cents of every tax dollar to the military.

"we have no alternative but legislation because administration officials have refused to commit themselves to notifying Congress of all covert actions in the future." The White House opposes the legislation, stating that it would jeopardize sensitive government operations. The bill would also require the president to give advance written consent to all covert action, banning retroactive approval.

Nuclear Industry

After more than a year of consideration, the Senate approved a plan to update the Price-Anderson Act, which determines the level of liability for utility companies in the event of a nuclear power plant accident. The Senate essentially agreed with a House plan to raise the limit from \$700 million to \$7.2 billion. Individual utility companies are required to contribute to the fund, and the cost is passed on to the rate-payer.

The Senate defeated an amendment to the Price-Anderson Act which would have made nuclear weapons plant contractors liable for any damage incurred off-site, as the result of an accident. Contractors are still liable only for damage to government property.

U.S. Peace Tax Bill

As tax day rolls around again, Americans can look forward to paying almost 60 cents of every tax dollar to the military. The U.S. Peace Tax Bill (H.R. 2041, S. 1018) has been introduced every year since 1972, although hearings have never been held. The bill would provide for a conscientious objector status for tax payers, in which tax payers could opt to allocate their tax dollars to peaceful objectives, according to the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign. Representatives Don Bonker (D-WA) and Tom Tauke (R-IA) are pressing for hearings to take place in the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures. The bill currently has 47 cosponsors in the House and 3 in the Senate.

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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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Action: If you're tired of working for peace and paying for war, you have alternatives! Contact your representatives and senators and urge their support for the U.S. Peace Tax Fund Bill. Additional information on this and on war tax resistance can be obtained from the Conscience & Military Tax Campaign, 1/2 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105; and in Santa Cruz, from the War Tax Resistance Fund, 316 King St., Santa Cruz 95060 (423-1626)

Shelly D'Amour is the legislative editor of The Monthly Planet.



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The Christic Institute: Fitting the Pieces Together Behind the Iran-Contra Conspiracy

by Dave Eason and Russell Weed

The unfolding story of Panama, Noriega, and U.S. direct participation in illegal activities should come as no surprise after the facts which have come to light in the past 22 months. The "Iran/Contra affair" did not break until 16 months ago. That was in November, 1986, when Attorney General Edwin Meese announced that it had been "discovered" that profits

from arms sales to Iran had been used to fund the Nicaraguan Contras.

A full six months before Meese's announcement, however, the Christic Institute, an interfaith, law and public policy center, filed a civil lawsuit under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act against 29 individuals involved in the May 30, 1984 bombing of the La Penca, Nicaragua

international press conference. Tony Avirgan, an ABC-TV cameraperson severely injured in the bombing, and his wife, journalist Martha Honey, are plaintiffs in the case. Among those named as defendants are former chief of CIA operations Theodore Shackley and his deputy Thomas Clines, former Major General John Singlaub, arms dealer and businessperson Albert



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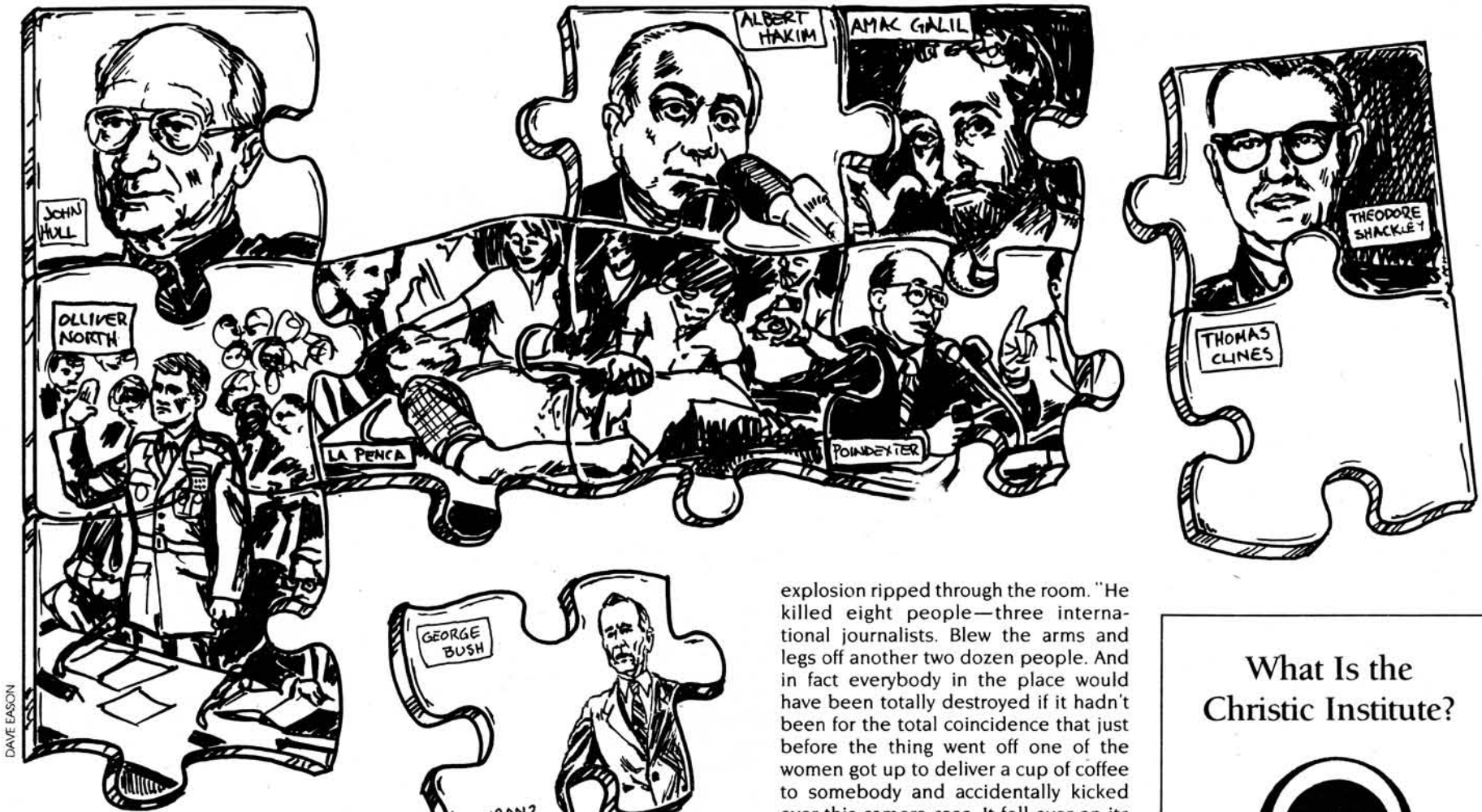
Hakim, and Oliver North's liaison with the Nicaraguan Contras, Robert Owen. The charges against these men were lodged *before* they became well-known during Contragate.

The story does not end here, however. According to Christic Institute general counsel Daniel Sheehan's initial affi-



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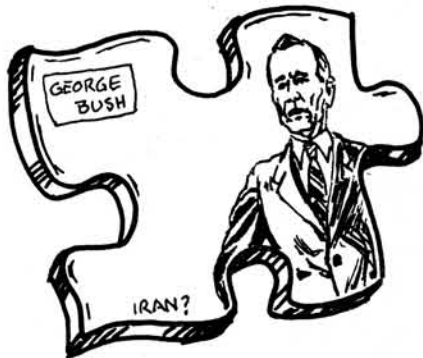


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avit filed in Miami Federal Court, Shackley and company are responsible not only for the La Penca bombing and Contragate, but also for over 25 years of arms dealing, narcotics trafficking, and assassinations all over the world.

In many ways the Institute's federal court-backed investigation is more comprehensive than those of Congress, the Tower Commission, or special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh. Lawyers for the Christic Institute have been granted federal subpoena power under the RICO Act to subpoena testimony, as well as bank, travel, and business records. The RICO Act was originally designed for use against the Mafia and allows for the indictment and conviction of individuals engaged in a systematic pattern of gun running, drug running, and murder.

The origins of the Christic Institute lawsuit lie in the aftermath of the press conference bombing in La Penca. Sandinista hero-turned-Contra Eden Pastora headed a Contra group based in Costa Rica, the Revolutionary Democratic Alliance (ARDE), and held a press



conference to denounce both the CIA and the CIA-backed Nicaraguan Democratic Front (FDN) for their heavy-handed attempts at wresting control of ARDE. Although he was fighting the

explosion ripped through the room. "He killed eight people—three international journalists. Blew the arms and legs off another two dozen people. And in fact everybody in the place would have been totally destroyed if it hadn't been for the total coincidence that just before the thing went off one of the women got up to deliver a cup of coffee to somebody and accidentally kicked over this camera case. It fell over on its side, and it was designed to blow sideways and destroy everybody in its path. But when it was tipped over like this it blew the roof off the place, and blew the floor out of the place, and only killed eight people," including an American journalist. Twenty-eight were seriously wounded. ABC cameraperson Tony Avirgan was among them. The

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Sandinistas, Pastora despised the FDN because, in his view, it was controlled by the CIA and dominated by former members of Anastasio Somoza's brutal national guard.

According to Sheehan's affidavit of the case, members of a "Secret Team" had plotted months earlier to murder Pastora if he continued to refuse to consolidate his group with the FDN and Contra leader Adolfo Calero. The Secret Team hired a professional assassin to carry out the bombing.

As Sheehan describes it, "Just as the press conference got ready to start, on May 30th of 1984, in comes a man pretending to be a journalist," later identified as Amac Galil, a right-wing Libyan terrorist, "carrying a large aluminum camera case and he set it down in the middle of the conference." Surviving videotapes from the press conference show him then discreetly making his way out of the building. Moments later the

camera case contained C-4 plastic explosive, the most powerful non-nuclear explosive on earth. The Institute claims the explosive was supplied by John Hull, a wealthy American rancher with large land holdings along the Nicaraguan border of Costa Rica.

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What Is the Christic Institute?



The Christic Institute is a non-profit, interfaith, law and public policy center, specializing in investigations, legal work, and public education. The Institute carefully selects cases which have the potential to reverse the steady erosion of personal freedom and social justice in the United States. Since its founding in 1980, the Institute has established a track record of taking on good causes and winning.

Daniel Sheehan, general counsel for the Institute, is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Sheehan's legal career has been an unbroken string of courtroom victories: Silkwood vs. Kerr-McGee, the Greensboro civil rights case against the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party, Three Mile Island, Wounded Knee, Attica, the Pentagon Papers, and the Sanctuary Movement case.

The Christic Institute's name comes from the early 20th century Jesuit philosopher and paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who wrote of a "Christic force," a principle that binds together all things in the universe.

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With a grant from the U.S. Newspaper Guild, journalist Martha Honey, Avirgan's wife, began an investigation into the motives behind the bombing. Through informants, witnesses, former mercenaries, and Costa Rican government officials, journalists were able to piece together evidence that members of the Secret Team were involved in cocaine and arms smuggling and a plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica and blame it on the Sandinistas. The transfer point for cocaine shipments bound for the U.S. from Columbia, and for arms from the U.S. bound for the Contras, was an air strip on John Hull's ranch. Profits from the sale of arms and cocaine were then used to support the Contras.

The journalists also found that the same group which planned the Pastora bombing was also plotting to assassinate U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica Lewis Tambs. The assassination was to be blamed on the Nicaraguan government in hopes of inciting a U.S. retaliatory invasion, while earning the Secret Team a \$1 million bounty, placed on Tambs' head by Columbian drug lord Pablo Escobar.

It was at this point that the team of Avirgan and Honey contacted the Christic Institute to help in their investigations. It just so happened that the Christic Institute had simultaneously been pursuing information on the same group of shadowy government conspirators from a different angle up in the

states. Based on inside information obtained from sources during the Sanctuary Movement defense case in Texas in June of 1984, investigators for the Institute had run across a military equipment siphoning operation run by Thomas Posey. The equipment was flown down to Ilopango air base in El Salvador, and then to John Hull's ranch in Costa Rica.

Honey decided they should publish their investigative findings while in Costa Rica. Within a week John Hull sued them for libel. The judge in the case decided that evidence presented by Avirgan, Honey and the Christic Institute substantiated their accusations against Hull, and the case was dropped.

Earlier, in 1983, the CIA had been caught and publicly exposed for having placed explosive mines in the Nicaraguan harbor of Managua, and for passing out Contra training manuals advocating the assassination of civilian government officials. The ensuing international outrage caused Congress to draft legislation to cut off all military assistance to the CIA-backed Contras.

This became the Boland Amendment.

The Christic affidavit explains that in 1983, meetings occurred at the highest levels of government, including individuals such as Edwin Meese, George Bush, William Casey, Robert McFarlane and Lt. Colonel Oliver North, to devise a method for circumventing the Boland Amendment. Defendants Shackley, Clines, Secord, Hakim, and Rafael Quintero were contacted and became responsible for the supply of weapons, ammunitions and explosives to the Contras in Costa Rica and Honduras,



Daniel Sheehan, the Christic Institute's general counsel, and Sara Nelson, the Institute's executive director.

including the C-4 explosive John Hull used in the La Penca bombing.

The Christic Institute presented its findings on the extensive operations and history of this secret conspiracy to Judge James L. King in the Miami Federal Court in May of 1986. During the subsequent period of legal discovery,

designed to keep the Christic Institute from talking about the period of time between 1976 and 1980. That's when the Carter Administration forced the Secret Team out of the CIA. That's when the Secret Team was doing assassinations for the Shah of Iran. That's when they were attempting to sustain Anastasio Somoza in power. And that's when they created the Contras."

The case is currently scheduled to go to trial in June. However, the recent criminal indictments of North, Poindexter, Secord and Hakim by special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh make it likely that the Christic Institute's civil case will be postponed, quite possibly until after the elections, giving the Institute more time to gather evidence and depositions. There is also the issue of whether President Reagan will pardon the defendants in the Walsh case before leaving office. As Sheehan points out, "If in fact it [the civil case] is postponed, and the pardons come down after the elections, then the Christic Institute case of Avirgan and Honey vs. John Hull et al will be the *only* vehicle for the American people to have the evidence of this criminal conspiracy be presented to them. The importance of the case will multiply dramatically."

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the Institute has been gathering depositions from witnesses and piecing the information together. Several of the defendants have made motions to the judge to dismiss the case, all of which have been denied.

During the congressional hearings it was disclosed that Richard Secord paid an ex-CIA agent \$100,000 to develop "derogatory" information on the Christic Institute. According to Sheehan, "It's very apparent that the CIA, all of the defendants, the judge, everything the Justice Department says—it's all



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A Short History of the Secret Team

One of the myths presented to the American people during the congressional hearings last summer is that Oliver North was somehow responsible for setting up the secret network used to illegally supply the Contras. The origins of the "Secret Team" go back to the passage of the National Security Act of 1947 which established the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency, branches of government not easily held accountable to the will of the Congress. From this point on, a history of secret operations began to influence our foreign policy, involving a cast of characters who have come to be known as the Secret Team.

- **1959:** The Cuban revolution deposed the dictator Fulgencio Bautista and installed Fidel Castro. With Bautista went Mafia gambling, prostitution, and narcotics operations overseen by Mafia "Don" Santo Trafficante. Vice President Richard Nixon and head of CIA Richard Dulles resolved to put Bautista back in power by means of a Contra-style war, code named "Operation 40." Nixon then turned to Robert Maheu, chief of staff in the Howard Hughes empire, as a secret liaison to Santo Trafficante, to organize a "shooter team" to assassinate Cuba's revolutionary leaders. Members of the team include Rafael Quintero, Felix Rodrigues, Luis Posada Carriles and future Watergate burglars.

- **1961:** Supervision of "Operation 40" is handed over to a young CIA station chief, Theodore Shackley, and his deputy, Thomas Clines.

- **1965:** Shackley and Clines are caught smuggling narcotics from Cuba. Shackley is transferred to Laos and becomes Deputy Chief of Station. He is joined by Clines, General John K. Singlaub, Air Force Lt. Colonel Richard Secord, and 2nd Lt. Oliver North. Shackley and Clines back Vang Pao, a major opium trafficker. Drug money is used to train his Huong tribesmen in guerilla warfare and political assassination. One-hundred thousand suspected "communist sympathizers"—largely civilians, townleaders, teachers—are assassinated in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand.

- **1968:** Shackley becomes Chief of Station in Saigon. A meeting with Vang Pao establishes Trafficante as the number one importer of China White heroin in the U.S.

- **1972:** Theodore Shackley becomes the chief of the CIA's Western Hemisphere operation, which directs the 1973 overthrow of Salvador Allende's democratically-elected government in Chile.

- **1974-75:** Shackley and Clines also direct the "Phoenix Project" in South Vietnam, a program that killed some 60,000 civilians.

- **1976:** Shackley becomes worldwide Covert Operations Director under then-head of CIA George Bush.

- **1976-79:** After Vietnam, Shackley's Secret Team moves into the private sector—due in part to the election of Jimmy Carter as president and the subsequent removal of 820 covert operatives from government. The Secret Team moves to Teheran to conduct assassinations for the Shah of Iran and the Iranian secret police. Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Secord, working with business partner Albert Hakim, deposits illegal profits from marked-up weapon sales to the Middle East in secret bank accounts.

- **1978:** Members of the Secret Team supply arms to the Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza after President Carter and Congress cut off aid due to human rights abuses.

- **1979-80:** The Somoza government falls. Iran takes 52 American hostages, and George Bush secures a secret agreement with the Iranians not to release the hostages until after Ronald Reagan wins the presidential election and is inaugurated.

- **1980:** Under the Reagan Administration the CIA takes over the operations of a Contra war against the new Sandinista government. The hostages are freed in Iran.

- **1984:** Oliver North re-establishes administration contact with members of Secret Team to form a Contra re-supply network in direct violation of the Boland Amendment. Secret Team members, including John Hull, recruit a right-wing Libyan terrorist Amac Galil from Chilean military police to execute the La Penca bombing with hopes of blaming it on the Sandinistas and triggering a U.S. invasion.

- **1986:** In May, the Christic Institute files its lawsuit detailing the actions of the Secret Team. Six months later, in November, Attorney General Ed Meese claims to have "discovered" a diversion of funds from illegal Iranian arms sales to aid the Contras, and part of the story goes public.

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Noriega and the Medellin Cartel: An Example of U.S. Drug Dealing

by Russell Weed

In recent weeks yet another side to the United States activities in Central and South America has come to light. This time the focus of attention is on Panama. New details on Panama, its military leader General Antonio Manuel Noriega, and United States dealings with Noriega break every day, but what is clear now is that Panama has played host to more than just the Pacific-Atlantic canal and the 10,000-troop U.S. Southern Command. Massive drug trafficking and money laundering operations overseen by Noriega, with U.S. knowledge and cooperation, have also made Panama their home.

Convincing evidence for this conclusion comes from two sources: The Federal Grand Jury investigation and indictment of General Noriega in Miami, and hearings held by Senator John Kerry's Foreign Relations subcommittee in Washington, D.C. Noriega, the commander-in-chief of Panama's armed forces and police and the actual ruler of Panama, stands indicted for multiple racketeering charges involving drugs and



operation in these areas between the U.S. and Noriega has facilitated cooperation in other areas.

These cooperative pursuits include a U.S./Panama plot to plant East Bloc weapons in El Salvador which were to be captured and blamed on Nicaragua, a deal between the U.S. and Panama in which the U.S. would help Panama with its international loans in exchange for Panama training Nicaraguan Contras on its soil, and a contact made by Vice President George Bush just prior to the invasion of Grenada during which Bush asked Noriega to convince Fidel Castro to instruct Cubans in Grenada not to fire on U.S. soldiers.

Now that the "special" relationship between the U.S. and Noriega has broken down, the international cocaine business is experiencing difficulties. *Newsweek* (March 28, 1988) reports that the Medellin cartel is having trouble laundering the large quantities of dollars it collects from its U.S. cocaine sales. Panama served as the cartel's primary laundry machine during the period of U.S.-Noriega cooperation, since the dollar is the official currency there. Now, however, the cartel is leery of Panama's banks as the country's financial system comes under increasing

illegal financial transactions. Testimony given before Senator Kerry's subcommittee by a number of witnesses under oath has revealed that until a short time

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ago, the United States worked closely with Noriega in these illegal operations.

Ramon Milan Rodriguez, an accountant with U.S. citizenship who helped Noriega launder billions of dollars earned from drug sales until Noriega turned him in to U.S. authorities in 1983, testified at the Kerry hearings in February 1988 that "narcotics proceeds were used to shore up [Nicaraguan] Contra efforts. I have laundered money for that network. I made it possible to transfer funds." Rodriguez responded more evasively to a question from Senator Kerry on how that transaction took place, yet his answer left little doubt as to U.S. involvement. "I had a liaison with the U.S. intelligence—let's not call him U.S. intelligence. Let's call him whoever was running the resupply."

The Contras are not alone among United States operations in benefitting from U.S. cooperation with the drug trafficking and money laundering carried on by Noriega. Jose Blandon, a former close aide to General Noriega, has testified before both the Miami Grand Jury and Senator Kerry's subcommittee that co-

pressure from U.S. economic sanctions. The economy and the government are increasingly unstable, and as a consequence the cartel is keeping its dollars out of Panama. The Medellin cartel must now launder here in the United States, a more difficult and risky proposition for the drug dealers.

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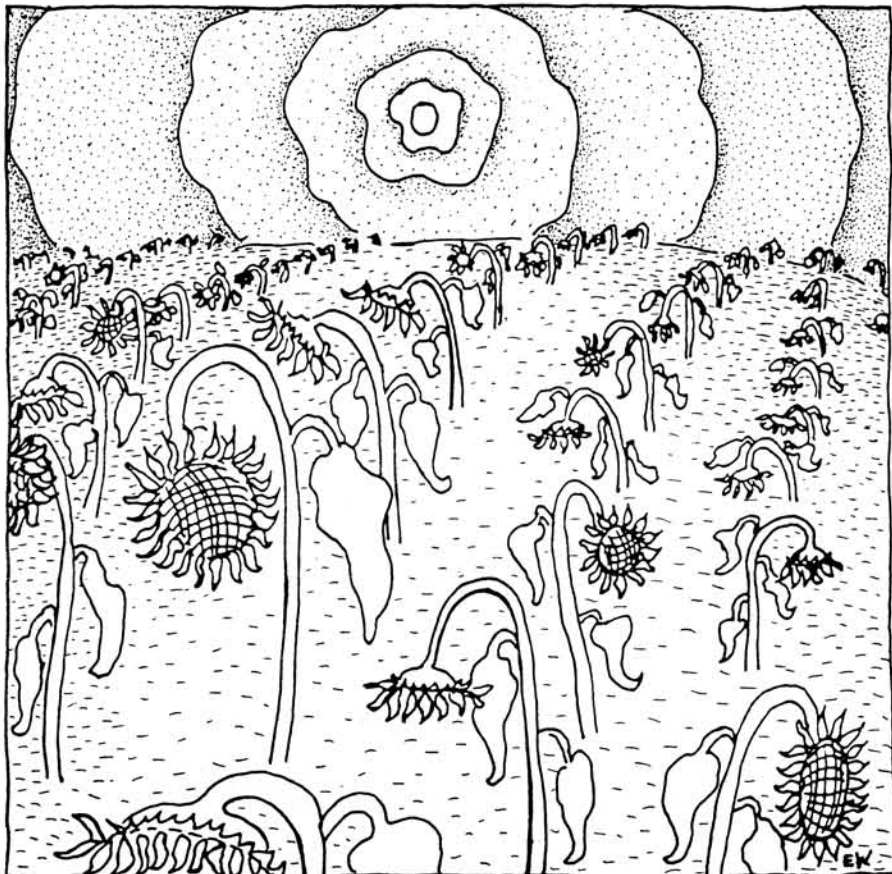
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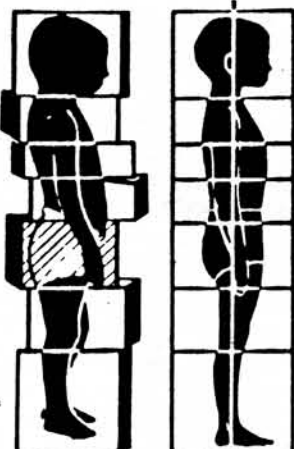


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Save Our Shores 425-1769
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Senior Citizens Legal Services, Watsonville 728-4711
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Seniors Council 688-0400
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Somos Hermanas 722-5614
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The Sun 429-8033
118 Union St., Santa Cruz 95060

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UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064

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Witness for Peace 425-3759
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This list was compiled by the Santa Cruz Action Network for Lively Connections, an informal network of Santa Cruz County peace, social justice, and community organizations. To update information on the Lively Connections list, or to add your organization, call 458-9425. Mailing labels for this list are available for \$1.00.

Peace & Justice Calendar

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

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

We must receive your listing no later than **5 p.m. Tuesday, April 20** for inclusion in the May issue (publication date: Thursday, April 28).

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Test Ban Vigil at the Town Clock to call for the United States to negotiate a Comprehensive Test Ban with the Soviet Union. This vigil will coincide with about 40 other vigils nationwide, including the one at the Nevada Test Site and the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. 4-5 pm. Sponsored by the Nevada Desert Experience and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz County. Info: 458-9975.

Conflict Management Training Offered

The Conflict Resolution Program of Santa Cruz County is now taking applications for its communications and conflict resolution training which begins Saturday, April 16. The 30-hour training will take place Saturdays, and Monday and Wednesday evenings. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, April 12. There is a sliding scale fee of \$30-\$200 with scholarships available. Child care may be provided if needed. **For more information or to register, call 427-3234.**

The CRP offers a free, easy-to-use forum for the resolution of disputes related to a wide variety of issues including neighborhood, noise, money, landlord-tenant relations, family, business, harassment, parking, animal and property damage. During the training session we will explain more fully the CRP, teach and discuss communication, conciliation, outreach and case development skills. The 70 people trained so far have found the communication, conciliation and related skills to be useful at home and the work place as well as their work with the Conflict Resolution Program.

For this training we hope to attract community members of a wide range of races, lifestyles, geographic locations and ages.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Talk/slide presentation: "ALAWDAH" Palestinian Ship of Return. Nonviolent initiative sponsored by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. 7:30 pm. Info: 423-1626.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Legislative Action/Voter Education Task Force of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze general meeting. To discuss legislation and voter education. Loudon Nelson Center, 7:30 pm. Info: 458-9975.

Study Series: Ways Out: Reconciling Choices for Peace. Led by writer and activist Gene Hoffman. Series will include discussion of the following topics: Spiritually Based Communities; Learning to Love the Stranger—U.S.-U.S.S.R. reconciliation; and "Ways Out: the Book of Changes for Peace," a col-

lection of essays about creative alternatives to violence, new views and ideas on old problems, edited by Gene Hoffman. Also April 12 and 19. Sliding scale donation requested: \$10-\$25 for series or \$5 for one evening. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, 7:30 pm. Info: 423-1626.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Meeting of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will be addressed by local rabbi, Rabbi Rick Litvak of Temple Beth El, on the subject "Looking Beyond the Stereotype of Victim and Victimization." Brown-bag lunch, 11:30 am, Trinity Presbyterian Church Social Hall, Poplar at Melrose. Child care by reservation: 425-7618.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

"Citizen Diplomacy Discussion Series: Santa Cruz Acting Globally: the Case

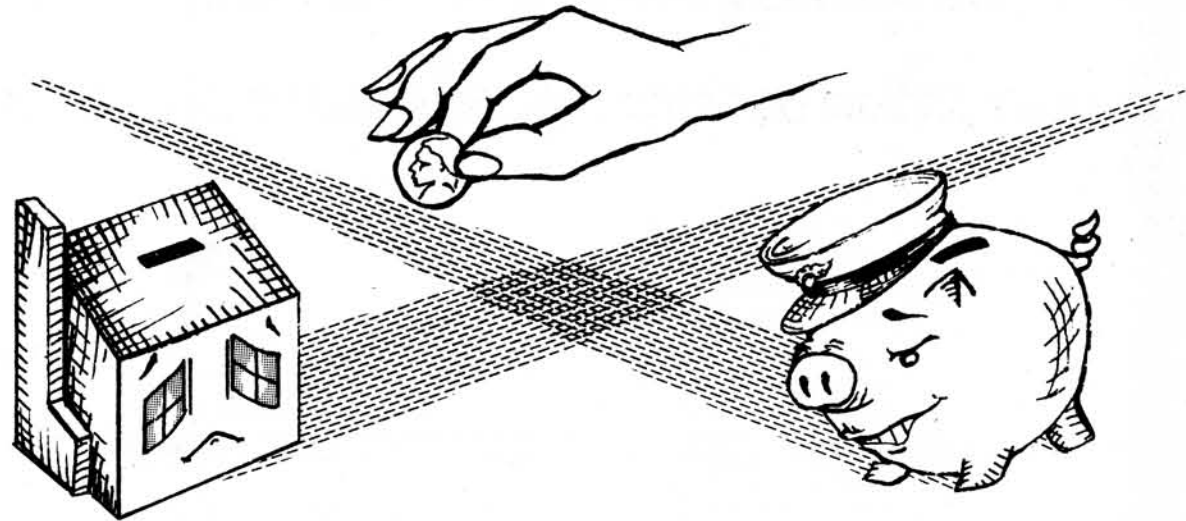
for a Municipal Foreign Policy," with Michael Shuman, President of the Center for Innovative Diplomacy. 7:30 pm, Trinity Presbyterian Church Social Hall, Melrose and Poplar. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee. Info: Peter Klotz-Chamberlin 425-4833 or 423-1626.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Workshop: "Spontaneous Creation: Expressing yourself through Art and Writing." Bring bag lunch and any drawing materials you might have. Some materials will be available at the workshop. Pre-registration suggested. Sliding scale donation \$5-\$30 requested. Limited work-exchange is available if requested at least one week in advance. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, 9-4. Info/pre-register: 423-1626.

TAX PAYERS SPEAK OUT ON APRIL 15th

Do you know where your tax dollars
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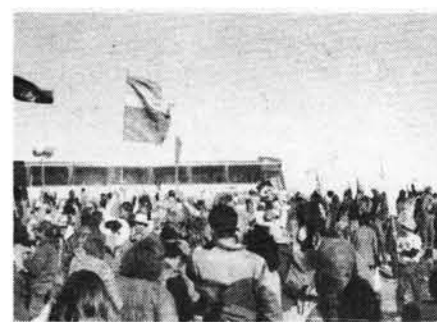
military spending

Find out at the **Santa Cruz Main Post Office,**
850 Front St., **Friday, April 15th at noon.**

**Educational demonstration on military spending
and unmet human needs.**

Organized by: Community Action Board, Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Resource Center for Non-violence, Santa Cruz Action Network, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Study Series: Ways Out: Reconciling Choices for Peace. See April 5.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

"Citizen Diplomacy Discussion Series: Citizen Diplomacy in the Soviet

Union: Personal Experiences," with Gene Hoffman, U.S.-U.S.S.R. Reconciliation Program, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Woody Maunder, local leader of National Council of Churches tours to the Soviet Union, and Patricia Schroeder, Continuing the Peace Dialogue and Friends of Santa Cruz Sister Cities. 7:30 pm, Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz

Sister City Committee. Info: Peter Klotz-Chamberlin 425-4833 or 423-1626.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15- MONDAY, APRIL 18

Regional Strategy Conference and Nonviolent Resistance Action: Stop First-Strike Nuclear War Preparations. At the University of California, Santa Cruz. Sponsored by: California

Alliance to Stop First Strike, Stop First Strike/Santa Cruz, San Jose Peace Center, First Strike Prevention Project, UCSC Lockheed Action Collective. Info: 426-4727 (evenings), 297-2299, (415) 285-8372 (mornings).

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Workshops and Speakers: Making the Connections: Women United for Peace and Justice—Confronting the War in Central America and at home. Bilingual program. Sponsored by: UNA-Union of North American Women for Peace and Justice in El Salvador, Somos Hermanas, and the Cabrillo College Women's Center. Cabrillo College Student Center, \$5-\$10 sliding scale; no one turned away for lack of funds. 9:30-5:30. Childcare and transportation provided. Info: 426-3452.

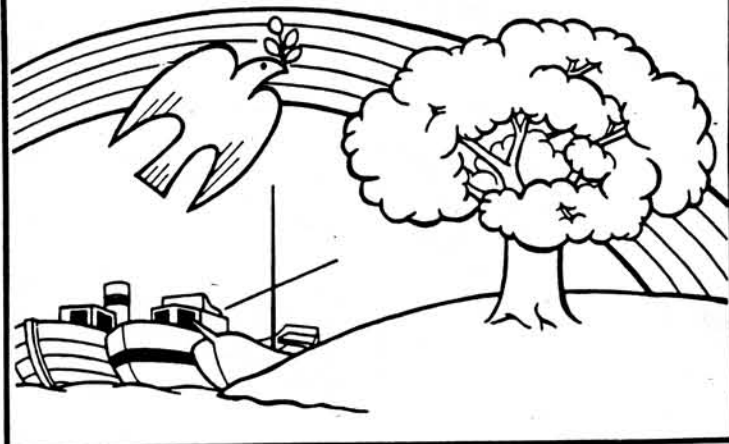
Reception for Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr., President of national SANE/FREEZE. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze. 2-5 pm, The Darling House, 314 West Cliff Drive. \$8 person, \$15 couple. No host bar, hors d'oeuvres. R.S.V.P./Info: 458-9975.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Workshop: Growing up in the Nuclear Age: Parenting and Educating in the Nuclear Shadow. Speakers, panels, films, and videos. 9 am-5:30 pm, Albert L. Schultz Jewish Community Center, 655 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Info: (415) 493-9400.

REGIONAL STRATEGY CONFERENCE AND NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE ACTION: STOP FIRST-STRIKE NUCLEAR WAR PREPARATIONS

RESIST TRIDENT CELEBRATE HOPE



October 1987 - Hundreds of people joined together and completely shut down Lockheed's Trident II D-5 missile re-entry vehicle test site in the Santa Cruz mountains for two and a half days with 148 arrests, on the 25th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

1988 - Help us build on this unprecedented achievement and stop the Pentagon's "ultimate first-strike weapon," as the Trident II is called by former missile designer Robert C. Aldridge — before it is too late.

Friday April 15

- Tax Day vigil at Lockheed, Santa Cruz
- 5pm Registration
- 7pm Keynote address

Saturday April 16

- 9:00am - 6:15pm
- Opening plenary
- Workshops
- Small group discussions of policy and strategy proposals

Sunday April 17

- 9:30am - 3:30pm
- Strategy plenary
- Organizing committees
- 4:30pm
- Action briefing & AG spokescouncil

Monday April 18

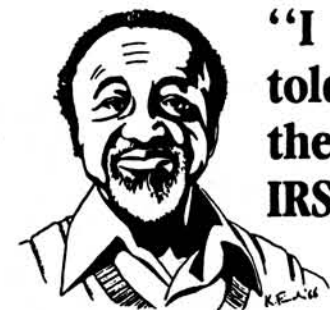
- Nonviolent demonstration / occupation begins at Lockheed, Santa Cruz

AT THE KRESGE COLLEGE TOWN HALL ON THE UCSC CAMPUS

Sponsored by: • California Alliance to Stop First Strike • UCSC Lockheed Action Collective • Stop First Strike / Santa Cruz • San Jose Peace Center • First Strike Prevention Project • California Association of Progressive Student Activists (CAPSA)

CALL: (408) 426-4727 (evenings) • (408) 297-2299 • (415) 285-8372 (mornings)

WRITE: Stop First Strike / Santa Cruz, P.O. Box 7061, Santa Cruz, CA 95061



**"I
told
the
IRS,**

Look, you are in effect asking me to help kill a bunch of people down there I don't know. And I'm sure if I did know them I wouldn't want to contribute to their deaths. Forget it! The answer is no. Forever no!"

—Wally Nelson, farmer

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National War Tax Resistance
Coordinating Committee
P.O. Box 85810
Seattle, WA 98145
(206) 522-4377

Peace & Justice Calendar

Mother's Day Actions at Four Sites This Year

A national coalition of peace groups is planning to draw several thousand demonstrators to four regional nuclear weapon facilities from May 6-8 for a Mother's Day nonviolent civil resistance to call for a Comprehensive Test Ban.

National Coordinator Janet Moomaw says the principle action will be at the Nevada Test Site, with support actions across the country, including Project ELF in Clam Lake, WI, Pantex in Panhandle, TX, and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, FL.

Mother's Day was chosen because the original Mother's Day proclamation in 1870 by Julia Ward Howe conceived Mother's Day as a day of peace. She stated, "Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country, to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

Last year more than 3,000 demonstrators came to the Nevada Test Site for the first Mother's Day protest. It was, at that time, the largest peace demonstration in seven years of continual demonstrations at the site, with 784 arrests.

Moomaw says last year's demonstration drew letters of support from women around the globe who, this year, will organize actions in their own countries.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Study Series: Ways Out: Reconciling Choices for Peace. See April 5.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

"Citizen Diplomacy Discussion Series: Perestroika and Glasnost in the U.S.S.R." by Paula Garb, American resident in Moscow, author of book on U.S. emigres to the Soviet Union. 7:30 pm, Stevenson College Fireside Lounge, UCSC. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee. Co-sponsored by Russian Studies Program. Info: Peter Klotz-Chamberlin 425-4833 or 423-1626.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Music from Mayan, Egyptian, Celtic, Hebrew, Polynesian and North and South American sources performed by Jim Berenholtz and Ann Williams. Eagles Lodge, 306 Mission St., 8 pm. Admission \$7. Info: Kathleen Blue Corn 438-1648.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

"Citizen Diplomacy Discussion Series: Santa Cruz Youth Visit U.S.S.R." Reports from members of Peace Child and Youth Ambassadors returning from

visits to the Soviet Union. 7:30 pm, Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee. Info: Peter Klotz-Chamberlin 425-4833 or 423-1626.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

2nd Annual Dance Your Nukes Off! 12-hour dance marathon to benefit the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz County. Dance teams are forming now. Start early to sign up sponsors and have a chance to win a dream trip to anywhere in the world. The dancer who raises the most money for the Freeze will win a \$500 gift certificate to fly anywhere. Volunteer organizers needed now! Info: 458-9975.



THURSDAY, MAY 5

"Citizen Diplomacy Discussion Series: Women in the Soviet Union," with Patricia Schroeder, recently returned from women's conference in Moscow, and Sigrid McLaughlin, teacher of Russian Studies at UCSC. 7:30 pm, Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz Sister City Committee. Info: Peter Klotz-Chamberlin 425-4833 or 423-1626.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Mother's Day Reception—Celebration honoring Mothers and Women Working for Peace and Democracy in El Salvador. Multi-media event, co-hosted by the Winning Democracy Campaign for El Salvador and the NEST Foundation, will feature a woman leader from the popular movement in El Salvador, along with women notables and cultural performers from the Bay Area and beyond. Funds to benefit a project organized by and for women in an impoverished neighborhood in San Salvador. 6-9 pm, Mission Cultural Center, San Francisco. Info: Lisa Lloyd 864-7755.

FRIDAY, MAY 6—SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day Nonviolent Civil Resistance for United States' adoption of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. To be held at four regional nuclear weapons facilities: Nevada Test Site, Nevada; Project ELF in Clam Lake, Wisconsin; Pantex in Panhandle, Texas; and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. Info: (702) 646-4814 or (702) 648-2798.

Municipal Foreign Policy: A Growing Trend

In recent years the Santa Cruz City Council and Board of Supervisors have expanded what might be considered municipal governments' traditional role by taking action on national and international issues. Witness the city council's support for a nuclear test ban, opposition to the use of California's National Guard troops in Honduras, and, most recently, its unanimous support to establish a sister city with Alushta, in the Soviet Union.

Santa Cruz voters have also taken strong stands on foreign policy questions. Citizen initiatives on divestment in South Africa, a cut-off of aid to El Salvador, and opposition to federal civil defense plans in the event of nuclear war, have all passed by substantial majorities.

Santa Cruz County local governments are not alone in taking municipal action in global affairs. Municipal governments are emerging as important players in the efforts of citizens to respond constructively to international issues. The *Bulletin of Municipal Foreign Policy* reports that 800 U.S. cities have sister cities in 88 countries; 57 American cities and the entire state of Wisconsin have formed relations with Nicaraguan cities; 146 U.S. cities and counties have declared themselves nuclear free zones. The sister cities movement was established by President Eisenhower to promote peace and cooperation among peoples. Interest among U.S. cities in establishing their own direct links with China, the Soviet Union, and Nicaragua demonstrates the desire of people to create constructive relations as a preventative measure against the threats of war.

Advocates of municipal foreign policy believe that city hall is more accessible than the State Department as our



Michael Shuman

governmental means for responding to international affairs. Too often, when nations meet, militaries meet. When cities meet, people meet.

Michael Shuman, editor of the *Bulletin of Municipal Foreign Policy*, will be in Santa Cruz Thursday, April 7 to speak on "Santa Cruz Acting Globally: the Case for a Municipal Foreign Policy," at 7:30 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church (social hall), Melrose & Poplar Sts. Shuman is president of the Center for Innovative Diplomacy and the author of *Citizen Diplomats: Pathfinders in Soviet-American Relations And How You Can Join Them*.

—Peter Klotz-Chamberlin

You are cordially invited to
A special Santa Cruz County
Nuclear Weapons Freeze
Reception for
Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr.
President of SANE/FREEZE
Sunday, April 17
2 pm - 5 pm
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no host bar hors d'oeuvres
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