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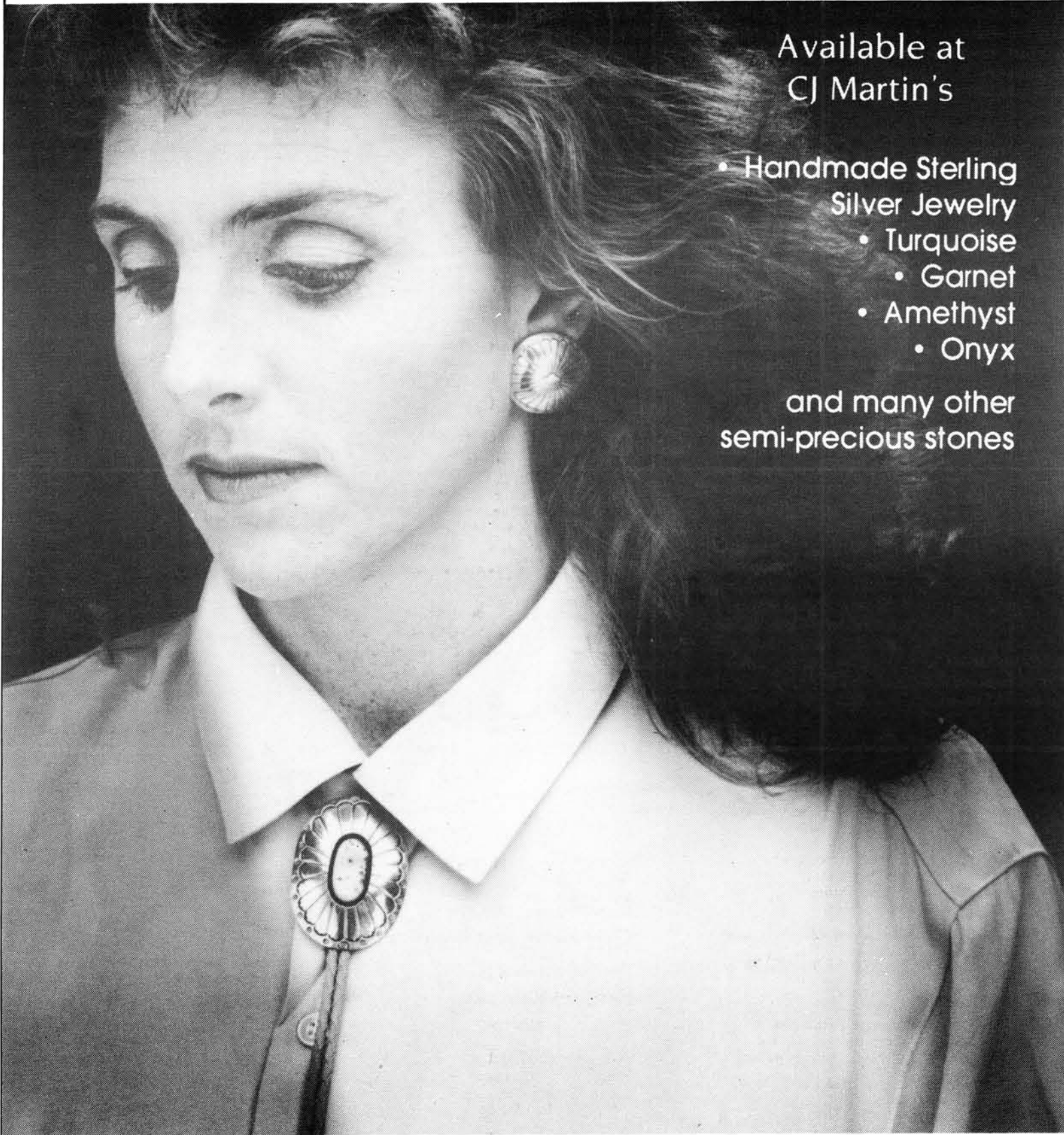
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Bush Nominates Criminal for U.N. Post

On December 6th, 1988, George Bush nominated Thomas R. Pickering to be the "U.S. Permanent Representative to the U.N." Reflecting aggressive self confidence, Bush characterized this nomination as the "foremost diplomatic appointment that I have to make." Bush either didn't look too far or he concurs with Pickering's record. Having been director of the CIA, it appears that Bush based his decision with full knowledge of Pickering's unethical past.

From 1967 to 1969, Thomas Pickering was stationed in the Middle Eastern country of Brunei by the State Department (recall the Sultan of Brunei's \$10 million "donation" to the Contras).

From 1969 to 1972, Pickering was Deputy Director of the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs for the State Department. Pickering pleaded ignorance when he was questioned during the Iran-Contra hearings about his involvement as U.S. Ambassador to Israel from 1972-1974, during which time Israel played a role in the covert delivery of arms to Iran. He did this to either gain release or hold onto the U.S. hostages until after Reagan was elected.

This wouldn't be the last time Pickering was in the arena of covert illegal and immoral transactions. In another phase of the hearings he testified that as then-U.S. Ambassador to El Salvador, he assisted in arranging a secret donation of more than \$1 million worth of military equipment to the Contras through Oliver North during the time that Congress specifically prohibited such activity with the Boland Amendment. Pickering testified that he purposely did not notify the State Department as he would normally do, but instead hand delivered the documents directly to Oliver North.

In further testimony he acknowledged that in early 1985 he met with Felix Rodriguez, a "retired" CIA operative named in the Christic Institute's present lawsuit for



his extensive involvement in large-scale drug running, money laundering, and assassination. (Rodriguez also worked closely with Donald Gregg in Vietnam, specializing in "counter-insurgency operations.")

Pickering pleaded ignorance about Rodriguez's presence to assist the Contras—the old memory-lapse trick (must have watched the Nixon-Reagan-Bush school of disinformation correspondence tapes). Well, at least there are still a few people willing to wake up themselves and waken others with facts (much better than the barrel of a gun). I reckon this old Democracy ain't done for yet and we may still be able to do more than click our red shoes together and wish for the "kinder, gentler nation" of the past.

The appointment of Pickering as U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. is not complete and still rests on two upcoming deliberations and votes. The nomination is scheduled to go before a review this week (March 1st) in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (California Senator Alan Cranston is presently the chair of the

committee). If there is little to no debate the nomination will be voted on by the full Senate, tentatively scheduled for the end of March.

Please, exercise your democratic rights. Let your elected representatives know what you think about this appointment. Call Senators Alan Cranston (415-556-8440) and Pete Wilson (415-556-4307).

Grant Wilson
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Lauding Leon Panetta

Bravo! Thanks for enlightening Northern California about the dedicated competent political "Phenomenon": the 16th Congressional District's Leon Panetta (January-February 1989 issue). I say "Phenomenon" because in this day and age of reactionary right supremacy—with the Jesse Helms, the Orrin Hatch and the New Gringriches (How the Gringrich stole the Bill of Rights)—"We the People" have one bright, resourceful "liberal" (in the true, pure sense of the word and all its

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glorious traditions) battling the neo-fascist oligarchy's legions.

What has always amazed me is how Leon manages to consistently gather up 60 percent or more of the vote, each time and in every election, since 1976—especially, in areas like Fort Ord and Marina (military country), and among the well-to-do Pebble Beach and Carmel crowd. Growing up as a "military brat," I am acutely aware of how the military rules here in Marina. Unlike in Santa Cruz, it would be very dangerous to have a "peace with Nicaragua," or "U.S. out of El Salvador," bumper sticker—I know I've tried. Maybe we need that kind of magical skill in the U.S. Senate. Now that it is rumored that our Reagan clone, Danny-Boy Quayle's "Best Friend in the Senate" Pete Wilson, is being cajoled into running for governor.

In congressional voting, Panetta consistently stands up for what he and fellow American idealists believe in—unlike so many spineless "boll weevil" Democrats. He fights for his liberal convictions. Leon has what is so scarce in today's political leaders—backbone. It's so very refreshing to know you can still believe and trust in someone, an elected representative, to express one's views and do what is P.C.

I'd like to thank *The Monthly Planet* for the great article and Leon Panetta for being the man he is.

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True/False

___ The Partial Test Ban Treaty could be amended to become a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty by including a ban on underground tests.

___ Nye County, Nevada, adopted a non-prosecution policy in 1987 to deal with mushrooming numbers of arrests at the Nevada Test Site.

___ According to the "bad news bearers," the Reagan years demonstrated the most sophisticated and most well-intentioned manipulation of the press in the history of the republic.

___ The result of the Bush budget is that military spending would grow, and human needs programs would be cut.

Multiple Choice

What prompted concern by the U.S. Army to modify its maneuvers policy in West Germany?

- a) Altruism.
- b) Romantic regard for ecological values.
- c) Pressure from West Germans.
- d) Bad publicity.
- e) Advice from George Bush's ethics adviser.

"Home detention" is:

- a) Cruel and unusual punishment, according to Amnesty International.
- b) Kinder and gentler punishment, according to George Bush.
- c) A sentence handed down to a Colorado plowshares activist.
- d) A solution to the problem of nuclear waste storage.
- e) A way to alleviate jail overcrowding caused by the large number of corrupt Reagan Administration officials.

When George Bush was the CIA director:

- a) He put a stop to all illegal covert actions.
- b) He approved an entente with Argentine Nazis.
- c) He investigated John Tower's connections with military contractors.
- d) He investigated John Tower's adulterous affairs.
- e) He investigated John Tower's drinking problem.

Who said: "We're awash in plutonium. We have more plutonium than we need."

- a) Former Secretary of Energy John Herrington.
- b) Nominee for Secretary of Energy James Watkins.
- c) Nominee for Secretary of Defense John Tower.
- d) Former President Ronald Reagan.
- e) President George Bush.

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Bush Hands Congress a Budget Similar to Reagan's

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Reagan's proposed 2 percent increase, it still allows enough to cover inflation. This amounts to an approximate \$9 million increase over last year's budget. This military budget would not contribute a penny toward reducing the federal deficit. In addition, this "freeze" would contribute virtually nothing to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings spending target deficit of \$100 billion, leaving that to domestic programs or increased revenues.

Human needs programs, however, would not be compensated for inflation. Bush's proposed military programs would be funded by making cuts in other domestic programs. Bush did not specify which programs would be cut.

The funding request for cleanup of the Department of Energy nuclear weapons production facilities is \$401 million.

Even though there have been dramatic changes in U.S. relations with the Soviets, Bush asked that military spending be increased by about \$1.4 billion in 1990, keeping the total military budget at about \$300 billion. When inflation is taken into account, this total is more than this country spent on the military at the height of the Vietnam war.

At the same time, the budget misses several critical needs that lie ahead in 1990. For example, the president expressed profound concern for the plight of homeless people, but proposed no additional funds for permanent affordable housing for low income people. The budget proposal puts a lot of pressure on a large list of domestic programs, forcing Congress to choose a few among them to be fully funded.

The Defense Budget Project has published an analysis of the Bush military budget. Their analysis shows that under the Bush budget, defense would only contribute \$0.6 billion to the \$27 billion to meet the fiscal year 1990 Gramm-Rudman target. Defense accounts for a minimum of 25 percent of federal spending, yet it would contribute less than 3 percent to the required reductions. Bush's so-called flexible freeze of military spending would increase after 1990. Military planners, expecting increased spending in future years, would put off tough choices this year. The "freeze" in Bush's 1990 budget proposal would apply in different ways for different programs.

The defense budget uses the fiscal year

1989 appropriation level as a base, adding inflationary growth. But, for human needs programs, the freeze uses 1989 outlay levels as a base, with no increase for inflation. The result of the Bush budget is that military spending would grow, and human needs programs would be cut.

The Congressional Black Caucus alternative budget is tentatively scheduled to be released sometime in early March. Watch *The Monthly Planet* for details.

ACTION: Write letters and make phone calls to your congressional delegation urging that they support a fiscal year 1990 budget resolution that reduces the deficit by cutting military spending (MX, Trident II missile, Star Wars, and B-2 Bomber); addresses critical problems such as homelessness, drug abuse, poverty, and our environment; and reflects our nation's priorities of investing in our human resources.

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On February 21, SANE/FREEZE joined a group of 12 arms control and environmental organizations that called on the House and Senate Armed Services Committees to defer construction and any other increases in funding for new

system, the Midgetman, or some other land-based system). On February 15, the Bush Administration sent word to Congress that any decision on how to spend the \$350 million will be postponed pending further study of the issue. A decision is expected sometime in April.

A panel, sponsored by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), urged that the plan to deploy MX missiles on a rail garrison system be postponed.

When inflation is taken into account, this total is more than this country spent on the military at the height of the Vietnam War.

production reactors, pending answers to critical questions. The group is concerned about plant safety, environment risks, and the necessity of new weapon plants.

ACTION: As part of your letter suggested above on cutting the military budget and funding human needs or in a separate letter, urge your congressional delegation to support the efforts of Rep. Albert Bustamante (D-TX) and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) to stop the construction of the SIS facility. Tell them that the U.S. does not need a new facility to produce plutonium. Former Energy Secretary John Herrington told the House Appropriations Subcommittee on February 23, 1988 that "We're awash in plutonium. We have more plutonium than we need." Insist that funds for the SIS facilities and the new production reactors be used for cleanup of the existing DOE nuclear weapons producing plants.

MX Missile

Last year Congress approved \$600 million for the MX missile. Of that amount, \$250 million could be spent before February 15, 1989 and the remaining \$350 million after that date. While technically earmarked for the MX program, the additional \$350 million has been left to the discretion of President Bush (whether to put it toward the MX rail garrison

The CSIS panel urged that instead of a rail deployment plan, that a truck-based system deploy an additional type of missile along a network of shelters on military bases in the Southwest. This alternative scheme is known as "carry hard." These new missiles could be one- or two-warhead Midgetman missiles, or the existing 10-warhead MX and three-warhead Minuteman III. Each would be placed in hardened launch canisters and shuttled on trucks between 2,300 vertical shelters spread over 225 square miles. The cost would run between \$20 and \$40 billion. The panel also suggested that a mutual U.S.-Soviet ban on such mobile multiple-warhead missiles "deserves serious consideration."

ACTION: The National Campaign to Stop the MX, a coalition of peace organizations, sent a letter to Congress on February 21 urging them to oppose the MX rail garrison plan. A letter was also sent to President Bush by members of the House opposing the MX rail garrison plan. Contact your representative and senators immediately to express strong opposition to any additional funding for the MX rail garrison program. Ask them to inform President Bush and National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft that moving forward with the rail garrison plan is a budget buster and poses a serious threat to our national security.

El Salvador

During the past two weeks, the El Salvadoran rebels, known as the FMLN, have made several proposals aimed at beginning a process of negotiations toward a political resolution of the civil war in that country. They have offered to participate in the upcoming presidential elections, proposed a 60-day ceasefire during the election period, and have vowed to avoid attacking U.S. personnel and installations. The U.S. State Department termed the proposal "worthy of serious and substantive consideration." As a result, both President Duarte and the right-wing ARENA party have backed away from their initial outright rejection of the proposals. With continued pressure from the United States, it is possible that the government of El Salvador may put forward a counterproposal and offer to negotiate with the guerrillas.

ACTION: Call your representatives and senators. Ask them to speak out in support of negotiations and to urge the Bush Administration to use its influence with the El Salvadoran government to bring about a dialogue aimed at including all sectors of the society in the upcoming elections.

Contra Aid

Meeting in El Salvador on February 13 and 14, the five Central American presidents reaffirmed their desire for an end to the wars in the region. In a joint statement the presidents gave themselves 90 days to formulate a plan for the demobilization, repatriation, or relocation of the Nicaraguan Contras. The presidents also endorsed a proposal to set up U.N.-sponsored mobile units to monitor compliance with provisions of the peace plan, which forbids governments from sending aid to "irregular forces" in the region. U.S. support for both these initiatives is crucial to their success, but so far the response from the Bush Administration has been lukewarm. In a press conference, President Bush expressed

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"strong reservations" about the plan to dismantle the Contra army and said he would seek to continue sending them so-called "humanitarian" aid. Secretary of State James Baker has indicated that the Bush Administration is planning to ask for additional aid for the Nicaraguan Contras. The current package of non-lethal or "sustenance" aid runs out on March 31.

ACTION: *The ongoing peace initiative by the Central American presidents has caused many members of Congress to raise questions about the continuation of Contra aid. It is important for members of Congress to hear from their constituents on this issue even before the Bush Administration submits a formal request for more aid. Call or write your representative and senators. Urge them to speak out now in opposition to any further aid to the Contras as a fighting force. Instead, aid should be sent in support of the Central American peace plan for the purpose of disbanding the Contras and resettling them and their families*

Nicaraguan Embargo

Among the bills introduced in the new Congress is one that would lift the trade and other sanctions imposed against Nicaragua by President Reagan in 1985. The bill's number is H.R. 418, and its chief sponsor is Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY). Without strong grassroots pressure favoring the

bill, it is not likely to be considered seriously by Congress.

South Africa

Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-CA) re-introduced his comprehensive sanctions bill, H. R. 12, on January 4, 1989. This bill would prohibit U.S. investment and trade with South Africa. As of February 7, this bill had 119 co-sponsors.

passed the House last year but was defeated in the Senate. However, no such legislation has been re-introduced so far this year.

Homelessness

In spite of widespread concern about homelessness, Congress appropriated only about half the funds authorized for the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless

The result of the Bush budget is that military spending would grow, and human needs programs would be cut.

U.N. Peacekeeping

Because of the progress toward negotiated settlement of several regional conflicts, such as Afghanistan and Angola, United Nations peacekeeping forces are increasingly involved around the world. The cost of supporting these peacekeeping forces has also increased. Both Presidents Reagan and Bush have requested that \$125 million be transferred to U.N. peacekeeping from funds previously appropriated to the Department of Defense. Legislation to accomplish this

Assistance Act for 1989. Rep. Bruce Vento (D-MN) has introduced a bill to provide more money for emergency services this year. The bill, H.J.Res. 31, is known as an "emergency supplemental" appropriation for homeless assistance.

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Why We Need a Comprehensive Test Ban

Of all the urgent problems facing the new administration, the one receiving the least attention is the need for a comprehensive ban on nuclear weapons testing (CTB). Yet, such a ban is crucially important to controlling the arms race. Persuading other countries to forego nuclear weapons, de-

Analysis

veloping a constructive relationship with the Soviet Union, and relieving the budget crunch in our defense spending could be accomplished through the enactment of a CTB.

If the testing continues, new weapons will be developed that will destabilize the current situation. The list includes nuclear weapons that could concentrate and aim different types of radiation, such as X-rays, gamma rays or microwaves; underground nuclear cannons that could hurl weapons at satellites in space; and nuclear weapons that could fuel X-ray lasers. The whole trend of nuclear testing is toward the development of weapons with specific military uses, as though these weapons could be used without risking all-out nuclear war.

A CTB would also strengthen the effort to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons around the world. The parties to the 1968 Non-Proliferation Treaty have made it clear that they expect the superpowers to negotiate a CTB in order to live up to their treaty obligation to end the nuclear arms race. If the non-nuclear weapons nations continue to feel that the superpowers are not living up to this commitment, the future of the treaty could be imperiled

when a vote on its extension is taken in 1995.

At the present time, the administration offers various objections to a CTB. The Pentagon has repeatedly asserted that continued nuclear testing is necessary to ensure the reliability of the nuclear weapons in our stockpile. In fact, leading scientists in the nuclear weapons field assert that the best way to confirm reliability is to disassemble sample weapons and subject the components to non-nuclear tests,

as has been done almost exclusively in the past. According to records at the Nevada Test Site, fewer than 5 percent of U.S. nuclear tests each year are for reliability checks, while the other 95 percent are for weapons and delivery systems development.

The Pentagon's other principle argument for testing is that monitoring technology is currently not adequate to detect cheating, especially at low yields. In fact, verification measures are now fully capable of detecting nuclear tests, including those of low yield, which affect U.S. security. The latest seismic sensors can detect explosions as small as one kiloton with 90 percent confidence. The Soviets have stated their willingness to accept required means of verification and there is no reason to believe they would not accept as many seismic stations on their soil as deemed necessary. During earlier CTB talks, they have agreed to on-site inspection in suspicious cases and, more re-

cently, during their 18-month unilateral moratorium on testing, they offered to open their test site to U.S. inspection.

The administration has also argued that testing is required to make nuclear weapons smaller and safer, but this is no reason to continue testing.

Widespread public support for a comprehensive test ban is developing. Some 180 cities have already adopted resolutions favoring it. Organizations in over 60 counties, including 47 national-level organizations in the U.S., are currently giving voice to this public support through an International Comprehensive Test Ban Campaign.

On August 15th, the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT), a press conference was held to announce the remarkable development of an amendment conference being activated. The purpose of an amendment conference would be to add underground tests to the PTBT's prohibitions and thereby transform it into a CTB. The U.S. has indicated that it will fulfill its obligations under the treaty to convene the conference, which will probably be held in August at the United Nations.

One feature of the amendment process could be of great value to our security. If the U.S., the U.S.S.R. and the U.K., together with a majority of the parties, approve the conversion to a CTB, then, according to the amendment provisions, all 116 parties would be bound. Every state that the U.S. considers a proliferation risk is a party to the Partial Test Ban Treaty and would be brought into a comprehensive test ban regime. The U.S.—and the new administration—would thus play a substantive, positive role in halting the spread of nuclear weapons to other parts of the world.

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Franciscans Arrested at Nevada Test Site

If distinguished theologian Fr. Richard Rohr is right, the 110 people who were arrested for trespassing February 19th at the Nevada Test Site were not breaking the law; they were rather performing a sacrament that has yet to be recognized by the Catholic Church.

The nonviolent civil disobedience was the culmination of the Franciscan Weekend portion of the Lenten Desert Experience's 40 days of prayer and protesting of nuclear weapons testing in the Nevada desert. More than 400 Franciscan brothers, sisters and friends came to Las Vegas for the event. Three days of dialogue and workshops addressing the link between nonviolent protest in the context of the Franciscan tradition and Christian experience preceded the witness at the test site.

Fr. Richard Rohr presented a thoughtful keynote address entitled "The Revolution of Gospel Nonviolence" to the group on February 18th. Rohr characterized the 1980's as "The Decade of Denial," which saw the continuing progress of the military

economy/state that is preparing for war while insisting it is preparing for peace.

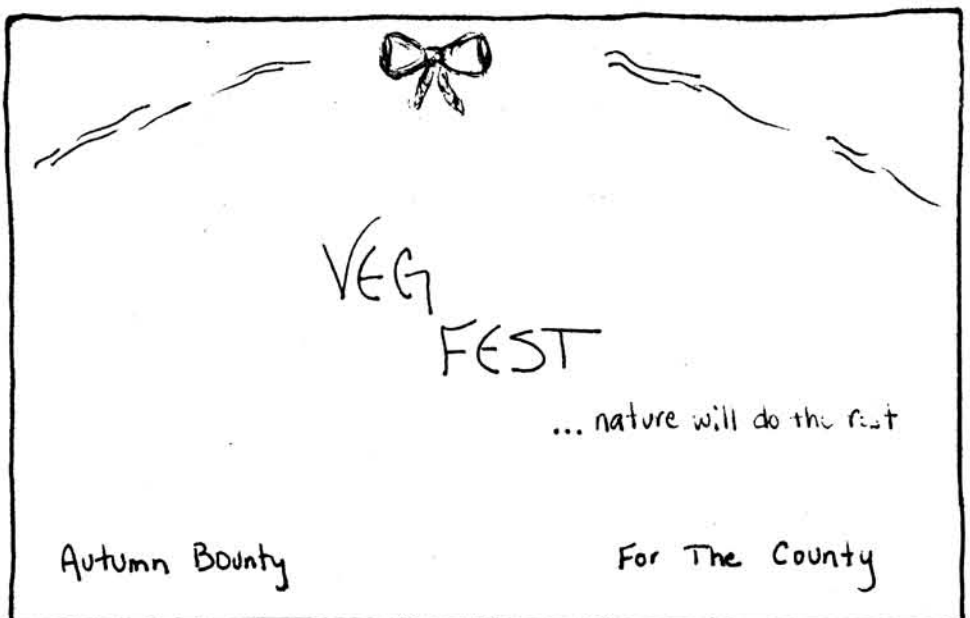
Rohr called on his fellow Franciscans and Catholics to once again embrace the idea of the Catholic Church as the "resistance church," an idea that "doesn't come naturally to Catholics" because of the church's long history and tendency to sustain and validate the status quo.

Just as Francis lived his life according to what he felt in his heart to be right, Rohr urged the gathering "to go beyond the superficial life to a deeper place based on the gospels... The bomb will not save us; only the gospel can save the world."

The Franciscan weekend came following earlier Ash Wednesday actions led by Father Daniel Berrigan and Bishops Gumbleton, Buswell and Archbishop Hunt-hausen, and a Seminarian weekend with theologian Mary Hunt as speaker. These Lenten Desert events were sponsored by the Nevada Desert Experience, a faith-based organization resisting nuclear weapons testing.



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Nonviolent Resistance to Nuclear Weapons in 1988

by Jack & Felice Cohen-Joppa

A diverse and thriving segment of the disarmament movement engages in the practice of civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action. As reported in the Jan./Feb. *Monthly Planet*, in 1988 approximately 4,130 nuclear protest arrests were made in the United States, and another 340 in Canada. The total of 4,470 arrests occurred during almost 160 actions at 65 locales. (Last month's figures have since been revised to the figures reported here.) The specific incidents that make up these statistics offer a closer look at the state of the resistance movement. Most importantly, they point to a dynamic future.

The Nevada Test Site continued to be a national focus for nonviolent direct action. Despite its geographical isolation, nearly 2,800 arrests were recorded at the site last year, two-thirds the annual U.S. anti-nuclear total. "Reclaim the Test Site," a series of actions in March, brought at least 8,000 people to the territory of the Western Shoshone Indians, whose 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the U.S. government was violated with the establishment of the nuclear test site. Two thousand and sixty-five arrests were made during ten days of action and education.

More than 1,200 people were arrested during the largest single action of the year on March 12, when a human wave more than one mile in length passed through the barbed wire fence and flowed out to reclaim the desert. No one went to court, however, as Nye County continued its non-prosecution policy adopted in 1987 to deal with the mushrooming protests.

Late in the summer, the Missouri Peace

marine and its first-strike D-5 missile provided several other significant venues for protest in 1988—at the East and West Coast homeports at King's Bay, Georgia, and Bangor, Washington; the Electric Boat Company in Groton, Connecticut where

linked to her telephone served to keep Katherine Hunziker imprisoned in her own home for three months. "It has a strange psychological effect," said the single mother. "It's like wearing a scarlet A, but in my case I wear it like a badge." The

NUCLEAR RESISTANCE ARRESTS, U.S. AND CANADA, 1983-1988

	1988	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983
Total arrests:	4,470	5,300	3,200	3,300	3,010	5,300
# of sites:	65	70	75	120	85	60
# of actions:	160	180	165	170	160	140

the subs are built; at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where the D-5 is flight tested; and along the tracks of the trains carrying missile motors running from Utah to both Trident homeports.

At Cape Canaveral, three women were sent to jail for six, nine and 12 months for their Mother's Day action at the Kennedy Space Center, the harshest sentences of the year for simple trespassing in a state court.

In Omaha, Nebraska, three religious resisters sought sanctuary at local Catholic churches. Rather than appear for sentencing in federal court for trespassing at the nearby headquarters of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the resisters challenged church leaders to take a stand on the morality of nuclear targeting plans drawn up by SAC, in light of Catholic moral teachings. The local archbishop and other clergy denied sanctuary for the pacifist resisters and refused comment on the moral issue.

punishment permitted Hunziker to care for her children and continue managing her wholesale herb business at home.

Looking Ahead

George Bush has declared his opposition to a comprehensive test ban treaty, assuring that the Nevada Test Site will continue as a focus for nonviolent direct action. The American Peace Test, organizer of last year's Reclaim the Test Site actions, is gearing up for Reclaim the Test Site II, with the major action planned for Tax Day, April 15.

The Nevada Desert Experience, a faith-based nonviolent direct action group, begins their eighth year of organizing Lenten and Hiroshima/Nagasaki vigils and civil disobedience at the test site.

Direct opposition to the Trident submarine system will continue in 1989, picking up particularly through the southeast: at Cape Canaveral, Florida; at the King's Bay, Georgia submarine base; and along the railroad tracks that bring missile motors to the new East Coast Trident homeport. Several years ago, nuclear trains carrying the Trident's warheads to Bangor, Maine encountered resistance all along the tracks from their assembly plant in Texas. Jack Roeder, head of the Department of Energy's Albuquerque transportation office, acknowledged in 1988 that such shipments had been stopped because "the trains were the subject of a lot of protest." (*Washington Post*, 11/2/88).

National disarmament groups generally have not incorporated civil resistance and the tactics of nonviolent direct action into their emerging strategies for peacemaking. Despite this, in the year ahead, nuclear testing, Trident, the missile silos and Star Wars will be major targets of protest, as a network of communities and groups continue to use nonviolent resistance to confront the arms race in their own back yards. Many of those arrested will continue to bring international law into court, claiming the Bomb itself is an illegal weapon of mass and indiscriminate destruction which citizens are obliged to resist.

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Planting '88 simultaneously occupied ten nuclear missile silos in that state. Fourteen people were arrested as they and 75 supporters from Kansas City and beyond decorated the surrounding fences with artwork, photos and other personal mementos.

Their statement observed that "the Missouri missile silos are scattered in farmers' fields like razors in a loaf of bread." Released without being charged, many in the group repeatedly returned to occupy some of the silos over the next few weeks, each time causing the temporary deactivation of the nuclear missiles sealed below. Eventually, federal authorities filed multiple charges of trespassing, plus destruction of property (the \$2 padlocks) in some cases. By mid-January 1989, 11 had been convicted and four sentenced to fines, lengthy probation, and jail terms of up to 25 months.

Resistance to the Trident nuclear sub-

The three eventually served one to six months in jail.

The first Plowshares action of 1988 occurred aboard the USS *Iowa* at Norfolk, where it sat docked on Easter Sunday, just back from six months in the Persian Gulf. Fugitive Epiphany Plowshares activist Greg Boertje surfaced with three friends to pour blood on the *Iowa*'s nuclear-capable Tomahawk cruise missile box launchers. The four then let hammers fall, heeding Isaiah's call to beat swords into plowshares. Despite the damage done in full view of a touring public, only trespassing charges were filed. The Nuclear Navy Plowshares were told by FBI interrogators that more serious charges were avoided to deny the activists a "showcase trial."

"Home detention" emerged as a new type of sentence for a Colorado woman, arrested twice for trespassing at the Rocky Flats plutonium processing plant in Colorado. An electronic shackle on her ankle



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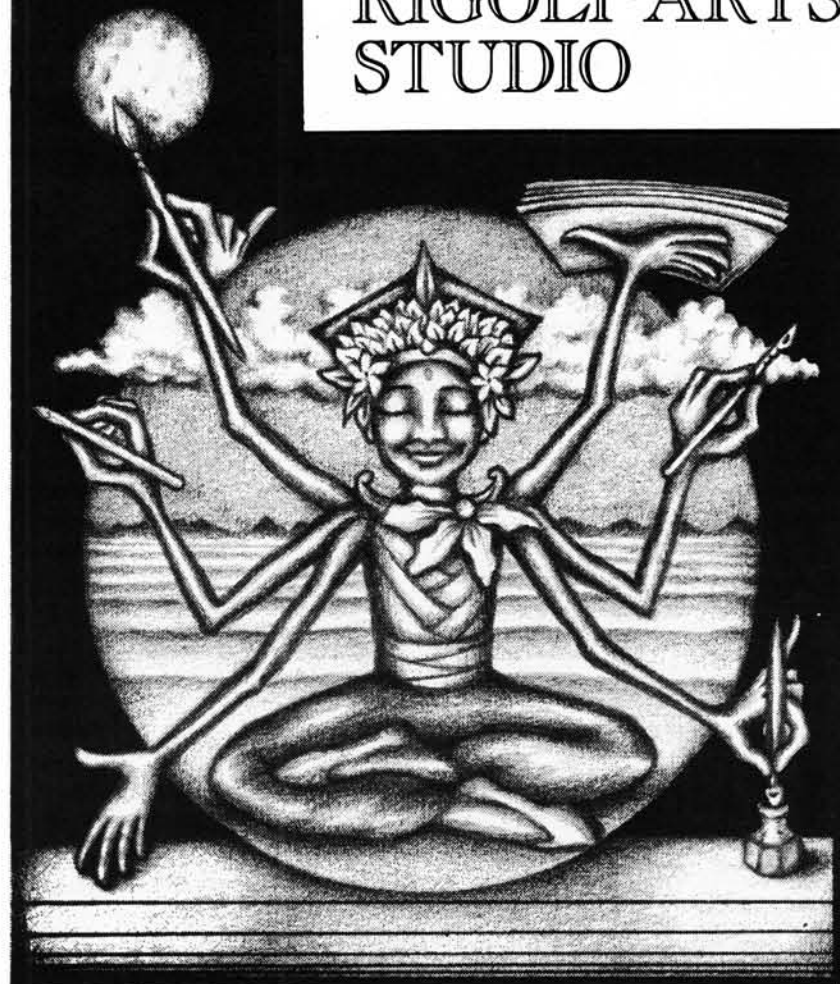
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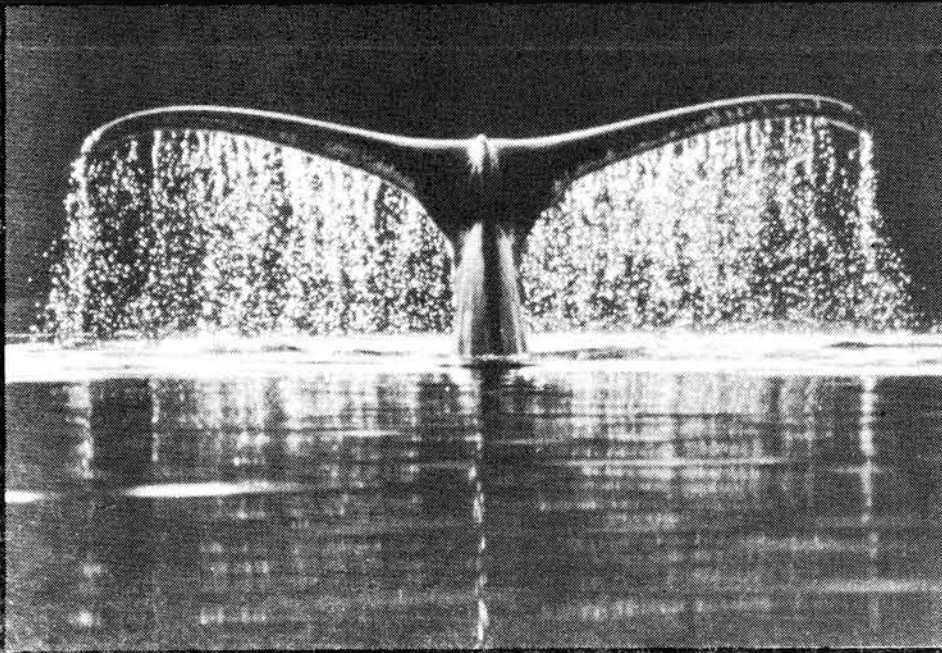
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U.S. Military Exercise

"is fairly obvious that we are fighting a battle of attrition against physical and social forces which tend to incrementally restrict our freedom to operate in Germany as we would like to."

The memo pointed out that the Army was forced to modify its maneuver policy "not out of altruism or romantic regard for ecological values or even economic reason. We did this because pressure from the German public, the German government and from Congress (to reduce costs of maneuver damage) simply forced us ... to restrict ourselves or ultimately submit to restrictions imposed from outside."

The report concluded that Army commanders should "ask themselves, 'Could we get away with this in the States and

exercise was the largest in the 20-year history of these autumn maneuvers. It involved 125,000 ground troops (103,000 were American) and about 30,000 tracked and wheeled vehicles. The U.S. 5th Corps defended against the invading U.S. 7th Corps in full-scale mock battle covering over 16,000 square miles of central and southern Germany. There were many disturbing incidents.

Parachutes floated down over the village of Weierhof last September. Soldiers fought mock house-to-house combat through the narrow streets. At one high school it was observed that "Armed soldiers from the U.S. Army assaulted the play yard and aimed their weapons at us. Shortly thereafter the first tanks rolled

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—a U.S. Army memo

with whom would we have to consult in order to carry out this operation/plan?' ... If we operate as sensitively and carefully in Germany as we do at home, we will ... probably decelerate the rate at which restrictions are imposed on us in the future."

While terrorizing West Germany apparently has not caused congressional concern, damage claims from maneuvers have. The General Accounting Office (GAO) reported that the Army is paying "virtually all claims without U.S. personnel verifying that U.S. forces caused the damage or, in fact that damage occurred." Similar conclusions were drawn by the Army's European command but the Defense and State Departments denounced the GAO study as not comprehensive. Congress also worries about funds for additional U.S. oversight.

Paying attention to West German media reports would reveal more practical and much cheaper means of reducing damage claims. For example, NATO's Reforger-88

onto the school grounds." There had been no warning. When the principal heard the tanks he parked his car across the driveway to prevent more from entering the school grounds.

This was not an isolated incident. In Bavaria and Baden-Wurtemberg alone there were seven deaths, 106 injuries (49 of them serious), 506 traffic accidents and three million marks in damages, not counting destruction of crops. People in the small town of Walddachsbach spontaneously tried to blockade the streets but police soon cleared the way.

More than half the corn fields were destroyed in Wehren while a farmer's wife looked on helplessly as four tanks rampaged through their acreage. In a single night a tank destroyed Niederstein's festival grounds and several streets. Crews broke into barns near Felsberg and dragged out farm machinery to make room to hide their tanks. Protesting farmers were quelled with smoke bombs. Destruction in North

Laughter permeated the bright spring morning as the children skipped across the field, enjoying their long-awaited class outing. The billowing dust cloud in the distance did not disturb them. But their mood shifted to curiosity as it moved nearer, then horror as it became obvious that two military tanks were bearing down on them. Screams pierced the air as 40 students scattered. The behemoths roared through, their youthful drivers smiling maliciously.

This was not a Vietnam atrocity, nor quenching of dissidence in Eastern Europe. This class and its teachers were deliberately picked by American tank crews as a target of opportunity during maneuvers in West Germany. Police said it

was fortunate that wind conditions prevented casualties from the smoke grenades fired. This was not an isolated case of harassment. Similar incidents occur regularly, along with millions of dollars in civilian damage during war-practice season.

Ground Maneuvers

Military attitudes which stimulate such behavior were blatantly illustrated in a 1983 U.S. Army memorandum. After describing the impact of West German public resistance to nuclear weapons, hazardous material storage, and environmental threats, the report observed that it

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by Bob Aldridge

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In a surprise attack on the residential area of Grundau, U.S. armored artillery units occupied vacant lots and used private homes as imaginary targets. Bivouac areas were set up in front yards and tanks crushed newly-built curbing. German officials were notified that the U.S. Army would be practicing in the Grundau area but were not warned that residential areas would be invaded. A German press spokesman said, "No law helps where the tanks roll. No permit is needed for maneuvers. They are merely announced . . ." According to the Statute of Forces Agreement between the U.S. and West Germany, "Troops may cross over private property, temporarily occupy it or intermittently close it off" without approval of the owner.

This is only a sampling of Army maneuvers in West Germany. Destruction of forests and ecological areas, contamination of ground water, and psychological effects have not been addressed. The alleged \$10-million savings by closer auditing is peanuts compared to what can be saved by not financing this cavalier activity. That is the direction in which Congress should be looking.

Helicopter Operations

"When the helicopters fly over the rooftops, the windows and glasses in the cupboards rattle. I might as well turn off the television since the noise drowns out everything," described a resident of Hanau, a little east of Frankfurt, whose home borders the U.S. air base of Erlensee. Other residents of Hanau explain that they live in a state of fear because the helicopters seem to almost scrape the roof. A teacher found instruction impossible when the helicopters fly around, and on several occasions he has seen them use the school as a mock target.

Helicopters fill a major role in supporting numerous and frequent military maneuvers in West Germany. To fight day and night in all weather, Army units have

become increasingly dependent on helicopter operations for attack, electronic warfare, observation, scouting, troop placement and replenishing supplies. The copters often circle late into the night; residents complain of being awakened by searchlights shining down into their windows. But complaining does little good because German officials seem willing to comply with U.S. desires, and grievances seldom go beyond their desks.

Night operations are particularly dangerous because the night vision goggles used by helicopter pilots are adapted from Air Force equipment intended for high-altitude flying. Problems arise when channel-vision equipment is used to fly low while avoiding obstacles and other helicopters. The goggles provide such a narrow field of view that maneuvering close to the surface is risky, but the Army assures critics that these goggles are safe, and cites Reforger-88 exercises as proof. Later-design goggles worn by pilots since June 1988 are an improvement but still risky. Two helicopters recently collided at Fort Ord, California while on a night mission — injuring four in the copters and four on the ground.

Other safety problems have arisen. The entire CH-47D Chinook helicopter fleet, used for troop movement and resupply, was grounded last December to check for faulty transmissions. Ten of these vehicles have crashed in the last three years, and in 1988 16 soldiers were killed.

A little-known danger of massive proportions is electromagnetic interference (EMI) with the sophisticated electronic flight controls of newer aircraft — especially the UH-60A Black Hawk and the AH-64A Apache helicopters. Five Black Hawk crews have been annihilated in recent years when their crafts mysteriously plunged into the ground. Although not formally acknowledged, official investigators believe EMI was the cause in each case. After one crashed near a high-powered citizen's band radio antenna in Alabama, the Army grounded all Black Hawks. They were returned to service within seven weeks without telling the pilots, or even the top general, that there was a 50 percent chance of a similar

accident within a year. Other Black Hawks have experienced temporary EMI-induced difficulties. After one went out of control near a Radio-Free-Europe transmitter in West Germany last May, the pilots received secret orders to stay seven miles away from certain European radio transmitters and a lesser distance away from others. Crews and passengers are prohibited from using electromagnetic devices such as transistor radios or calculators during flight.

A June 1988 report by the Pentagon's

inspector general confirmed that Black Hawks are vulnerable to EMI and accused the Army of concentrating on symptoms and ignoring the problem. Army officials have arbitrarily ruled that EMI is not a safety issue and thus it receives low priority. The inspector general disagrees, pointing out that no overall EMI compatibility program has been established for the Black Hawk and testing has been insufficient.

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AH-64A Apache attack helicopters made their debut in Europe during Reforger-87 and, after several false starts because of problems, started permanent deployment there in January 1988. The inspector general also issued a report on them last June, which confirmed their EMI susceptibility when operated in radiated fields from low-level emitters such as commercial microwave, television, and airport radar.

Numerous and unidentified sources of electromagnetic interference could cause, and have caused, aircraft to unexpectedly crash. That is not a comfortable thought for people living near their operating area. When EMI dangers are more publicly known the opposition to helicopter operations in West Germany will probably rise to new heights.

Low-Level Flight Training

Horbach was not zoned for low-level flight practice and local officials had no advanced information that their city would be attacked last January. Neither had German aviation authorities been warned of low-altitude sorties in that region. So residents were terrified when six A-10 Thunderbolts roared down from the skies, grazing trees and rooftops to assault their neighborhood and the nearby Army ammunition depot. Diving and zooming, attacking and regrouping, the planes flew over and over at 15-minute intervals from late morning till mid-afternoon, sometimes rolling wing over wing in arrogant mockery.

Shortly after 1 p.m. the flight picked a loaded school bus as a target of opportunity, making repeated passes during which one plane's wings almost scraped the vehicle. Children inside screamed in panic. A nearby school was also attacked

with one witness saying "the planes almost flew into the classrooms."

U.S. Air Force officials later admitted that their England-based aircraft were conducting "visual-flight exercises." The original targets were in southern Germany but bad weather eliminated that area. Rather than rescheduling the mission, military planners simply picked other targets farther north without notifying anyone of the change.

German residents had good reason for fear, considering the Thunderbolt's

which half were F-16 fighters. That was after the U.S. Air Force cut the number of sorties over Germany from 31,500 in 1985 to 17,500 in 1988. Nevertheless, U.S. Brigadier General Bruce J. Lotzbire claims that U.S. planes fly less than 20 percent of the low-level sorties, and that German fliers account for 36 percent while other NATO forces are responsible for the remaining 44 percent.

Low-level training flights have been a hot issue for many years and the issue flared after the Remscheid crash. A

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dubious safety record. During its debut at the Paris Air Show several years ago, an A-10 crashed while demonstrating low-altitude maneuvers to the audience. More recent accidents occurred last December 8th when two Thunderbolts crashed, one in Germany and the other in the U.S. The first demolished an apartment in the town of Remscheid, killing the pilot plus five on the ground and injuring some 50 others. Why it crashed was not determined; electromagnetic interference could have played a part. The A-10 crash in America occurred near the tribal capital of Tracy, Arizona—Native Americans on that reservation have been complaining about low-level training flights for years.

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moratorium was called for the remainder of 1988. Bowing to public and political pressure, West German Defense Minister Rupert Scholz proposed cutting low-level flights in German airspace by 1,000 hours in the near term and more later. U.S. officials balked, saying they were now at the minimum for pilots to stay proficient and that they would rather return to the 1985 level.

NATO ministers have now taken up this controversial issue and Scholz's latest proposal is to cut the low-level hours over Germany by 2,300 in the next two years. He would transfer 1,300 hours to Canada and the remainder to other NATO countries. In the meantime, Reforger-89 exercises originally slated for next September have been canceled and rescheduled to merge with Spring-1990 maneuvers.

Restrictions on low-level flying are so threatening to U.S. plans that *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, a leading U.S. aero-



space journal which champions industry initiatives, has editorialized that moving "aircraft and crews to remote training sites weakens deployed forces in Central Europe," and that until "deep Warsaw Pact force reductions become a reality, NATO's air forces must be permitted to conduct ... low-level flight training in Central Europe and Germany." Again the specter of communism has been raised to frighten people into accepting military plans. But perhaps now is the best time to start serious negotiations toward implementing force reductions—for both NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

Robert C. Aldridge, a World War II combat veteran and aerospace engineer who worked over three decades designing and researching weapons, is now engaged in private research to foster wider public understanding of military activities. His latest book, Nuclear Empire, is being published by New Star Books Ltd. (2504 York St., Vancouver, B.C., V6K 1E3 Canada).

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The Kind and Gentle George Bush

by Saul Landau

Candidate George Bush promised a "kinder and gentler America." He also promised to be tough on defense, execute drug criminals and cut the budget without raising taxes. He promised to become the "education president" without presenting any ideas about how to finance, let alone improve a teaching and learning system that lags behind other developed nations. Bush became an instant environmentalist during his campaign and assured the public he would clean up the growing mess made

crack and crumble under an ever-growing number of trucks and cars and in the anxious middle class there grows an ugly feeling, one that creeps in syncopated beat with the waves of crime and drugs. The affluent cling to the rarefied sense of good feeling that emanated from the White House, but most Americans know that the nation is in deep trouble. And that racial trouble is intimately linked to the economy, and the way the budget is sliced. In the Washington, D.C. area, the nation's capital, there were 554 murders in 1988,

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by almost every sector of American production. But of all his campaign gimmicks, Bush's attempt to make "nice" to the American public struck a chord or discord with sectors of the electorate.

George Bush appeared to acknowledge that he would alleviate the unkind and callous America, the scandal-ridden society, which had been presided over by the cheerful peddler of verbal opium. While Republican columnists wrote about America as if it consisted entirely of their growing pool of rich and affluent friends, others saw increasing numbers of homeless and desperate people. As Reagan eliminated wholesale rules and regulations that had helped maintain some iota of public decency, the greediest reached out to rob the public. Lead stories in print and TV news featured hanky panky in government, religion, military contracting, science labs and Wall Street. In 1988 the Defense Department paid out some \$18 billion to "consultants."

Mr. Reagan leaves a happy political aristocracy, only a few hundred of whom were indicted or forced to resign, a delighted business crust, a handful of whom went to prison, and a horrendous deficit, debt and trade problem. He leaves a nation whose poor have taken increasingly to drugs in their youth, and whose hope to escape from the poverty cycle evaporates in a world of crack-cocaine. The unseeing private eyes of the Great Charmer and his wife overlook the ghetto. She tells the youth there to just say no.

America's farm sector is a mess and will probably get worse; roads and bridges

most of them drug-related, most of the victims young black men. Similar statistics were reported in Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Dallas and the other major and minor cities.

Homeless of all ages fill, indeed overflow, the shelters. On subway grates, park benches and nooks and crannies in downtown sectors huddle freezing men and women—and children. This, despite rosy employment statistics that should have made such misery impermissible—if not impossible.

In foreign affairs, Ronald Reagan vowed war against the evil empire until he met its leader, whom he liked. Mikhail Gorbachev devilishly removed the enemy and thus deprived the Cold War of its raison d'être. A peace dynamic spread through much of the world, and Reagan, violating Teddy Roosevelt's famous dictum, "speak softly and carry a big stick," roared while carrying a twig. All Americans slept better, however, knowing that Grenada would not launch a surprise attack, and that we could beat the hell out of Khadafy, even if he could produce chemical weapons after our F-14's bested his MIG-23's in an electronic dog fight over international waters, of course.

Despite the rah-rah response to the dramatics staged by the Reagan Administration, the populace has grown in quantum leaps in its awareness about environmental deterioration. As Bush learned during his campaign, and made the necessary adjustments, even some of the wealthiest now fear that there will be no one to inherit their great estates. Acid rain, thinning top soil, polluted water, dubious air, combined with AIDS and urban rot, confront the political leadership of the United States. Ronald Reagan did not create this mess, but he did allow it to deteriorate.

Reagan arrived at a time when the nation was vulnerable, as its hostages sat in the embassy in Teheran and its inflation figures seemed to be leaping toward triple digits. He promoted a sense of good feeling, or a national "What me Worry?" response to genuine peril. The mess is



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different, worse in 1989, but hardly one that looks conducive to a kinder and gentler solution.

The U.S. economy has been geared to the Cold War for nearly 40 years. Aside from the hundreds of military bases that ring the world and fan out through the U.S., the sheer number of people who depend directly or indirectly on the Cold War for a livelihood may exceed 20 million. The national security doctrine is the only glue that the vast federal bureaucracy can use to maintain and reproduce itself, while keeping the public in a proper state of fright and stupor.

Mr. Bush has always accepted situation ethics deriving from national security needs. Neither he nor the Cold War intellectuals have defined these needs precisely, nor can Bush or any of the permanent bureaucrats inside the massive apparatus tell the public what national security is—therefore we can never realize it. The North and Poindexter trials will probably take place during his first year in office. Bush's name will dominate some of the court room dramatics, along

with the enigmatic repetition of the words "national security."

George Bush takes office under gray clouds inherited from Ronald Reagan, and others of his own making. As Mr. Bush swore his oath of office, to uphold the Constitution, he told his first lie as president. Bush has been consistent only in one area: the obtuse realm of national security. Whenever those two words are mentioned George Bush responds like a programmed cultist.

Bush was involved in things unkind and less than gentle for more than a decade. Bush knew all about the covert operations that CIA Director Casey launched throughout the world. As CIA Director and in his various assignments as vice president the magical utterance of "national security" provokes him to set aside rules—like the Constitution—so that the secret marauders, the covert operations, the "intelligence community" can circumvent the laws of the United States.

There is ample evidence that George Bush, as CIA director, approved an entente with Argentine Nazis, with Chile's Secret

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Service and a host of other ethically questionable groups. Like his predecessor, Allen Dulles, Bush assumed that national security required such associations in order to fight the evil empire, the communist devil or whatever axiomatic metaphor occupied the mental space of the covert cold warriors.

Bush went along with the cover-up of the September 1976 Letelier-Moffitt assassinations by the Chilean government agents. Letelier was a former Chancellor under Allende, and was murdered in Washington, D.C., along with a colleague, Ronni Moffitt. He condoned the October 1976 bombing of a Cuban commercial airliner, in which more than 70 people perished, and the violent destabilization campaign directed at Jamaican Prime Minister Micheal Manley in summer and fall of 1976.

Luis Posada Carrilles was a central plotter for both of these activities. The long-time CIA operator has maintained contact with George Bush since the mid-1970's, through his suspicious jailbreak from Venezuela and into his new phase as a CIA man in El Salvador, working on Contra operations and counterinsurgency. Like his friend Max Gomez, a.k.a. Felix Rodriguez, Posada's contact with the vice president ruffled the moderate Republican facade that George Bush always maintained with the people of wealth and family that have

Ironically, the long-shielded military budget may no longer be sacrosanct. Thanks to Gorbachev's surgical extraction of the enemy ingredient, the Cold War as ideology and budget dominator faces problems. George Bush stood with Reagan after Gorbachev's historic U.N. speech and they said "Read our smiles." Did they mean to indicate they were happy not to have the evil empire to kick around any more?

Mr. Bush will be the first president for whom the national security apparatus that managed and administered a global empire for 40 years is no longer in clear synch with the economic giants. Those not directly subsidized from the defense showed little in Reagan's ideological obsessions with Central America, an area of little economic or strategic import.

The bluster of Ronald Reagan when he entered office and showed his muscle against Khadafy awed the rest of the world's powerful. In January 1989 the NATO allies sneered at the bullying of Libya. U.S. officials, once proud in their unilateralist ways, now appear unsure of themselves in public forums. The evil empire is gone, the regional wars are winding down in most of the Third World hot spots, and the U.S. even has to deal with the PLO; George Bush will not be able to patch together the holes in U.S. foreign policy with the same old Cold War

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surrounded him since birth.

Because of his CIA time and his still murky roles in the Iran-Contra affair, George Bush will be seen in certain establishment circles as a man with blood on his hands, a reputation he will have to overcome.

And former President Reagan has offered aid, in the form of his new budget, which is so Draconian in its cuts of programs for the poor and the middle class that Bush can offer a lesser reduction in basic services and still present himself as a "kinder and gentler" president. The Washington cynics thought that Reagan had already taken all the poor and middle class had in the way of government programs and given it to the rich and very rich. Congress, Bush understands, will not permit further redistribution upward. Budget cutting on the spending side is not a good plan for social peace, and Bush the president, unlike the candidate Bush, realizes that he cannot reduce the deficit by declaring that there will be economic growth and instituting a spending freeze.

Bush also faces a Savings and Loan crisis: hundreds of these fly-by-night operations spawned by Reagan's deregulatory policies are on the verge of collapse. The nuclear weapons production plants have caused "spills" and "leakages" that experts estimate will cost more than \$60 billion to clean up. Where will the money come from? Mr. Bush, like the Gipper, relied on the political axiom "no new taxes" to win elections. And, like Reagan, he has never wavered on the need for larger sums to the military.

bandaids.

Yet, he will probably try to preside over what he imagines is a kinder and gentler America. If he is true to his past he will declare that "the Cold War is dead" while chanting "Long Live the Cold War!" He will throw the necessary bones to the rabid right wing and, while pronouncing militant words, wage a half-hearted war against abortion rights, gay rights and free speech.

The realists in the Bush White House understand that there is little room in the budget for maneuvering on issues of social peace; there is no spare change that can be thrown to the poor. Nor is there much to augment already taxed police departments. Unless there is some kind and gentle redistribution of funds, Mr. Bush will face interminable social unrest, perhaps in the forms of crime, on-going drug dilemmas and threats of racial war.

His voters (about 26 percent of those eligible to vote) are celebrating their arrival as the dominant crust of American culture, certain that triviality will triumph under George Bush. His kindness and gentility are seen by those with pseudo New Age ethics (hug and stab in the back) as George making fun of those with less than the blessings of wealth. George Bush represents best those young bodies in expensive clothes who pass the outstretched hands of homeless beggars on the streets of downtown throughout America and ask each other: "How were profits this year?"

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A Closer Look

Peace and The Press

by Susan C. Strong

Even though the honeymoon between President Bush and Congress appears to be coming to an end with the administration's first federal budget proposal, public criticism of defense spending proposals is still too mild. Prominent Democrats continue to call for a cooperative attitude toward the new president, and the press is still painting rosy pictures.

Although the peace movement has already prepared an innovative and vigorous campaign of congressional lobbying concerning federal budget priorities and defense cuts (see this column in last month's *Planet*), an extremely important element may have been left out of the planning: peace activists have ignored the media as

the target of a broadly conceived media strategy.

We all know that the media create our public reality. Whoever best controls or manipulates or pressures the media gets to define our political reality because Congress responds strongly to this apparent reality. Heads of state and government officials are ideally placed to create news, contrived or otherwise. For example, the most meaningful thing said about Gorbachev is that he is a consummate master of public relations; as a result, the Soviets still have the media initiative. Many Bush appointees, some from Kissinger's stable, will probably stick to caution, and delay as a counter move. Only time will tell whether or not the Bush Administration will try to

move backward to a full-scale Cold War vision of global politics, complete with total distrust of every Soviet move. In such

wards," the consensus of the "bad news bearers," as they were nicknamed, was that the Reagan years demonstrated the

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an atmosphere, members of Congress will have to be extremely brave to swim against the tide.

The power of the White House to put a "spin" on the news has never been greater. At a recent U.C. Berkeley conference, "News in the Bush Years: A Look Back-

most sophisticated and cynical manipulation of the press in the history of the republic—with much more to come. We already got a taste of the future in a presidential campaign that caused a new high in levels of concern with the quality of our press coverage and critique.

Christopher Hitchens, columnist for *The Nation* and *The New Statesman*, spoke bitterly about the cult of success and worship of power that ensues when "the media decide what they like and what the truth is." Mark Hertsgaard, author of *On Bended Knee: The Press and the Reagan Presidency*, traced a brief history of the development of presidential news management strategies, from Nixon's "line a day" feeding to Reagan's method of "manipulation by inundation with pre-masticated stories." Brenda Payton, former columnist of the *Oakland Tribune* and currently a Knight



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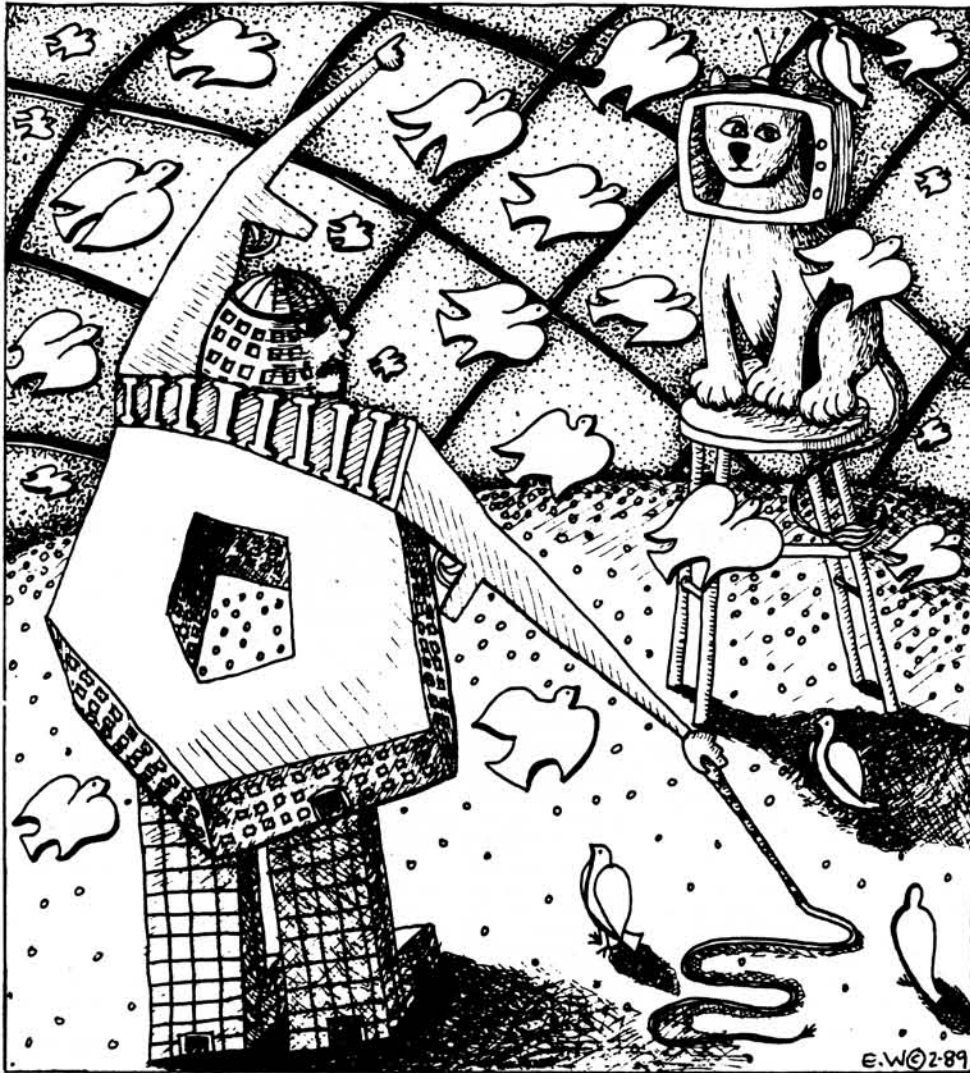
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Fellow at Stanford University, noted that the press no longer follows up, exposes, or makes connections. She cited the way the media fail to make connections between poverty and government cutbacks—all because public officials say there is no problem.

Alexander Cockburn, of *The Nation* and *In These Times*, charged that talk about "winning the Cold War" is just another way to carry on the Cold War, and that journalists are being co-opted into extending the life of that political myth. Robert Scheer, of the *Los Angeles Times*, disagreed with Cockburn to the extent that he felt the news about "peace breaking out" is true, good, and a healthy tonic for progressives. He also saw benefits in the way the idea deprives the right of its old-time anti-communist tool to create public hysteria. Scheer tended to blame the Democratic Party for not creating the right kind of news, views, or critiques which the press could report to balance the recent election campaign rhetoric.

All the panel members seemed to agree that a lot more is required to produce an effective media event at the local post office. Brenda Payton argued that the public needs to lobby the press as well as Congress by writing reporters, editors, and publishers, demanding that they cover a certain story, continue to follow it up, or simply make connections. She said that to the press, 20 letters is a lot. Since the media are in business to make money, and selling papers or getting viewers or listeners is the goal, consumer power is real.

A concerted plan to lobby the media is certainly a strategy the peace movement should add to its program. Organized

grassroots lobbying campaigns directed at the media in the areas of sexual and racial bias have made real gains in the recent past. Why not see what we can do about militarist bias or economic bias?

But the problem of the U.S. press goes even deeper than the "bad news bearers" stated. In the December/January edition of *Mediafile*, newsletter of Media Alliance, former Freeze staffer Micha Peled, now the executive director of Media Alliance, lays out some sobering facts. Peled notes that conservative think tanks such as the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation alone send out canned editorials and cartoons regularly to several thousand newspapers and provide public affairs programming for more than 300 TV stations. "They provide hundreds of policy research groups, conferences, and legislative proposals..." Peled states.

The object of all of these efforts is to reframe public debate on specific public policy objectives. It is proactive. Whoever figures out ahead of everyone else what to do, how to do it, and gets the message out is really ahead. A program implies a definition of the problem, and beyond that, a definition of the reality in which it exists. A peace agenda will lag behind until we know what the complete program appropriate to our reality is, and the exact nature of the positive policy proposals we want to see. Once we are able to articulate all of this, we will be ahead, because *really* good ideas spread by themselves.

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This list was compiled by the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN) for Lively Connections, an informal network of Santa Cruz County peace, social justice, and community organizations. To update information on the Lively Connections list, or to add your organization, call 458-9425. Mailing labels for this list are available for \$1.00. SCAN has recently published the fifth edition of the *People's Yellow Pages*, which includes all the groups listed above as well as hundreds of other listings of community groups, clubs, non-profits, and governmental agencies. Each listing includes a description of what the group does in both English and Spanish, with information about where the organization is located, their phone number, hours, and bus route they are on. Pick up your PYP at local bookstores and other retail outlets. For more information, call 458-9425.

Feature

The Monthly Planet Turns Four

by Risa Krive

As you leaf through this Fourth Anniversary Edition of *The Monthly Planet* you'll notice the outpouring of community support for our efforts. We are very proud of this and wish to thank you for your participation. The *Planet* is made possible by many talented people's labors of love as well as your ongoing interest. By choosing to inform yourself about and take part in the vital issues of our time, you are keeping the hope of democracy alive.

Democracy requires an informed constituency. We at the *Planet* see it as our responsibility to give you the information that you require. We take that responsibility very seriously. When one considers the fact that most of America's commercial media are owned by those who stand to profit from the production of weapons, it becomes obvious that it is grossly inappropriate for citizens to depend on such media for their primary sources of news. In such a climate of slick illusion and Orwellian doublespeak, *The Monthly Planet* is a much wanted and needed offspring.

It is the clear and simple voice of the child who speaks the truth — who says unequivocally that the emperor has no clothes when the cloak of secrecy is removed and who is willing to look anew at our problems and explore creative

solutions — that becomes the voice for the many. *The Monthly Planet* is one such voice.

When we began publishing four years ago, we had a president who joked about bombing the Soviet Union, a place he called "The Evil Empire." Due to our efforts and those of people all over the country, we are currently celebrating a new regime of openness and hope with the Soviet Union. While it is the smallest of steps, we've seen the first arms control treaty which actually eliminates nuclear weapons. And as the helm of the ship of state has passed from Ronald Reagan to George Bush, we are still here, demanding more and more from this country's leaders. While Bush was not our choice, and the road to disarmament at times seems longer than ever, we know that perseverance and hope will eventually get us there.

It is clear that increasing public awareness today will not only shape the leadership of tomorrow, but also the choices that leadership makes on our behalf. Our future is still in our own hands. The choices we make in our own lives and communities will ultimately determine how and if we are to live.

We can choose peace, for peace is not simply a goal but an ongoing choice. The choices we make today can make big

difference. The simplest actions can have profound effects. Staying informed and involving yourself and your family in peaceful activities make a difference. Following the Golden Rule in your personal interactions with others as well as with the Earth makes a difference. Registering to vote, writing letters to your elected representatives, and inspiring your friends and

neighbors to do the same are all individual actions which create collective change and help heal a world wounded by greed and violence.

Finally, supporting accurate, quality news sources like *The Monthly Planet*, makes a tremendous difference. One concrete and vital way for you to do this is to support our business members and advertisers. They have created businesses to serve the needs of our community; and they serve it very well indeed when they choose to support *The Monthly Planet*. They provide the funds which pay for producing the paper. It is this simple. As you turn to the *Planet's* business support-

ers to provide for your needs, the local peace economy flourishes, the *Planet* moves forward in its orbit, and we all benefit from this positive growth.

Please join me in making this birthday wish: that the *Planet* continue to grow and prosper in the coming year. May it grow in circulation and base of support like a healthy tree, spreading fruit and flowers

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for our benefit as its roots grow deeper and stronger in our community. Let us celebrate this birthday together. May we outgrow our need for fear and violence as a child grows out of old clothes. May we grow and prosper in peace.

Join me in looking forward to the day when *The Monthly Planet* reports on a world at peace — a world free to prosper; a world of wisdom. Happy Birthday, *Monthly Planet*. Happy Birthday to you.

Risa Krive is the advertising and business membership director of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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

We must receive your listing no later than **5 p.m. Tuesday, March 28** for inclusion in the April issue (publication date: Thursday, April 6).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Lenten Desert Experience VII for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (began February 8). Prayer, reflection, and action at the Nevada Test Site. Info: (702) 646-4814.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

National Organization for Women's monthly meeting. Topic, "Women's History and Celebration of NOW's Santa Cruz Birthday." Soquel Grange, 2800 Porter, 7:30 p.m.

"War and Peace in the Nuclear Age," a new 13-part public television series airing Thursdays (series began Jan. 26) at 9 p.m. on KTEH Channel 54. Info: 437-5454.

Open Gatherings small group discussions. Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization which takes no position on issues and endorses no affiliations. Free, donation requested. 7

p.m. and 9 p.m., Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street. Info: 947-1606.

Peace Through Writing Workshop for Santa Cruz County teachers. Explore peace on the personal, community and global levels; work with a variety of written forms including poems, essays and letters; discover new ways to stimulate children's thinking on this essential subject; receive curriculum materials including a bibliography. Co-sponsored by Peace Day Project, Resource Center for Nonviolence, and California Poets in the Schools in cooperation with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Santa Cruz Main Library Meeting Room. 3:30-5 p.m. Send \$5 workshop fee, payable to Patrice Vecchione, to P.O. Box 61, Capitola, CA 95010. Info: 462-1176.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

"News You Can Use," a KKUP (91.5 FM) call-in radio show with host Dan Miller presents updates on peace and social justice issues from the alternative press and has guests and occasionally tapes of lectures given at Stevenson Nuclear Policy Studies, UCSC. Tape of Alexander Cockburn, journalist and columnist for *The Nation*, *In These Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal* will talk on "The Remaking of Reality." He will give a review of the unreal reporting in the mainstream press, with examples of distortions on Central America and the arms race. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

Open Gatherings small group discus-

sions. Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization which takes no position on issues and endorses no affiliations. Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

American Friends Service Committee Northern California Region, Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting. First Unitarian Church, Franklin at Geary, San Francisco. 9:30-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - MONDAY, MARCH 6

NAMES Project Quilt at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Each 3' x 6' panel bears the name of an individual lost to AIDS. Begun in San Francisco in 1987, the NAMES Project Quilt is now composed of over 8,300 panels and has been viewed by millions of people across the country. Presented by the Santa Cruz AIDS Project and City of Santa Cruz, the Santa Cruz presentation will include a special section for panels displaying the names of Santa Cruz County residents who have died of AIDS. If interested in assisting in the event: Julie Sherman 429-1931 or Jo Kenny 427-3900.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

"Physician to the World: Dr. Bernard Lown," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Dr. Lown is co-founder, with Soviet colleague Yevgeny Chazov, of the Nobel Prize winning organization "International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War." 6 p.m. Info: 375-3082.

Democratic Women's Club of Santa Cruz County soup and salad luncheon meeting. Guest speakers, Victoria Orgain and Karen Hahn, representing Citizens for Popular Voting Rights, will discuss the history of the electoral college and the current nationwide movement to revise voting procedures. 12 noon, Harvey West Park Clubhouse. Info: 479-9948.

"Crisis In El Salvador: Elections, U.S. Policy, and the Peace Process," a forum featuring: Saul Landau, Senior Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, author of *The Dangerous Doctrine: National Security and U.S. Foreign Policy*; Terry Karl, Professor of Political Science, Stanford University, consultant to Congress on El Salvador; and Luis Flores, West Coast Representative of F.M.L.N.-F.D.R. Presented by Pledge of

Resistance. Co-sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Latin American Studies, Cowell, Crown, Kresge, Merrill, Oakes, Porter, and Stevenson Colleges. 7:30 p.m., Classroom Unit 2, UCSC. Parking at Whole Earth Restaurant. Students free, general \$3. Info: 426-6916 or 728-2076.

"My Journey Toward a Consistent Ethic of Life and Justice" with speaker Bishop Michael H. Kenny, D.D. 1989 Ecumenical Lenten Series. Co-sponsored by Resource Center for Nonviolence and 15 other churches and organizations. Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 515 Frederick, 7 p.m. Childcare provided. Donations gratefully accepted. Info: 429-9737.



MONDAY, MARCH 6

"First Strike: Portrait of an Activist." The Santa Cruz premiere of a film on Susan "Katya" Komisaruk, the activist who dismantled a military navigation computer at Vandenburg Air Force Base as an act of conscience. A discussion with producer/director Douglas Dibble follows. Sponsored by Lockheed Action Collective/Stop First Strike. \$5 donation (sliding scale for students with ID). 7:30 p.m., Oakes 105, UCSC. Info: 426-1062.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7

The Overburdened Economy: Military Spending and America's Economic Prospects is what Jeff Dumas, Professor of Political Economy, University of Texas at Dallas, will speak on as part of the Nuclear Policy Colloquium Series sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. 3:30 p.m., UCSC, Stevenson College, Conference Room. Info: 429-2833.

Alexander Cockburn will speak about "A Kinder, Gentler Central America?: Bush, the U.S. Press and El Salvador." He is a renowned radical columnist for *The Nation*, *In These Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Also, a special signing of his recent book, *Corruptions of Empire*. 7:30 p.m., \$5, Moraga Concert Hall, Seabright and Broadway. Endorsed by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Info: 426-6916 or 728-2076.

"The Willmar 8," a film and discussion of Women and Discrimination in the Workplace. Presented by Student Christic Action Team. Free. Oaks 105, UCSC, 7:30 p.m. Info: 427-2424.

Progressive Animal Rights Alliance weekly meeting. 7:30 p.m., 409 Washington Street (behind Loudon Nelson Community Center). Info: 438-PARA.

Planning meeting for March 18 March and Rally for Peace Abroad and Justice at Home, to oppose U.S. intervention in El Salvador. Unitarian Church, 160 N. Third Street, San Jose (entrance on right side towards the rear as you face the church). 7 p.m. Info: 224-8262.

"Failsafe," a film. A powerful statement on the dangers of nuclear weapons, with Henry Fonda and Walter Matthau. Co-sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy and the Resource Center for Nonviolence, as part of Winter Quarter Nuclear Film Series. A discussion follows each showing. 7:30 p.m., Studio C, Communications Building, UCSC. Free. Info: Stevenson Program 429-2833 or Resource Center 423-1626.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

"Failsafe," a film. Co-sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy and the Resource Center for Nonviolence, as part of Winter Quarter Nuclear Film Series. A discussion follows each showing. 7:30 p.m., Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Free. Info: Stevenson Program 429-2833 or Resource Center 423-1626.

Weekly Santa Cruz Town Clock Disarmament Vigil. Sponsored by Quakers, Nevada Desert Experience and the

Nuclear Weapons Freeze. 4-5 p.m. Info: 458-9975.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Killah Natives and Human Race perform in a benefit for the Surfrider Foundation. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6, \$8 at the door. Eagles Lodge, 306 Mission St. Info: 475-6009.

Gay and Lesbian Vegetarians St. Patrick's Day Potluck. Bring a vegetarian food dish. No charge for attending. Will take place at a member's home in San Francisco. Info: 336-3255 or GLV, P.O. Box 7971, Santa Cruz 95061.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Speaker, The Reverend Doris V. McCullough. In 1988, Rev. McCullough was part of a Disciples of Christ Church delegation to Vietnam and Kampuchea to develop ties with people to work towards normalization between our countries. 1989 Ecumenical Lenten Series. Co-sponsored by Resource Center for Nonviolence and 15 other churches and organizations. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 420 Melrose, 7 p.m. Childcare provided. Donations gratefully accepted. Info: 429-9737.

MONDAY, MARCH 13
Coalition for Nicaragua Meeting. The Coalition for Nicaragua does educational outreach, legislative lobbying, and cultural exchange with all of Central America. The first half of the meeting is an educational

presentation. All meetings are open to the public. Loudon Nelson Center, 7 p.m. Info: 458-0303.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
"Carry Greenham Home," a film. Co-sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy and the Resource Center for Nonviolence, as part of Winter Quarter Nuclear Film Series. A discussion follows each showing. 7:30 p.m., Studio C, Communications Building, UCSC. Free. Info: Stevenson Program 429-2833 or Resource Center 423-1626.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
"Carry Greenham Home," a film. Co-sponsored by the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy and the Resource Center for Nonviolence, as part of Winter Quarter Nuclear Film Series. A discussion follows each showing. 7:30 p.m., Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway. Free. Info: Stevenson Program 429-2833 or Resource Center 423-1626.

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Vickie Neville Coffis and Steve Palazzo perform Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m. at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in a benefit for Planned Parenthood. See the calendar listing for details.

mament Vigil. Sponsored by Quakers, Nevada Desert Experience and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. 4-5 p.m. Info: 458-9975.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
"War and Peace in the Nuclear Age," a new 13-part public television series airing Thursdays (series began Jan. 26) at 9 p.m. on KTEH Channel 54. Info: 437-5454.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18
"News You Can Use," a KKUP (91.5 FM) call-in radio show with host Dan Miller presents updates on peace and social justice issues from the alternative press and has guests and occasionally tapes of lectures given at Stevenson Nuclear Policy Studies, UCSC. Judy Levine, of the Center for Economic Conversion, will discuss the role of economic conversion action to control the Iron Triangle. Her discussion will center on "Overcoming Military Dependence." 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

Vicki Neville Coffis with Steve Palazzo. Concerts for Kids benefit for Planned Parenthood. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar Street, 11 a.m. Donation \$5, \$3 children. Advance tickets at Planned Parenthood offices in Santa Cruz and Watsonville, Trader Tots, Cotton Tales, Jacoby's Baby News, and Teddy Bear Toys. Info: 425-1551.

March and Rally for Peace Abroad and Justice at Home, to oppose all U.S. Intervention in El Salvador. Assemble at 10 a.m., Third and San Fernando Streets, San Jose. Rally at noon, San Jose Federal Building, 1st and San Carlos Streets, San Jose.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Speaker, Joyce Hollyday, member of Sojourners Community, which helps residents in a poverty-stricken area of Washington, D.C., with food, counseling, and care. 1989 Ecumenical Lenten Series. Co-sponsored by Resource Center for Nonviolence and 15 other churches and organizations. First Congregational Church, 900 High Street, 7 p.m. Childcare provided. Donations gratefully accepted. Info: 429-9737.

"War Stars: The Superweapon and the American Imagination," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Highlights the theme of the Superweapon, and the play of cultural and material forces behind it. Historian, Bruce Franklin, discusses his research and new book *War Stars* with host Bob Musil. Program also includes sound from the 1944 film, "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo." 6 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Progressive Animal Rights Alliance weekly meeting. 7:30 p.m., 409 Washington Street (behind Loudon Nelson Community Center). Info: 438-PARA.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

"War and Peace in the Nuclear Age," a new 13-part public television series airing Thursdays (series began Jan. 26) at 9 p.m. on KTEH Channel 54. Info: 437-5454.

Open Gatherings small group discussions. Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization which takes no position on issues and endorses no affiliations. Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

"News You Can Use," a KKUP (91.5 FM) call-in radio show with host Dan Miller presents updates on peace and social justice issues from the alternative press and has guests and occasionally tapes of lectures given at Stevenson Nuclear Policy Studies, UCSC. Guest, Professor Viljo Kohonen, of the Foreign Language Pedagogy of the University of Tampere, Finland, is on sabbatical leave at UCSC. He will talk about the Finish culture and education and give insight on possible "Finlandization" of bordering countries to the Soviet Union. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

"Women on War," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). An international sampling of challenging and moving literature by women on issues of war, edited by Daniela Gioseffi. Includes performance of writings included in the book, and an interview with Ms. Gioseffi, herself a poet, novelist, teacher, stage performer and peace activist. 6 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Coalition for Nicaragua Meeting. The Coalition for Nicaragua does educational outreach, legislative lobbying, and cultural exchange with all of Central America. The first half of the meeting is an educational presentation. All meetings are open to the public. Loudon Nelson Center, 7 p.m. Info: 458-0303.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Progressive Animal Rights Alliance weekly meeting. 7:30 p.m., 409 Washington Street (behind Loudon Nelson Community Center). Info: 438-PARA.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

"War and Peace in the Nuclear Age," a new 13-part public television series

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2

"The Case for Conversion," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). This program provides a fresh look at the "guns vs. butter" debate, featuring Jonathan Feldman and Robert Krinsky, co-directors of the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament; and George Lakey and Barbara Smith of the Pennsylvania Jobs with Peace Campaign. 6 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

A discussion on economic conversion. Sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. The public is invited. Bring a sack lunch. \$1 donation. Trinity Church, Poplar and Melrose. Info: 425-7618.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7-

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Reclaim the Test Site II Grassroots Nonviolent Resistance at the Nevada Test Site. April 15: Taxation Without Annihilation Rally. Info: 458-9975.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Tax Day Protest and Rally for Economic Conversion and Shifting National Priorities. Steps of the Santa Cruz Post Office, Front St. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by a coalition of peace groups and the Lively Connections. Info: 425-7618.

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