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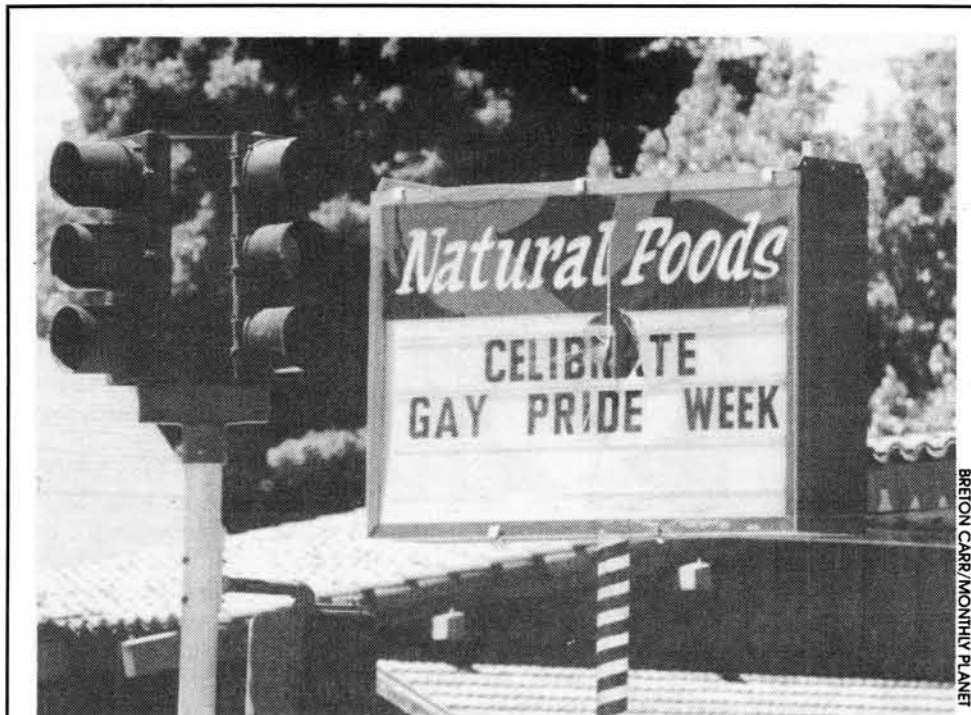
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What is the price of freedom of speech? An act of political vandalism occurred on the night of Thursday, June 15, at the Food Bin on Mission St. in Santa Cruz. According to owner Breton Carr, "Our experience with the sign has been that the political right tends to react more violently than the left, whose response usually involves mere tampering with the letters. Of course, neither response is truly satisfying—both tempt us to return the sign to purely commercial purposes. The best result occurs when a dialogue is opened up." A collection to repair the sign is being taken at Emily's Bakery and A Flower for All Reasons (both located at 1129 Mission St.).

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Lockheed Letters

Conscience Demands Action Against Insane Priorities

I would like to share with the community the following, slightly modified version of the statement I made in Santa Cruz Municipal Court after pleading no contest to charges of trespassing during the May 24 celebration of life at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company's Bonny Doon facility. The district attorney dropped charges against me for resisting arrest while serving soup at the Town Clock in January. I plan to refuse my sentence of one year's probation and instead serve a 45-day jail term.

In the substantial time that I have spent in these courtrooms over the past few months, I have noticed a concerted effort to exclude from consideration the real issues which have swept the recent flood of protesters into the streets, into the jails, and into the courts. Having been involved in two different but related cases (the civil resistance campaign at Lockheed and the Soup Without a Permit effort at the Town Clock), I would like to quickly explain to you, as responsible members of this community, why I have chosen to act in a way which risks the penalty of law. I understand that today, the law may require you to convict me of trespassing, but I request that you also consider the interest of justice, for that is what has brought me here.

In Santa Cruz, the production of the weapons of the final war continues. In a few years, because of the Trident II and other elements of the first-strike arsenal, global destruction will become increasingly unavoidable, and never more than five minutes away. These weapons, clearly, must never be built, yet it is equally clear that they will be built unless we begin accepting the risks of peacemaking as we have for so long accepted the risks of war. One of those risks is refusing to obey the laws that allow preparations for The Final Solution to the Human Problem to continue. We in Santa Cruz have a special responsibility not to turn our backs on the holocaust that is being prepared for in our own community.

We have tried the proper legal channels, and they have failed us. The Nuclear Weapons Freeze failed despite a strong majority of popular support, a local Nuclear Free Zone ordinance was thwarted by a massive campaign of misinformation by Lockheed, and a county board of supervisors decision to deny building permits for constructing parts for the Trident II was left powerless when Lockheed

decided instead to build on adjacent Navy property under federal jurisdiction. We will continue to make these sorts of efforts, but we must also look for alternatives. The time has come to say, continue, if you must, to build these weapons, but we must withdraw our consent—you will have to do it over our bodies, because the stakes are too high to continue to wait.

There's another war already being fought—the war that this country wages against those who are most disadvantaged in our society. It's a war of neglect, where people are jailed for sleeping when they have nowhere else to go, where they are jailed for organizing to provide food for themselves when the government will not. The connection between these situations is painfully clear—it is a profound symbol of the madness of this country that we spend billions on weapons like the Trident while millions of our citizens go without the basic necessities of existence.



ELIZABETH WILLIAMS/MONTHLY PLANET

In both these cases, I was not acting solely for my personal gain—though I obviously have a stake in the continued survival of our planet. Nor do I believe that I was acting in violation of other people's rights—for surely the law should give precedence to the values of human life over property and surely a homeless person faces a greater threat of contracting disease from scavenging for food in a dumpster (or not eating at all) than from eating soup I have prepared in my own kitchen. Instead, I was acting on the moral responsibility that I feel we must all begin to take to risk the rule of law where it impedes the work of justice.

As other activists have said before me, I hope that there is something, someone, some cause for which each of us would take these risks, because that is what makes our lives precious and beautiful. Whether we give our lives for freedom, love, peace, or for money, power, and war, we have them to give only once. For me the choice is clear.

In China this past month, many people have given up their lives struggling for the same things. They were willing to disobey

the law to gain their freedom. If more of the soldiers there had been similarly willing, perhaps we would not have seen such bloodshed in Beijing. Now, other protesters have been executed, and more await sentencing. The judges, not the soldiers, now decide their fate. Would we not all admonish them, with the power of life and death they wield, to act on their conscience and more principles, even if it meant risking their own security?

Today, I am very fortunate not to face so severe a penalty for my disobedience, but the reasons that have brought me here are no less significant, no less urgent. We will all have to be taking increasingly greater risks if we are to find our way out of these dark times. Many will continue to suffer in the process. Yet I have good reason to be hopeful. The repression may increase, but I am fortunate that so many committed people share my vision. As long as the bombs are being made, as long as people are denied basic human needs, as long as those who claim to represent us refuse to listen, persons of conscience will continue to fill the courts.

Sincerely,
Bill Pratt
Santa Cruz

Judge McAdams Rules Out Defense of Necessity

On May 24, some 80 persons jumped the fence at Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. in the Santa Cruz Mountains in defiance of the Pentagon's continued pursuit of a first-strike capability. The Celebration of Life theme was a more upbeat event than past actions at this site.

Though the traditional lying, denying and pain complying was offered by the sheriffs, the majority of the arrestees elected to spend the time (2-3 days) in jail until their arraignment, instead of signing a citation with a promise to appear later in court.

On June 5, the first of a series of trials began. Judge McAdams ruled the defense of necessity (i.e. the Nuremberg Principles and the U.S. Constitution) were not permissible and that his court room would not be used as a political platform. As a result, the jury deliberated 20 minutes to find five defendants guilty of simple trespass. (It must be added that some 20 people are being charged with resisting arrest in addition to trespassing.) The sentence for "simple trespass" was two years probation and a \$299 fine; those who refused these terms were sentenced to 45 days in jail. Two women are serving these jail terms.

These sentences are more severe than previously handed down in Lockheed actions. It has been suggested that this action has come at a poor time politically as it is on the heels of an Operation Rescue protest at Choice Medical Clinic. In addition, our state legislature is working on a bill (SB 1448) to increase the penalties for trespassing, which our county board of supervisors passed a resolution in support of on June 12.

It looks as though trials will be continuing through July. Spending more tax dollars to jail persons opposing the develop-

ment of more sophisticated nuclear weapons is crazy and as insane as spending billions of dollars on these systems in the first place while human needs go unmet. Please show your support by coming to court, writing your representatives, or letters to the editor and doing all you can to stop first strike-capable nuclear weapons from being completed.

Stephane Joyet & Daniel Johnson
Santa Cruz

Nuremberg Principles Oblige Citizens To Stop Genocide

The trials began on Monday for the people who allegedly trespassed onto Lockheed property on Wednesday, May 24th. The defendants were not allowed by Judge McAdams to give their intended defense.

One of the defenses that the protesters would have liked to use is that of the Nuremberg Principles. The Nuremberg Principles were signed by the U.S. after WWII to make sure that the atrocities that occurred under Hitler could never happen again. These Principles state that every citizen has the obligation to stop their country from committing genocide.

Article Six in the main body of the Constitution states that international law, when signed by the United States government, automatically becomes part of the Constitution, and supersedes federal and state law. Therefore these Principles are more powerful than the charges brought against the defendants.

Our government publicly states that they are basing their nuclear policy on Mutual Assured Destruction (MAD). That means that because both sides have the ability to incur an unacceptable level of damage on the other side, neither will attempt a first-strike nuclear attack.

The nuclear weapons that are being built at Lockheed escalate U.S. nuclear capability and strategic policy to that of first strike. The Trident II/D-5 missiles which are produced at Lockheed are very accurate nuclear missiles. They are designed to destroy the Russian missiles before there is a chance for them to leave their silos. In other words, this weapon is needed for first-strike capability—to wipe out the defenses of the U.S.S.R. before they can be launched.

The production of these types of weapons only makes both sides feel more vulnerable, because the psychology of first strike threat leads to the strategy of "use them or lose them." The possibility for lasting peace is undermined as we unthinkingly allow our government to move even closer to the nuclear trigger.

First strike is genocidal! We all have the legal obligation to stop our country from wiping out life on this planet as we know it. And yet Judge McAdams has invalidated the very laws that he is supposed to protect. Come and sit in on the trials, let our voices be heard. Americans do not want war, but if we do not speak out no one will listen.

Kiakima Simon
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The Quiz

Take This Quiz— Win A Free T-Shirt!

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, July 25, 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, Michelle Paninos of Boulder Creek.)

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Multiple Choice

According to Donald Gregg (George Bush's former national security advisor), a memo linking Bush to the Iran-Contra scandal that contains the phrase "resupply of the Contras" should have really said:

- a) "resupply of the Congo."
- b) "resupply of the Congress."
- c) "resupply of the contraceptives"
- d) "resupply of the copters."
- e) "resupply of the contracts."

When Chinese government troops opened fire on students at Tiananmen Square, the students were singing:

- a) The "Internationale," anthem of the global communist movement.
- b) "We Shall Overcome," anthem of the civil rights movement.
- c) "This Land Is Your Land, This Land Is My Land."
- d) "The Star-Spangled Banner."
- e) "God Bless America."

When MIT scientist Kosta Tsipis said, "I wouldn't be on it for anything in the world," he was referring to:

- a) The Space Shuttle.
- b) The Stealth bomber.
- c) The B-1 bomber.
- d) John Hull's ranch.
- e) The House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

True/False

- _____ The Galileo mission to Jupiter, to be launched from the space shuttle this October, is scheduled to carry plutonium.
- _____ The Bush Administration wants the CIA to covertly influence the upcoming elections in Nicaragua.
- _____ The Pentagon has decided that anti-satellite weapons are destabilizing and should not be funded.
- _____ Over \$10 million has been raised in an effort to attain a pardon for Oliver North.

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Mobile Missiles: Key to START?

by Shelly D'Amour

As the United States and the Soviet Union resumed arms control talks in Geneva last month, the Bush Administration and Congress remain unresolved in their dispute over a key element of those talks.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) focus on limiting the strategic (long-range) nuclear arsenals deployed by the superpowers. At the 1986 Reykjavik summit, then-President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to an overall ceiling of 6,000 ballistic missile warheads and 1,600 delivery systems. Currently, one of the points at issue is whether to ban mobile intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's).

Mobile ballistic missiles, as the name implies, are those which can be transported easily. This ability to move the missiles around rapidly is designed as a security measure for the missiles, theoretically allowing them to elude detection and preemptive destruction by enemy missiles. The United States has been engaged in a gradual process of shifting the basing mode of its long-range strategic systems from silos in the ground to mobile basing units such as trucks and rail cars. The Soviet Union maintains a large strategic arsenal, most notably, the SS-18 and the SS-24, both mobile, multiple-warhead systems.

The original U.S. proposal was to ban mobile intercontinental systems. The reason is that their mobility makes verification of their numbers almost impossible. For example, verification instruments have a difficult time distinguishing an MX missile on a rail car from just a moving rail car. It would be a simple matter for Soviets or Americans to multiply missile numbers beyond the limits of the agreement. So far, the Soviet Union has rejected the idea of an outright ban on mobile intercontinen-

tal missiles.

Actually, the Reagan Administration was not especially sold on such a ban itself. However, at the time the ban was proposed, the MX system was receiving fairly stiff opposition in Congress. Congress, unhappy with the silo basing mode, put a cap of 50 missiles on the MX program until an acceptable basing mode could be found. The Soviets had already mobilized their land-based system and it was in the interest of the United States to curtail that as much as possible.

Congress is currently debating military programs such as our strategic weapons systems, as it grapples with the fiscal year 1990 Defense Authorizations Bill. The Bush Administration has submitted a request to

Now the quandary: it is unlikely that Congress will pour significant amounts of money into a new basing mode for the MX if, in the end, it is essentially a bargaining chip. Mr. Bush, sensing the shift in congressional support toward a mobile ICBM, has offered to drop his START proposal to ban mobile systems if the Congress would fund both the MX and the Midgetman. Those negotiations are continuing, and the next move belongs to Congress. It remains to be seen how Congress will respond.

If the president drops his proposed ban on mobile ICBM's, it will have serious ramifications for the effectiveness of any strategic arms treaty. Although mobile ICBM's are not the only element in the START negotiations, they are a critical

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fund both the MX, a 10-warhead missile, and the Midgetman, a single-warhead ballistic missile. The Midgetman would be placed on trucks while the MX would be housed on rail cars which would move about the general populace in times of political instability or international crisis.

Due in large part to the development of a mobile basing mode, Congress has shifted its support more steadily toward the MX missile in recent years. The Midgetman, although also mobile and far less destabilizing than the MX, is extremely expensive. It was originally supported by liberal congressmembers who wanted to provide a "safer" alternative to the MX. However, it was never really a popular program. Even the Pentagon doesn't want it.

part. The verification issues surrounding mobile ICBM's are significant enough to forestall any final agreement on the treaty for years. The fact that START talks are occurring during this phase of the annual budget process affords Congress an opportunity to make a strong case for arms control—and to use the power of the purse to back it up.

Here's a summary of some of the major legislative developments in Congress this past month:

Stealth Bomber

A flight test of the controversial Stealth (B-2) bomber will be held sometime in July, eight months behind schedule. The

Stealth is a tailless plane, shaped somewhat like a boomerang, that is designed to evade radar detection. One hundred thirty-two bombers are planned at close to \$600 million each. Estimates for the project run over \$70 billion.

From the beginning, Stealth has been fraught with problems. Crashes (three since 1986) have been mostly attributed by the Air Force to pilot fatigue; however, insiders to the project say that quality control is poor and the design is unworkable. An interesting aspect to this project is that it is going right from the drawing board into production, without the usual intermediate stage of testing a prototype. While defense contractor Northrop may be confident in its project, others aren't so sure. "I wouldn't be aboard it for anything in the world," said MIT scientist Kosta Tsipis.

Star Wars

A \$4.7 billion funding request for the Star Wars program will come before the House in the next few weeks. If approved, part of that money will go toward research and development of the so-called "brilliant pebbles" concept, an early-deployment component of Star Wars. The "pebbles" in this case are three-foot-long rockets which

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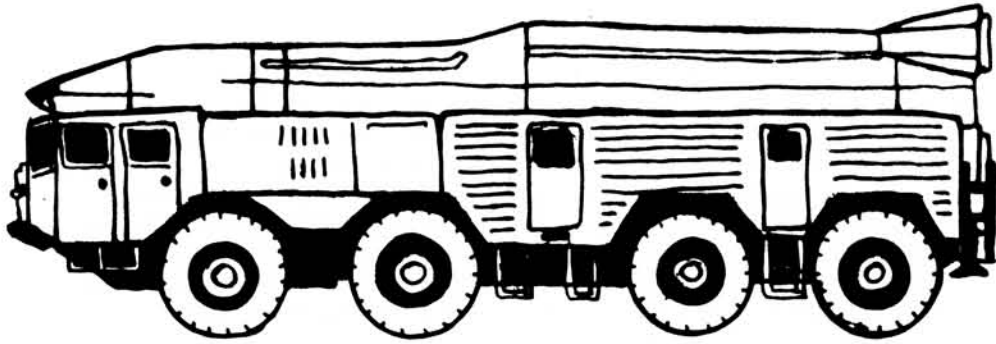


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would seek out and destroy incoming enemy missiles. Up to 6,000 rockets may be deployed, turning space into a kind of floating metal junkyard.

A number of amendments will be offered to the Defense Authorizations Bill relative to Star Wars funding. California Representatives Barbara Boxer (D) and Ron Dellums (D) are expected to author an amendment to the Defense Authorizations Bill that would cut the Star Wars budget to \$1.8 billion and shut down the SDI office. Representatives Charles Bennett (D-Fl) and Thomas Ridge (R-PA) will offer an amendment to cut Star Wars funding to \$3.1 billion.

ACTION: Contact your representative and tell him/her to support these amendments on Star Wars when they come up for a vote.

Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Weapons

The Pentagon is requesting \$200 million to purchase ASAT weapons next year. Representative George Brown (D-CA) will offer a resolution to the Defense Authorizations Bill directing the secretary of the Air Force to develop plans for non-weapons satellite survivability; and calling on the president to resume negotiations with the Soviet Union on a verifiable treaty to ban all ASAT weapons. Senator John Kerry (D-MA) will author an amendment to prohibit ASAT testing as long as the Soviets refrain from testing.

The ASAT moratorium has enjoyed broad support in Congress in previous years. The ASAT program is closely linked with Star Wars, and monies are earmarked to come out of the SDI budget to benefit ASAT testing.

ACTION: Contact your representative and tell him/her to support these amendments and to vote against any money for the ASAT program.

Economic Conversion

An effort is underway in the House to construct comprehensive economic conversion legislation. The Defense Economic Adjustment Act (H.R.101), sponsored by Representative Ted Weiss (D-NY), contains the following provisions:

- It would establish an Alternative Use Committee at each military production site. Comprised of equal representatives of labor and management, the committee would develop a plan for the conversion of their facility for non-military purposes.

- It would require plants to receive a one-year advance notification of cutbacks, in order to implement their alternative use plans.

- It would provide income maintenance funds for employees and economic support funds for communities during the period of adjustment, with the goal of preventing economic dislocation.

The subcommittee on Economic Stabilization of the House Banking Committee held hearings on conversion legislation on June 13. Any forthcoming provision on economic conversion will be attached to the Defense Production Act (H.R. 486). To date, there is no companion piece in the Senate.

ACTION: Contact your representative and urge him/her to co-sponsor H.R. 101. If your representative is a member of the subcommittee on Economic Stabilization (your local SANE/FREEZE chapter can tell you if s/he is), ask him/her to support this important legislation. If you live in California's 16th congressional district, contact Rep. Leon Panetta and ask him to sign on the bill. If your senator is a member of the Senate Banking Committee, ask him/her to adopt the economic conversion provisions in H.R. 101. If you live in California, contact Senator Alan Cranston, a member of the House Banking Committee.

Foreign Aid

The House Foreign Affairs Committee completed its mark-up of the fiscal year 1990 Foreign Aid Authorizations Bill on June 14. (Mark-up is the process of a committee voting on the exact language of a bill, line-by-line.) As in past years, Democrats on the panel caved in to Republicans and removed language from the bill that would have given Congress power to withhold military aid from the government of El Salvador.

The bill requires that military aid be held every six months pending certification by the president of human rights progress in El Salvador. The Western Hemisphere subcommittee had added language giving Congress the power to review the president's determination. If Congress found that certain human rights criteria had not been met, it could withhold the funds.

In acting on the subcommittee's request, the full House Foreign Affairs Committee retained the presidential certification process, but denied Congress the power to override the president's decision, except by a majority vote in both houses—a virtual impossibility.

Other provisions of the bill were left intact: a ban on police training, the escrow of \$5 million in military aid pending action by the government of El Salvador against those responsible for the massacre in San Francisco (El Salvador), and a provision to withhold food and economic assistance unless President Bush certifies that the Salvadoran government is allowing access to conflict areas by relief agencies.

Given the fact that former President Reagan routinely certified that human rights were progressing in El Salvador, despite all evidence to the contrary, the presidential certification process is little more than a rubber-stamp formality without congressional oversight.

With regard to Guatemala, the House Foreign Affairs Committee authorized \$9 million in so-called non-lethal military aid. In the same bill, the committee also approved the sale of M-16 rifles to the government of Guatemala to replace older weapons. Presumably these are non-lethal guns.

The language in this bill is stronger relative to human rights. It appears that Congress decided in this instance to empower itself to override the president's determination, if necessary. The criteria for releasing military aid include: a decrease in human rights violations, progress toward separating the military from the civilian government, investigations into human rights violations and removal of officers responsible, no forced conscription into civilian patrols, and no intimidation of human rights organizations.

While Guatemala admittedly has the worst human rights record in Latin America, El Salvador competes hard for second place. Congress should be pushed to do much more in this area.

CIA/Nicaragua

As Nicaragua prepares for national elections next February, the Bush Administration is battling Congress over allowing the CIA to influence those elections. The administration would like to provide aid in the form of covert assistance to opposition political parties within Nicaragua, as well as funneling cash donations through the National Endowment for Democracy, a non-profit corporation that receives most of its funding from the federal government. Congress has already sent \$2 million to opposition groups through the National



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Endowment for Democracy.

The House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is currently working on an authorizations bill for CIA programs for fiscal year 1990. Three members of the committee sent a letter to committee chair Anthony Beilenson (D-CA), requesting specific language in the bill prohibiting CIA influence in Nicaragua's elections. If no action is taken in committee on this item, they will bring it to the floor of the House for a vote. Meanwhile, the Contra war against Nicaragua rages on.

ACTION: Contact your representative immediately and tell him/her to support a ban on CIA involvement in Nicaragua's elections.

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Oliver North Convicted on Three Felony Counts

by Joseph A. Palermo

As we go to press, Judge Gerhard Gesell has yet to hand down a sentence to Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North for his three felony convictions stemming from his pivotal role in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Originally, Oliver North was charged with 16 felony counts, four of which were dropped after the executive branch refused to release classified documents on "national security" grounds. The powerhouse Washington law firm of Williams and Connolly, which represents North, successfully argued that the documents were vital for North's defense if he was to have a fair trial.

The most significant counts that fell by the wayside were the charges of conspiracy and defrauding the U.S. government. The conspiracy count appears to have been dropped without much of a fight by special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, to avoid both a showdown with the executive branch over the release of documents, and the possibility of implicating Ronald Reagan and George Bush in a criminal conspiracy with North to arm the Nicaraguan Contras in defiance of the Boland Amendment.

Another important count that was dropped relates to the estimated \$8 million worth of assets, including weapons stores, ships, and planes, purchased with

proceeds from fraudulently transacted arms sales that remain under the control of the network of private shell companies and bank accounts collectively known as "the Enterprise."

On May 4, North was convicted on three of the 12 remaining felony counts. He was found guilty of destroying government documents (enough to fill a railroad boxcar); accepting an illegal gratuity from Richard Secord in the form of a \$13,800 home security system; and obstructing Congress by weaving an elaborate fabric of lies into the November 1986 "chronology" of the Iranian arms sales. Although he is appealing the court's decision, North faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail and fines totaling \$750,000.

Despite his new status as a convicted felon, Oliver North has continued unabated his self-righteous public incantations that so effectively stymied the Iran-Contra committees during his six days of televised testimony. He made over 100 speaking appearances across the nation before, during, and after his conviction, collecting an estimated \$25,000 for each hour-long presentation. A Virginia judge granted North a very difficult-to-obtain permit to carry a concealed weapon for self-protection. A plethora of right-wing political groups have raised over \$10 million in the effort to attain a pardon for

North, and have even called for donations by circulating a petition entitled "Free Ollie!"

Moreover, North has shown absolutely no remorse for lying to Congress, destroying documents, and general lawlessness. In his speeches he refers to Washington as a "sad swamp on the Potomac," expresses extreme skepticism about "Mickey" Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union, incessantly appeals for renewed and increased military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras, assails the news media for their "liberal" bias, and severely criticizes government expenditures on public welfare programs. But he saves his harshest and most virulent attacks for the United States Congress, which he describes as an effete and squalid institution filled with political hacks who, by meddling in the affairs of the president's foreign policy, unwittingly strengthen the hand of international communism.

Such unmitigated Congress-bashing recently earned North a standing ovation before a crowd of supporters in Miami who presented him with a silver plaque which read: "Miami for Ollie." The award ironically came from a group calling itself "Concerned Citizens for Democracy."

At virtually every stop across the country, North faces queries from admirers curious about his future political ambitions. One of the important consequences of North's convictions is that if they are not reversed on appeal, North will be forbidden by law to run for any Federal political office. His Marine Corps pension of \$1,900 a month would be scrapped as well. He could, however, still be eligible to run for state and local political office.

As in the North case, the special prosecutor has dropped all conspiracy, theft, and fraud charges against the other Iran-Contra defendants who are currently awaiting trial. Special prosecutor Walsh claims that abandoning the conspiracy charges against former National Security Adviser John Poindexter and retired Air Force Major General Richard Secord was necessary to avoid the protracted struggle over the release of secret documents that was the prologue to the North trial. However, given the fact that Walsh's charter

defining the parameters of the investigation was written by Edwin Meese when he was attorney general, and that Walsh is widely regarded as a lion in the Washington Republican Party, it comes as no surprise that he is reluctant to pursue conspiracy charges against a man such as Poindexter, who briefed the president of the United States on a daily basis.

Poindexter faces several charges of obstructing Congress and perjury, for destroying important documents and lying to Congress in an attempt to conceal both the Contra resupply operation and the Iran arms sales. Secord faces nine perjury counts in addition to charges relating to the now-famous security system at North's home. Both men are scheduled to go to trial sometime this fall.

Joseph Fernandez, who was the CIA's station chief in Costa Rica responsible for coordinating the secret airfield on John Hull's ranch in northern Costa Rica, has been indicted on 14 perjury counts and faces trial beginning on July 24. John Hull, the Indiana farmer who became the CIA's principal operative for the air resupply of the Contra forces of the southern front, has been indicted in the Costa Rican courts for using his airstrips for cocaine smuggling and is currently awaiting trial. There exists a welter of evidence from disparate sources, both in the United States and in Central America, linking Hull's airstrips to cocaine trafficking.

In addition to conducting drug smuggling activities at Hull's ranch, which was one of the bases of operations for North's resupply efforts, the Contra leadership also solicited money from the major Colombian drug cartel. According to testimony before Senator John Kerry's (D-MA) subcommittee on terrorism and narcotics, close to \$10 million was transferred from the coffers of the notorious Medellin cocaine cartel to the Contra leadership in order to cover expenses while the Boland restrictions were in effect. Ramon Milian Rodriguez—a CIA-trained money launderer who attained his skills during the covert war of sabotage against Cuba in the early 1960's operating out of Miami called "Operation Mongoose"—testified before



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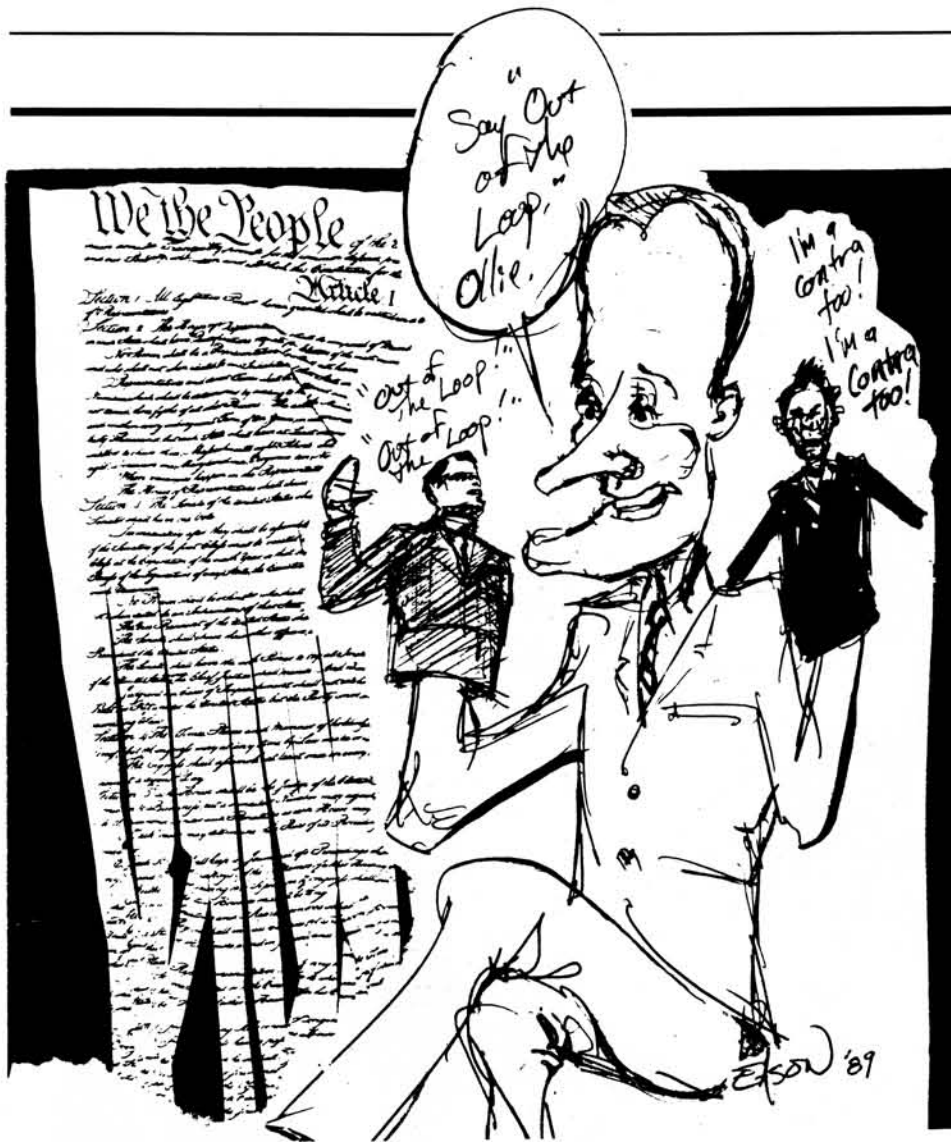
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Senator Kerry's committee that he personally transferred nearly \$10 million into Contra accounts on a need-only basis. Ramon Milian Rodriguez is currently serving a 43-year sentence for money laundering convictions unrelated to the Contra transfers.

President Bush has consistently maintained that he was "out of the loop" while he was vice president and was completely unaware of both the secret resupply operation to the Contras and the Iranian arms sales. However, the documentary record suggests that George Bush was at least cognizant of these operations if not an active member in the chain of command. For example, a memorandum from the vice president's office dated May 1,

1986 describes a meeting which included Bush, his national security adviser Donald Gregg, Felix Rodriguez, who was in charge of the Contra resupply program operating out of Ilopango air base in El Salvador, and others. In the meeting they discussed "the resupply of the Contras" at a time when the Boland Amendment, which prohibited such activities by the administration, was in full force.

Donald Gregg recruited Felix Rodriguez for the covert Central American operations; both are career CIA men. According to phone records, when one of the secret resupply planes was shot down over Nicaragua in October 1986 and Eugene Hasenfus was captured, Felix Rodriguez, alarmed at the apparent unraveling of the

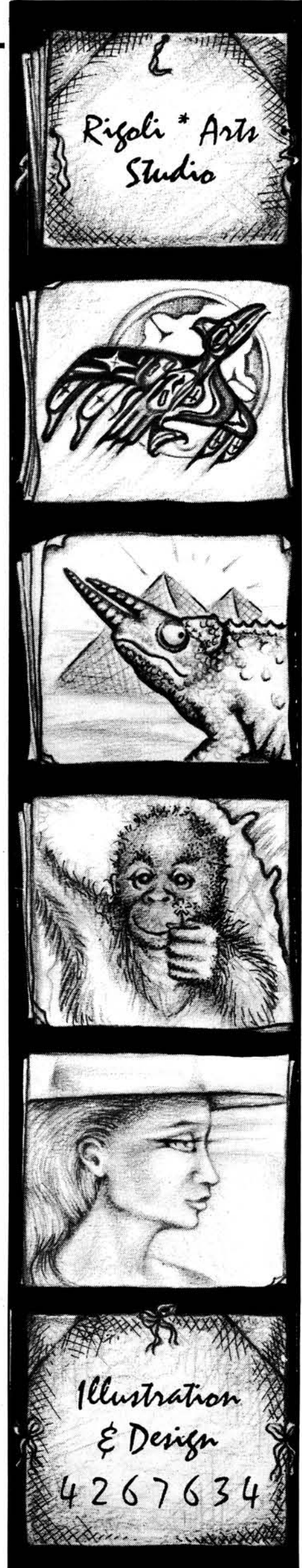
operation, did not call the CIA, the State Department, or the Department of Defense, but rather, called the office of the vice president.

It also appears that Ronald Reagan, like Bush, was far more engaged in the illegal resupply effort than he earlier admitted. Documents released during the North trial indicate that the Tower Commission mistakenly concluded that Reagan was detached from and unaware of the activities of his immediate subordinates. One document, dated October 30, 1985 and approved by the president, enabled American spy planes to take photos and eavesdrop in Nicaragua to aid the Contras in several attacks on Sandinista supply ships. Another document indicates that Reagan strongly favored increasing economic and military aid to Honduras in exchange for support of the Contras.

The Iran-Contra committees which heard more than 250 hours of testimony from 28 public witnesses concluded rather blandly that Mr. Reagan simply failed to live up to his constitutional mandate to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." No operative legislation came as a result of the hearings, and only a handful of transactions were discussed in almost nauseating detail. No witness testified about how the U.S. Contra war has ravaged Nicaraguan society.

Far more important than the legalistic hair-splitting in Washington, the cunning arguments and counter-arguments, and the search for the elusive "smoking gun," is the fact that for eight years the United States government has trained, equipped, and supported a paramilitary army responsible for the murder of some 30,000 Nicaraguans, half of them civilians. Here at home, the charges leveled against North have captured the collective imagination and the attention of the press far more than the actual moral depravity of the Contra war itself.

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Cover Theme

Despite Dangers, Pentagon Continues Plans for Nuc

by Kerry Jellison

When the Soviets lost radio contact last year with Cosmos 1900, a nuclear-powered spy satellite, many people became alarmed. Throughout the summer Cosmos 1900 and its radioactive cargo sank ever closer to the earth. Scientists could not predict when or where it would finally enter the atmosphere and plunge to the ground. The reactor on board contained more than 100 pounds of uranium and nuclear waste, enough to cause several hundred cases of cancer in a populated area. The Soviets were hoping a backup safety system would boost the reactor into a higher "disposal" orbit before it hit.

In September, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hastily summoned experts to testify on the need for and the dangers of nuclear power in space. At that hearing, committee chair J. Bennett Johnston raised the specter of a "constellation of Chernobyls in space." But luckily, in late September, the booster system worked, sending Cosmos 1900 into the ranks of so much silent trash in space.

This brush with disaster did not surprise the Federation of American Scientists (FAS). FAS had already proposed a ban on reactors in orbit, citing the "troubled history" of nuclear power in space. Coincidentally, they made their proposal public on the same day that news of the floundering Cosmos 1900 reached the West. The plight of the satellite underscored the FAS demand that reactors should be grounded.

Despite this near-catastrophic accident and the FAS proposal, the Pentagon is counting on a new generation of potent nuclear reactors to power the space-based weapons of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). A prototype, called the SP-100, should be ready to test in the early 1990's. The Pentagon is willing to take this risk because planned SDI satellite lasers and missile launchers need far more electricity than current technology can yield. Star Wars depends on the powerful punch of nuclear energy.

However, the doubtful feasibility and bloated price tag of SDI have already made people question whether its meager re-

turn in national security is worth the risk of reactors in space. Many experts now believe Star Wars won't begin to shield the U.S. as Reagan claimed, and that its price tag of \$5 billion per year cannot be justified. In 1986, thousands of scientists petitioned Congress, claiming they would not work on projects for Star Wars since it was "technically dubious and politically unwise."

Now, opponents of SDI are taking aim at its power supply. Reactors overhead are not only a hazard, but recently declassified studies indicate that reactor-made interference may wreak havoc with astronomy research. Many scientists believe there is more reason than ever to pull the power plug on Star Wars.

Steve Aftergood, director of the Committee to Bridge the Gap, a public interest group based in Los Angeles, supports the FAS proposal for a reactor ban. Aftergood told the Senate Committee that the Cosmos 1900 debacle was just one of a steady parade of misfortunes on both U.S. and Soviet nuclear-powered missions. While quick to point out that no single incident was catastrophic, he is concerned about filling the heavens with many new reactors for Star Wars. According to Aftergood, "If the steady 15 percent accident rate were to continue, we are going to have some very severe nuclear accidents."

Aftergood's 15 percent rate is based on a series of U.S. and Soviet nuclear mishaps in space. Both countries use forms of nuclear energy aboard satellites. Solar panels are more often used to provide electricity for satellite instruments, but panels are cumbersome and heavy. The Soviets use compact reactors aboard their Radar Ocean Reconnaissance Satellites, or RORSATs, because they orbit close to the earth, where atmospheric friction is great. This friction would drag big solar panels back to earth in no time. Even with reactors, RORSATs only operate for a few months before friction slows them down and they succumb to the pull of the earth. Then their reactors are shut down, and they are blasted to higher orbits, there to remain for hundreds of years while their radiation decays to safe levels.

But sometimes, a reactor doesn't even



get out of the atmosphere. The Soviets accidentally launched an entire reactor into the Pacific Ocean north of Japan in 1973 that was never recovered. And sometimes the booster system doesn't work. Besides the brush with disaster last September of Cosmos 1900, two other RORSATs have fallen back to earth, contaminating the environment with radiation. Cosmos 954 came down over a remote part of northern Canada in 1978, strewing radioactive fragments as big as melons. An improved safety design prevented any pieces of Cosmos 1402 from hitting the South Atlantic in 1983; it disintegrated in the atmosphere as planned.

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miniature power plant in orbit in 1964. It operated for 43 days before it was boosted into a disposal orbit where it now resides with the defunct Soviet RORSATs.

But most U.S. satellites use a different form of nuclear power, called a radioisotopic thermoelectric generator, or RTG. Unlike the controlled fission of conventional reactors, RTGs are powered by the heat from the decay of plutonium-238, which is extremely "hot." These RTG "nuclear batteries" are no bigger than car batteries, and have been used on 22 civilian and military missions since 1961. The U.S. has not launched one since 1977, but the Galileo mission to Jupiter, which will be launched from the space shuttle, is scheduled to carry a plutonium RTG aloft in

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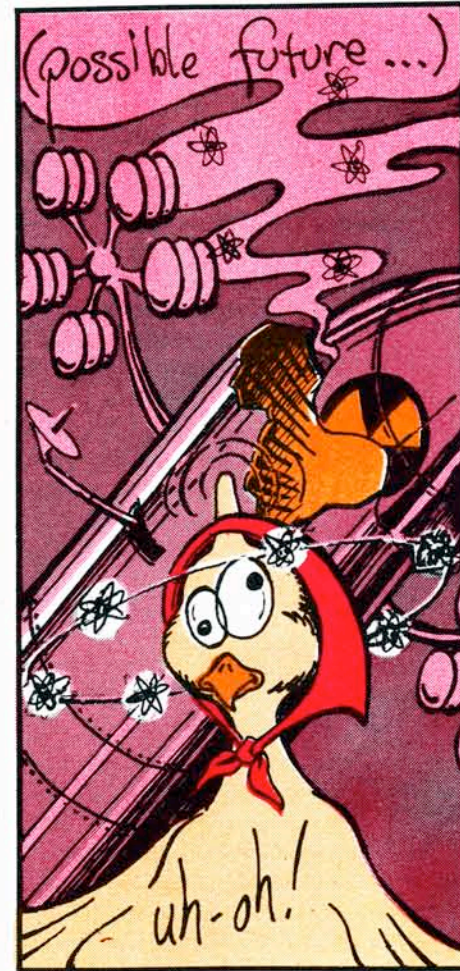
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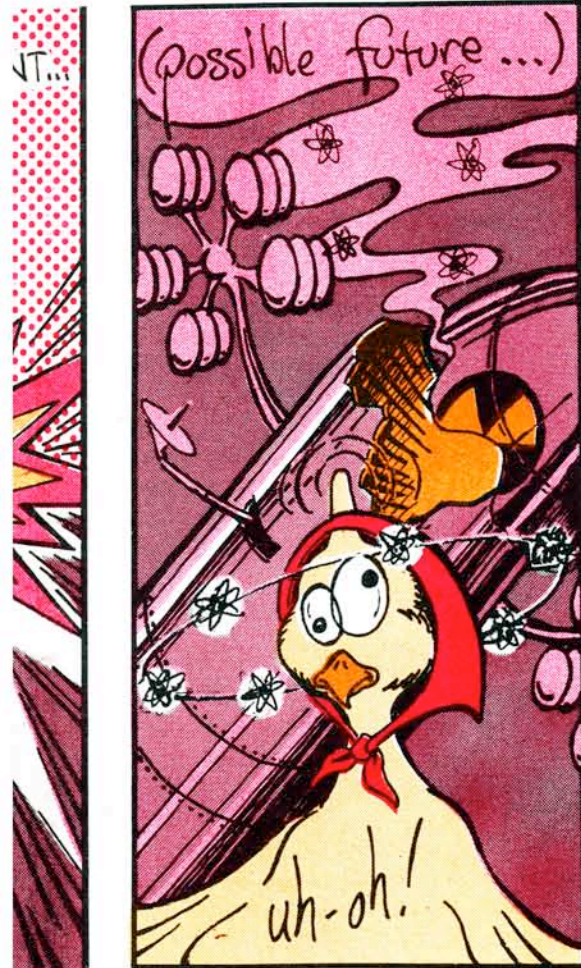
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Space Shuttle was almost added to the list of U.S. mishaps. It was scheduled to carry a plutonium RTG aloft on the very next mission after its tragic launch explosion.

But proponents of SDI claim that nuclear power in space is harmless. Dennis Bitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Space and Defense Power Systems with the U.S. Department of Energy testified before the Senate that "the U.S. has enjoyed an unblemished safety record in its use of nuclear power sources in space." According to Bitz, all safety systems functioned as designed, with no discernible impact on public health.

Steve Aftergood is dismayed not only by the history of nuclear mishaps, but the secrecy surrounding them. He was particularly disturbed that the Department of Energy would not release a study of the projected consequences if Cosmos 1900 hit a population center. He fears the Pentagon, in its enthusiasm for Star Wars, is concealing the danger of reactors from the American public.

Aftergood's anxiety is shared by Daniel Hirsch, director of the Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He raised another concern at the Cosmos 1900 hearings, that an accidental collision might occur in space. There are 42 radioactive satellites from the combined missions of the U.S. and Soviet Union still in orbit. Although the reactors are turned off, the fuel and waste remains "hot" and dangerous. According to Hirsch, "The probability of a collision with space debris is unacceptably high." Given all the debris still floating in space after 30 years of space exploration, Hirsch believes it is only a matter of time before a collision sends radioactive trash raining from above.

Despite the opposition of so many scientists, the Pentagon is moving ahead with a plan for a Star Wars reactor. Yet the road to development looks rockier still. In January of this year, a panel of the National Research Council released a study criticizing the SP-100 program, concluding that the reactor would be too large to launch. A separate government audit made public one month later came to the same con-

clusion. But Richard Verga, head of power development for the SDI Organization, told the *New York Times*, "We can do better than the report indicates. We're pretty bullish."

U.C. Santa Cruz physicist Joel Primack does not share such optimism for Star Wars. "SDI was technically flawed from the beginning," he says. "The U.S. has been squandering its technological prowess." He hopes the mounting evidence that Star Wars is an impractical, dangerous boondoggle will persuade the government to ban the Star Wars power supply. "I think the Bush Administration must realize this is a tremendous opportunity to prevent

an expensive arms race in space," says Primack.

Some members of Congress are beginning to agree. George Brown (D-CA) introduced a bill in the House of Representatives this year to ban reactors from orbit. But the Bush Administration remains guarded about SDI. Although Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney stated that Reagan "oversold" Star Wars, President Bush has requested \$4.6 billion for SDI research next year. So for now, it seems unlikely that space will become the next nuclear-free zone.

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Gamma-Ray "Noise" Frustrates Astronomers

U.C. Santa Cruz physicist Joel Primack discovered yet another problem with orbiting reactors, a problem unrelated to their hazard to people. Primack was working with the Federation of American Scientist (FAS) on a series of arms control verification procedures last spring. They knew the superpowers would not sign a treaty banning space reactors unless they had a reliable method to check for cheating. In the course of this work, Primack calculated that reactors give off gamma radiation that was simple to detect.

What Primack didn't realize then was that gamma-ray "noise" had been frustrating astronomers for years. Gamma rays are used to track some of the most mysterious objects in space, such as supernovae, black holes, and quasars. One team of astronomers first noticed the reactor-made interference in 1980, but the government immediately classified that knowledge. Throughout the '80s, astronomers worked under a shroud of secrecy, unable to discuss the gamma ray problem freely, and therefore unable to do much about it. Unsuspecting Japanese scientists suffered a drastic loss of data aboard their Ginga research satellite, which spent up to 40 percent of its time transmitting reactor-made "garbage."

Primack began to talk to astronomers last summer, many of whom were aware of the problem. Then NASA, concerned about a new Gamma Ray Observatory soon to be launched into orbit, asked the government to clarify what could and couldn't be discussed. The information on gamma ray interference was declassified in November.

Scientists can only speculate about the hush-up. According to Dan Hirsch of UCSC's Stevenson Program on Nuclear Policy, it was "most likely because the U.S. has a very strong interest in deploying reactors for SDI." However, proponents of the FAS ban intend to use the interference for their own purposes since it proves that space power plants can be detected. "These observations may lay the groundwork for verifying a ban on orbiting reactors," says Joel Primack.

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Daniel Sheehan Blasts Bush on Quid Pro Quo

interview by Joseph A. Palermo

Daniel Sheehan, chief legal counsel of the Christic Institute, a Washington D.C.-based public interest law firm currently engaged in a major lawsuit against some of the principals in the Iran-Contra affair, visited Santa Cruz on June 17 and spoke to a capacity crowd at the Santa Cruz High School auditorium. Once again, Sheehan brought new and important information concerning the role of a cabal of former military and intelligence officers who

committed impeachable offenses by repeatedly denying knowledge of the Contra resupply operation coordinated by Oliver North. He also said that the Democratic leadership is caving in to the "hard right" by appointing self-proclaimed "moderates" and "centrists" to key posts. Sheehan believes that direct action will be necessary to pressure the Congress into passing operative legislation to stop the ongoing criminal enterprise that is the subject of the Christic Institute's case.

The following brief interview was conducted at a press conference at Loudon Nelson Center prior to the reception on June 17.

Interview

have organized their own private covert action capability, unencumbered by U.S. government checks and balances.

Before his speech at the high school, which was organized by over 40 committed volunteers from the Santa Cruz Christic Action Team, Sheehan spoke at a reception at Loudon Nelson Center. He expressed the Christic Institute's support for the fundraising efforts of the Mae Brussell Research Center, soon to open in Santa Cruz. Sheehan stressed the importance of organizing the documents amassed by Brussell in a comprehensible, retrievable form.

During his speech at Santa Cruz High, Sheehan discussed documents obtained by the Christic Institute which indicate the strong possibility that then-Vice President George Bush

MONTHLY PLANET: What is the Christic Institute's analysis of the revelation during the Oliver North trial that President Bush had cut a quid pro quo [exchange of favors] with the Honduran government involving U.S. military aid to the Contras?

DANIEL SHEEHAN: It's another major disinformation effort... The executive branch issued a 42-page admission of facts, one of which was that in May of 1986 then-Vice President Bush arranged a quid pro quo in a meeting with the president of Honduras. Bush suggested that Honduras secretly transfer military equipment to the Contras in exchange for U.S. replacement of the military equipment and an increase in



Daniel Sheehan spoke on "The Subversion of Democracy; the North Trial, Bush, and Covert Operations" at Santa Cruz High School on June 17.

military and economic aid to Honduras... Bush kept saying "I'm not going to comment on this until after the trial is over," and after the trial was over he turned around and said it wasn't true. Bush then brought in people who were at the meeting to say that there wasn't any specific discussion about a quid pro quo... Without a jury to resolve the issue, it remained ambiguous.

This diverts attention from direct proof, obtained by the Christic Institute that same month, that George Bush was meeting face-to-face with Oliver North, Donald Gregg (Bush's national security adviser), and Felix Rodriguez (commander of the Ilopango airlift to the Contras). George Bush told the *New York Times* that if this Christic Institute has anything on him they better "put up or shut up."

So we subpoenaed his secretary and demanded that she give us the documents showing the meetings with Oliver North and Bush, and on May 1, 1986, she presented a memorandum to us. Oliver North, Felix Rodriguez, Donald Gregg, and George Bush were at the meeting, discussing the military resupply of the Contras while the Boland Amendment was in effect.

This is an absolute smoking cannon, this is not just a smoking gun... This is an absolute dead-bang killer piece of evidence, and yet the whole thing has been diverted away from that. Why talk about an implied quid pro quo when you have a devastating document sitting right in front of you? This was what Senator Cranston had in his hand while he pounded away on Donald Gregg [in his recent confirmation hearing for his nomination to be U.S. Ambassador to South Korea]... saying "you are a complete, absolute liar when you say that you didn't know about the military resupply of the Contras, because I have the documents right here that show that you do. And you are a complete liar when you say that you didn't tell George Bush, because he was in the meeting with

you."

This is one of the challenges we are confronted with right now. If the United States Congress capitulates on this appointment, then one of two things is true: Cranston is completely right and the man [Gregg] is an unabrogated liar, who not only helped supervise the Ilopango airlift with his friend Felix Rodriguez, but was Rodriguez's CIA case officer—this is not just a friendship. If in fact he is lying and the then-vice president knew about it, we are dealing with fundamentally impeachable offenses by the current president of the United States. So when Cranston said "you're a liar," the meaning was very clear. Congressional approval of this man as United States ambassador to Korea is extremely important.

On the other hand, although I don't think there is a one percent chance that this is true, if Gregg is telling the truth and he knew all about the Ilopango airlift but never told the vice president, then what kind of national security adviser is that? Korea could be hit by nuclear war and he wouldn't tell the United States... and if Congress goes ahead and confirms him, we have a complete moral collapse of the legislative branch in the face of this right-wing attack, and that's frightening.

The American people will have to conclude that there is no realistic hope in working through their existing representatives, and that they will have to take very aggressive action as they have in the past. It was absolutely clear that the Vietnam War-era legislature wasn't going to do anything, and that's what drove the American people into the streets and into organizing and into doing things that disrupted our entire way of life. We would have preferred just to go to college, relax, go out and raise families, and stuff like that, but it became absolutely clear that it was a radical time and the American people had to rise to the occasion to protect our integrity. I think we are going to be facing a similar

Foreign Relations Committee Confirms Donald Gregg

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently voted to confirm the nomination of Donald Gregg as Ambassador to South Korea, despite his testimony regarding his role in the Iran-Contra affair that even the *New York Times* deemed "incredible." The vote was 12 to 7 in favor of Gregg, who is a 32-year veteran CIA officer and Bush's former national security adviser. Senator Alan Cranston, the most outspoken opponent of Gregg's confirmation on the committee, said that the nomination should be rejected "on the grounds of both credibility and judgment." "Few who have carefully reviewed the record have come away with any confidence in Mr. Gregg's veracity," Cranston said.

In 1985, Gregg helped arrange for his long-time friend and fellow CIA agent Felix Rodriguez to assist in the counterinsurgency effort in El Salvador from Ilopango air base. Although it was later revealed that Rodriguez had been running the illegal Contra resupply operation out of Ilopango, Gregg maintains that he knew nothing about this until August 1986 when Rodriguez complained to him that profiteers had taken over the Contra resupply network for personal gain. Gregg claims that he chose not to tell his boss, then-Vice President Bush, about the supply operation because he didn't think it was "vice presidential."

Gregg told the Foreign Relations Committee that a May 1, 1986 memo which listed "resupply of the Contras" as an agenda item for discussion at a meeting attended by, among others, Bush, Rodriguez, and himself, was an error on the part of the secretary which should have read: "resupply of the copters." The Boland Amendment ban on aid to the Contras was in full effect at the time of this meeting. Gregg also told the committee that he did not bother to tell Bush about the existence of the resupply network he learned of in August 1986 until December 1986, after the scandal broke, leaving his boss to read about it in the newspaper.

In his testimony to the committee, Gregg contradicted prior testimony by Oliver North, General Paul Gorman, and his secretary, Phyllis Byrne. As Bush's national security adviser, Gregg was supposed to be the vice president's eyes and ears on the world. The only conclusion one may draw from his reasoning is that Gregg either knew about the Contra-supply network and perjured himself, or he did not know and was therefore grossly negligent. But despite Mr. Gregg's inconsistent and incredible testimony, the committee approved him to represent the United States as Ambassador to South Korea.

—Joseph A. Palermo

situation if we can't do something in the Congress to stop appointments like this.

MONTHLY PLANET: How does the Christic Institute's current legal battle relate to the issue of nuclear disarmament and the peace movement in general?

DANIEL SHEEHAN: One link is that an opportunity for virtually complete nuclear disarmament is being squandered. We have a president who is essentially a captive of the cold warriors, Shakley and Clines and Secord, and others who believe their mission in life is to destroy every communist, every socialist, and eventually every liberal in the world. And so Gorbachev offers to eliminate 50 percent of all the strategic nuclear missiles in the world and to eliminate all of the medium-range nuclear missiles, and Bush won't accept it. Bush comes back saying, "How about 10 percent?" We have the most extraordinary opportunity in our lifetime to get rid of the nightmare of destroying the entire human family, and Bush won't accept it.

Bush's national security state mentality and his advisers in the covert operations field...are uniquely impacting people who are trying to bring about nuclear disarmament. We have never seen an opportunity like this and it is being squandered.

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The Chinese Rebellion: An Alternative View

by Peter Lumsdaine

China's student/worker uprising and military crackdown carry major implications for the global community, including the U.S. peace and justice movement. Much of their impact will depend on how these dramatic events are understood, misunderstood or distorted. Scrambling to keep ahead of revolutionary developments, the world's major corporate and government-

tion of communism as a bankrupt system. The government and establishment news media in this country have continually portrayed the movement as seeking to increase the pace of "economic reform" and move China into the international capitalist "market economy" through de-regula-

effects of "market" oriented economic policies were the main cause of the unrest. China had experienced an uncontrolled rise in prices, increasing economic inequality, and cutbacks in government spending for education and loan programs as a result of reform policies.

well as the new hard-line Chinese government!), sought to plaster on the pro-democracy demonstrators was graphically contradicted by the portraits of Mao Zedong and Chou En Lai that student marchers carried. Cheers greeted the replacement of Mao's portrait in Tiananmen Square after it was vandalized by people whom the hunger strikers labeled as government agents. Students and workers in the square sang the Internationale, anthem of the global communist movement, throughout the protests, sometimes deliberately drowning out government announcements by the fervor of their singing. And Mr. Baker has unfortunately neglected to mention that it was the Internationale which the students were singing as the Chinese government storm troops opened fire with automatic weapons to clear the square on the night of June 3.

Analysis

tal news agencies have presented and often buried the facts about events in China in a swirl of interpretation and subtle or not-so-subtle ideological propaganda.

Peace and justice movements in the U.S. and elsewhere need to be aware of these distortions because they will have a serious effect on the conflict between capitalism and socialism or communism—a conflict which has been used to justify the nuclear arms race and human rights violations, and has divided the people of the 20th century into sharply militarized zones of "East" and "West."

As is frequently the case with important public issues, there are some significant discrepancies between the mainstream news media's editorial generalizations and the actual facts. The fine print details in on-the-scene reports published by these very same news agencies betray these discrepancies, especially when placed in historical context. Examining this pattern of discrepancies and sophisticated ideological manipulation in the response of the U.S. government and the media to the Chinese crisis will help to illuminate the actual nature and implications of the upheaval.

Anti-Communist Reformers Or Left-Wing Radicals?

On May 23, Secretary of State James Baker declared that "It is the philosophy of the West" that has been guiding the Chinese protest movement. The U.S. government, *Time* magazine, and the *San Jose Mercury News*, among other notables, have all proclaimed that the Chinese student and worker demonstrations were a rejec-

tion and corporate investment. This would include the adoption of a "Western" political system.

But do the facts—facts in the fine print of published stories by mainstream Western journalists—support this anti-communist interpretation of the Chinese students' and workers' demand for "democracy"? The students occupying Tiananmen Square during May repeatedly stated in interviews that they were trying to save the Communist Party, not destroy it. Indeed, their strongest sympathizer within the Chinese government was the party's General Secretary Zhao Ziyang.

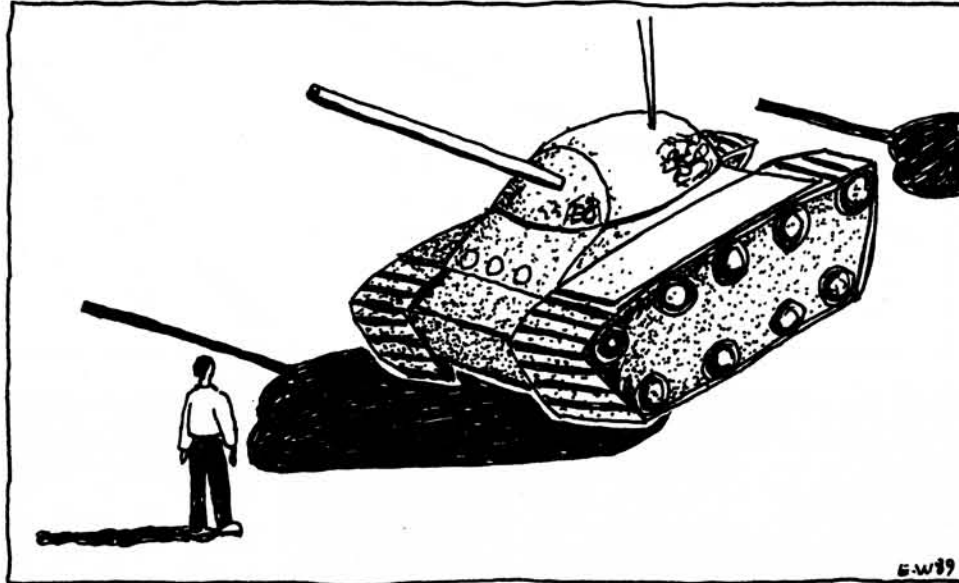
If the protesters were so supportive of "economic reform" to move China toward a capitalist market economy, it is strange that they were demanding the resignation of China's chief architect of economic reform, Deng Xiaoping. It was Deng who, in his post-massacre speech on June 9, vowed to continue "economic reform" and opening of China to corporate investment.

In fact, as Chinese student Li Xiaoyang stated in a May 21 *Mercury* interview, the

These are the same "free market economic reforms," pushed by Western banks and the International Monetary Fund, that are sparking serious unrest, strikes, and civil disorders throughout the non-communist countries of Latin America and elsewhere in the Third World. Likewise, the Solidarity strikes and factory occupations that began in 1980 were directly opposed to the "economic reforms" (decreased food price subsidies and laying off workers at "inefficient" plants) that the Western banks had urged on Poland's Communist government.

Indeed, U.S. corporations in China were becoming increasingly disturbed by the spiraling strikes and demonstrations prior to the crackdown. As American business representative Ted Bell told NBC News on May 23, investors don't want disorder and labor unrest. When demonstrations and strikes become common, declared Bell, investors worry that you "don't know if you'd have a work force from day to day."

Finally, the anti-communist label that U.S. officials, newscasters, and editors (as



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Nonviolent Protest Or Civilian Insurrection?

Baker, President Bush, and mainstream publications from the *Mercury* to *Time* have frequently described the pro-democracy demonstrations as "peaceful" and "nonviolent" prior to the 27th Army's bloody assault on Tiananmen Square. American news coverage both assumed and implied that such demonstrations, while "unprecedented" in size, would be legal in the U.S. and other Western countries. In fact, China's mass marches of May 17-18 involved about the same numbers as the 750,000 to one million person protests of April 1971 and June 1982, against the Vietnam War and nuclear weapons respectively in the United States. Neither government made any overt move to prevent these short-lived protests.

But the Chinese democracy movement went far beyond one- or two-day rallies and marches. Tens of thousands of stridently chanting student activists, who were shelving their regular classes, took over the main square of China's capital for weeks on end, turning it into a vast, garbage-choked shanty town of tents, buses, lean-tos and other illegal structures.

The student occupation, accompanied by growing mass marches and factory work

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stoppages, first impeded and then virtually paralyzed traffic on major streets and much of central Beijing. This forced the cancellation of Mikhail Gorbachev's welcoming ceremony and rerouting of his motorcades. When the government declared an emergency and sent troops into the city on May 20, they were driven back by furious crowds who stole city buses and factory trucks, tore up city property, built huge barricades, fought hand-to-hand with unarmed soldiers, jumped onto law enforcement vehicles and slashed their tires with knives and metal spikes. U.S. troops and police met lesser anti-war protests in Chicago and Washington, D.C. with massive arrests, clubs and tear gas, locking up 13,000 people during Mayday 1971.

Chinese troops and police, after a brief use of clubs in one location, pulled back and ceded Beijing to the barricade builders. After one army unit forced its way with clubs through a blockade two days later, rocks were hurled at soldiers and windows.

After two more weeks of defiant unrest, insubordination among troops and police, and humiliation and paralysis of the government, one final effort was made to restore order with unarmed troops on June 2. They were pushed back by crowds who wrestled soldiers out of their units, deflated tires and seized army vehicles. In the melée, students also obtained loaded automatic rifles, which were then held on the roof of a protest bus near Communist Party headquarters. In order to regain the stolen assault rifles, tear gas was used to

disperse the crowd—the first time in 40 years of Communist rule that it had been used! When angry protesters descended on a foreign tourist hotel, and then beat two soldiers unconscious, troops began firing their rifles into the air to scare away the crowd. By the following night columns of nervous, even panicky, and heavily armed troops with armored vehicles driving toward central Beijing collided with burning barricades and furious crowds hurling bricks and gasoline bombs. Soldiers unleashed an orgy of shooting, gunning down hundreds or even thousands of civilians who fought back with Molotov cocktails, knives, clubs and stolen firearms. Tiananmen was lit for hours by the flames from an army vehicle, set on fire by the crowds, before the final battle for the square exploded at 4 a.m.

**Propaganda and Revolt:
Re-taking the Future**

Few governments, if any, would tolerate the civilian insurrection that persisted for weeks in the capital and in other cities of China. Less serious threats to governmental control were crushed by army troops who killed hundreds of civilian protesters in Mexico City (1968) and Kwangju, South Korea (1980), for example. The armies of Israel and Venezuela, far smaller countries than China, have killed hundreds in recent civil disorders. At least 125 were killed, the overwhelming majority of them black civilians, during three bloody weeks of 1967 and 1968, when 65,000 federal troops were

mobilized to crush unarmed uprisings in the ghettos of the U.S. Thousands of unarmed dissidents were massacred in a few days by the U.S.-backed soldiers of General Pinochet in Chile, Yaya Khan of Pakistan, and the Shah of Iran during the 1970s.

Every State power structure, whatever its official ideology, knows that some combination of iron fists, velvet gloves, and skillful propaganda must be used to remain in control. Selective outrage at your rivals' atrocities, while justifying and covering up your own, is essential to this process. The State's boot comes down hard when it is threatened because rulers know that civilian insurrections can and have toppled government before.

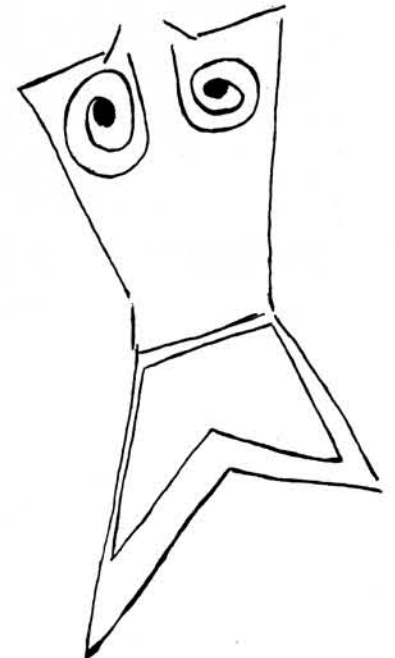
The hypocrisy that divides the common people of the "West" from those of the "East" paints popular uprisings on each side as the instruments of the rival ideology rather than common struggles against fundamentally similar structures of injustice. This is the greatest bulwark of militarism in the modern world.

The peace movement in the 1990s faces profound challenges. The most crucial of all may well be the task of breaking through ideological barriers that divide us from sisters and brothers in struggle around the world. We must also have the courage to endure the resulting repression if we begin to effectively challenge our government's global war preparations.

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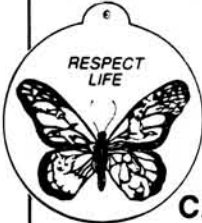


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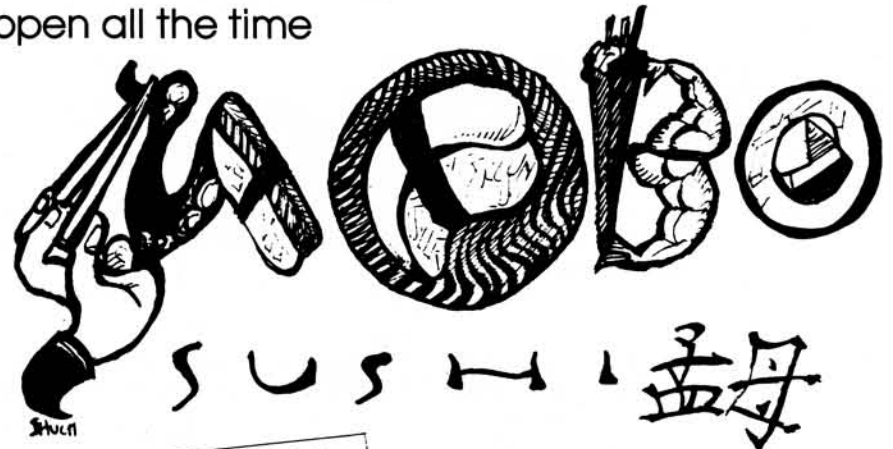
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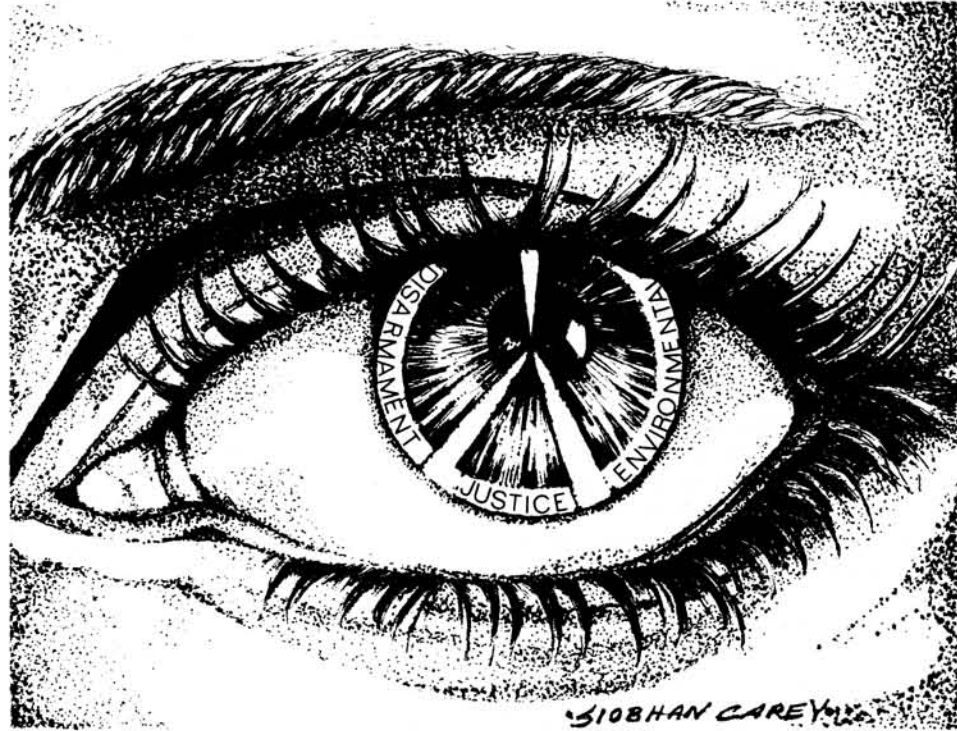
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A Closer Look

The Peace Triad



by Susan C. Strong

All of the surviving American peaceniks have heard of the Pentagon's weapons triad—the combination of land, sea, and air forces that make up our nuclear missile defenses. According to military theory, this triad is supposed to prevent war on all fronts. It is also designed to inflict unacceptable damage in an actual conflict, no matter where it takes place.

The peace movement, on the other hand, is committed to the idea that there are more effective ways to prevent war than stockpiling weapons. When SANE/FREEZE added the phrase "Campaign for Global Security" to its name during its 1988 annual convention in Atlanta, it moved a big step closer to making explicit its own triad—the peace triad. When SANE/FREEZE adopted the U.S. Peace Economy program as one of its major priorities for 1989 at the same convention, it committed itself to the newest of the three "legs" of the triad for global security: economic justice.

Broadly speaking, economic justice is the idea that all domestic economies are

made healthier, more just, and more secure by shifting economic resources from militarism to important social tasks. The other half of this "leg" of the peace triad, to steal some more jargon from the generals, is the idea that fostering economic justice in other nations helps to prevent militarism and its twin, dictatorship.

Militarism and a lack of economic justice abroad not only endanger the peace, they cost the U.S. taxpayer and threaten to become more expensive in the future. Seeing to it that U.S. foreign aid also fosters the kind of justice which leads to peace is an essential part of the "peace triad" for true global security: disarmament, environmental protection, and economic justice.

Of the peace triad's three legs, the ideas of disarmament and environmental protection have gained the most public recognition. It is now much clearer to people that the dollars spent on weapons are needed to protect our environment instead. But the third leg of our triad, economic justice and its role in promoting peace, is

not so well understood by the public or Congress. This is especially true in the realm of foreign aid policy, although the taxpayers pay for it.

In the past, even the name of what I am calling the third "leg" has been vague—sometimes it is just called "justice," sometimes "ending third world poverty," and sometimes "sustainable development." The short definition of the latter term is economic development which ends poverty but also prevents unacceptable environmental damage. But even with this term there is the potential for confusion. A U.C. Berkeley Energy and Resources Group researcher from India, Sharad Lele, has found that the term sustainable development means many different things, depending on the people using it. A person's interpretation of this term depends on his or her concept of economic growth, whether it is a good idea at all, and what the process of it should be, as well as what role local democracy must play in the scenario.

However, one thing the term "sustainable development" does clearly reflect is that "development" groups (foreign aid watchdog organizations such as RESULTS, Food First, Development Gap, CARE, Oxfam and a host of others) and environmental groups have already found their common ground, in the consensus that economic

or politically controversial connection. For us, it does not look like the familiar single-issue type of organizing project, and on the face of it, the problem seems concerned primarily with foreign countries, rather than domestic priorities.

For most development groups, the focus is on public education about third world hunger and about farming methods; or what is called material aid, in the form of actual seeds, tools, and on-site training; or lobbying on bills which concern only foreign aid grants, without any direct mention of the militarist link. For development groups and the peace movement the way to combine forces is not yet completely clear.

There was, however, nothing ambiguous about the recent enormous tragedy of Tiananmen Square. It was just that awful spectacle of brutal, needless waste of human life, energy, and idealism, which calls upon us to take seriously the work of better understanding and communicating what we mean by our "third leg." Because the students of China wanted justice, democracy, and more economic development to end poverty. And because their martyrdom has deeply chilled the global climate of trust so necessary for disarmament and an end to militarism.

Peace and environmental advocates

The "peace triad" for true global security consists of three "legs": disarmament, environmental protection, and economic justice.

development that destroys its own resource base is no real development at all.

Yet U.S. peace and development groups have barely begun the process of figuring out how to work together and what a rough consensus position would look like. It is not that many members of both groups do not know how militarism worsens third world poverty, injustice and tyranny, and how economic injustice itself fosters militarism and dictatorship. Rather, it is that this "third leg" of the global security "peace triad" seems like such a complex, remote,

have already joined hands. Many development and environmental groups now see eye-to-eye. It is time to make the third connection—economic justice and peace—more than a mere slogan.

This article is the first in a series on peace and foreign aid policy. The next article in the series (September) will deal with current legislative connections and issues.

Susan C. Strong represents Northern California on the SANE/FREEZE National Board.

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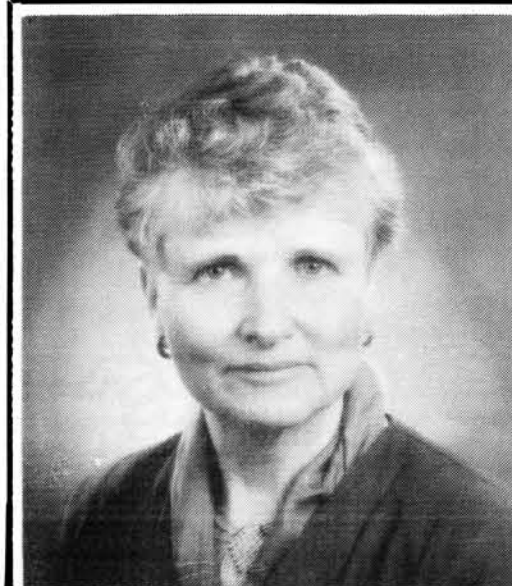
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Peace & Justice Calendar

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

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

We must receive your listing no later than **5 p.m. Tuesday, July 25** for inclusion in the August issue (publication date: Thursday, August 3).

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

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 Cameleon, 418 Front Street. Info: 947-1606.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30- TUESDAY, JULY 4

Conference, "Vision For A Planet In Crisis." Those who care passionately about the survival of our planet have a dual task: to continue educating the general public, and to begin producing political leaders with a grasp of the overriding nature of the global crisis and a vision of how to move beyond it. This conference provides a unique opportunity to share in this task. Sponsored by The Center for a Postmodern World and The Center for Process Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara. Info: (805) 965-6638.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

"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 and occasionally airs tapes of lectures given at Stevenson Nuclear Policy Studies, UCSC. Guest Christopher Williams, Director of Ecology Action of Santa Cruz, will talk about the first "R" of ecological efficiency: Reduce—Reuse—Recycle. He will begin the dialogue with

his "Starting at the Source" proposals. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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SUNDAY, JULY 2

"Voices of Hope and Anger," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Women from the Philippines, West Germany and Honduras discuss the impact the huge U.S. military presence has on the social, economic and political lives of their people. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

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, JULY 6

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SATURDAY, JULY 8

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Andean music ensemble Kamanchaka, along with Trio Arepa and Altazor, perform Saturday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Hall, 126 High St. The concert is presented by the Santana Chirino Refugee Committee, the Pledge of Resistance, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Central American Health Rights Project.

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SUNDAY, JULY 9

"Forgotten Futures: America's Children in Need," Part One: "The Innocent Among Us," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Thirteen million children live in desperate poverty in the U.S. today. Millions more live without adequate housing, healthy, child care, or reasonable hopes for higher education. How can we give these children better chances for living productive lives? What does it mean for our country's own prospects if we do not? This program begins a

three-part documentary series on the subject. Featured are Marion Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund; Dr. James Comer of the Yale Child Study Center; the outreach team of the "Maternal Care Coalition," a neighborhood-based program working against infant mortality in Philadelphia; Dr. Benjamin Spock; Dr. Marvin Lazerson of the University of Pennsylvania School of Education; and a montage of campaign remarks on children and family from President Bush and Vice President Quayle. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, JULY 10

Regular meeting of the Coalition for Nicaragua. Meetings held on the second Monday of every month are educational and include both historical information and current updates. Meetings held on the fourth Monday focus on Coalition events and action. Free and open to the public. 7-9 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center Street. Info: 458-0303.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

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, JULY 13

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SATURDAY, JULY 15

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uate from UCSC, will discuss the dangers of the national service bills in Congress. These bills profess to sponsor a "volunteer" service, but those that link with the military may result in a draft in the future. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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Nueva Cancion for El Salvador concert featuring the following Latin American ensemble: Altazor, Trio Arepa and Kamanchaka. Sponsored by the Santana Chirino Amaya Refugee Committee, the Pledge of Resistance, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Central American Health Rights Project. 7:30 p.m., Holy Cross Church Hall, 126 High Street (on Mission Plaza). Salvadoran food, drinks and Latin American crafts will be sold. General admission \$8 for advanced tickets, \$10 at the door. Tickets available at Cymbaline records in Santa Cruz and Capitola, and at the Santana Chirino Amaya Refugee Committee (426-4467).

ety of social and educational issues, with attention paid to the experience and point of view of children and youth, and what it implies for public problem solving. Featured are Lucy Hackney of the Juvenile Law Center of Philadelphia and national boardmember of the Children's Defense Fund; community activists Viola Sanders, Virginia Lemus and Shelley Yanoff; Bob Gaye, director of a youth employment skills training program; Dr. Alvia Branch, national researcher on youth job corps programs; and others. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

TUESDAY, JULY 18
Progressive Animal Rights Alliance weekly meeting. 7:30 p.m., 409 Washington Street (behind Loudon Nelson Community Center). Info: 438-PARA.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
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, JULY 20
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FRIDAY, JULY 21 - SATURDAY, JULY 22
The North American Conference for a Stratospheric Protection Accord. Two-day public policy conference for local government officials and concerned citizens to learn about ozone depletion and global warming from some of the world's top scientists and policy experts. Participants include University of California Professor Sherwood Rowland; Irvine Mayor Larry Agran; and mayors and councilmembers from cities across North America. National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, Irvine, California. Info: Jeb Brugmann, Center for Innovative Diplomacy, 45 Rice Street, Suite 3, Cambridge, MA 02140.

SATURDAY, JULY 22
"News You Can Use," a KKUP (91.5 FM) call-in radio show with host Dan Miller presents updates on peace and social jus-

tice issues and occasionally airs tapes of lectures given at Stevenson Nuclear Policy Studies, UCSC. Professor Bruce Larkin of Crown College is an expert on the Peoples Republic of China. He will relate what is going on inside this country and will describe "What Form of Democracy will be in the Peoples Republic of China." 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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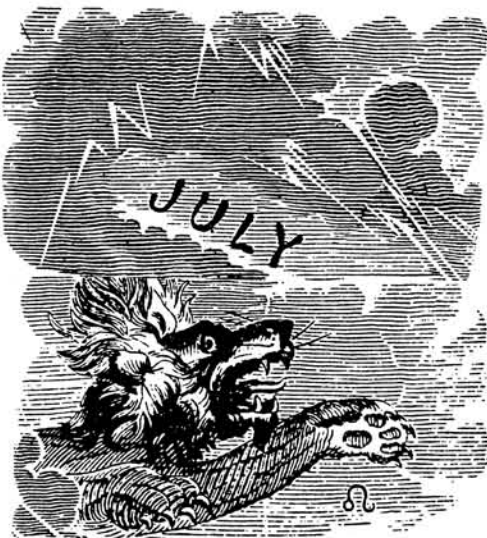
SUNDAY, JULY 23
"Forgotten Futures: America's Children in Need," Part Three: "What the World Needs Now," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). In this last part of a three-part series, listeners hear analysis of last year's welfare reform legislation as it impacts children, discussion of child care proposals, and where "family and the future" actually is on the list of federal spending priorities, in a historical context. Dr. James Comer of the Yale Child Study Center is featured in the program in an exclusive interview, as are Representative Pat Schroeder; Lori Rubenstein of Women's Agenda of Pennsylvania; Marion Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund; and others. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.



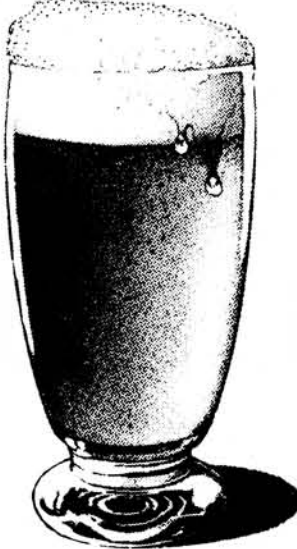
MONDAY, JULY 24
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TUESDAY, JULY 25
Progressive Animal Rights Alliance weekly meeting. 7:30 p.m., 409 Washington Street (behind Loudon Nelson Community Center). Info: 438-PARA.


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SUNDAY, JULY 16
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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, JULY 27

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 Cameleon, 418 Front Street. Info: 947-1606.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

"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 and occasionally airs tapes of lectures given at Stevenson Nuclear Policy

Studies, UCSC. Bill and Pat Cane, co-directors of IF, will relate "Liberation Theology," a new religious movement of Central and South America. They attended lectures on liberation theology by Gustavo Guteriez in Peru and have been to Central America on several action trips. 8-9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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SATURDAY, JULY 29-

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

America's Connections—A North/South Exchange. National chapters of Servicio Paz y Justicia invite North American non-violent movement activists to visit Latin America, learn about their struggles, ex-

change experiences, and build future collaboration. Sponsored by The Fellowship of Reconciliation Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean and the Resource Center for Nonviolence. Info: 423-1626.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

"Beyond the Cold War: Citizen Initiatives and U.S.-Soviet Understanding," Part One: "The Curtain Rises," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Listeners are given a tour of Cold War history and "citizen diplomacy." Part one of five-part series (re-broadcast). 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4-

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

"The Bomb: Political and Moral Fallout" will be the theme of the Nevada Desert Experience annual commemoration of Hiroshima/Nagasaki. Co-sponsored by Nevada Desert Experience and Pace e Bene, a Franciscan Nonviolence Center. Info: (702) 646-4814.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5-

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Skills For Change: Youth Leadership for Peace and Justice. A national program designed to bring together young leaders to share experiences, gain organizing and leadership skills, and to become empowered to work for justice and peace in their schools and communities. \$200 lodging and advance registration. Participants will also be expected to bring an additional \$125 to the program to cover special events, meals out and local transportation. Info: Jo Becker, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, New York 10960, (914) 358-4601.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11-

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

War Resisters League Training Program, to help activists develop skills to work more effectively. This program gives participants a grounding in the philosophy of nonviolence and encourages them to explore the dynamics of non-violent action. Limited to 20 participants. You do not have to be a WRL member or consider yourself a pacifist to apply. Workshops supplemented by literature, films and videos. Woolman Hill, a Quaker Center in Massachusetts' Berkshire Mountains. \$200 (\$250 for people financially sponsored by other organizations) covers food, housing, and materials. Info: (212) 228-0450.



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"The Bomb: Political and Moral Fallout" will be the theme of the Nevada Desert Experience annual commemoration of Hiroshima-Nagasaki August 4-9, 1989. A Political Analyst and a Franciscan Theologian will speak in reflective sessions in Las Vegas prior to and between civil resistance actions at the Nevada Test Site.

Richard Barnet, Senior Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, D.C., will present lectures on "The Tyranny of the Bomb" on Friday evening and Saturday. Fr. Barry Stenger, OFM, of the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, California, will give presentations and lead discussions on "Nuclear Realities Challenge our Moral Thinking" on Tuesday and Friday.

Memorial Services and civil resistance actions calling for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will be held on Sunday and Wednesday, August 6 and 9, at the test site.

On the same weekend, a group resisting nuclear weapons testing in the U.S.S.R. will be protesting at the Soviet test site in Kazakstan. The group, formed several months ago, is calling itself the "Nevada Movement." Special memorial services will also be held in Japan and many other countries.

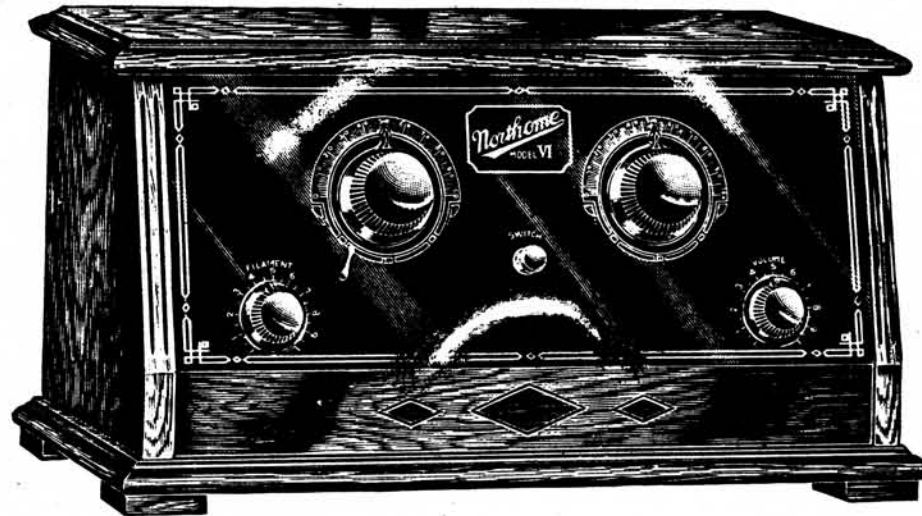
The events in Nevada are co-sponsored by Nevada Desert Experience and Pace E Bene, a Franciscan Nonviolence Center. For more information contact: NDE, Box 4487, Las Vegas, Nevada 89127; (702) 646-4814.

“Consider the Alternatives” to Leave the Airwaves

“Consider the Alternatives,” the award-winning weekly public affairs series on peace and justice issues, will be stopping radio production this summer after 17 years on the air. “CTA” fell victim to financial problems at the national peace group SANE/FREEZE. That organization had been providing a third of CTA’s budget in recent years, but was forced to discontinue its funding of the radio series. Through austerity measures and successful fundraising of its own, CTA staff kept the program on the air for a year without help from SANE/FREEZE, but has been unable to raise the ongoing funding necessary to sustain a professional-quality radio program.

“Consider the Alternatives” had its origins in a local program on WUHY-FM (now WHYI) in Philadelphia, and went on to become one of the most widely broadcast half-hour public affairs programs in radio. In 1981, over 800 stations carried the 13 part, NEH-funded series “Shadows of the Nuclear Age,” produced by Robert K. Musil, CTA’s executive producer. With radio deregulation, and a lack of ongoing financial ability to provide free tapes to stations, CTA carriage gradually dropped and stabilized at the level of roughly 125 stations, including university, community, commercial, and a growing number of National Public Radio (NPR) stations. Just this winter, CTA began international shortwave broadcasts, via Radio for Peace International, transmitting from Costa Rica.

In 1985, CTA’s series “More than a Paycheck: Women at Work,” (produced by Beth Parke) was honored by the national Commission on Working Women. “War in Space,” the CTA documentary series on Star Wars (hosted by Ed Asner and produced by Brigid Shea) gained a second



prize in the Armstrong Award competition. “While documentaries like these were important to the show’s success,” said Executive Producer Bob Musil, “the regularly weekly programs, which gave listeners a rare opportunity to hear the most important voices working for peace and justice, were really the heart and soul of CTA.”

“One of the sad things about the loss of Consider the Alternatives,” according to CTA Co-Producer Steve Plever, “is that it comes at a time when the broadcast and print media are increasingly dominated by an alarmingly small number of corporate interests. And even the public, with a few exceptions, has grown very tame when it comes to foreign policy. Now that disarmament has suddenly become a serious political prospect, why do the voices we hear pushing for it all have Russian and German accents? The U.S. media have ignored Americans like Randall Forsberg,

William Sloane Coffin and Nobel laureate Dr. Bernard Lown who have been working and theorizing on these issues for years and have influenced Soviet and European thinking. This is one reason we need more, not fewer, independent voices in journalism.”

“My concern is for the audience,” says Co-Producer Beth Parke. “When we ran programs featuring Helen Caldicott of Physicians for Social Responsibility and Women’s Action for Nuclear Disarmament, we were only mildly surprised to get literally a thousand letters and tape orders. After all, Caldicott can bring home the danger of nuclear weaponry like no one else. But what was notable was that so many of the listeners had never heard of ‘that Australian doctor’ before. One has to wonder, if the media gave PSR even half the access it routinely grants the Heritage Foundation, what the state of U.S. public opinion would be.”

“Consider the Alternatives” will broadcast into the summer, releasing (starting July 2) a three-part series called “Forgotten Futures: America’s Children in Need.” Beginning the week of July 24, CTA will feature a rebroadcast of the five-part documentary, “Beyond the Cold War: Citizen Initiative and U.S./Soviet Relations.” CTA, which is available on the NPR satellite and on reels from the Longhorn Radio Network, will conclude the summer quarter with five previously released programs, ending the series the week of September 25. CTA programs will be archived at the Swarthmore College Peace Collection, in Swarthmore, PA, and the producers are in the process of making some material available to other radio producers and the public through the NFCB/Pacifica program archive.

CTA Executive Producer Robert K. Musil is now executive director of the Washington D.C. group, Professionals Coalition for Nuclear Arms Control. Producer Beth Parke will be doing audio and video productions in Philadelphia, as will her colleague Steve Plever, who is also working for NPR’s “Fresh Air.” The SANE Education Fund of PA, producing agency for CTA, will continue local peace activities in Philadelphia.

In the Santa Cruz area, “Consider the Alternatives” can be heard Sunday evenings on KAZU (90.3 FM). See the calendar listings for more information.



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