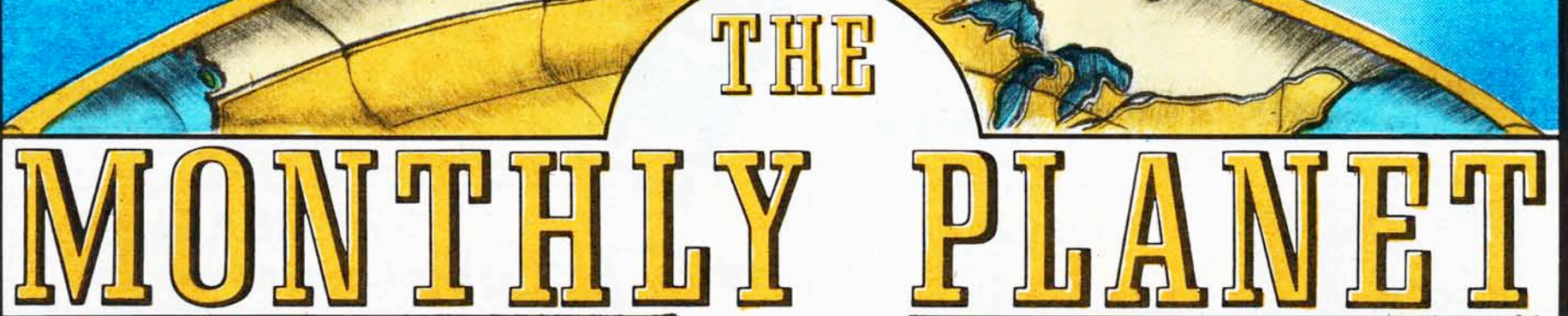


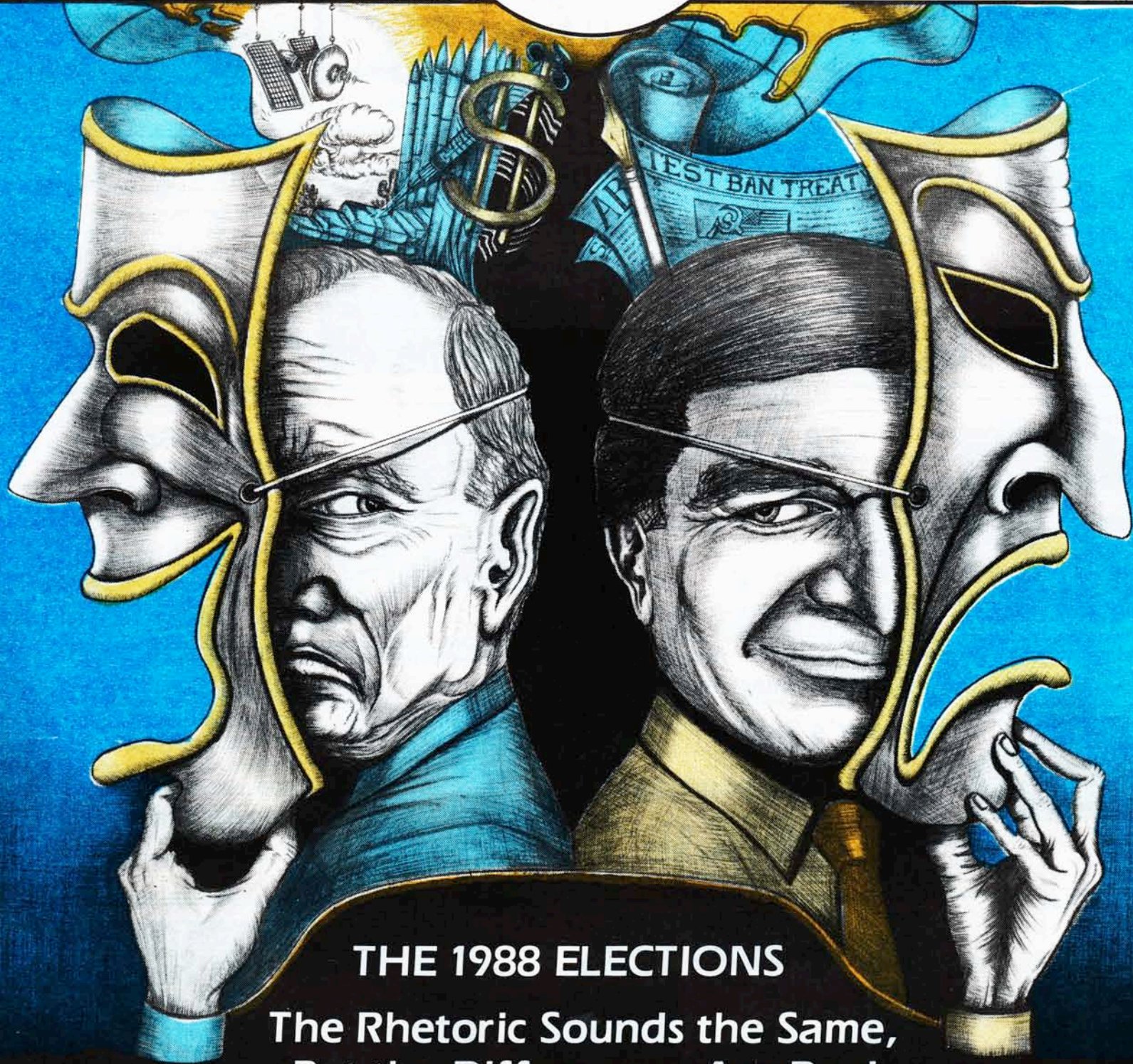
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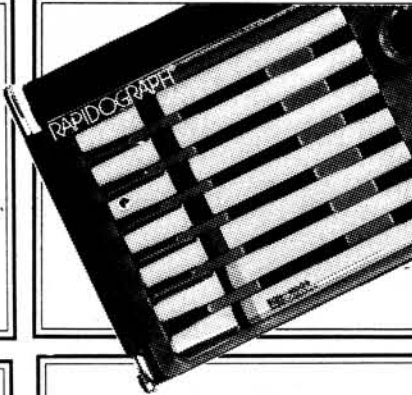
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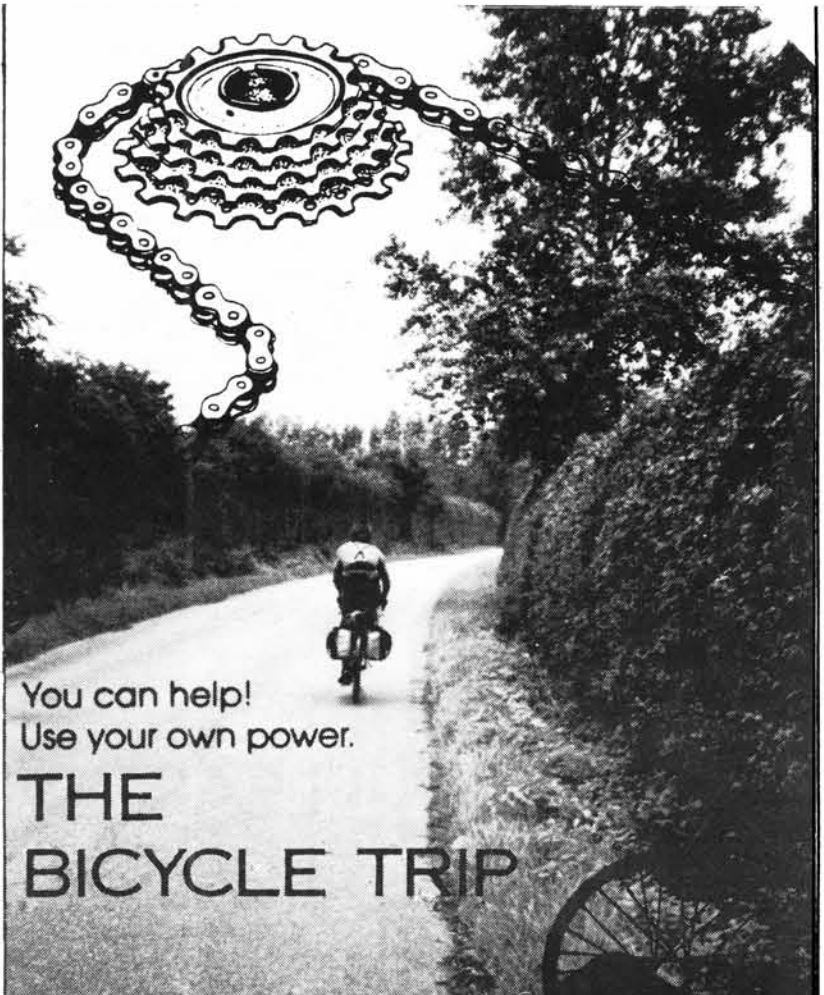
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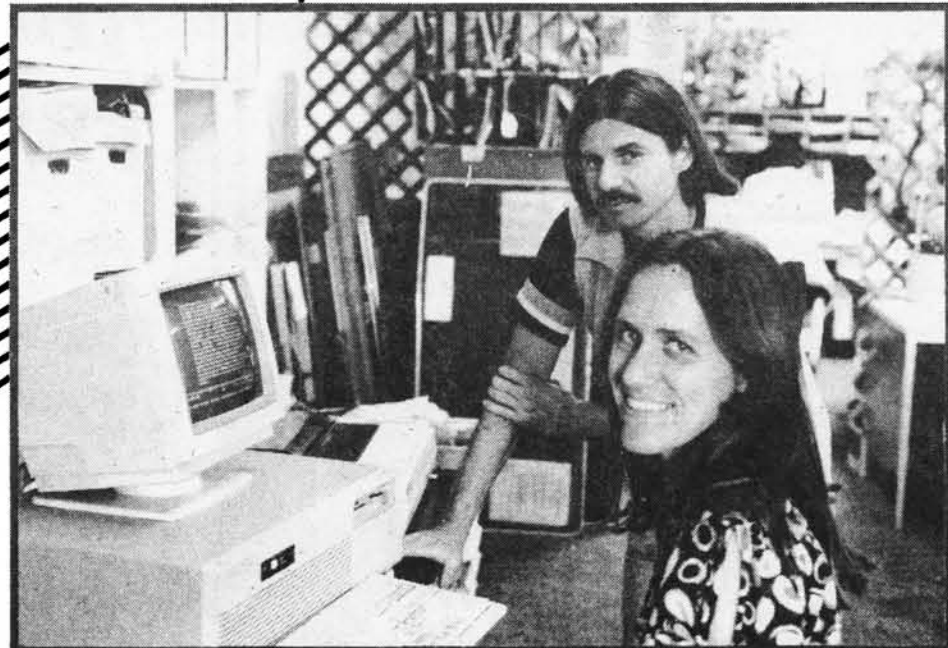
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**Letters:**  
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**Calendar listings:**  
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## From the Grassroots

TARMO HANNULA / MONTHLY PLANET

*We prefer that letters to The Monthly Planet be typed, double spaced, and not more than two pages in length. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and clarity. Send your letters to The Monthly Planet, P.O. Box 8463, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.*

### Michael Dukakis and First Strike/First Use

It was surprising, in reading Shelly D'Amour's article in *The Monthly Planet* ("How Will Dukakis and Bentsen Team Up on Arms Control?" Aug. '88), that Dukakis' open advocacy of U.S. first strike was omitted. Senator Gore's accusation on this matter against Dukakis was a loud media event for one day, and then dropped.

After all the candidates dropped out of the presidential race, Dukakis was asked about his stand, and I'm sure you must have heard that he said he would not rule out first use of nuclear weapons by the U.S.

When Senator Markey came to southern California to campaign for Dukakis, he was challenged on his unqualified support (for Dukakis), with regard to the first strike question, at a reception hosted by the Nuclear Weapons Freeze and SANE. Markey tried to think up an acceptable answer, but could only sputter and stammer.

Despite Bentsen's ethnic positions for blacks and Mexican-Americans in Texas,

he is ultra right-wing, not "conservative," which is a mass-media euphemism. He has been an active member of the American Security Council, that ultra-right umbrella for the National Conservative Political Action Committee, the Heritage Foundation, the Hoover Institute, etc.

If the movement for bilateral nuclear disarmament can clear away all the diversions of unrelated issues, and stick to maintaining, enhancing, and multiplying a mass-based focus on nuclear weapons issues, this can make a Bush or a Dukakis Administration budge, as it did with Reagan. That's what forced Reagan and his advisors to sign the INF Treaty. Also, such a focused mass-base can help Congress play a positive role, especially if we can elect Leo McCarthy to the U.S. Senate.

Mollie K. Siegel  
Manhattan Beach, CA

**Shelly D'Amour responds:** You are correct when you state that Dukakis does not rule out first use of nuclear weapons (see "Where the Candidates Stand," May '88). Dukakis has outlined a position of "no early first use," which means essentially that the U.S. would consider "limited" use of tactical nuclear weapons in the event that Western European allies were in imminent danger of capitulation to Soviet forces in a conventional war.

However, "First Use," a policy position, is different from "First Strike." First Strike refers to a generation of nuclear weapons (specifically the MX, the Trident II, and Star Wars) which, because of their speed, accuracy, hard-kill



capacity and/or basing mode, are designed with the intention of being used first. First-strike weapons are designed to penetrate enemy silos and take out the opposition's missiles before they have a chance to be launched. So-called second-strike, or "defensive" nuclear weapons, do not have this capability, and are usually aimed at large population centers.

The Dukakis campaign's position on first-strike systems is ambiguous at best. Mr. Dukakis remains consistent in his opposition to the MX, but supports the Trident II. He has been vague on Star Wars in the past, but in recent weeks has strengthened his support with regard to research and development. Whether this is an actual show of support for Star Wars, or an election year attempt to appear "tough" on

military issues, remains to be seen until after the election. Mr. Bush, however, supports all the first-strike weapons currently being developed.

### The Choice Is Clear

My name is Adam Lauritson and I am 14 years old. I am a conservative Republican. I am against your ad in the August 7, 1988 edition of the Santa Cruz Sentinel. You anti-nuclear arms people do not know what you're talking about. You want the United States to throw down our nuclear weapons and let the communists take over. Michael Dukakis has no experience in foreign policy. He would get this country in a war that we would lose because he would cut the defense budget so low. He says he is going to beef up our conventional forces, but what good are conventional forces if they're going to be wiped out by the Soviets' nuclear arms.

George Bush knows how to negotiate to reduce and maybe eliminate all nuclear arms. He has the experience. You just have the wrong man. Michael Dukakis is definitely wrong and George Bush is definitely the right man for the job.

Remember, the president to reduce nuclear arms was a Republican. You seem to have the wrong party.

Sincerely,  
Adam M. Lauritson  
Soquel

**Editor's note:** The Freeze's full-page ad in the Santa Cruz Sentinel on August 7th simply listed the candidates' positions on arms control and did not endorse any candidate or political party.

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### True/False

\_\_\_\_ The "indiscernible microbioculator" is a CIA-produced dart gun which injects lethal pathogens.

\_\_\_\_ The "hotline" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union has existed since 1963.

\_\_\_\_ The National Intelligence Estimate is an assessment of college admissions test scores.

\_\_\_\_ The U.S. Army is searching for a drug to allow soldiers to fight for several days without sleeping.

### Short Answer

Who defeated Ronald Reagan in the 1980 Iowa Republican caucuses?

Which senator was 82nd in line to announce support for the INF Treaty?

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Who is currently imprisoned in a two by three meter cell with 24-hour video surveillance?

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**What percentage of voters lack firm commitment to issues that would determine their vote for president?**

- 0-5 percent.
- 10-15 percent.
- 20-30 percent.
- 40-50 percent.
- 80-90 percent.

**What Washington, D.C.-based political entity contributed over \$100,000 from a secret fund to Bush's 1970 Senate campaign?**

- The CIA.
- Nixon's White House.
- The Committee on the Present Danger.
- The Federal Election Commission.
- The Christic Institute.

**What is the price tag for a "bare bones" Star Wars system?**

- \$99.98
- \$9,999.98.
- \$60 million.
- \$600 million.
- \$60 billion.

**What U.S. government agency issued a document urging a "plan of attack against . . . individuals who defiantly display their contempt for the U.S. government"?**

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## Hot Flashes

### War on Drugs or War on Drugs?

The U.S. Army may be entering the "war on drugs" on a new front—this time, on the side of the drugs. The military is investigating the potential of using powerful stimulants, or "speed," to keep soldiers functioning on the fast-paced, round-the-clock battlefields of the future. Despite proof of negative side-effects from amphetamines and unprecedented public concern over the hazards of drug use, a recent Army status report predicted that troops would be experiencing officially-sponsored highs "in the near future."

According to the report by scientists at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, "research is under way to identify new stimulant drugs that can maintain normal alertness and performance in the face of two to three days of complete sleep deprivation...and in the face of days or weeks of partial sleep."

The U.S. Navy and Air Force, and armies in other countries (including Israel, Britain, and the Soviet Union) are also conducting research on battlefield drug use. Military leaders have been searching for years for a drug to boost combat performance, and armies have experimented with amphetamine use at least since World War II. Recently, developments in military technology have stimulated interest in drug use on the battlefield.

Traditionally, soldiers have actually had

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to sleep at night and wait for daylight to resume battle. Today, miracles of modern technology such as equipment to "see" in the dark and "smart" weapons which can locate their own targets can allow those lucky troops to fight around the clock. Now the rest of us may be able to sleep more peacefully, knowing soldiers will stay awake to fight the next war.

(source: San Jose Mercury News, 9-6)

-Kai Siedenberg

### Another Blast Away from a Test Ban

An ironic episode in arms control history continued on September 14 with a nuclear blast at the Semipalatinsk Test Range in the Soviet Union. The occasion marked the first time American officials, reporters, and instruments were present in the Soviet testing area, and follows a jointly-

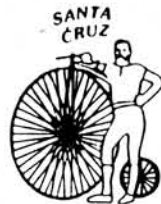
monitored August 18 explosion at the Nevada Test Site. As scientists monitor the results of the Soviet test, American officials are trying to escape the hazards of scientific and political fallout from the joint test in Nevada.

The official purpose of the joint verification experiment is to assess various verification methods. To many who have been following the issue, the unofficial purpose appears to be the creation of a technical smokescreen to shield the Reagan Administration from political pressure for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The administration favors use of the Cortex system, which determines explosive yield by placing a cable in a shaft parallel to the nuclear bomb and measuring the speed with which the cable is crushed. U.S. officials insist on applying the Cortex procedure to Soviet weapons tests, rejecting more traditional seismic monitoring as inaccurate. The Soviets favor greater reliance on seismic monitoring, which is less intrusive, but appear resigned to accept a mix of both techniques.

Doubtless to the chagrin of many U.S. officials, initial findings from the Nevada blast suggest that seismic instruments functioned at least as well as the Cortex system. One expert official suggested that the Reagan Administration is discrediting seismic monitoring because, unlike Cortex, it could be used to monitor a ban on the testing of nuclear weapons: "if you boost the bona fides of seismology, in the view of the administration, that can build political pressure to move you closer to a comprehensive test ban."

Prior to this summer's joint nuclear tests, the U.S. government opposed ratification of the 1974 Threshold Test Ban Treaty, which limits tests to 150 kilotons, and the 1976 Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty. Now, citing the experiment as evidence that Soviet compliance can be verified, officials assert that the treaties will soon be submitted to the Senate for ratification. However, while the Soviet Union advocates negotiating a Comprehensive Test Ban and has offered to renew its moratorium if the U.S. halts testing, the U.S. government remains opposed to a test ban.

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(sources: NRDC Newslines, July/August; Washington Post, 9-8; New York Times, 9-11, 9-15)

—Kai Siedenburg

### Nuclear War Fighting Goes Underground

The United States Air Force has recently been given the official go-ahead to develop an earth penetrating missile: a warhead that burrows its way into the ground before exploding. According to Pentagon officials, such an attack weapon is needed to flush Soviet officials out of underground command bunkers in the event of a nuclear war. This new weapon, formally called an "earth penetrator," has been researched for years and is highly classified.

Officials also note that, of course, "it's not easy" to devise a missile that could survive the force of impact and penetration before detonating.

(source: Los Angeles Times, 9-13)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

### FBI Sorry for Criminal Actions

A humble and contrite William Sessions, director of the FBI, confessed to a congressional committee last month that the bureau had seriously mishandled the investigation of CISPES, the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador. He also offered to erase, on a case-by-case basis, names of activists who ended up in FBI files as a result.

The investigation of CISPES organizers took place between 1983 and 1985. It began as a result of a tip that CISPES was involved in international terrorism from a now discredited informant, Frank Varelli, a native of El Salvador who is suspected of obtaining data on Salvadoran refugees in the U.S. for the Salvadoran military. FBI activities in the case included photographing CISPES rallies and recording license numbers and rifling the trash of CISPES members. One released FBI document urged a "plan of attack against CISPES and specifically against individuals who defiantly display their contempt for the U.S. Government by making speeches and propagandizing their cause while asking for political asylum."

Now Sessions is sorry and is slapping the hands of six bureau supervisors who handled the investigation nationwide and in Washington, D.C. He has also pledged to investigate a series of break-ins at other Central America groups' offices, vigorously denying that the FBI had anything to do

with the incidents. He said, "It's extremely important that it be established what those were and what those were not... It's very important that the American public be comforted to know that it is not the bureau."

Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights were apparently satisfied with Sessions' confession. Even Don Edwards (D-San Jose), a leading critic of the FBI, congratulated Sessions on the honesty of his testimony which totally contradicted what previous FBI Director William H. Webster, now head of the CIA, told Congress in 1985—that the FBI was not interested in CISPES members. Edwards said, "Your testimony today was very comforting."

(sources: New York Times, 9-17; Los Angeles Times, 9-17)

—Terry Teitelbaum

### Star Wars Comes Down to Earth

In the face of huge budget deficits, the imminent departure of President Reagan, and general skepticism, Star Wars is—literally and figuratively—coming down to Earth. After a Pentagon budget review last June, Defense Secretary Carlucci realized that he couldn't possibly get enough money to meet the continually escalating R&D (research and development) costs of a "full-scale" Star Wars system. So he told the SDI (= Star Wars) program director, Lt. Gen. James Abrahamson, to come up with something that could be built for about \$2 billion a year, about 50 percent less than the current budget.

The result is a bare-bones system which can be had for a mere \$60 billion (not counting cost over-runs). It's a hybrid system, half ground-based, half space-based. The space-based part took the big cut, down at least 1000 interceptors from the previous plan's 3000. Also, the cut-back system won't be deployed until sometime after the year 2000; the exact date is uncertain because, as Gen. Abrahamson explained, it depends on "money, progress and future political decision."

All pretense that Star Wars would defend the American people has been dropped. Its new purpose, according to the general, is to frustrate Soviet war planners by making it harder for them to guess how many nukes they would have to throw at the new Star Wars defense to ensure our annihilation. The idea here, apparently, is that frustrated Soviet war planners tend to guess lower than frustrated ones.

(source: Los Angeles Times, 9-18)

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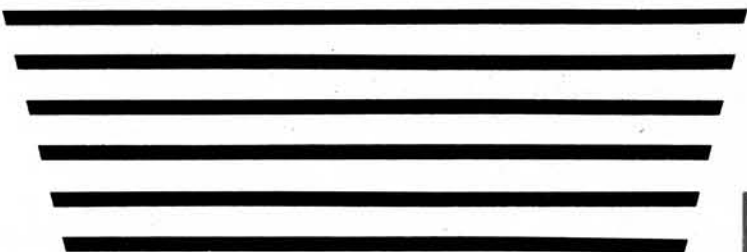
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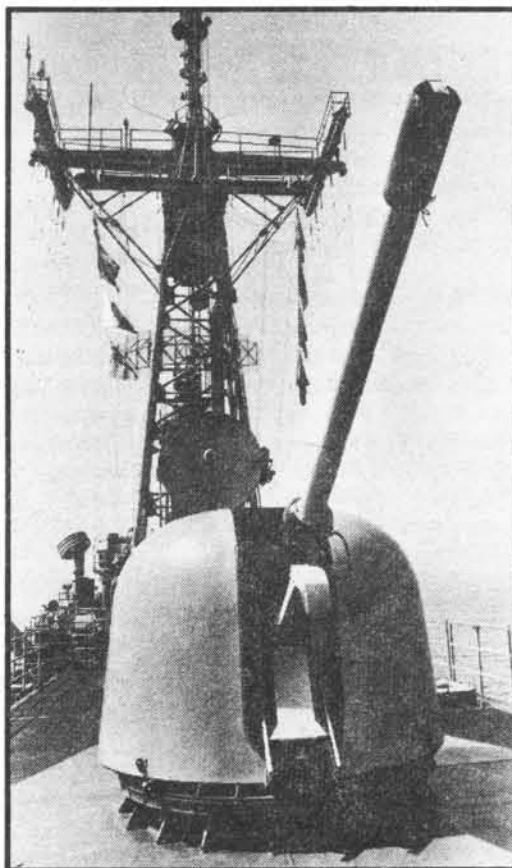


**T**he *USS Gary*, a missile frigate recently returned from the Persian Gulf, visited Santa Cruz at the request of the city council on Labor Day weekend. But not everyone in town was thrilled with the ship's presence. While some locals waited in line for the free tour of the vessel, others gathered on the Municipal Wharf to protest the militarization of foreign policy which ships such as the *Gary* enforce. Supported by a small number of boats known as the "Peace Navy," these citizens demonstrated their opposition to the administration's policy in Central America, noting that if the U.S. takes action against Nicaragua, the *Gary* could be one of the ships involved. And, of course, the Navy would neither confirm nor deny whether the *Gary* carries nuclear weapons.

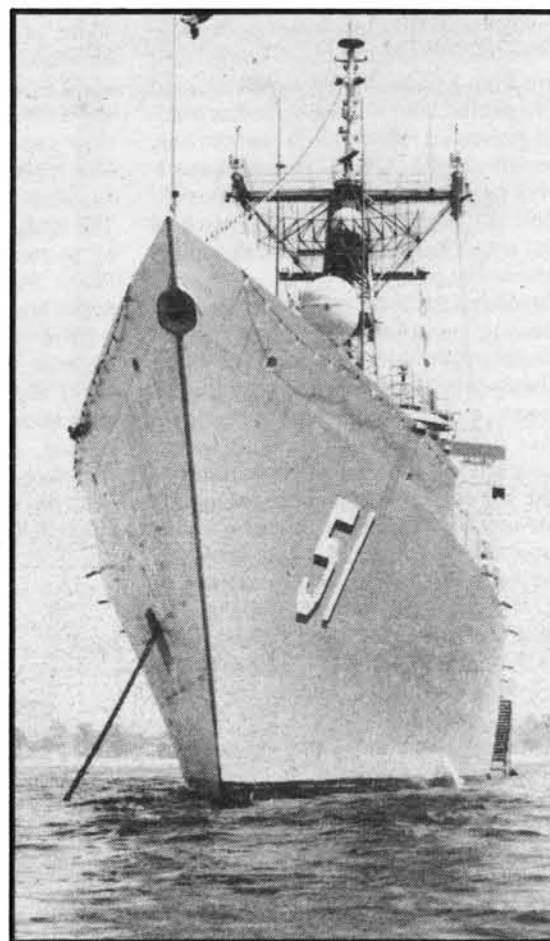
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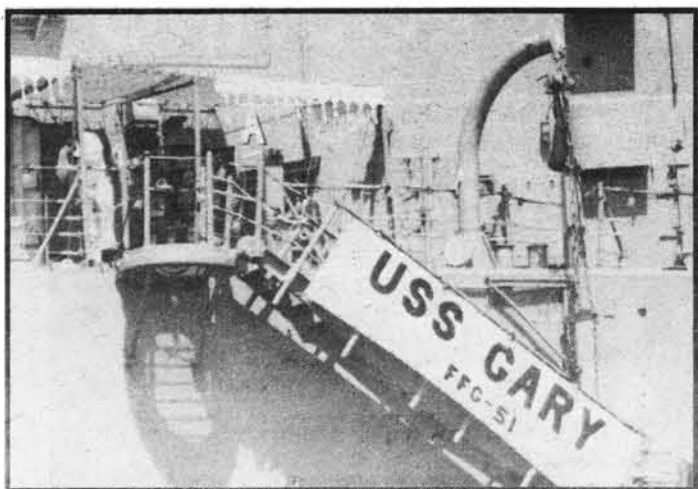
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## Feature

# Campaign to Release Vanunu Is Launched

by Deena Hurwitz

September 30, 1988 marks the second anniversary of the kidnaping of Mordechai Vanunu from Britain and Italy. The International Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu and for a Nuclear Free Middle East is promoting an international letter-writing campaign on behalf of Vanunu, culminating in demonstrations around the world. The campaign will press the demand to end the inhuman conditions of his imprisonment and to call for his immediate release.

Mordechai Vanunu worked in Israel's top-secret nuclear reactor facility near Dimona. He gave evidence, complete with photographs, to the London *Sunday Times* showing Israel's nuclear weapons capability. Vanunu was abducted from Rome, lured there from London by an Israeli Mossad agent named "Cindy" who posed as a woman interested in having an affair with him. When he arrived at "Cindy's sister's apartment" he was jumped by several Mossad agents, drugged, and smuggled back to Israel where he has been kept in solitary confinement since.

On March 24, 1988 the District Court of Jerusalem found Vanunu guilty of treason and espionage for the revelations he made to the *Sunday Times*. He was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment. According to his lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, Vanunu's conditions in solitary confinement have deteriorated. His cell is a room of two meters by three meters with no natural light, a continuous electric light, and 24-hour video surveillance. He is allowed no company of any sort except for visits from his lawyer. Family visits have been cut down to one hour a month. In short, as Feldman put it, "his conditions as a prisoner are worse than as a detainee."

Vanunu's reaction to the verdict was one of disappointment and a feeling of grave injustice. Nevertheless, he still hopes that the Supreme Court will be more independent, and able to judge his actions more objectively. His brother, Meir, has been working tirelessly on his case. Having revealed details of Mordechai's abduction, there is now a warrant for his arrest in Israel. Because of this he cannot return home to see his brother and help in organ-

izing his appeal. Based in London, Meir issued the following statement the day after his brother's sentence:

"This trial began by kidnaping, continued in total secrecy, and ended by putting the narrow interests of a nationalistic state before the interest of humanity. Legally—it is only the end of a chapter, our struggle to free him continues. Politically—by this trial Israel has admitted that it has the bomb. It was my brother's wish to make the Middle East nuclear free, it is up to the rest of the world to pick up the challenge."

Immediately following the sentence, 20 Nobel laureates and prominent scientists, some of whom were involved with the Manhattan Project, praised Mordechai Vanunu as a man of conscience and emphasized the importance of revealing the nuclear capability of any given country. On March 30th, the International Peace Communication and Co-ordination Centre in The Hague, Netherlands, which includes as its members the 44 major European Peace Movements, issued a statement which read:

"The world needs free information and discussion on nuclear disarmament. The world also needs people who take the risks of acts of civil disobedience by revealing secrets in their field. We call therefore for Vanunu's release."

In its appeal, the International Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu and for a

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Nuclear Free Middle East urges all organizations to follow the initiative taken by the END Annual Convention in Sweden in July, to mobilize for demonstrations on Saturday October 1st focusing on two key issues: (1) the threat of nuclear proliferation, especially in the Middle East and the



## New Jewish Agenda Vigil at the Town Clock

Jewish women of Kolaynu/Santa Cruz New Jewish Agenda vigil on Yom Kippur at the Town Clock in support of Israeli Women In Black. This group of Israeli women has staged weekly vigils in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa since last February to end the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. (Sign in Hebrew reads "End the Occupation.")

Third World; and (2) the assault on the human rights of Mordechai Vanunu, his kidnaping and his continued subjection to severe psychological torture of solitary confinement.

In addition, a postcard campaign is

wards his appeal hearing, now scheduled for early 1989.

Postcards should be sent to Mordechai Vanunu at Ashqelon Prison, Ashqelon, Israel. Other addresses: Meir Vanunu, International Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu and for a Nuclear Free Middle East, P.O. Box 1328, London NW6 England; Ambassador Arad, Israeli Embassy, Washington D.C.; Yitzhak Shamir, Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem, Israel; Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem, Israel; Yosef Harish, Attorney General, Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem, Israel; Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Police, Jerusalem, Israel; U.N. Committee on Human Rights, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

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## Legislative Update

# Election Year Politics Dominate Washington

by Shelly D'Amour

**E**lection year politics are dominating Washington this month, as congressmembers move to consider important pieces of legislation—with an eye toward how the outcome might affect the success of their respective parties at the polls.

As we go to press, members of the House and Senate Armed Services committees are meeting in conference to hammer out differences in the fiscal year 1989 Defense Appropriations Bill. Of particular

concern are a number of key arms control measures which were approved by Congress in the authorizations process, and later vetoed by the president. In addition, a Contra aid package approved by the Senate in August will be considered as part of this bill.

Democrats, as always, play a pivotal role in the appropriations process—and all the more so this year. How will they interpret their role in light of the November 8

### Military Spending Bill

House Armed Services committee chair Les Aspin (D-WI) and Senate Armed Services committee chair Sam Nunn (D-GA)

are meeting with White House officials, trying to forestall a possible presidential veto of arms control provisions they hope to include in the 1989 Defense Appropriations Bill. The bill is currently in conference committee, and is expected to be released for a final vote on the House and Senate floors sometime before October 1. The defense appropriations conference committee is comprised of selected members of the House and Senate Armed

Services committees, who meet to reconcile differences between the two versions of the bill.

In August, President Reagan vetoed the 1989 Defense Authorizations Bill, in part because he objected to the arms control language it contained. These provisions included:

- A nuclear test ban readiness program.
- Cuts in Star Wars funding requests from \$4.9 billion to \$4.1 billion.
- A cut in funding requests for MX missile mobile basing research from \$800 million to \$250 million.
- A depressed trajectory missile flight test ban.
- Language affirming the traditional interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.
- Funding cuts for the Star Wars space-based interceptor.
- Early retirement of two Poseidon submarines, bringing the U.S. closer to compliance with the numerical limits of the SALT II Treaty.

The presidential veto was primarily a political ploy, designed to highlight differences between Republicans and Democrats on military issues in an election year. Ironically, the bill was supported by a comfortable margin of both Democrats and Republicans—a fact which seemed to

have escaped Mr. Reagan when he turned the legislation back to Congress.

The Democratic leadership plans to attach the arms control provisions, in the form of an amendment, to the appropriations bill when it reaches the House and Senate floors in early October. Whether all the original arms control provisions remain intact remains to be seen. Representative Aspin and Senator Nunn are meeting with Reagan Administration officials to work out a compromise designed to insure that the president does sign the appropriations bill. The most vulnerable item on the list is undoubtedly the nuclear test ban readiness program.

The test ban readiness program would require the Department of Energy, which conducts nuclear weapons tests, to develop other ways for the United States to "maintain the safety and reliability" of nuclear weapons, without explosive testing. Additionally, the program provides \$37.6 million for seismic verification research.

This is the first test ban legislation that the Senate has ever passed. On several occasions in the past three years the House has approved legislation calling for a U.S. moratorium on underground nuclear weapons testing, pending Soviet compliance;

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### Election Year Politics Dominates Washington

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but the Senate has never agreed. The test ban readiness program marks an intermediate step on the way toward a complete moratorium on nuclear testing. The Reagan Administration has resisted every effort by Congress over the years to put an end to nuclear testing. In such contests of will, it has always been the Congress which has given in. Some arms control analysts see nuclear testing as a kind of pawn in Congress, an "expendable" piece of legislation which can be bartered away in order to preserve other items on the arms control agenda. Whether or not this is an accurate assessment, the truth is that the nuclear test ban is always dropped at the end of every legislative session.

If the president vetoes the Defense Appropriations bill, Congress will attempt to attach the arms control provisions at the end of the year to a catch-all spending bill called a continuing resolution (CR). One reason the president may not choose to veto the appropriations measure is that it will probably contain an item very dear to him—Contra aid.

### Contra Aid

On August 10, the Senate approved a measure providing \$27 million in so-called humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Contras. The bill also provides for \$16 million in military funds, to be held in escrow pending a request by President Reagan and congressional approval. The presidential request must be accompanied by detailed certification documenting the "need" for military aid. The House would then be required to approve any such request first before the Senate could take it up.

The bill was attached in the form of an amendment to the Senate version of the Defense Appropriations Bill. There is no companion piece in the House, and the matter is currently in conference committee. If some form of Contra aid is approved in conference, as expected, then it will become part of the defense appropriations package, first to be voted on in Congress and then to be presented to the president for his signature or veto. Recent revelations by House Speaker Jim Wright (D-TX), that the CIA has been fomenting political opposition within Nicaragua with the intention of baiting the Sandinistas into repressive counter-measures, may serve to strengthen the anti-Contra aid elements in Congress. However, it is possible that the administration may choose to pose the following dilemma: include Contra aid in the defense package or face a veto of the entire appropriations bill.

If that should come to pass, it is unclear what Congress will choose to do. Clearly,

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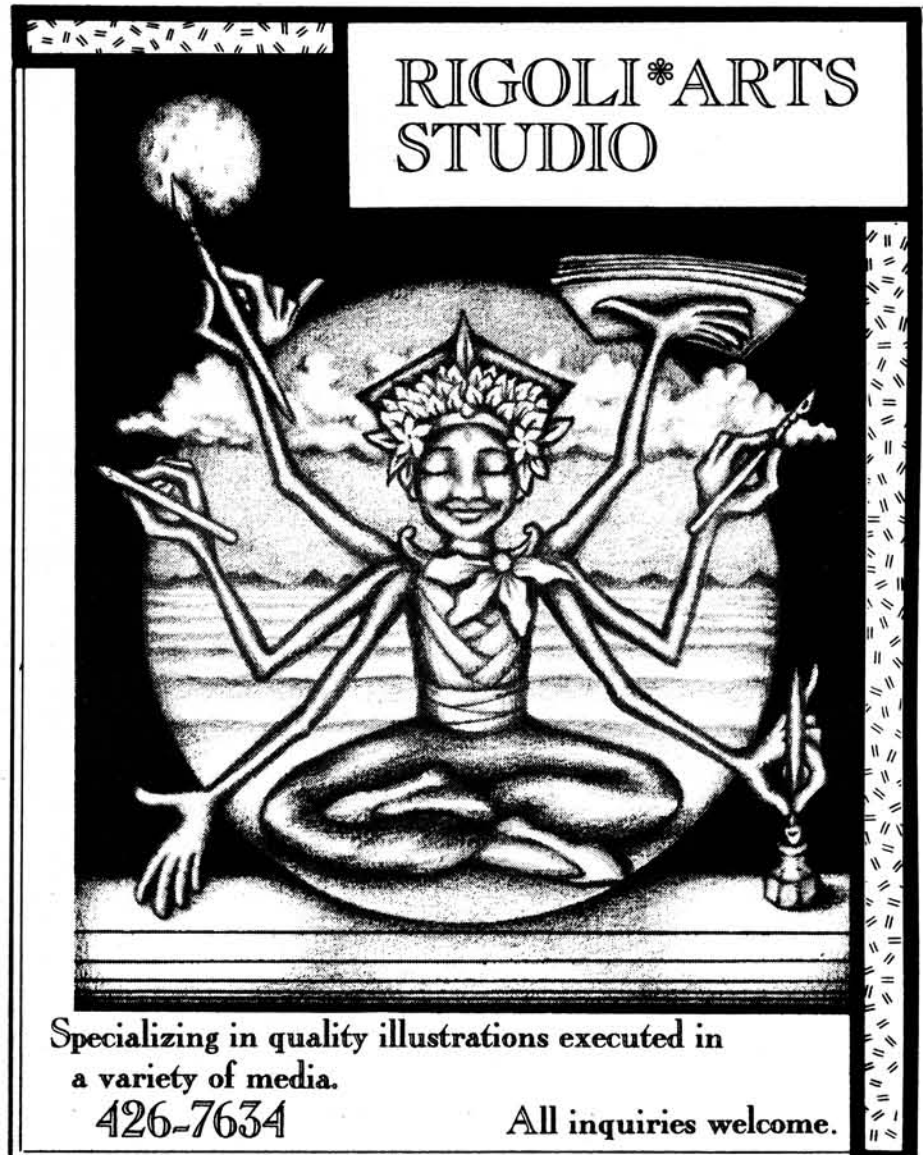
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with elections just a month away and many members anxious to get home to their districts to campaign, they are not in the mood for a major fight on appropriations. On the other hand, Contra aid will be the issue in many House races. Democrats will do well to take a strong stand now against Contra aid, using the Wright revelations as evidence to highlight what is a prolonged U.S. policy of illegal and immoral actions against Nicaragua.

## Foreign Aid

A House/Senate conference committee is meeting to consider the fiscal year 1989 Foreign Aid Bill. Despite steadily increasing levels of violence and political repression in Guatemala and El Salvador, Congress continues to provide military and so-called economic support funds (ESF) to these countries. This year's foreign aid legislation allocates \$9 million to the military assistance program for Guatemala (an increase over the \$7 million originally requested), and \$185 million in economic support funds for El Salvador. This year, Congress added language to the effect that the government of El Salvador must use at least 25 percent of the ESF funds to help the poorest and neediest of its people—a provision objected to by Reagan Administration officials.

In addition, Congress allocated \$2 million to support the "internal opposition" inside Nicaragua. The monies will be distributed by the National Endowment for Democracy, an arm of the U.S. government, to aid opposition political parties, organizations, and newspapers. As a prime funding arm supporting the U.S. agenda in Nicaragua, the National Endowment may soon be under scrutiny itself regarding its role in manipulating internal political processes in that country.

**ACTION:** *The most important thing you can do in the next 30 days is to see that the issues of arms control and Contra aid are kept visible in your local House or Senate race. Write letters to your local paper. Attend public forums. Challenge the candidates to articulate their positions clearly on such issues as a comprehensive test ban, first-strike nuclear weapons (MX, Trident II, Star Wars), aid to the Contras, and U.S. policy in Central America. Research the incumbent's voting record (your local Freeze office can help you), and hold him/her accountable for it. Vote informed. Vote well.*

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

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# The 1988 Elections: the Rhetoric Sound

by Alex Forman

As we approach election day, the unique dynamics of American politics are once again pushing the presidential candidates toward the mysterious center. This political center consists of 20 to 30 percent of the voters who have no firm commitment on issues that would determine their choice for president. Since these voters are seen as deciding the election outcome, the candidates begin to sound like echoing parrots as they both try to out "center" the other. Thus, we experience the familiar American political malaise of the difficulty of finding clear differences between the candidates, since they both are saying the same things.

However, behind this facade of Bush trying to appear as an environmentalist and childcare advocate, and Dukakis bending every phrase to make himself sound acceptable to the "keep America strong" crowd, there are essential differences between Dukakis and Bush on the issues of nuclear weapons, military intervention and the militarization of our foreign policy and society. These policy differences reflect a basic conflict in the world view of the candidates. Unfortunately, as the campaign accelerates the voters are not given the opportunity to explore this realm, since the campaign managers reduce their message to 30 second sound bites for the evening network news. If we look behind the facade of the media campaigns, these conflicting world views suggest that we are being offered a stark choice on November 8.

## George Bush: A Veteran Cold Warrior

Throughout his career George Bush has shown his commitment to the basic cold war militarist view that has dominated U.S. foreign policy since 1946. Bush was a strong supporter of the Vietnam War, and as the CIA director under President Ford he had no problems in conducting illegal covert operations in Angola or in protecting the assassins of Chilean Ambassador Letelier, who was murdered in Washington, D.C. In the mythology of the cold war, all conflicts

are seen in terms of the basic struggle between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, and therefore, all means are justified toward the end of defeating the "evil empire."

Bush is intimately connected with the covert operators who conducted the Iran-Contra fiasco, and a Bush Administration would likely put such people in positions of power within the CIA and the NSA where they could continue to pursue illegal covert operations. Bush did not join with George Shultz and Caspar Weinberger in opposing the arms deals to Iran, and we can expect similar policies of using American arms sales to all parts of the world, regardless of the wars and killing that may result. His strong support for the Contras is well known and a Bush victory will probably result in an expanded war in Central America. Bush opposed the Panama Canal Treaty and often excitedly praises the invasion of Grenada and the bombing of Libya, so we can expect no hesitancy in his willingness to use military force.

On nuclear weapons, Bush favors continuing the nuclear arms race with his repeated calls for "modernization" of our nuclear arsenal. This includes his support for Star Wars, the MX, Midgetman and a whole new generation of nuclear warheads designed for fighting a nuclear war. In an interview during the 1980 campaign Bush stated that a nuclear war could be won. This belief in the possibility of using nuclear weapons makes prospects for further arms control under a Bush Administration very limited. While we might find reductions of some classes of weapons as in the INF Treaty, there will be a buildup of other nuclear weapons to replace any that are eliminated. An ominous example is the recent announcement that the Reagan Administration is planning a new warhead that can penetrate deep underground before exploding, and therefore destroy Soviet command and control centers. Such a weapon is clearly not for deterrence, but is a key component of a first-strike strategy.

This belligerent picture of a Bush Administration seems totally unreal when you listen to the candidate during this campaign. Bush is running as a peace candidate, who claims that it was the Reagan buildup that forced the Soviets to accept

the INF Treaty and that continued build-ups are the only way to get further agreements with them. This clever deception ignores the fact that it was the Reagan Administration's belligerence that prevented substantial progress on ending the arms race and that it was Gorbachev's decision to call Reagan's bluff on the zero option that led to the INF success. Bush understands that the voters want peace and so he will run as a peace candidate, but Bush's past behavior is anything but reassuring.

In summary, a Bush Administration is likely to continue the same policies of the Reagan years, which could easily translate into more military intervention and a resumption of a full scale nuclear arms race.

## Michael Dukakis: Beyond the Cold War?

Michael Dukakis represents a sharply contrasting view of foreign policy. He opposed the invasion of Grenada and the unilateral action by U.S. naval forces in the Persian Gulf. In such cases he would favor military action only if U.S. vital interests were threatened and would try to use multinational peace keeping forces whenever possible. He views the violence in Central America as primarily a result of poverty and massive social injustice and has very strongly opposed aid to the Contras. As governor of Massachusetts he refused to send his National Guard units to Honduras as a show of resistance to the militarization of the region by the Reagan Administration. In Southern Africa he opposes aid to the UNITA guerrillas in Angola, who are in alliance with South Africa and has called South Africa a "terrorist state."

This contrasts sharply with the Reagan-Bush policy of "constructive engagement" with the Apartheid regime. In both Central America and South Africa, Dukakis clearly places moral consideration at the top of his policy plans. While the Reagan-Bush view sees these regions only as cold war battlegrounds, Dukakis wants to place the United States on the side of the majority of the people of these regions who are strug-



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gling for social justice. Thus, even though South Africa is anti-Soviet, this is no reason to support racism, and even though the Contras are anti-Communist, this does not justify violating international law and sending weapons to terrorists. These examples do not mean Dukakis would refuse the use of military force in other countries such as El Salvador, or in the Middle East, but he appears to want a clear justification for the use of such force and a simple cold war explanation will not always be enough.

On nuclear weapons, Dukakis continues to support a key demand of the peace movement: a comprehensive nuclear test ban. On August 5, 1988, the 25th anniversary of the Atmospheric Test Ban Treaty of 1963, Dukakis again pledged to challenge the Soviets to a mutual moratorium on nuclear testing. This is especially significant because the Reagan Administration refused to join the Soviet Union in such a moratorium during the 19 months when the Soviets unilaterally halted their nuclear testing. Dukakis is also in favor of a ban on all missile flight tests if this is part of a general treaty reducing nuclear arms.

A ban on all nuclear explosions and missile flights would essentially stop the nuclear arms race by preventing the development of any new weapons. Dukakis believes that Gorbachev presents us with a great opportunity to achieve major break-

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throughs on arms control and find a new basis for the superpower relationship. His critique of Star Wars means that dramatic reductions in nuclear arsenals would be within his grasp, since it is the Reagan Administration refusal to restrict Star Wars testing that has been the principle obstacle to progress on major reduction.

While Dukakis offers a world view and a foreign policy that could herald an end to the cold war cycle of violence and mutual suspicion, what makes this election campaign so frustrating for peace activists is Dukakis's campaign decision not to run on this new world view. Instead, the campaign is attempting to reassure the pro-military voters by stressing Dukakis's commitment to maintaining strong conventional forces and a nuclear deterrent. Recently, Dukakis has announced support for the Trident II (D-5) and the Stealth bomber, and has softened his opposition to Star Wars research. These new military positions probably do not represent a basic change in the candidate's world view, but rather an election strategy designed to reach Reagan Democrats and independent voters who seem to have bought Bush's argument that Dukakis is weak on defense. Perhaps when Dukakis has deflected the

"weak on defense" attacks he will again speak more forcefully about peace and arms control. Interestingly, even in his more belligerent speeches he still calls for dramatic reductions in nuclear weapons and the banning of some of the very weapons he now says he supports. This indicates that he might willingly trade development of new weapons like the Trident D-5 for an agreement to ban such weapons.

### Senate Race Mirrors National Campaign

The California Senate race between incumbent Pete Wilson and challenger Leo McCarthy offers an almost identical choice to the voters. Wilson, like Bush, is firmly committed to cold war militarism and has a 0 percent voting record according to SANE/FREEZE, the nation's largest peace organization. Wilson has cast the deciding vote on many arms control and peace measures that lost in the Senate by just one vote, including votes on nerve gas production, chemical weapons, Star Wars funding, MX funding and peace talks in Central America. Wilson has managed to keep most of these votes a secret so he carries the perception of a moderate, while he actually votes regularly with the most right-wing hawks in the Senate. He even waited to the last minute to announce his support for the INF Treaty, being the 82nd senator to announce his support.

Leo McCarthy offers a dramatically dif-

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ferent view of the use of military force and nuclear arms race. He opposes the production of nerve gas and chemical weapons, the MX, Star Wars testing, Trident D-5 and aid to the Contras. McCarthy has even strongly questioned the wisdom of relying on military spending to maintain a strong economy in California. His support of economic conversion makes McCarthy the first major Senate candidate to raise this issue, which is always risky in California where so many jobs are linked to Pentagon contracts. His campaign has

stressed the need to develop local industry here in California that is not dependent on military contracts and that would provide long term employment opportunities. The candidacy of Leo McCarthy gives the peace movement an opportunity to elect someone who has openly embraced many of its views, while his opponent has consistently rejected the agenda for arms control and peace.

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# The Freeze Voter Electoral Strategy

The threat of nuclear war is one of the most serious issues facing our society. Yet peace and arms control issues are rarely prominent in campaigns, let alone the deciding factor in elections. Polls consistently indicate that 70-80 percent of Americans support a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze, but relatively few consider a candidate's stance on the issue when they cast their vote. Freeze Voter, an elections arm of the campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, is trying to change all that.

Freeze Voter is currently working to:

- Publicize voting records and candidates' positions on peace and military issues.
- Directly support candidates who favor arms control and a freeze.
- Increase the prominence of arms control issues in election debates.
- Educate and mobilize Freeze supporters to vote.

The signing of the INF Treaty is a small step in the right direction, but the widespread perception that the arms race is a diminishing threat is dangerously premature—Freeze supporters must continue to press the issue. The 1988



to terminate funding for Star Wars, to adhere to the ABM and SALT II Treaties, and for a comprehensive test ban.

Stanley Monteith (R) favors "active deployment of an anti-missile system," supports the Trident II, and opposes all

"Freeze Corps" of grassroots organizers is working to educate and mobilize voters in these critical states. Winning all four seats would significantly shift Senate votes on arms control and military issues, which are often very close. Santa Cruz County Freeze Voter is contributing to these crucial races by organizing house parties to inform supporters about Freeze Voter's work and raise funds for National Freeze Voter's grassroots campaigns in these four states.

Freeze Voter's basic strategy is to inform, empower, and organize individuals to work collectively for an end to the arms race through electoral politics. Santa Cruz County Freeze Voter's work to influence elections effectively complements other paths to ending the arms race. The accomplishments of a short-term electoral program will provide a foundation for longer-term work, including direct action, education and lobbying.

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elections offer California voters a number of choices between candidates with substantially different positions on arms control:

### Senate

Leo McCarthy (D) opposes Trident II and all first-strike weapons, Contra aid, and production of chemical weapons, and supports a comprehensive test ban, a freeze, and economic conversion legislation.

Pete Wilson (R) (incumbent) has voted against virtually every arms control measure in Congress, has voted for tripling military aid to the Contras, accelerating Star Wars deployment, and to increase military spending 13% and cut domestic spending 13%.

### 12th Congressional District

Anna Eshoo (D) opposes all Star Wars research and development funding, opposes Trident II and all first-strike weapons, and favors a comprehensive test ban and adherence to all existing arms control treaties. She is against all forms of Contra aid.

Tom Campbell (R) favors Star Wars funding at a reduced level, supports Trident II and MX. He is against Contra aid. His position on a comprehensive test ban could not be determined after repeated calls to his campaign.

### 16th Congressional District

Leon Panetta (D) (incumbent) has voted

arms control treaties with the Soviet Union.

Freeze Voter is working on a variety of projects to mobilize Freeze supporters into a tangible constituency and elect pro-freeze candidates. Locally, Santa Cruz County Freeze Voter will "get out the vote" of over 3000 Freeze members to exert concrete pressure for a freeze and a comprehensive test ban. Members are being recruited to serve as precinct captains, who will make sure Freeze members in their neighborhood are informed, registered, and getting out to vote on November 8th. Freeze Voter organizers are going door-to-door in selected precincts to identify and inform even more supporters, and to raise money for voter education. Additionally, signatures are being collected on a "Voter Pledge to Support Candidates Who Support Real National Security." To date, over 4000 registered voters have pledged to vote for candidates who support a comprehensive test ban and a nuclear freeze, a change in national priorities to reduce military spending and meet human needs, and an end to U.S. war-related assistance and intervention in Central America.

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## Where George Was (and is)

by Joe Palermo



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George Herbert Walker Bush was born to a privileged eastern establishment family on June 12, 1942. His father, Prescott Sheldon Bush, was a partner in an international banking house and served as a Republican senator from Connecticut from 1962 to 1972. Following prep school and a stint as a Navy pilot in World War II, George Bush married Barbara Pierce, the daughter of the publisher of *Redbook* and *McCall's* magazines, and shortly thereafter graduated from Yale with a B.A. in economics.

In 1954, with capital amassed by his father, Bush founded Zapata Offshore Company based in Houston, Texas, which soon produced a fortune developing offshore oil drilling equipment. Bush became active in the Texas Republican party and ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 1964. In his first Senate bid, Bush ran a campaign which attacked pending civil rights legis-

the campaign.

Since the failed Senate race cost Bush his safe seat in the House, Nixon rewarded Bush's sacrifice by making him U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Bush served in the U.N. until early 1973, when Nixon asked him to chair the Republican National Committee shortly before the most unsavory aspects of the Watergate scandal began to surface. Bush proved himself to be a "team player" for the Nixon White House and presided as head of party during the transition from the Nixon to Ford Administrations.

When Gerald Ford became president following Nixon's resignation in August 1974, he too rewarded Bush's loyalty by allowing him to pick his next government assignment. Bush chose to become chief of the United States Liaison Office in the People's Republic of China and served in this post from October 1974 to December

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lation, called for arming anti-Castro exiles, and demanded U.S. withdrawal from the United Nations if it admitted mainland China. Bush next ran for the House of Representatives in 1966 and won two consecutive terms representing one of the wealthiest congressional districts in Texas.

In 1970, Bush failed his second attempt for a Senate seat, this time running against the current Democratic candidate for vice president, Lloyd Bentsen. Then-President Richard Nixon and his Vice President Spiro Agnew campaigned in Texas on Bush's behalf, and the Nixon White House pumped more than \$100,000 from a secret fund into

1975.

But Bush's expertise in damage control was needed once again by the scandal-prone Republican administration. The exposure of domestic abuses by various government agencies related to the Watergate scandal prompted a new set of congressional inquiries, this time aimed at the Central Intelligence Agency. Ford appointed Bush to be the director of the CIA in January 1976, just when Congress and the news media were exposing what agency insiders called the "family jewels." For the first time Americans were able to lift the veil of official secrecy protecting the CIA

and come to terms with covert activities including assassination plots, coups, testing drugs on unwitting civilians, sabotage of domestic political groups, and even the sensationalized case of a CIA-produced dart gun designed to inject lethal diseases into foreign leaders (called an "indiscernible microbioinoculator").

In the hearings on his nomination to head the agency, Bush testified that he supported covert activity including mercenary war—even against democracies—to defend U.S. "national security interests." As CIA director, Bush had the dual responsibility of dealing with a furious Congress while disengaging the CIA from its largest scale secret war at the time operating in Angola.

Interestingly, one of the most serious acts of state-sponsored terrorism ever to occur on U.S. soil took place while Bush directed the CIA. On September 21, 1976, Chilean exile leader Orlando Letelier and his colleague Ronni Moffit were murdered in Washington, D.C. by a team of Cuban-American assassins employed by the Chilean dictator General Augusto Pinochet.

According to Saul Landau, a colleague of the victims at the Institute for Policy Studies and co-author of the definitive work on the crime, *Assassination on Embassy Row*, CIA Director Bush officially signed for the receipt of an urgent cable from the United States ambassador to Paraguay indicating that agents of the Chilean dictatorship were traveling to Washington on some kind of secret mission. Bush has denied ever seeing such a cable, which was found two years later in an FBI file. The agents were able to accomplish the assassination and escape the United States without incident. Landau claims that as CIA director at the time of the murder George Bush was at best negligent for not following up on the cable—and that if he was not negligent he must have been actively covering up an assassination by the Chilean government.

Bush's directorship of the CIA has also had a lasting effect on the nuclear arms race. While he was heading the agency the intelligence community produced a highly refined report on Soviet military capabilities called a National Intelligence Estimate (NIE). According to Ralph McGehee, whose 25 years in the CIA include the Bush era, this intelligence report concluded that the Soviet Union was inferior to the United States in both nuclear and conventional military capabilities and that it had modified its foreign policy objectives. McGehee claims that the report's conclusion was unacceptable to George Bush, who decided to bring in a team of hand-picked analysts to reevaluate the original NIE.

Dominating this group, which came to be known as "Team B," were extreme anti-Soviet ideologues such as Harvard professor Richard Pipes, Defense Intelligence Agency chief General Daniel Graham, and the hardline negotiator Paul Nitze.

Bush's "Team B" examined the same intelligence upon which the original NIE had been based but came to a diametrically opposed conclusion: the Soviet Union

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was not behind the United States in military might, but far ahead in all military forces and rapidly approaching a nuclear first-strike capability. Bush's CIA then cunningly "leaked" the report to the press in the summer of 1976, thus supplying an election year message to the American people that the United States faced a serious military spending "gap" with the Soviets.

Bush's "Team B" intelligence report created an official government analysis of the Soviet military that groups in the late 1970's, such as the Committee on the Present Danger and the Heritage Foundation, used in their tireless lobbying for a nuclear arms buildup. Ralph McGehee points out that George Bush is responsible for the concept of a "window of vulnerability" in the United States arsenal, which became an issue in two presidential campaigns and helped fuel the spiraling arms race of the 1980's.

Less than ten months after Bush's appointment as head of the CIA, Jimmy Carter defeated President Ford in the 1976 presidential election. Carter's winning platform centered on the condemnation of what he terms three national disgraces: "Watergate, Vietnam, and the CIA."

Following the disclosures of some of the CIA's illegal activities, many Americans, including some in Congress, feared that the CIA was training mavericks who, when they left the agency, would be able to use their skills and connections for nefarious purposes. According to Daniel Sheehan of the Christic Institute, when CIA Director Bush faced the certainty of sweeping reforms within the agency by a new president, he presided over the "privatization" of a network of ex-CIA operatives so that the capacity to conduct covert activities would not be permanently impaired. Some of these elements resurfaced as players in the Iran-Contra scandal. Carter's CIA director eventually did dismiss or transfer over 800 individuals from the Directorate of Operations, the CIA branch which manages covert activities.

In 1980 Bush ran for the Republican nomination for president and managed to beat Ronald Reagan in the Iowa caucuses. The two candidates eventually linked up and won the election. As vice president, George Bush became a statutory member of the National Security Council, maintained a permanent office in the West Wing of the White House, and had access to all of the president's intelligence materials.

In addition to heading the president's "crisis management team," Vice President Bush chaired several task forces crucial to the coordination of the administration's "anti-terrorism" and "anti-narcotics" operations. Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North served with the vice president on several such task forces dating back to 1982.

For nearly two years Bush has maintained that he was ignorant of the illegal use of arms sales' funds to finance the Contras. The Iran-Contra congressional committee never called Bush to the witness stand and they never posed tough questions to Donald Gregg, Bush's top national security advisor and a 20-year veteran of the CIA. Bush claims his closest aides failed to tell him about their meetings with Contra representatives. He disavows knowl-

edge of memos and letters from his office that appear to link him to the Contra resupply effort, as well as statements by Contras that he was in the chain of command.

According to journalist Allan Nairn, Bush's close aide Gregg seems to have been involved in all aspects of the Contra resupply operation. In January 1985, Nairn claims, Gregg asked his ex-CIA colleague, Felix Rodriguez, to help supply the Contras from an air base in El Salvador. Rodriguez is an experienced CIA operator who participated in the agency's earliest attempts to overthrow Fidel Castro and was part of the 1967 CIA operation to kill Ché Guevara.

In Oliver North's notebooks, according

to Nairn, there is an entry for September 10, 1985 indicating a meeting among North, Gregg, and the U.S. military attaché in El Salvador. That meeting concerned setting up the base that operated out of Illopongo, El Salvador, which became the heart of the resupply network. Eugene Hasenfus, the "kicker" of supplies to the Contras, flew from this base before being shot down over Nicaragua in October 1986.

guns and publicly revealed the existence of the secret resupply network, Rodriguez phoned the vice president's office. The Iran-Contra committee obtained a memo that had been prepared for Bush which stated that Bush and Rodriguez would be discussing "counterinsurgency in El Salvador" and "resupply of the Contras." Neither Gregg nor Bush could offer a plausible explanation as to why the phrase "resupply of the Contras" appears in the memo. Both men maintain that Rodriguez never told either of them what he was doing in El Salvador in support of the Contras. Bush and his aides insist that a careless office secretary inserted the phrase in the memo.

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According to Nairn, Felix Rodriguez became the supervisor of the resupply operation at Illopongo, and while functioning in this role he made "dozens" of phone calls to Gregg's office. Rodriguez also visited the White House on a number of occasions, and on three occasions met with Vice President Bush himself. The public record shows that Bush met with Rodriguez on May 1, 1986, and three months later Bush's office sent two memos to Rodriguez about the Contra resupply effort, and then two more in early October. Within hours after Hasenfus was captured by the Nicara-

In addition to his direct contacts with Felix Rodriguez, according to the public record, Bush met on July 29, 1986 with Israeli arms dealer and "counter-terrorism" expert Amiram Nir. Nir was the principal coordinator of the arms-for-hostages exchanges with Iran and the key broker in the sale of TOW (Tube-launched, Optically-tracked, Wire-guided) anti-tank missiles. It was Nir who provided the Iranians with the Swiss bank account number which placed the proceeds from the Iranian arms sales in the hands of the "Enterprise" run by Richard Secord and Albert Hakim.

George Bush's failure to adequately address his role in the Iran-Contra scandal should be a major issue in the 1988 presidential campaign. At this juncture, it is not. The evidence however, appears strong enough to haunt Mr. Bush—even if he becomes the 41st president of the United States.

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## Computers-in-Chief?

by Dean Babst

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The accidental shooting down of an Iranian airliner by the USS *Vincennes* on July 3rd, 1988 shows the danger of having to make instantaneous decisions based on complex computerized systems' warnings. U.S. Adm. William Crowe said, in reference to the airline downing, that the Navy's mission in the Persian Gulf was "an accident waiting to happen." The same may be true of nuclear weapons nations. Their strategies and decision-making processes may be nuclear accidents waiting to happen.

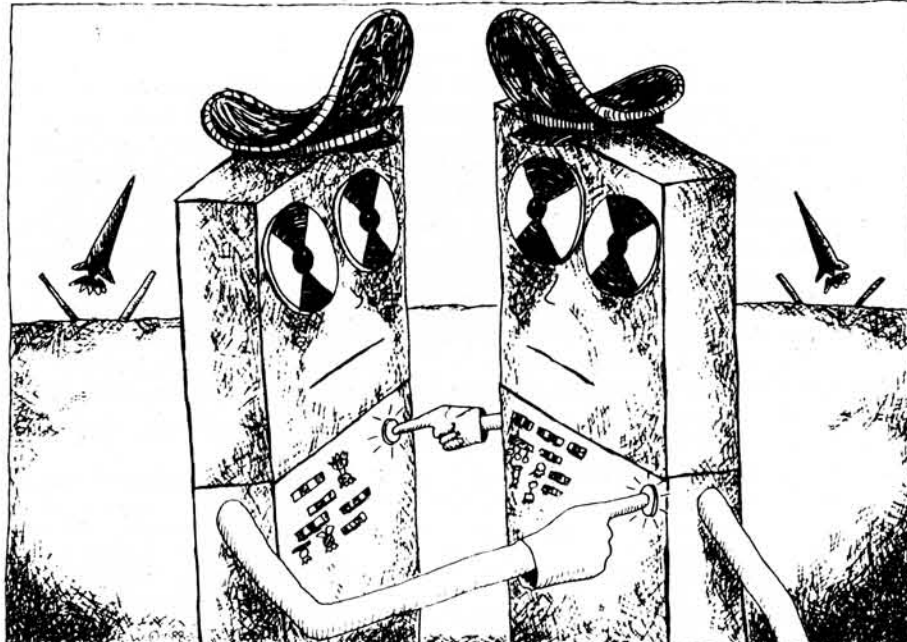
## Computerizing the Hair Trigger

Decreasing warning time is forcing many nations to computerize their hair triggers, making future war decisions ever more dangerous. Warning time is becoming very

short due to the dramatic proliferation of ballistic missiles. For instance, ten Middle-east nations alone now possess at least 1,200 surface-to-surface missiles with ranges up to 2,000 miles. The acquisition of long-range missiles by Saudi Arabia and Syria that can strike Israel in minutes illustrates the danger. Israel, which has nuclear weapons, is concerned about "push-button" warfare.

As more nations acquire nuclear weapons and install hair-trigger defenses, warning and launch systems are becoming increasingly computerized. This is true because in order to process information from many sources and reach a decision in minutes, nations must have computers. Only computerized sensors can recognize the flight of missiles, and assess the nature of an attack; and only computers can make these judgments quickly enough to advise and execute a responsive missile launch.

The national command centers and major cities of all nuclear powers could be destroyed in only a few minutes by submarine-launched ballistic missiles. Nuclear missiles fired from submarines off the U.S. coast could destroy Washington, D.C. in five to seven minutes. Missiles launched from submarines in the North Sea could reach Moscow in a few minutes. Let's take a look at the automation of the war decision procedure in nations with known nuclear weapons.



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Dr. Bruce Blair, a former missile officer and U.S. Department of Defense consultant, said in congressional testimony that "the severe time and information constraints imposed on decision makers can only heighten the risk of inadvertent war due to false alarms, misperceptions, or miscalculations."

What is the possibility of the Soviet Union's computers launching missiles in error? The Soviet early warning system is

less technically sophisticated than its American counterpart. Up to 1986 the Soviets have never been able to maintain a full constellation of early warning satellites in orbit. The Soviets also operate under greater time constraints, because a larger percentage of their retaliatory forces consists of vulnerable land-based ICBMs.

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time generates pressure for automation of their hair trigger, increasing the danger that computers could launch a retaliatory strike by mistake. Since the Soviets might not know the source of the attack, the planet could suffer.

French forces consist of nuclear-capable aircraft as well as submarines and land-based missiles. What has been said about no warning time for Britain is applicable to France. The question of some option along the lines of quick response has been implicitly posed and President Giscard d'Estaing has declared that a decision to retaliate could be taken in a very few minutes.

China has nuclear weapons. India has exploded a nuclear device, leased a nuclear-powered submarine and successfully tested surface-to-surface missiles. As more nations acquire nuclear weapons and/or ballistic missiles, it puts more burden on computers to rapidly determine the source of missile launches. Third party nuclear forces are more likely to be accident prone in an alert because they lack many of the safeguards or redundant communication links that characterize super-power command and control.

### Crisis Management

Based on past experience, it is frequently assumed that an international crisis would develop over a considerable period allowing nations time to prepare their defenses. We need to consider how each nation's automated warning and mis-

sile launch systems would react if a crisis develops unexpectedly. How will each nation respond if terrorists or revolutionaries suddenly and unexpectedly use nuclear weapons?

Paul Bracken, in *Command and Control of Nuclear Forces*, points out that World War I was brought about by the complex interactions between nations in a crisis that the leaders never understood or controlled. The process of alerting and mobilizing forces, and of applying those forces, outran the political control apparatus.

In August 1984 when President Reagan joked that the U.S. was going to bomb Russia, the Soviet Far Eastern military headquarters suddenly dispatched a coded message, saying: "We now embark on military action against the U.S. forces." Less than half an hour later, a second message rescinded the first, but the U.S. and Japanese military leaders had already declared a super-alert of all Pacific forces. As the

automation trend continues, could interacting alerts drive rapid, pre-planned reflexive drills ahead of anyone's ability to stop the chain reaction?

Due to false warnings, the U.S. actually decides about three times a week that it is not being attacked. When more time was available, it took six minutes to clear one false alert. Do all nations have enough time for clearing false alerts?

### Prevention Measures

There are some prevention measures which might be achieved fairly quickly and at relatively small cost.

1. The United States and the Soviet Union have had a hotline since 1963 that they have periodically improved. More nations need to be included in the hotline. What happens if there are interacting false alarms between four or five nations and only two are in instant communication?

2. An International Satellite Monitoring

Network could be very helpful for arms control verification, crisis monitoring and assuring all against a surprise attack. France originally proposed such an agency at the United Nations in 1978 and many nations since then have expressed an interest.

3. Each nation should be independently studying the extent of accidental war dangers. Since a common defense against accidental nuclear war is only as good as its weakest link, study centers need to be sharing their findings.

4. The best prevention measure would be strong verifiable agreements between all nations to eliminate all nuclear weapons. Since such agreements could take time to achieve, the steps described here would be very helpful in the interim.

There are many other steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of an accidental war. The time to start is now.

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### Iraq Gasses Kurds, Suffers Few Sanctions

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retaliation by a strong enemy, not by the moral authority of international law.

The latest violation—by Iraq against its Kurdish minority—is a case in point. Kurdish guerrillas have been in rebellion against Iraq's rule for over 40 years. During its war with Iran, Iraq used poison gas against both Iranian troops and Kurdish civilians. After the cease-fire which—hopefully—ended that war, Iraq turned on the Kurds in revenge for their collaboration with Iran during the war. Many Kurds fled to Turkey where they told reporters of Iraqi gas attacks. On September 7, Amnesty International appealed to the United Nations Security Council to stop the massacre of Kurdish civilians. The Council responded by asking the Secretary General to investigate these charges, but he has been prevented from doing so by the refusal of both Iraq and Turkey to admit U.N. observers.

Iraq's defiance of the U.N. and world public opinion has been backed by most

Arab nations, including the pro-American states such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Egypt. In the U.S., calls in Congress for strong sanctions against Iraq have been blocked by "special interests"; the U.S. presently imports nearly \$1 billion per year in oil from Iraq, and exports about the same amount in farm products.

(sources: *New York Times*, 9-8, 9-15, 9-16; *Wall Street Journal*, 9-16)

—Ralph Chernoff

### Soviets Burned Again by Nuclear Power

A control cable caught fire in a reactor of the Soviet Ignalina nuclear power plant early last month. The Soviet news agency Tass reported that the blaze was extinguished almost immediately by the plant's automatic safety systems. There were no reports of injuries or radiation leaks, but

the plant has been closed pending an investigation.

Ignalina is a two-reactor power station located in Lithuania, about 400 miles west of Moscow. Its short, five-year history has been a troubled one. The first reactor's construction failed to meet standard safety codes, and building of a third reactor has been halted indefinitely in the light of similar deficiencies. Additionally, there have been several reports of radioactive emissions at the power site within the last year. But possibly the most damning feature of the plant is that its reactors share the same design as the ill-fated Chernobyl reactor which exploded in 1986, killing 31 people and irradiating much of Europe.

The Soviets have bowed to public pressure by abandoning construction of two potentially unsafe power plants; nonetheless, they still plan to double the amount of nuclear power they produce by the year 2000.

(source: *San Francisco Chronicle*, 9-6)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

### Gorbachev Proposes Military Base Closures

In a shrewdly-timed speech in Krasnoyarsk on September 16, Mikhail Gorbachev announced several sweeping proposals designed to achieve a broad scope of political objectives. The most significant of the seven points presented by the Soviet leader included an offer to dismantle the Soviet military bases at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. In exchange, the United States would be required to close down its bases in the Philippines.

The timing of Gorbachev's proposal on military bases in the western Pacific is significant because the United States has hit a snag in negotiations with the Philippine government over compensation for operation of the facilities there. Currently, Philippine officials are demanding \$1.2 billion a year; U.S. officials have flatly rejected those terms and have threatened to withdraw the bases altogether if the two countries can't reach agreement. Administration officials, however, are unlikely to accept the Soviet offer and will probably press on to reach agreement with the Philippines.

Other proposals were aimed particularly at improving Soviet relations with Asian countries such as China, Thailand, Japan and South Korea. These included calls for an immediate Sino-Soviet summit and full normalization of relations between China and the Soviet Union, direct talks between Vietnam and China on the decade-long Cambodian conflict, and improved cooperation on economic ventures among Asian countries and the Soviet Union. He also proposed a freeze on the deployment of nuclear weapons in Asia.

Gorbachev's speech, the first to focus on Soviet relations with Asia since 1986, sets the agenda for continued negotiation with both the United States and Asian nations on a cooperative rather than traditionally adversarial basis. Already the U.S. reaction has ranged from cautious optimism (President Reagan: "I haven't had an opportunity to go into it in detail in what he's proposing. But I look forward to doing that, because certainly we want to do any-



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Regardless of the eventual official U.S. position on Gorbachev's proposals, the Soviet Union has already gained credibility and improved its stature in Asia after a series of conciliatory moves such as withdrawing troops from Afghanistan, removing some Vietnamese troops from Cambodia and implementing measures to improve relations with Japan.

(sources: *New York Times*, 9-17; *Washington Post*, 9-17; *Los Angeles Times*, 9-17, 9-18)

—Terry Teitelbaum

## Back and Forth on the ABM Treaty

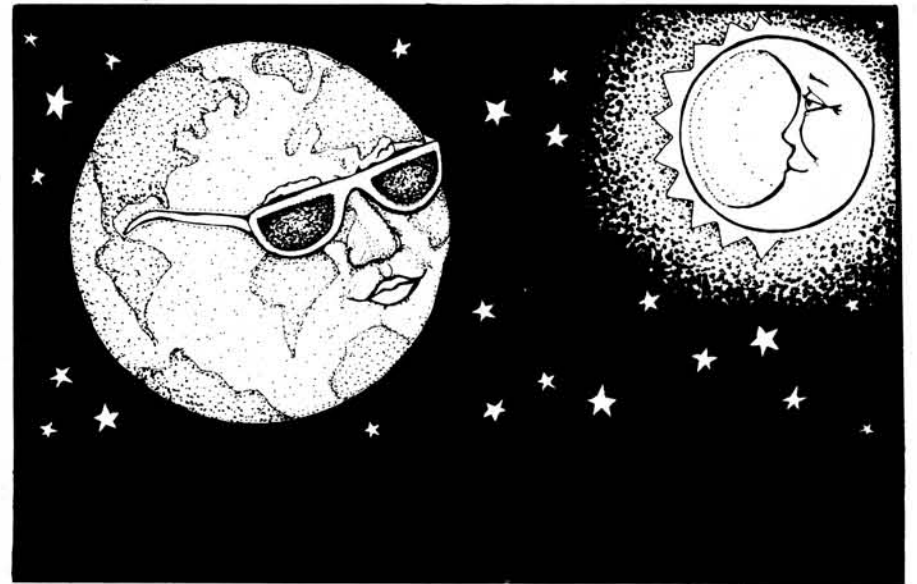
On August 31, the Reagan Administration declared that it would quit all arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union unless it agrees to dismantle the uncompleted phased-array radar near Krasnoyarsk in Siberia. The administration also said that it would declare the radar a "material breach" of the 1972 treaty banning anti-ballistic missile (ABM) systems if the U.S.S.R. refuses to bow to the U.S. demand. Such a declaration would be tantamount to U.S. repudiation of the treaty, thereby clearing the way for

deployment of a Star Wars ABM system.

The second part of this statement was not unexpected; the White House began floating threats of a "material breach" declaration some months ago. The State Department and some Pentagon officials opposed the statement, but, as expected, Reagan White House hawks finally got their way. But the added threat to stop all arms negotiations is both new and alarming; it seems to say that Reagan and Co. are willing to stake the future of arms control on what happens to a single non-functioning radar station.

However, noting that the White House failed to state a deadline for the destruction of the radar, some observers doubt a real hardening of the administration's position and dismiss the statement as mere election campaign rhetoric.

The Soviets have denied all along that the radar was to be part of an ABM system, but they stopped work on the station over a year ago, presumably in response to U.S. protests. In September 1987 they permitted unofficial American experts to inspect it (the Reagan Administration declined the Soviet invitation to send official inspectors). The results of that inspection, plus the fact that the Soviets permitted it, support their denial of an intended ABM role for the radar. Last July they offered to dismantle the station if the U.S. would agree to abide by the "narrow" interpretation of the ABM Treaty for at least nine years. That interpretation would ban Star Wars; the Reagan Administration's



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"broad" interpretation would permit it. Most authorities, including former U.S. officials who negotiated the treaty, maintain that the treaty *does* ban Star Wars.

So the Reagan Administration's position is that the Krasnoyarsk radar "materially" violates the ABM Treaty but Star Wars doesn't. One might wonder why it simultaneously insists on both propositions; if the Soviet radar voids the ABM Treaty, who cares how widely or narrowly one interprets it? Conversely, if the treaty allows Star Wars, who cares whether the radar voids it? But, as the current election campaign demonstrates, bad logic can be

good politics. In short, heads I win, tails you lose.

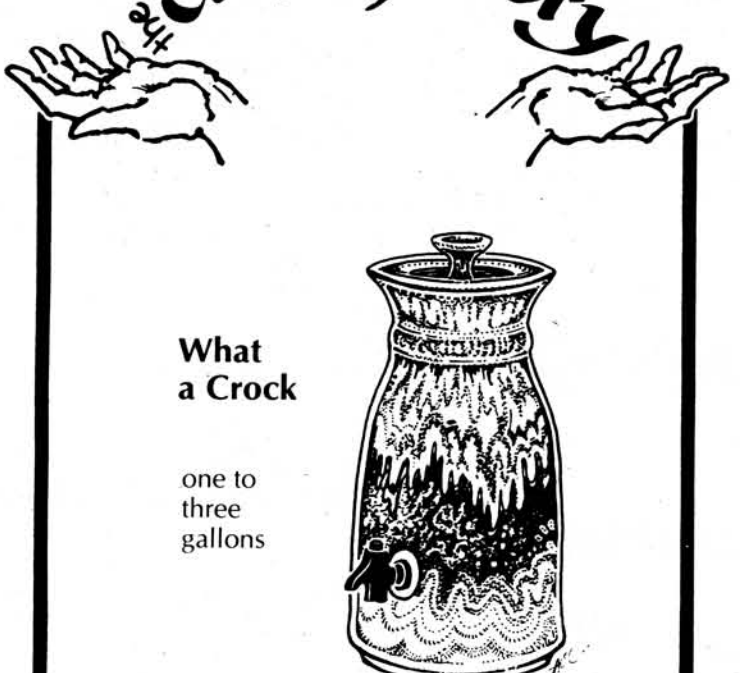
One may also wonder why the Soviets cling so tenaciously to a radar which is of no apparent use to them but of great propaganda value to the Reagan Administration.

On Sept. 15 the Soviets informally suggested continuous on-site inspection of the radar. U.S. officials promptly rejected the proposal.

(Sources: *New York Times*, 9-1, 9-2, 9-9; *Washington Post*, 9-16)

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## Personal Health and Global Peace

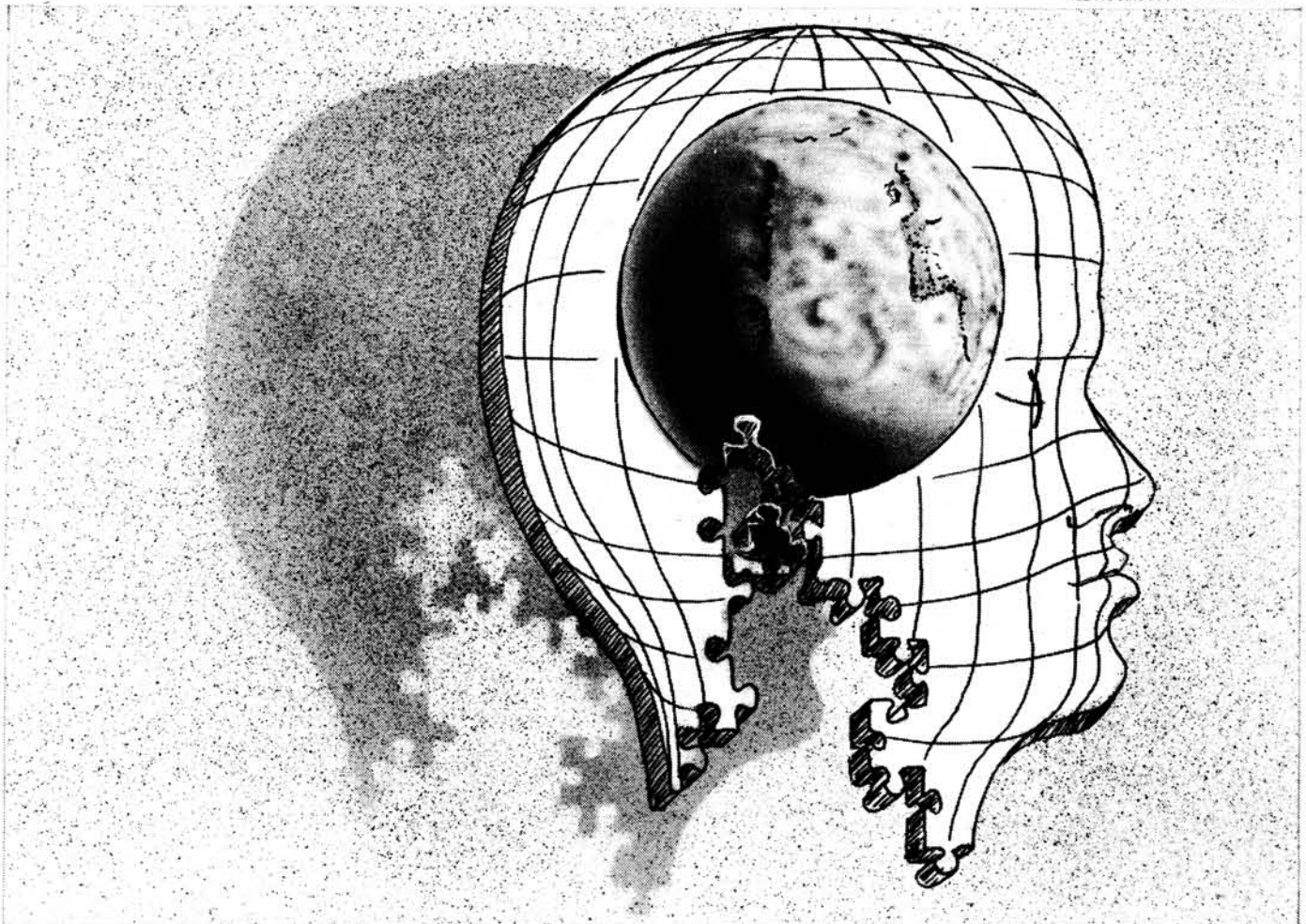
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While our presidential candidates spend most of the early fall bickering about the Pledge of Allegiance, the death penalty, and who could rattle the macho saber best, our socially responsible physicians, along with lawyers, psychologists and architects/designers/planners have gone right to work again. That is, they have put their collective finger on the problem and given it a new slogan: "it's life or debt." Temporarily together as Professionals for National Security (PNS), they have launched a print media and radio campaign which forges a few more conceptual links between the fields of politics and health. And this time the target is not merely the medical folly of nuclear weapons.

Nor are the doctors and others focussed on the old fashioned medical model of health this time. Instead of fixing the ill patient by cutting or dosing, the project is to foster holistic national global health. PNS is calling for a political program which will redirect our economy from wasteful military spending and toward crucial human and environmental needs. This will create a more sustainable climate of economic, political, social, and environmental health for Americans and for the rest of the human species on this planet.

Personal health is something that every one understands. Increasingly, people are beginning to grasp that global events and activities have intimate personal effects on their own bodily health. According to Leonard Duhl, M.D., of the University of California, Berkeley, the most up-to-date concepts of health include the social ecology in which health or disease occurs—all of the social, economic, and political factors which influence the individual's existence. In a telephone interview, he stated unequivocally that in modern society health can no longer be handled by the medical profession alone. It must be dealt with at



the level of public policy, because it includes the impact of *everything* that affects the individual.

In 1986 the World Health Organization (WHO) adopted a document called the "Ottawa Charter" which in effect called for a "healthy public policy" which would include the following five key recommendations: (1) build health public policy; (2) create supportive environments; (3)

strengthen community action; (4) develop personal skills; and (5) reorient health services to a holistic model. This spring, at WHO's second "International Conference on Health Promotion" the term "healthy public policy" was clarified. According to Trevor Hancock, one of the conference organizers and the Canadian consultant to WHO, the definition of healthy public policy is one that has an explicit

concern for equity in all aspects of public policy. He believes that when social justice is addressed through the measure of health, as in life expectancy or infant mortality, people respond more quickly with real concern for others. One of his goals for the conference was to bring together the idea of sustainable development and sustainable health policy. Hancock told *New Options* magazine that this link can be made because "the things that tend to be damaging to the environment tend to be damaging to human health, too—and that includes many aspects of economic growth." Or even business as usual, we might add.

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is a long one. With its ad campaign, PNS has taken a big step in the direction of the latter. Going a bit further, "health" may just be that catalytic new word that the peace and justice movement, environmentalists, and sustainable growth advocates have all been seeking. In the early 1980's, the simple word "freeze" completely changed public perceptions of the nuclear arms race. It

As a tax-deductible educational foundation, PNS's mandate is limited to public education. But what about the rest of us who want to act locally on global problems? Even WHO has moved beyond merely issuing declarations. In Europe and Canada, working with Professor Duhl's concepts, it has developed a "Healthy Cities Project," whose goal is to move

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also brought many disparate groups together in a way that increases everyone's effectiveness enormously.

The idea of "health" as a concept is also familiar and concrete enough for the public to accept immediately; it does not reek of the academic think tank. It is something everyone already prizes. And as a concept it has the power to unite activists across the broadest spectrum. It even suggests a further metaphor for integrating the work of many different types of activists and causes—the complexity of the human body itself, in which there is an enormous variety of function and objective, but in which the parts all work cooperatively together to guarantee the maintenance and well-being of the whole. In fact, ecology itself is a metaphor of the human body, in this case the body of the planet's biosphere, of which we humans are merely one part.

health up on the agenda of city policy. As yet, no U.S. cities are actually participating in the project, although several have expressed interest. Duhl feels that cities are the right size social unit for the process of learning how to value and organize a healthy public policy. But he does not underestimate the difficulties, which are the same ones activists encounter at every other level of modern life in the nation and the globe.

Maybe an active "Healthy Cities Project" for the U.S. reform community will turn out to be the unifying local action with global meaning of the 1990's, but it is not too late in this election campaign to start asking the candidates how they intend to protect our health!

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# 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, October 25** for inclusion in the November issue (publication date: Thursday, November 3).

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**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, SEPTEMBER 30-  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**Desert Exploration of Faith**—In celebration of Gandhi's birthday, people of many faiths will gather in Las Vegas to discuss nonviolence in light of their particular spiritual traditions. Rituals in Buddhist, Christian and Jewish traditions will be conducted. Presentations, workshops and discussions. Activities will conclude with a vigil and civil resistance action at the Nevada Test Site Sunday, October 2 beginning at 10 a.m. Sponsored by Nevada Desert Experience, a faith based organization working to end nuclear weapons testing and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an interfaith pacifist organization working for justice and peace. Co-sponsored by the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Jewish Peace Fellowship and Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**Vicki Neville Benefit Concert** co-sponsored by Mid County Children's Center and Calvary Children's Center. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Calvary Parish Hall. Tickets at the door \$2.50 adults/\$1.50 children. Food, drinks, games, face painting and more. Info: Mid County Children's Center 476-8890 or Calvary Church 423-8787.

**Fundraising reception to benefit Yesh Gvul** ("There is a limit/border"), the organization of Israeli soldiers and reservists who refuse military service in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Yesh Gvul members Peretz Kidron (Israeli correspondent for Pacifica Radio) and Meir Amor

## Faith and Nonviolence Gathering in Las Vegas

In celebration of Gandhi's birthday, people of many faiths will gather in Las Vegas to discuss nonviolence in light of their particular spiritual traditions September 30 through October 2. Rituals in Buddhist, Christian and Jewish traditions will be conducted. Presentations, workshops and discussions including many religious elders will be featured. Activities will conclude with a vigil and civil resistance action at the Nevada Test Site Sunday, Oct. 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Bill Rosse, Sr. of the Western Shoshone Nation will welcome participants. Shelley Douglass, Co-founder of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, will present "Gandhi, Faith and Nonviolence" Friday evening. "Sharing our Spiritual Traditions" will be presented Saturday by James Lawson, president of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, LA Chapter; Molly Rush, Director of Thomas Merton Center, Pittsburgh, PA; and Rabbi Leonard Beerman, Co-founder of Interfaith Center to Reverse the Arms Race, Pasadena, CA. Workshops will also be held on a variety of topics pertaining to the frontiers of nonviolence.

Nevada Desert Experience, a faith-based organization working to end nuclear weapons testing, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an interfaith pacifist organization working for justice and peace, are the sponsors of the weekend. The Buddhist Peace Fellowship, Jewish Peace Fellowship and Southern Christian Leadership Conference are co-sponsors.

(who has been imprisoned for his refusal) will speak about the organization, the Israeli peace movement, and efforts to end the Israeli occupation. Their visit is part of a five-week national tour sponsored by

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### Local Officials to Walk in the Freeze 7th Annual Walkathon

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze has already signed up over 450 people to walk in support of a Comprehensive Test Ban on Saturday, October 8th. Local politicians and candidates from around the county are walking with the Freeze in a rare showing of bipartisan support for such an important issue. At press time six local officials were confirmed as walking: Supervisor Gary Patton, Capitola City Councilmember Stephanie Harlan, and Santa Cruz City Councilmembers: Arnie Levine, Jane Weed, Mardi Wormhoudt and Mayor John Laird. Five candidates running for positions on the Santa Cruz City Council, Susan Groff, Jane Imler, Don Lane, Mo Reich and Jane Yokoyama, will also be walking to show support for a Comprehensive Test Ban, as well as Jan Beautz, candidate for the board of supervisors.

The "March for a Test Ban" is the largest peace march of its kind held in Santa Cruz County, attracting hundreds of people from the area to show support for the Comprehensive Test Ban and to help raise money for the Santa Cruz Nuclear Weapons Freeze. The money raised in the walk-a-thon will fund voter education campaigns that inform county voters where the candidates stand on the Comprehensive Test Ban and other peace issues. There is still time to sign up and help the Freeze and also win prizes for yourself. Contact John Leopold at 458-9975 to learn how you can win cameras, T-shirts, walkmans, and an 18-speed mountain bike.

nine organizations, including the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Reception at the home of Mo Reich, 526 Arroyo Seco, 2-4 p.m. Sliding scale donation \$5-\$10, with all net proceeds going to Yesh Gvuil. Local co-sponsors are Resource Center for Nonviolence, Kolaynu/Santa Cruz New Jewish Agenda, Santa Cruz Action Network, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Reservations and info: Deena Hurwitz 423-1626. For directions on Saturday: 426-6633.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Benefit breakfast sponsored by VFW Post 5888.** Each Sunday benefits a different group. Basement of the Vets Hall, 842 Front Street, 8 a.m.-noon, \$3.50. Breakfast includes eggs, potatoes, pancakes, bacon and choice of beverages. Info: 429-8345.

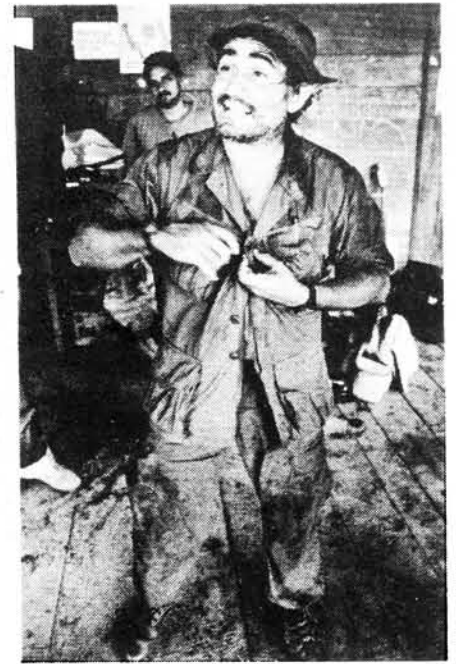
### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Discussion — "Poland: Changing Politics"** with former Santa Cruz residents Al and Dorothy Dale, recently returned from two years living and working in Warsaw, Poland. Focus on the Dales' experiences and observations of the popular movement for democratization in Poland. This event is the first in a series of Conversations in International Nonviolence sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence this fall. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, 7:30 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Town Clock Vigil.** See September 28.

**Film: "Coverup—Behind the Iran-Contra Affair."** Special benefit premiere presented by the Christic Action Team, The Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz County, The Resource Center for Nonviolence, and The Empowerment Project. 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) and 9:15 p.m., Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar Street. Tickets \$8-\$15 sliding scale, available at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway; The Nuclear Weapons Freeze, 320-G Cedar Street; and



*Contra leader Eden Pastora is just one of many shady characters examined in "Coverup: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair." See the October 5th listing for information on this film's special benefit premiere.*

Bookshop Santa Cruz, 1547 Pacific Avenue. Info and ticket reservations: 423-1626.

**"Santa Cruz and the Homeless"** program, presented by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Speakers are Annette Marcum, chairperson of the Santa Cruz County Task Force for the Homeless and a member of the Citizens' Committee for the Homeless; and Fred Gray, manager of the River Street Shelter. 11:30 a.m., brown-bag lunch, Trinity Presbyterian Church Social Hall, Poplar at Melrose. Legislative letter writing will also take place. Child care available only by prior request. Info: 425-7618.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

**"Evolution of a Revolution,"** a first-hand report and slide show on Honduras, Nicaragua, and Cuba. Presented by Ruth Hunter and Maura Baird, based on a July trip to

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these countries. Part of the Unitarian-Universalist Social Action Committee's Public Séminar Series on the first Thursday of each month. Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 6401 Freedom Boulevard, Aptos, 7 p.m. following a potluck at 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**Seventh Annual Nuclear Weapons Freeze Walk-a-thon**—a ten-kilometer March for a Test Ban. The goal of the Santa Cruz Freeze is to raise \$16,000 from the walk-a-thon. The money will go to support ongoing work and to fund voter education projects to inform people which candidates will work for a comprehensive test ban. 9 a.m., San Lorenzo Park, Santa Cruz. The walker who turns in the most money from sponsors by November 8, 1988 will win a beautiful new bicycle from The Bicycle Trip. Register now: 458-9975.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**Reception for art exhibit**—"Cuatro Mujeres," the art of Pilar Aguero, Simona Arizpe, Silvia Carballo, and Sue Martinez. Presented by UCSC Women's Center's Gallery for Women Artists, 4-6 p.m. The exhibit runs from September 23 through October 27, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. weekdays. Info: 429-2072.

**VFW Post 5888 Benefit Breakfast.** See October 2.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Town Clock Vigil.** See September 28.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Call-in radio show**—"News You Can Use" hosted by Dan Miller. Emphasis on nuclear disarmament and third world intervention policies of the United States. The first 12-15 minutes will be an up-to-date presentation of news items not usually covered by the mainstream press. Several arms race journals will be reviewed and statements from visiting lecturers will be taped and played on current happenings. KKUP 91.5 FM, Cupertino, 8-9 a.m. Call-in number: 408-253-6000. Guest, Judith Hurley, as part of the International Week of Action for Freedom from Debt of 3rd World Countries.

**"The Return of Activist II"**: a video of the original musical, "Activist II." 8:00 p.m., Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 6401 Freedom Boulevard, Aptos. The evening will include dessert and coffee. Sliding scale: \$3-\$5.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**Observe World Food Day by going to see "The Politics of Food,"** a video that traces the connection between food issues in the U.S., Latin America, Asia and Africa. 515 Broadway, 7 p.m., donation requested. Info: Project Abraco 423-1626.

**VFW Post 5888 Benefit Breakfast.** See October 2.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**"Life Story" by Nicola Geiger,** the second in a series of Conversations in International Nonviolence. Ms. Geiger's experience includes resisting Nazism as a child in Germany, participating in the American civil rights movement and Indochina peace movement, and 15 years in Korea, Japan and the Philippines working for human rights and justice. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, 7:30 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
**Town Clock Vigil.** See September 28.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
**East Meets West Through Music**—world acclaimed Soviet Pianist Sergei Keranakin will be performing with local luminaries UT GRET. 8:30 p.m., Kuumbwa Jazz Center.

**VFW Post 5888 Benefit Breakfast.** See October 2.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**Town Clock Vigil.** See September 28.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
**KKUP Call-in radio show. Guest, Ned Van Valkenburgh,** of the Santa Cruz Friends Peace and Social Order Committee, will discuss the Peace Navy which is trying to keep the Santa Cruz City Council from inviting Navy ships for public display on holidays. See October 15.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
**VFW Post 5888 Benefit Breakfast.** See October 2.

## "Coverup" Film Premiere Exposes Facts Behind Iran-Contra Scandal

Is it possible that a "shadow government" populated by racketeers, arms merchants, drug smugglers, money launderers, assassins, ex-spies, foreign agents and military men, motivated by gross personal profit and ideological zeal, has not only manipulated public funds and policies, and declared U.S. citizens among its enemies, but has even provided for the potential suspension of the U.S. Constitution? The backgrounds of major figures in the Iran-Contra scandal and the historical analysis presented in "Coverup: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair" moves such allegations beyond mere speculation to confirm chilling realities.

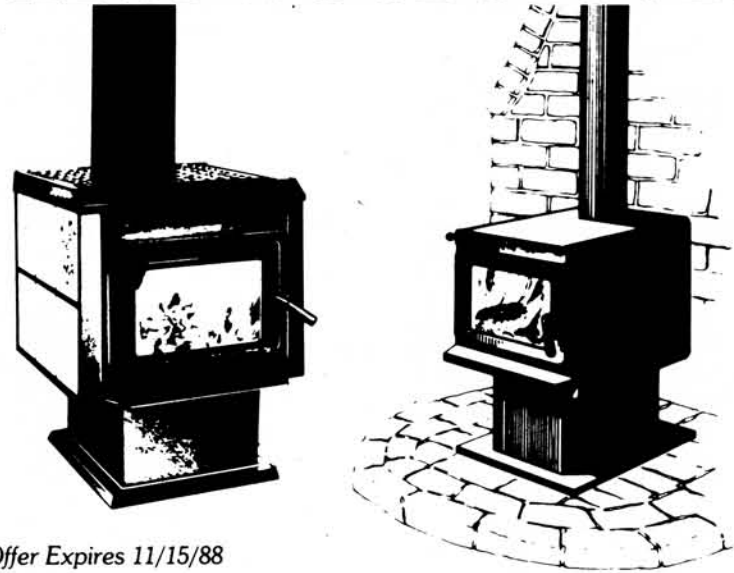
"Coverup" is a compelling new film from the Empowerment Project which synthesizes volumes of transcripts and hours of media coverage of committee hearings by juxtaposing such public records with freshly filmed interviews, testimonies and insider information. "Coverup" offers a startling and coherent analysis of the Iran-Contra Affair and those troubling events leading up to it.

Actress Elizabeth Montgomery narrates while a host of experts offer their analyses, including Barbara Honegger, a former political analyst for the Reagan/Bush White House; former CIA operative John Stockwell; Daniel Sheehan, Chief Legal Counsel for the Christic Institute and David MacMichael, former Senior Intelligence Officer in Latin America.

The Santa Cruz premiere of "Coverup," on Wednesday, October 5th at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center, will be a benefit for The Christic Action Team, the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. See the calendar or call 423-1626 for details.

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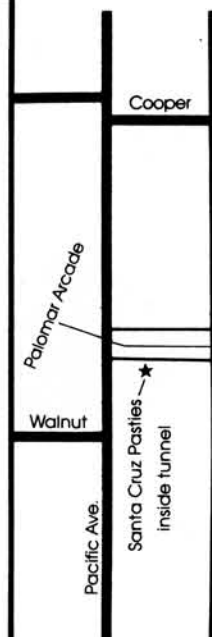
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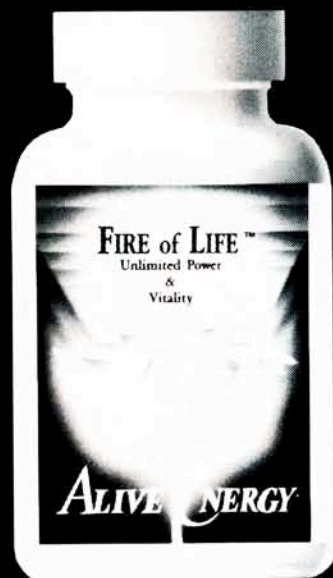
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