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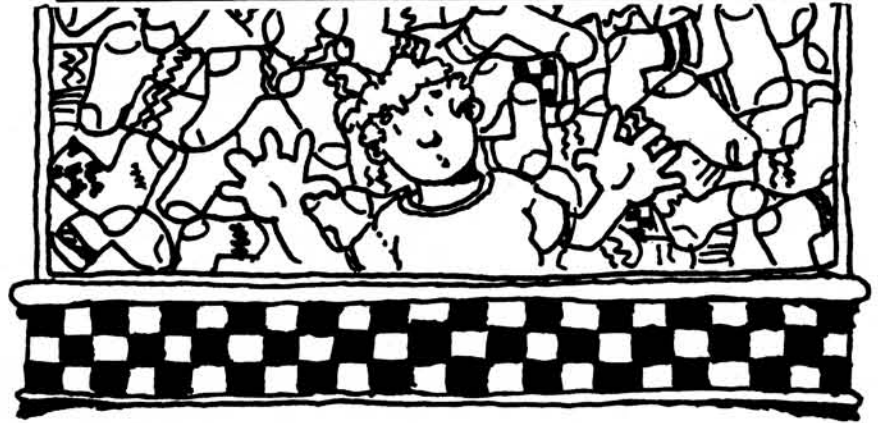
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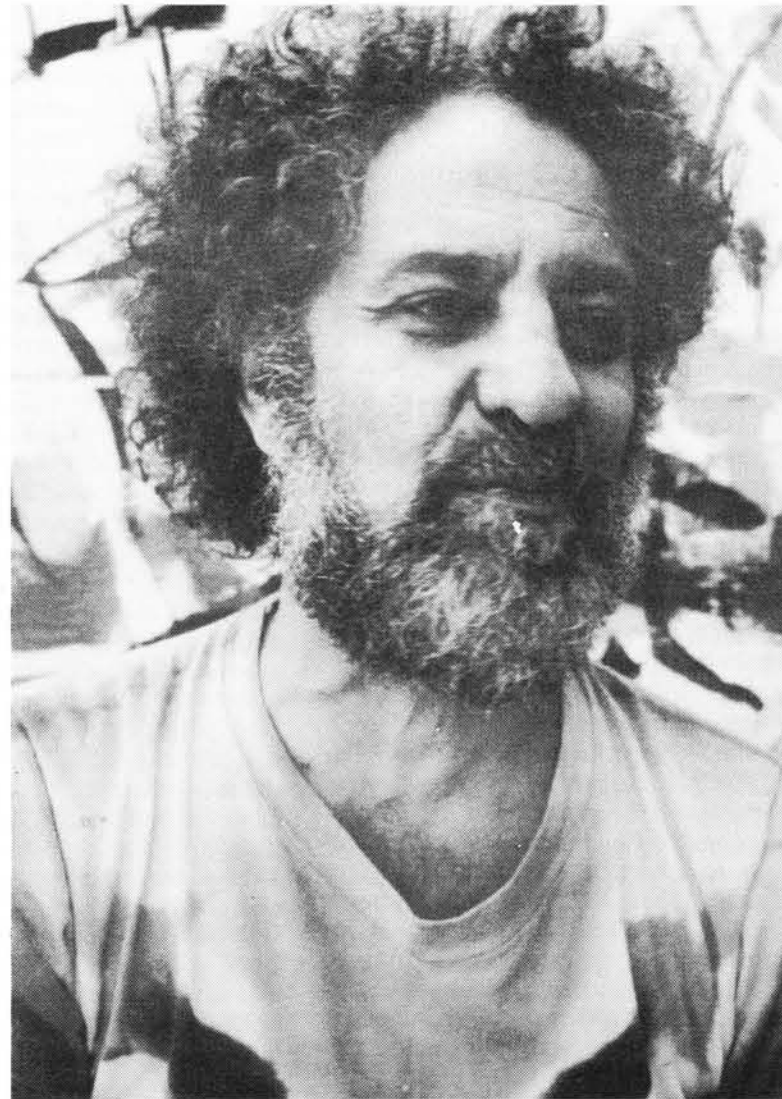
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Confused About Taxes

I think your article in the April 14, 1989 *Santa Cruz Sentinel* is a total joke. I don't know what you're trying to say by "Are These Your Priorities?" Most patriotic Americans' priorities are to pay their taxes every year. They pay for the brave men and women in uniform who serve ready to defend this great country and any other free country from the ever lingering threat of communism. Americans should be very proud. I think all you pro-communist people should get out of the United States if you don't want to pay your taxes. You should start your own little colony on Greenland or the North Pole.

Adam M. Lauritson
15-year-old American
Soquel

Editor's note: Our ad in the *Sentinel* simply showed how much of our tax money goes to the military (over half of each dollar); it said nothing about tax resistance. If you can't understand what our ad says about taxes, perhaps you've been reading too many lips and not enough

facts. As far as Greenland goes, we don't think it's very democratic to turn someone else's homeland into a colony.

Women's Convoy Requests Donations

In June, a Women's Convoy will be on its way to Central America. A first! This caravan of 100 women, driving 30 to 40 vehicles, will be bringing material aid, sharing solidarity, making friendships with women in five countries. Believing that "between women there are no boundaries," the organizers of this challenging expedition are turning to progressive groups across the nation to help make their vision a reality.

Their inspiration came from the 1988 Veterans Peace Convoy to Nicaragua—their impetus to forge ahead was their belief that this action will send a "strong statement of peace and solidarity...to continue to work for social and economic justice" to the developing countries in Central America.

The Women's Convoy plans to converge in Austin, Texas, June 10. In preparation for this, women's organizations in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua have been contacted to define specific needs. Topping the list were medical supplies and financial aid for most groups.

A few of us in Santa Cruz have volunteered to help gather specific items going to individual groups in each country. For instance, the Union of Seamstresses in

Mexico City is beginning a day care center and needs toys, crayons, paper. Another sewing co-op in Oaxaca is asking for kitchen supplies, manual typewriters and paper. In San Cristobal, women are beginning three emergency soup kitchens in areas where children have been recently dying of malnutrition. These women have requested pots, pans, large utensils, sacks of powdered milk. In Guatemala, the Confederation of Guatemalan Widows, most victimized by political violence or malnutrition and disease, could use embroidered thread, weaving and sewing supplies.

COMOSAC of El Salvador (mothers of the disappeared) have asked for money for ads to publicize their missing family. They have also asked for ambulances—a real possibility. A company in Connecticut has offered two ambulances in top condition for \$3,000 each. The West Coast organizers are hoping that a number of angels will contribute to make it happen. Other requests include tape recorders, cassettes, typing paper, children's vitamins, surgical and office supplies, lightweight clothes and shoes for women and children, material for diapers, sewing materials, and threads. I have listed only a few of the material aid items that will make a difference in the work and lives of the women living in poverty.

Please check your pantries, closets, and attics to see if you have any useful items that the Convoy of Women can take to the women's groups in Central America. Pick-ups can be arranged by calling 684-1333, 475-7609, or 423-9707. Tax-deductible donations, made to WCCA/NCAHRN, can be mailed to Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, P.O. Box 61, Santa Cruz, 95061. Participating in making the Women's Convoy possible makes each of us a participant in fighting poverty and disease.

Ruth Hunter
Santa Cruz

End the Camping Ban

I am writing this letter about the homeless issue because a lot is being said about the issue, but not much of this dialogue is presented by people who are homeless. And none of you know the issue as well as we the homeless do. A lot of time is spent talking about the camping ban, and much of it is confusing, uninformed, or simply not true.

After the camping ban is repealed and legally designated camping areas have been designated and implemented, the law will not be much different. It will still be illegal for anyone to sleep in your backyard, front yard, or on your doorstep. But, maybe it will be legal for someone to pull over in their camper and sleep for the night. It will still be illegal for people to sleep on the sidewalk, in a doorway, or in the middle of the street. But someone will be able to roll their sleeping bag out in an out-of-the-way place in the woods, sleep peacefully for the night, and not have to worry about going to jail for it.

The present system of enforcing a law which makes it illegal for the homeless (all homeless people) to sleep at night (every night, including Christmas) is unjust, unfair, and most probably a violation of their (our) constitutional rights. We are normal every-



TARMO HANNULA/MONTHLY PLANET

"Health Care, Not Warfare"

Jesse Houts was one of the speakers at the Tax Day Protest on April 15 at the downtown Santa Cruz Post Office. The demonstration was organized by a coalition of groups to protest the large percentage of tax dollars that goes to the military.

day people. We have all the rights everyone has. We work and not. We go to school and not. We get married, have children, go to the movies, and open our mail. Many of us are women or children. Many of us are older people.

As a member of the "street" community, I hope Santa Cruz will repeal the camping ban and establish camping areas for the homeless. Then maybe I'll be able to get some sleep at night.

Best wishes,
Brian D. Koepke
ex-City Council Candidate
Chairman, Committee for Impeachment
Member, Coalition to End the Camping Ban
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Friendship and Freedom)
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Ozone Question

I read somewhere that every time somebody sends a missile off a small amount or at least some amount of ozone is depleted from the apparently disappearing ozone layer. Because of the particular type of fuel they use. Do you know if this is fact or fantasy?

Sincerely,
T.L. Jones
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Editor's note: We have no information on this. If anyone out there knows the answer, please send us a letter to the editor.

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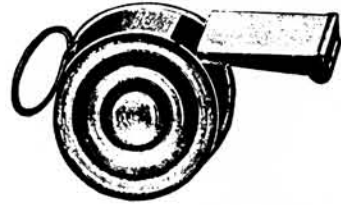
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It's fun! It's easy! And all the answers can be found in this issue of *The Monthly Planet*. To enter, simply answer all the questions and send this page to *The Monthly Planet Quiz*, 320-G Cedar St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060. To qualify for the prize, we must receive this page—with all the correct answers—by Tuesday, May 23, 5 p.m. If we receive more than one correct entry by the deadline, the winning entry will be pulled out of a hat. We'll notify you by mail if you're the lucky one. Only one entry per person per issue is allowed. Good luck! (Congratulations to last month's winner, John Kettles of Santa Cruz.)

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Multiple Choice

The largest individual request in the fiscal year 1990 U.S. military budget is for:

- a) Cleaning up Department of Energy weapon plants.
- b) The Stealth (B-2) bomber.
- c) Stars Wars.
- d) Building trains to carry MX missiles.
- e) Dolphin training.

Who said: "We do not claim the right to order the politics of Nicaragua. That is for the people of Nicaragua to decide."

- a) Oliver North.
- b) Dick Cheney.
- c) James Baker.
- d) Dan Quayle.
- e) George Bush.

PACEX stands for:

- a) Pan-American Committee on Exports.
- b) Pacific Exchange.
- c) Pacific Exercise.
- d) Political Action Committee Experts.
- e) Political Action Committee Extortion.

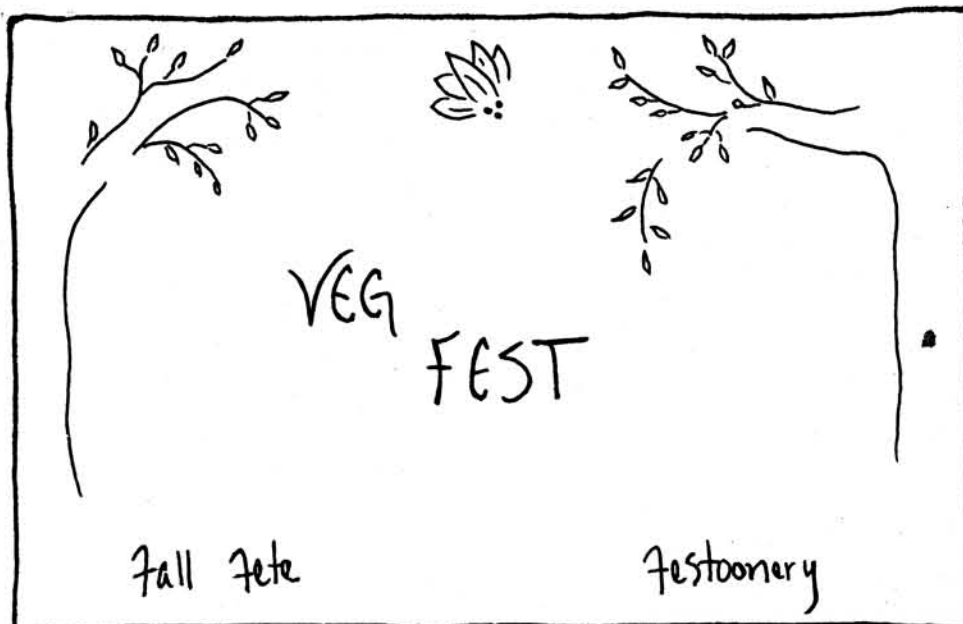
West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has recently upset the Bush Administration. Why?

- a) He wants to negotiate with the Soviets on short-range nuclear missiles.
- b) He thinks it's OK for German companies to export chemical weapons technology.
- c) He can't stand James Baker.
- d) He likes Mikhail Gorbachev.
- e) He joined the Greens.



True/False

- _____ Mikhail Gorbachev has announced that his country will end the production of weapons-grade enriched uranium.
- _____ Nicaragua has 11 radio stations.
- _____ The Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863 grants the Shoshone Tribe stewardship of the land that is now the Nevada Test Site.
- _____ 100 House members have signed a "dear colleague" letter asking Leon Panetta to cut the military budget.



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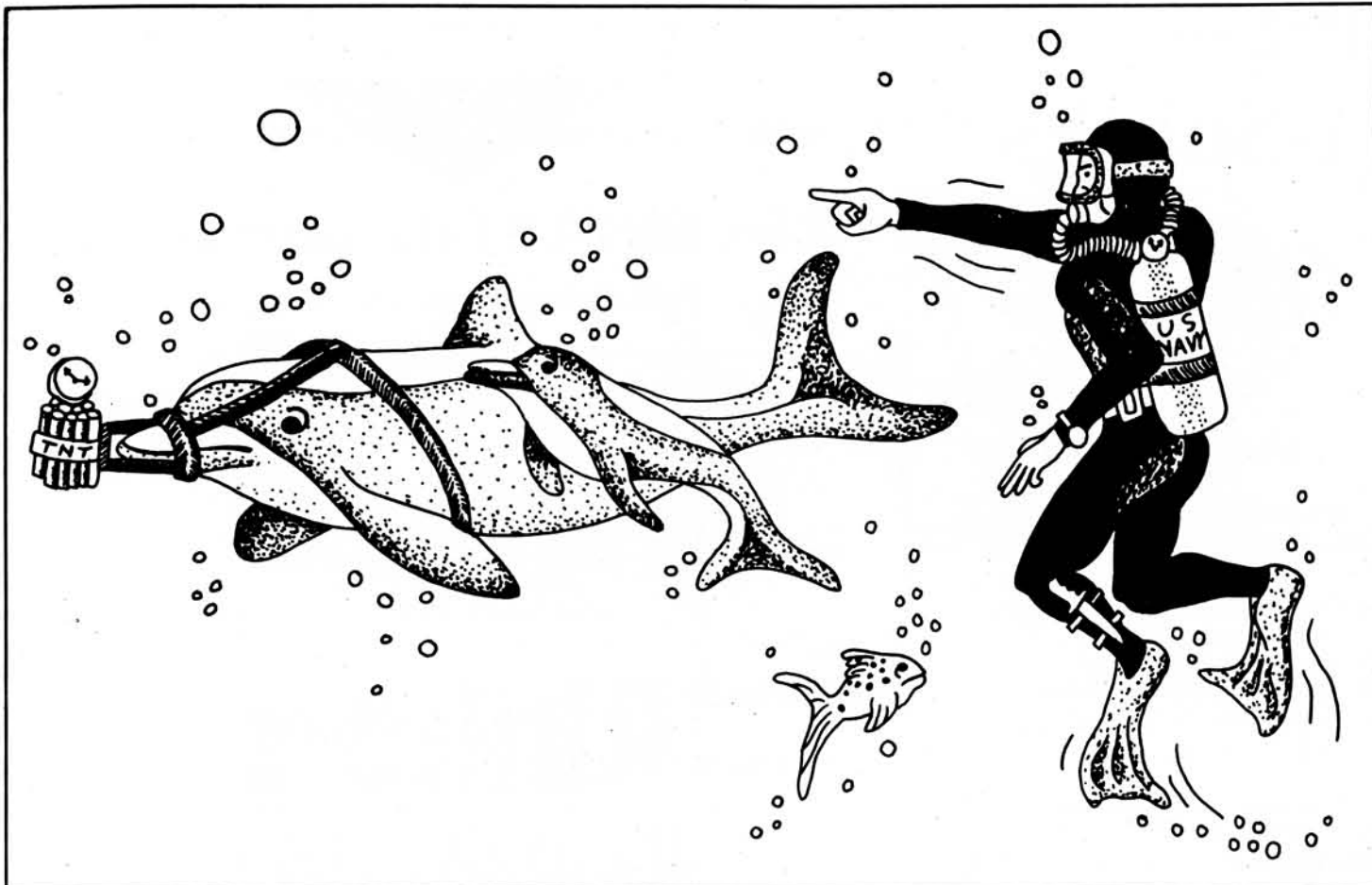
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lively debate.

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The West German position has gained the support of a growing number of NATO allies, especially those of the European continent. Many alliance members are warming up to the notion of a nuclear-free Europe called for by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

But other NATO members, particularly the United States and Great Britain, believe that any reduction of Western Europe's short-range arsenal is an invitation to disaster. "We must not fall into this dangerous trap," said U.S. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. "The alliance must maintain the will to resist the call."

First, however, the alliance must keep itself intact, for the issue appears to be unraveling the commonly-held definition of security that has united NATO nations for 40 years. When organization leaders gather for their summit in Brussels later this month, only one thing is certain: it won't be "business as usual."

(sources: *New York Times*, 4-26, 4-27; *Christian Science Monitor*, 4-27)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

Flipper Joins the Navy

A new class of defensive weapons is on the brink of deployment by the United States Navy. They have an underwater cruising speed of 25 miles per hour. Their sonar is the most highly developed of its kind. They've served as the prototype for a whole generation of torpedoes. And they eat fish—lots of it. "They" are bottle-nosed dolphins, and, if the Navy has its way, the future guardians of the Trident submarine.

The porpoises-on-patrol program is one result of a highly classified \$30 million Reagan-era research project aimed at exploring the military capabilities of intelligent marine mammals. One hundred dolphins join other Navy recruits—25 sea lions and three beluga whales—at the Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego, where they are trained for duty.

Sometime in the near future, 16 dol-

phins will face their first assignment patrolling the chilly waters of the Trident Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington. Just what their duties entail has been kept secret, but it is believed that they will ward off terrorist divers, possibly by attacking them. Such aggressive behavior is a far cry from the aquatic antics that have delighted audiences for decades, and indeed, the program has drawn more than a few detractors.

"What they're trying to do to them is a perversion of their natural character," says former trainer Richard Trout. Mr. Trout joins a host of Navy trainers in his outspoken condemnation of the program. And within the past year the issue has sparked a mounting protest from the civilian sector. Last month 15 environmental and animal activist groups filed a federal lawsuit charging the Navy with cruelty to animals.

Navy officials are perturbed by the criticism, and blame it on television shows like *Flipper* which have romanticized

dolphins as the darlings of the deep sea. "If that TV show had never been on the air, people wouldn't feel the way they do," said Thomas LaPuzza, spokesperson for the Navy program. "Dolphins are cute. They're lovable. People have an emotional attachment to them. I wish we were able to use cows. It would probably be a lot easier for us."

Bad press aside, the program appears to be headed for smooth sailing. A report released in February by the Marine Mammal Commission vindicates the Navy from all but a few charges of mistreatment. And current federal legislation allows the Navy to conscript 25 dolphins per year for defensive use, without the permits required under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Still, using sea mammals to guard nuclear weapons is a risky proposition. Capricious creatures, dolphins have a strong tendency to "do their own thing"—especially after a good meal. "Once they've eaten 20 pounds of fish they don't care what you try to get them to do," says Ric O'Barry, who trained dolphins for television's *Flipper*. "I wouldn't want them guarding half of our nuclear arsenal."

(source: *New York Times*, 4-9)

—Cynthia Leachmoore

More Good News From Gorbachev

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has announced that his country will terminate the production of nuclear weapons-grade enriched uranium, and that two Soviet plutonium manufacturing plants will be shut down permanently and not replaced. The announcement highlighted a speech that Mr. Gorbachev delivered while visiting Great Britain last month. He also discussed proposed cutbacks in Soviet military forces and rebuked the West's continued Cold War posture.

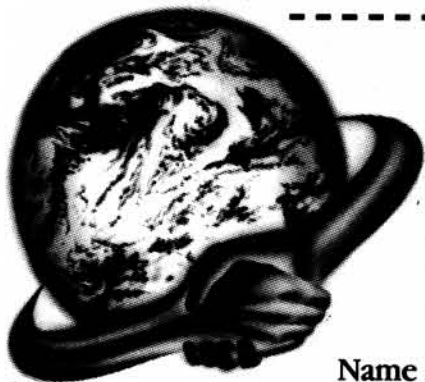
Anti-nuclear groups and some members of Congress have lauded the news as another step toward achieving a permanent reduction of nuclear arsenals. Massachusetts Representative Edward Markey called the move "a major new opportunity for the U.S. to begin a dialogue on ways to end fission materials that the Bush Administration should welcome."

Apparently, the Bush Administration takes a dimmer view of Gorbachev's proposals. It has dismissed the move as little more than deft showmanship, citing abundant stockpiles of uranium and seven remaining plutonium factories which the Soviets are believed to possess.

Administration officials have doggedly opposed any limits on the manufacture of nuclear materials. They contend that such restrictions accomplish little in the way of arms control, and could hamper the production of nuclear materials needed by the United States. According to one State Department spokesperson: "The idea [of materials constraints] is not really relevant to the nuclear weapons of the world."

(sources: *Los Angeles Times*, 4-8; *New York Times*, 4-8)

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The Dove That Roared

After months of tottering between domestic anti-nuclear sentiment and pro-deterrent powers abroad, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has landed firmly on the side of his constituents and is pressing for arms control negotiations on short-range nuclear missiles. The news has the Bush and Thatcher administrations turned inside out, and NATO countries are lining up for what is sure to be a



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Legislative Update

Bush Wants Both MX and Midgetman

by Shelly D'Amour

What sort of land-based nuclear missile system should the United States have? If you said "none," you may be right, but you'll have a hard time convincing the Congress or the Bush Administration.

As Congress puts the finishing touches on the fiscal year 1990 Budget Resolution, internal battles are being waged over whether the U.S. should throw its weight behind the MX or the Midgetman. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney would like to scrap the Midgetman program entirely in favor of the MX. National security advisor Brent Scowcroft, on the other hand, favors the single-warhead Midgetman. President Bush's answer for now: "let's try to do both."

The MX is a 10-warhead intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with first-strike capability. About 50 MX missiles are currently stored in Minuteman silos, a basing mode which makes them vulnerable to attack. Since 1985 Congress has pumped money into investigating alternative basing methods, and now appears ready to support a plan to put the 50 missiles on trains, which will be kept on military bases, but moved out among the general populace in times of crisis. If the so-called rail garrison deployment meets its 1992 target date, the cost will be about \$5.4 billion.

The Midgetman is a much smaller, single-warhead ICBM. If the Midgetman program is approved and funded at current projections, about 500 missiles will be deployed on trucks beginning in 1997, at a cost of approximately \$30 billion.

Supporters of the Midgetman say it is less destabilizing than the MX, and takes far less time to deploy. Implicit in the argument, but never stated, is that it will also mean lucrative defense contracts. Detractors of the Midgetman say it is too expensive and too cumbersome, adding

that the U.S. already has 450 single-warhead Minuteman missiles.

Congress has fought with itself over the MX/Midgetman issue for years. Some members support the Midgetman over the MX because, in their words, they feel they have to support some land-based system, and the Midgetman seems "safer" and less destabilizing than the MX. Others feel the only way to draw votes away from the MX is to offer an alternative like the Midgetman. Many MX supporters in Congress couch their arguments in terms of

position of Congress has shifted more favorably toward the MX missile in recent years. The principle argument of Congress against the MX program has always been that the silo basing mode made the missiles sitting ducks to surprise enemy attack. This meant that in a real crisis, the MX would have to be launched preemptively in a first-strike attack, or risk being taken out by Soviet missiles. In 1985-86, at the height of public awareness of the MX program and grassroots pressure, Congress voted to severely curtail Reagan Ad-

ministrations of liberal and conservative Democrats, each for his or her own reasons, is forming to persuade Aspin and others to scrap the Midgetman program. Liberal members, including Barney Frank (D-MA), want Midgetman funds to go to social programs. Conservative members want to shift the funds to other military priorities. If they are unsuccessful at this time, they will take their fight to the defense authorization subcommittee sometime in May.

ACTION: It is critical that congressmembers understand that the rail garrison basing mode is dangerous and highly destabilizing, and as such it is not an acceptable alternative. Contact your representatives and tell them to oppose any funding for this program.

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economics. The MX, they say, is cheaper and more "efficient"—the more-bang-for-the-buck approach. Whatever the preference, it is clear that no one in Congress will approve any system unless it has a mobile basing mode.

At the center of the congressional debate on this issue stands House Armed Services Committee chair Les Aspin (D-WI). Aspin almost lost his seat as Armed Services chair in 1986 when he opposed the Democratic leadership of the House and his own committee by voting funds for the MX. Since then he has become a born-again Midgetman supporter with closet MX desires. Last year this became apparent when Aspin suggested that the Midgetman could be made more cost and production-efficient if each missile were equipped with two warheads.

However, indications are that the dis-

ministration requests by placing a cap of 50 missiles on the program, and stipulating that no further funding would be forthcoming until an acceptable basing mode was developed.

In supporting the rail garrison basing mode over the silos, Congress is exchanging one target group for another. Trains carrying missiles would pass through as many as 23 states, endangering tens, even hundreds, of millions of people.

Representative Aspin has worked out a compromise with the Bush Administration to approve the MX/rail garrison plan, and to simultaneously fund the Midgetman program beginning with \$100 million next year and increasing to \$350 million by 1994. The agreement, however, was reached without the consent or even the foreknowledge of most members of his armed services committee. An unusual coalition

Military Budget

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has submitted his proposed military budget, requesting a total of \$298.2 billion in outlays for fiscal year 1990. This figure is down somewhat from the initial Bush Administration request of \$300.3 billion. In addition to the MX and Midgetman, the figure represents funding requests for the Trident II, the Lance, and Star Wars, among others. Production of the controversial Stealth (B-2) bomber will be delayed for a year.

Although the defense secretary and the administration have attached specific



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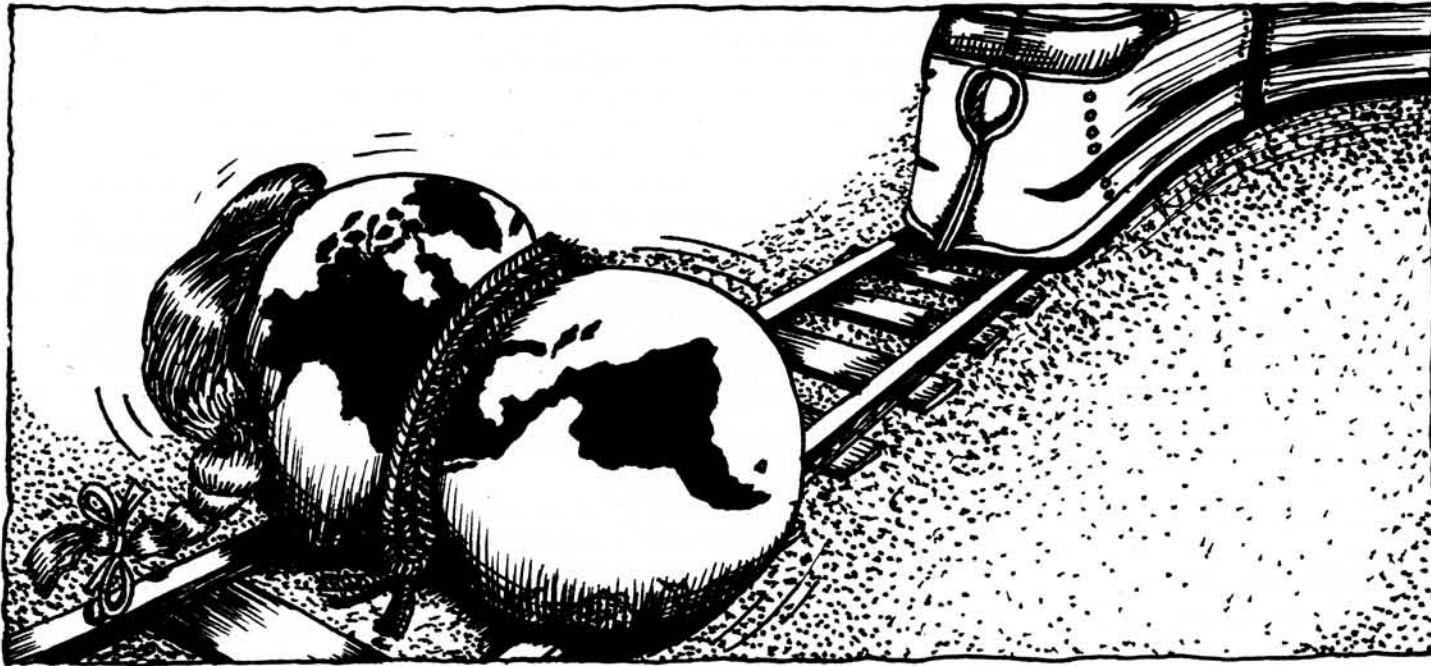
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dollar amounts to their requests, they are likely to undergo considerable revision before Congress adopts a final military spending bill later this year. The first step involves passage of the 1990 Budget Resolution, expected to occur on May 1. Following, the House and Senate will examine the budget request more closely in their respective defense authorizations subcommittees. A final version of the fiscal year 1990 Defense Authorization Bill will come to the floor of each house for debate, amendment and passage by the end of July. Authorizations sets the spending ceilings for individual line items within the budget. In the fall, Congress will take up the appropriations process, which grants the check-writing power for line items authorized in the spring.

The authorizations and appropriations processes present opportunities for Congress to modify the military budget to reflect a stronger commitment to arms control. Amendments to reduce, delete or shift funding for specific weapons systems can be made at various intervals during this process. Freeze supporters should also view this period—from now until approximately October 1—as prime time to influence their congressional representatives.

Here's an overview of developments to date on specific military and budget-related issues:

FEDERAL BUDGET: The Congressional Black Caucus has introduced an alternative federal budget. This "Quality of Life Alternative Budget" shifts current spending priorities by reducing military spending levels to \$283.3 billion and focusing on increasing the nation's commitments to health care (especially prenatal and children), job training, education and housing. It calls for cuts in our nuclear arsenals as well as conventional forces in Europe, and supports efforts aimed at economic conversion. The Congressional Black Caucus produces an alternative budget annually, but generally does not receive serious attention from either the media or other members of Congress.

In a related matter, 100 House members have signed a "dear colleague" letter to House Budget Committee chair Leon Panetta (D-CA), calling on him to reduce the military budget to pre-1989 levels and

to focus spending priorities to meet urgent domestic needs.

STAR WARS: The administration has requested \$4.7 billion, making Star Wars the largest individual request in the military budget. Representatives Ron Dellums (D-CA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) are in the process of drafting an amendment to the authorizations bill to cut funding to \$1.8 billion and shut down the SDI office.

TRIDENT II (D-5): Representative Ted Weiss (D-NY) is expected to author his annual amendment to defense authoriza-

tions to stop the D-5 program. The amendment could take the form of a funding cut, or it may include language to prohibit the retrofitting of Trident I submarines with Trident II missiles.

ANTI-SATELLITE (ASAT) WEAPONS: No legislation has been drafted as of yet, but it is expected that an amendment will be offered to continue a ban on ASAT testing. The ASAT moratorium has generally enjoyed wide support in Congress.

OUTER SPACE: Senators Mark Hatfield (R-OR) and Tom Harkin (D-IA) have intro-

duced the Outer Space Protection Act, which would ban all weapons from space. The legislation is currently in need of co-signers. Representative Les AuCoin (D-OR) is expected to introduce similar legislation in the House.

PLUTONIUM: Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Tim Wirth (D-CO) together with Representatives Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Dante Fascell (D-FL) will introduce the Plutonium Control Act on May 3. The bill would provide for a verifiable ban on the production of plutonium for nuclear weapons in the United States and the Soviet Union, and encourage bi-lateral negotiations toward a permanent ban.

CLEAN-UP: Senator Brock Adams (D-WA) and Representative Norm Dicks (D-WA) will sponsor legislation to establish a trust fund for the purpose of cleaning up Department of Energy (DOE) weapon facilities. The Bush Administration has requested \$401 million for clean-up operations next year. It is likely that congressmembers will seek to increase that amount in committee.

TEST BAN: Representatives Pat Schroeder (D-CO) and Ed Markey (D-MA) will offer an amendment to the defense authorizations to halt underground testing of nuclear weapons above one kiloton as long as the Soviets do the same. It is expected that Senators Hatfield and Kennedy will offer a companion piece in the Senate, perhaps raising the limit to five kilotons.

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FLIGHT TEST BAN: Representative David Nagle (D-IA) will offer an amendment to defense authorizations which would bar flight testing of depressed-trajectory missiles as long as the Soviets also refrain from testing.

Foreign Aid

The 1990 Foreign Aid authorizations mark-up was completed in the House Western Hemisphere subcommittee on April 10. (Mark-up is the process of a committee voting on the exact language of a bill, line-by-line.) The committee approved \$85 million in military assistance to El Salvador and \$9 million to Guatemala. The El Salvador monies are to be distributed in four equal installments at six-month intervals following what is called a "determination" by the president regarding the human rights situation in that country. The bill also includes language to

protect economic and food assistance from corrupt abuse by the Salvadoran government. These restrictions, paltry as they are, face stiff opposition in the full foreign affairs committee, which is expected to review the legislation in early May. The Senate will begin marking up its own foreign aid bill in committee sometime around May 8.

Representative Robert Kastenmeier (D-WI) has authored House Resolution 54 (H.Res 54), to cut all military aid to the Salvadoran armed forces and to withdraw all U.S. military assistance from that country.

Contra Aid

By a vote of 309 to 110 in the House and 89 to 9 in the Senate, Congress approved a \$66.7 million aid package to the Nicaraguan Contras. Local California 16th district Representative Leon Panetta voted against the aid package while 12th district Representative Tom Campbell (R) voted in favor of it. Senator Pete Wilson (R) also voted for Contra funding. Senator Alan Cranston (D) was one of only four senators to stand up and publicly oppose the funding proposal on the Senate floor.

The package provides \$49.8 million in so-called non-lethal aid, \$7.7 million in transportation costs, \$5 million to cover the costs of administering the funds, and \$4.2 million in medical assistance to civilian victims of the U.S.-backed war. The aid will be distributed at intervals until February of 1990, when general elections are scheduled to be held in Nicaragua.

This latest round of Contra funding is the result of a complicated set of bipartisan negotiations between congressional leadership and the White House. The centerpiece is a so-called "gentlemen's agreement" between President Bush and Congress in which the president makes an informal, non-binding promise that the Contras will not engage in military actions or human rights abuses. As a safeguard, the president will need the approval of four congressional committees (House and Senate Appropriations, House Foreign Affairs, Senate Foreign Relations) to continue aid after November 30. Furthermore, the administration will engage in an unspecified "sticks and carrots" approach of punishing or rewarding Nicaragua's behavior.

As outrageous as this agreement is, Central America activists should take hope that, barring some (as yet) unforeseen event, this truly appears to be the end of military aid to the Contras. Part of the congressional aid package allows for a portion of the monies to go toward "voluntary" repatriation or relocation of the Contras. In the interim, President Bush has pressured the Honduran government into allowing the Contras to stay in Honduras for another year.

Whatever "carrots" the administration has in mind have yet to be seen; however, the "sticks" are clearly in place. Some of those are:

—Declaring that, "the actions and policies of the government of Nicaragua continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the U.S.," President Bush renewed the four-year-old embargo against Nicaragua on April 21.

—The U.S. government will spend \$2 million to support anti-Sandinista organizations in the upcoming February elections. The money was released last month and will be channeled through something called the National Endowment for Democracy, a right-wing non-profit organization based in Washington, DC which receives heavy government funding.

Given that the entire bent of the previous Reagan Administration had been to crush the government of Nicaragua, and given the increasing level of questions relative to then-Vice President Bush's role in the Iran-Contra scam, it is unlikely that the current administration has any intention of pulling back from what has been the U.S. agenda in that region for the last eight years. Be that as it may, I leave you to ponder the president's words as he signed last week's bi-partisan Contra aid package: "We do not claim the right to order the politics of Nicaragua. That is for the people of Nicaragua to decide."

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A Closer Look

The New Environmental Awareness and Peace

by Susan C. Strong

Here it is May 1989, and since November 1988, the world climate has changed—not just the greenhouse effect, or even the normal progress of Earth around the sun, but in rapidly increasing international political consciousness concerning the global environmental problems we face. This is the beginning of another major shift in consciousness. What does it mean for the peace movement?

To be sure, the new environmental awareness does not appear in the form of our renewed program focus on stopping nuclear testing and plutonium production. But the environmental thinking that is developing most quickly today concerns the ecological cost of everyday life in the developed world, the need for restoration of damaged areas and for new protection against ordinary pollution here and in underdeveloped countries.

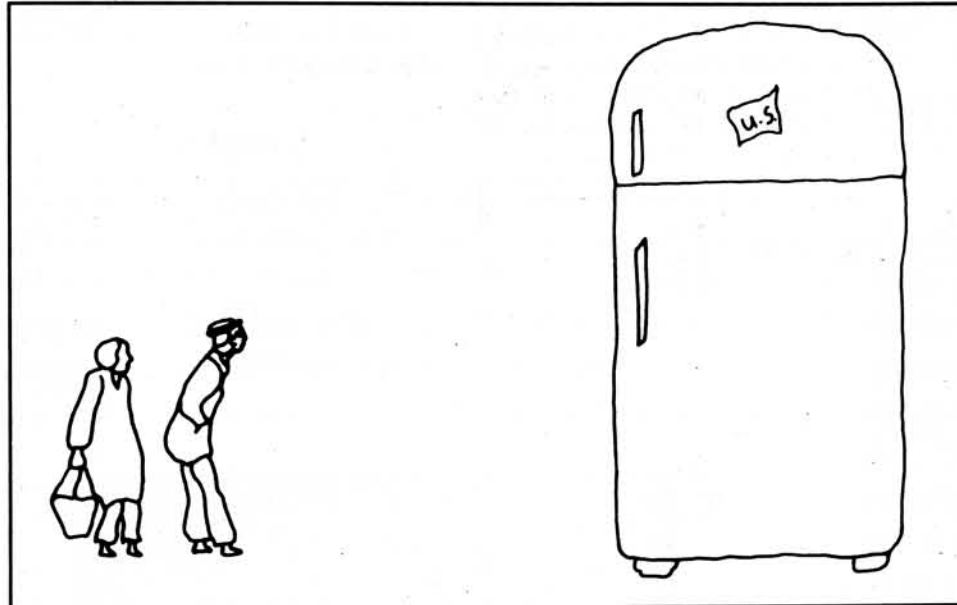
It should be fairly easy to connect the need for economic conversion and the cure for everyday environmental problems, which will require massive governmental programs to repair damage already done to the soil, air, and water. Money saved on a self-destructive arms race is desperately needed for such projects. Furthermore, everybody's survival depends on implementing such measures immediately. In addition, money saved from wasteful Defense Department R & D should be made available to civilian projects designed to find cleaner energy sources or to develop or market ecological alternatives in many areas of our lives. (Here is a special role for the peace movement—calling for a civilian agency to distribute federal R & D money, rather than the Defense Department, as Vera Kistakowsky notes in the April *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*.)

Much lobbying will also need to be done to gain passage of bills to restrict or

regulate further pollution. All of these are, of course, worthy, even fashionable goals. But the real questions for activists are these: do they draw us away from our primary concern with world peace? Are we in danger of disappearing into the envi-

to ours.

Already there is a new "cold war" in the world, and it is about chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and refrigeration. The Chinese say they won't stop making refrigerators and that we should help third world countries



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ronmental movement, from which many of us came, if we give environmental goals a prime place in our work?

The only way to understand the real connection between environmental action and world peace is to take a step outside our national boundaries and toward a global perspective. Once we have done this, the phrase "global security" begins to take on a new meaning. For "global security" means more than a system of military arrangements which allow nations to feel secure. Global security means getting down to solving the national and international problems which help to breed war. These conditions include third world poverty, and the struggle over what we are doing to the other's environment or they

with the money and expertise to do their developing in ways different than ours. A case like this clearly shows the link between working for peace and for the environment. Today the much celebrated end of communism as an economic path is turning into a rush toward market economies in developing countries. But the lifestyle of the West is based on a very small percentage of the world's people consuming a lion's share of the world's resources. This is not a sustainable situation, and one doesn't have to be Spengler or Toynbee to see that our consumption patterns are not only environmentally destructive—they are also corrosive of peace. Our current ability to project military force around the globe is directly tied to our high consump-

tion level. Our lifestyle enrages and inflames the greed of the world's have-nots, giving them a dream of a life no one has a right to have. So perhaps we have just turned the corner away from the immediate fear of a nuclear confrontation between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., only to march very fast toward an even bigger confrontation, still armed with nuclear weapons, with the have-nots of the globe. Most of the wars of history have been about wanting what the other guy has—or is stealing from you.

Affluent Americans have to want to change the way they live. This sounds like a tall order for organizers to sell. We thought it was hard to organize against nuclear war, since people didn't even want to think about it. But nuclear war doesn't really have much charm. It is not something we have now and don't deserve, something dangerous for our political health in the long run. It is fun to be rich, if you can ignore the effects of being selfish and greedy. If we can do it, then perhaps other nations will also be able to follow suit. We can escape the next act of our continuing nuclear crisis. It's a big dream, but we are big dreamers, and so far some of our wildest dreams are coming true.

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Martha Law, from Las Vegas, and Bonnie Kendrick, from Falls Church, VA were apprehended at the Control Point, 30 miles inside the test site, which is the facility where Department of Energy initiates the explosion and monitors the tests. Michael Terry, of Boulder, CO made his way 50 miles into the site, and spent an entire night wandering around Yucca Flats, one of the primary areas where tests are detonated. He visited the site of a test code-named "Ladue," an unannounced test.

"I rode an elevator to the top of the building in which they construct the 'rack'," said Terry. "I even set off my flare, and still no one came to arrest me. I had to walk down to the highway in the morning in order to get picked up by some Wackenhut security guards." The rack contains the nuclear device and experimental equipment, and is used to lower the bomb into the shaft where it will be exploded.

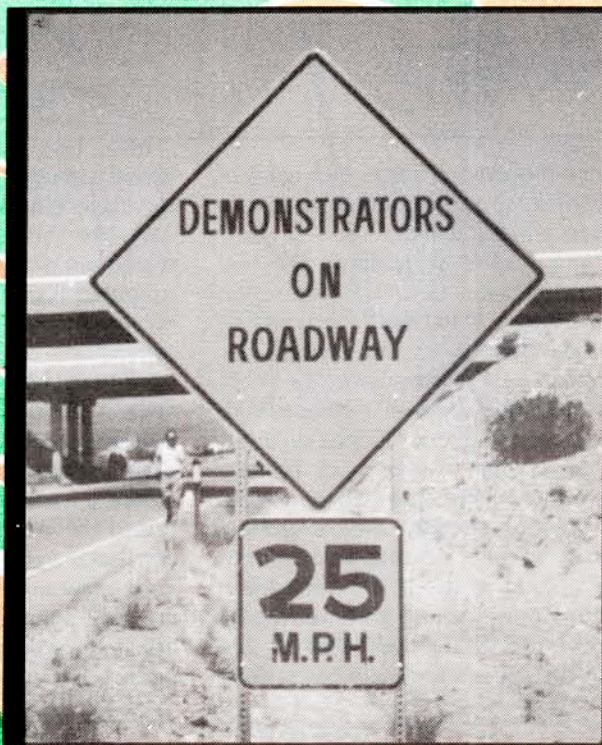
All three actionists were released without charge, as were over 1,500 of their compatriots who crossed the cattleguard or the fence to commit

civil resistance in a call to stop the testing of nuclear weapons. Over the course of the 10-day action, 1,571 arrests were made, while over 5,000 people attended, organizers estimate.

Some of the different arrest scenarios over the week included a Shoshone checkpoint, where actionists hiked into the site and stopped workers. They then asked them if they had permits from the Shoshone Indian Tribe, who have stewardship of the land that is now the Nevada Test Site according to the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863. There were also several blockade actions, one of which was sustained for 10 hours on

Thursday, April 13, and succeeded in turning away the 11 p.m. shift of workers. Most civil resisters were arrested on trespassing charges after entering the site over a cattleguard or through the fence near the Mercury off-ramp.

"This year's action was a great success," said Chris Brown, staffperson for American Peace Test. "Nye County has admitted our success by refusing to prosecute even our deep infiltrators. In addition, everyone who was a part of the action will return home with new energy to continue the struggle for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty."



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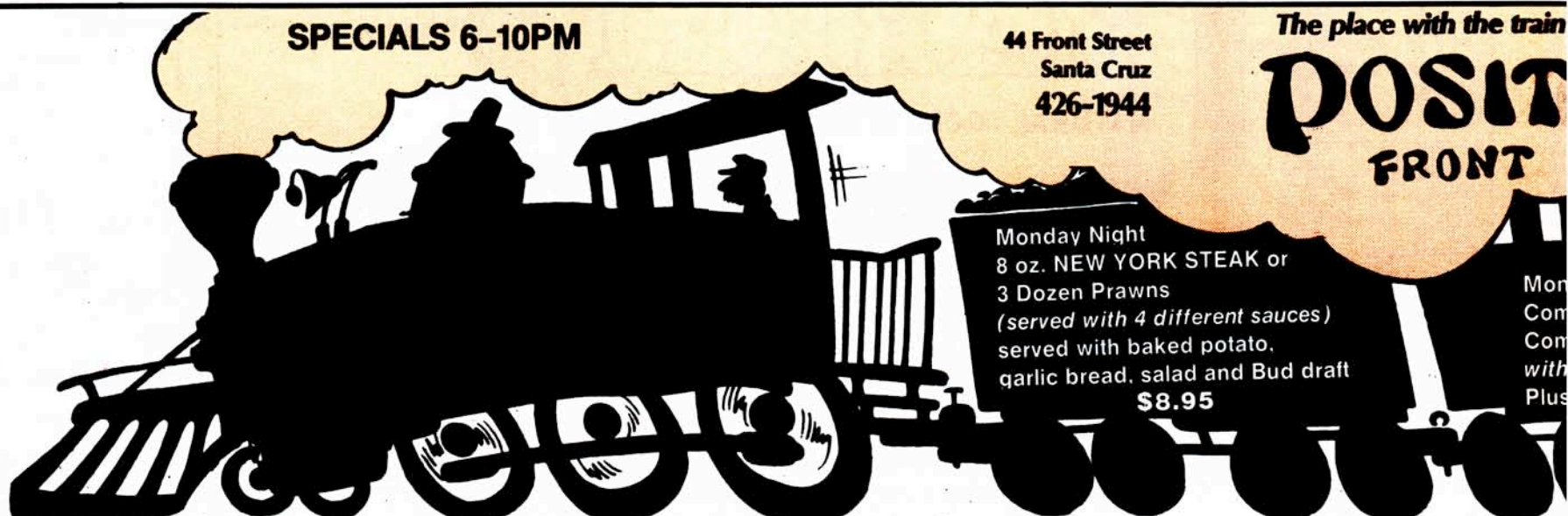


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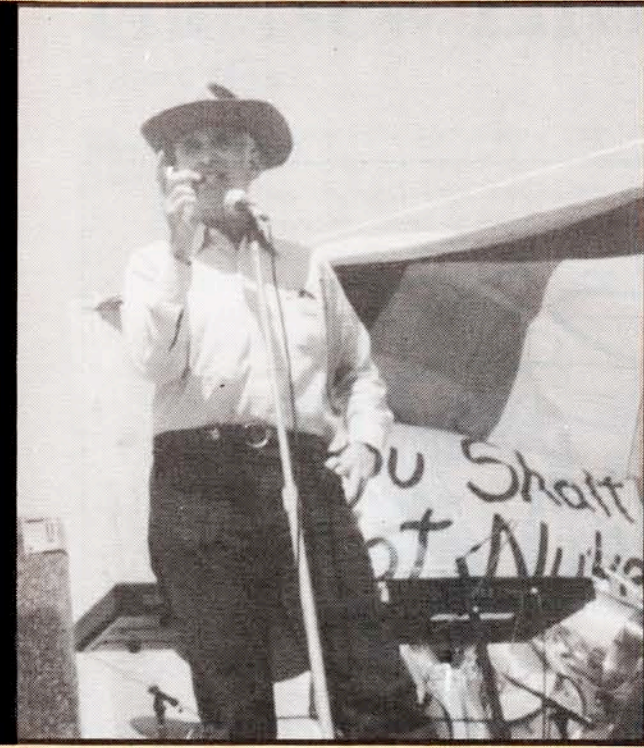
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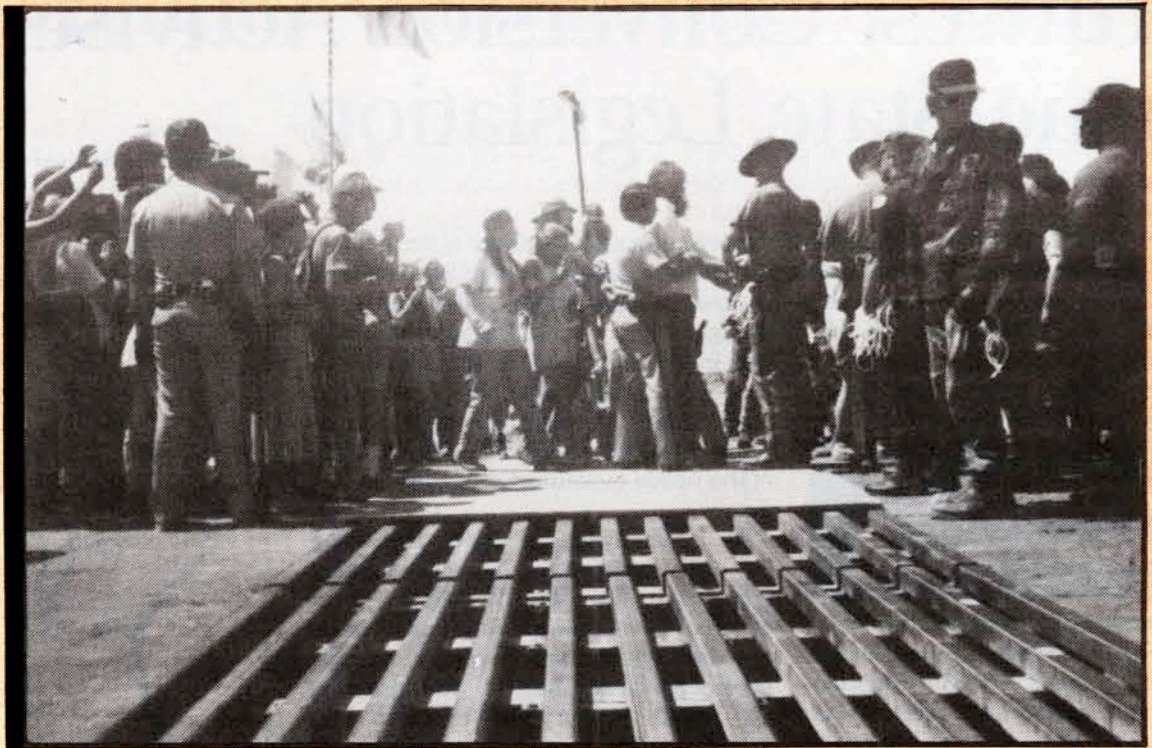


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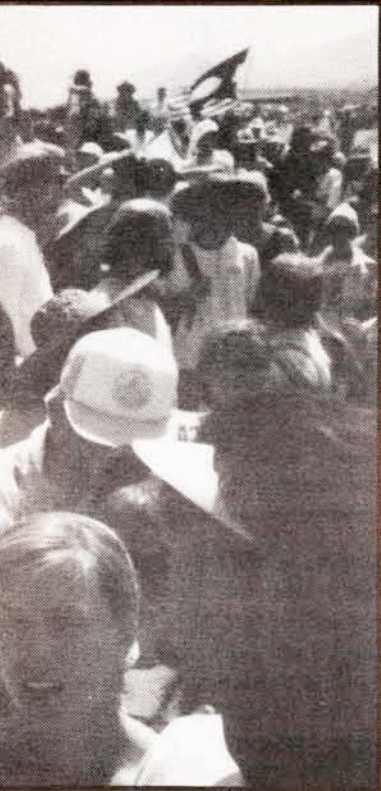
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Northwest Conversion Activists Pursue State Legislation

by Bill Patz

In late fall 1987, the convergence of several events led to a major campaign on economic conversion by Puget Sound SANE (now called Washington State SANE/FREEZE). The stock market tumbled, signaling the bursting of the Reagan-era bubble of unlimited Pen-

Puget Sound area are aware of the numerous military bases, they are less aware of the many weapon contracts in the area. We thought that if people began to see how tied in to the military we are overall, and how economically vulnerable some of our communities are, we might begin to mobilize constituencies which could be allies of the peace movement, but currently are not.

We began by researching and releasing our own report on the impact of military spending on the state economy. (We used State Dept. of Employment Security records and the Consolidated Federal Funds Report for our basic data.) The study revealed how much military money flows into Washington state and how unequally it is distributed. Five counties, four in the Puget Sound region and the other, home of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, take in the lion's share of the \$6 billion with the rest getting little to none. Many of these non-military counties, with timber or agricultural bases, have had severely depressed economies throughout the 1980's.

Our next step was to release the study, persuade the state legislature to look into the problem and develop its own documentation on the impact of military spending. With a sympathetic legislator sponsoring our proposal we also included in the legislation a directive that the study have recommendations for diversifying the economy away from its military orientation. Although Pentagon-happy Congressman Norm Dicks (D) worked with state legislators in his district to try to scuttle the bill, a leak in the newspaper exposing his efforts plus our own lobbying were enough to win its passage. Our plan was to use the results of the study (due back the following year in the legislature) as a springboard for further legislation.

Following passage of the bill, our next organizing goal presented itself to us. In the spring of 1988 we learned that King County (home county to Seattle, the Boeing Corporation, and \$3 billion in under-publicized military contracts) was drafting

tagon budgets. Reykjavik pointed to a thaw in U.S./Soviet tensions, and an inspired brainstorming session by a handful of SANE activists pointed the way towards our strategy.

We wondered how, in these changing times and in such a progressive part of the country as the Northwest, could corporations such as Boeing and others continue to pull in weapon contracts to the tune of some \$3 billion a year (\$6 billion statewide) without much community concern? How could Chuck Yeager standing before his jet fighter on TV get away with selling job security via defense spending without a few more people hollering?

Despite consistent and often successful efforts by peace groups over the years, the arguments supporting more weapon contracts and bases still keep winning. Fear of the Russians is one reason (though obviously diminishing). Economic temptation, however, seems as much a factor now as ever. The myth or temporal reality of high employment and economic benefits for defense-oriented communities continues to skew discussion about real defense needs. We felt we needed a strategy to take the jobs blackmail out of the arms race debate. We want to some day see machinists union president William Winpisinger—not Chuck Yeager—in front of a jet plane talking about people not having to depend on dangerous weapon systems we don't need, can't pay for, and which eventually will be cut.

Furthermore, although people in the

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a long range economic development plan. The plan made no mention of the current or potential impact of military spending on the county economy. (We estimated that at least 10 percent of the work force relies on defense spending.) With the support of a progressive council member, we proposed that the county amend its plan to include funding for a study on the impact of military spending and set up a citizen's advisory committee (labor, business, and community organization representatives) to oversee the study and develop strategies for diversification.

At the same time we began to expand our base, reaching out to the church and labor communities in particular. We asked the Church Council of Greater Seattle (an umbrella organization representing over 300 churches and with a solid peace network) to cosponsor a conference: "Preparing for Peace: Job Security in a Non-Military Economy." Then we solicited sponsorship and endorsements from a number of the more progressive unions, as well as peace groups.

We used the conference to educate people on the issues, build membership for our campaign, publicize our proposal before the county council, and involve participants in strategizing for the next steps to diversify and convert the economy. In our program we also featured legislators who had backed our efforts,

including the county council member and the state legislator who introduced our bills, and Congressman Mike Lowry (D), a national leader on reducing military spending and ending the arms race.

Although we had labor support and involvement in the conference, we knew we hadn't developed many allies within the building trades and defense industry unions—unions whose influence is essential for gaining support at the district and state levels. So we specifically went about meeting with members and leaders of these unions, seeking their input and participation on what we were proposing to the county. Over time we found a number of supporters. At a crucial meeting of the King County Labor Council, though there was heated debate, we managed to win an endorsement on our legislation. This was a major victory. With sufficient labor support and with letter and phone lobbying by SANE members, we lined up the votes to pass the proposal.

Labor leaders that we worked with were particularly supportive of our emphasis on the concept of diversification rather than conversion. Maintaining jobs through preparing for the decline or cessation of military contracts seemed much more feasible than strategies to convert military industries for the sake of converting them or the promise of greater numbers of jobs somewhere down the line. We nurtured

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relationships with these individuals, soliciting their input on drafts and proposals rather than going to them with finished products seeking endorsements. We kept them informed of our work and goals.

In August of 1988, we suggested to one of the building trades locals (IBEW Local 46) that it take a resolution on economic diversification to the state labor council convention. The resolution it introduced called for formation of a committee to develop legislation and strategies to help diversify vulnerable military industries

budget cuts. Using the state and county Citizens' Advisory Committees as a springboard, we want to clarify the corporate role and responsibility in helping to develop alternate use plans.

Who will ensure that workers, families, and communities are not forced to pay for the greed and misguided policies of those benefiting from the nuclear arms race? And how can we in our communities plan for the eventual and necessary transition from a military to civilian economy before the cuts come, rather than after? Who

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and work with community groups and others involved with diversification. By lining up support from key unions ahead of time, this local was able to pass the resolution unanimously. This unanimity reflected considerable support, but also abstention by defense industry unions. We still have a lot to do in building an alliance with labor on this issue.

In early fall Puget Sound SANE, and many of the organizations and people working on diversification and conversion, put a large amount of time and resources into the elections. In particular we worked on the Senate campaign of Congressman Mike Lowry. Lowry articulated the need for military spending cuts and economic diversification as forthrightly and convincingly as anyone. He lost the election by less than 1 percent. Although he lost, military spending and potential defense cuts were widely debated. Also, we came away from the campaign with contacts who shared our perspective from all over the state.

After the elections we began gearing up for the 1989 state legislative session. Expecting results of the state study to bear out our earlier projections on military dependency, we designed a bill that would offer a logical next step for the state legislature. We are currently lobbying for its passage. The bill calls for the formation of an Economic Diversification Commission, made up of representatives from labor, business and community organizations. The commission, with staff, will monitor defense spending and identify vulnerable industries and communities; access information and provide technical assistance in diversification, market research, and product development; network efforts in other states with those going on in Washington; and make loans and grants for diversification and conversion through a financial pool funded by the state. The just-released study results have reinforced our position. Projections are that the state will experience a loss of nearly 14,000 jobs a year through 1991 because of declining Pentagon budgets.

Where do we go following the legislative session? Whether or not our bill passes, we will broaden our coalition which benefits our work for national conversion legislation. At the local level, we would like to elevate the debate about workers and communities being vulnerable to defense

should shoulder the expense for diversifying and converting, and who should pay for worker assistance and retraining for those workers in companies forced to close? These are a few questions and directions we hope to explore. We'd like to believe that in a few years someone may think twice about bringing Chuck and his jet back to Northwest TV.

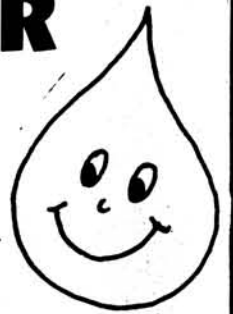
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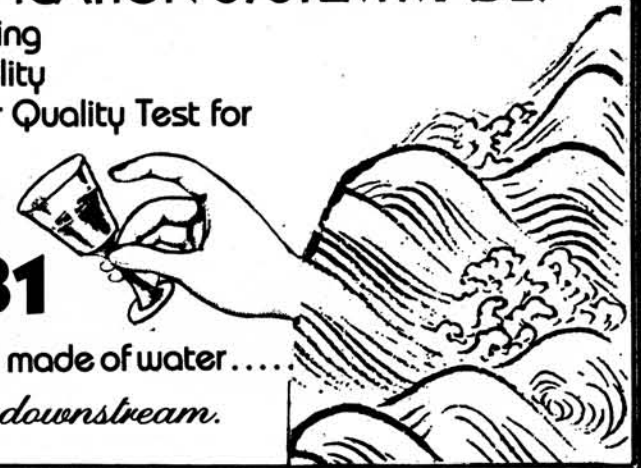
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Censorship and Public Access to the Media in Nicaragua

by Lee Artz



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Jose Osejo—Owner of Radio Corporacion, Contra supporter, and a frequent guest of U.S. Congressmembers.

Ten years ago, a commission of journalists drafted what they believed would be guidelines for communication in revolutionary Nicaragua. Their decree, written for the Ministry of Culture, enthusiastically outlined new freedoms and responsibilities for the media. Under the Somoza dictatorship, all news had to be approved prior to broadcast or publication—and the red pencil of the notorious Colonel Luna, Somoza's censor, had been applied generously to much of the news copy. So in September 1979, after the triumph of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), journalists celebrated their new independence. They set their sights on improving professionalism, ethics, and public access to communication. But U.S. intervention interrupted the growth of this new democracy in Nicaraguan media.

"In 1982, when the Contra war began, the government instituted a State of Emergency and asked for our opinion," says Lilly Soto, three-term president of the 655-member Union of Nicaraguan Journalists

(UPN). "After a two-day conference, we reached a consensus: we did not want any media laws written during the war. We voted to accept a limited, temporary censorship."

The Ministry of the Interior (MINT), through its Department of Media, invoked the 1979 media decree as law in censoring *La Prensa*, Radio Catolica, and several other media outlets. Three resolutions from the decree have been used: news on national security and military activity must be verified by the Ministry of Interior; information on the economy that could cause public panic must be confirmed by the Ministry of Finance; and display of women's bodies for advertising is prohibited. What had been largely a symbolic resolution became a restrictive law with the advent of the U.S.-sponsored Contra war and the growth of the U.S.-financed domestic opposition.

Although there is no a priori censorship, sanctions, including closings, can result from violations of the law. Actions by the government censor have provided Wash-

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ington with ammunition to publicly criticize the "lack of democracy" in Nicaragua. Nicaraguan journalists and lawmakers have also been locked in heated debate about the media law.

The Debate on Censorship

"Censorship has been bad for journalism," says Danilo Aguirre, sub-director of *El Nuevo Diario*, Nicaragua's largest daily newspaper with a circulation of 82,000. "The law used political criteria to deal with misinformation," Aguirre says. "We have civil laws that already exist to stop lies and slander."

"I know the law hasn't been applied strictly or widely, but the government still has the authority to impose sanctions," says Augustin Fuentes, the Reuters correspondent in Nicaragua. Fuentes wants the law changed because "every time censorship is used, it hurts us all."

"It was only the Contra war that obliged compromise," responds Soto. "Now we must change the law."

"The current media law should be repealed," says Aguirre, the principle author of the 1979 decree, who now favors a "Code of Ethics." "Our criticisms led the government to say, 'you (journalists) write the law,'" says Aguirre. "So we are discussing how to reconcile the issues of national security with freedom of expression."

In 1982, '83, and '84, the UPN initiated government-sponsored public conferences on press freedom. Recently, the UPN spearheaded a campaign to change the ten-year-old media decree. The National Assembly is discussing freedom of the press and President Daniel Ortega has guaranteed media law reform before the 1990 national elections.

Censorship and Freedom of Information

Still, "Nicaragua has very small problem in a world full of press censorship," says Soto. Most Nicaraguan journalists agree with her. Few have had any experience with censorship, which has been inconsistent and largely ineffectual.

New Media Law Takes Effect

As we go to press, a new law easing media restrictions in Nicaragua takes effect. On April 21st, the National Assembly passed a law which prohibits the government from forcing news organizations to submit stories to the censor prior to publication. The government can no longer order a print or broadcast outlet indefinitely closed, but suspensions of up to four days are allowed. Private TV stations are still outlawed, but social and political groups are now guaranteed "equal access" to government-run television. President Daniel Ortega signed the measure into law April 22nd, calling it one of the most progressive in Latin America.

For example, *La Prensa's* censored articles were regularly posted on the bulletin boards outside the newspaper's offices. Information contained in the articles also appeared in other papers, was given to foreign journalists, and was broadcast on the radio. During the months that *La Prensa* was closed, other papers and radio stations freely and regularly criticized government programs and Sandinista (FSLN) policies.

Radio Corporacion, which openly supports the Contras, "carried no news programs for six years as a protest against the media laws" according to manager Jose Osejo. Last October, "Cinco y Punto," the station's 5 a.m. news hour, aired a Miami-based story that claimed Nicaraguan government planes were bombing Atlantic

appeal, the courts sided with the paper and the sanctions were lifted. "We've taken the government to court and won several times," says editor Danilo Aguirre.

Although the U.S. media off-handedly call *Nuevo Diario* "pro-Sandinista," Aguirre says, it is "an independent, revolutionary paper." Founded in 1980 by 80 percent of the *La Prensa* staff, which had quit in protest of that paper's right-wing editorial policies, *Nuevo Diario* consistently challenges the government and the media law. "The real *La Prensa* is here," says Aguirre.

"The government doesn't always do what *Nuevo Diario* wants, or what the FSLN wants," says Aguirre, a National Assembly deputy. "We would be more critical, but we don't want to be used by the opposi-

calling in the censor to solve a political dispute. In less than two weeks, *Semana Comica* was back on the streets. "We weren't stepping back," says Sanchez. "The Department of Media had a real problem: I'm not a counter-revolutionary and society was not with them. There was no alternative but to re-open the paper."

Given that other papers have challenged the media law and other government policies, freedom of expression seems to be flourishing in Nicaragua providing considerable opportunity for public input. *Barricada*, for example, has a twice weekly column called "The Popular Mailbox" where readers send complaints and a team of investigative reporters track down the problems. *Barricada* also has volunteer "correspondents" throughout the country, who write about their co-operatives, their communities, and their grievances. None of this has been reported by the U.S. mainstream media.

Radio Communication in a New Society

Although almost 90 percent of the population can read owing to a successful 1980 literacy campaign, most Nicaraguans cannot afford to buy newspapers on a daily basis. Few families own televisions. Consequently, radio is the primary means of information. There are 43 radio stations in Nicaragua. Some are cultural. Some are music-oriented. Some are religious. Some are controversial. All of them are loud. The most popular stations broadcast Mexican, Costa Rican, and North American top-40 tunes.

Even Radio Sandino, the FSLN station, airs mostly pop music. According to program director Pepe Areas, listeners determine the music and other program selections. During my interview with him a "Voice of America" tape was playing current top-40 hits. Before budget cuts, Radio Sandino produced radio "novelas" such as "The Life of Marilyn Monroe" and a dramatic version of Carlos Fonseca's "Fire From the Mountain."

In December, Radio Sandino aired live broadcasts of Purisima religious services from several churches. Radio Catolica, the Protestant radio Ondas La Luz, and many other stations also broadcast religious programs. Evangelical ministers and priests from the activist-oriented Catholic churches are quite popular.

In addition, several stations feature live call-in shows, focusing almost exclusively on exposing government inefficiency and bureaucracy. Radio Sandino produces "Let's Talk." Callers air complaints and radio personalities track down and expose the problems.

La Primerisima has a popular afternoon show called "Among Friends." Mobile units visit communities where citizens go on the air "live" and list their complaints. Reporters back at the studio call the responsible agency and demand a response—on the air. When *La Primerisima's* mobile unit visited the universities, students were able to effect changes in the grading system and curriculum. They also raised harsh criticisms against the draft. In the process, *La Primerisima* provided the students with hands-on experience by allowing them to supervise

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Radio Sandino in Managua—Former offices of Radio X, Somoza's radio station.

Coast villagers fleeing from Hurricane Joan. The Department of Media quickly ordered the show off the air for two weeks for broadcasting "inaccurate information that threatened national security and public safety." It seemed a limited censorship at best, because all other news programs at Radio Corporacion were permitted to continue.

Besides Corporacion and Radio Catolica, few other stations have been sanctioned. Radio Noticias, for example, is an all-news station which frequently criticizes the government, but it has never been censored.

The opposition paper, *La Cronica*, also has had total freedom of the press. "In spite of harshly criticizing the government and Ortega personally," says editor Dr. Edwin Illezcas. "We have had no problem at all. We have never even received a phone call." In fact, the right-wing opposition has tried to influence the paper. "They have complained that we have too many pictures of government officials," says Illezcas.

Challenges to Censorship

Censorship by the MINT isn't final, either. *Nuevo Diario* was censored in 1982 for calling the government mandated "state of emergency" a "state of siege." In

tion," he adds.

One of the most controversial cases of censorship was the closing of *La Semana Comica*, a satirical political weekly. Ironically, the paper's editor, Roger Sanchez, is a political cartoonist for the FSLN *Barricada*. With a circulation of only 10,000, the paper is nevertheless considered by many to be the most influential paper in Nicaragua. "It is read by every decision-maker in this country," says Sophia Montenegro, founder and co-editor of *Barricada*.

But it wasn't challenges to political thought that led to a run-in with the censor. Sanchez, believing that sexual mores are outposts of conservative thought, began drawing erotic cartoons for his paper. He published increasingly provocative cartoons until he struck a nerve. The Association of Nicaraguan Women (AMNLAE) asked the Department of Media to close down *Semana Comica* for violating the section of the media law prohibiting the use of women's bodies for commercial gain.

Sanchez was vehement in his right to publish. Journalists from *Barricada*, *Nuevo Diario*, and several radio stations sided with Sanchez. The discussion went beyond erotica and pornography—it struck at the heart of freedom of the press. Even AMNLAE was divided on the wisdom of

Feature

Pacific Military Mobilization This Fall

Illustrates Nuclear War-Fighting Strategy

by Bob Aldridge

The Pentagon isn't saying anything, but it has big plans for next autumn. Pacific Exercise (PACEX), scheduled for September and October, is forecast as the largest combined strategic maneuver ever held in peacetime, and the largest military mobilization in the Pacific since World War II.

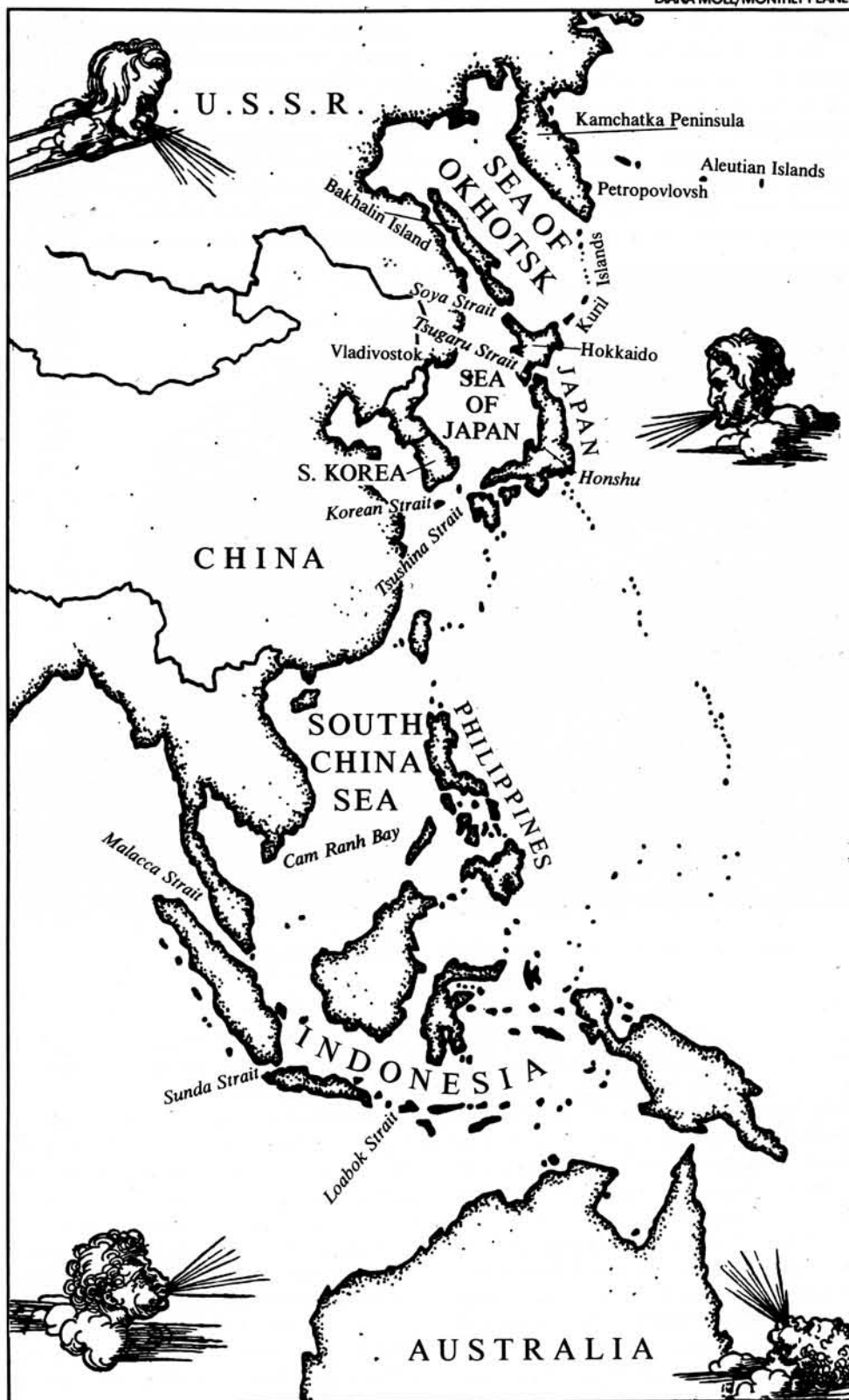
Information about PACEX has come from Japanese sources. U.S. officials will not confirm plans, other than to say it will not be an annual event, nor will they honor Freedom-of-Information Act requests. U.S. involvement will include carrier task forces from the 3rd and 7th fleets, the 5th and 7th Air Forces stationed in Japan and South Korea, and land forces based in Hawaii, Korea and the Philippines. Guam-based B-52 bombers will practice attacks on North Korea, as was done during Team Spirit '89. Admiral Huntington Hardisty, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, will be in charge—the first time CINPAC has directly commanded a peacetime drill.

Japan's participation in PACEX represents its first involvement in a large-scale strategic exercise, and emphasizes its growing military role in the region. As well as providing an initial test of the new U.S.-Japan joint operation plan, Japan's participation will extend the projection of its military force 1,000 nautical miles beyond territorial limits.

Asia-Pacific Strategy

PACEX will be conducted on the premise of a major U.S.-Soviet confrontation. Previous joint exercises with Pacific allies were based on limited conflict, not all-out war. To fully understand this shift it is necessary to grasp what a major U.S.-Soviet confrontation entails. It is a condition where conventional war has started somewhere and the military forces on both sides are stressed to a volatile readiness all over the world—not just in the Pacific. This premise, and the PACEX drill designed around it, highlights the importance of the Asia-Pacific strategy in a global crisis.

U.S. anti-submarine advances have forced the Soviets to pull their strategic submarines back into two sanctuaries close to their homeland—the Barents Sea north of Murmansk and the Sea of Okhotsk on the Pacific side—which have become bastions of Soviet naval concentration. To defend the Sea of Okhotsk from U.S. forces, particularly U.S. attack submarines, the Soviets have amassed anti-submarine aircraft, ships and submarines which in turn are under the protection of Soviet Far East tactical air power and the Soviet Far East fleet. The U.S.S.R. relies on submarines as their capital ships, and has effectively combined air and naval operations to protect them. Destroying Soviet submarines amid this powerful assemblage would require a major confrontation—



exactly what PACEX is designed to simulate.

According to the U.S. Defense Department's fiscal year 1990 report to Congress, the Soviet navy's strategic wartime mission is to conduct nuclear strikes from its missile-launching submarines operating from sanctuaries near Soviet territory, and to deny opposing navies access to those sanctuaries. The Soviet navy will also strive to disrupt sea lines of communication (SLOCs) critical to America and its allies, thus hindering reinforcement of forward-deployed forces.

The report goes on to explain the U.S.

Navy's mission to control those vital SLOCs and to conduct offensive operations against Soviet submarine sanctuaries. A source from the Japanese side of the Japan-U.S. Security Agency reported that PACEX clearly exhibits overall U.S. military strategy in the Pacific, and it will allow each ally to learn its expected role in that strategy. Objectives postulated are to control the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk, disable Soviet forces on the Kamchatka Peninsula, occupy the Kuril Islands, provide protection to SLOCs, and allow Japan and South Korea to practice defensive and counterattack maneuvers.

PACEX operations will stretch from the Aleutian Islands to the South China Sea. It is no coincidence that Japan's recent commitment to provide air defense and anti-submarine protection out to 1,000 nautical miles has the same geographic span.

The designation of the Sea of Okhotsk as a sanctuary for Soviet submarines has put Japan in the center of strategic planning. The Soviet port at Vladivostok is the only base capable of servicing and repairing ballistic-missile submarines and other factions of the Soviet Far East fleet. Reaching Vladivostok from the Sea of Okhotsk requires transit through one of two narrow straits—the Soya Strait between the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido and the Soviet Sakhalin Island, or the Tsugaru Strait between Japan's major islands of Honshu and Hokkaido. While the Soviets need unquestioned assurance that these SLOCs will remain open under all conditions, Japan is geographically situated to close them. On the other hand, U.S. control of the Sea of Okhotsk hinges on Japanese cooperation—not just for blocking Soviet travel, but to insure access for American warships and submarines.

Controlling gateways to the Seas of Japan and Okhotsk influences global strategy, because Moscow would hesitate to launch an attack on NATO if it would jeopardize the safety of missile-launching submarines. Losing the submarines' retaliatory capability, even in combination with a victory in Europe or the Middle East, would leave the USSR's remaining strategic weapons vulnerable to a U.S. first strike. On the U.S. side of the coin, threatening those sanctuaries is necessary to frustrate Kremlin planning in Europe or elsewhere. This interrelationship between regional military advantage and global strategic politics is prompting a conventional arms buildup and the increased militarization of Japan.

Prelude to First Strike

Soliciting allied participation a year in advance highlights the importance of PACEX to U.S. policy, which envisions war fighting as an activity escalating until victory is won, with the U.S. maintaining escalation dominance at each step. In Europe this policy is manifested as NATO's Flexible Response doctrine, postulating three escalating responses to a conventional attack. The first response is with conventional weapons, of which there is less than a 30-day supply. Next is escalation to first use of tactical nuclear weapons in a limited fashion. But military planners know that limited nuclear war will quickly get out of hand so they added a third response—general thermonuclear war between the superpowers.

Flexible Response is the announced NATO doctrine and it is also U.S. policy in other theaters of the world. But announced

policies merely serve public relations functions. In an actual crisis the Pentagon would follow other plans—secret plans which are inferred by capabilities. The fallacy of Flexible Response is its premise of containing escalation after the first use of tactical nuclear weapons. The opponent

grouping is the deterioration of the Soviet threat in the wake of General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev's programs of *perestroika*, *glasnost* and farming reform. His speech at the eastern Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk last September outlined Soviet contributions toward relieving global ten-

Soviet relations, the Soviet-Australian summit, improved Soviet relations with ASEAN countries, and his meeting with a number of prominent Japanese politicians.

Fear of the Russians must be reinstated to rejuvenate Western business interests. The present haggling among Alliance members over sharing the defense burden is a result of warming East-West relations, as is the resistance to nuclear- and conventional-weapons modernization. Commercial disturbances, epitomized by U.S. animosity toward Japan's microchip industry and automobile competition, are still other forms of deteriorating unity. While military experts attempt to weave a shroud of uncertainty around Soviet intentions, it is clear that words are insufficient to regain the cohesion generated by a common enemy, and to mitigate the political and economic friction which arises as that fear diminishes.

Whetting paranoia over the Russians will be enhanced by PACEX because

Pacex will provoke a crisis. Moscow officials won't sit on their hands as Western allies take over Soviet sanctuaries. Kremlin planners will be forced to initiate counter maneuvers. As described in the Defense Department's 1990 report, in the face of such a threat the "Soviet navy will attempt to destroy opposing nuclear-capable forces such as U.S. sea-launched cruise-missile-equipped submarines, surface ships, and aircraft carriers." Major Soviet naval exercises during 1985 and 1986 were aimed at preventing exactly what PACEX hopes to accomplish. Soviet forces will again be tweaked to hair-trigger tension. Incidents are inevitable and escalation cannot be ruled out.

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would in turn escalate to some unpredictable level, and escalation dominance would be lost. It makes more sense from a military viewpoint to jump directly to general thermonuclear war. That dictates a disabling first strike against Soviet strategic forces, which is exactly what U.S. war fighting capabilities, both achieved and proposed, indicate to be the secret policy. Only by striking first could the U.S. and its allies maintain control of escalation.

However, there is much which could be done to neutralize Soviet strategic forces during the initial conventional-warfare phase. While Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral James D. Watkins revealed that if conventional war begins with the U.S.S.R., the U.S. Navy will go after every Soviet submarine at sea and in port, including strategic missile-launching boats, and sink them. Thus a conventional conflict starting in Europe would immediately involve the Pacific, which is what will be rehearsed during PACEX.

Reviving the Western Alliance

PACEX will flex the military muscle needed to restructure the so-called Western Alliance, consisting of the U.S., Japan and NATO countries. Restructuring became unavoidable when the United States lost absolute economic power. According to U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III, "After nearly a decade when the American economy has driven international growth, we all face a changing world. The rule that success brings responsibility will find a fuller expression as the Pacific nations assume more important economic and political roles." Deterioration of the U.S. economy was exemplified by the 1988 secret agreement between Japan, West Germany and the U.S. to pump \$15 billion into the world market to bolster the U.S. dollar.

Of course it is the economic and business interests of the Western Alliance that mandate military restructuring and assign Japan a more prominent role. Secretary Baker highlighted this common global dependence. "The United States links together two highly dynamic, advanced regions—Western Europe and the Pacific. We are at once an Atlantic and a Pacific power, and there should not be any thought to expand one relationship at the expense of the other." In the Asia-Pacific region, military restructuring will boost the prospect of business opportunities, so promising that the next century is known in business circles as "The Century of the Pacific."

A second factor behind Alliance re-

sions: withdrawal from Afghanistan, serious headway in settling the situation in Kampuchea, helping to end the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq, contributing toward the growing strength of the United Nations, influencing the sentiment toward Korean reunification, warming of Sino-



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the programming.

La Primerisima is part of the national Popular Community Radio stations (CORADEP), which was founded shortly after the revolution in 1979. CORADEP directs 18 community radio stations. Radio Paz plays a Nicaraguan version of "easy-listening" music for the sizable Nicaraguan middle class. Radio Cachorros airs programs for children. CORADEP stations on the Atlantic Coast broadcast in English and Miskito. When the Contras destroyed Radio Zinica in Puerto Cabezas and Hurricane Joan destroyed the station in Bluefields, CORADEP transported two transmitters from Managua as replacements.

In the rural areas, public radio means

meeting daily needs. Radio Insurrecion in Matagalpa, like other CORADEP stations, has a morning broadcast from 4-7 a.m. for farmers, agriculture workers, and other early risers. Broadcasting from the communities by telephone hook-up, individuals can use the radio for any kind of communication. Literacy teachers deliver messages to their families, farmers offer items for sale, and friends announce "fiestas." One caller got on the air with an urgent message to "tell my wife, Maria, to put the horse back in the barn." During the coffee harvest last December, Radio Universidad set up transmitters in the Matagalpa region broadcasting music and family messages for the "brigadistas."

Radio stations frequently go quiet in the middle of broadcasts, while technicians repair old transmitters, tubes, and equipment from the 1950's. CORADEP now faces a bigger crisis because the 1989 national budget ends government support for community radio. CORADEP has

turned to private advertisers and international support. CORADEP will continue says Radio Paz director Mayra Santos, because the Nicaraguan revolution guarantees the people "the democratic right to exchange information."

Censorship in Context

With such broad involvement by the public in the media, why does Nicaragua feel censorship is necessary? "It had nothing to do with control of the press," responds Sophia Montenegro. "The U.S. started the Contra war to blackmail us into ending our social programs for the workers and peasants. We closed *La Prensa* to show the people, the Contra, and the U.S. that we could not be bullied."

Placating mothers whose sons had been killed by the Contras and demonstrating control over the domestic opposition was most important to the Nicaraguan government. Domestic politics were paramount;

international public relations were secondary; freedom of the press was expendable. *La Prensa* became a bargaining chip in dealings with the U.S.

Locked in a dark closet during the Somoza years and liberated for a brief "honeymoon" after the revolution, freedom of the press was fettered again with the start of the Contra war. Like some naughty child being dragged home by his ear, freedom of the press was restricted during the State of Emergency. Unfortunately, controlling the most fragile of freedoms was the easiest way the government had to demonstrate its power in the midst of a war.

A broader view of press freedom is helpful. The U.S. media monopolize the flow of world information. The South African government has a total ban on news about apartheid, has jailed almost 30,000 people without charge, and has even outlawed church assemblies deemed threatening to the regime. In Israel, journalists and camera crews have been denied access to events in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where over 400 Palestinians have been killed. And in El Salvador, 25 journalists have been assassinated since 1980, including several during the March 1989 elections. In this context, Nicaraguan press restrictions seem minimal. In this context, criticisms by the U.S. government and media seem hypocritical.

And while the U.S. media repeat the same stilted criticisms, Nicaraguan journalists and political leaders continue to make improvements.

The People Make the News

In the final analysis, the distinguishing characteristic of the Nicaraguan media is not the crackdown on press freedom so widely reported in the U.S., nor the existence of censorship. It is instead, the widespread public access to the media, a hallmark of democracy and freedom of expression.

Unions, churches, women's groups, neighborhood committees, and other popular organizations are creating their own society and their own forms of communication. Three daily papers, several weeklies, and dozens of monthly journals and magazines provide a myriad of political viewpoints. Twenty-two private and 18 public radio stations offer a variety of news and information. In addition, most of the 14 political parties publish their own journals. If press freedom is measured by public access to communication and the opportunity for expression, then mass media in Nicaragua score high.

UPN President Lilly Soto treasures her copy of the first amateur newspaper produced by a newly-literate peasant. Hand-lettered with hand-drawn graphics, *El Periodico* reports on current events and community activities in a local cooperative. "This is why we made a revolution," she says. "Here, the people can make their own news."

Lee Artz, coordinator of the Mid-Peninsula Peace Center in Palo Alto, visited Nicaragua in January 1989. Artz also teaches a "U.S. Media and World Politics" workshop at Stanford University.



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Peace & Justice Calendar

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

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



THURSDAY, MAY 4

Paulien Geitenbeek, a member of Women for Peace in Holland and a veteran of the 1986 Great Peace March, will speak on "A European Perspective on the Nuclear Arms Race." Presented by the Unitarian-Universalist Social Action Committee. 7 p.m., following a potluck at 6 p.m. Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 6401 Freedom Boulevard, Aptos. Info: 427-3494.

"Soviet Threat," film sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, in conjunction with Physics 80N, Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. Group discussion follows film showing. Free and open to the public. 8 p.m., Porter D148, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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., Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street; 9 p.m., Cafe Camelot, 418 Front Street. Info: 947-1606.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Concert, "Seeds of Peace," with Stephen Longfellow Fiske and Claire. A Peace Day 1989 Event. Unity Temple, 407 Broadway, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Info: Ariella St. Claire 423-4723.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

"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. A tape of a lecture by Ted Taylor, ex-nuclear weapons designer. Ted Taylor describes his attitudes as an avid nuclear weapons designer as being an addiction and how he had to treat his withdrawal from this disease. He is now spending his life working against all nuclear weapons. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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SUNDAY, MAY 7

Dedication of the Community Peace Garden in Hugh DeLacy Memorial Park, County Courthouse. Co-sponsored by Hugh DeLacy Memorial Committee and Santa Cruz County Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Services. A 1989 Peace Day Project event.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Peter Tyler, Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space (ISCOS), will speak on "Invaders from Mars, the Bush Administration, and How to End War." Sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. Free and open to the public. 3:30-5 p.m. Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

Miranda Collet, a former editor of Barricada, will speak on Nicaragua's literacy campaign for the first half of the Coalition for Nicaragua general meeting. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St. 7 p.m. Info: 458-0303.

"Personal Power, Personal Peace: A Course in Self-Esteem and Conscious



The Coalition for Nicaragua's fifth annual Pedal for Peace Bike-A-Thon will be held Saturday, May 20th. Call 458-0303 to register.

Evolution" with Dr. Craig F. Schindler, Project Victory. A 1989 Peace Day Project. (Course began May 1). 7:30-10:30 p.m. plus one weekend day. \$200. Info: Phil Kline 429-6823.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

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THURSDAY, MAY 11

"Protection in the Nuclear Age" and "War Without Winners," films sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, in conjunction with Physics 80N, Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. Group discussion follows film showing. Free and open to the public. 8 p.m., Porter D148, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25

Photo Exhibit, "Discovering Our Common Ground." Sponsored by Webbers Camera and Photo Express in conjunction with Peace Day 1989. Featuring the works of over 35 local well-known photographers. Dancing Man Gallery, 123 Maple Street. Open weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Reception Friday, May 12, 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Environmental Action Day, a county-wide, all day clean-up. A Peace Day 1989 event. Co-sponsored by Santa Cruz City Department of Parks and Recreation and Santa Cruz County Public Works. Info: 475-0207.

Peace Child Theatre Ensemble/Chorus, a Peace Day 1989 event. Beach Flats, Leibbrandt and Raymond Streets. 2 p.m. Co-sponsored by Peace Child Foundation, Washington, D.C. and Peace Child of Santa Cruz County. Info: 475-0207.

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SUNDAY, MAY 14
"A Bright Shining Lie and Other Lessons from Vietnam," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Reflections on Vietnam, the war, and our society's way of facing it. Featured are Neil Sheehan, author of "A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam," (winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the 1988 National Book Award for Nonfiction); Marilyn Young, Professor of History at New York University; John McAuliff of the U.S.-Indochina Panther Players. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

"Peace within Partnerships," with Janet Hurley, Marriage and Family Therapist. Ms. Hurley conducts national seminars in the specific areas of co-dependency and chemical addictions. Church of Religious Science, 7 p.m., \$10. Info: 659-3392.

MONDAY, MAY 15
Tibor Frank, Professor, University of Budapest, visiting Professor, UCSB, will speak on "The Conscience of A Scientist." Sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. Free and open to the public. 3:30-5 p.m. Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
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, MAY 18
"Threads," film sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, in conjunction with Physics 80N, Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. Group discussion follows film showing. Free and open to the public. 8 p.m., Porter D148, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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FRIDAY, MAY 19
"Caribbean Dance Party" Benefit for Peace Day, with Santa Cruz Steel (traditional and contemporary calypso music), Arthur Hull's Village Drummers and Surprise Reggae Band. Co-sponsored by Pacific Harbor Travel and Sunbird Tour Agency. \$6.50 tickets in advance, also available at the door. Veterans' Hall, 846 Front St., 8 p.m. Info: 475-0207.

SATURDAY, MAY 20
Fifth Annual Pedal for Peace Bike-A-Thon. Sponsored by the Coalition for Nicaragua. Twenty-mile ride, round trip Santa Cruz to Davenport. Breakfast served

Women's Convoy to Central America Needs Material Aid

Set to depart June 10th, approximately 100 women, driving 30-40 vehicles from across the U.S., will converge in Austin, Texas before crossing the border into Mexico. The Convoy will deliver material aid, as well as hope, throughout Central America before its scheduled arrival in Managua, Nicaragua by July 10th. Donations of the following supplies are still needed:

Medical Supplies: vitamins, bandaids, alcohol, disinfectant spray, cotton, surgical supplies, syringes with needles, soap, medicine for colds, aspirin/tylenol, antacids, cough syrup, sanitary napkins, blood pressure cuffs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Lomotil, Kwell shampoo, rehydration packets, antidotes for snake bites, antibiotics, first aid kits.

Office Supplies/Child Care: staplers, staples, paper clips, typewriters (manual or electric, not electronic), typewriter ribbons, paper, tape recorders, cassette tapes, crayons, pre-school materials.

Vehicles: 8 trucks (American-made OK) for Guatemala and El Salvador, 2 ambulances, 10 trucks (foreign-made, not unleaded gas) for Nicaragua.

For information on how to donate supplies, call 425-0821. Cash donations can be sent to: WCCA/Western Regional Office, 2115 Lovella Ave., Venice, CA 90291, (213) 545-7126.

in Davenport for sliding scale \$4 to \$6. Additional miles along Swanton Road loop available. Most of the proceeds will buy oats for the children of Nicaragua. A smaller portion will go to the Coalition for Nicaragua. Registration forms available at

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Coalition for Nicaragua office, 512 Front Street, or at your local bike shop. Prizes awarded to bikers with the most sponsors. Riders without sponsors may pay a \$15 registration fee the day of the event. Info: 458-0303.

Peace Child Theatre Ensemble/Chorus, a Peace Day 1989 event. Santa Cruz High School, 415 Walnut Ave. 8 p.m. Info: 475-0207.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Fifth Annual Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground. Mission Plaza Park. A day to appreciate, communicate, and celebrate our similarities and differences in the context of our common desire for a safe and healthy world. Fun-filled activities for all ages include games, workshops, sports, the arts, multicultural entertainment, singing, and speakers. Over 50 service organizations provide activity and international food booths. The day culminates with the Interfaith Celebration for Peace and Candlelight Procession at Holy Cross Church. Free admission. Shuttle leaves from the Santa Cruz County Building from 11:30 to 7 p.m. Peace Day is co-

sponsored by the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department; Santa Cruz County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services; KMST TV and Odwalla. Info: 475-0207.

The Interfaith Celebration for Peace and Candlelight Procession. A Peace Day 1989 event, co-sponsored by the Bahamian Religious Community. Features representatives from the world's major religions, music, poetry, and scripture readings. Holy Cross Church, 126 High St. 7 p.m. Info: 475-0207.

"Common Security and the Environment," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Global warming and ozone depletion lead a daunting list of urgent environmental threats. What steps should the United States take to clean up our act? How can we build the level of international cooperation required for dealing with these global problems? Featured are Representative Clauding Schneider (R-R.I.), sponsor of the Global Warming Prevention Act (H.R. 1078); A. Jacob Scherr, Senior Staff Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council; and the Reverend William Sloane Coffin, President of SANE/FREEZE. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, MAY 22

Clifford Wilcox and Edward Smeloff, Sacramento SMUD Board, Rancho Seco, will speak on "Future of the troubled Nuclear Power Plant at Rancho Seco." Sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. Free and open to the public. 3:30-5 p.m. Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

Coalition for Nicaragua general meeting. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St. 7 p.m. Info: 458-0303.

"Personal Power, Personal Peace: A Course in Self-Esteem and Conscious Evolution" with Dr. Craig F. Schindler, Project Victory. A 1989 Peace Day Project. (Course began May 1). 7:30-10:30 p.m. plus one weekend day. \$200. Info: Phil Kline 429-6823.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Celebrate Life, Stop Trident II D-5 Rally at the Lockheed Bonny Doon plant. Speakers, music, and nonviolent civil resistance on International Women's Day for Disarmament. 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by Stop First Strike Santa Cruz and the Lockheed Action Collective. Info: 458-2124 or 426-1062.

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, MAY 25

"South Africa: The Nuclear File," film sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, in conjunction with Physics 80N, Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. Group discussion follows film showing. Free and open to the public. 8 p.m., Porter D148, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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SATURDAY, MAY 27

Ancient Future performs a special benefit concert for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320 Cedar St., 8 p.m. Co-sponsored by KAZU (90.3 FM). Tickets \$10 advance, \$11.50 at the door. Advance tickets available at the Freeze office, 320-G Cedar St.; Gateways,

no affiliations. Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

AIDS Candlelight Memorial. March from San Lorenzo Park to the Town Clock. 7-9 p.m. Sponsored by the Campaign for Responsible AIDS Action. Info: 458-9425 or 427-3900.

MONDAY, MAY 29

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Ancient Future brings its world fusion music to the Kuumbwa Jazz Center on Saturday, May 27th, in a special benefit concert for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze. See the calendar listing for ticket information.

825 Pacific Ave.; Blue Rhythm Records, 116 Stockton Ave., Capitola; and Avallone Bookshoppe, 536 Soquel Ave. Info: 458-9975.

"The Love-Wisdom Experience: A Model for World Victory" workshop with Scott Hamilton. A Peace Day 1989 event. Co-sponsored by Project Victory. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 301 Center St. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., \$50. Info: 462-3967.

"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. Akie Reynolds of UCSC will talk about her experiences in Career Activities in Peacemaking at UCSC. Akie assists students to develop careers which do not involve militarism or profits from militarism. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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TUESDAY, MAY 30

Kenneth Jowitt, Professor of Political Science, UCB, will speak on "Soviet Foreign Policy in the Gorbachev Era." Sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy. Free and open to the public. 3:30-5 p.m. Stevenson Conference Room, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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, JUNE 1

"Countdown for America" and "A Defense That Defends," films sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, in conjunction with Physics 80N, Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. Group discussion follows film showing. Free and open to the public. 8 p.m., Porter D148, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 4

"Dr. Caldicott's New Prescription for Survival," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Dr. Caldicott is the Australian Pediatrician who became known in the U.S. in the early 1980's as a tireless crusader for the prevention of nuclear war. This program features an exclusive interview with Dr. Caldicott, and an excerpt from her talk to students at Arizona State University. Topics range from the greenhouse effect, pollution, nuclear arms control, US-Soviet relations, to the role and responsibility of the media, and more. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

"Personal Power, Personal Peace: A Course in Self-Esteem and Conscious Evolution" with Dr. Craig F. Schindler, Project Victory. A 1989 Peace Day Project. (Course began May 1). 7:30-10:30 p.m. plus one weekend day. \$200. Info: Phil Kline 429-6823.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 8

"The Day After Trinity: J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Atomic Bomb," film sponsored by Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, in conjunction with Physics 80N, Nuclear Weapons and Arms Control. Group discussion follows film showing. Free and open to the public. 8 p.m., Porter D148, UCSC. Info: 429-2833.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9-

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Strategy Workshop for Activists: Building Effective Movements for Social Change in a Culture of Failure. A gathering of Northern California activists and their groups to develop skills to analyze and wage social movements. Led by Bill Moyer with the Resource Center for Nonviolence staff. Info: 423-1626.

Peace Day Is Sunday, May 21st



Peace Child Choir performing at Peace Day, 1988.

Santa Cruz County's fifth annual *Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground* will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. at Mission Plaza Park, Santa Cruz, with related events happening during *May: The Month of Peace*.

For the first time, the state of California will join Santa Cruz in its celebration. This summer the state Assembly passed a resolution recognizing the third Sunday in May of each year as a statewide "Peace Day." The governor is proclaiming the day, and cities throughout the state will be declaring Peace Day.

Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground is a day to appreciate, communicate and celebrate our similarities and differences in the context of our common desire for a safe and healthy world. Filled activities for all ages include multicultural entertainment and international foods, games, art activities, a children's stage, group singing, and speakers. The day culminates with our traditional and moving Interfaith Celebration for Peace and Candlelight Procession at Holy Cross Church. (See newspaper calendars for other Peace Day events throughout the coun-

ty.) Main stage highlights include: • Ashwin Batish—one of the masters in traditional and contemporary Indian sitar • Kuumbwa African Dance Ensemble • and Medna Usta—Bulgarian Folk Music. The Peace Child Choir will perform and Leaders Listen to Youth Program will return. Craig Schindler of Project Victory will speak on "The Great Turning: Personal Peace, Global Victory."

Peace Day Project worked closely with Assemblymembers John Vasconcellos (D), and William Filante (R) on the passage of Resolution III in August 1988, which recognizes an annual statewide Peace Day on the third Sunday in May. Santa Cruz's *Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground* is acknowledged as a model for other California communities. The Peace Day Project has formed the California Peace Day Committee, central headquarters for the statewide effort.

For information about *Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground* and related events during *May: Month of Peace*, contact Peace Day Project, P.O. Box 1729, Santa Cruz, CA, 95061-1729, (408) 475-0207.

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