

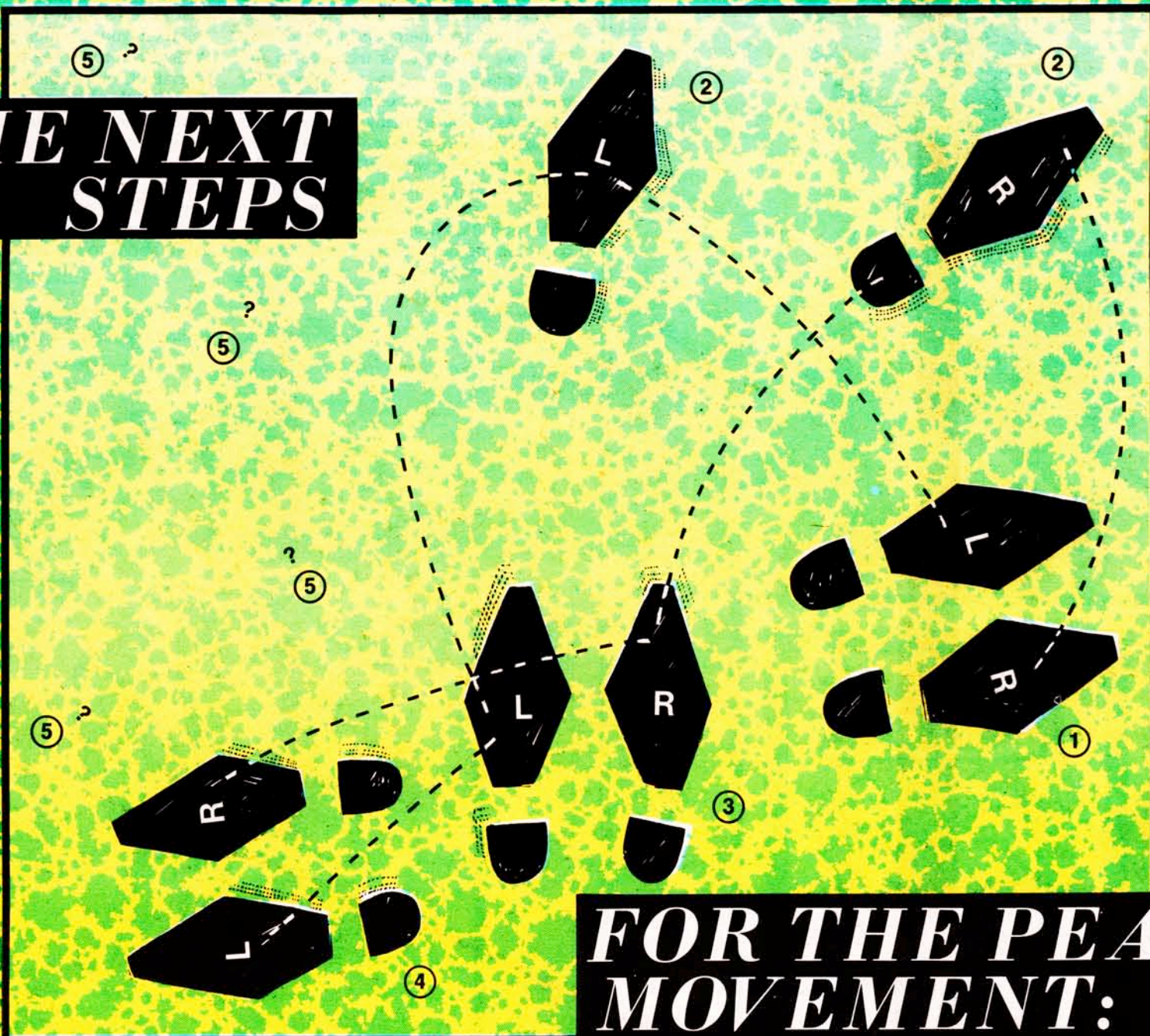
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A warm thank you to our readers, our advertisers, and our contributors for your ongoing support of *The Monthly Planet* and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. We wish you happy holidays, peace at home, health and prosperity in the new year. May we be strengthened in our vision of peace on earth, and in our ability to live accordingly.

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This alternative way to begin the New Year had 300 million participants in 1986, 800 million in 1987. The 1988 goal is 1.5 billion.

The past two years the Civic Auditorium has hosted one of the largest gatherings in the state. This year it is unavailable due to floor repairs. For the event to grow in Santa Cruz it must be decentralized—smaller groups and more of them. Ask that people get together, groups, organizations, households. Watch for announcements of public gatherings.

From 4 a.m. to 5 a.m., Saturday morning, December 31st, let's see how many people we can get awake, aware and focused on the Planet and her family.

For information or to have your local gathering listed or counted contact:

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## AN INVITATION TO THE CITIZENS OF THE WORLD

In the name of peace . . . .  
Annually on December 31st, hundreds of millions of concerned world citizens gather at 12 noon Greenwich Mean Time to think, visualize, pray and meditate for peace. You are invited to participate in this Global uniting of hearts and minds. Can you imagine a time when everyone living on this planet comes together in spirit—**AT THE SAME MOMENT IN TIME**—willing to put aside personal views, dogma and prejudices, in the name of peace? That is the goal of December 31st, World Healing Day.

Each citizen is the most important one, because that citizen may be the one more needed to make a difference. It is a big step to know and accept that, I am, an important link in the creation of world peace. The purpose of this letter is to give every citizen the opportunity to take that one step, that will positively contribute to world peace.

This is an invitation to all men, women and children of the world. We are affected by the lack of peace, from the very personal to global proportions. There is no easy quick solution. Peace will come as we, the citizens of the world, begin to take the steps that lead to peace. As we turn our thoughts and intentions toward creating peace, we can settle our differences and reconcile with each other; mend and make well the earth; unite as whole in spirit, mind and heart to create a peaceful world environment. Not just the absence of war but a state of cooperation, and justice and truth among all peoples, groups and nations. This is the ultimate purpose of World Healing Day. Annually we celebrate together as we see the vision of peace unfolding in the world.

Join in this global gathering for the healing and harmonizing of earth on December 31st. Spread the word by copying this letter, announcing the gathering of 1.5 billion people, mail it to everyone you know. Sign and mail your personal commitment below. For further information about this Event write to the address below or call (512) 537-4689.

Mail to: The Planetary Commission For Global Healing  
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I agree to be a part of the Worldwide Healing Grop that will unite in spirit at 12 noon Greenwich Mean Time on December 31st each year to help heal and harmonize the earth and all forms of life hereon.

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Signature

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### It Really Does Make a Difference

An open letter to Freeze members, supporters, and volunteers:

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your commitment to a peaceful planet and your willingness to act on that concern. I am impressed and inspired by your involvement in the elections—from taking the time to vote and encouraging others to vote, to saying "yes" yet again to our need for financial support, to mak-

ing a major time commitment to electoral work.

The get-out-the-vote campaign in this county was phenomenal—the Democrats, SCAN (Santa Cruz Action Network), Freeze Voter, and other local campaigns successfully turned out a record 80 percent of registered voters. The extent of local Freeze involvement in electoral work (through Freeze Voter of Santa Cruz County) was also unprecedented—among other things, 130 volunteers worked to make sure our 3000 local members were registered to vote, aware of our endorsements, and voting (many volunteers commented on the high level of political awareness and support among our membership).

Clearly, Bush's victory is a tragedy, and a frightening barometer of the political climate in this country. Yet it does not diminish the significance of our achievements, and the national election results were not all bad—there is no illusion of a "mandate" for Bush's agenda; Democrats in-

creased their majorities in the House and Senate; and National Freeze Voter won three out of four targeted Senate races to elect strong Freeze proponents. Still, we need to work very hard to mobilize the strong public support for a nuclear freeze and demonstrate to the Bush Administration that they should indeed "listen to the Freeze people." I encourage all of you to keep heart and stay active—yes, it really *does* make a difference! Again, thank you for *all* the good work you do.

Kai Siedenburg  
Santa Cruz County Freeze Voter

### Star Wars Technology Is No Quick Fix

The idea of a high tech shield of lasers with nuclear triggers in outer space such as the Strategic Defense Initiative (a misnomer) or "Star Wars" preys upon our hopes and dreams of a peaceful world. In actuality it is

a response for the quick fix by science and technology as old as humankind. A few years ago some technocrats were talking about a "priesthood" of scientists who could manage the long-range problems of dealing with nuclear waste and weapons production.

Since the days of siege guns and battering rams, fortresses and moats have been rendered useless even while giving a sense of psychological and physical security. In World War II the Maginot Line proved vulnerable to Hitler's Panzers and aircorps and in Vietnam the famous McNamara Line in the DMZ was easily infiltrated by dedicated NLF or Viet Cong nationalists fighting neo-colonialism.

No amount of technological wizardry (short of Tactical Nuclear Weapons) could have overcome a dedicated foe schooled in the art of guerrilla warfare. The root of the problem in Third World countries is the need for land, better distribution of food supplies, medical and educational services; i.e. social reform. Boundary disputes and improved human rights can be mediated by the good offices of neutral parties and/or international peacekeeping forces and observers.

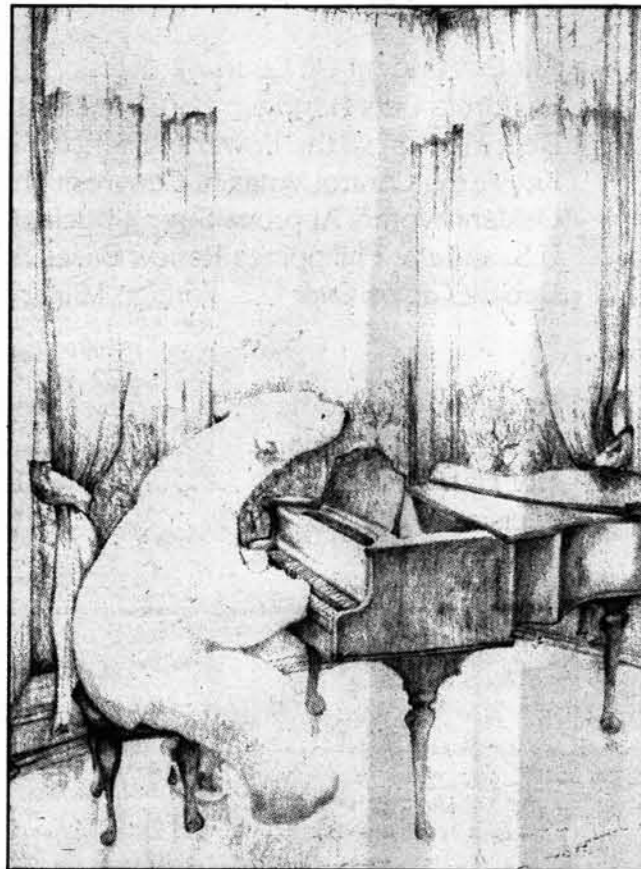
The technology of warfare—Star Wars is a good example—would cost trillions of dollars without providing any guarantee of security. The same amount of money spent for constructive aid, private and public, could provide (as the Marshall Plan proved) a means of bringing old enemies together in a peaceful context. Instead of a "balance of terror" we might have a balance based on reason and common sense. Rather than one country (such as the U.S.A.) acting as World Police Force we might initiate a World Peace Force of Peace Corps.

This is not a new idea; it has been around at least as long as the League of Nations, the U.N. Charter, the World Court, and Human Rights.

—Robert S. Hall  
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I have decided to resign from the Freeze in order to spend more time with my family and pursue a masters degree in social work. I'll miss seeing you all on a regular basis but hope to see you occasionally when I volunteer. By continuing to work together we can make the Freeze a reality. Again, thank you for your dedication.

—Kevin Clark  
Santa Cruz

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**Overseas  
Peace  
Correspondence**

*Aptos activist, Lea Wood, wears a lei of tiny cranes given her at the Nevada Test Site last March. She was one of the hundreds arrested for trespassing. Writing the maker of the lei, which consists of over 100 folded cranes arranged in shades of pink to red, she received a reply last month:*

Dear Lea Wood,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am sorry for having been slow in replying to it as I don't understand English.

I feel heartened that people like you are active in various ways for world peace. I have been folding small cranes with prayers for world peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons. This year I folded 13,400 cranes and made 100 leis with them.

On August 6, 1945 when the A-bomb was dropped, I was outdoors about 1.7 kilometers away from the epicenter. Miraculously, I survived with only heat burns on both my legs. However, the tragic scene, like a picture of hell, at the time will never fade from my memory.

At 70 years, I am now quite old. I am getting frail and sickly. But I still hope to continue to fold small cranes with my prayers.

I am sorry it has taken a long time to answer your letter since I cannot write in English. As it happened, my niece who lives in England visited me in Hiroshima for a few days recently. During her brief home-coming, I asked her to translate my letter into English.

I hope that you will stay in good health and continue your work for the abolition of nuclear weapons and world peace.

Yours sincerely,  
Sumiko Izawa  
Hiroshima, Japan  
October 20, 1988

**Nicaragua Needs Donations  
for Hurricane Damage**

In a few short hours, Hurricane Joan's rampage in Nicaragua did more deadly havoc to its population and economy than the havoc created by the years of Contra attacks on the infrastructure of this struggling Third World country. *Tico Times*, a Costa Rican newspaper, recently reported that damage in Nicaragua could reach as high as \$250 million. Although the article didn't minimize Costa Rica's tragic loss of lives and crops, it graphically described the effect of the eye of the storm in the Bluefields area of Nicaragua, which bore the brunt of the hurricane's assault.

The Nicaraguan Minister of Agriculture, Jaime Wheelock, said that the hurricane was an "ecological, economic and agricultural disaster." To date, the death toll is expected to reach 100. Three hundred thousand are homeless, 40,000 homes and 600 schools have been destroyed. This disaster, the worst since the 1972 earthquake, may have destroyed the entire rice crop, the bean harvest, and 80 percent of Nicaragua's main commercial crop, the coffee bean.

Although the international community is responding to this emergency, the United States government is waiting for a formal request. In the meantime, many private groups in our country have organized airlifts carrying medical supplies, inflatable boats and outboard motors. Bedding, canned goods, light weight clothing (especially children's) and medicines are still critically needed. The Central American Health Rights Committee, 429-9137, P.O. Box 366, Santa Cruz, CA 95061 will be shipping a container in the next few weeks. Contributions help change despair to hope in this storm-ravaged country.

—Ruth Hunter  
Santa Cruz

**Reagan/Bush  
Mismanage the Economy**

The Reagan-Bush Administration's claim of having created 17 million new jobs is specious at best. That number is of the same order of magnitude as the number of new personal computers produced in the same period, a phenomenon which had little or nothing to do with the Republicans.

Indeed, a case can be made that we would be enjoying a far better economy and more favorable regard in the world but for appalling mismanagement by this administration, which has engaged in disinformation techniques, mass-stultification by disinvestment in children's education and well-being, the conduct of illegal foreign wars, and the construction of first-strike, genocidal weaponry on an unprecedented scale.

The continuation for another four or eight years of a war-based economy of unrestrained deficit spending to build an enhanced first-strike capacity through retaliatory-missile-kill devices in orbit may bring about an intractably severe economic depression. This is of little concern to the people of extreme wealth who are now in power.

—Eliot Greenblatt  
Aptos



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*The Quiz*

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**Multiple Choice**

**What level of "non-lethal" Contra aid did Congress appropriate in 1988?**

- a) none.
- b) \$73.
- c) \$730,000.
- d) \$73 million.
- e) \$730 million.

**ERIS refers to**

- a) Exoatmospherric Reentry-vehicle Interceptor Subsystem.
- b) Emergency Reentry Implosion System.
- c) Electromagnetically Retrofitted Integrative Subcomponent.
- d) Extemporaneously Random-firing Intercontinental Submarines.
- e) The god of love.

**Ammonium perchlorate, nitrous cellulose-nitroglycerin and HMX are found in**

- a) Twinkies.
- b) Pepsi.
- c) Missile propellant.
- d) Fighter jet fuel.
- e) Low-level radioactive waste.

**How many Nuclear Free Zones are there in the world?**

- a) One hundred.
- b) Four hundred.
- c) One thousand.
- d) Two thousand.
- e) Four thousand.

**True/False**

\_\_\_\_\_ "Ground-hugging" is a traditional tactic for nonviolently resisting arrest.

\_\_\_\_\_ As of January 1, buying, manufacturing, or distributing imitation guns will be illegal in California.

\_\_\_\_\_ Recent surveys indicate that public support for increased military spending has dropped from 60-70% to 30% since the early 1980s.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lockheed's Bonny Doon facility employs 100 people.

**Short Answer**

What was first exposed to the media on November 22 in the Mojave Desert?

Who received a 0 rating on arms control votes from Council for a Livable World every year he/she was in office until 1988?

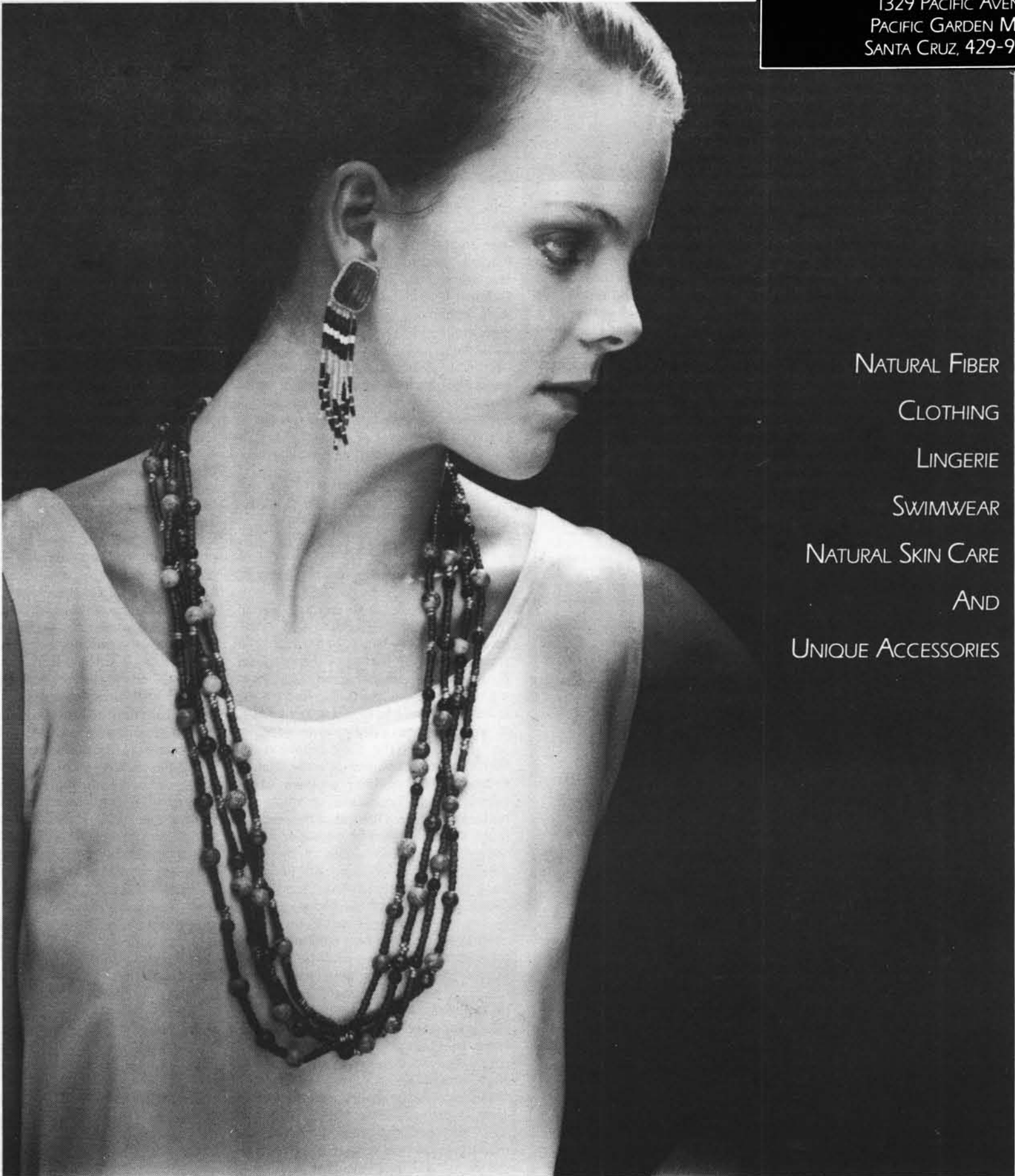
What historic breakthrough was declared "a great tragedy" by a prominent scientist on November 16?

What was inside "Clyde's Pride" on November 16?



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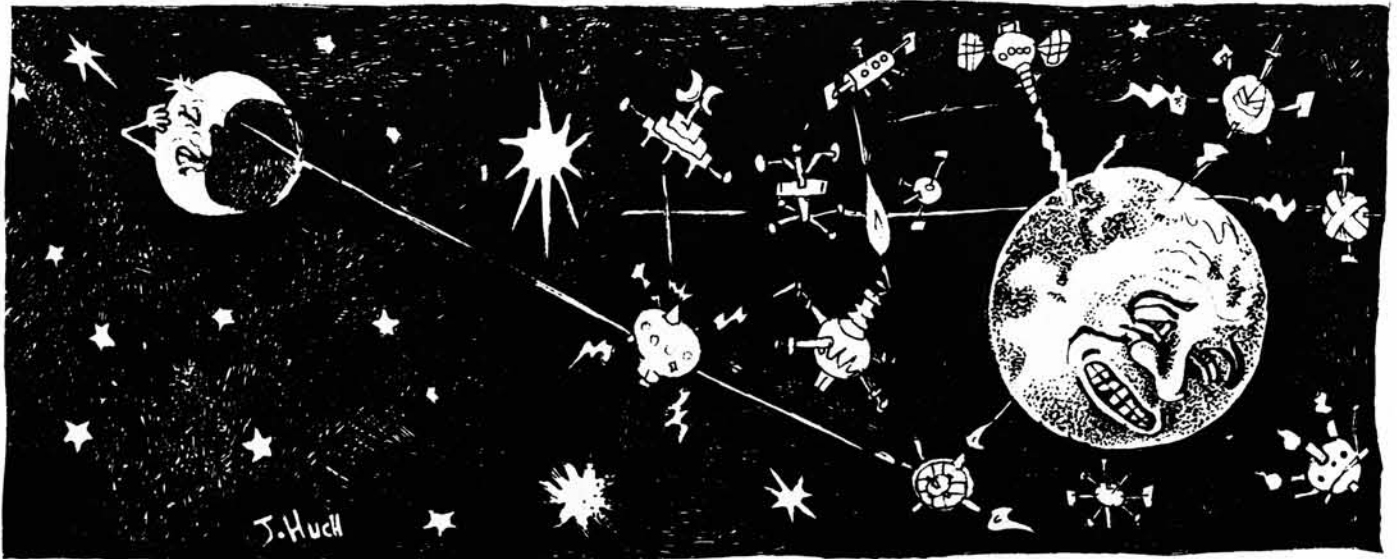
## Hot Flashes

### The Worst Defense Is a Good Offense

A change in the function of Star Wars weapons has been unveiled since the election. The exotic weapons, supposedly being developed to shoot down incoming missiles, have now been publicly cast in the much more controversial role of destroying satellites in space.

Officials have been aware of the anti-satellite (ASAT) potential of Star Wars weapons for years—satellites are much easier to track and hit than ballistic missiles. However, they have played down this capacity and carefully packaged the technology as a defensive system to protect the U.S. from enemy missiles. Yet today, nearly six years and more than \$16 billion after the Reagan Administration launched its Strategic Defense Initiative, pressure to produce tangible results is mounting, and an ASAT system is within relatively close reach.

Star Wars critics, too, have been aware of the ASAT applications of Star Wars technology. They argue that such weapons increase the risk of war by threatening vital communications and early warning satellites. This threat diminishes confidence in the ability to deter an attack, and consequently heightens the instability of crisis situations. Others contend that promoting anti-satellite technology is short-sighted because the U.S., with its far-flung forces and greater reliance on military-based satellites, has far more to lose in an accel-



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erated race to deploy ASAT systems. Such technology is so destabilizing that an anti-satellite weapons testing moratorium is the one arms control provision Congress has refused to back down on for years.

Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union have anti-satellite technology, but the U.S. scrapped its program last year. The Soviet Union hasn't tested its ASAT weapon since 1982, and has pledged to continue the moratorium if the U.S. follows suit.

At this point, it is unclear what stance the Bush Administration will take toward an anti-satellite system, although Vice President-elect Quayle has advocated building one and the Republican platform calls for rapid deployment. Military offi-

cialists predict that the technology will be available in the early 1990s, much earlier than an anti-missile system will become feasible. According to Lt. Gen. Robert Hammond, head of the Army's Strategic Defense Command, two classes of Star Wars technology are readily available for anti-satellite use. One specific system, the Exoatmospheric Reentry-vehicle Interceptor Subsystem (ERIS), could function as an ASAT weapon with only minor modifications.

(sources: *New York Times*, 11-27; *Union of Concerned Scientists*)

—Kai Siedenburg

granted. The arms control/budget control connection is recognized in a proposal to bargain away sea-launched cruise missiles (SLCM's) for a mobile MX. The Soviets (and many American experts) oppose SLCM's because they're hard to verify.

(source: *New York Times*, 11-27, 11-28)

—Ralph Chernoff

### Nuclear Power Industry: A Hostile Takeover?

A flagging nuclear power industry received a shot-in-the-arm last month from an executive order issued by President Reagan. The order allows the federal government to override recalcitrant state and local authorities who stand in the way of nuclear power plant licensing. A second order released concurrently maps out specific steps for a military takeover of the civilian nuclear power industry in the event of a national emergency. No statement accompanied the orders which, according to administration officials, were signed after the election to avoid backlash at the polls.

Reagan's first directive allows the federal government to step in and draw up evacuation plans for nuclear power plants when state and local officials refuse to do so. Until recently, such non-cooperation has been a successful tool for localities not wishing to donate their surroundings to the nuclear industry, for without evacuation plans a new plant cannot be licensed.

It is believed that the order was aimed at New York's Shoreham plant and at New Hampshire's Seabrook plant, both of which face dismantling due to their inability to procure licensing. But according to industry experts, nothing short of a miracle can save the two plants which are irretrievably mired in debt.

It's the second directive that has drawn the most opposition, for it enables the federal government to commandeer civilian power plants and to seize any materials that are needed to maintain the nuclear arsenal. Such action is an affront to federal legislation which prohibits the use of civilian reactors for military purposes, and it would violate the international Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which the United States signed in 1968.

NRC officials are uneasy over the vague language of the order, which fails to specify what circumstances would constitute a

### Arms Spending Cuts— or Are They?

A report prepared by Brent Scowcroft, who will be George Bush's national security advisor, proposes cutting \$300 billion from the Pentagon's spending plan for the next five budget years, 1990 through 1994. However, careful reading of the proposal shows that it would *not* cut military spending below present levels (just under \$300 billion per year) and would in fact allow it to grow 2 percent per year over inflation. So where does the \$300 billion come from? Scowcroft assumes that the original Reagan military build-up program, which called for wildly escalating Pentagon budgets for at least the rest of the century, is still in effect. It may be on paper, but in reality it's dead—a victim of the very deficit crisis which it (along with Reagan's huge tax cuts) created. Thus Scowcroft's \$300 billion is pure smoke and mirrors; it's money which Congress isn't going to appropriate anyway. In fact, most observers think that the Pentagon will be lucky to keep up with inflation in the face of fierce resistance by congressional Democrats to the further erosion of social programs. This view is supported by recent surveys which show that support for more military spending is down to 15 percent. It was 60-70 percent in the early Reagan years.

The Scowcroft report makes several specific proposals for cutting Pentagon costs, such as cutting back aircraft carrier operations, putting active units on reserve status, etc. Curiously the *New York Times* article on the report makes no mention of Star Wars. This glaring omission seems to indicate that its demise is taken for

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national security emergency. The recent shutdown of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Plant in South Carolina has left the military without a source of tritium, a perishable hydrogen explosive used in nuclear warheads; and it appears that for the time being, the plant will remain closed. But the DOE shrugs off any link of the order with the current woes of the weapons industry. Says department spokesperson C. Anson Franklin: "One should not assume that the government has plans to take over the civilian reactors."

(sources: *New York Times*: 11-10, 11-19, 11-20, 11-21, 11-22; *Los Angeles Times*: 11-19)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

## Big Buck Bombers Fall Down on the Job

Despite the fact that piloted bombers were rendered obsolete by the development of rocket-propelled nuclear missiles some 25 years ago, the U.S. continues to build new—and ever more expensive—species of these airborne dinosaurs. The old B-52 (of *Dr. Strangelove* fame) was followed by the B-1, which is now followed by the B-2, which will, doubtless, be followed by the B-3, and so on.

The latest of these, the hitherto hush-hush B-2 bomber, was first exposed to media view on November 22 at the Mojave Desert plant of its builder, Northrop Corp. Called the "Stealth" bomber because it is supposed to be invisible to radar, the B-2 follows hard upon the ill-fated B-1, four of which have already crashed (three in the last 14 months). The B-1 was designed to evade ground-based radar by "ground-hugging," i.e., by flying below the horizon. Unfortunately, while ground-hugging may be a good way to evade Soviet radar, it turns out to be a poor way to evade the ground. Another B-1 problem (revealed by the latest crash) is the lack of de-icing equipment, which seems a bit odd since Russia is definitely known to have ice. The total cost of the 100 B-1's built to date is \$26 billion.

Unlike the B-1, which tries to hide from radar, the B-2/Stealth bomber relies on its peculiar shape (kind of like a boomerang) to reduce its radar visibility. But it pays a heavy price to do so; it is slower, carries half the payload, but costs twice as much as the B-1. The Pentagon says the B-2 will cost \$500 million each, but the actual cost will, of course, be far higher.

As the Union of Concerned Scientists points out, the B-2 is strictly a first-strike weapon (bombers are useless for retaliation because ballistic missiles will have destroyed all important targets long before the bombers can get to them).

(sources: *New York Times*, 11-18, 11-19, 11-20; *Los Angeles Times*, 11-19, 11-21)

—Ralph Chernoff

## Which Father Knows Best?

The "fathers" of the Soviet and American hydrogen bombs met for the first time November 16 and clashed over Star Wars and the doctrine of first use of nuclear

weapons. Soviet physicist and human-rights activist Andrei Sakharov met for 20 minutes with American physicist Edward Teller before a dinner honoring Dr. Teller in Washington, D.C.

Sakharov criticized the enormous cost of the Strategic Defense Initiative and predicted it would destabilize the Soviet-American military balance. He warned that if one side deployed an anti-missile system, the other might be tempted to destroy it and thereby initiate a nuclear war. Teller countered that every nation had a right to defend itself and that the U.S. would share its Star Wars research with other nations.

The day before, Sakharov had received the Albert Einstein Peace Prize from a board of academic and business leaders. After accepting the award, Sakharov appealed to NATO countries to abandon their longstanding insistence on reserving the right to first use of nuclear weapons, asserting that any use would "very quickly escalate into large-scale thermonuclear war." Western leaders argue that the doctrine of first use is necessary to compensate for what they see as Soviet advantages in conventional forces.

The Soviet physicist also appealed to the Soviet Union to undertake "a unilateral reduction of military forces." Yet Sakharov combined his appeal with a general endorsement of the Soviet Union's arms control policies, including pursuit of a pledge of no first use by either side.

(source: *New York Times*, 11-16, 11-18)

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## Feature

# Another Trident Off Course

by Bob Aldridge

Conditions became acute in Alabama on November 16, 1988 when an afternoon freight train en route to Cape Canaveral edged east from Birmingham. It derailed a mile outside of Talladega at about 4:00 p.m. Steel box car number DODX 29504 left the tracks with a pair of Trident-2 (D-5) missile motors inside. Flashing warning lights and placard reading "EXPLOSIVES A" prompted sheriff deputies to immediately evacuate 30 people living within a half-mile radius. Explosives A top the danger list.

Three Trident-2 test missiles have been destroyed for wandering off course this year. Now another wayward rocket, or at least the most explosive parts of one, has gone off track before it even got off the

ground. This close shave epitomizes the danger that rides the roads and rails of America.

Nothing happened and no one was hurt in Alabama. Luck was with us that time. But had "Clyde's Pride" — as the steel car was named — overturned, this story could have had a different ending. Had it caught fire, the consequences would have been tragic. Had these events happened in a city, the outcome would have been catastrophic.

This is the second derailment of a Trident missile train. The first occurred in April 1986 while carrying Trident-1 motors to Sub Base Bangor in Washington. Trident-2 motors are much larger and contain over twice the amount of explosive

propellant. Even a half-mile safety zone may not be sufficient.

Trident motors use a new high-energy propellant containing ammonium perchlorate, nitrous cellulose-nitroglycerin and something designate HMX. The actual

perature and wind conditions a motor explosion would damage the nearby town. Cape Canaveral also has a remote wharf for loading Trident test missiles into submarines. Only essential personnel are present during those operations to mini-

*This is the second derailment of a Trident missile train.*

composition is secret but they are a real bomb which can be detonated by a sharp blow. The resulting is so powerful that test launches at Cape Canaveral take place according to stringent weather criteria because under certain inverted tem-

mize fatalities in case of an accident.

The Navy requires wide buffer areas around all locations where Trident motors are handled and assembled. But no such safety zone exists along railroad tracks and roads during transit. That is because, according to the Navy, commercial carriers are subject only to Department of Transportation regulations which specify no such zones — only special instructions which say that if a fire reaches the cargo everyone, firefighters and the public alike, must withdraw to at least one-half mile from the scene. Under such cavalier procedures, these multi-ton bombs pass through our communities unannounced. Even the Alabama sheriffs didn't know what was in the fractious boxcar on November 16th.

Trains and trucks criss-cross our nation daily carrying a wide spectrum of rocket motors for missile tests operational weapons and space launches. If a main highway or railroad track passes through your community, there is a good chance that this dangerous cargo also goes by. We have been fortunate so far. The next time may be the Transportation Department's equivalent of the Challenger disaster.

If you are concerned you can get advice on what to do in your area. Contact Ground Zero/Agape, 16159 Clear Creek Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Phone: (206) 692-7053.

*Bob Aldridge is a former Trident missile engineer who is now engaged in private research to improve public understanding of military activities. His latest book, Nuclear Empire, will be published by New Star Books Ltd. in January 1989 (2504 York St., Vancouver, B.C., V6K 1E3 Canada).*



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## Feature

# State Gets Handgun Ban— at Least from Toy Shelves

by Margaret Reynolds

Nowhere is the line between make-believe and reality more blurred than in toyland. Grown-ups as well as children are confused by real guns that look like toys, and toys that look like real guns. Over the past few years, look-alike guns have been used in a spate of holdups, rapes and muggings. Police have shot children and adults, mistaking their toys for real weapons. Children have been killed while playing with real guns they assumed to be toys.

## Activist's Notebook

The plastic Saturday-night-specials that escape detection on airport monitors have now been outlawed nationally, and war toy activists are joining police chiefs throughout the country in lobbying for laws against look-alike toys. In California, they have succeeded. On January 1, when SB-1795 becomes law, it will be illegal to buy, manufacture or distribute imitation guns.

Only one year ago, SB-1795 was not even imagined. We at the Children's Committee of the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz were unsuccessfully urging local municipal governments to follow the City of Burbank's lead, and ban the sale or "malicious brandishing" of imitation weapons. Only the Santa Cruz City Council approved the idea, and even it refused to pass an ordinance, on the grounds that without similar action in neighboring communities the ordinance would be futile.

Our efforts drew negative editorials from local newspapers, and the local TV outlet (KRUZ) opined that to restrict the free choice of toy buyers was downright fascist. So we returned to our usual activities of leafletting, petitioning and speaking to



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prison sentences and fines. The Committee felt strongly that the law should have used fines and community service as a deterrent, at least until it was tested.

At this point Santa Cruz City Council member Jane Weed suggested rewriting the bill, with explanations for the proposed changes. Since we were used to doing things with little chance of success, we set about the job. If nothing else happened, we hoped to give legislators some ideas about alternatives to prison. We changed the crime to a misdemeanor, and reduced the punishment to community service and fines payable to peace organizations such as the Freeze or the Resource Center.

To our delight and amazement, the city council approved the new draft unanimously and forwarded it to the Judiciary Committee of the state senate. Meanwhile, Senator Henry Mello agreed to co-

length commercials that are the main instrument of war toy sales. For license renewal, TV stations would have to prove

that they provide programs "in the public interest," as they did before the Reagan Administration's Federal Communications Commission began an era of deregulation.

War toys are still big business, but we begin to see change. Our "Turn Off the TV Week" had tremendous support from parents and teachers. The G.I. Joe toys have gone from first to third on the list of top sellers. A year ago Lazer Tag was a best-selling war game; now its makers are in bankruptcy. A year ago, even a local ordinance against replica guns was impossible; now we have these dangerous toys prohibited throughout the state. Parents everywhere are beginning to see the connection between child's play and adult militarism. It's exciting to be part of that awakening.

For further resources on the war toy boycott, or information about the Children's Committee, call the Resource Center for Nonviolence at 423-1626.

Margaret Reynolds works with the Children's Committee of the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz.

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parent and teacher groups about the violence of war toys, and the connection between TV advertising and war toy sales.

In late winter, however, interest was renewed when David Roberti, president of the California State Senate, proposed a bill to ban the sale, manufacture and distribution of look-alike guns. There was now a new law on the books against "malicious brandishing." Unfortunately, when the Resource Center got a copy of the bill and read it, hope plummeted again. As proponents of alternatives to incarceration, the Children's Committee could not support a bill that might add to the overcrowding of prisons. Roberti's bill would have made criminals of salespeople and toymakers, calling their acts felonies, punishable by

sponsor the bill, which passed both houses with most of our changes intact. The fines of course must go to the state, and manufacture of imitation guns for export is still permitted, but our main concern was heard. After January 1, imitation gun sales will be restricted to movie and theatrical producers. Antique replicas will be allowed only for museum displays and under glass in National Rifle Association gun rooms.

Thus, after New Year's Day, when we visit toy stores with our petitions, we'll also offer them a copy of SB-1795. And in a related area, although Reagan vetoed the Bruce-Markey Bill to limit commercials on children's TV, Senator Timothy Wirth of Colorado is already preparing a stronger bill to include prohibition of the program-

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## Feature

## December 31st: the Power of Silence

interview by Risa Krive

At 4 a.m. on the morning of December 31, we are each asked to simultaneously meet in spirit for one hour with as many as one and a half billion people of the Earth's nations, to visualize, contemplate, pray and meditate for world peace.

For the past two years the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium held the largest local December 31 gathering. This year we are required to create our own personal means of participating.

The following is a discussion with Michael Abbey, one of the local coordinators of the December 31 Event.

## Interview

**RISA: What do people need to know in order to be able to participate in the December 31 Event, in order to link up together for peace?**

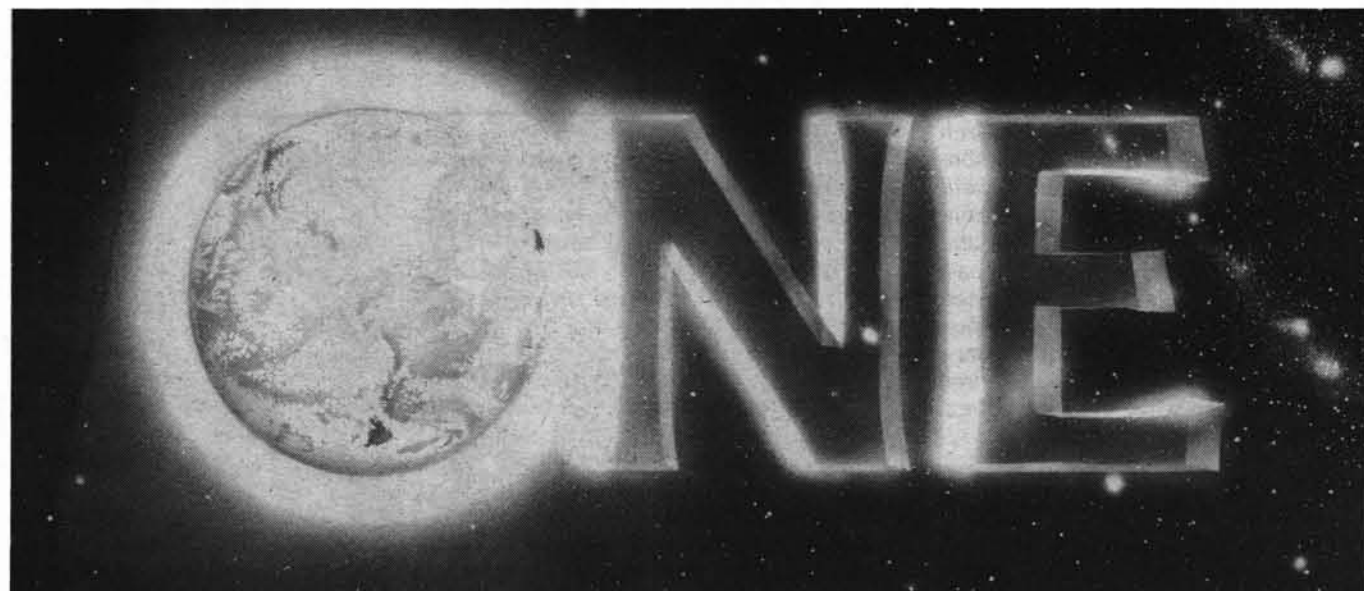
**MICHAEL:** For one hour of our time it's important to be still and quiet and inside yourself. The time is 4 a.m., December 31. It's not on the evening of New Year's Eve. It's early Saturday morning before the sun comes up on Dec. 31. This time was chosen because it's the same day all the way around the world, wherever you are on the dateline. Four a.m. is actually one of the best times—everything is very calm and quiet and the hustle and bustle of the day hasn't started yet. The last two years we've had large gatherings at the Civic Auditorium. The first year we had over 2,400 people—the capacity is 1,900 people, so you can imagine how cozy it was. The second year about 1,200 people came. It seemed a lot of people had their own smaller events elsewhere in the community. There was probably more participation county-wide the second year.

This year, because of work being done at the Civic, we can't be there. We are putting on a small event at Unity Temple, but really this is an opportunity for everybody to take some responsibility to plan their own thing, or just get together with friends, because if this is going to grow every year, we can't fit everybody into one place.

The first year, the goal was 50 million people participating and we've had reports that over 300 million participated. The second year there were 800 million people participating. This year the goal is one and a half billion people. That's about one third of the world's population.

**RISA: Is more expected of Santa Cruz County than of other places, just as we are expected to have a higher percentage of progressive voters?**

**MICHAEL:** Santa Cruz had the biggest gathering in the state, the 3rd or 4th largest in this country. We have the highest percentage of people involved in the country right here. We are very progressive in many ways, and we are a very spiritually oriented town. There are many diverse spiritual points of view. The first gathering was a very good demonstration of unity for so many of us to sit so close together, in one room for one hour of silence. It seemed to me that it lasted about 10 minutes. There's a lot of energy generated when so



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many people get together. Often the speaker, entertainer, sporting event, or whatever has brought everybody together seems to be the source of the energy. But the real source is all of those people together. When people together focus on the Earth, and our place on the Earth, it is incredibly powerful. Many people have said that Dec. 31 was a big turning point in their lives, that they started doing things differently afterward.

We are discovering that we each have to accept responsibility for what we have created. We are all creative, and we are all creating our world every day. It's really easy to blame it on everybody out there and say, "I would have peace in my world, if it weren't for all those bad guys out there." But that's part of the problem, that so many people are blaming somebody else rather than accepting their own part in it.

When I started working on this people were looking up to me as a leader. When I was frustrated, I would come home and take it out on my wife or kids or friends and I had to stop and say, "Am I a hypocrite? Am I just going to go out and talk about peace, and then come home and blast my relations?" It's easy to say the shadow government is doing this and that, but in reality I was doing very much the same thing in my own life in microcosm. We have to work on our own inner secret team. We each have our own inner good guys and bad guys, by whatever name you give it. Some people think earthquakes will rid the earth of all bad people, or that Christ will come back to save us, or UFO's will clean up the planet for us. A lot of people think things will be OK when the Christic Institute goes to court. But this court case alone won't change the way the majority of people deal with things.

**RISA: Taking responsibility for our own connection to the Earth and to each other will cause changes in our lives.**

**MICHAEL:** Yes, although this year, the election and the seeming setbacks that the Christic Institute is going through have discouraged a lot of people. The message of the media, all of the coverage and the polls that led up to the election, was "Why try? You are insignificant. Unless you have

a lot of money, or some big organization, you're not going to make a difference." A lot of people bought it, and many people think there is no sense in trying to plan an alternative way to govern ourselves so things can work. Likewise, when the Harmonic Convergence occurred, the media did what the powers that be do with anything that is empowering for people: they make fun of it, they ridicule it, they trivialize it and make anybody who's participating in it seem real flaky and foolish. The thing is that there are plenty of flaky and

foolish people to zero in on. Then the people sitting on the fence think it's silly or that it's a nice idea, but it's not going to work.

People who have a connection with their own spiritual source always have their line of supply, their anchor. But a lot of people are walking the fence. Many people got discouraged in 1988. So I feel that this is a very important year for the meditation. We need each other now, to help support each other *not* to get discouraged and to move forward. All of these

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covert and corrupt and polluting events have been going on for a very long time, and it's now coming out. The truth is, things are much better now because people are starting to find out about it.

I'm looking forward to a time in this country when enough people become aware of what is going on to become outraged and empowered. This happened in the Philippines in 1986. Without a shot being fired they ran Marcos out of the country, because enough people were tired of it and were willing to just say no. Of course, now they have to learn how to do it themselves because Daddy Marcos isn't there any more telling them what to do, and that's part of the problem—a lot of people don't want to take the responsibility. They want someone to tell them what to do.

Now that we find that the leaders have basically been lying to us and stealing from us we all have to become our own leaders. Things are really going to change in the next 20 years. How are we going to weather it? Are we going to forge another organization, with another leader, to tell us what to do? Or will we as individuals start becoming our own leaders? That's why I was attracted to this event. There isn't any one organization telling people what to do. It would have been okay to have a big space again, but a lot of fluke events occurred so that it didn't work out, and it's just as well. This is empowering for anyone who gets involved because everyone is feeling it as they go along—at home with whatever ritual or whatever thing they use to help them feel good about themselves and to get aligned with the positive things

that are going on. As the process of peace grows, we need to spread out and be decentralized. Now we're just publicizing the event to let people know that it's happening so they can do it on their own.

**RISA: We'll never know if enough people are doing it to make a difference unless we ourselves are doing it. We all have to participate.**

MICHAEL: Yes. I believe that you create your own reality. But there are billions of people on this planet, and everyone is creating his or her own reality. There is something called Consensus Reality: what people agree on as being real. Reality is a psychic democracy. As the majority of people hold a fixed idea of what the world is, that is the pervasive reality. Right now, most people get their reality from television. Everything on TV is so impressive. The news seems so real.

The most insidious thing going on is people being lulled to sleep, into thinking that nothing can change and there's no point in making an effort to do anything about our problems. Many people have given up and gone to sleep. There's an experiment done with a frog: if you put a frog into hot water, it will immediately jump out because it feels the heat. But if you put a frog in a pot of cold water and slowly raise the temperature, it won't resist. It will go to sleep and die. A lot of people are not aware of how the temperature has risen and how the oppression has grown and they're just slowly accepting it in degrees and cooking, not becoming outraged. You can't force people to wake

up. You can only present this option for peace, and say, "Will you help?" It's like the election—if you resign yourself to thinking there is no solution to our problems, you've just handed it over to the other side.

**RISA: Unlike an election, the December 31 meditation won't be tallied at the end.**

MICHAEL: Right, no one will tell us how successful it was. You'll feel it. This is the scariest thing to the people in power now. How can you control a population of people who are empowered, who have their own inner strength to guide them and who won't automatically believe what they are told? Everyone is becoming more aware of the battle between good and evil on this planet. The "bad guys" use denial and deception as their main weapon—outright lying about what they are doing, and creating false images to lead people astray.

This also happens in religious organizations. There are truly bona fide spiritual people, and then there are religious organizations that seem to be set up just to discredit spirituality. In UFO research, 80 percent of the information is bullshit that is purposely put out there to mislead. It's the same in the political arena—the CIA has worked for years to set up deceptive front organizations in other countries, such as masquerading as Sandinistas to give Sandinistas a bad name.

What is it that we have to rely on to get us through all this illusion? It's our own spirit telling us what's true and what's false, and us trusting it. So that one hour on Dec.

31 is a way of letting go of all the bullshit that's put on us constantly, all the distractions, the "have-tos," the "shoulds" and the pressures.

**RISA: Letting go of those illusions so that what's real can grow.**

MICHAEL: Yes. And it definitely needs to be nurtured and allowed to grow instead of constantly being stepped on and destroyed by people telling us that their way of being is the way to be. Our government says that the way to have peace is to carry around a gun. This is a total illusion, and a lot of people believe it. But if you get a lot of people together with a different mindset, their reality is different. This is true for people whose reality includes spiritual levels that you basically can't prove or disprove, things that you can't scientifically examine. The general consensus is that such things don't exist, because you can't photograph it, study it, measure it, or put a name on it. To me the most powerful thing about Dec. 31 is that, in that one hour, we are reading between the lines. The message is not the words, it's in the space between all of the things that we think about: thoughts like "the world is not peaceful because of whoever is in power." And yet, when you STOP, and still your mind, and you quiet all those anxieties, then you get to a place where there is peace, and there is a different reality than what we're being told is real. That's where people will get their strength to deal with this polluted consensus reality that we live in.

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*Legislative Update*

# The 100th Congress: a Terrible Record on Arms Control

by Shelly D'Amour

The 100th Congress is now history. Members are returning to their home districts for the holidays while the Bush team prepares to take up residence in the Oval Office this January. This is an appropriate time to take stock of the last two years, and to look ahead a little to what we might expect from the 101st legislative session.

The overall performance of Congress on military issues during the Reagan years has been, optimistically speaking, abysmal. Many arms control advocates looked to the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate to hold the line on military spending, and to advance a strong arms control agenda. They couldn't have been more disappointed on both counts. With very little substantive resistance from Congress, the Reagan agenda went through pretty much according to plan.

The principal ally, this year as in years past, has been the Democratic leadership of the House and Senate—that is, the chairs of the two Armed Services Committees, and not infrequently the speaker of the House and the Senate majority leader. If that seems like a strange statement, consider this: in 1986 the Democratic leadership, in consultation with the administration, threw away the entire arms control package passed by Congress so that Reagan could go to Reykjavik with hands unbound. In 1987 they did the same thing, so that Reagan could go to the summit.

This year—well, your guess is as good as mine. It was an election year for one thing, and congressmembers were anxious to adjourn in time to campaign. The Democrats might have viewed the upcoming election as an opportunity to highlight the differences between themselves and



the administration. Instead, they backed down from many of the arms control provisions they had passed in conference, in part to avoid a showdown and possible veto by the president just prior to election day.

Are the Democrats just suffering from a bad case of low self-esteem? I'll leave it for you to judge. Whatever the problem, it's been as frustrating for lobbyists and activists as it has been for those individual members of Congress who have sincerely tried to bring about some change in Washington. Over the last few years, a certain scenario has developed in the course of the legislative agenda. It goes something like this:

**JANUARY**  
President submits budget. Democratic

leadership calls it totally unacceptable. Many speeches.

**FEBRUARY-APRIL**  
Democrats propose, and usually pass, arms control provisions to the defense bill. Lots of posturing by Democrats on the need for arms control. More speeches.  
**MAY-AUGUST**

If Democrats actually manage to pass an authorizations bill, the president vetoes it. Democrats drop the whole bill, after first rolling the arms control provisions into the appropriations bill.

**SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER**  
Democrats pass an appropriations bill, including some arms control provisions. President announces he is shortly going to meet with the Soviets, and any attempt by Congress to impose arms control measures on him at this time would severely

hamper any chance for an arms control agreement.

Democratic leadership, politically astute as they are, buy this line of reasoning and scuttle the arms control provisions their respective legislative bodies had just passed.

**DECEMBER**  
President comes back without arms treaty (surprise!). Democrats say, "next year it will be different."

**JANUARY**  
President submits new budget...


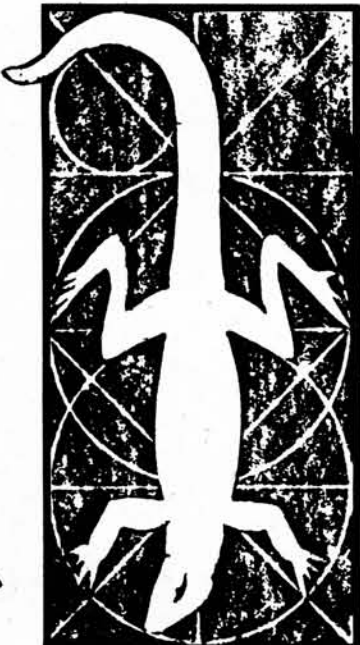
However, there were some bright spots. The Senate did ratify the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty. And the House of Representatives stood up to the president on military aid to the Contras. A lot of people both in and out of Congress worked very hard on these issues. These victories belong to them.

Looking ahead to 1989, there may not be much change philosophically in the White House, but the Democratic presence has increased in both the House and the Senate. The elevation of Maine Senator George J. Mitchell, a strong liberal, to the post of majority leader may signal new possibilities for the Democratic leadership.

Locally, Democratic Representative Leon Panetta easily won re-election in the 16th congressional district. Mr. Panetta will become chair of the Budget Committee next year—an extremely powerful and influential position.

Republican Tom Campbell won a narrow victory over Democrat Anna Eschoo in a race for the 12th district seat vacated by Republican Ernest Konnyu. In the California Senate race, Republican incumbent Pete Wilson defeated Democratic challenger Leo McCarthy by a comfortable margin.

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### An Overview of Congressional Votes in 1988

Utilizing information provided by Council for a Livable World (CLW), I did a statistical analysis on the key arms control votes of 1988. The results indicate an overwhelmingly united Republican anti-arms control minority shored up against a splintered Democratic majority.

For example, based on the 13 top arms control votes in the Senate in 1988, 34 senators (30 Democrats, 4 Republicans) received a pro-arms control rating of 85 to 100 percent from CLW. Thirty-three senators (11 Democrats, 22 Republicans) earned ratings of 0 to 54 percent. The remaining 33 senators fall somewhere in between.

In California, Democratic Senator Alan Cranston received an 85 percent rating (he was absent for 2 votes). For the first time in his career, Republican Senator Pete Wilson broke his perfect 0 record on arms control and received an 8 percent rating, due to his support of INF Treaty ratification. How-

ever, two days prior to this he voted for an amendment that would have essentially scuttled the treaty.

With regard to the 13 top arms control votes in the House, 139 representatives (136 Democrats, 3 Republicans) received a pro-arms control rating of 85 to 100 percent, while 81 representatives (67 Democrats, 14 Republicans) earned ratings of 50 to 84 percent. A staggering 214 House members (163 Republicans, 51 Democrats) voted pro-arms control positions 0 to 49 percent of the time. Many of the Democrats in this third group were from southern states or else were absent for most votes. Clearly, the Republicans hung together and made effective use of their smaller numbers while the Democrats squandered their majority voting power. Locally, 16th congressional district Representative Leon Panetta received a perfect score of 100 percent from CLW, while outgoing 12th district Representative Ernest

Konnyu earned 7 percent.

In terms of issues, the highest pro-arms control votes were generally those in support of treaties. For example, the Senate defeated all attempts to derail the INF Treaty, ratifying it by a vote of 93 to 5. In the House, both SALT II and the ABM Treaties enjoyed broad support. However, except for the INF Treaty, these votes are mostly symbolic, and have little actual substance to them.

Issues regarding funding for specific nuclear weapons programs were more tightly contested. The House dealt with 2 MX/Midgetman votes, 5 Star Wars votes, 2 on anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons, and 1 on Trident-2, voting a majority pro-arms control position 7 out of 11 times. The Senate considered 5 amendments on Star Wars, and 1 on the MX, voting a majority pro-arms control position 2 out of 7 times.

On nuclear testing, the House passed (and later dropped) an amendment to

enact a one-year moratorium on underground nuclear weapons testing. The Senate voted to table (kill) a similar bill.

Opponents of Contra aid had their work cut out for them this year, as wave upon wave of funding proposals hit the House and Senate floors. In all, 7 separate bills and numerous amendments were debated. The high point of the year came early, when, following a spectacular 12-hour debate last February, the House defeated a Reagan administration proposal for military aid. However, over \$73 million in so-called "non-lethal" aid was approved in 1988. Central America strategists on both sides of the issue are gearing up now for what will become the major debate in 1989—what to do with the Contras and their families currently living in camps along the Honduran border.

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# Key Arms Control Votes in Congress This Year

by Shelly D'Amour

What follows is a summary of the major arms control and Central America votes of the U.S. Congress in 1988:

### Nuclear Testing

#### HOUSE

Amendment to the fiscal year 1989 Defense Authorization bill to ban underground nuclear tests over one kiloton, as long as the Soviets do the same. April 28. Adopted 214-186. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

The Defense Authorization bill was vetoed by the president. The amendment was included in the Defense Appropriations bill, but later dropped by House leadership in negotiation with the administration.

#### SENATE

Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to ban underground nuclear weapons tests over 5 kilotons as long as the Soviets do the same. May 12. Adopted 57-39. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

### Star Wars

#### HOUSE

1. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to increase the proposed level of Star Wars funding to \$4.9 billion. May 4. Rejected 105-312. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Panetta: no  
Konnyu: no

2. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to terminate the Star Wars program. May 4. Rejected 118-299. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

3. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to increase Star Wars funding to \$4.1 billion. May 4. Rejected 190-227. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Panetta: no  
Konnyu: yes

4. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to reduce Star Wars funding to \$3.5 billion. May 4. Adopted 223-195. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

5. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to limit funding for the Space-Based Interceptor. May 4. Adopted 244-174. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

#### SENATE

1. Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill that sought to cut Star Wars funding by \$700 million. May 11. Adopted 66-29. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

2. Motion to reconsider an amendment to cut \$700 million from the Star Wars budget and transfer it to the NASA program (this is different from the amendment listed in #1 above). May 11. Rejected 48-50. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Cranston: yes

Wilson: no

3. Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill that sought to transfer \$600 million out of Star Wars and into various conventional military programs. May 13. Adopted 51-43. The Freeze opposed the motion.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

4. Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Appropriations bill to transfer \$500 million out of the NASA program into the Star Wars program. August 5. Adopted 50-44. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Cranston: absent  
Wilson: no

### MX/Midgetman

#### HOUSE

1. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to cut all funds for the MX rail-garrison basing mode. May 5. Rejected 143-265. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

2. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to cut \$400 million from the MX rail-garrison program and redistribute it: \$100 million to the Midgetman missile program and \$300 million into conventional weapons programs. May 5. Adopted 233-171. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

#### SENATE

1. Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill which sought to cut \$500 million from the MX rail-garrison program and transfer it to conventional programs. May 12. Adopted 61-36. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

In conference committee, Congress agreed on a figure of \$250 million for the MX program. However, in their negotiations with the Reagan Administration over the defense bill, the Democratic leadership of the House and Senate increased that to \$600 million: \$250 million to be spent now, and \$350 million to be left to the discretion of the next president to put toward the MX, the Midgetman, or whatever land-based system is chosen.

### SALT II

#### HOUSE

1. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to bring the U.S. back into compliance with the numerical limits of the SALT II Treaty, as long as the Soviets observe the same limits. April 27. Adopted 240-174. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

#### SENATE

1. Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill that sought to bar deployment of strategic weapons above the numerical limits of

SALT II. May 11. Adopted 51-45. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

2. Motion to table (kill) an amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Appropriations bill that sought to prevent the dismantling of Poseidon submarines. September 30. Adopted 66-25. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Cranston: absent  
Wilson: no

### Trident-2

#### HOUSE

1. Amendment to fiscal 1989 Defense Authorization bill to cut all funds for the Trident-2 missile program, and to transfer \$1.9 billion to the Trident-I program. May 5. Rejected 79-307. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

#### SENATE

There was no companion piece in the Senate.

### INF Treaty

#### SENATE

1. An amendment to exclude conventional ground-launched cruise missiles (GLCMs) from the treaty. May 25. Rejected 28-69. If this amendment had passed, it would have required a renegotiation of the treaty, effectively killing it. The Freeze supported a "no" vote on this amendment.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

2. An amendment stating that no administration, present or future, can interpret the treaty except as it has been explained to the Senate. May 26. Adopted 72-27. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Cranston: yes  
Wilson: no

3. Resolution of ratification of the treaty to ban intermediate and shorter-range nuclear force missiles. May 27. Adopted 93-5. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote on the treaty.

Cranston: yes  
Wilson: yes

#### HOUSE

Since treaties are only ratified by the Senate, there was no action in the House on this issue.

### Contra Aid

#### HOUSE

1. Bill providing \$36.25 million, including \$3.6 million in military aid, to the Nicaraguan Contras. February 3. Rejected 211-219. Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Panetta: no  
Konnyu: yes

2. So-called "Democratic Alternative," providing \$30.8 million in non-lethal aid. (See Legislative Update, March 1988 *Planet* for background on this very complicated vote.) March 3. Rejected 208-216. The Freeze took no position.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: no

3. Bill to provide \$48 million (\$17 million

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in non-lethal aid, \$17 million to child war-victims, \$10 million for cease-fire verification). March 30. Adopted 345-70. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: yes

4. Amendment to Intelligence Authorization bill to lift the restrictions on CIA from spending monies out of their contingency fund to help the Contras. May 26. Rejected 190-214. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Panetta: no  
Konnyu: paired\*

\*A vote is paired when two congressmembers, each on opposite sides of an issue, agree not to vote on a particular bill or amendment.

SENATE

1. Bill providing \$36.25 million, including \$3.6 million in military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. February 4. Adopted 51-48. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

2. Bill to provide \$48 million (\$17 million in non-lethal aid, \$17 million to child war-victims, \$10 million for cease-fire verification). March 31. Adopted 87-7. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: no  
Wilson: yes

3. Amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill, to provide \$27 million in non-lethal aid from Oct. 1, 1988 through March 31, 1989. The bill contained a proviso to end the embargo against Nicaragua

if the cease-fire proved to be lasting. August 10. Adopted 49-47. The Freeze supported a "no" vote.

Cranston: yes  
Wilson: no

All 49 votes in favor of the amendment came from Democrats. Only 4 Democratic senators voted against it. Conservatives voted against it because it didn't contain military aid for the Contras. There was no companion piece in the House. However, House members on the Defense Appropriations conference committee accepted the Senate bill into the conference report.

Central America

HOUSE

1. In May, the House Democratic Caucus met to review documents received as a result of Rep. Leon Panetta's resolution of inquiry, delving into the Agency for International Development's (AID) disbursement of Contra aid funds. The caucus determined that AID, an arm of the federal government, had disbursed the funds in a manner inconsistent with the will of Congress (see Legislative Update, June 1988 Planet.) The caucus, however, has no power to take any action.

2. On May 2nd, three separate amendments were offered to the Defense Authorization bill:

Amendment to bar the deployment of U.S. forces in Nicaragua for a period of one year, except where there was an immediate threat to the U.S. Adopted 276-92. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: did not vote  
Amendment to reduce the authorization for additional U.S. construction projects in Honduras, by \$3 million. Rejected 111-267. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: did not vote

Amendment to bar the deployment of U.S. personnel on training missions in Honduras within 20 miles of the Nicaragua border. Rejected 147-238. The Freeze supported a "yes" vote.

Panetta: yes

Konnyu: no  
3. Resolution condemning the government of Nicaragua for its crackdown on civil liberties during recent internal upheaval in that country. July 14. Adopted 385-14.

Panetta: yes  
Konnyu: yes

SENATE

1. Sense of the Senate resolution condemning the government of Nicaragua for crackdown on civil liberties. July 13. Adopted 91-4.

Cranston: yes  
Wilson: yes

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## Post-Election Direct Action at Lockheed

On Wednesday, November 9, while most Santa Cruzans were still asleep, hoping perhaps to wake up and find that the national election had been only a dream, over 200 people made their way to the end of Empire Grade Road before dawn to begin the first of four days of non-violent protest and resistance at Lockheed Missile and Space Company's Bonny Doon facility,

where just under 300 local community members make their living in jobs that include designing and testing components of the submarine-launched Trident-2 (D-5) missile.

The action, sponsored by the Alliance to Stop First Strike, was intended to draw attention to the plans of both Republicans and Democrats to continue the United States' pursuit of a nuclear

first-strike capability, particularly through the scheduled deployment in late 1989 of the Trident 2, which demonstrators consider the key weapon in the first-strike arsenal. It was the third Stop First Strike demonstration at the facility in the last year.

A total of 104 people were arrested over the course of the action, with most arrests taking place on November 9 and Mon-

day, November 14, when about 300 people came out for the day, and 51 were arrested. In addition to blockading the roadway, a number of demonstrators participated in clandestine occupation, or "backcountry," actions, entering the facility at night to see for themselves the various buildings and test areas on the 4000-acre property, leaving anti-war stickers and other signs of

their presence.

Except for two people taken into custody on counts of misdemeanor trespassing, all of the arrestees were charged with a vehicle code infraction for failing to yield right-of-way to a vehicle. Unlike previous actions, where most arrests took place directly in front of the main gate, many demonstrators created human blockades at different points along

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the roadway leading into Lockheed, requiring the Santa Cruz County sheriff's tactical squad to spend extra time removing them and causing a further delay for the workers.

Also unlike previous actions, where many noncooperating arrestees were dragged or carried away, sheriff's deputies used "pain compliance holds" to force almost all to walk to the waiting

vans. After arrest, demonstrators were taken to a holding area inside the Lockheed complex for initial processing. On each of the three days of arrests, the majority refused to sign their citations to promise to appear for arraignment, including 41 of 53 people taken into custody on Nov. 14. After several hours, those who had signed their citations were driven downtown and released,

while those who refused ("non-cites") were taken to the County Building.

During previous actions at Lockheed, non-cites had been booked into the county jail and held for between 48 and 72 hours until arraignment. However, this time, on all three days of arrests, non-cites were arraigned the same afternoon. Although sheriff's deputies did not

comment directly, most protesters speculated that authorities wanted to keep them out of Santa Cruz's critically overcrowded jail. Judges on all three days indicated a penalty of \$50, for which credit was given in lieu of the time served in custody.

Following the action, energy and commitment were high among Stop First Strike activists, despite poor overall media coverage and

widespread frustration in the wake of the national election. Turnout was higher than most organizers had expected, and several well-attended nonviolence preparations sessions before the actions helped create new affinity groups, which promise to bring needed skills and vitality to future local activities challenging militarism.

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THE  
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# From Cold War to Common Security

by Maggie Bierwirth

I believe the most important task the peace movement faces is to replace Cold War ideas with Common Security ideas.

The Cold War is thawing, but the underlying assumptions about U.S.-Soviet confrontation have not really changed. There are no new policies that mandate substantial cuts in the military budget; it is economic necessity, not a new foreign policy, that is forcing a budget freeze. There is no change in U.S. policy abroad: our government continues to value military bases, influence, and territory chiefly to thwart Soviet gains. Poll after poll confirms that the American public likes arms control treaties but does not trust the Soviets and does not regard them as allies.

The peace movement can change the "win/lose" thinking about U.S.-Soviet relations and U.S. foreign policy that has fueled the Cold War. Mutual solutions to global problems—environmental, military, and economic—must be emphasized. The peace movement can present a choice between old and new ways of thinking: between Cold War policies which



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emphasize conflict and escalate violence, and Common Security policies which emphasize mutual solutions to shared problems.

Common Security transcends the Cold War by replacing the concept of enemy with the concept of a shared fate; with the notion that when the world becomes more dangerous for one group it becomes more dangerous for all. This is a broader concept than replacing U.S.-Soviet enmity with U.S.-Soviet friendship. If U.S.-Soviet relations continue to improve, it is very important that the Soviets not be replaced by some other group of people as objects of hatred or distrust.

Common Security provides a framework

for the multitude of objectives which compose the peace movement agenda. Right now, our list of priorities is so long and so seemingly diverse that it looks like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle without a picture on the box. We have to be able to describe what a peaceful world will look like—it will not be a world without conflict, but it will be a world in which people see their mutual interests in solving conflicts together, without resorting to war.

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# A Statewide Initiative for Economic Conversion

by Madge Strong

I've been puzzling for some time over a meaningful political handle for educating and mobilizing people about the military budget's impact on our economy and well-being. I'd like to propose a California statewide initiative similar to the 1982 Nuclear Freeze Initiative which would:

(a) Establish an economic conversion/diversification commission to plan for reducing state dependence on military contracts and to develop alternative job and economic opportunities; and

(b) Call on our congressional delegation to work for an immediate redirection of at least 10 percent of the military budget toward human and environmental needs, domestically and internationally, and toward reducing the deficit. We could also call for additional 5 percent redirections in the following two years.

If we want to be bolder, we could add other provisions such as severing state ties with nuclear weapons labs, divestment of state funds from nuclear weapon makers, and state regulation of radioactive materials transport.

Some benefits of this proposal are:

- We could immediately begin to develop local government support for this policy. Each chapter could tailor its action program locally, including opportunities for public education.

- We could build support among interest groups concerned with education, health care, child care, the environment, and other areas hurt by the Reagan priorities.

- It would give us opportunities to broaden our base of support by demonstrating that we are not just anti-nuclear but have a positive agenda.

- If done statewide, and especially if people in several other states work on similar initiatives in 1990 or 1992, it could give our message great visibility. This would provide an opportunity to redefine the national security debate. We should stop reacting to the Reagan-Bush agenda of military spending equals strength, and create our own agenda of security equals healthy economy, environment, and people.

The polls indicate that there is already strong public support for this position, if we approach it right. This is a way to mobilize that support. It also uses our grassroots

political strength and does not require any action on Capitol Hill first.

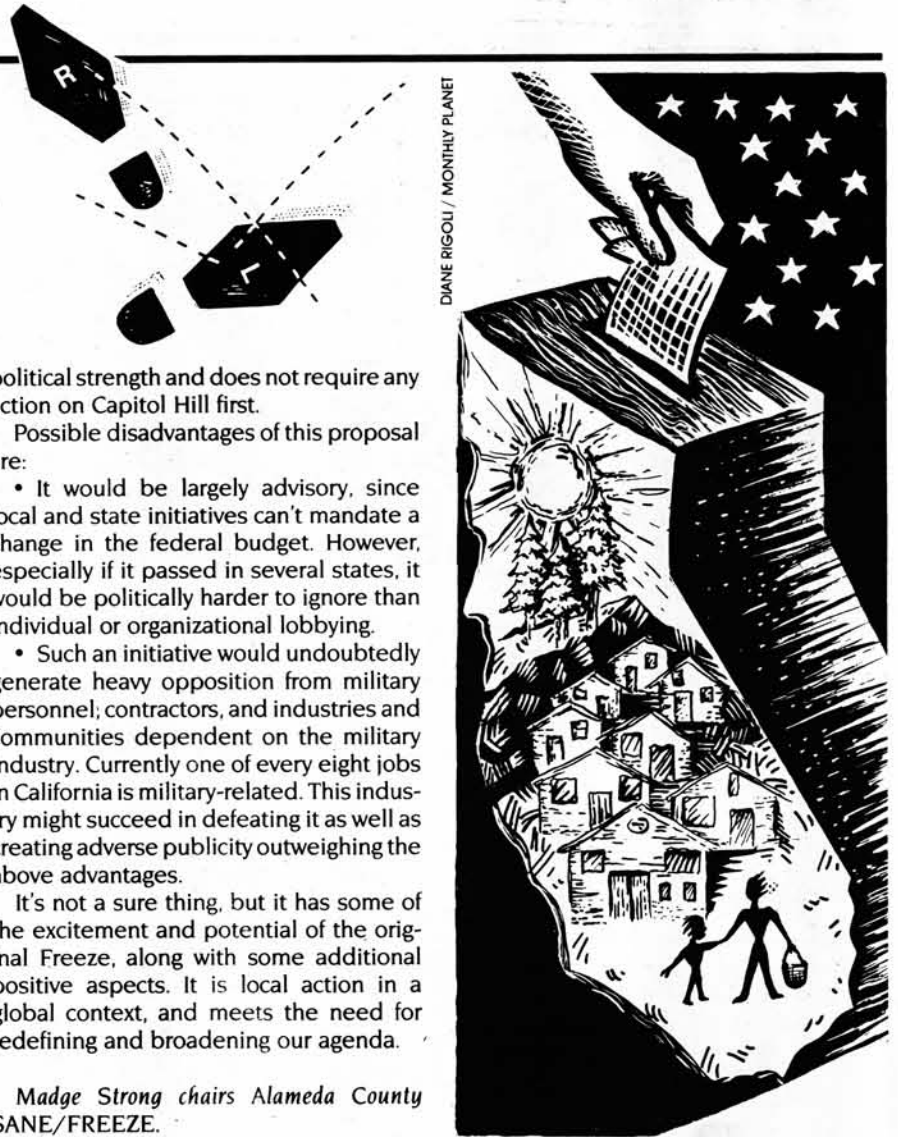
Possible disadvantages of this proposal are:

- It would be largely advisory, since local and state initiatives can't mandate a change in the federal budget. However, especially if it passed in several states, it would be politically harder to ignore than individual or organizational lobbying.

- Such an initiative would undoubtedly generate heavy opposition from military personnel, contractors, and industries and communities dependent on the military industry. Currently one of every eight jobs in California is military-related. This industry might succeed in defeating it as well as creating adverse publicity outweighing the above advantages.

It's not a sure thing, but it has some of the excitement and potential of the original Freeze, along with some additional positive aspects. It is local action in a global context, and meets the need for redefining and broadening our agenda.

Madge Strong chairs Alameda County SANE/FREEZE.



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# The Freeze Is Still a Good Idea

by Terry Teitelbaum

When dealing with a problem as big as the nuclear arms race, there are no quick fixes. It can be tempting when it seems that we are not getting anywhere to change our direction. However, when the reason it seems we're not getting anywhere is because we simply have a long way to go, changing direction will just get us lost.

The basic strategy of the peace movement, or rather the nuclear disarmament movement, over the last seven or eight years has been brilliant. The nuclear weapons freeze proposal revitalized an entire movement because it addressed the current crisis in nuclear weapons development which is qualitative as well as quantitative. New and more accurate nuclear weapons are being developed which destabilize the already dubious policy of deterrence

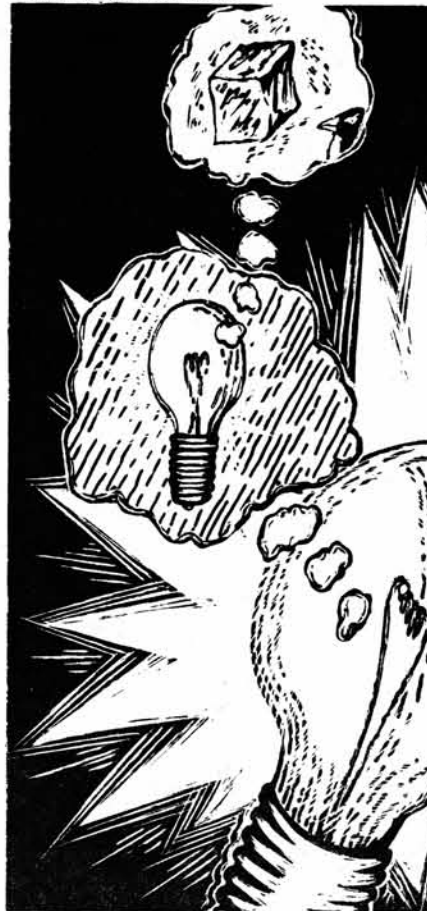
and spur a superpower race for first-strike capability. Not only does this increase the risk of nuclear war, it has given the superpowers increasing confidence to intervene militarily in Third World countries within their respective "spheres of influence."

Therefore, all of our next steps need to remain focussed on our primary goal of freezing and reversing the nuclear arms race as well as ending military intervention.

This strategy involves, first and foremost, the goal of a comprehensive nuclear test ban as the first step to a comprehensive freeze on the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons. A test ban will seriously curtail the development of new nuclear weapons. Simultaneously, we must continue to push for the cut-off of funds for first-strike nuclear weapons systems like the Trident 2, the MX missile



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our support. Actions at the Nevada Test Site dovetail beautifully with our test ban campaign, especially when they coincide with the timing of key votes in Congress. Direct action also empowers activists to stick with the long-term strategy.

Finally, we should strengthen our organizations' ability to influence elections. Organizing members and supporters by precinct at the local level allows us to swing swiftly into action at election time. This will facilitate intensive get-out-the-vote activities which really make a difference. In areas of the country where strong field operations existed in the 1988 election, voter turnout and votes for Dukakis were higher than average. Also, a long-term electoral strategy should include working within the parties to develop and identify candidates who will work to end the nuclear arms race in Congress. This means working on state and local elections as well.

Regardless of what other steps we take, we should always ask ourselves, "How can this lead to nuclear disarmament?" For example, shifting budget priorities toward human needs and protecting the environment are very good reasons to end the nuclear arms race. Therefore, we can work in coalition with groups for whom these are primary issues. One project might include an educational campaign on the connections between an out-of-control military budget and unmet human needs. Another is a local or state ballot initiative on economic conversion or diversification.

Even if the connections seem clear, we should ask, "How does this affect our long-term strategy?" For example, while pushing for reductions in superpower nuclear arsenals seems like it could lead to disarmament, such a strategy could coopt more comprehensive measures. Remember when Ronald Reagan responded to the freeze proposal by calling for "reductions?" We countered with the analogy: you can't put a car in reverse until you put the brake on. Like the INF Treaty, negotiations for 50 percent reduction in land-based missiles with the Soviets soothes an alarmed public, but allows the qualitative growth of the nuclear arms race. By embracing a reduce-while-we-build approach (remember the "build down"?), we unwittingly encourage the development of new, more destabilizing nuclear weapons.

This is not to suggest we shun deep cuts in superpower nuclear arsenals. We should applaud when such a treaty is signed, lobby the Senate to ratify it and claim it as a peace movement victory. Yet "our goal" is not reductions, but—through a test ban and a freeze—nuclear disarmament.

What I am calling for here is "staying the course" (if you'll excuse the expression). The freeze is still a brilliant idea. We need to persevere while remaining flexible in a changing political environment. Let's keep chipping away until we get a comprehensive test ban. Let's make sure Congress sends not one more dollar to the Contras. And let's freeze and reverse the arms race.

and Star Wars. We must also make sure Congress does not resume Contra aid.

To this end, we should strengthen our legislative lobbying and action alert programs. At the national level, this means identifying swing votes in Congress, strengthening or creating local groups in those areas and changing those votes! Locally, this means building or strengthening our action alert phone trees. We also need to work more with congressional leaders who support our goals—this means consulting key committee chairs and members on legislative strategy.

Furthermore, direct action campaigns which relate these legislative goals deserve

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# Four Issues to Build Campaigns Around

by Joe Sternlieb

I can think of no more difficult task than pointing the peace movement in a direction and asking it to march. Other movements have been able to define who they were and, approximately, what they wanted. Today's peace movement is without even a basic consensus in either area.

Since I don't foresee anyone calling a meeting to reach consensus on the peace movement's future and binding everyone to carry out a program, I'll suggest a few directions I think the peace movement could move in to find new strength and successes. For the purpose of maintaining a little focus, I'm concentrating on what those in the arms control and disarmament wing of the movement might consider.

Working on arms control issues for incremental victories keeps us busy but makes us weak. We should not abandon work on a comprehensive test ban or Freeze or Star Wars, but we should recognize these issues for what they are, stepping stones to policies based on global security and an economy directed by human need rather than military greed. The opportunities to build a strong movement come from providing potential activists with campaigns to improve the quality of their lives. It's not enough to provide a vision of a better world, we must provide organizing handles (campaigns) to create a better world.

I see four issues which the peace movement could take up and package for the general public, and progressive politicians could turn into populist causes.

Four problems the peace movement could address:

- 1) The taxpayer is being ripped off by the weapons manufacturers and the Pentagon.
- 2) The North American infrastructure and economy are both in states of decline. The economy produces few of the products that North Americans buy. Weapons for war and destruction are the only products the government blesses and assists the American worker in producing on a large scale.
- 3) The drive to produce more nuclear weapons has threatened the health and security of the very people the weapons are supposed to protect.
- 4) Soon, any country will be able to

build a bomb in the basement.

Goals:

1) The peace movement should organize a campaign to nationalize the defense industry. The government should clearly define the defense needs of the country and have those needs met at the cost of the service to the American Taxpayer. No corporation or person should take a profit from providing for the national defense. Having the common defense provided by the government as efficiently and inexpensively as possible should be an honored contract with the American taxpayer much as Social Security is today. Just as the idea of privatizing the Social Security system should be scoffed at, the idea of nationalizing the defense industry should be embraced.

2) The peace movement should organize a campaign to convert the plant of American industry from weapons production to consumer production. I suggest a three-point program:

- a) Create a national housing project in partnership with private industry. Its goal would be to build affordable housing for every American family.
- b) Rebuilding the nation's highways, bridges and tunnels, and National Parks.
- c) Develop a national rapid rail system.

Most creative people can think of many ways to jump start a declining economy given \$100 billion or so to play with.

Dan Quayle may think America is the envy of the world, but only the most naive observer believes that America is on the cutting edge of consumer technology, education, agriculture, or manufacturing. The Peace Movement, in its quest for justice, should embrace a plan that makes America's ideals and policies, and not the fear imposed by its weapons, the envy of the world.

3) Nuclear waste from nuclear reactors is polluting communities throughout the world. The peace movement should get behind existing campaigns to dismantle the world's nuclear bomb factories and close down existing nuclear power plants until safe methods for waste storage are tested and perfected.

4) The peace movement should work to prevent any more nations from acquiring nuclear weapons capabilities by pressur-

ing the U.S. and foreign governments to take whatever steps necessary to sign and implement all possible treaties towards this end. If other nations will only forgo nuclear weapons production in the context of U.S./Soviet cessation of nuclear weapons production—such multilateral treaties should be vigorously pursued. It would be a shame if 50 years from now we live in a world where most nations and terrorists possess nuclear weapons, and we have to look back and say "If only we had prevented this insanity when we had

the chance."

The peace movement could work to integrate a campaign of education, legislation and direct political action around any one of these goals and come out stronger four years from now than we are today.

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# It's Time for a Nonviolent Peace Army

by George Jarrett

We seem to be at some sort of critical juncture—for the anti-nuclear movement, years of campaign work have produced little change (certainly a treaty that undeploys missiles that had just been deployed, without making a single dent in the broader economic system of nuclear death is small comfort); for anti-interventionists, it seems that no matter how many times we get arrested to stop the funding, more bombs are sent and dropped all around the globe.

We are all, it seems, hammering at different sections of the same big wall. And no matter how many chips we knock off, the wall still stands. We've been using a few different hammers—electoral organizing; big, short-term direct actions (like Reclaim the Test Site); and a few sustained resistance communities (like that at the Concord Naval Weapons Station).

What it's going to take to knock the wall down is a lot more people, and maybe some bigger hammers. What I've found is that, when people get the chance to do it, direct action is the kind of involvement that builds, while other forms do little to

encourage us to keep banging away. In direct action, people experience applied nonviolence: the joys of taking personal responsibility and action, while building a community with others who take action.

That's the kind of thing I'd like to see more of. More affinity groups that bang away at that wall for longer periods of time; more close, angry, gentle and defiant communities that stand up against the horrors this world presents to us.

Meanwhile, though, up on top of that wall, mortar is being spread for another row of bricks. First-strike nuclear weapons and all the accouterments—from Trident-2 to SDI to NAVSTAR—are, in many ways, more frightening than those scary old Minutemen sitting in their silos. So I have a dream, so to speak, and fortunately I'm not the only one. Right now people around the country are organizing something called the Peace Army—a group of nonviolent people who want to stop these first-strike bricks from being added to the wall.

What we're doing is building a resistance community, on the scale of the Great Peace March, that will focus its nonviolent truth force on the weak links in the chain

that builds first-strike weapons. Part demonstration, part mass civil-disobedience action, part plowshares community, the Peace Army wants to present an alternative and a resistance to the forces that, for the last few millennia, have moved human society: organized violence.

The Peace Army participants will show up for preparation and training on September 1, 1989, with the campaign to begin soon thereafter. To start with, the Peace Army will be made up of people who commit themselves to one year of nonviolent resistance. Not a rabble, and not a corps led by generals, the Peace Army will consist of affinity groups—groups of 3 to 20 people who will form the basis of decision-making and action for the Peace Army.

The actions, then, of the Peace Army will depend on what affinity groups want to do, within certain guidelines. Some may hand out leaflets in nearby neighborhoods, while others hike deep inside first-strike facilities. One affinity group might organize a mass blockade, while another might decide to take apart a NAVSTAR computer with a crowbar.

Of course, a lot of the work of the Peace Army will be more internally-focused: skills-sharing workshops, making dinner, cleaning porta-potties, teach-ins, child-care. The functions of any community will be part of the responsibility of the Peace Army.

The Peace Army will be sustained by a larger circle of people. Like the sponsors who supported Great Peace Marchers for their nine-month march, supporters will contribute money, time and energy to the Peace Army. By providing resources for the Peace Army, and by doing local organizing for support demonstrations, media events, fundraising, etc.,...the supporters will nurture and expand this resistance community.

I hope that the Peace Army will do many things. I know already that we have succeeded in some small way by just putting the idea out; the next step is to prove it. By



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organizing a strong community of sustained resistance in the next year, and then by waging a concentrated campaign, we will give our movements a model experiment, an example of one way to take a few more chips out of that horrible wall.

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# Get Involved in Local and State Party Politics

by Chris Brown

The unchallenged attacks by President-elect George Bush on the Freeze movement in the past two months point out a disappointing fact: in the traditional American political arena the peace movement has little clout. Some would suggest that we leave that arena, but I feel that the opportunities outweigh the weaknesses.

State legislatures elected in 1990, together with new reapportionment laws enacted in the next two years, will define the type of Congress elected for the next decade. If it is only the Ron Dellumses and the Pat Schroeders of Congress who feel safe enough to speak out on our issues, we in the peace movement will continue to find our message, and ourselves, marginalized by this country's political elite.

The Reagan/Bush era has set the agenda for Republican foreign policy for the next decade. "Peace through Strength" is their rallying cry. Only those on the "left" of the Democratic party dare defy the Republicans openly on our issues. Yet opinion polls show that the American public still supports an end to the arms race, a cut in the military budget, and non-intervention in Central America, by substantial margins.

Why don't Democratic "mainstream" leaders join in open support of a freeze on the military budget? Because the insiders who raise the money, organize campaigns, and elect the party chairs, are not peace activists. Plain and simple, if we want the more liberal of the two political parties in this country to support our issues, we need to get involved at the nuts and bolts level in choosing who the next generation of Democratic leaders will be.

It is the avowed purpose of the Republican Party to change the apportionment of congressional districts after the 1990 census so that they can have a Republican Congress along with the White House. If they succeed we can look forward to seeing "Peace through Strength" interpreted as "Peace through every new weapon we can think up." If the Democrats, as currently constituted, succeed in retaining control of the re-apportionment process, then we can look forward to ten more years of the same disappointments, the loss of volunteers as we do not succeed in stopping the arms race, and the increased death and destruction in the Third World as materials such as plutonium, and the arms for so-called "low-intensity conflict," proliferate.

In some states ballot initiatives allow for direct involvement in the re-apportionment process; in most, electing legislators to the state government is the best chance for input in the process. Getting involved in local party structures is a must. Over the next few months most localities will have openings in ward committees, assembly district committees, county committees and the like. Call your state or local party office and ask how you can get elected or

appointed to one of these bodies. Sit down with representatives of the Rainbow Coalition, and other grassroots groups in your local community that could benefit from different party leadership. Plan a strategy for electing the most progressive party activists as chairperson of the local party structure. Above all, get a local delegation of progressives together and visit your state assembly representative. Let him or her know 1) your views on the issues and 2) that you are committed to seeing a re-apportionment that is favorable to the Democratic Party. Ask what you can do in order to help make this happen. The point is to make ourselves visible over the next two years.

So you might ask yourself, if you live in a fairly liberal state where the Republicans are not likely to succeed in their re-apportionment strategy, what should I do? 1) Support national organizations that are putting significant resources into the Southeast, Mountain, or Southwest states. 2) Find another local group in one of those areas that you can support either financially or through sending volunteers. Those



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of us who have the resources must learn to share.

The struggle for the peace movement is not finding a new message, developing a bigger base, or waiting until George Bush's administration falls apart. Our struggle is to find a way to translate concerns shared by a majority of the people in this country, into

policy. As voter participation drops, and the economic power of the U.S. wanes we have a unique opportunity to make a niche in the policymaking structures of this country.

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# Social Justice: A Partner for the Peace Movement



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by Roxanne Elder

As the peace movement faces George Bush's presidency, we are looking for effective directions to make peace and justice the nation's top priorities. As the long-term "fallout" of the Reagan era rains down, it is clear that the primary domestic victims have been social programs. One example can be found

in housing, where between 1980-1987 federal funding for affordable housing dropped by 78 percent while housing costs and homelessness soared. There is not one state in the union where you cannot find some of the estimated 2-3 million homeless Americans. This problem is literally on the doorsteps of the

American people. Perhaps it is time for the peace movement in this country to get involved in the issue of affordable housing as a way of highlighting what the runaway military budget is doing to the social fabric of our country and our national security.

These were questions that my local SANE/FREEZE chapter began struggling with this past spring. When we heard of Jobs With Peace's plans for a national action for "Homes Not Bombs" on June 4th, we wanted to get involved. It looked like something that would help us make the connections between military spending and the most basic of human needs—shelter.

With Texas in its worst economic depression since the 1930's and increasing homelessness painfully apparent, the Homes Not Bombs theme seemed perfect to bring our disarmament concerns home to the Austin Community. We co-sponsored the Walk for Homes Not Bombs and Affordable Housing Fair with the Texas Alliance for Human Needs and the Street People's Advisory Council, a group of homeless people who are organizing to improve their own conditions. Along the route of the walk were a series of posters which showed the connections between military spending and cuts in human services, particularly affordable housing.

During the fall, Austin SANE/FREEZE, along with human needs organizations, direct service providers and the homeless themselves, have formed the Austin Campaign To End Homelessness. This network will seek to provide education on the issue as well as to pressure city hall to fund solutions to people sleeping in the streets of Austin. SANE/FREEZE sees its role in this campaign as one of providing the military spending reduction analysis on the issue of human needs, specifically funding for affordable housing projects. Beginning in January we will embark on a major Homes Not Bombs speaking tour to local churches and community organizations. We plan on participating in the National Homes Not Bombs Tax Day Action. On April 15 we will be constructing a "house" here in Austin while another group of local

activists will build an exact duplicate out on the desert at the Nevada Test Site during their large action. We hope to draw the connections between the millions of dollars that are spent on each unneeded nuclear test and the millions of homeless people who desperately need a place to live.

I have taken the time to mention these local events as a way of highlighting how one predominately white middle class peace organization has gotten involved with social justice issues. As a peace movement in this country we often say we are trying to broaden our constituency and include participation and leadership by Third World people. It is almost impossible to work with groups concerned with affordable housing and homelessness without finding yourself in a room that is multi-racial and multi-class. The perspectives in those rooms are different. But it is a difference that the peace movement must hear and incorporate into its programs of disarmament.

By highlighting Homes Not Bombs in its program work, the American peace movement could help build a multi-racial and multi-class movement in this country that could effect real political change. We could immediately bring about some real victories on local affordable housing struggles and bring the true costs of military spending home to our communities. While we should all continue to work on specific legislation such as the comprehensive test ban, perhaps bills such as Congressman Ron Dellums' bill on funding affordable housing should also be receiving our attention.

As we begin the Bush years, the American peace movement must reach out to a larger audience. That audience is to be found in campaigns such as Homes Not Bombs.

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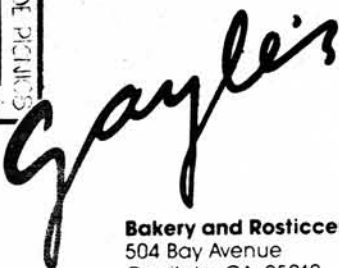
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# A Coalition for the Year 2000

by Carolyn Cottom

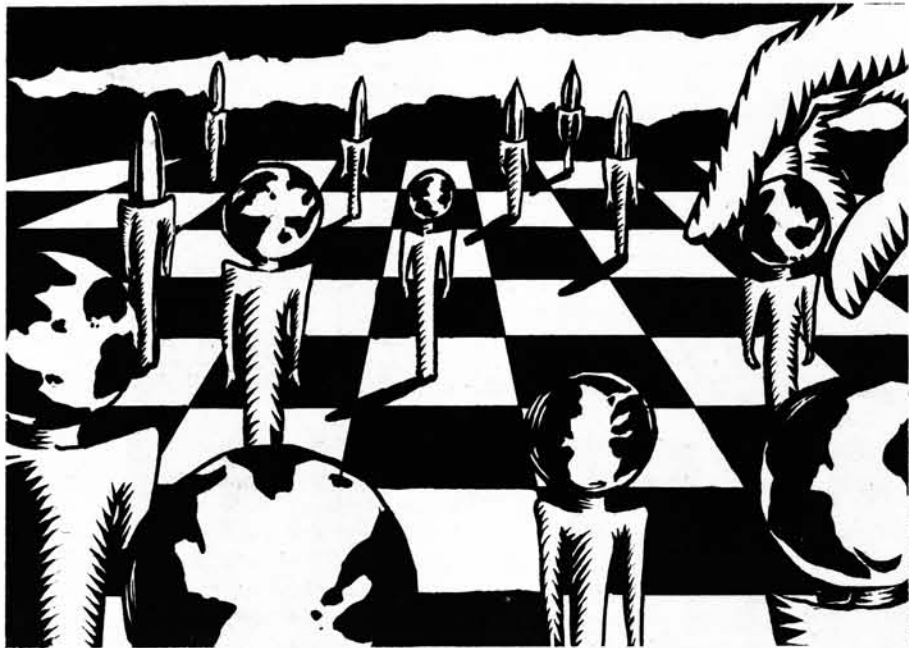
**A**t a recent strategic planning retreat on the East Coast, ten peace activists gathered to assess the current world situation and to strategize toward a powerful, effective peace movement five years from now.

Our discussion illuminated strategic opportunities for the peace movement. The military-industrial complex is more vulnerable now than it has been in recent memory. With a Reagan-Gorbachev negotiated INF agreement, a reform-minded Gorbachev, and even Maggie Thatcher declaring the cold war at an end, public concern has shifted to the economy and the environment. These issues provide us with opportunities to radically change the defense industry's stranglehold on the American people.

agreed-upon goal, with recognition of the many paths required to reach that goal; and focused campaigns designed to reach people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and income levels.

In order to realize our vision for the peace movement, three basic components for our movement-wide organizing strategy are proposed here:

1. Build a strong foundation with a strategic planning process to be implemented annually at all levels of the national and international peace movements.
2. Create an organizational infrastructure for the U.S. peace movement.
3. Re-tool national organizations and coalitions in order to help local groups develop strategies and tactics based on local concerns.



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How is the defense industry vulnerable? Think about it:

- the enormous drain on economic resources, due to military expenditures, resulting in an increase in poverty and a \$2.6 trillion debt
- the environmental impact of the nuclear, biological and chemical weapons industry—coupled with other severe environmental problems changes in the U.S.-Soviet relationship, including the opening of markets in the Soviet Union, and resulting changes in the relationship of the superpowers to the Third World
- decreasing supply of natural resources worldwide due to population growth
- a shift in the U.S. relationship to Europe and our other allies

During the planning process, we described our vision for the peace movement five years from now and agreed on several common elements: a well-funded, synergistic movement with good communication between organizations at all levels; a large, active membership with grassroots strength in every district and regional training centers; a movement-wide,

## STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

An annual strategic planning process which includes examination of the current situation, our vision for the future, and a strategy to get there needs to be initiated at all levels of the peace movement. Through this process, the movement could agree on a long-term goal. In the U.S., Europe, and the Soviet Union as well, the goal of common security has been the subject of much discussion. At our planning retreat, we considered the term "global security" because it extends beyond the U.S.-Soviet relationship and includes the environmental and economic issues as well.

Sub-goals could then be defined, with a time frame such as the year 2000. Examples might include: (1) close down all nuclear weapons production facilities; (2) cut the military budget by 50 percent; (3) convert 20 percent of military jobs and industries toward a sustainable future.

A third step in the goal-setting process is to define the many simultaneous paths that will take us to the large goal.

## AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PEACE MOVEMENT

The peace movement is in dire need of an organizational infrastructure, a coordinating and communications mechanism to keep people in contact with one another and provide information in a timely and useful way. The goals would be:

- to assist in linking national and local efforts
- to provide frequent, timely information re: world events, local successes, fundraising opportunities, etc.
- to transmit information between Washington policy "opinion tanks" and the grassroots
- to lend credibility to existing organizations by describing the breadth and strength of their activities to national media and to local groups for local media use

Part of this infrastructure is already in place. Resources such as Access, Peace-Net, 20/20 Vision, and Nuclear Times magazine demonstrate that the core of the network is available. Coordination and expansion of services is now needed.

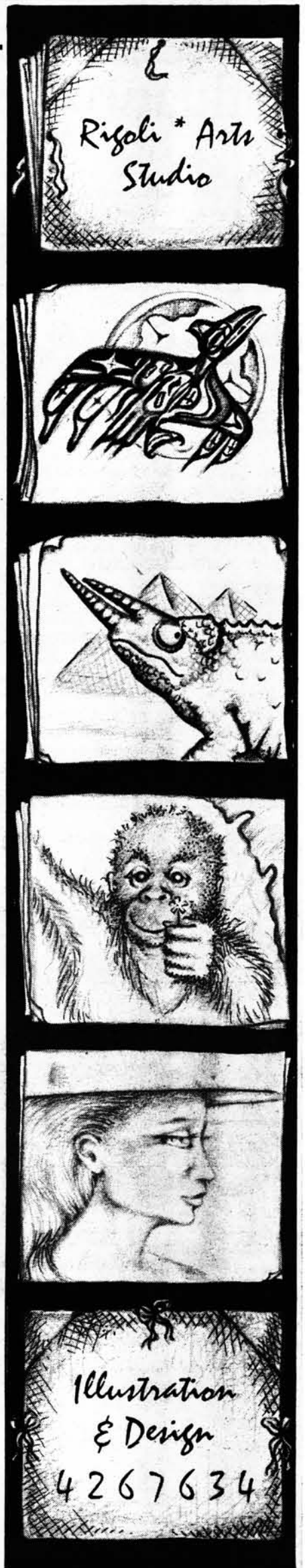
## THE ROLE OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

While there would continue to be a need for focused national and international campaigns, local "handles" on community concerns (environmental, economic, job retraining, etc.) should come to the fore. Once a set of sub-goals for the year 2000 are agreed upon, national organizations could focus their resources on assisting local groups develop strategies and tactics at the local level to realize key aspects of these goals. In communities with weapon production facilities, high unemployment, actual or potential basing of nuclear weapons, and/or environmental hazards, the strategic focus should be on real local concerns.

## CONCLUSION

As peace activists, we are currently faced with a pressing need to re-focus the way we do our work. The world situation has changed dramatically in the past few years. By recognizing the strategic opportunity which these changes offer us, we can make enormous strides toward our goals in the next five to ten years. By initiating a strategic planning process, creating an infrastructure, and re-defining the role of many of our national organizations, we can arrive at the 21st century with much to celebrate. Let's join together toward the goal of global security.

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## Feature

# Oakland Approves Nuclear Free Zone Measure

by Steve Bloom

**O**n November 8th, the voters of Oakland declared the city a Nuclear Free Zone by a resounding margin of 57 percent to 43 percent. The victory came despite a campaign of scare tactics by the opposing campaign, which spent about \$80,000—mostly from the nuclear weapons industry—during the two months before the election.

The Nuclear Free Zone (NFZ) initiative was a great local organizing and public outreach tool, and gave us all something to celebrate in an otherwise depressing election.

The measure puts real teeth into Oakland's opposition to the nuclear madness. Production within Oakland of nuclear weapons or their components is now prohibited, any hazardous radioactive materials transported through the city are strictly regulated, and city purchases from and investments in nuclear weapons manufacturers—specifically including the biggest nuclear weapons maker of all, the federal government—are banned unless no reasonable alternative can be identified.

SANE/FREEZE of Alameda County made support for the initiative its major priority for the six-month signature-gathering stage—over 40,000 signatures were obtained!—and of the two-month campaign phase just before the election. In addition to this intensive grassroots campaign

activity, the chapter ran two 1,000-name full-page signature ads in local newspapers that, aside from being influential in the victory, constituted a highly successful fundraising drive. The Nuclear Free Oakland Coalition, which included the Oakland-Berkeley Rainbow Coalition and the Alameda County Nuclear Free Zone Committee as well as the chapter, totaled about \$20,000 in funds raised (nearly all from small donors) during the campaign phase.

The initiative split the Oakland political establishment to a considerable degree, with the opposition led by some local politicians who were willing to oppose the nuclear arms race in principle but less willing to translate their opposition into concrete local action. Such opponents included virtually the entire municipal political establishment—eight out of nine members of the city council—as well as Oakland's state senator and the *Tribune*, the city's major newspaper. Supporters, on the other hand, included both Oakland congressmembers, Ron Dellums and Pete Stark, and the Central Labor Council of Alameda County (AFL-CIO). The measure also received positive coverage from local progressive newspapers such as the *Bay Guardian* and the *East Bay Express*.

What is the significance of this victory for future NFZ efforts?

Oakland is the largest city in this country

to have adopted a binding NFZ by a popular vote, and is thus a potential watershed for the entire movement. It furthers the momentum created by the 159 other NFZs in this country and by over 4,000 around the world.

As the Nuclear Free Oakland Coalition achieves effective implementation of the initiative, it will become a national model.

heed, AT&T, Hughes Aircraft and Draper Labs, have a habit of donating money to defeat NFZs anywhere in the country. As illustrated by the experience in Oakland, and by the experience of NFZs that have been defeated in Sonoma County, Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, Cambridge and Ann Arbor, binding measures that are put forward in places with significant nuclear

*Oakland was the first NFZ to achieve success in the face of organized opposition from nuclear arms manufacturers.*

If other cities join in such efforts, particularly the investment and contracting provisions, NFZs can have an increasingly powerful impact on the profitability of the nuclear arms industry. This will follow the example of the South Africa divestment movement, which has had a tremendous political impact despite there being only about 150 jurisdictions with such laws. The victories in Oakland and in Humboldt County—which passed its initiative by 60 percent—make a total of 14 "divestment NFZs" nationally.

Oakland was the first NFZ to achieve success in the face of organized opposition from nuclear arms manufacturers. Many such companies, including IBM, GE, Lock-

weapons industry interests will generate substantial opposition. Such industry involvement is an endorsement of the potential impact of the NFZ movement.

(During the next year, activists will be forming a state-wide NFZ network and engaging in a major outreach effort designed to promote dozens of new NFZs throughout California. For more information, call Steve Bloom at (415) 653-5027 or write to him at the Nuclear Free Oakland Coalition, 4042 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94611.)

*Steve Bloom chairs Nuclear Free Northern California and was the primary author of Measure T, the Oakland Nuclear Free Zone Act.*

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Feature

## A Bush Administration Starts to Take Form

Just three weeks after the election, President-Elect George Bush has already named several key members of his administration. Some choices were expected, some were not.

James Baker III, former Secretary of the Treasury and Bush's campaign manager, will be Secretary of State. Though he has no foreign policy experience, Baker is Bush's best friend and ally. Several Baker protégés are also slated for top jobs, most notably Richard Darman as Budget Director, further evidence that Baker will be by far the most powerful figure in the Bush Administration after the President.

John Sununu is a strange choice as White House chief-of-staff. The normal qualifications for this job are either familiarity with (and influence in) Washington politics, or a close personal relationship with the president. Sununu has neither. The only plausible explanation for the appointment of the New Hampshire governor is that it is a straight forward pay-off for delivering the state to Bush in that state's critical early primary. But Sununu may not have much power simply because Bush, unlike Reagan, will keep most of it in his own hands.

Brent Scowcroft, who was Gerald Ford's national security adviser, will resume that post under Bush. While no advocate for arms control or detente, he will certainly



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not allow a replay of Iran-Contragate (he personally took Reagan to task for countenancing it). Scowcroft chaired the panel which came up with the plan to put 50 MX's in Minuteman silos. He opposed the INF Treaty, but he also opposes Star Wars. And he has already proposed a \$300 billion cut in Pentagon spending over the next four years. Clearly, he is unpredictable, but he enjoys great prestige in Congress. Arms control will get nowhere without his support.

John Tower, the former chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, seems to have Secretary of Defense nailed down. If so, he will fight ferociously for ever-increasing, Reagan-era Pentagon spending, and ever-decreasing control of procurement fraud.

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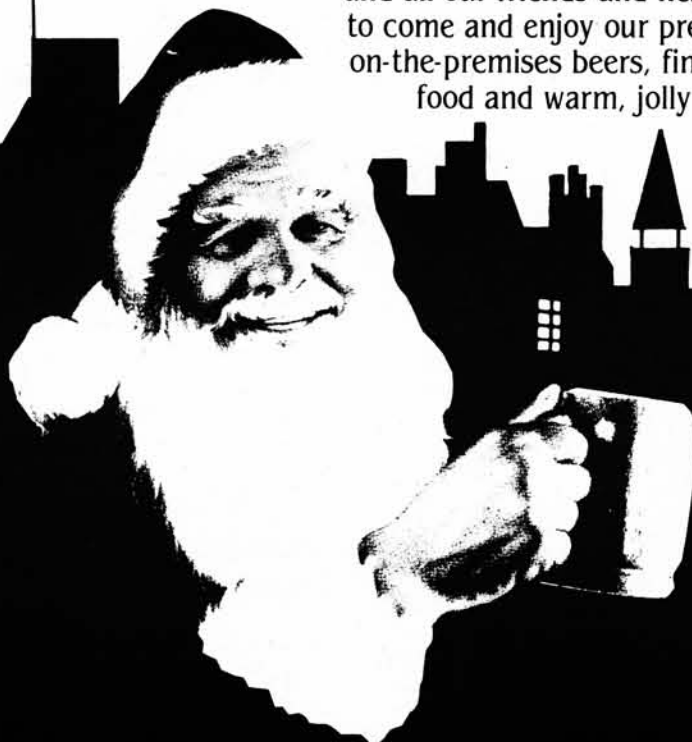
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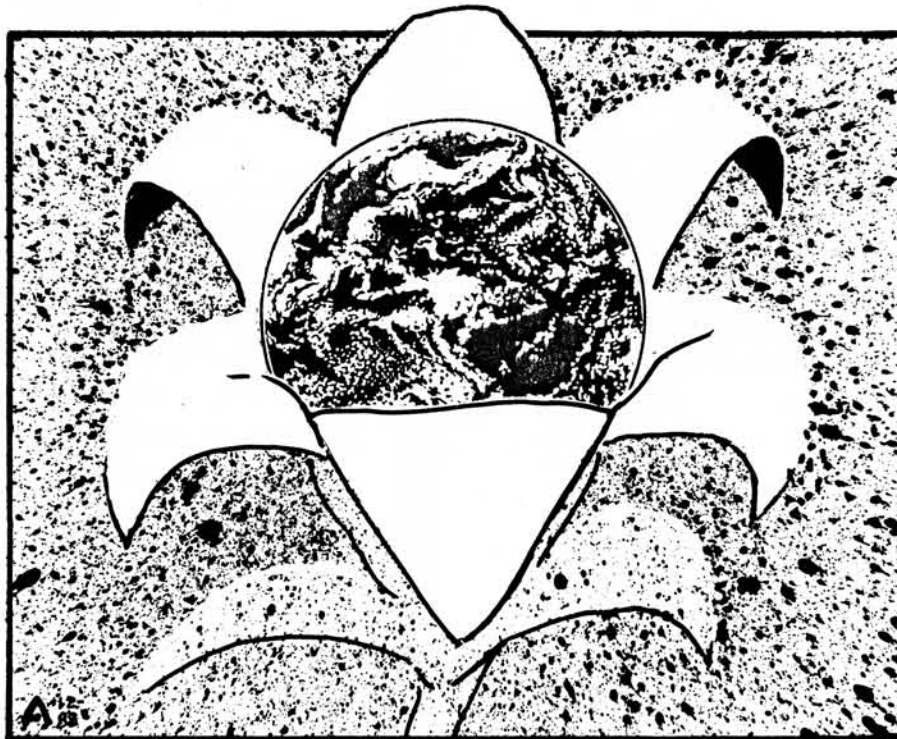
# The Healthy Planet Plan

by Susan C. Strong

The Bush victory, which created depression and anger in many quarters, has also given new vigor to experienced activists. The '88 election was not won by appealing to some new conservative national vision, despite racist ads and shallow pledges. It was a mere rubber stamp for continued "peace and prosperity." And the "peace" part of the Reagan legacy was created by us. We the people forced it on a reluctant Republican administration during the last six years of the Reagan regime.

Bush, knowing that he faces a recalcitrant and strengthened Congress, has declared that he will make foreign policy his chief interest. He knows that the U.S. budget and its deficit will allow little room for domestic maneuvering. Even the defense budget will be difficult to change, much less increase, unless weapons already ordered by the Reagan Administration are cancelled. But the budget is the key place where U.S. domestic and foreign policy intersect.

People in the peace movement plan to continue questioning U.S. military expenditures, in the context of the overall domestic budget. However, a purely domestic focus for such progressive activities will be totally inadequate to deal with the real issues of the defense problem. And it will squander the power of our already established role as long-range



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trend setters for U.S. foreign policy.

There is simply no substitute for making plans to counter Bush right where he hopes to cut his own swathe: foreign policy. The Republicans have emphasized "peace through strength"—the use of military means to guarantee U.S.

influence over other nations, covert destruction of governments using a Marxist approach to solve problems of poverty and injustice, protection of the interest of U.S. multinational firms ahead of general human and ecological welfare, and sabotage of efforts to increase interna-

tional cooperation.

But the world is changing. The "People Talk Security" poll, a cooperative effort of pollsters Teeter, Martilla, and Yankovich, has shown that the public is not in accord with the Republican view of proper U.S. roles in the world community. At least two-to-one, respondents say economic security is more important than military security, and negotiation more effective than force. People are ready for *someone* to articulate a new vision of U.S. foreign policy.

Nor is the recent uproar over the term "liberal" really relevant to the problem. No one has called concern about nuclear weapons "liberal." It is practical and just plain common sense. It involves *saving* money.

A hard look at the Republican view of U.S. foreign policy, with its domestic consequences for defense spending, shows that policy to be impractical, hypocritical, self-destructive, and just plain wasteful, given our global problems. Those problems include: ecological devastation and pollution caused by industrial agricultural methods, poverty which creates destabilizing international debt and constantly breeds conflict, a sustainable energy crisis connected to the pollution crisis, and a population explosion with an accompanying increase of ecologically damaging subsistence agricultural meth-

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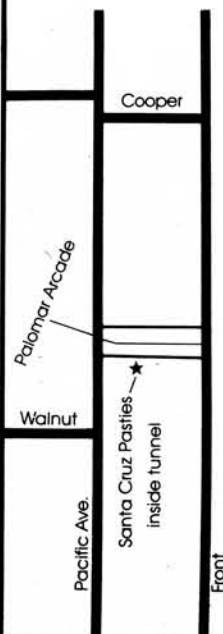
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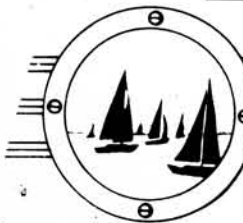
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ods. The arms race and militarism are also on the list, since they represent our current and totally inadequate attempts to solve these international problems.

"liberal" agenda, it is merely the rock-bottom recipe for self-preservation of our species and our planet, and what one country can do about it. And it will work,

*People are ready for someone to articulate a new vision of U.S. foreign policy.*

These problems are all connected, but this doesn't mean that makes them too complex to solve. Numerous sources exist for detailed and specific proposals to address the total interconnected mess. Our *Common Future*, the Worldwatch Institute annual *State of the World 1988*, Norman Myer's *Gaia: An Atlas of Planet Management*, and the new *Worldwatch* magazine contain such ideas. A few activist organizations already exist which are devoted to developing public understanding of the real nature of our global situation and what must be done about it. It is time for the larger progressive movement to adopt an integrated foreign policy approach in a form suitable for the mass media. People have already begun to understand that foreign policy affects them personally.

Whether the slogan for such a campaign turns out to be "sustainable development," "common security," "pro-earth strategy," or the "health planet plan," the U.S. should be in the lead, playing the following roles in its foreign policy:

1) Acting vigorously to support and improve the functioning of all cooperative world problem-solving bodies, including the U.N.

2) Fighting to preserve Earth's ecosystem from irreparable damage.

Helping to end Third World poverty and avoid hostile forms of economic competition in the global community.

3) Providing an example of using non-violent methods of conflict resolution, including a courageous and truthful analysis of the problems that fuel conflict.

4) Helping develop a system of common military security.

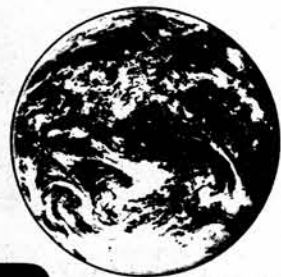
5) Encouraging the shift to democratic process and respect for human rights in the community of nations.

These foreign policy roles are the minimum of what the American people deserve from their government. It is not a

unlike self-defeating, bloated defense budgets, and hollow nuclear or conventional threats.

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Feature

# U.S. and Philippines Renew Bases Pact

by Stephen R. Shalom

On October 17, the United States and Philippine governments signed an accord defining the terms for the remaining two years of the Military Bases Agreement (MBA). Press reports have distorted or ignored many salient points of this accord.

The real negotiations about the continued presence of the bases beyond 1991 have yet to begin. The agreement just signed was simply a refinement of the existing 1947 bases treaty and has no direct bearing on the larger question of the status of the bases after 1991 when the 1947 treaty expires. According to the Philippine constitution, any new agreement allowing the bases to remain must be a treaty passed by two-thirds of both the U.S. and Philippine Senates. Many believe that under current conditions two-thirds of the Philippine Senate would not pass such a treaty.

An increasing number of Filipinos oppose the presence of the U.S. bases. Critics insist that the bases do not enhance Philippine security; if anything, they make the country a likely target in a war not of its own choosing. Because the bases house command, control, communication, and intelligence facilities, as well as anti-submarine warfare aircraft, they would be certain targets in any U.S.-Soviet nuclear exchange. In addition, the bases have served as the prime motivation for U.S. intervention in internal Philippine affairs over the years, most notably in the support Washington gave to the Marcos dictatorship for more than a decade. Finally, the presence of the bases promotes serious social ills, particularly the prostitution of women and children.

## Nuclear Ban

The new accord, while containing a provision stating that the storage or installation of nuclear or other non-conventional

weapons on Philippine territory shall be subject to the agreement of the government of the Philippines, also specifies that this provision does not apply to transits, overflights, or visits by U.S. warships or planes. This provision ignores the Philippine constitution's more stringent ban on nuclear weapons from all Philippine territory, defined as including its territorial waters and airspace. In effect, then, the accord weakens the anti-nuclear stance of the constitution.

representatives, it shows the strength of Philippine anti-nuclear sentiment.

The agreement promises the Philippines \$962 million in military and economic aid over two years. This is far below original Philippine demands and demonstrates Washington's ability to squeeze concessions from an economically destitute Philippines. Voices from across the political spectrum have criticized the compensation as inadequate. Bases opponents maintain that no amount of

ductive and peaceful uses.

The military aid as well as some of the economic aid that the bases accord provides will fuel a counterinsurgency program in the Philippines that has been characterized by escalating human rights violations and the repression of legal dissent, including opposition to the bases. These human rights violations include the establishment of vigilante groups and disappearances that have been criticized by organizations like Amnesty International.

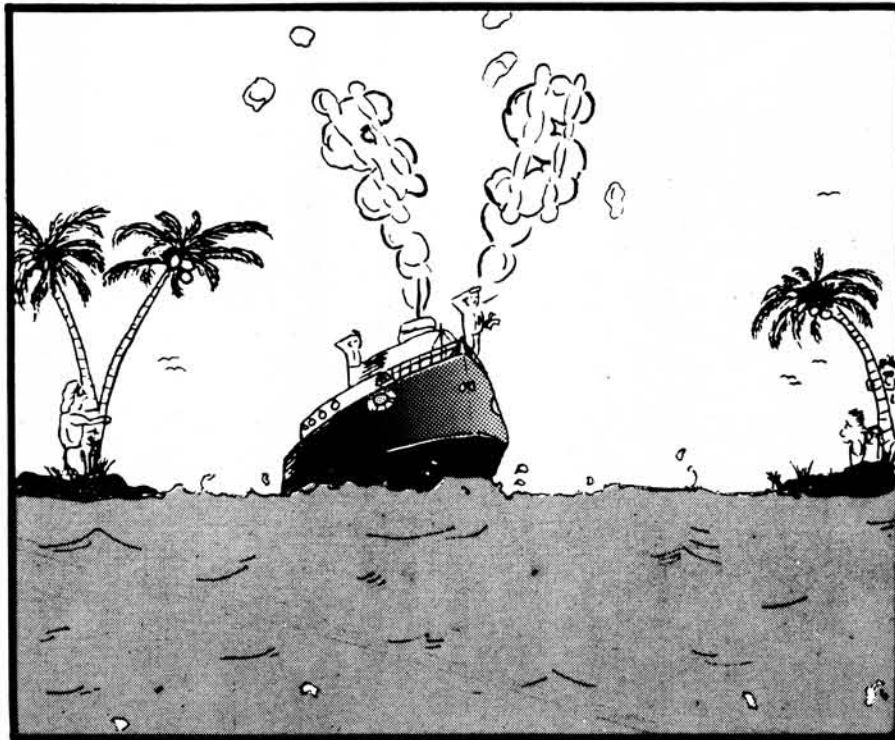
Some elements of the agreement indicate rough going for future negotiations. The accord states that "no agreement has been reached" on questions regarding criminal jurisdiction and whether the U.S. may launch military operations from the bases without Philippine concurrence. Another provision gives ownership of all the buildings and structures on the bases to the Philippine Government; this would prevent the U.S. from threatening to leave behind a wasteland if it is ejected from the bases, and could facilitate more realistic planning for converting the bases to economically beneficial uses.

## Looking to 1991

Opponents of the bases in the Philippines are protesting the current accord and working to block any post-1991 treaty. The people of the United States also have a strong interest in seeing the bases withdrawn from the Philippines, for these bases have served for years as springboards for foreign interventions, from Indochina in the sixties and seventies, to the Persian Gulf today. Genuine U.S. security does not depend on this sort of power projection, but on efforts to demilitarize troubled regions of the world. The recent Soviet offer for a mutual withdrawal of foreign bases from Vietnam and the Philippines is just one alternative to the dangerous military strategies of which the Philippine bases are a part.

Those in the United States committed to a non-interventionist foreign policy and a reversal of the nuclear arms race need to join the campaign for the withdrawal of the U.S. bases from the Philippines. Between now and 1991, we must mobilize public opinion to ensure that there is no new bases agreement. It is time for U.S. troops in the Philippines to come home.

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Moreover, the Philippine Senate has recently approved a bill unambiguously banning nuclear weapons and nuclear-armed vessels from Philippine soil, waters and airspace. Although the bill has not yet been acted upon by the House of Repre-

money can compensate the country for the tremendous costs of the bases to Philippine society, sovereignty and security. Whatever economic benefits the bases provide could be offset by a sound program for converting the facilities to pro-

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# Debate Grows, at Home and Abroad, Over U.S. Foreign Military Bases

by John M. Miller

As the U.S. economy becomes less competitive internationally, policy makers are increasingly questioning the costs of U.S. military forces in other countries. The peace movement has an opportunity to deepen this discussion beyond economic terms and talk about the purposes and consequences of stationing U.S. troops all over the world.

The debate in Washington is about "burdensharing," or how much military force the U.S. can afford to base abroad and who should pay for it. Other factors are involved: several countries are asking for huge rent increases as bases agreements come up for renewal; opposition in many countries is growing from people concerned about the impact of hosting foreign forces and nuclear weapons; and the Soviet Union has made several proposals to reduce U.S. and Soviet forces outside their own territories.

While the U.S. is not the only nation with an extensive military presence outside its own borders, it has the only truly global military network. Concentrated in the Pacific, Caribbean, Middle East and Europe and augmented by a large naval fleet, U.S. forces and facilities serve many purposes: antenna, for example, can transmit orders to launch nuclear attacks; troops billeted at bases abroad stand ready to intervene if U.S. policy demands it; bases help insure political influence and economic access. Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy patrols the seven seas ready to launch nuclear war or military intervention.

## Burdensharing

This overseas military network is extremely expensive, but Congress only recently required the Pentagon to calculate its costs. Escalating budget and trade deficits have led to a de facto ceiling on military spending. One answer is to press wealthier allies to spend more. This call for "burdensharing" reflects a perception that the U.S. has all the burdens of empire (high military expenditures and bad

press), with few of the benefits. Its allies have better trade positions and stronger economies, and the U.S.'s days as a global power may be numbered.

The burdensharing debate, for the most part, does not question the assumptions behind U.S. forward deployment: the need to challenge an exaggerated Soviet

increase military spending and expand their areas of operation, but has opposed legislation that would require allies to pay more, calling it "punitive, arbitrary and unfair." The Pentagon is afraid that allies, especially in the Gorbachev era, may not agree to increase military spending and withdrawals will have to begin.

instead of being discussed.

## Negotiations

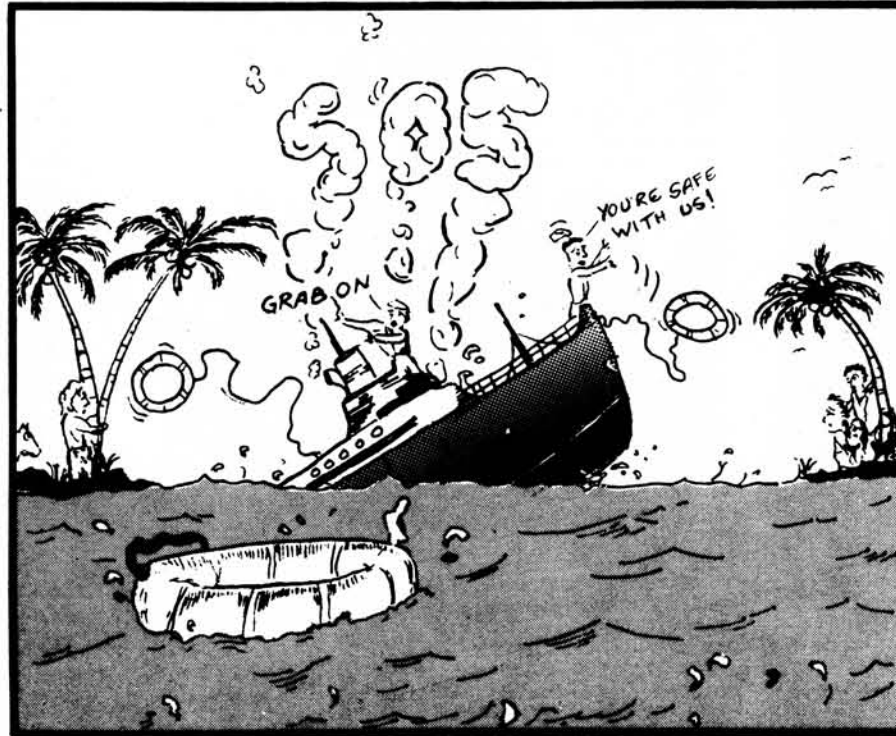
Negotiations of bases agreements between the U.S. and Spain, Greece, the Philippines, Portugal and Turkey are either underway or about to begin. Already, pressure from strong anti-bases movements have led to an agreement to close one base in Spain and notice to close another in Greece.

Although the U.S. and Philippine governments recently agreed on terms for the last two years of the 1947 Military Bases Agreement, the negotiations concerning the 1991 renewal of the agreement have not started. It is unlikely that any new agreement could meet public concern in the Philippines about the impact of the bases on Philippine sovereignty, security and society. As Filipino opposition to the bases grows, passage of any new treaty on the bases by the required two-thirds Philippine Senate is doubtful, fueling concern about covert intervention by the U.S. to maintain its bases.

The price tag for the two-year pact is nearly a billion dollars in direct U.S. aid, less than half the Philippine government's original demand. Cuts in the foreign aid budget have meant that promises of aid or "rent" for other facilities have gone unmet, creating difficulties with several nations such as Portugal and Turkey.

If we wish to change U.S. policy, we need to support overseas movements opposing foreign bases, while working to insure that the policies that underlie them are debated and changed. We can link our local campaigns to similar ones overseas, and urge the U.S. government to respect decisions by allies to ban nuclear weapons and remove foreign military bases.

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"threat" and for the U.S. to act as the world's police force, preventing the rise of nationalist Third World regimes and undermining those that exist. But should U.S. allies refuse to foot the bill, the threat to pull back is there, and many allies are reluctant to pay.

The Pentagon is especially concerned that U.S. pressure might go too far. According to a *New York Times* report of a classified study, the Pentagon believes that "the present overseas base structure is required." It is willing to urge allies to

Meanwhile, the Soviets, reacting to both internal pressures and external concerns, have offered a number of proposals aimed at reducing military forces in several regions, and at the UN Special Session, Foreign Minister Shevardnadze called for the elimination of "foreign military presence and military bases" throughout the world by the year 2000. Unfortunately, these and numerous other Soviet proposals for nuclear weapon free zones and demilitarization have been ignored or dismissed as propaganda by the West

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Dr. Wendy Martyna, Psychologist, will speak on "Keeping the Spirit Alive, Peacework and the Season"** at the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting. Also small group discussions. Bring a poem or quotation to share. Helena Oppenheimer will direct music with children from Escuela Pacifica. 11:30 a.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church Social Hall, Poplar at Melrose. Holiday treats to share are welcomed. Raffle drawing. Info: 425-7618.

**Weekly Town Clock Disarmament Vigil.** Sponsored by Quakers, Nevada Desert Experience and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. 4-5 p.m. Info: 458-9975.

**"Racism in the Feminist Movement,"** a panel discussion and community forum. Panel of speakers includes: Mwananchi and Ironiff Ifoma, leaders in the African

People's Socialist Party, and Kitty Reilly, chair of the Oakland Uhuru Solidarity Committee. Sponsored by the Uhuru Solidarity Committee. 7:30 p.m., Cafe Camleon, 418 Front Street. Info: 458-0802.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Film Festival for Kids.** See December 6.

**Universal Declaration of Human Rights 40th Anniversary Commemoration.** Speakers Hiber Conteris (Uruguayan Prisoner of Conscience 1976-1985; noted writer and intellectual; Professor of Alfred University; Honorary member of PEN and recipient of Letras de Ora Prize); Carole Nagengaste (National Board of Directors of Amnesty International; faculty, UCSC Community Studies Board; and Human Rights Activist); and Jane Yokoyama (Santa Cruz City Councilmember, Rainbow Coalition Member; and Former Chair Santa Cruz City Human Relations Task Force). Music by Aileen Vance, local singer-songwriter. Co-sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz City Human Relations Task Force. 7:30 p.m., Loudon Nelson Community Center, \$2-5 sliding scale donation. Info: 423-1626.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
**Kolaynu/New Jewish Agenda vigil** to commemorate the continued resistance of the Palestinian people against the systematic violation of their human rights. Today marks the one year anniversary of the Intefadeh (the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip), the 40th Anniversary of the UN's Universal Declaration of Hu-

man Rights and the fifth day of Hanukkah. 3-6 p.m., Town Clock. Info: Shelley 429-9003 or Ilene 426-0254.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**"News You Can Use," a KKUP (91.5 FM) call-in radio show.** Guest, Patricia Schroeder of Santa Cruz, will discuss the Global Women's Movement and the recent third meeting of Women of Latin America and the Caribbean in Havana, Cuba. 8-9 a.m. Call-in number: 253-6000.

**March and Rally Against Racism.** Sponsored by the Uhuru House and the African People's Socialist Party as part of Uhuru Liberation Weekend. Assemble 10 a.m. Lane's Texaco Station, 6630 E. 14th St., Oakland. March West to City Hall, Rally 12 noon City Hall, Downtown Oakland. Speakers include: Huey P. Newton, former leader of the Black Panther Party and Omali Yeshitela, chair of African's People's Socialist Party. Car pool info front Santa Cruz: 458-0802.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
**"Beyond The Cold War: Citizen Initiatives and U.S./Soviet Understanding,"** a KAZU (90.3 FM) Consider the Alternatives radio program. Part 3 of a 5-part series. Examines and evaluates the role of American citizens in initiating exchanges, diplomacy, media projects, and a wide variety of peace efforts aimed at the Soviet Union during the Reagan years. The series brings listeners up to date on Cold War history as well as the Gorbachev era of Glasnost in the Soviet Union. 6 p.m. Info: 375-3082.



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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
**December 31st Committee planning meeting.** 7 p.m. Info: 458-1984 for directions.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**The One Night Stand Coffee House.** Readings by Native American poets from the San Francisco Bay Area. Loudon Nelson Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 7:30 p.m. Info: 458-5307.

**Weekly Town Clock Disarmament Vigil.** See December 7.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**"Human Rights in Guatemala: An Unfulfilled Promise"** featuring Amilcar Mendez Urizar, Director of the "Council of Ethnic Communities—Runjel Jaunam" (CERJ) in the Quiche province of the Guatemala Highlands. Mr. Mendez will speak on how people are organizing to promote and protect basic human rights in the Guatemalan highlands, the threats they are facing, and the role of international support in their efforts. Co-sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Santa Cruz Guatemala Committee. 7:30 p.m., Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Info: 423-1626.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**Dance for Life with Midas and the Bridge.** A benefit for Nicaraguan hurricane relief. Sponsored by Central American Health Rights Project, Coalition for Nicaragua, VFW Bill Motto Post 5888. 8 p.m., Vet's Hall, 846 Front St. \$6.50 in advance, \$7-10 sliding scale at the door.

Info: 458-0303.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**"Beyond The Cold War" radio program.** See December 11.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**December 31st Committee planning meeting.** See December 12.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
**Weekly Town Clock Disarmament Vigil.** See December 7.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
**"News You Can Use," a KKUP (91.5 FM) Radio Show.** A medley of peace and social justice songs for Christmas chosen by a born-again atheist. 8-9 a.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
**"Beyond The Cold War" radio program.** See December 11.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
**December 31st Committee planning meeting.** See December 12.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
**Weekly Town Clock Disarmament Vigil.** See December 7.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**Third Annual December 31st World Peace Day:** Meditation at Unity Temple, 407 Broadway, begins at 1 a.m. For additional info on events: 458-1984.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26-  
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**  
**Planning Action for Reclaim the Test Site II.** Observe the 38th anniversary of operations at the Nevada Test Site with



Michael Dukakis, pictured here in San Francisco the day before the election, won 62.2% of the votes in Santa Cruz County.

the American Peace Test. Thursday: arrivals and registration in Las Vegas (location to be determined). Friday: desert training all day at the Nevada Test Site. Saturday: civil disobedience action. Sunday: APT general meeting (location to be determined). Info: (702) 731-9644.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8-  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
**4th International Conference of Nuclear**

**Free Zone Local Authorities, Eugene, Oregon.** Focusing on the concerns of local nuclear free zones throughout the world and the impact they may have on their own national policies regarding nuclear defense. The wide range of subjects in the conference program will provide delegates and observers with global information on issues regarding nuclear weapons and nuclear power. Info: (503) 683-1802.

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On October 10, 1986, El Salvador was struck by a major earthquake which left 10,000 wounded, 1,500 dead, and 300,000 homeless. Over 25 percent of San Salvador, the capital city, was destroyed. Families watched as their homes tumbled and their communities crumbled.

UNADES, an organization formed by neighborhood committees in El Salvador, has helped communities combine their scarce resources and assist the most desperate families. UNADES confronts a myriad of obstacles in its work. It only has a limited resource base and is working in an environment of extreme hostility and repression.

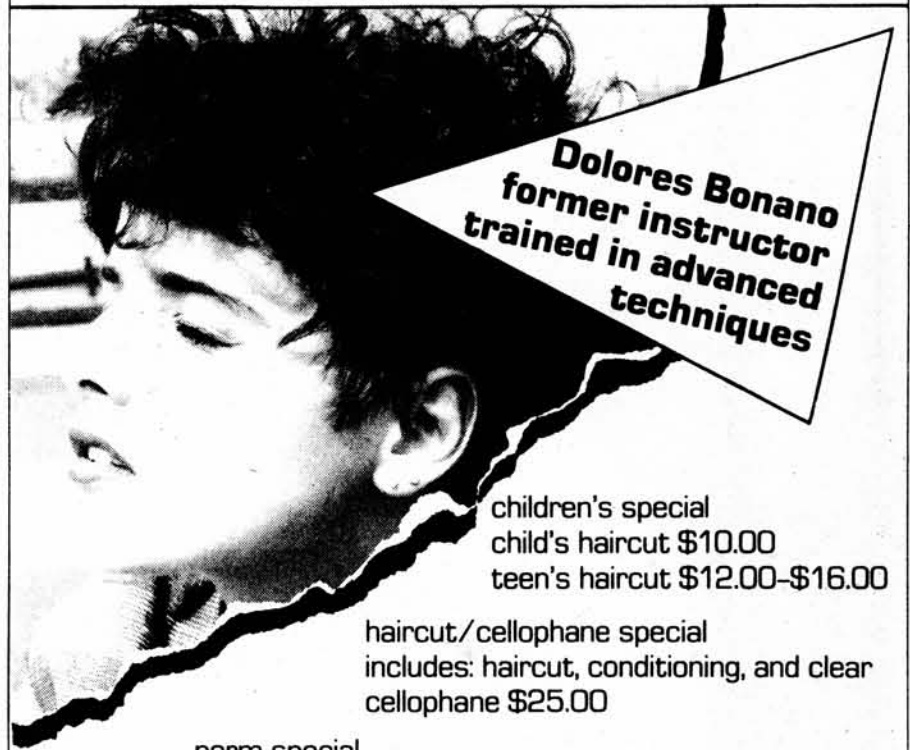
In order to put the problems that the earthquake victims face in context, it is helpful to review the current situation in El Salvador. The civil war which has raged for over nine years has killed 70,000 civilians. Seven thousand persons have disappeared and 1.3 million (over 20 percent of the Salvadoran population) have fled. Two-thirds of the population lack adequate

housing, health care, clothing, food, and education. Disappearances, assassinations, abductions, torture, and imprisonment are commonplace for those who speak out against the government. The situation is exacerbated by the \$2 million a day that the United States gives in military aid.

To meet some of the immediate human needs of the UNADES communities, a coalition of U.S. Solidarity groups has organized a "Caravan to El Salvador." The caravan will not only deliver vitally needed goods (medicines, food, work tools, and school supplies) to the people of San Salvador, but it will also publicize the government's political and military repression to educate the North American public on the ramifications of U.S. intervention in El Salvador.

Donations are desperately needed, especially medicine, food, building tools, and school supplies. Tax-deductible contributions for bulk purchase of these items, as well as for travel expenses of the caravan, are also essential. Checks can be made to: Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador—S.C.A.R.C. For more information, contact the Santana Chirino Amaya Refugee Committee at 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; (408) 426-4467.

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