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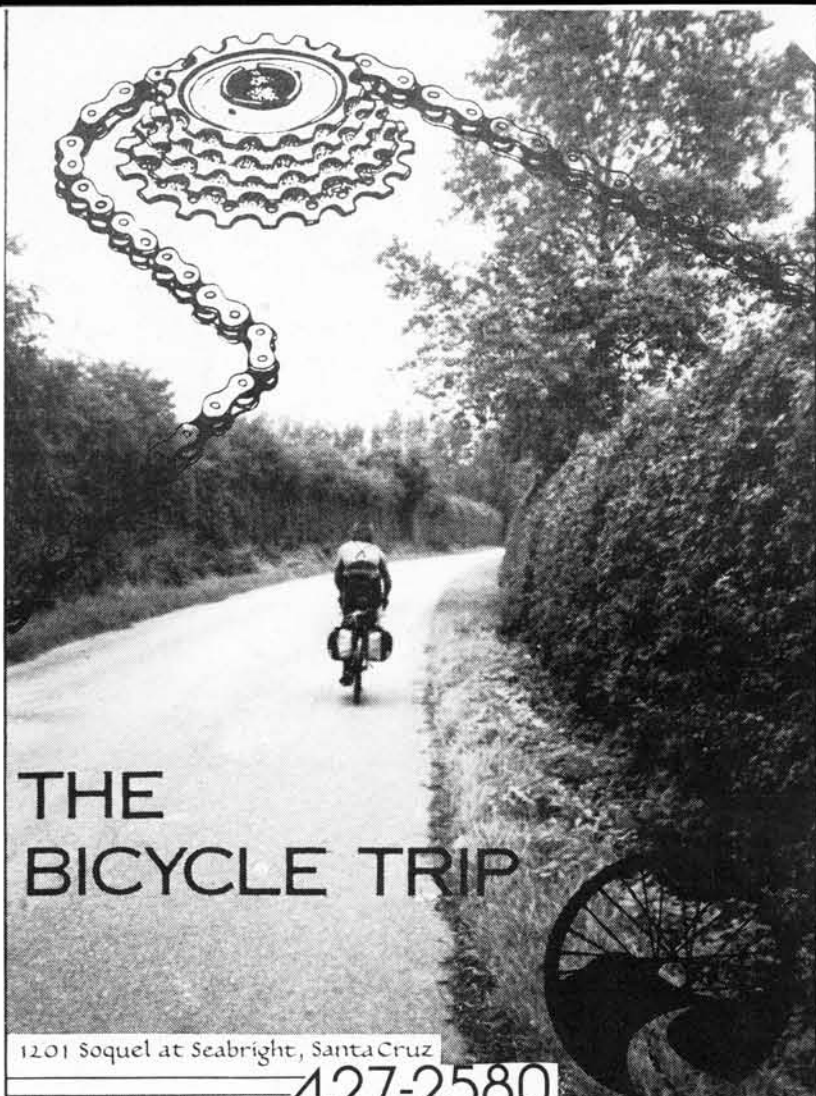


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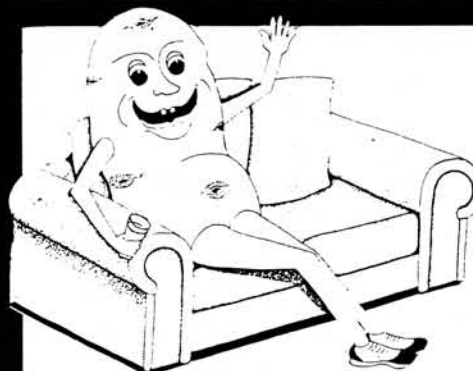
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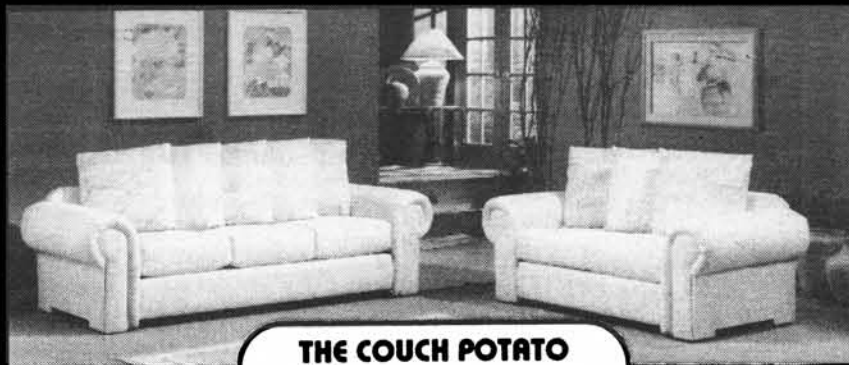
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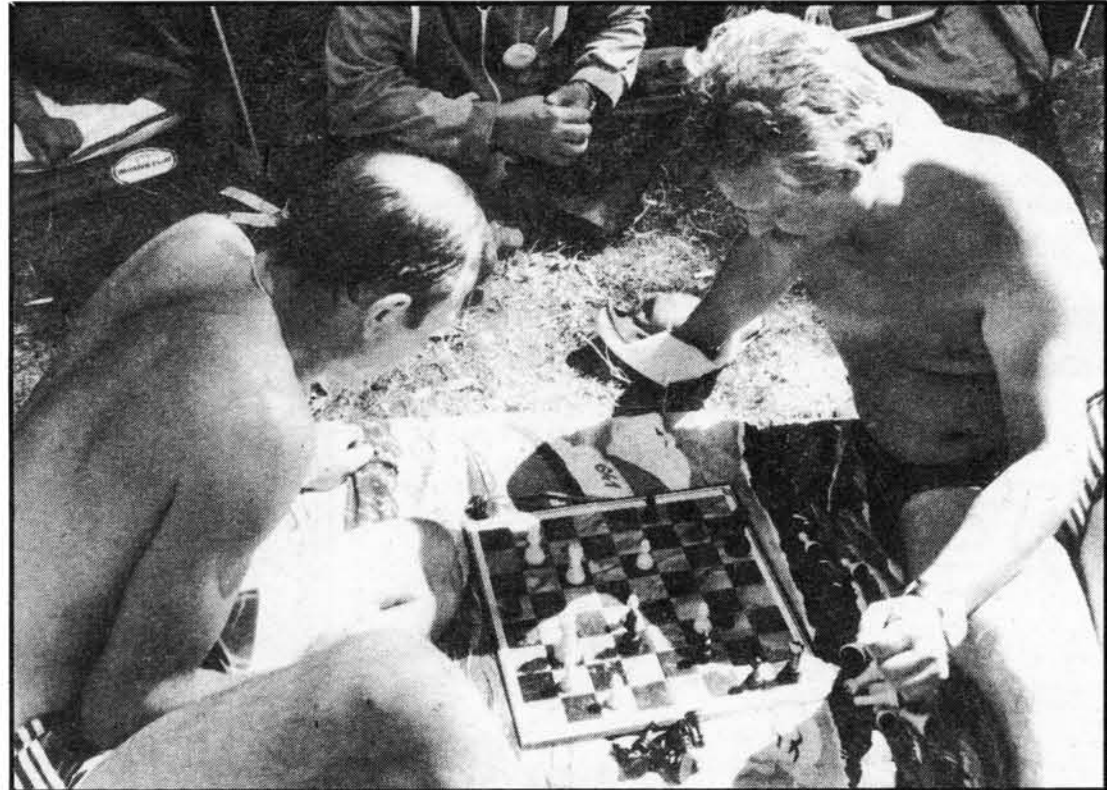
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Soviet peace walkers stopped off for a game of chess in Harvey West Park on July 13 while in Santa Cruz. The two pictured here were part of a contingent of 220 Soviets who have been marching through the U.S. this summer to promote world peace.

DEADLINES for the September Monthly Planet

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| Publication date: Thursday, September 1 | Calendar listings: Tuesday, August 23, 5 p.m. (no phone calls please) |
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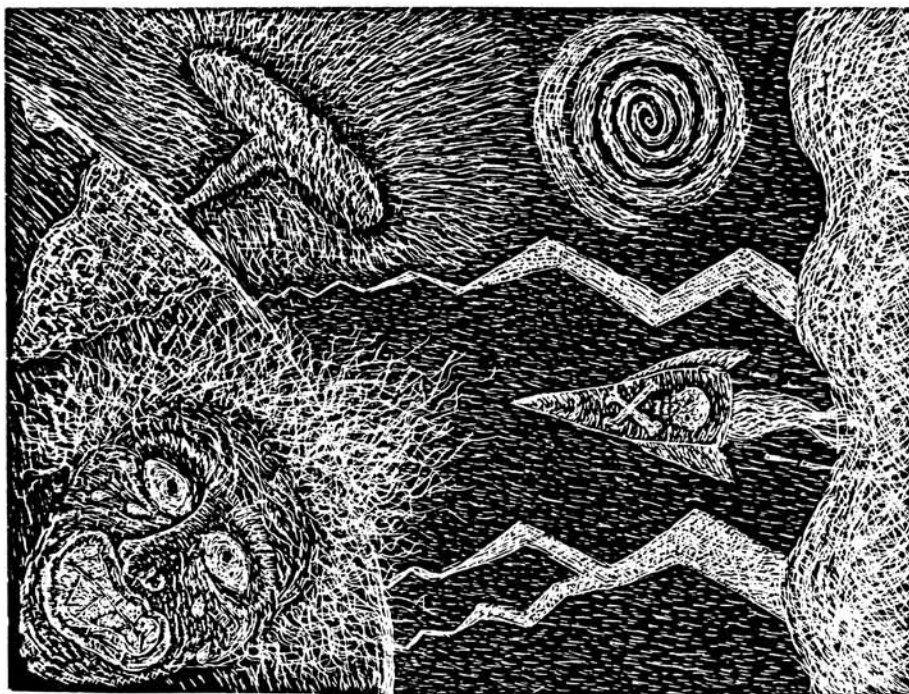
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Dreaming for Dollars

I am currently writing a book about dreams of nuclear war—about the bomb and "after the bomb." I hope to understand better psychologically and culturally why we are "dreaming" this situation into existence—and how we might take the "dream" in a different direction. What parts of our psyche are committed to the bomb and how might we address these parts of ourselves? How might we develop a politics that truly addresses the deepest urgencies in ourselves—instead of getting snagged in the "us versus them" mythology that has nourished the proliferation of weapons in the first place?

At this juncture in my research I need dreams to sift through for a sense of the durable patterns of what's troubling us. I have good reason to believe that the Dream at the End of the World could be a unique, and important, contribution to the literature of the anti-nuke movement. If anyone has dreams of this sort I will treat them with kindness and can pay \$2.00 for



JEANNETTE GRAF

each sent me before November 25, 1988.

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Reagan Still Wants Ortega to Say "Uncle"

I was in Managua before and during the anti-government demonstration on Sun-

day, July 10. The Nicaraguan government's response, expelling United States Ambassador Melton, evoked surprise, anger, and a call for renewed funding for the Contras. The media continues its attack on Nicaragua, ignoring any role that Ambassador Melton may have had in inspiring the march to become the brawl.

My story is a different version. Early in the week, tensions began to mount as rumors spread that the anti-government demonstration could become an ugly

event. Newspaper headlines carried the story of a Melton Plan to force a confrontation between the government and the opposition. This plan, coinciding with the Central America whirlwind tour Secretary of State George Shultz was making, heightened the awareness that Sunday could mean trouble. In the meantime, *La Prensa* and *Radio Catolica* stepped up its anti-government activities.

Before the march, we heard that campesinos were being wooed with cordobas and rum and would be trucked in from the countryside and that the 14 political parties would be rewarded with 180,000 cordobas each if they would encourage their members to join the demonstration. As predicted, the march did take a violent turn; much of it was shown later on T.V. Briefly, as the camera swung around, it caught scenes of men armed with pipes and rocks marching, a woman in red, leading one of the groups, face contorted in anger, addressing the marchers. Suddenly, we saw the demonstration become a mob scene, men armed with pipes and other objects rushed the police. A cloud of tear gas was the response and the ugly confrontation began. Ten police were roughed up; 42 demonstrators, including the woman in red, were arrested. The rest of the story has been well publicized.

Is the Reagan Administration still trying to make Ortega cry "uncle"?

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True/False

- _____ Demonstrators have blocked all but one weapons train at the Concord Naval Weapons Station since September.
- _____ The current 1989 Defense Authorization Bill includes a nuclear test ban readiness program.
- _____ Dukakis is solidly opposed to the MX and Star Wars.
- _____ Roy Woodruff is opposed to pursuing Star Wars research.
- _____ George Bush once said, "to know and not to do is to not know."

Short Answer

- Which Democratic senator was most supportive of the Reagan agenda in 1981? (according to *Congressional Quarterly*)
- Who is Karen Parker?
- Who said, "...nothing of the kind has occurred in this country for nearly six decades"?
- Who stood virtually alone in opposing a recent Senate resolution condemning the government of Nicaragua?

Multiple Choice

- What usually happens Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.?**
 - a) A nuclear weapon is tested.
 - b) The State Department shreds documents.
 - c) Munitions trains roll at the Concord Naval Weapons Station.
 - d) The Senate Foreign Relations Committee meets.
 - e) Nancy wakes Ronnie from his nap.
- What is the "Ice Box"?**
 - a) The maximum-security wing at Santa Rita prison.
 - b) The state-run firm selling Ben and Jerry's ice cream in the Soviet Union.
 - c) A Swiss bank account used to launder illegal aid to the Contras.
 - d) An unclassified holding area for Lockheed's employees.
 - e) A Washington, D.C. bar frequented by military industry lobbyists and Pentagon procurement officials.
- What does the word "soviet" mean?**
 - a) Communist.
 - b) Russian.
 - c) Bureaucrat.
 - d) Republic.
 - e) Council.
- What has been the rate of increase in chemical and germ warfare research under the Reagan Administration?**
 - a) .0005 percent.
 - b) 5 percent.
 - c) 50 percent.
 - d) 500 percent.
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Scientists Say No to Biological Warfare

Over 500 scientists from across the country recently pledged to boycott research on biological and chemical weapons and urged others to join them. The group, which includes three Nobel laureates, held a press conference July 22 to display signed pledges asserting that "biomedical research should support rather than threaten life."

Pentagon spokesperson Lt. Col. Rick Osborn, however, argues that "if, as we do believe, our primary adversary—the Soviet Union—has a chemical and biological weapons potential, then we certainly want to be prepared to negate those weapons should they be used against us." The scientists believe that such distinctions between offensive and defensive weapons are meaningless with regard to

chemical and biological warfare. They are also concerned that biological weapons may be released accidentally, or perhaps mutate into something even more destructive.

Pentagon officials say they anticipate no problems finding scientists willing to accept Defense Department research projects. Philip Hanawalt, chair of biological sciences at Stanford University, agrees with their prediction: "Sure, you can always find people willing to do this kind of thing, just like you can find people to serve on death squads, if you pay them enough."

The Reagan Administration has expanded research funding for chemical and germ warfare 500 percent this decade. Plans are underway to build a \$5.4 million germ warfare laboratory in Utah.

At the press conference, Dr. Jonathan King of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology argued that this stepped-up research represents "a violation in spirit,

if not the letter" of a 1972 international treaty banning biological weapons.

(sources: *Los Angeles Times*, 7-23; *San Jose Mercury News*, 7-23)

— Kai Siedenburg

Free Speech at Livermore Lab?

In a recent appearance at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Energy Secretary John Herrington joined the debate over public dissent among weapons scientists. "I think there should be freedom of expression within the laboratory, but I do not favor having scientists going public on opposite sides of the issue if it is going to be damaging to the laboratory," Herrington stated.

Herrington singled out the case of Roy Woodruff, the former head of Livermore's weapons program who stepped down due

to a dispute over the capabilities of the X-ray laser (a proposed component of Star Wars). He told reporters, "Woodruff's remarks are being exploited and being used by anti-SDI forces and interests and therefore are not to the good of the program nor to the good of the lab."

The Energy Secretary's position contrasts sharply with the frequently-stated policy of the University of California, which manages the Livermore lab for the Department of Energy. University spokesperson Paul West claimed, "there is no restriction on lab or university employees speaking their mind . . . You'd have grounds for a suit if they did restrict you in some way." The university's ability to insulate its employees from federal pressure is often cited as a reason to continue U.C.'s management of the labs, despite significant opposition from the university community.

Woodruff, who strongly favors pursuing a Star Wars program, reluctantly became a whistle-blower after trying to settle the dispute through internal channels for two years. He spoke publicly about the issue only after internal memos written by him were leaked to the press.

The memos argued that physicist Edward Teller blatantly oversold the X-ray laser to Reagan Administration officials, and that then-lab director Roger Batzel prevented Woodruff from correcting the misinformation.

Batzel subsequently capped his pay for seven years, banished him to a "windowless cubicle," and gave him no work to do. Woodruff asserts that the university took no action to protect him from reprisals by lab officials, and challenges U.C.'s public position on the dispute: "They state that the reason for their managing the weapons labs is so that the staff can have the ability to speak out within the tenets of academic freedom without fear of reprisals. That is a false claim, it is the university that has attempted to make me go away."

In response to a personnel grievance Woodruff filed in April 1987, he was appointed assistant to the director for treaty verification. Yet Woodruff doubts the security of his position: "I don't think I can survive out here."

(sources: *San Jose Mercury News*, 7-23; *Los Angeles Times Magazine*, 7-17)

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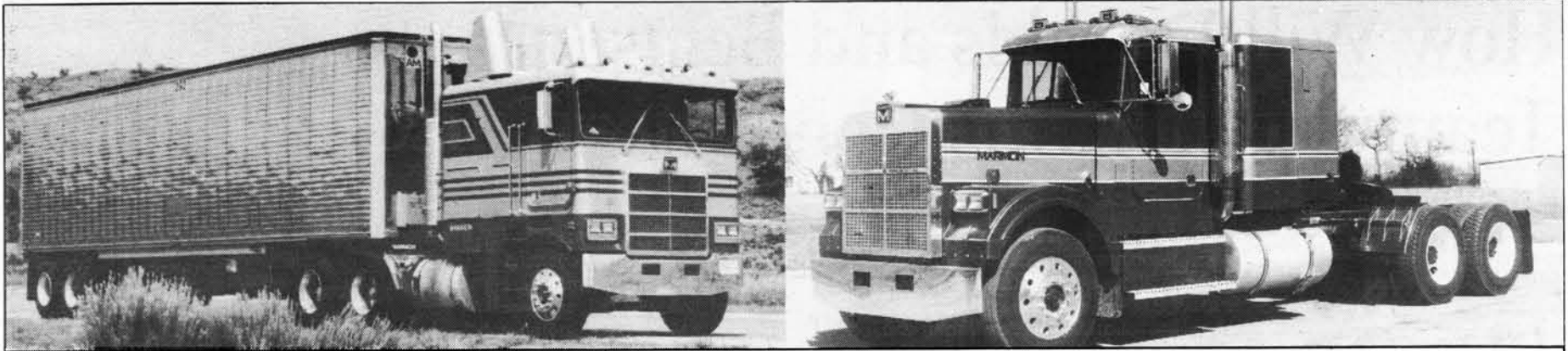
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Lockheed computer, ran private businesses, or skipped work entirely.

The Justice Department is reviewing Newsham's and Bloem's allegations that employees were instructed to charge 40 hours per week to government contracts, even if they did not work on them.. Bloem

says he spent over a year in an "ice box." These incidences of false claims have cost the government over \$50 million, according to the plaintiff's lawyer, Guy T. Saperstein. "I think we're looking at the tip of an iceberg as far as secret and top-secret programs go," said Newsham. Saperstein

expects more employees to disclose examples of fraud as a result of the lawsuit.

Lockheed has denied the charges and claims it has conducted no "improper practices." Lockheed's Sunnyvale president, Daniel M. Tellup, asserts that "ice boxes" are part of a process "aimed at

using these employees effectively and charging their time correctly while they await their clearances."

(sources: *San Jose Mercury News*, 7-7, 7-19; *Eugene Register Guard*, 7-7)

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How Will Dukakis and Bentsen Team Up on Arms Control?

by Shelly D'Amour

"In politics, you have no friends, only co-conspirators"

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Politics, the maxim reminds us, makes strange bedfellows. The seemingly disparate pairing of a liberal eastern governor with a conservative southern senator is a political marriage of convenience, calculated to secure an electoral majority for the Democrats in Texas this November. Assuming that Massachusetts Governor Dukakis can and does capture the White House, what can Freeze supporters expect from a Michael Dukakis/Lloyd Bentsen Administration?

Michael Dukakis began his run for the presidency with a fairly mainstream Democratic agenda on military-related issues: support for arms control treaties, support for a comprehensive nuclear test ban, against aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. In terms of first-strike nuclear weapons systems—the MX, Star Wars, and Trident II—he has been ambiguous on exactly where he would draw the line on research, testing and deployment. Dukakis has been widely touted in the media as a liberal on defense issues. Most news sources put him on record against the MX and Star Wars. This is not strictly true. On the MX, for example, Dukakis would deploy the full 50 missiles approved by Congress, but would end the program there. He does not support the single-warhead Midget-

ical from politics in order to make his fortune in the insurance business.

Senator Bentsen has one of the worst records in Congress with regard to military issues. He has consistently voted in favor of aid to the Contras, as well as for funding for the MX, B-1 bomber, chemical weapons, and Star Wars. According to a report in the *Christian Science Monitor*, he advocated using the atomic bomb to end the Korean war. Bentsen opposes a nuclear test ban, and has been inconsistent in his support for a moratorium on anti-satellite weapons testing (as has Dukakis). In 1981 *Congressional Quarterly* observed that no Democratic senator supported the Reagan agenda more than Lloyd Bentsen.

The 1988 Democratic Party platform on defense should give Democratic activists pause. The platform committee and Dukakis campaign rejected efforts by the Jackson camp and others to set a truly progressive disarmament agenda, preferring instead to embrace the tired, old Democratic strategy of arms-race management, or "arms control." Efforts to obtain a "No First Use" of nuclear weapons policy were defeated, and replaced with a defense plank that calls for no "early" first use of nuclear weapons. The call for an immediate moratorium on underground nuclear weapons testing as the first step toward a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty was supplanted with support for the treaty alone. It could have been an historic platform.

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man missile, which some have offered as a more "stable" alternative to the MX. With regard to Star Wars, Dukakis is currently against deployment but supports limited research and development. Finally, the governor has shifted from a position of opposition to the Trident II missile to one of ambiguity, and is leaning steadily in favor of its deployment.

Even so, his choice of a running mate could not have been more ideologically different. Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen is a hard-line conservative from a state where, as a rule, Democrats are virtually indistinguishable from Republicans. Mr. Bentsen began his senatorial career in 1970 by ousting then-Democratic incumbent Senator Ralph Yarborough in the primary, whom Bentsen attacked for opposing the war in Viet Nam and supporting student protests. He went on to defeat then-Representative George Bush in the general election, by painting Bush as more liberal than himself. Prior to that Bentsen served in the U.S. House of Representatives, and later took a sabbat-

Instead, it is so generic that, at best, it is marginally palatable from almost anyone's position.

In crafting a platform statement virtually devoid of specific positions, the party is trying to appeal to the broadest sector of Democratic voters possible. In so doing, the Democrats are gambling that they will be able to bring in the moderate-to-conservative Democratic vote that went to Reagan the last two elections, while maintaining their traditional support from minorities and political progressives. "Come home!" touts this year's Democratic Party slogan to their wayward electorate. But what will "home" look like after the election?

Given the record of this Democratically-controlled Congress in the face of a Republican Administration vis-a-vis arms control, let alone disarmament, the prospects for challenging a Dukakis/Bentsen Administration to break new ground on the disarmament frontier are not very encouraging.

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Whoever Administration would be an unqualified disaster for disarmament, continuing the Reagan commitment to first strike nuclear capability and to military intervention in the Third World; possibly bringing the U.S. into war in Central America or the Persian Gulf. By comparison, Dukakis/Bentsen are light years apart.

The task now laid before disarmament activists is to challenge the Dukakis/Bentsen ticket and later, perhaps, the Dukakis/Bentsen Administration to commit itself firmly to a policy of nuclear arms

reduction, a non-interventionist posture in the Third World, and to budget priorities which emphasize meeting human needs—all positions which the majority of the Democratic Party holds, more or less, but which tend to become negotiable when they are under pressure from Republicans and other conservatives. In such times, it will be up to all of us to hold their feet to the fire, through November, and beyond.

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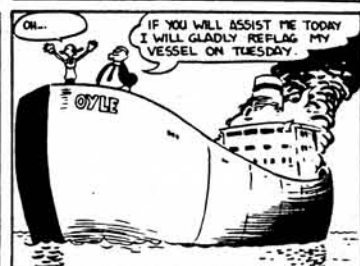
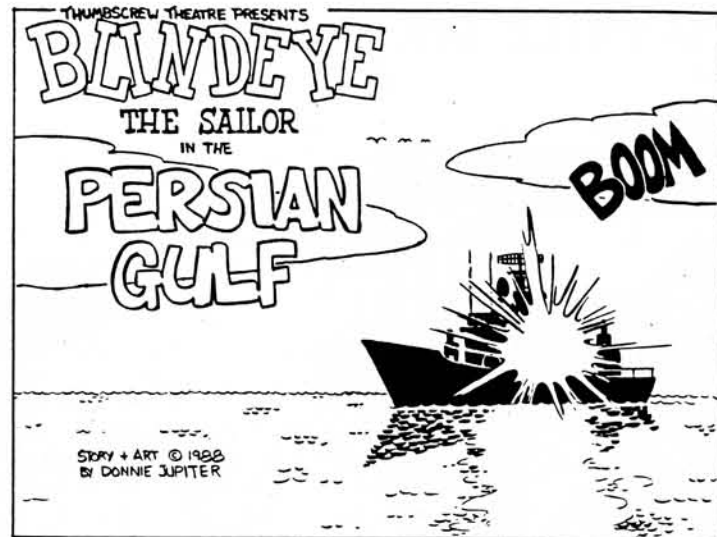
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Legislative Update

Dole and Byrd Seek Military Aid to Contras

by Shelly D'Amour

As Democratic and Republican delegates meet to hammer out their respective party platforms in convention this summer, their counterparts in Congress battle legislatively over many of the same issues—all with an eye toward shaping the national agenda for the next president.

As the Senate gears up for another vote on military aid to the Contras, political analysts will have their eye on one senator in particular. This will be the first foreign policy vote for Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX) since he was selected as the vice-presidential running mate to Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis. Senator Bentsen has a long history of supporting aid to the Contras and, although he has made no public comment on the upcoming vote, it is expected that he will vote in favor of the aid package, despite the fact that Governor Dukakis opposes it.

What follows is a summary of this and other legislative issues.

Central America

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole (R-KS) is expected to introduce a \$47 million aid package for the Nicaraguan Contras, on or around August 1. The package, which will be attached as an amendment to the 1989 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill, includes \$20 million in military assistance and \$27.14 million in "humanitarian" aid. The decision to seek military aid to the Contras at this time is no doubt due to the success of a resolution approved by both houses of Congress in mid-July.

On July 12, the Senate passed a resolution 91-4 condemning the government of Nicaragua for recent actions taken there against the press and opposition groups. Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-WV), the resolution threatened renewed aid to the Contras, stating that if conditions did not change in the political situation in Nicaragua, the U.S. would be prepared to "maintain the democratic opposition as one aspect of an overall policy toward the Sandinistas, by continuing to provide that opposition with assistance." Both California Senators Alan Cranston and Pete Wilson voted in favor of the resolution. Senator Mark Hatfield (R-OR) stood virtually alone among his colleagues, urging them to reject the resolution, which, in his words, was based on a foreign policy that was "wrong, wrong, wrong."

The House passed a similarly-worded resolution on July 14, by a vote of 385-18. Local Representatives Leon Panetta (D-16th) and Ernest Konnyu (R-12th) voted in favor of it.

The resolutions come on the heels of the expulsion of U.S. Ambassador Richard Melton and seven U.S. embassy officials, whom the Nicaraguan government accused of providing assistance to opposition groups inside Nicaragua. The State Department denies any such activity took place on the part of its embassy. In a tit-for-tat move, the Reagan Administration



promptly expelled Nicaraguan Ambassador Carlos Tunnermann and seven Nicaraguan Embassy officials.

The two congressional measures on Nicaragua were trial balloons to test the will of Congress toward resuming aid to the Contras. If Contra aid passes in the Senate as expected, a companion measure will be offered in the House, where its outcome is uncertain. Almost certainly, some form of "humanitarian" aid will be appropriated. Barring any further internal clamp-downs on the part of the Sandinistas, however, it does not seem that the political will to resume military aid exists in the House at this time.

As the vote in Washington was taking place, former Somoza National Guardsman Enrique Bermudez, who currently heads the Contra military operations, was elected to lead the political wing of the 54-member directorate. In a July 12 *Miami Herald* interview he indicated that the Contra strategy would now take a more aggressive turn, stating: "we will see more sabotage, maybe attacks on Sandinista personalities, and why not terrorism?" There has been some internal dissension among the various Contra groups over how closely allied the military and political wings should be. The appointment of Bermudez, a right-wing extremist and favorite of Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams, serves to unmask any pretense that the two wings are or can be considered independent of each other.

In a related matter, Rep. Leon Panetta has received the documents he requested relative to a government agency's management of the last round of Contra funding. The Agency for International Development (AID) was given responsibility for

dispensing a \$47 million aid package allocated for the Nicaraguan rebels by Congress last April. At that time, Congress stipulated that the U.S. government should abide by the terms of the then-newly reached cease-fire agreement when dispensing the funds.

The agreement, also called the Sapoa

Accord, allows third countries to provide non-military aid to the Contras once they are located in designated cease-fire zones. Since that time, charges have been mounting that AID has been dispensing the funds in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the accord and the wishes of Congress. For example, immediately after

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the aid package was approved, AID began trucking supplies to the Contras living in base camps in Honduras, a direct violation of the cease-fire agreement.

In June, Mr. Panetta was joined by 145 members of the House in demanding that the administration produce records

aid of any kind to the Contras. Tell them that a vote for Contra aid is a vote against both the Sapoa cease-fire agreement and the Latin American peace accord, which prohibits such aid. A vote against aid is a vote for Central American self-determination and renewed prospects for peace.

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—Contra leader Enrique Bermudez*

documenting AID's management of the Contra aid package. Those documents are now being examined in committee, and a report is expected shortly.

ACTION: *The vote on Contra aid in the Senate is expected sometime during the week of August 1. Call your senators and representatives immediately and demand that they vote no*

Military Spending Bill

The 1989 Defense Authorizations Bill has cleared a House/Senate conference committee and now awaits the president's signature. Arms control provisions contained in the bill include a moratorium on flight testing of depressed trajectory missiles, a nuclear test ban readiness pro-

gram, and language which maintains the traditional interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. The bill funds the MX and Midgetman missile programs equally at \$250 million each, while putting an additional \$250 million aside in escrow for the next president to decide which program he would like it to go toward.

Some Republican lawmakers are urging President Reagan to veto the defense bill due to the arms control provisions it contains. In the unlikely event that the president does veto the measure, the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate have already agreed to incorporate the arms control provisions in the defense appropriations bill. The appropriations bill has already cleared the House and is awaiting final action in the Senate, where a major battle on Contra aid is expected to take place. (see previous section)

MX Basing Mode

The Air Force is holding public hearings

in nine states on its proposal to deploy MX missiles on railroad trains. The hearings are being conducted in communities which are under consideration as possible basing sites. A primary focus of the hearings is to determine the environmental impact that such a program would have on local communities. Ironically, the Air Force is not addressing the greatest environmental issue of all—the threat of nuclear war.

Hearings are scheduled to take place from July 25 through August 11 in the following states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming. For further information contact Rosemary at the Union of Concerned Scientists (202) 332-0900.

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SUMMER 1988. Greetings from the vigil at the tracks at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. It has now been just over a year since this action began, a vigil to protest and call attention to the shipment of arms from this facility to the Contras, the death squads in Central America and elsewhere,

Activist's Notebook

and the air force in El Salvador. Since September 1st, when Brian Willson was run over and lost his legs blocking a munitions train, the vigil and blockade have been maintained 24 hours a day. Over the last year, people have come and gone, some for days, some for weeks. A few have remained since the beginning. Throughout, the nature of the action has been in continual change. As a member of that vigil since Thanksgiving and as a "site person," I would like to tell some of the story of what is going on here.

Actions speak louder than words, and it is with our actions—our blocking of every train, our vigils, marches and reclamation actions, and our sharing of community with one another—that we mostly speak our peace.

First, to set the scene:

Port Chicago Highway, which winds northward and eastward from Concord, California, is a two-lane country road. Just outside of town, it crosses a pair of railroad tracks. Here, alongside the road on a strip of asphalt, a community of active nonvio-



lent resistance has sprung up. For many months, this consisted of a loose group from three to twelve people who lived on the site full time, a larger group who came by regularly, and a small office staff.

With our first year behind us, it is clear to everyone—supporters, opponents, and bystanders—that we are not going away. The police harassment and brutality have largely been replaced by a mutual respect and an understanding that we have no choice but to tolerate each other (at least for the time being) and make the best of it.

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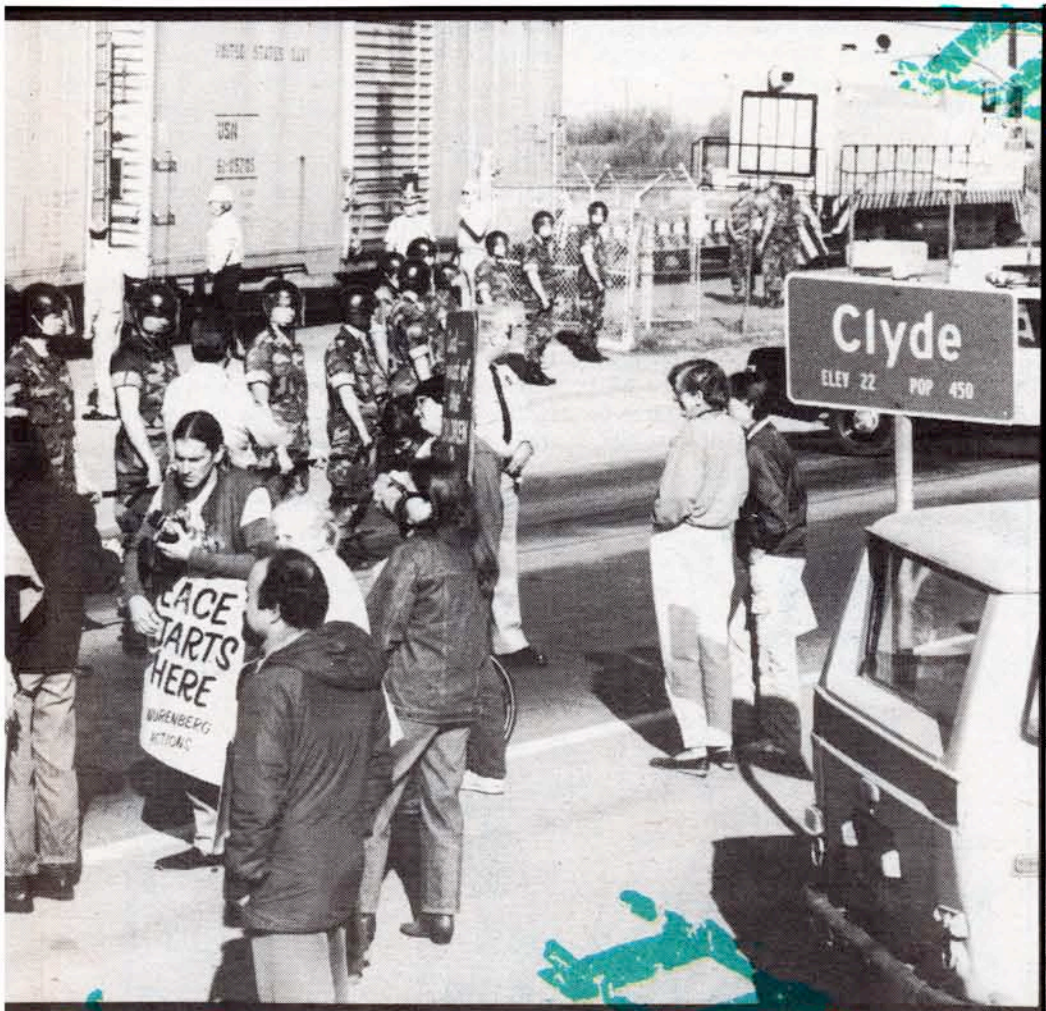
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and blockade, and the new time and energy has opened up a world of new creative ventures, from screening T-shirts to making props for street theater actions.

Life at the tracks

Trains roll, usually, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, just before 9 a.m. Our first sign that a train is coming is the police that begin to drive up about 8:15. We're awake by then, of course, the five or ten of us that have spent the night on the site. Some have slept in cars, most in sleeping bags on the railroad tracks—an unnerving experience at first, but you get used to it. Since the only trains using this stretch of tracks are munitions trains that run only during the day, the only real danger is from drunks and irate motorists. (One late night a month or so ago an off-duty naval officer ran through the site and over the tracks in his pickup, passing within a couple of feet of my head—but that sort of thing is pretty rare.)

Afternoons are slower. If it's not our "site day," and we're not in jail for blocking a train, we usually drift off to do other things: at the office, at the house, vigiling, blocking munitions trucks (which also means a day in jail), that sort of thing. Nights are in many ways the best. We

share an evening meal, sit in the harsh light of the mercury vapor lights (installed a few months ago to help keep an eye on us, no doubt), and discuss things from the peculiar perspective that living along an artery of death gives one. Later we take turns watching through the night.

The nuke bunker and other actions

Recently a new front has opened up at the Nuclear Bunker. It's a god-awful monstrosity about three miles down the road, surrounded by four layers of barbed wire and a cloak of denial. On June 10th, about 50 of us marched down there. Of course the Navy knew we were coming (we had made a special effort to tell them since we would be near a lethal force zone, as it's called with rare candor) and that we would be crossing the yellow line to draw attention to their ugly little monster. It is like any addiction, this obsession we, the First World, have: to control the world through the threat of extinction. So, as part of our anniversary of one year on the tracks, we took the first step to recovery (the first at this site at least as far as we know) and broke the silence. I poured a line of blood—my blood—across the roadway

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and then 15 of us crossed over and were promptly arrested.

So far it looks as though they are going to treat it like so many other of our actions, i.e. drop charges before arraignment. As Gandhi said, "first they ignore you, then they laugh, then they crack down, then you win." We're still at first base on this one.

There have been other actions too. Last week there was a demonstration at the Federal Building held in support of the Veterans Peace Convoy. Last Saturday there was a march for Palestinian rights that a number of us participated in. Last Thursday a group of us leafletted at the local Shell Oil refinery, and then joined a demonstration at Senator Pete Wilson's office with the theme: "Boycott South Africa, Not

woman like that canned answers, however true they may be. I can't, anyway.

The millions of homeless and the tens of millions of hopeless—how can we deal with this as peace activists? We fight direct violence with nonviolence. For myself, I see no option but to fight the injustice that possessiveness creates with poverty—not the poverty of abject deprivation, but the voluntary surrender of privilege, and the embracing of the interdependence that community life brings. Far removed from the sensational confrontations which the media focus on, this living community is the front line of peace. And I am happy to say that this has become the real story of the Concord campaign.

So perhaps it should come as no sur-

prise that over the months a major focus of the action has become the public debate about "allowing" our continued presence. While our relations with the sheriff's deputies and the Navy security people (although not necessarily their bosses) have improved remarkably, some of the ordinary people passing by the site have grown increasingly hostile. Many of these are blue-collar working people. Some recite the usual neo-McCarthyist litany about saving the nation from the creeping red peril just "a few hours south of Texas." Others, while supporting our right to dissent, resent our continued presence as an infringement upon their sense of propriety and greet us with shouts of "Go home!" and "Get a job!" as they drive by.

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has been halted by a Federal Court temporary restraining order. This, of course, has done little to cool tensions. But at its basic and therefore most honest level, our presence here has been called an affront to basic values. Indeed, after thinking about it for the last six months, I must agree. It is an affront. It is an affront to one of the primary values of our society: the right to personal well-being and personal security, free from encroachment from ugly considerations, like concern for the suffering of others, that makes our comfort possible. And to the self-enslavement of the get-ahead-at-all-costs-even-if-it-kills-me ethic that drives millions to the grave, generat-

ing a tax base to murder millions more along the way. It is claimed that this is a necessary evil, a phrase that should chill the spine but in our day deadens the heart instead.

Of course, there are many who believe that nonviolent direct action is only an exercise in self-satisfying but futile rebelliousness on the part of solipsistic ingrates. But standing up for what one knows in one's heart is truth, and paying the price, is often misunderstood. As St. Paul has told us, and Martin Luther King, Jr. has reminded us, freedom is not a gift. It is the bonus we receive for knowing the truth. And as Lao Tzu said, "To know and not to do is to not yet know." ■

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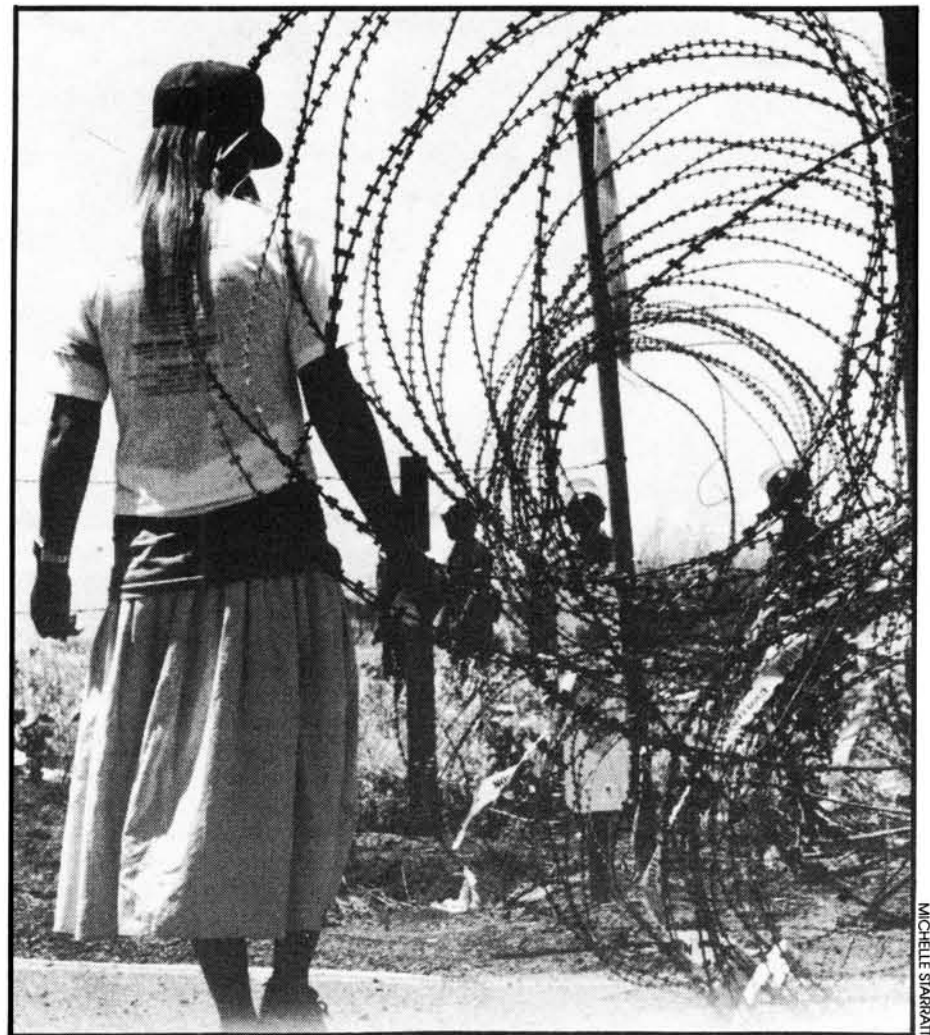
Nicaragua." We then marched to the U.S. Customs House building and after demonstrating at the entrance, 12 of us were taken to the San Francisco County jail for the night. We were arraigned in the morning and set for trial August 1st. We are becoming...well, I suppose we will only know that in retrospect, but whatever it is, it's happening fast lately!

Structured violence...

...is one topic that has been coming up for us a lot lately. Abstractly, many of us have understood for some time what that violence does to the soul. But last week, in San Francisco County Jail, it came home to me with a bitter clarity when a woman I met, a prostitute and junkie for the last three years (and beginning to go through withdrawal), asked me why we don't protest for the poor here in our own country. I told her I didn't have an answer. Oh, I lamely added the bit about military spending and all that. But you don't give a

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Concord 30 Trial Ends in Hung Jury

by George Jarrett

After almost two weeks of proceedings, the trial of 30 people arrested for direct actions at the Concord Naval Weapons Station ended July 20th with a hung jury. Voting 9 guilty, 3 not guilty, the Contra Costa County jurors were unable to agree whether the protesters had broken a law which forbids people from obstructing public roadways. The district attorney may choose to pursue a retrial.

The weapons station, one of the largest munitions repositories on the West Coast, has been home to an all-day, all-night vigil and protest since September 1, 1987, when Viet Nam veteran S. Brian Willson was run

after time away from active participation in the vigil. Their testimony ranged from issues of religion (one defendant, Reverend David Duncombe, is campus minister at the University of California, San Francisco), to experiences in war (several defendants are veterans of military service, including World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam).

Demonstrators at the station have blocked all but one of the weapons trains (and many trucks) since September, in what they call "civil disobedience" to international law. Under the Nuremberg Principles, adopted by the United Nations in 1950 after the trials of Nazi war criminals

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over by one of the weapons trains. Like Willson, the defendants sat on railroad tracks to stop the movement of weapons they believed would be sent to Central America. All thirty were arrested on September 28, October 5, and December 23, 1987, and charged under section 647c of the California Penal Code, "blocking a public thoroughfare."

The Concord 30 are a group fairly representative of the 500 arrested so far at the tracks. They range in age from 18-year-old Dominic Von Zabern, who lives at the tracks, to 84-year-old Abraham Zwickel, a retired contractor and full-time peace activist from the East Bay. Some, like Brown University student Shannah Kurland, 20, and Pam Wellish, a Garberville mother and bookkeeper, "came home"



after World War II, "planning, preparation, initiation, or waging of a war of aggression or a war in violation of international treaties, agreements, or assurances" is a violation of international law. The defense argued, as many of the demonstrators at the tracks believe, that in preventing the shipment of weapons to Central America, the defendants in fact are upholding, not breaking, the law.

In documents acknowledged as legitimate in testimony by Lt. Colonel John Buchanan (U.S. Marines, ret.), the Naval Weapons Station is shown conclusively to have shipped white phosphorous bombs and other arms to the government of El Salvador. That government relies on more than \$2 million per day of U.S. military aid to carry out a bloody war against its own people. Other evidence, including proceedings of the World Court in Nicaragua v. the United States of America, shows that the United States, by supplying the Contra army, is indeed waging a war of aggression against Nicaragua. The Concord Naval Weapons Station is believed to be one of the sources of arms to the Contras.

To substantiate their claims on the basis of international law, the defendants presented a number of expert witnesses. In an odd legal twist, Judge Douglas Cunningham dismissed the jury, but listened with rapt attention to the testimony. Dr. Jesus Campos, a former judge and professor from El Salvador: "I will never forget that first day, when I went to the place on the outskirts of town. I did not see one dead person, but I saw fourteen dead persons. Fourteen corpses. That was my job during three years."

Karen Parker, an expert on international human rights law who most recently participated in discussions with the Soviet Union on Native American rights during the Reagan/Gorbachev summit, gave erudite testimony peppered with personal experiences that linked the horrors Campos and others described to the Concord case.

Unfortunately, after two days of often very moving testimony, Cunningham sustained Deputy District Attorney Dodie Katague's objection and disallowed the expert witnesses' testimony as not relevant.

Later, Cunningham also refused to allow the jury to inspect any of the defense's evidence, which included books on Central America and a videotape of the events of September 1st.

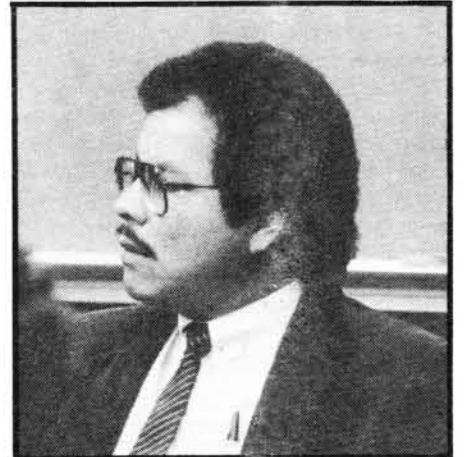
Defendant Victor Vasquez, committed vigiler since September, called the proceedings "a kangaroo court. The judge used psychological pressure to demoralize the defendants by using the 'good judge/bad judge' technique. He acted like he would let us use the testimony on Friday, then on Monday told us he wouldn't let us use international law."

As a result, the jurors were left only to decide whether the defendants' attempt to block weapons shipments constituted a malicious obstruction of the nearby roadway. Darrell Jones, one of the three jurors who voted not guilty, told the *Oakland Tribune*, "I think character played a big part [in the jury's lack of agreement]. I just don't think [the demonstrators] showed enough intent or malice to be guilty of actually trying to block the roadway."

While the trial rolled along, demonstra-

tors at the site blocked three weapons trains and two trucks, resulting in over 15 arrests. ■

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Former Salvadoran Judge Jesus Campos testifies at the Concord 30 trial, July 15, 1988.



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Planet Watch

The Endless Wars Are Ending (Hopefully)

Several seemingly interminable wars may now be ending. Talks have begun, and continue with varying degrees of success, to end the Iran-Iraq war and wars in Angola and Cambodia.

Prospects for an end to the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war brightened when Iran announced on July 18 that it would accept U.N. Resolution No. 598. The resolution calls for a truce based on pre-war boundaries. It also calls for a tribunal to determine which side is to blame for the war, a provision which Iraq, the original aggressor, may object to. Iraq appears to be avoiding a cease-fire while pressing its military advantage. Iraq demands face-to-face negotiations with Iran, while Iran insists that talks start immediately with U.N. Secretary General Perez de Cuellar as intermediary.

A tentative agreement between South Africa, Angola and Cuba may bring the 13-year-old war in Angola to an end. The agreement, which was mediated by the U.S., calls for withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola in return for South African recognition of the independence of Namibia. Until now, South Africa has refused to recognize Namibian independence and has long defied U.N. demands that it end its occupation of the territory. Cuban troops have helped Angola to defend itself against an invasion by South Africa and by a guerilla force sponsored by both South Africa and the U.S.

Talks to end the war in Cambodia between the government and two insurgent factions began in Indonesia on July 25. The present Cambodian regime is supported by Vietnam, which drove out the genocidal Pol Pot regime in 1978. The two insurgent factions are the Khmer Rouge, formerly led by Pol Pot, and a group led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, a former ruler. The in-

surgent forces have been supported by the U.S. and China. Unfortunately, the talks broke down on the 28th when the participants were unable to agree on the composition of a future Cambodian government.

(sources: *Los Angeles Times*, 7-25; *New York Times*, 7-14, 7-21, 7-29; *San Jose Mercury News*, 7-29)

—Ralph Chernoff

Soviet Conference: A New Revolution?

Major changes in the Soviet political system were approved on July 1 at the end of a tumultuous four-day Communist Party Conference. These include:

1) A national legislature elected by a Congress of People's Deputies, which would itself be elected by the people. The legislature would absorb some of the powers

now wielded by the Communist Party.
2) A president exercising broad executive power, to be elected by the legislature.
3) The terms of office of all party and government officials to be limited to two five-year terms.

4) An end to direct party control of Soviet society.

5) Local soviets (councils) to be more independent and to have power to levy taxes.

This program of changes was proposed by General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and approved by the Conference after lively debate. A long parade of delegates marched to the rostrum to offer amendments, to complain and to question party leaders. Philip Taubman of the *New York Times* described the 4,991 delegates in the Kremlin hall "discarding their jackets, ...applauding, shouting questions and criticism as they were swept up in the heady atmosphere of openness and unbridled discourse." In closing the conference, Gorbachev said "...nothing of the kind has occurred in this country for nearly six decades."

In late July, a follow-up meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party named a commission, chaired by Gorbachev, to implement the program approved by the conference. A draft law permitting non-party candidates to run for election will be submitted for "nationwide discussion" in October. Elections for members of the Congress of People's Deputies will be held next March.

(sources: *New York Times*, 7-2; *San Jose Mercury News*, 7-30)

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Moscow Makes Offer On Disputed Radar

The U.S.S.R. has offered to stop work on and to dismantle its disputed Siberian radar complex "in a verifiable way" if the U.S. agrees to abide by the ABM Treaty for at least ten years. The 1972 treaty bans all types of ballistic missile defense (ABM) systems. The U.S. promptly rejected the offer.

The Soviets suspended work on the radar last October in answer to U.S. objections. The latest Soviet offer comes after veiled threats by the Reagan Administration to declare the radar a "material" violation of the treaty, thus justifying its

wholesale repudiation. The proposal omits an earlier demand that the U.S. drop plans to upgrade two of its own large radars, but the Soviets continue to deny that the radar violates the treaty.

This long-range "phased array" radar is located near Krasnoyarsk in deepest Siberia, hundreds of miles from Soviet borders. But the ABM Treaty permits such radars only near each country's borders, hence the U.S. complaint. The Soviets claim that the radar's purpose is satellite tracking, not ABM. Independent U.S. experts are sure it's not an ABM radar, though they're not quite sure what it is for. The radar is, therefore, not a "material" violation (i.e., one which violates the purpose of the treaty) though it may be a technical

one.

The Reagan Administration has adopted a "broad" interpretation of the treaty which would permit Star Wars (i.e., space-based ABM) systems. The Soviet offer was rejected because it would require U.S. adherence to the original "narrow" interpretation which bans such systems.

(source: *New York Times*, 7-20, 7-21)

—Ralph Chernoff

Peace Convoy Arrives in Nicaragua

On Wednesday, July 27, the Veterans Peace Convoy finally crossed the Honduran-Nicaraguan border with its cargo of humanitarian aid for the children of Nicaragua. Thousands of people were on hand to welcome the 44 activists in 20 vehicles. According to Veterans Peace Action Teams (VPAT) staff member Nancy Schwalb, the Convoy has received an incredible response all along its route through Nicaragua, to the point that it was sometimes difficult to keep the vehicles moving.

On the following Friday, a reception was held in Managua's Revolution Plaza to formally present the donations to various social service organizations, including Cruz Roja (Nicaragua's Red Cross). (The physical transfer of the goods must await clearance by customs.) The reception was the culmination of a long and trying journey.

The Veterans Peace Convoy rolled into Laredo, Texas on June 7 with 38 vehicles. They had collected hundreds of tons of food, medical supplies, clothing, and toys for children in Nicaragua. U.S. Customs officials informed the group that the vehicles did not constitute humanitarian aid, even though they were slated for donation to independent social service agencies in Nicaragua. Officials demanded that the veterans sign a form promising to return the vehicles to the U.S. Convoy members refused to sign, and Customs refused to allow them to cross the border.

On June 23-28, 100 Convoy participants made a slight detour from Laredo to Washington, D.C. to circle the White House with their vehicles and to meet with government officials. Texas Representative Mickey Leland introduced House Resolution 320 in support of the Convoy.

Nevertheless, eight veterans were arrested on July 9 for refusing to leave the road at a Rio Grande bridge crossing. Three were maced and several were injured by the arresting officers.

Finally, on July 11, 12, and 13, in the face of continued official objections, 15 vehicles peacefully crossed the border into Mexico to pursue their mission.

Currently, Veterans Peace Convoy is engaged in a lawsuit pending to gain a preliminary injunction allowing the six remaining trucks to leave the U.S. The Customs Service has threatened Convoy members with fines up to \$50,000 and 10 years in prison if they fail to return the vehicles within 30 days. However, the group expects Customs to drop the issue, partly because the Convoy was allowed to leave without promising to return the vehicles.

VPAT is now working on plans for speaking tours by Convoy leaders and potential future convoys.

(sources: *Veterans Peace Convoy*; *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, 7-29)

— Kai Siedenburg

Iranian Jet Shot Down; 290 Killed

On July 3 a ship of the U.S. Navy task force in the Persian Gulf shot down an Iranian passenger jet, killing all 290 people on board. The Iran Air jet was flying its normal route on a regularly scheduled flight across the Strait of Hormuz when it was hit by missiles fired from the guided missile cruiser *Vincennes*. The cruiser's captain blamed the accident on confusing radar data which led him to believe that the jetliner was an Iranian F-14 fighter plane about to attack his ship.

The disaster was the product of several factors and events, each of which flowed from growing U.S. involvement in the Gulf War. The chief factors were:

- 1) New, more aggressive "rules of engagement" following the attack on the U.S.S. *Stark* in May 1987 by an Iraqi fighter jet.
- 2) A skirmish between the cruiser and Iranian gunboats shortly before the shutdown.
- 3) The task force's neglect and/or ignorance of the local air traffic control system, schedules and routes.
- 4) Misinterpretation of the jetliner's responses to radio signals from the cruiser.
- 5) Failure of the cruiser's hyper-sophisticated radar system to show that the target was a big wide-bodied jetliner, not a small fighter plane.

A statement by President Reagan said that the jetliner was "regrettably" shot down in "self-defense," and that "We regard this incident as closed." He indignantly denied any similarity between this incident and the Soviet shootdown of KAL007 in 1985.

(sources: *New York Times*, 7-6, 7-7, 7-11; *Time*, 7-18)

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The International Case for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

by Susan C. Strong

Located in the cattle ranching country east of the Lawrence Livermore Lab, Site 300, a part of the lab devoted to testing the detonators for the MX, Trident, and ground-launched cruise missiles, had become the focus of local outrage. The lab wanted to expand it at the expense of local ranching, and in the uproar, the question of hazardous pollution was also being raised. On August 6, 1986, a protest demonstration was held at the site. In the end, the lab sidestepped the problem by moving most of its new project to White Sands in New Mexico.

But just as we realize there is no longer an "out" to which we can take the garbage, there is no place on the globe to escape the nuclear problem. At Site 300 that day a young Japanese Buddhist monk began rhythmically beating his drum and chanting outside the testing facility at 4:00 a.m., when many of the workers and the demonstrators first arrived. He had announced his intention to keep drumming, chanting and fasting, until the public rally the next day.

Dressed in saffron robes, head shaven, Monk Kinji sat directly opposite the main gate. His costume, his nationality, his intense concentration on chanting and gently beating his drum, had a profound effect on many who heard him. We felt the drum's sound as a persistent heartbeat, calming and centering, a rhythm bringing us closer to the wisdom of nature. Some people liked the idea that when they left the site to return to the city, he would still be there.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and it seems that too few have heard

the drum. It is clear we must abandon the further development and deployment of nuclear weapons, as well as reducing current stock piles. Yet the U.S. Senate consistently votes to kill bills calling for real test ban negotiations, even for weaker versions proposing only lower kiloton limits.

Working to elect better senators is certainly a course available to us in 1988. Developing a strategy for a new president elect is another. Yet there is a problem today in generating a sense of public urgency. Relations are getting better between the U.S. and the Soviets and we have a new treaty. Clearly, the peace movement needs some new approaches to the test ban problem.

The image of Monk Kinji should give us some insight as to what that new way must be. Nuclear testing, development, and proliferation are not merely problems for the U.S. and U.S.S.R. to solve. Japan has renounced the development of any nuclear capability, but present estimates put the number of nuclear powers today at nine, not the traditional



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five (U.S., U.K., U.S.S.R., France, China). The new nuclear nations are Israel, India, Pakistan and South Africa. None of these were among the 130 nations which signed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty of 1968. One reason they did not sign was that the major nuclear powers of the time had made no progress toward the comprehensive test ban called for by Article VI of the treaty. Now the treaty-signing nations state they will not be bound by the treaty if the superpowers do not help implement a test ban and stop the flow of nuclear technology to non-nuclear nations. Currently, North Korea, Brazil, Argentina, Libya, Iran, Iraq and Kuwait are actively seeking nuclear weapons.

Three nations (U.K., U.S., U.S.S.R) are original signers of the Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963, the other international nuclear treaty. They were joined later by 110 non-nuclear nations. The treaty contains a little-noted provision that it may be amended to become, in effect, a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Six nations (Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, and Yugoslavia) are now engaged in an effort to invoke that provision.

One of the advantages of this new approach is that it focuses on risk to the whole international community through continued nuclear testing. It shows the problem is not just between the superpowers. Instead, we have a scary inter-

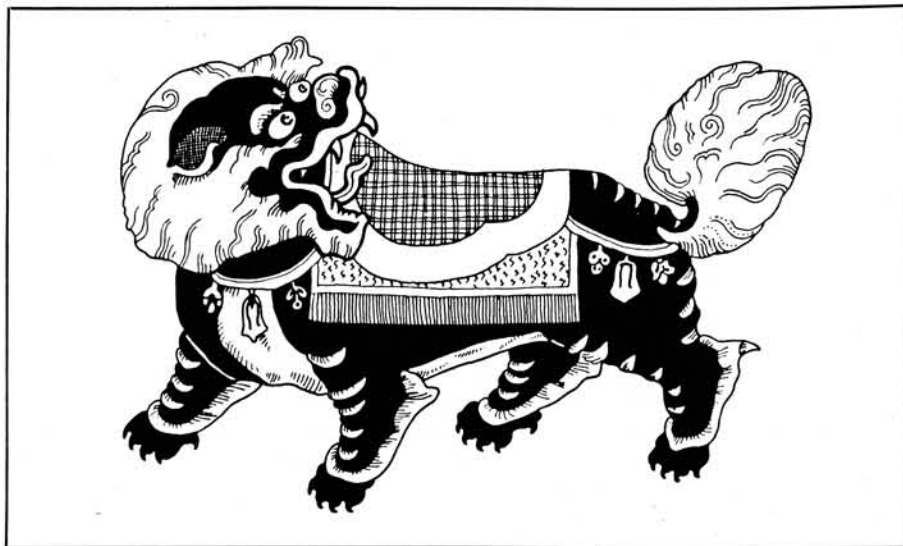
national situation, where nations in the most volatile of the world's hot spots have recently acquired or wish to acquire nuclear arms.

Many of these new nuclear bombs are unstable: they have been developed without major testing, and are not stored in finished form. From the point of view of risk reduction that might be better, since it is stated that some of them could be assembled "within two or three weeks" (*Newsweek*, 7/11/88). From the point of view of the nations holding those bombs, however, there is a strong move toward safer and more easily-used weapons. That means more pressure for serious testing, beyond the computer simulation

and very low-kiloton testing used currently. A situation which will make the 40-year U.S.-Soviet confrontation look like a church school picnic will erupt on the international scene.

The six nations leading the Partial Test Ban amendment process calling for a comprehensive test ban need strong evidence that the U.S. public will persuade its government to cooperate. Even the bilateral U.S.-Soviet test ban negotiations need much greater public pressure, focussed on superpower responsibility to avert the global nuclear free-for-all which is near.

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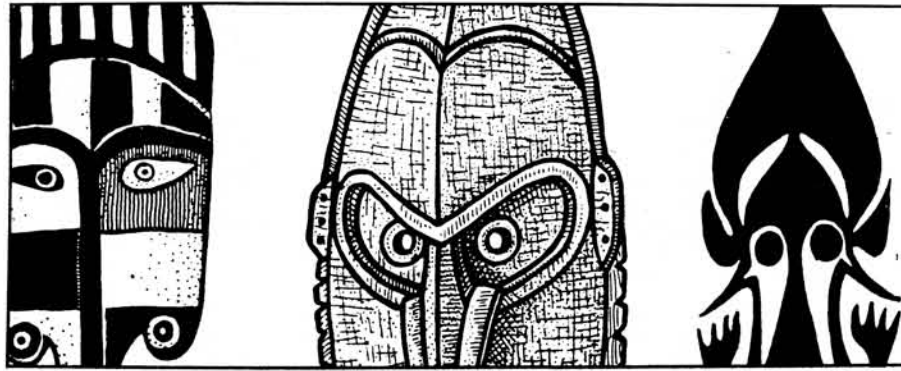
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All events listed are in Santa Cruz, unless otherwise noted.

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

We must receive your listing no later than **5 p.m. Tuesday, August 23** for inclusion in the September issue (publication date: Thursday, September 1).



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
Town Clock Disarmament Vigil sponsored by Quakers, Nevada Desert Experience and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Info: 458-9975.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5
Stop First Strike events—From 3:45 - 5:45

p.m., leafletting Lockheed workers. At 6 p.m., gather for the vigil in remembrance of the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. From 9 p.m. to dawn, join in candlelight, silence, prayer for victims of the bombings. Wear white for mourning. Info: 243-1719 or 297-2299.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5-
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**

August Desert Witness IV—Remembering Hiroshima/Nagasaki. Nevada Desert Experience is a faith-based organization working to end nuclear weapons testing through a campaign of prayer, dialogue, and nonviolent direct action. Info: (702) 646-4814.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6
Stop First Strike events to stop Trident

II/D-5—Rally at noon at Lockheed, Sunnyvale. Info: 423-1719 or 297-2299.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
"The Engine of the Arms Race"—A Consider The Alternatives radio program on KAZU, 90.3 FM. The issues behind a new drive for a test ban with Congressman Pat Schroeder, Carolyn Cottom of SANE/FREEZE, Aaron Tovish of Parliamentarians Global Action, Drs. John Pastore and Ian Maddock of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
Stop First Strike events to stop Trident II/D-5. Nagasaki Day nonviolent direct action at Lockheed, Sunnyvale. Demonstration, blockade, and occupation. Info: 297-2299 (days) or 739-6973 (evenings).

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Services and Civil Resistance in Nevada

The bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be commemorated with a memorial service and civil resistance action at the Nevada Test Site on August 6. Participating in the services will be Japanese Buddhists, the Rev. Gyoten Yoshida and Hiroko Sawada of the L.A. Temple of the Nipponzan Myohoji Order. This fourth annual August Desert Experience, sponsored by the Nevada Desert Experience, will also include a memorial service and procession in Las Vegas.

The August 6 Hiroshima-Nagasaki commemoration service at the Nevada Test Site will begin at 8 a.m.; civil resistance actions will follow. The day will conclude with an 8 p.m. candlelight memorial service at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas. At 8 a.m. on Sunday, August 7, participants will proceed from the Federal Building on Las Vegas Blvd. to the U.S. Department of Energy office on South Highland. A vigil and prayer service will follow at 9:30 a.m. Nonviolence preparation for these events will take place in Las Vegas on August 5.

Over 9,000 people have participated in actions at the Nevada Test Site so far this year, and over 2,500 have engaged in civil resistance. According to Nevada Desert Experience organizer Peter Ediger, "We are hopeful that the continuing actions at the Nevada Test Site can help avert future disasters by moving national and world leadership toward a comprehensive test ban."

August 5th has been declared "International Comprehensive Test Ban Day" in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Partial Test Ban Treaty. Events commemorating the treaty and the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be held across the U.S. and internationally from August 5-9. For more information, call Nevada Desert Experience at (702) 646-4814.



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Christic Action Team Plans Local Event With Daniel Sheehan and Holly Near

On Thursday, August 18th the Christic Action Team-Santa Cruz, a local volunteer support group for the Christic Institute, is planning the biggest event of Daniel Sheehan's scheduled West Coast speaking tour. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Coconut Grove Ballroom, the event will also feature a speaking appearance by Redwood Records recording artist Holly Near, and include Saul Landau of the D.C. based Institute for Policy Studies.

Sheehan, general counsel for The Christic Institute, a public interest law firm in Washington, D.C., drew approximately 1,100 people to the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium in March of this year. News of the Institute's Conragate-related lawsuit and extensive investigation has appealed to a wide variety of citizens concerned with the future of democracy in this country, drawing together groups from both the left and the right, from church workers to peace activists.

Word of the investigation has reached a large audience across the country through video and audio cassette presentations of Sheehan speaking on an incredible 25-year history of covert operations by a shadowy "Secret Team" of former CIA and military experts, mercenaries, and major drug traffickers. The lawsuit links this Secret Team to the 1984 terrorist bombing of a press conference in La Penca, Nicaragua. Injured in the explosion was journalist Tony Avirgan, plaintiff in the case along with his wife, journalist Martha Honey. An investigation by the two into the details behind the bombing uncovered a network of covert operations by individuals who would later become well known during the congressional Iran-Contra hearings. Avirgan and Honey turned to the Christic Institute to file their \$24 million civil lawsuit in a federal court in Miami, Florida.

Two days before the case was scheduled to go to trial in June, the judge filed a surprise summary judgment, effectively dismissing the case. However, citing serious flaws in Judge King's ruling, the Christic Institute has filed an appeal for reinstatement of the case before the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

The local support group formed late last year and has focused its efforts on getting the information out to the public, and on fundraising events like this appearance by Daniel Sheehan.

A benefit reception is planned for earlier in the afternoon of the 18th. Tickets for the event are available in advance from Cymbaline Records, and will also be sold at the door (\$8 advance/\$10 door). For more information, please call 462-5330 or 427-3857.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10
Town Clock Vigil. See August 3.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12-SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
Political Training Academy—Promoting the Arms Control Debate in the 1988 Elections. Designed for Freeze group leaders at the state and local level. Sponsored by the Freeze Voter Education Fund. Chevy Chase, Maryland. Info: (202) 783-5216.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12-SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
1988 War Resisters League training program for organizers in the nonviolent movement. Limited to 20 participants. Held at Woolman Hill, a Quaker Center in Massachusetts. Info: (212) 228-0450.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
"War In Space, Part I."—A Consider The Alternatives radio program on KAZU, 90.3 FM. This six-part series is hosted by Ed Asner and critically examines the

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Vigil and Witness at Vandenberg AFB

The community is invited to join in this vigil and witness. Activities are still being planned. Additional co-sponsors are encouraged. We welcome your inquiries, ideas and participation in this vigil. Some tentative activities include:

Saturday August 6 - 1 p.m. - Picnic for Peace at Flower Park in Surf (at the Ocean end of Highway 242) following a Bike for Peace, beginning from Ryon Park (242 and "O" Street in Lompoc) at 11 a.m. and ending at the picnic.

Sunday, August 7 - 11 a.m. - gather in the grassy area adjacent to Scalari's Market in Vandenberg Village for a Quaker Meeting for Worship, followed by a Vigil at the Base.

Monday and Tuesday, August 8 & 9 - activities are still being planned...contacts: Santa Cruz: Ned (408) 427-2399. Lompoc: Harvey (805) 726-5741

Sponsors: Santa Cruz Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Lompoc Mobilization for Peace

Strategic Defense Initiative and plans for waging war in space. The series runs weekly through September 18.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
Town Clock Vigil. See August 3.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18
Daniel Sheehan and Holly Near speaking on "The Christic Lawsuit and Election '88—implications of the lawsuit's dismissal and appeal." Special introduction by Saul Landau of the Institute for Policy Studies. The Coconut Grove Grand Ballroom, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$8 advance at Cymbaline Records, \$10 at door (limited seating). Info: 425-7481 or 458-3680.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20-SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
Santa Cruz Freeze Voter Electoral Strategy and Training Weekend for activists. Freeze Voter, the Political Action Committee of the Santa Cruz Freeze, hosts a special weekend of workshops and strategy sessions for Freeze and SANE/FREEZE activists from all over Northern California. Speakers will include: Glen Schaller, Director of the Santa Cruz Action Network; Susan Strong, Chairperson of Northern California SANE/FREEZE; and Joe Stemlieb, Field Organizer for National Freeze Voter. Local Freeze members are very welcome and strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to plan electoral strategy for the fall and learn the skills to carry it out. To be part of the campaign to elect candidates who support "real national security," whether you have two hours a week or twenty, call 458-9975.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21
"War In Space, Part II." A KAZU radio program. See August 14.

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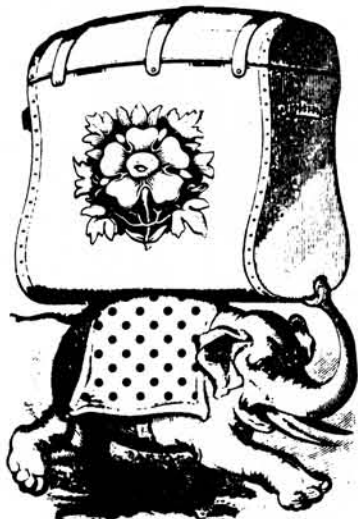


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Hiroshima Day Vigil

- **Friday, August 5, 1988**
3:30-6PM Leafletting Lockheed workers
- Evening Candlelight vigil in remembrance of the victims of the Hiroshima bombing on August 6, 1945.
- **Saturday, August 6, 1988**
Noon Rally on the grass at Lockheed, Sunnyvale.
- For more information, call (408) 243-1719 or 297-2299.

Nagasaki Day Nonviolent Direct Action
Tuesday, August 9, 1988

- Take nonviolent direct action against the production of the Trident II/D-5 first-strike weapon at Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., Sunnyvale. Demonstration, blockade and occupation.
- Next planning meeting: Thursday, June 23, 1988, 7:30 p.m., San Jose Peace Center, 48 South Seventh Street (between Santa Clara and San Fernando Sts.), San Jose
- For more information, call (408) 297-2299 days or 739-6973 evenings.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24
Town Clock Vigil. See August 3.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
Third Annual Peaceful Day on the Delta Benefit for Mt. Diablo Peace Center. Food, drink, live music, swimming, silent auction, fun for children. 1 - 6 p.m., \$15 or \$25 per couple. Bethel Island. Phone reservations only held until August 15 without prepayment check. Info: (415) 933-7850 or send reservation to Peaceful Day, Mt.

Diablo Peace Center, 65 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
"War In Space, Part III." A KAZU radio program. See August 14.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
Town Clock Vigil. See August 3.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Peace Child—Central American Tour 1988. A musical theatre production celebrating the possibilities of Peace.



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Peace Child Central America
Opens September 2nd at Cabrillo

"To try and do a play about peace in Central America using children from Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala along with kids from the U.S. and U.S.S.R requires a kind of insanity," says Peace Child Central America's writer/director David Woolcombe. "Yet, this is what we must do. The doing of it will help to bring peace. Something will happen...30 young people will gather in Costa Rica this August, and, two weeks later, they will perform a play about how peace comes to Central America."

The Peace Child Foundation in association with Centro de Amigos para la Paz proudly presents *Peace Child Central America*, the musical theater production celebrating the possibilities of peace. The basis of the play will focus on Arias's Peace Plan, but the touring cast, including four from Santa Cruz County, will provide the ideas and dialogue, thus enabling them to express their feelings about peace in their region and the world.

Opening Friday, September 2nd at 8 p.m., *Peace Child Central America* promises to be a deeply moving, empowering celebration of friendship—a glimpse of what the world could accomplish in partnership. A gala reception follows Friday's opening at the Cabrillo College Theater, with performances on Saturday, September 3rd at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, September 4th at 2 p.m.

Featuring a cast of 30 Central American, Soviet and North American youth, *Peace Child Central America* will perform under the guidance of David Woolcombe as well as a Costa Rican director, musical director and choreographer. The touring company will perform in Costa Rica and Nicaragua before U.S. performances in Berkeley and Santa Cruz, where they will be joined by the Santa Cruz Peace Child Chorus.

Advance tickets will be available beginning Friday, August 19 at the Capitola Book Café, Bookshop Santa Cruz, and Jansen Music, 446 Main St. in Watsonville. General admission is \$12; seniors and children 12 and under are \$8. All tickets to Friday's reception are \$15. For further information call 426-1411.

"We are showing the world how easy it is to drop the barriers, make friends, and create peace," says Anandi Heinrich, age 16, a Santa Cruz cast member of *Peace Child Central America* 1988.

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Featuring a cast of 30 Central American, Soviet and North American youth, along with our own Santa Cruz Children's Peace Child Chorus. September 2 - Gala opening reception following the show, 8 p.m. September 3 - 2:00 matinee and 8:00 p.m. performances. September 4 - 2:00 matinee. Tickets on sale beginning August 19 at Bookshop Santa Cruz on the Pacific Mall, Book Cafe at Kings Plaza Shopping Center in Capitola, Janson Music at 446 Main Street in Watsonville. Info: 426-6387 or the Santa Cruz Peace Child office 426-1411.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

"War In Space, Part IV." A KAZU radio program. See August 14.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

"War In Space, Part V." A KAZU radio program. See August 14.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

"War In Space, Part VI." A KAZU radio program. See August 14.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Concord Naval Weapons Station Direct Action. Nonviolent direct action preparation to be announced. Info: (415)431-6041 or (415) 858-1164.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Restructuring U.S.-U.S.S.R. Relations: Moving Beyond The Cold War. A National Working Session. Denver, Colorado, and Nationwide Satellite Downlink Sites. Sponsored by I.P.I.S. (Institute for Peace and International Security), a research and training center based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Info: (617) 547-3338.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

March For A Test Ban in the seventh annual Nuclear Weapons Freeze Walk-a-thon. The most fun way to raise money and awareness at the same time. This year's walk-a-thon funds voter education projects to inform people about candidates' stands on "real national security." For more details and to find out how you can work on the event, call 458-9975.

Greens to Gather for Conference on "Greening the West"

The first western regional Green gathering, entitled "Greening the West," will take place September 30 through October 2 at a YMCA camp in the redwoods 30 miles south of San Francisco. Greens from across the West will be coming together to share experiences, forge new connections among issues and groups, and help shape a Green agenda.

Participants will include: deep ecologist Bill Devall, author Charlene Spretnak, activist and author Brian Tokar, poet Deena Metzger, David Brower of the Earth Island Institute, Joanna Macy of the Council of All Beings, author Ernest Callenbach, peace activist Patricia Ellsberg, Michael Closson of the Center for Economic Conversion, activist and author Starhawk, bioregionalist Peter Berg, and poet Susan Griffin. Panels and workshops will include: Toward Green Community; Local Self-Reliance, Urban and Rural; Saving the Coast; Global Crises/Local Action; Forests and the Wilderness; Sustainable Agriculture; Appropriate Technology; Collectively Owned Businesses; Citizen Diplomacy; Nuclear Free Zones; Earth Spirituality; The Rights of Native Peoples; Group Process and Decisionmaking; and Local Electoral Politics. There will also be an alternatives fair, outdoor activities, and dancing, humor, ritual, and music.

For the past several years, with inspiration from the successful Green movements of Western Europe, Green groups have been sprouting up all across this continent. Combining the wisdom of ecology, the struggle for social justice, and the ethic of nonviolence, the Greens advocate a sweeping program for healing the bonds between human communities and the natural world, including local democracy and grassroots empowerment, a thorough decentralization of political and economic institutions, widespread cultural diversity, the embracing of feminist values in both private and public life, and the evolution of new, creative ways to merge social, political, cultural and spiritual concerns.

Due to the specialized focus of this gathering, registration will be limited to residents of the West: from the Rocky Mountains westward. Registration requests should be mailed as soon as possible—attendees are being urged to register by August 20, with guaranteed advance registration closing on September 10. Greening the West is sponsored by the Northern California Greens, an affiliate of the Green Committees of Correspondence.

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