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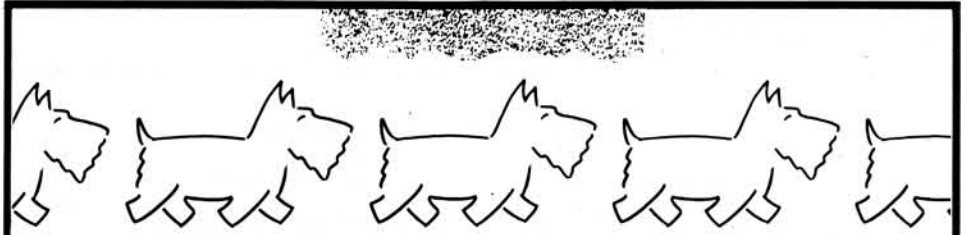
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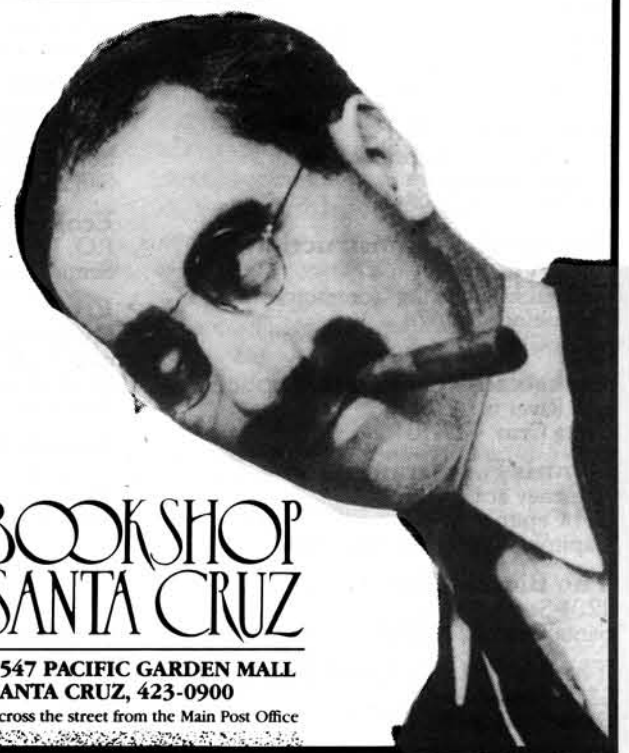
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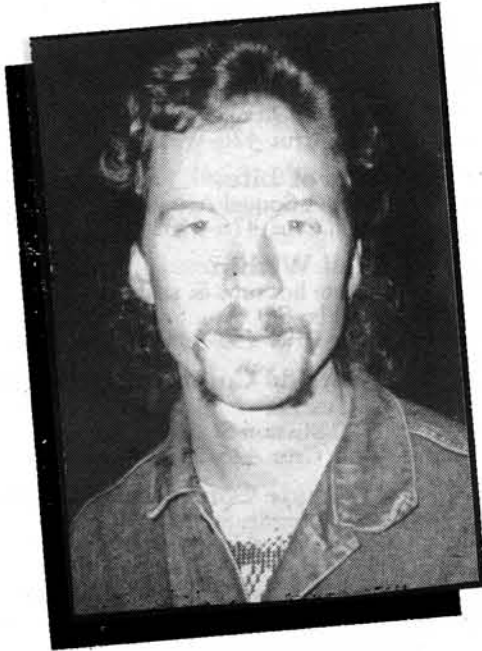
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### Mr. Toots Won't Stop Using Styrofoam

Since becoming a gardener, I have been making weekly visits to the local landfills. Every time I'm there I see a bulldozer pushing mountains of predominately plastic and styrofoam waste into the Earth. I wonder just how long this madness can continue. When will we personally take responsibility for the trash we generate?

I have made a conscious effort to pay attention not only to the ingredients of the food I buy, but also to its packaging. I also re-use paper coffee cups and take them to use in places that still sell coffee-to-go only in styrofoam cups.

Recently, I bought coffee-to-go at Mr. Toots in Capitola Village. Mr. Toots sells hot beverages in styrofoam cups exclu-



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sively, so I took my own paper coffee cup from a previous Kelly's French Pastry purchase to re-use. My co-worker pointed out to me that Bob Hansen, the owner of Mr. Toots, was standing behind the counter.

As the waitress was refilling my cup, I caught Bob's attention and asked him, "Do you think you'll ever switch over to using paper cups?"

He grinned, "No."

"How come?" I asked.

He paused a bit and expanded his grin: "Oh, I guess I'm just not environmentally-attuned."

Can you believe it? The owner of Mr. Toots, awarded the *Good Times*'s best local coffee house award, does not care if he sells coffee in a container that will never biodegrade, never photodegrade, never go away.

There Mr. Toots sits, right on the beach, right on the creek, right in beautiful Capitola Village and could care less about the composition of the litter it puts into the environment.

What a responsible attitude.

So, the owner of Mr. Toots openly

admits that he is "not environmentally attuned." Well, if he doesn't care about the air he breathes, the water he drinks and the health of the soil that grows his food, to what is he attuned?

Until the owner of Mr. Toots begins to sell "to go" beverages in paper cups—or at least offers me a choice in packaging—I refuse to patronize him. I urge other Mr. Toots patrons to go elsewhere and cast your vote for the local businessmen who are environmentally attuned.

If raising an issue over paper cups seems ridiculous or insignificant to you, I urge you to visit the local landfills. You will see for yourself that every little bit adds up, and up, and up.

Becky Steinbruner  
Aptos

### Overpopulation Is a Major Problem

Soon I'll be registering to vote for the first time, and though I intend to join the Green Committees of Correspondence, I

feel that their party platform fails to recognize the essential source of most of the world's problems: overpopulation. Hunger, homelessness, air pollution, crime, and over-development are usually manifested in crowded areas. Many land disputes and many of the injustices of history (e.g. European settlement of the Americas) can be attributed to conflicts indirectly arising as the result of too many people living on a planet with limited space and resources.

Unfortunately even if overpopulation were addressed as a major international concern (as the environment has been recently), constructive solutions are particularly sensitive and difficult to implement. Nevertheless, awareness of the roots of many earthly dilemmas could make it easier to prune the trees.

Ben Garson  
Merrill College, UCSC  
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### Greens Have No Party Line on Overpopulation

As a member of the Santa Cruz Greens, I welcome the recent interest in local Green activities by *The Monthly Planet* and the constructive criticism voiced by Pat Miller in her recent letter concerning Greens and the issue of population control.

While I believe that human population control is the key to the restoration and maintenance of the eco-system, and I share to a great extent Pat's analysis of the problem population control poses for many Greens, there may be the impression given from her letter that the Greens have a "party line" on the issue of overpopulation.

Unlike the Baptist Theological Convention or the Communist Party, the Greens have no revealed truths or hierarchical mandates. Decisions are arrived at through consensus. It is a sometimes slow process of shared information and perception which seeks to evoke all the concerns of each member of the group on an issue and works toward a synthesis of the consciousness of the group.

At a single meeting in which population control was briefly discussed, the issue of authoritarian abuses of population control was raised. Although I sense that concern is somewhat anecdotal and can be addressed through a proposal which stresses educational action for population control rather than compulsory programs, the issue was, for then, set aside.

My point is that as cumbersome as consensus may seem in comparison to the swiftness of individual apprehension, dictatorial action or even "majority rule," it is a process I have seen generate a long and effective series of heartening and effective actions.

Consensus is formed by more than one person and more than one meeting. I urge Pat and others who are concerned about population dynamics and other issues to become involved and contribute to the slow, tedious and powerful process of our group's consensus.

Thanks,  
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### Multiple Choice

What was called "the ultimate first-strike weapon" by former weapon designer Robert Aldridge?

- a) The Stealth Bomber.
- b) The MX missile.
- c) The Trident II (D-5) missile.
- d) Star Wars.
- e) Television.

What publication called the Stealth bomber the "worst weapon" in the U.S. arsenal?

- a) Time.
- b) Newsweek.
- c) U.S. News and World Report.
- d) Pravda.
- e) Aviation Week and Space Technology.

Who, referring to 50 pounds of plutonium to be carried on the space shuttle, said, "I'm convinced the launch is as safe as any human undertaking"?

- a) George Bush.
- b) Dan Quayle.
- c) Thomas Rona.
- d) Bob Dobbs.
- e) Reed Richards.

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\_\_\_ The Pentagon is considering the development of a new 22-megaton nuclear bomb.

\_\_\_ The Stealth bomber is the most expensive weapon in history.

\_\_\_ Rockwell International Corporation is not violating any environmental protection laws at the Rocky Flats weapons plant.

\_\_\_ The Trident II (D-5) is probably the most popular nuclear weapons system in Congress.

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# Congress Debates N-Weapons Funding

by Shelly D'Amour

As the fiscal year 1989 comes to a close, Congress is rapidly winding its way through the budget process, attempting to finish its work on appropriations bills in time for the new fiscal year, which begins October 1. At press time, battles loom over the funding levels for key U.S. strategic nuclear weapons systems.

Conferees are hard at work resolving differences between the House and Senate versions of the FY 1990 Defense Authorizations Bill. Authorizations is the second step in a three-part budget process, and sets the spending limits on line items contained within the federal budget. Conference committee members for the defense bill are selected by the chairs of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

Conference committee involves a lot of give and take in order for Congress to come up with a unified spending bill. Over the course of the last eight years, however, this process has largely amounted to a give-away program on the part of pro-arms control Democrats. In the face of a potential presidential veto of the defense bill and possible delays in finalizing a budget, the Democratic leadership in Congress, primarily in the House, has been all too eager to drop hard fought-for arms control provisions from the military budget. Chief among these has been the underground nuclear weapons testing moratorium, which has passed in the House every year it was introduced, but never in the Senate. The Democratic leadership in Congress values a timely budget as its first priority.

This year, the House and Senate remain far apart in their proposals for funding the U.S. strategic arsenal—specifically, the MX, Midgetman, Star Wars, and the B-2.

In August, the House approved \$600 million for the controversial rail garrison basing program for the MX, and eliminated funding for the Midgetman entirely. The House went on to reaffirm its 1985 decision to limit the program to 50 missiles. The Senate voted \$1.1 billion for the MX, and \$100 million for the Midgetman. The Bush Administration would like to have both programs. The Pentagon has expressed a preference for the MX.

In the same month, the House passed a



\$3.1 billion spending measure for Star Wars. The Senate approved \$4.5 billion, almost the full amount requested by the administration (\$4.9). Last year's figure was \$4.1 billion and it is likely that conferees will settle on something in that neighborhood.

The prize for the most outrageously expensive system, however, clearly goes to the newly introduced Stealth bomber (B-2). After recovering somewhat from what Senate Armed Services Committee chair Sam Nunn termed a case of "sticker shock," the House went on to approve \$3.7 billion for the program through 1991. The Senate approved \$4.4 billion. Both houses

added a number of restrictions to the measure, stipulating that further funding would be contingent on the B-2 successfully completing its testing program. They also instructed the Pentagon to find ways to reduce the cost of the program, which at current estimates will total \$75 billion.

While the authorizations process nears completion, Congress is simultaneously putting the finishing touches on the FY 1990 Defense Appropriations Bill. Appropriations grants the check-writing power for those items approved under the authorizations process. Appropriations is the final step in the budget process, and

represents the last avenue for arms control provisions to make it into the budget. Amendments which did not pass in the authorizations process can be reintroduced in appropriations. Although the spending ceiling might have been set for a certain weapons system in authorizations, that ceiling can be lowered or otherwise restricted in appropriations.

A number of interesting arms control measures have emerged during the Senate appropriations process. The full Senate Appropriations Committee voted to cut \$1.8 billion in procurement funds (which



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had just been approved by its authorizations committee) from the Trident II (D-5) missile. This action, however, is directly linked to the recent testing failures of two D-5 missiles, and not to any desire on the part of the Senate to eliminate the program. On the contrary, the D-5 is probably the most popular nuclear weapons system in Congress. Senate Appropriations went on to increase the funding for research and development of the D-5 to \$286 million. The House defeated a similar measure during its authorizations process. If Senate conferees hold firm, the net effect will be that no new D-5 missiles will be produced this year.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is also recommending \$3.9 billion in funding for Star Wars, considerably less than the amount requested by its authorizations committee.

Again, at press time, amendments are coming to the floor of the Senate for consideration. The Kerry/Jeffords amendment would prohibit funding for anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons testing as long as the Soviets also refrain from testing. A similar resolution was passed in the House. Also, the Leahy/Hatfield/Wirth amendment will be offered, to eliminate procurement funds for the B-2 next year. It has little chance of passage.

## Economic Conversion

Efforts at attaining an economic conversion bill fell apart in Congress last month, apparently due to time pressures. Representative Mary Rose Oaker (D-OH), and Senator Donald Riegle (D-MI) decided to drop the Title II (economic conversion) provision from the Defense Production Act when it became clear that the details could not be worked out prior to the October 1 deadline. An independent bill, the Defense Economic Adjustment Act of 1989 (H.R. 101), sponsored by Rep. Ted Weiss (D-NY) is still alive. But without another legislative vehicle to attach it to, it stands little chance of succeeding. However, the Weiss bill is an important strategy toward

building support for economic conversion legislation in Congress. Locally, California's 16th district representative Leon Panetta has signed on as a co-sponsor.

## Nuclear Cleanup

Bills to fund the cleanup of the nation's nuclear weapons facilities are proliferating so quickly that it's hard to keep track of them all.

Both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees and the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Energy and Water Development have formulated their own responses to the problem of contamination at 17 nuclear weapons plants and over 3,000 toxic and radioactive waste sites across the country. The amounts for cleanup and environmental restoration range from \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion for the coming year. It appears probable that the appropriations committee figure (approximately \$1.6 billion) will be the final one.

In a similar vein, certain members of Congress are interested in establishing a nuclear cleanup trust fund, to help finance a cleanup process that is expected to last 30 years. The Federal Nuclear Facilities Environmental Response Act (S.1462), introduced by Senator Brock Adams (D-WA), would establish such a trust fund, with revenues coming primarily from the Department of Energy (DOE) defense budget. The bill also establishes an Office of Environmental Management and Remedial Action, and establishes a joint DOE/EPA cleanup research program.

A similar measure was introduced in the House by Representative Norm Dicks (D-WA). This bill, however, must pass through four committees before it passes on to the House floor.

Congressional concerns in this regard have extended to better monitoring/oversight of Department Of Energy facilities, and to health and safety issues. In 1988 Congress instituted the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (also known as the "Glenn Board") for the purpose of pro-

viding independent oversight of DOE facilities. However, the board is purely advisory. A new bill to be introduced by Rep. David Skaggs (D-CO) would give the board actual oversight powers, and establish an Office for Environment, Safety and Health.

A variation on that theme has been introduced by Rep. Phil Sharp (D-IN). Entitled the Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities Amendments Act (H.R. 1836), this bill would extend the oversight authority of the Board to encompass DOE civilian nuclear facilities, as well as certain DOE defense plants that are currently exempted. The bill is currently under review in the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power, as well as in the DOE panel of the House Armed Services Committee.

Yet another legislative vehicle towards these ends has also been proposed, this one by Senator John Glenn (D-OH). Title I, of the DOE Nuclear Safety and Environment Act (S.1304), would remove the exemptions of specific sites from coverage by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. Title V would create the aforementioned Office for Environment, Safety and Health. The bill is currently in the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee.

Changes may also soon be forthcoming with regard to health and safety issues. Currently, the DOE supposedly monitors and researches the health effects of radiation exposure. Not surprisingly, they have somehow never been able to come up with conclusive evidence about the health risks of exposure to radioactive material. Senator Tim Wirth has introduced the Radiation Research Reorganization Act of 1989 (S.972), which would shift the responsibility for research and monitoring to the Department of Health and Human Services (HSS). A similar bill in the House (H.R. 3212), introduced by Rep. Ron Wyden (D-OR) would expand the scope of monitoring to include toxic waste exposure.

Finally, Title IV of the DOE Nuclear Safety and Environment Act (S. 1304),

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authored by Senator Glenn, would create an independent advisory board, but leave it within the DOE. Senator Glenn's bill is actually the most complicated of all of these pieces, requiring approval by four separate Senate committees before it even makes it to the Senate floor.

### Central America

As Nicaragua gears up for its national elections next February, the U.S. is providing the beleaguered country with an unwelcome civics lesson on campaign financing—U.S. style. The Bush Administration would like to contribute as much as \$3 million to the campaign of Nicaraguan opposition candidate Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, in its words, to "ensure a free and fair election."

The administration originally wanted to channel the money through the National Endowment for Democracy, a non-profit foundation created and funded by Congress which seeks to maintain U.S. hegemony by meddling in the electoral affairs of other countries, particularly third world countries. However, the Endowment's charter limits its activities to voter registration and the support of groups and coalitions. It cannot back specific candidates for office. Over the last five years, the

Endowment helped deliver the so-called "humanitarian" aid to the Contras, and kept the Nicaraguan opposition paper *La Prensa* in operation. Mrs. Chamorro is the widow of Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, the former publisher of *La Prensa*.

President Bush wanted to work around this restriction, but it was clear he did not have the support of Congress to do so. However, it is not clear at this point how strong the opposition is in Congress to the idea of funding the campaign some other way. Some in Congress have expressed a desire to fund Mrs. Chamorro openly. Others express reservations for reasons many in Congress must already know or guess—that any interventionary aid from the United States might be interpreted with suspicion by the Nicaraguan people, and actually work against the opposition in the long run.

Violeta Chamorro was a member of the junta formed after the overthrow of General Anastasio Somoza Debayle in 1979. Her upper class identification coupled with her more conservative viewpoints eventually led to a parting of the ways between her and the Sandinista government. Recently on a campaign swing through the Nicaraguan exile community in Miami Florida, she opened a bank

account there to receive contributions.

**ACTION:** *Can you imagine U.S. government reaction if some other country contributed \$3 million to one of our presidential candidates? Contact your representative and senators immediately and tell them you want to let Nicaraguans shape their own future without U.S. intervention. No campaign aid of any kind!*

Finally, with respect to El Salvador, at press time the Senate is due to vote on an aid package as part of its consideration of the FY 1990 Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved an \$85 million cap on aid to El Salvador, to be disbursed in three installments over a 12-month period. Prior to the release of each installment, the administration must report to Congress on human rights conditions, on progress toward a cease-fire and a negotiated settlement to the war, and on increased tolerance for political pluralism. In addition, the administration must request the third installment by May 15. Any of the chairs of the four foreign aid committees can block that request.

These restrictions will face stiff opposition when the bill comes to the Senate floor. Also at risk is the current ban on aid to Salvadoran police forces. Meanwhile, the war in El Salvador rages on.

**ACTION:** *Contact your Senators immediately and tell them not one dime in military funds for El Salvador!*

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## Chernobyl in the Sky?

In a September 5th letter to President Bush, Richard Cuddihy, an expert on radiation safety, told the president that the planned launch of the plutonium-carrying Galileo space probe "puts a large number of people at risk."

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has set the launch date for October 12. Galileo will hold 50 pounds of radioactive plutonium — the most toxic substance known — as fuel for the probe's Jupiter exploration.

A heated controversy broils between peace groups and NASA over the safety of nuclear material in space. The results of a nuclear accident, should the shuttle which launches the probe explode on take-off or come crashing down to earth, would be catastrophic. But NASA maintains that there are almost no risks. To prove its point, NASA has spent \$50 million shooting bullets at and burning the graphite-protected fuel cells. In the words of Thomas Rona, deputy director of the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy, "I'm convinced the launch is as safe as any human undertaking."

While debate over the Galileo rages, the government's billion-dollar nuclear space reactor could be crippled before it ever leaves for orbit. The Department of Energy wants to pull the funding from under the wings of its star child. This means: a) the Energy Department didn't really want it anyway, b) the Pentagon and NASA are furious, c) the Office of Management and Budget will force the Energy Department and other agencies to foot the bill, or d) all of the above.

Congress is unsure about the 4.2-ton SP-100, whose possible uses so far include supplying the juice for bases on the Moon and Mars and fueling the weapons for Star Wars.

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## Rocky Flats Plant Mired in Muck

The Rocky Flats plutonium processing plant in Colorado is mired in its own muck:

- In August Idaho Governor Cecil D. Andrus prohibited the Rocky Flats plant from dumping any more of its radioactive plutonium waste on the already saturated Idaho Falls disposal site.

- The radioactive garbage cannot move on to the \$700 million Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico because the Energy Department is behind schedule on opening the country's first "permanent" nuclear dump site.

- The government fears civilian and official protest should Rocky Flats' radioactive waste be shipped to weapons plants in other states.

- Rockwell International Corporation, which operates the plant for the DOE, does not want to take the rap for the thousands of gallons of radioactive sludge that are stored at the plant illegally. Rockwell threatens to shut down all operations unless they are guaranteed immunity.



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- Government officials involved with Rocky Flats don't want to be held accountable for the illegal activity at the plant either. A tentative agreement between state and federal negotiators was reached in September promising to limit the liability of the government's involvement.

So where does that leave the Rocky Flats weapons plant? The country's only plutonium processing facility can hold just so much of its own goop — if some sort of "solution" cannot be found by March 1990, Rocky Flats will have to shut down.

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## Problems at the Department of Energy

The Department of Energy has launched a plan to reopen an old and ailing reactor in South Carolina for the production of tritium. Tritium enhances the blast of a nuclear warhead, and, on the list of deadly-to-human things, comes right after plutonium.

Energy Secretary James D. Watkins' September unveiling of the plan to reopen the facility has raised considerable controversy. The Natural Resources Defense Council, Greenpeace, and the Energy Research Foundation have taken the Department of Energy (DOE) to court over the Department's failure to produce an environmental impact report.

Among their concerns are: DOE has not promised to pre-test the old reactor for cracks; DOE has not produced an environmental impact report (even though the reactor's 190-degree coolant water wreaks havoc on the Savannah River where it is dumped); and DOE has done nothing

about the "3,600" other problems identified by the NRDC.

But the Department of Energy has attempted to do something about the five grams of tritium (the approximate amount used in a warhead) that have mysteriously disappeared.

Alerted to the problem when numbers were not matching up in the government's

commercial sale of tritium (also used in energy and biological research and for making luminous dials), the DOE probed eight companies and was able to account for only a fraction of the missing material. Meanwhile, a corps of specialists trained in handling nuclear materials is hot on the trail of the tritium still at large.

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The B-2, or Stealth bomber, has recently entered the forefront of the ongoing debate on Pentagon weapons systems. The "flying wing" bomber, designed to maneuver undetected inside the Soviet Union by utilizing radar-evading "stealth" technology, has drawn a considerable number of detractors since the Air Force declassified key elements of the program in late 1988. For the first time Congress and the public have been allowed to scrutinize the costs and efficacy of the world's most expensive weapons system. In an era of record budget deficits and the commensurate cuts in social programs, the B-2's cost of \$530 million per plane has caused some members of Congress to suffer from "sticker shock."

Given the bomber's enormous price tag, it is not uncommon to hear the B-2 used as a kind of rhetorical currency in Washington: for the cost of one B-2 we could build so many schools or hospitals, for the cost of four B-2's we could fight the war on drugs, and so on. The Stealth bomber has become a symbol for shifting priorities in an era of receding Soviet threat.

Throughout much of the 1980's the Air Force kept classified the details of the Stealth program. In any given year the Air Force's budget is comprised of about 35 percent "black" or secret funds, a higher percentage than any other U.S. armed service. Since the Air Force made public the \$70 billion price tag for the program, the word "stealth" to many has come to symbolize the plane's secret costs more than its radar-evading capabilities.

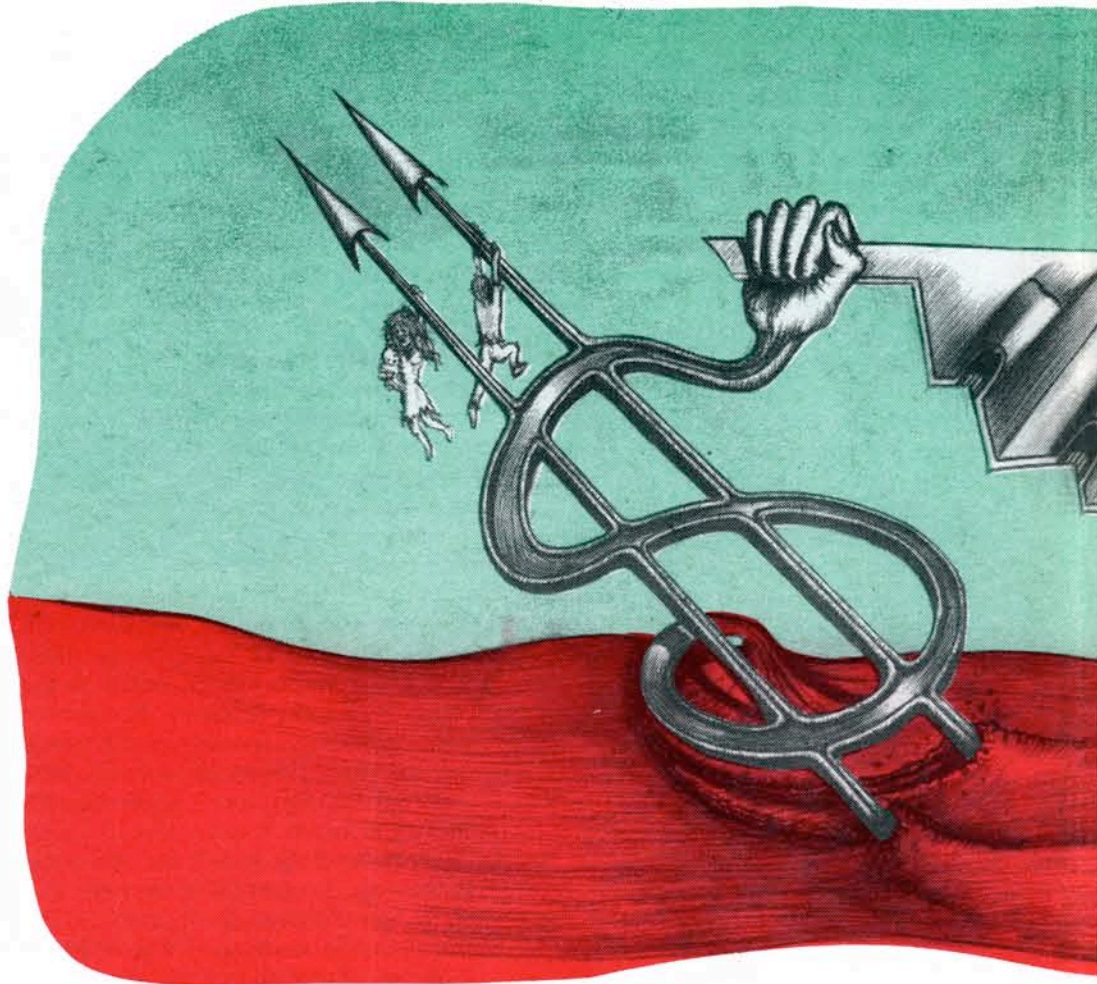
The gradual declassification of portions of the Stealth program culminated with its unveiling to the press last November and its heralded maiden voyage on July 17. Since then debate on the merits of the bomber has intensified, but given the fact that Congress is generally loathe to challenge the Pentagon on questions of nuclear strategy, the debate has focused almost exclusively on costs. It is therefore necessary to examine the underlying strategic thinking that produced the B-2 pro-

gram in the first place, and assess how this new and exotic addition to the U.S. nuclear arsenal destabilizes the current balance of terror known as deterrence.

Despite the high-tech prowess of the B-2, its bat-winged design and radar-evading capability, the bomber is expected to fill a traditional war-fighting role. The Air Force argues that B-2 bombers, working in consort with the B-1's and B-52's, will provide greater "flexibility" in a nuclear war. The B-2, it is argued, could ignore targets that had already been destroyed by intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM's), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBM's), or cruise missiles, and strike targets missed during an initial nuclear exchange. Reserving the B-2 for such post war "mopping up" operations adds nothing to the deterrence of nuclear annihilation. Thus the most disturbing aspect of the B-2's role in the overall U.S. military strategy is that it has little to do with preventing a nuclear war and much to do with fighting one.

The Air Force originally designed the B-2 bomber to penetrate deep into Soviet airspace to take out mobile missiles *after* the outbreak of a nuclear conflict. The bomber's mission is to destroy targets in the Soviet Union at close range, either by dropping free-fall nuclear bombs or by launching nuclear-armed short-range attack missiles. The conflict scenarios best suited for utilizing the B-2, those requiring the capability to penetrate Soviet airspace without triggering air defenses, are either a silo-busting U.S. first strike or a protracted nuclear war. In both cases the B-2 has nothing to do with deterrence, the supposed premise of U.S. nuclear strategy.

In fact, the B-2 bomber actually undermines deterrence by enhancing the intimidating posture of the United States. By threatening Soviet mobile ICBM's and command and control shelters, the B-2 could encourage Soviet military leaders in a crisis to fire their missiles early in a conflict to avoid the risk of losing them entirely. Furthermore, the technological advances that have produced ICBM's and the new



air-launched cruise missiles (ALCM's) have rendered the weapon strategically obsolete.

The Air Force has long been associated with the manned penetrating bomber. During the 1940's and 1950's, in the days before ICBM's, the bomber, beginning with the B-29 and moving on to the B-52, was the only means whereby nuclear bombs could be delivered to Soviet soil. As a result, well into the 1960's the Air Force maintained B-52's on airborne nuclear alert 24 hours a day. Thus, nuclear deterrence had become the sole "turf" of the U.S. Air Force. This all changed with the development of the cheaper and faster ICBM.

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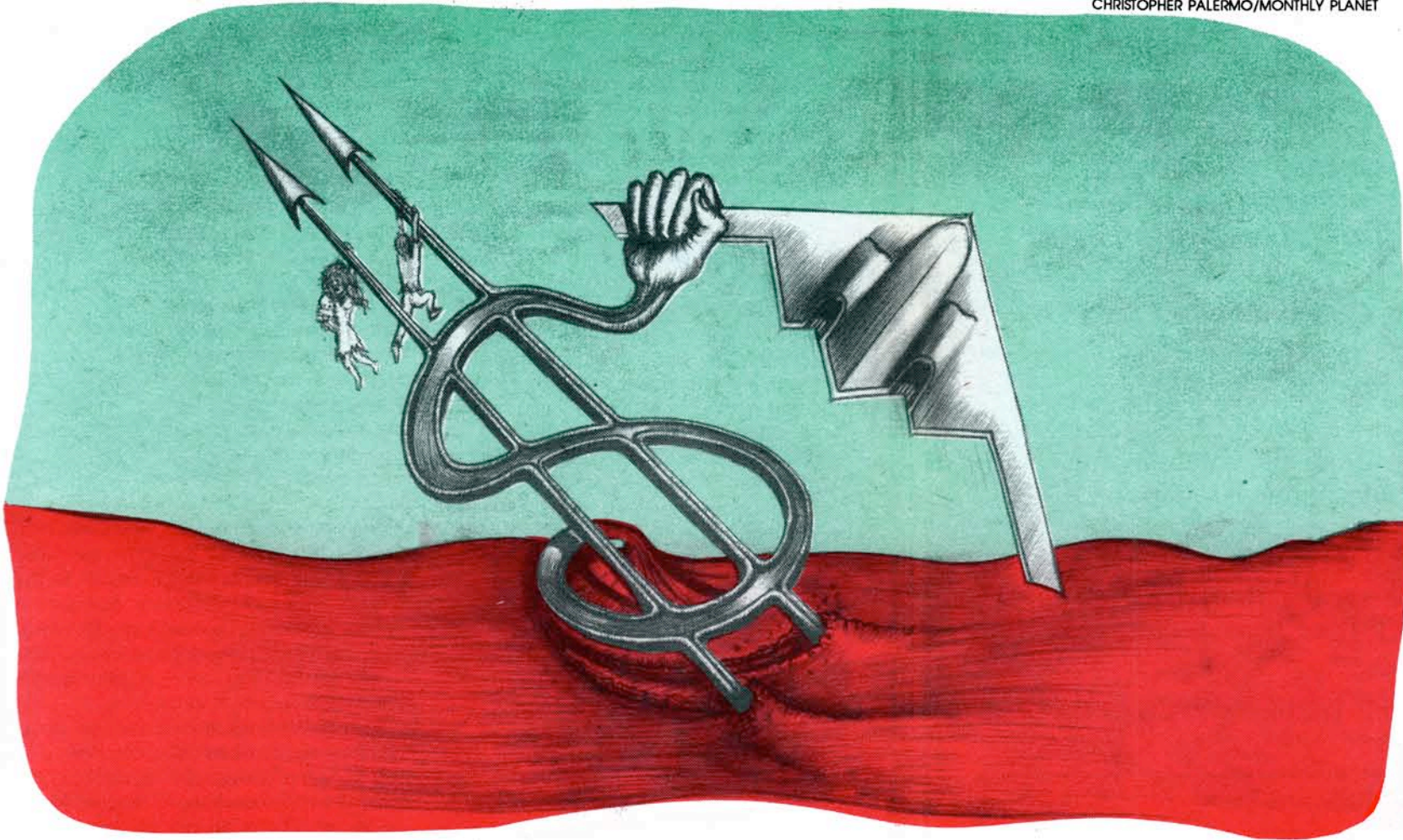
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curate ICBM's to the U.S. arsenal, thus further weakening the need for a new bomber program.

In the 1970's, President Carter canceled the B-1 bomber program because of the technological advances that allowed for the production of relatively inexpensive, super-accurate cruise missiles. The development of air-launched cruise missiles (ALCM's), which are small, low-flying drone aircraft that can be launched from outside Soviet territory, weakened the Air Force's rationale for the B-1 bomber. Moreover, ALCM's carry 200 kiloton warheads (compared with the 13-kiloton Hiroshima bomb) that are capable of destroying most

"hard" (i.e. fortified) Soviet military. President Reagan reversed Carter's decision and went ahead with the production and deployment of 100 B-1's. The Reagan Administration also ordered over 1,500 ALCM's aboard B-52's. But despite the Reagan buildup over two presidential terms, the Air Force is standing by its original request for 132 B-2 bombers at a total cost of \$70 billion.

Eisenhower's scrapping of the B-70 and Carter's cancellation of the B-1 in favor of new developments in missile technology suggest that the strategic mission of the B-2 be re-evaluated. The B-2 has cost the American taxpayer \$2 billion according to the Air Force, with an estimated cost overrun in the research and development phase alone.

Given the vulnerability of the B-2, strategic arguments in favor of the B-1 bomber, the Air Force and other proponents have come up with several additional arguments for continuing the B-1 program. One such argument is that the B-1 could be employed in conventional bombing strikes such as the one against Libya in April 1986. But this idea is quickly pointed out as a United States would never risk a million plane in teaching a million lesson, especially when the bomber might be shot down and secrets revealed to the Soviets.

Pentagon experts have also argued that the bomber is necessary as another "bargaining chip" in arms negotiations with the Soviets. A worn argument has been applied to the MX missile, Star Wars, and virtually other threatened weapon systems, says that we must first build up our nuclear arsenal before we can negotiate. Such an outmoded approach to arms control promises to continue the "talk and build, talk and build" cycle that has been a central feature of the nuclear arms race since the 1960's.

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Given the vulnerability of the strictly strategic arguments in favor of the Stealth bomber, the Air Force and other B-2 proponents have come up with specious additional arguments for continuing the program. One such argument is that the B-2 could be employed in conventional bombing strikes such as the one directed against Libya in April 1986. But critics of this idea are quick to point out that the United States would never risk a \$530 million plane in teaching a minor power a lesson, especially when the top-secret bomber might be shot down and its secrets revealed to the Soviets.

Pentagon experts have also claimed that the bomber is necessary as yet another "bargaining chip" in arms control negotiations with the Soviets. This well-worn argument has been applied to the MX missile, Star Wars, and virtually every other threatened weapon system, and, in effect, says that we must first build up our nuclear arsenal before we can reduce it. Such an outmoded approach to arms control promises to continue the pattern of "talk and build, talk and build" that has been a central feature of the nuclear arms race since the 1960's.

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by its promoters has nothing to do with the arms race, but states that if the program is terminated it will cost 30,000 Americans their jobs. Also, B-2 supporters claim that Northrop corporation, the primary contractor of the B-2, would go bankrupt if the bomber is scrapped, thus hurting the United States economically and threatening our capability to produce high-tech war materiel in the future.

These claims of economic necessity for the Stealth need to be looked at more closely.

The proponents of the B-2 as a government public works program need to

canceling the program entirely. The company's management now claims to have streamlined production and has taken out impressive ads in the *New York Times* featuring the B-2 in flight. One such ad, run in September, promises that "the B-2 will preserve the credibility of America's manned bomber force into the next century."

Finally, Stealth bomber advocates claim that the civilian economy will benefit from the technological spinoffs from research and development of the plane. Given that the B-2 is the most expensive weapon in history, it doesn't seem a particularly cost-

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address whether the \$70 billion could be better spent in civilian production. It is a well-established fact that the capital-intensive aerospace industry, particularly when involved in military production, provides far fewer jobs per dollar than less grandiose civilian projects such as construction, health care, and education. If the government spends a billion dollars in the retail sector, it generates 65,000 jobs. If it spends a billion dollars on education, it generates 62,000 jobs. One billion dollars spent on guided missiles and ordnance generates only 14,000 jobs.

As for the viability of Northrop Corporation, it should be noted that former employees of the company have recently sued Northrop for fraud in the production of the B-2. The law suit claims, among other charges, that engineers at Northrop sat around with nothing to do while the government paid for lavish salaries. Moreover, Undersecretary of Defense for acquisitions, Robert Costello, returned from a plant visit last spring so disturbed with Northrop management that he proposed

effective state-sponsored subsidy for the high-technology industry. Unlike the Japanese, who provide subsidies directly to the civilian sector through the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, the United States, for historical and ideological reasons, has relied on the military procurement system to achieve this aim. The result has been the increasing inability of the United States to compete with its trade rivals in Japan and Western Europe.

The enormous cost coupled with the dubious strategic value of the B-2 bomber, pose serious questions which must be answered before more money is spent on this dangerous new weapon—one which *U.S. News and World Report* recently called the "worst weapon" in the U.S. arsenal. In a time of strained budgets, a soaring deficit, unmet human needs, and historic change in the Soviet Union, we must ask: Do we need the B-2 bomber?

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curate ICBM's to the U.S. arsenal, thus further weakening the need for a new bomber program.

In the 1970's, President Carter canceled the B-1 bomber program because of the technological advances that allowed for the production of relatively inexpensive, super-accurate cruise missiles. The development of air-launched cruise missiles (ALCM's), which are small, low-flying drone aircraft that can be launched from outside Soviet territory, weakened the Air Force's rationale for the B-1 bomber. Moreover, ALCM's carry 200 kiloton warheads (compared with the 13-kiloton Hiroshima bomb) that are capable of destroying most

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—Vice President Dan Quayle, 9/6/89

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—President George Bush, American Legion Convention, 9/7/89

**"The world has lived too long in the shadow of chemical warfare. So let us act together beginning today to rid the earth of this scourge."**

—President George Bush, United Nations, 9/26/89. (As vice president, Bush broke tie votes in the Senate in favor of funds for a new generation of chemical weapons.)

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—Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the United Nations, 9/26/89)



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## Feature

# 10,000 Salvadoran Refugees to Return

by Carrie Kahn



The flight of refugees from Eastern Europe has been making headlines daily. They have just become part of the estimated 14 million refugees worldwide, the majority of whom are represented by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR). Throughout Central America alone there are tens of thousands of refugees living in camps in Mexico, Honduras, and Costa Rica, all administered by the UNHCR. Central Americans fleeing from the wars of their countries arrive elsewhere to regulated refugee camps instead of international journalists documenting their jubilation and relief. But very much like their East German counterparts, refugees in Central America are making their own history.

In May of this year, at the First International Conference on Central American Refugees in Guatemala (CIREFCA), the 10,000 Salvadoran refugees living in the Colomoncagua and San Antonio refugee camps in Honduras announced to the world their decision to return "in community" to their homes in the department of Morazan, El Salvador.

In the refugee camp of Colomoncagua alone there are 8,500 Salvadoran refugees, the majority of whom are women and children. They are Salvadorans who have fled their country caught up in a civil war, funded by the U.S. for the last 10 years, at a cost of 1.5 million dollars per day. Their living conditions are free from the massacres and bombings they experienced in El Salvador, but now they find themselves subjected to a different repression—constant pressures from the Honduran government to leave the camps, regular military patrols and raids, and the never-ending negotiation process with the UNHCR for improvements in their living conditions. The refugees have been able to successfully confront these pressures by uniting as a community, taking firm stands, and gaining international support. As a community they now have 300 health care providers, educators, nutritionists,

and sanitation workers as well as a literacy rate that has been raised from 15 percent to an astounding 85 percent. It is as this prepared community that they wish to return to El Salvador.

The refugees view their return as a unique opportunity to contribute to the process for peace in their homeland. As 1989 and the election process began in El Salvador hopes were raised for an early resolution to the war. Reports from El Salvador in the months since the March 19th ARENA party victory show otherwise. Death squad activity again is on the rise; over 700 assassinations, 600 disappearances and a crackdown on all forms of public dissent have occurred in this short period. As the crisis deepens the refugees feel they can no longer be spectators, waiting for others to create the conditions necessary for their return. The importance of remaining in the camps and being witnesses on the border to a war hidden from international view has given way to the heartfelt need to be present within El Salvador.

The most significant factor in the refugees' decision to return is the change in the conditions that have taken place in their areas of origin. This change is due to the impact of the development work of PADECOES, Council for Community Development in El Salvador, which has been organizing in more than 400 communities and seven departments in El Salvador. The ability of PADECOES to receive and reintegrate the refugees into communities is fundamental to their return along with the high level of education and skills the refugees will contribute to their communities.

The Esquipulas II agreements signed by the Central American governments state that governments should support the repatriation of refugees to their homes, even in areas of conflict. This commitment was further reinforced with the recent accords signed in Tela, Honduras. President Alfredo Cristiani of El Salvador signed these accords stating that he would send a delegation to the refugee camps to help nego-

tiate the particulars of their return. In August a six-person delegation including members from the Ministers of Interior and Defense arrived at the camp. It met with leaders of the community and declared that, as it held no power to make any decisions, another delegation would soon be sent. Immediately following the visit the vice-president of El Salvador, Francisco Merino, accused the camps of being guerrilla training grounds as evidenced by the "disciplined" manner in which the refugees presented themselves to the government delegation. Subsequently the Salvadoran government has begun a propaganda campaign to discredit the refugees which has included paid ads in the nation's leading newspapers.

The refugees have asked for negotiations with the government to determine conditions of their return, and have made clear their desire to negotiate and not politicize the repatriation process. While the nature of the actual return will be determined by the refugees, there is no doubt that this is an historic undertaking which will impact the situation within El Salvador.

As they have done throughout their difficult years in Honduras, the refugees are seeking the support of the international community to make this return possible. In light of the propaganda campaign

against them by ARENA and the recent budget cuts (85 percent) to the camps by UNHCR, the refugees once again are seeking the only reliable support they have. To provide the level of support needed immediately by the refugees, during the negotiation process with the Salvadoran government and as they prepare to return home, there are delegations planned weekly through November and December. Interested persons should call 426-4467 for more information.

Carrie Kahn is the Bay Area delegation coordinator to Colomoncagua. She works with the Monseñor Oscar Romero Refugee Committee here in Santa Cruz.

The Refugee Committee of Santa Cruz, Santana Chirino Amaya Refugee Committee, has decided to change its name to the Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Refugee Committee. It was in the search for peace that Monseñor Romero gave his life—for this he represents both the tragedy of the people of El Salvador as well as the hope and strength needed to find a peaceful solution to the war in El Salvador.

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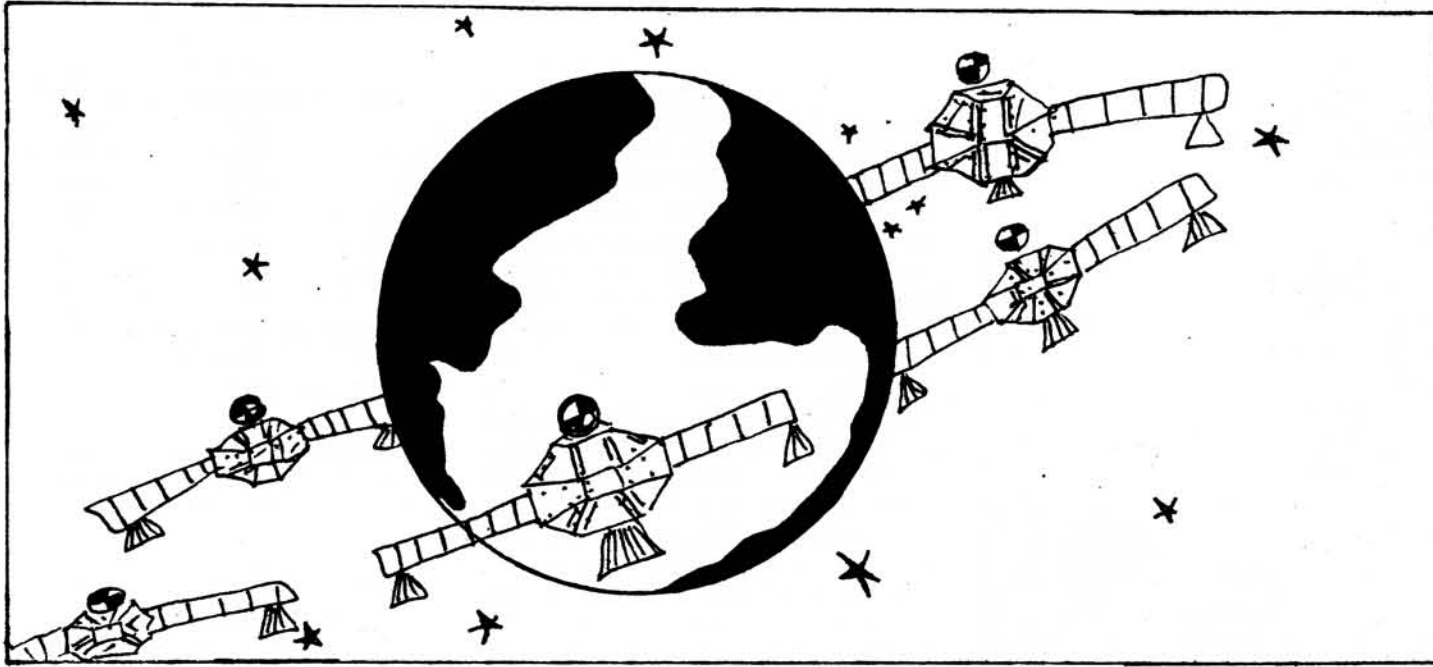
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*A Closer Look*

# Space and the "Peace Triad"

by Susan C. Strong



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This year, U.S. space policy is back in the news. The change has coincided with our new awareness of global environmental problems through scientific information gained from satellite monitoring. In fact, ever since Sputnik went up in 1957, images from space have been raising human consciousness about our planet as an interdependent ecological system. In August, the entire world watched the latest discoveries about Neptune and Triton, thanks to our global satellite communications system in near space.

At the same time, we could mentally picture our own planet as seen from space. Our lovely green-blue home appears tranquil from this perspective. A closer look reveals a planet threatened by massive arsenals, environmental degradation, and a lack of social justice. Nevertheless, our ability to reach the solar system's furthest edge reminds us that when we try, we can do much.

There is much to do to keep our planet Earth a pleasant home. Against the global dangers that we face, only a "peace triad"—disarmament, environmental protection or restoration, and sustainable development for social justice—can provide the global security we need. In turn, this "peace triad" depends in many ways on space-based satellite observation, communication, and scientific research. Thus, to get global security, we must have a decent U.S. space policy.

The national debate about space policy came back to life earlier this year in the form of four government initiatives. The first came in the form of President Bush's formation of the Space Council, under the leadership of Vice President Quayle. The Space Council's first action was an emergency six-month rescue of the underfunded Landsat program, a casualty of the Reagan Administration. (Landsat is our civilian satellite monitoring program; it provides vital information about environ-

mental problems, including crop and vegetation health, and resource identification.) The second initiative was NASA's request to Congress for initial funding of the U.S. portion of the Mission To Planet Earth program. (Mission to Planet Earth is a proposed international cooperative satellite monitoring program devoted to understanding global problems on a global scale.) The third initiative was the resurrection of Star Wars in the form of Livermore Lab's latest concept of space weapons, dubbed "Brilliant Pebbles." The fourth move was President Bush's announcement in July of a new space policy which would make the U.S. again the "pre-eminent space-faring nation" by a return to the moon and a manned mission to Mars.

How does this loose collection of space initiatives measure up? We need a space policy with the pre-eminent goal of creating and supporting the "peace triad" of cooperative global security. The Mission

To Planet Earth goes the furthest in this direction, though some critics argue that it is still too narrowly focussed on national concerns and that NASA itself is still as badly run and contractor dependent as the Department of Defense. Washington observers say that the Space Council is doing some good, but that it is too crisis oriented, and too focussed on space as a purely commercial realm of endeavor. President Bush's new goals for our space policy, national "pre-eminence" and a non-planetary focus, miss the mark completely. Star Wars, in the form of "Brilliant Pebbles," speaks for itself—more Pentagon idiocy aimed at the counterproductive weaponization of space.

As is clear from this list, current U.S. space policy does not address the need for an integrated approach to global security. The biggest problems of today's global space policy are the lack of protection against the military and environmental exploitation of space, and the withholding of information gathered by proliferating commercial satellite systems.

Given these flaws, what alternative space policy does the progressive community offer? Any rational policy must address the ways space should be used to build a peace triad. At the top of the list comes the protection of space from military activities embodied in the Outer Space Protection Act of 1989 (S 752/HR 220) which calls upon the president to seek a verifiable ban on all space weaponry, including anti-satellite weapons. We must stop space from becoming a dangerous and unusable zone of drifting debris, studded with floating nuclear reactors. The Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space (ISCOS) recommends that the Space Council provide permanent interagency planning and oversight of space environmental protection. Congress has already voted to ask the Bush Administration to study and report on problems caused by nuclear reactors in orbit. And Rep. George Brown (D-CA) has introduced legislation (HR 966) calling for an international ban on nuclear reactors and RTGs (radioisotope thermal generators) in orbit.

The International Security and Satellite Monitoring Act of 1989 (HR 1574) makes a start in addressing the threat to "open skies" and non-discriminatory access to information posed by a purely commercial, market-driven approach to space policy. According to the May 1989 issue of *Spaceline*, the bill will establish a national commission to extensively study the uses of remote sensing by satellites for "an integrated national security strategy." Bob Katula, aide to Congressman Robert Mrazek (D-NY), sponsor of HR 1574, says the bill already has 45 co-sponsors, and is gaining sponsors twice as fast as it did last year, the first year it was introduced. Hearings have been requested for October. More co-sponsors are needed.

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## Feature

# Bush Administration Revises Nuclear War-Fighting Plan

by Alex Forman



Behind the facade of improved U.S./Soviet relations, the Bush Administration is quietly making preparations for a decapitating nuclear first strike against the Soviet Union. This is the chilling conclusion of a three-part feature article by *Los Angeles Times* staff writer Robert C. Toth. Toth's article appeared in the *Times* on July 23-25, and his alarming information received scant attention in the Bay Area media.

The new U.S. nuclear war-fighting strategy is contained in a revised version of the Strategic Integrated Operations Plan, or SIOP, which is now being prepared by the Strategic Air Command. SIOP-1 was developed by Eisenhower Administration back in 1960, and the Bush Administration is now preparing SIOP-7. The impetus for SIOP-7 began with the later Reagan Administration, but so far Bush strategists are pressing ahead with these plans, despite the relaxation of tension between the superpowers.

At a time when the public believes the arms race is ending, SIOP-7 calls for spending billions on deadly new weapons, including the following:

- Special new warheads that penetrate up to 600 feet into the ground before detonating. These weapons are designed to wipe out the military and political leadership of the Soviet Union.
- New maneuverable delivery vehicles that can land these penetrating warheads with pinpoint accuracy at the exact angle needed to guarantee maximum penetration of the ground.
- Warheads with vastly higher yields are being reactivated, including old nine-megaton bombs with yields six times anything in the current arsenal. Consideration is actually being given to a new 22 megaton bomb. (The Hiroshima bomb was 13 kilotons; a 22 megaton bomb is equal to approximately 1700 Hiroshima

bombs.)

Why is the Bush Administration planning to spend billions on these new weapons? According to Toth, it is basically a continuation of a trend in U.S. strategy that was begun during the Carter Administration. This trend marks a shift from the old strategy of mutual assured destruction, or MAD, to one of nuclear war-fighting, in which the goal is to provide the president with additional options to a massive retaliatory second strike. Thus, the new SIOP will give Bush the option of ordering a strike directly on Soviet command centers before a full scale war has begun. U.S. strategists have long relished the opportunity to "decapitate" the Soviet Union and render it helpless in responding to our military moves.

This goal of actually eliminating the leadership of the Soviet Union was a key focus of Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security advisor, and his military assistant Brig. Gen. William E. Odom. Toth quotes one official who participated in meetings with Brzezinski and Odom to formulate this new strategy: "They were hot not only to target leadership but to fragment the Soviet Union, exacerbate nationality problems, threaten the Soviet control apparatus itself... Brzezinski would ask questions like: 'Where are the plans to kill Russians?'" SIOP-7 appears to bring the wishful fantasies of Brzezinski into the realm of military reality.

Critics of the new emphasis on targeting Soviet command and control centers point out that SIOP-7 may actually make a war more likely. Toth reports the view of Desmond Ball, one of the leading experts on nuclear targeting issues. Ball believes that if in a crisis the Soviet leadership feels vulnerable, they may be more likely to launch their weapons first in a desperate move to avoid a decapitating first strike by

the United States.

It is this destabilizing element that is most frightening to those who believe in the necessity of common security, a system based on either side threatening the other. Rather than moving us toward such a stable world, SIOP-7 is a retreat to the old ways of thinking that have dominated Cold War politics.

Another disturbing element in the thinking behind SIOP-7 is that these military strategists actually fear the reductions in nuclear weapons that would result from a successful START Treaty. (This proposed treaty would result in about 40 percent less nuclear warheads.) In the bizarre world of the nuclear war planners less weapons are seen as more dangerous. Thus, they are planning a new generation of weapons to retain their nuclear war-fighting options within the confines of a reduced arsenal.

Toth quotes a Bush Administration official who states that, "START has clearly put us in a bind." This bind refers to the conflicting goals of arms control, new nuclear weapons acquisition, nuclear war deterrence, and the targeting of Soviet sites for U.S. nuclear weapons. SIOP-7 seeks a way out of this bind by focusing on new weapons and new targets while neglecting the public goals of arms control and deterring war. Thus, we have the current Orwellian situation of an administration that in public mouths the phrases of peace and arms reductions, while in private prepares for the final nuclear Armageddon.

The *Los Angeles Times* published a full page of letters responding to the Toth series and there was universal public outrage over the plans of the Bush Administration. One angry reader summed it up most cogently, "What kind of black humor could this be? What insane minds was your *Times* staff writer exposing? I read on: 'Quietly and without any debate, the Bush Administration is preparing drastic changes in the basic U.S. strategy for fighting a nuclear war with the Soviet Union...'

"This included 'discreet' killing of their heads of government...and on and on, page after horrifying page. Three questions we must ask ourselves: Is this the kinder, gentler America? Is this what the American people want as the U.S. response to glasnost? Have we all gone raving mad?"

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# Activists Target UTC Corporation

by Peter Lumsdaine

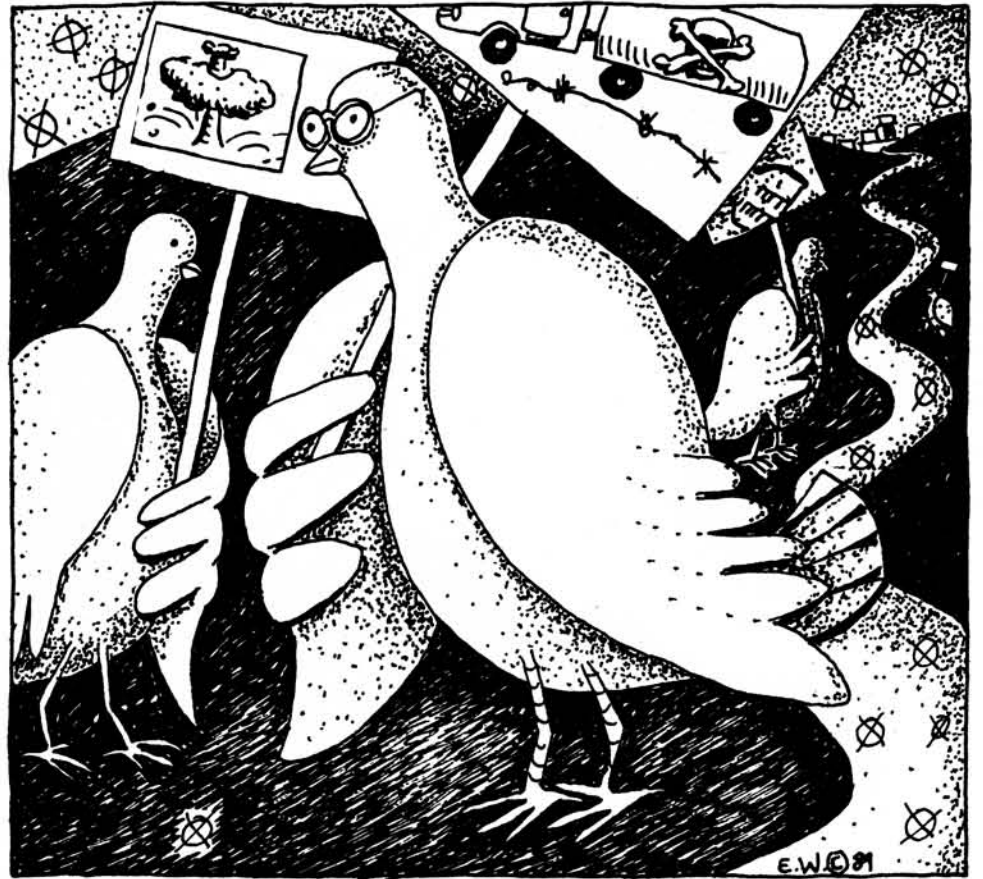
Amid a swirl of increasing controversy over its environmental record, United Technologies Corporation's strategic missile facility, only 22 miles from downtown Santa Cruz, is preparing for the first protest there since the Vietnam War. A coalition of Northern California peace and environmental groups is gearing up for an October 15-16 teach-in and nonviolent civil resistance action at UTC, which produces and tests the third-stage rocket motors for the Trident II D5 nuclear missile system. This action, being organized through Bay Area Peace Test, will mark the 20th anniversary of the Vietnam Moratorium demonstrations. It will also kick off a week of nationwide protests at nuclear weapons facilities around the country, coordinated through National Mobilization for Survival's "Stop the Restart" campaign.

UTC, a multinational corporation with 300 factories and offices in 50 different countries, is the seventh largest manufacturing company in the U.S. and the Pentagon's eighth largest contractor. Its sprawling 5200-acre Chemical Systems Division (CSD) is located near the tiny town of Coyote just to the east of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

United Technologies ships Trident II D5 third-stage motors filled with ammonium

perchlorate down narrow winding roads from the plant and through densely populated areas of southeast San Jose. (Ammonium perchlorate is an extremely explosive rocket fuel which leveled the small Nevada town of Henderson in a May 1988 accident.) Internal regulations reveal that in case of a third stage accident "Firemen should not approach closer than 2500 feet." Air Force risk-assessment inspections at the CSD plant in 1987 and 1988 documented severe explosive safety problems requiring "immediate action" to correct.

Every year UTC's ground-shaking engine tests and open-pit burning of excess rocket fuel, which can be heard and seen for 15 to 20 miles, spew at least 137 tons of highly caustic hydrochloric acid, along with carbon monoxide and aluminum oxides, into the air of the southern San Francisco Bay area. San Jose's Environmental Management Director Michelle Yesney expressed concern about the site's "toxic air emissions which could threaten public health" in a June letter to state health officials. Local residents on Metcalf Road have complained of nose bleeds, nausea and eye irritation, as well as hazardous UTC vehicle operation on the two-lane mountain road, and lack of emergency evacuation procedures.



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Those bold enough to speak up have suffered anonymous threats and personal harassment from UTC security forces. Their complaints have met a wall of governmental inaction. A Santa Clara County source, who asked not to be named, admits that "There's a lot of force out there and a tremendous amount of money—everyone keeps backing off." County geologist Jim Berkland, who flew over the CSD site with other local officials in the fall of 1985, described the UTC complex as "a whole invisible empire."

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Stanford biologist Dennis Murphy, who challenged the company's pipeline and road construction plans in a neighboring endangered species habitat, has been under surveillance by its security personnel and now fears for his own safety. "They're not about to allow anybody to have any say over anything they do on any of their property," says Murphy. The corporation also hired a San Francisco law firm to stop the Bay Checkerspot butterfly from being listed as a rare and endangered species subject to protection, pulling out the Undersecretaries of the Navy and Air Force to testify for UTC in its clash with the threatened insect.

In August 1989 the public learned that toxic chemicals from UTC, including officially unsafe levels of the carcinogenic solvent TCE, were seeping through the ground close to Anderson Reservoir, which provides drinking water for up to 300,000 people. But company officials are now pressing for a five-year extension of their hazardous waste permit and expansion from six to ten burn pits.

The hazards of the UTC plant go far beyond the local environment, and they are beginning to unite worried neighbors and South Bay environmentalists with regional and national peace movements. In 1966 the company's production of napalm for the Vietnam War sparked picketing and civil disobedience in San Jose. Now, after two decades of quiet

weapons production, the company's Chemical Systems Division is becoming a focal point of opposition to the Pentagon's rapidly advancing drive for gaining a nuclear first-strike option in the 1990's. UTC's Coyote facility is the Western end of a transcontinental truck and rail corridor which carries Trident II components to the missile's final assembly and deployment site, at King's Bay, Georgia.

The Pentagon plans to begin deploying the Trident II D5, called "the ultimate first-strike weapon" by one of its former de-

10 to 15 minutes from their targets, the Pentagon will wield a credible threat of destroying any opponent along with the opponent's means of retaliation.

Thus, while political leaders and news media editorials proclaim that the Cold War is over, the U.S. government is pushing for a new escalation of the nuclear arms race, and threatening the environmental health and safety of local communities in the process—from the plans to refurbish and re-open its leaking weapons fuel reactors to the shipments of Trident II missile parts across the continent.

Grassroots organizers from California to Cape Canaveral are rising to the challenge, seeking to overcome public complacency and brake the momentum of military escalation, just as the Vietnam Moratorium did two decades ago. The Mobilization for Survival-coordinated "Stop the Restart" actions this October at nuclear weapons facilities across the country—UTC, Hanford, Rocky Flats, Cape Canaveral, Oak Ridge, Fernald, Idaho National Engineering Lab, and elsewhere—may prove to be an important step toward renewal of effective peace, justice, and environmental movements in the 1990's.

*Peter Lumsdaine, founder of the First Strike Prevention Project, has served on the National Mobilization for Survival's Coordinating Committee since 1985, and is currently working on the October UTC action as the Mobilization's Western field organizer. For more information on the UTC action or Mobilization for Survival, please call 427-0322 in Santa Cruz.*

signers, Robert C. Aldridge, at the end of March 1990. Dramatic but correctable difficulties with the missile's exhaust nozzles during recent flight tests are not expected to significantly alter the D5's first-strike capabilities, nor the overall deployment schedule for the early-to-mid 1990's. Unless greatly intensified public resistance derails or limits the Trident II and NAVSTAR targeting satellite programs, by 1993 the Pentagon will complete an unprecedented first-strike missile arsenal—making nuclear war by design or accident more likely than ever before. With at least 3000 precision-guided warheads poised on Trident missiles only

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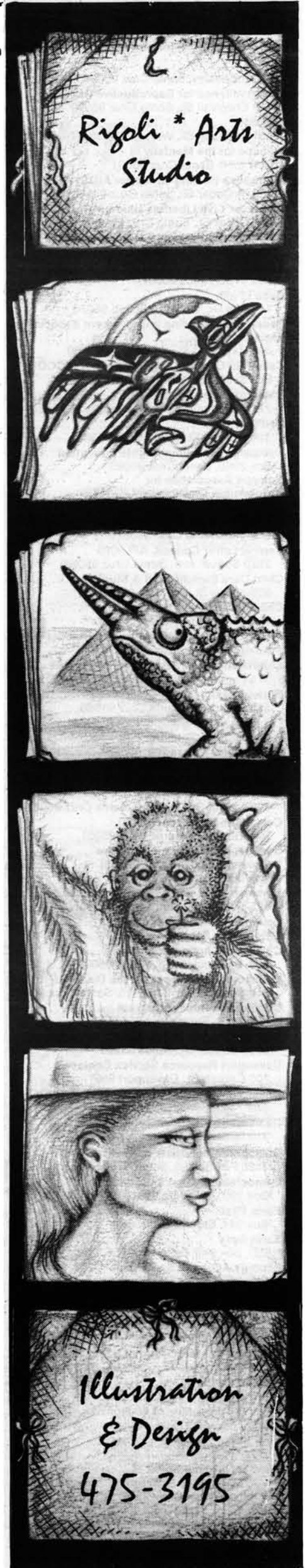
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- Alternative Healing Group for AIDS/ARC** ..... 429-1388  
112-A Cedar St., Santa Cruz 95060
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** ..... 429-9880  
411 Cedar St., Santa Cruz 95060 Bob Taren
- Amnesty International** ..... 423-0323  
134-E Blaine St., Santa Cruz 95060 Cheryl Bentley
- Aptos Neighbors** ..... 688-3460  
Box 1732, Aptos 95001 Peter Smithy
- Baha'i Faith** ..... 688-0221  
176 Alta Dr., La Selva Beach 95076 Ann Miller
- Beach Flats Housing Improvement Association/  
Vecinos Unidos** ..... 458-3174  
302 Raymond St., Santa Cruz 95060 Estaban Reyes
- California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)** ..... 423-2263  
Box 8136, Santa Cruz 95061 Phil McGee
- California Grey Bears** ..... 479-1055  
2710 Chanticleer Ave., Santa Cruz 95062
- CalPIRG** ..... 479-7211  
311 Laurent St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Campaign for Animal Rights Education** ..... 459-0990  
Box 2960, Santa Cruz 95063
- Campus Association for  
Responsible Development (CARD)** ..... 423-2019  
A-Frame, UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064 Juliet Peck
- Central American Health Rights Project** ..... 426-0528  
Box 366, Santa Cruz 95061
- Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO** ..... 475-1335  
2920 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz 95062
- Child Care Switchboard & Studio** ..... 476-8585  
809-H Bay St., Capitola 95010
- Children for Peace** ..... 358-2956  
106 Olca Ct., Los Gatos 95030 Tom Franklin
- Children's Creative Response to Conflict** ..... 426-3381  
Box 624, Santa Cruz 95061
- Chile/Santa Cruz Friendship Committee** ..... 425-8493  
374 Fairmount Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 Dale Roche
- Christic Action Team** ..... 426-3254  
509 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060 Grant Wilson
- Coalition for Meaningful Pay (COMP)** ..... 662-3633  
c/o 10094 Soquel Dr., Aptos 95003 Penny Schantz
- Coalition for Nicaragua** ..... 458-0303  
528 Chestnut St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Commission for the Prevention of  
Violence Against Women** ..... 429-3546  
809 Center St. Room 10, Santa Cruz 95060
- Committee for Impeachment**  
P.O. Box 7772, Santa Cruz 95061
- Committee in Solidarity with the  
People of El Salvador (CISPES)** ..... 458-3555  
Box 366, Santa Cruz 95061
- Common Cause** ..... 425-7474  
125-3 Felix St., Santa Cruz 95060 Sylvia Knapton
- Communist Party of Santa Cruz** ..... 429-9720  
Box 7561, Santa Cruz 95061 Jim Brough
- Community Action Board** ..... 662-3616  
323-B Spreckles Dr., Aptos 95003
- Community Resources for the Disabled** ..... 429-9969  
340 Soquel Ave., Suite 115, Santa Cruz 95062
- Conflict Resolution Program** ..... 427-3234  
Box 7224, Santa Cruz 95061 Sandy Sweitzer
- Cultural Council of S.C. Co.** ..... 688-5399  
6500 Soquel Dr., Aptos 95003
- Davenport Resource Service Center** ..... 425-8115  
100 Church St., Davenport 95017 Amy Weiss
- Democratic Central Committee** ..... 423-6445  
Box 7763, Santa Cruz 95061
- Democratic Management Services** ..... 425-7478  
310 Locust St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)**  
2435 Felt St. #95, Santa Cruz 95062
- Democratic Women's Club** ..... 479-0641  
Box 1901, Capitola 95010 Rachel Haskell
- Earth First!** ..... 425-8094  
Box 344, Santa Cruz 95061
- Earth Save** ..... 479-7355  
P.O. Box 949, Felton 95018 Sue Cliff
- Ecology Action of Santa Cruz** ..... 476-8088  
Box 1188, Santa Cruz 95061
- Educators for Social Responsibility (UCSC)** ..... 426-1597  
441 High St., Santa Cruz 95060 Sigrid McLaughlin
- Environmental Council** ..... 426-2286  
Box 1769, Santa Cruz 95061 Jack Schultz
- Epilepsy Support Group of Santa Cruz** ..... 425-0725  
125 Torrey Pine Ter., Santa Cruz 95060
- Familia Center** ..... 423-5747  
302 Raymond St., Santa Cruz 95060 Lucy Trujillo
- Filipino Community of Watsonville** ..... 722-6522  
2448 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville 95076 Frank Irao
- First Strike Prevention Project** ..... 427-0322  
Box 7061, Santa Cruz 95061 Peter Lumsdaine
- Food & Nutrition Services** ..... 688-8840  
236 Santa Cruz Ave., Aptos 95003
- Food Irradiation Response** ..... 426-2734  
Box 5183, Santa Cruz 95061 Christine Albrecht
- Freedom Song Network** ..... 338-7283  
Box 559, Felton 95018 Mark Levy
- Friends Committee on National Legislation** ..... 423-2605  
118 Miles St., Santa Cruz 95060 Herb Foster
- Friends of Porter-Sesnon** ..... 475-6104  
3407 Gross Rd., Santa Cruz 95062 Vickie Powell-Murray
- Friends Peace & Social Order Committee** ..... 427-2399  
217 Marnell Ave., Santa Cruz 95062 Ned Van Valkenburgh
- Gay and Lesbian Vegetarians** ..... 336-3255  
Box 7971, Santa Cruz 95061
- Gray Panthers** ..... 475-2435  
Box 1015, Santa Cruz 95061 Zena Druckman
- Greenpeace** ..... 458-3090  
1012 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz 95060 Joee Conroy
- Harbinger Communications** ..... 429-8727  
250 Homestead Trail, Santa Cruz 95060 Bill Leland
- Housing Law Center** ..... 458-1086  
1522 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz 95060
- Human Care Alliance** ..... 423-0554  
1110 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz 95060
- Janus Alcoholism Services** ..... 462-1060  
718 Carmel St., Santa Cruz 95062
- Japanese American Citizen League** ..... 724-4028  
Box 163, Watsonville 95077
- Kolaynu/Santa Cruz New Jewish Agenda** ..... 425-4782  
219 Peyton St., Santa Cruz 95060 Sally Schwartz
- KUSP-FM** ..... 476-2800  
203-8th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062
- KZSC-FM** ..... 429-2811  
UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064
- Lavender Reader**  
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- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)**  
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- Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz Co.** ..... 688-6535  
21 Carr St., Watsonville 95076
- Lesbian & Gay Action Alliance** ..... 423-7287  
Box 7293, Santa Cruz 95061 Jo Kenny
- Lesbian News**  
Box 2968, Santa Cruz 95063
- Lively Connections** ..... 458-9425  
528 Chestnut St., Santa Cruz 95060 John Leopold
- Mae Brussell Research Center** ..... 426-7373  
P.O. Box 8431, Santa Cruz 95061 John Judge
- Matrix Women's Newsmagazine** ..... 429-1238  
Box 3138, Santa Cruz 95063
- Media Watch** ..... 423-6355  
1803-7 Mission St., Santa Cruz 95060 Ann Simonton
- Men's Alternatives to Violence** ..... 425-5248  
Box 2126, Santa Cruz 95061
- Mental Health Captives Liberation Front** ..... 426-3201  
117 Ocean St., Santa Cruz 95060 John Telfair
- Migrant Media Education Project** ..... 724-2997  
101 E. Beach St., Watsonville 95076
- Monseñor Oscar A. Romero  
Central American Refugee Committee** ..... 426-4467  
509 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060
- Monterey Bay Pledge of Resistance** ..... 458-0276  
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- The Monthly Planet** ..... 429-8755  
Box 8463, Santa Cruz 95061 John Govsky
- NAACP** ..... 426-1957  
Box 1433, Santa Cruz 95061 Francile Hill
- National Organization for Women (NOW)**  
S.C. Co. Chapter ..... 335-7704  
Box 1119, Felton 95018 Liz Taylor-Selling
- Native American Support Group** ..... 479-0327  
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- Natural Resources & Employment Program** ..... 662-3616  
323-F Spreckles Dr., Aptos 95003
- New Society Publishers** ..... 458-1191  
Box 582, Santa Cruz 95061
- Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Santa Cruz Co.** ..... 458-9975  
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- One Song International Choir** ..... 427-0558  
108 Anita St., Santa Cruz
- Pajaro Valley Democratic Club** ..... 724-6522  
1208 Freedom Blvd., Watsonville 95076
- Pajaro Valley Religious Committee  
for Peacemaking** ..... 722-9638  
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- Peace Day Project** ..... 475-0207  
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- Peace Education Project** ..... 338-7283  
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- Peace & Freedom Party** ..... 426-7251  
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- People's Democratic Club** ..... 458-1830  
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- Physicians for Social Responsibility** ..... 422-9066  
505 E. Romie Lane, Salinas 93901 Don King
- Planned Parenthood, Santa Cruz** ..... 426-5550  
212 Laurel St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Planned Parenthood, Watsonville** ..... 724-7525  
90 Mariposa Ave., Watsonville 95076
- Progressive Animal Rights Alliance** ..... 438-PARA  
Box 2960, Santa Cruz 95063
- Progressive Business Network** ..... 475-7787  
3016 Buckingham Ln., Santa Cruz 95062 Scott Roseman
- Psychiatric Inmates Rights Collective** ..... 475-7904  
Box 299, Santa Cruz 95061 Jane Kysor
- Rainbow Coalition** ..... 761-0861  
432 Winchester Dr., Watsonville 95076
- Resource Center for Nonviolence** ..... 423-1626  
515 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060 Doug Rand
- St. Francis Catholic Kitchen** ..... 425-9225  
205 Mora St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Salud Para la Gente** ..... 728-0222  
10 Alexander St., Watsonville 95076
- San Lorenzo Valley Women's Club** ..... 338-6578  
Box 574, Ben Lomond 95005 Nancy Macy
- Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN)** ..... 458-9425  
528 Chestnut St., Santa Cruz 95060 John Leopold
- Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP)** ..... 427-3900  
Box 5142, Santa Cruz 95061
- Santa Cruz Community Credit Union** ..... 425-7708  
512 Front St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Santa Cruz Community Housing Corporation** ..... 423-1318  
105 Cooper St., Suite 219, Santa Cruz 95060
- Santa Cruz Co. Cycling Club** ..... 423-0829  
414 1/2 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz 95062
- Santa Cruz County Immigration Project** ..... 724-5667  
406 Main St. Suite 217, Watsonville 95076
- Santa Cruz Greens** ..... 335-3216  
330 Orchard Rd., Felton 95018
- Santa Cruz Indian Council** ..... 427-1757  
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- Santa Cruz SPCA** ..... 475-6454  
2200 7th Ave., Santa Cruz 95062
- Santa Cruz Westside Community Health Center** ..... 425-5028  
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- Save Our Shores (SOS)** ..... 425-1769  
Box 1560, Santa Cruz 95061 Dan Haifley
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4453 Fairway Dr., Soquel 95073 Judy Parsons
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- School of Spiritual Impeccability** ..... 338-7139  
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343 Church St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Senior Citizens Legal Services, Watsonville** ..... 728-4711  
127 E. Beach St., Watsonville 95076
- Seniors Council** ..... 688-0400  
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- Sierra Club** ..... 426-4453  
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P.O. Box 734, Capitola 95010
- Sunray Meditation Society** ..... 726-2444  
309 Cedar St., Suite 41, Santa Cruz 95060
- UCSC Women's Center** ..... 429-2072  
UCSC, Santa Cruz 95064
- Uhuru Solidarity Committee** ..... 458-0802  
Box 2002, Santa Cruz 95063
- Union of North American Women for Peace  
and Justice in Central America (UNA)** ..... 426-3452  
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- Unitarian/Universalist Fellowship  
Social Action Committee** ..... 684-0506  
6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos 95003 Beth Coats
- United Farmworkers of America** ..... 724-1308  
406 Main St., Watsonville 95076
- VFW Post 5888, Bill Motto** ..... 429-8345  
Box 664, Santa Cruz 95061 Richard Moran
- Volunteer Center of S.C. Co.** ..... 423-0554  
1110 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz 95060
- Voter Revolt/Yes on 103** ..... 427-3848  
185 Walnut St., Santa Cruz 95060
- War Tax Resistance Fund** ..... 427-2399  
316 King St., Santa Cruz 95060 Ned Van Valkenburgh
- Welfare Parents Support Group** ..... 458-9070  
509 Broadway, Santa Cruz 95060
- Women Against Rape** ..... 426-7273  
Box 711, Santa Cruz 95061
- Women for International Peace and Arbitration**  
106 Comstock Lane, Santa Cruz 95060
- Women's Crisis Support & Shelter Services** ..... 425-5525  
1025 Center St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Women's Health Center** ..... 427-3500  
250 Locust St., Santa Cruz 95060
- Women's International League for Peace & Freedom  
(WILPF)** ..... 425-7618  
Box 61, Santa Cruz 95063
- YWCA, Santa Cruz** ..... 426-3062  
303 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz 95060



This list was compiled by the Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN) for Lively Connections, an informal network of Santa Cruz County peace, social justice, and community organizations. To update information on the Lively Connections list, or to add your organization, call 458-9425. Mailing labels for this list are available for \$2.00. SCAN has recently published the fifth edition of the *People's Yellow Pages*, which includes all the groups listed above as well as hundreds of other listings of community groups, clubs, non-profits, and governmental agencies. Each listing includes a description of what the group does in both English and Spanish, with information about where the organization is located, their phone number, hours, and bus route they are on. Pick up your PYP at local bookstores and other retail outlets. For more information, call 458-9425.

## Peace & Justice Calendar

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

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

We must receive your listing no later than **5 p.m. Tuesday, October 24** for inclusion in the November issue (publication date: Thursday, November 2).

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**Discussion with Ed Connolly, investigative journalist, concerning state defense forces** — paramilitary volunteer forces created for the purpose of maintaining law and order in times of national emergency. Presented by the Christic Action Team of Santa Cruz. 8 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 426-3254.

**Open Gatherings small group discussions.** Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization. Free, donation requested. 7 p.m., Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street; 9 p.m., Cafe Cameleon, 418 Front Street. Info: 947-1606.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**"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. Tonight's guests, Lois and Bert Muhly, will discuss U.S. intervention policy in Central America, including the Panama situation, the upcoming elections in Nicaragua, and how third world countries view environmental protection. 8 - 9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

**"Breaking Ranks," a Consider the Alternatives radio program** on KAZU (90.3 FM). In her book "Breaking Ranks" Melissa Everett tells the stories of ten men who left comfortable jobs in the military, the CIA, or the nuclear weapons industry. Each, in his own way, is now working for peace. This program features an interview with Melissa Everett, as well as the stories of three of the men she profiles in her book. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Silent vigil in support of the Israeli and Palestinian women who are devoting their lives to working toward peace.** In honor of the Israeli organization Women in Black, participants are encouraged to wear black. This vigil is open to all persons who support an end to the occupation and a two state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Sponsored by



Kolaynu/New Jewish Agenda of Santa Cruz. Info: Ilene 426-0254.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**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, OCTOBER 5

**Slide show and talk by Valori George of the Women's Convoy to Central America.** Sponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Unitarian Fellowship. 7 p.m., 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos. Info: 684-1401 or 423-9707.

**Premiere showing of "The Nevada Movement," a video documentary on the newly formed independent Soviet movement against nuclear testing,** with Pamela Osgood reporting on her meet-

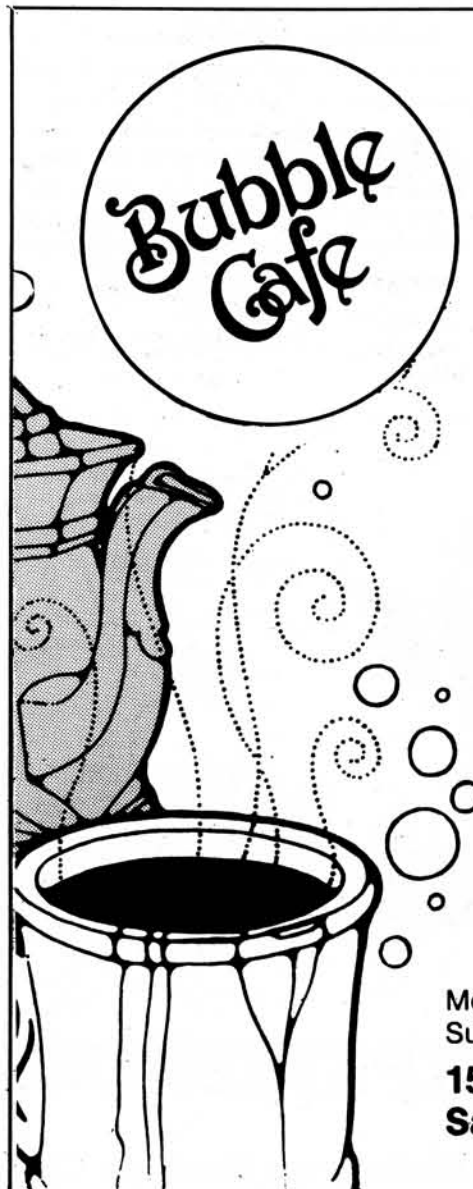


ings with Soviet Peace Activists; plus "United Technologies: Fueling the Arms Race, Poisoning Our Environment," a slide presentation and discussion of the local corporate facility which produces the Trident nuclear missile and releases toxic waste which is seeping into the water source for 300,000 South Bay residents. 7 p.m., 3220 Gallery, 3220 Sacramento St. (at Lyon), San Francisco. Sponsored by Bay Area Peace Test, (415) 861-0592.

**Rally for the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 483.** Show solidarity for workers at the Holiday Inn and Dream Inn who face losing their union contract which expires on Sept. 30. Neither hotel has made a commitment to begin negotiations with the union to renew it. 5 p.m., Holiday Inn on Ocean St. Info: 1-800-222-2585.

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## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**"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. Tape of G. William Domhoff's lecture on "Who Rules America Now." Professor Domhoff lectures at UCSC. 8 - 9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

**National March For Housing Now!** U.S. Capitol, Washington D.C. Info: 425-7478 or 662-3616.

**Open Gatherings small group discussions.** Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization. Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

**Nonviolence Preparation for United Technologies Action** (see October 16). 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., UCSC, Kresge Commuter Lounge, UCSC. Bring a bag lunch. Info: 426-0254 or 426-1062.

**"The Plutonium Challenge," a Consider the Alternatives radio program** on KAZU (90.3 FM). A look at the politics of plutonium production, featuring Congressman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and David Albright, senior staff scientist for the Federation of American Scientists. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

**Regular meeting of the Coalition for Nicaragua.** Slide show presentation on the Women's Convoy to Central America by two local participants in the convoy,

Lynn Clausen and Valori George. Co-sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Santa Cruz Guatemala Committee. 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, OCTOBER 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

**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, OCTOBER 12

**Open Gatherings small group discussions.** Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization. Free, donation requested. 7 p.m., Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street; 9 p.m., Cafe Cameleon, 418 Front Street. Info: 947-1606.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 -

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

**"March Against State Killing"** sponsored

by Death Penalty Focus and Amnesty International. Sacramento to San Francisco, ending at San Quentin. Info: (415) 255-8100.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

**The San Francisco Mime Troupe in "Seeing Double."** Presented by the Santa Cruz Action Network. Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets \$7.50 advance (subject to service charge) at Civic Box Office, Cymbaline Records and the SCAN Office (528 Chestnut St.); \$8.50 at door. Info: 458-9425.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**"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, Scott Kennedy, is the Middle East Staff Person of the Resource Center for Nonviolence. He will present an update on the PLO Peace Initiative. Scott spoke with Yassar Arafat in 1987 and has been studying the dispute for 15 years. 8 - 9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

**Open Gatherings small group discussions.** Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization. Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

**Community Picnic and Teach-In to learn about United Technologies Corporation's facility** in the foothills of San Jose, and its impact on health, peace and the environment. Nonviolent action preparation for October 16 demonstration at UTC will be part of the day's activities. Picnic begins at 11 a.m. Games, music, bring food. Teach-In 7 - 9 p.m. Evergreen Valley College, off San Felipe Road, San Jose. Free. Sponsored by Bay Area Peace Test. Info: 427-0322, 297-2299 or (415) 861-0592.

**"The Central American Peace Plan," a Consider the Alternatives radio program**

on KAZU (90.3 FM). With the deadline approaching for the demobilization of the Contras, the program takes a look at U.S. policy toward Nicaragua. Features William Leogrande, Professor of Political Science at the American University in Washington D.C. and co-editor of "Confronting Revolution: Security through Diplomacy in Central America"; and Mary Purcell, Non-Intervention Coordinator for Nicaragua Network. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

**Nonviolent Direct Action at United Technologies Corporation, San Jose.** UTC produces the Trident II (D-5) missile, conducts open air burns of waste rocket fuel, transports highly explosive chemicals and radioactive materials through residential communities, and has a history of dumping toxic chemicals which are seeping into the South bay's drinking water supplies. Bring signs and water. 7 a.m., at the gates of UTC on San Felipe Road, San Jose. Free. Sponsored by Bay Area Peace Test. Info: 427-0322, 297-2299, or (415) 861-0592.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

**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.

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**Peace Economy Campaign Planning Meeting.** Are you satisfied with federal spending priorities? Do you think military spending is too high and social spending too low? Come to a planning meeting of the local Peace Economy Campaign, a coalition effort to lobby for cuts in the military budget and re-prioritization of federal spending to meet the needs of our local community. Sponsored by (so far) the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, the Community Action Board, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 9 a.m. For agenda packet and campaign materials, call Terry at 458-9975.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**"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. Tape of Daniel Faber, Director of EPOCA, who will discuss "The Environmental Crisis in El Salvador." 8 - 9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

**Open Gatherings small group discussions.** Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization. Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**"The Conquest of War," a Consider the Alternatives radio program** on KAZU (90.3 FM). According to Mark Sommer, research director for the Alternative Defense Project and co-author of "The Conquest of War," the real threats to the security of every nation are now common threats: environmental and economic problems. In this interview, Sommer argues that in our age of mutual vulnerability, reliance on military strength is obsolete, and costing the nations of the world roughly \$1 trillion annually — money that is desperately needed for economic development, infrastructure repairs, and environmental protection. (Repeat broadcast) 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**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, OCTOBER 24**

**Seven Minutes of World Peace: A Simultaneous Global Observance.** Today, United Nations Day, individuals, groups and organizations around the world simultaneously will join in seven minutes of silence, silent prayer or meditation, to share the spirit of peace on earth. The observance corresponds to 1:07

p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at United Nations Headquarters in New York. After your observance of the event, you are invited to write a letter and/or send photos, copies of your poster, program or news articles to tell us how you or your organization observed the Seven Minutes. Mail these to Seven Minutes for World Peace, P.O. Box 22327, Baltimore, MD 21203. Your stories will provide the basis for a brochure to spread the word about the seventh annual observance of Seven Minutes of World Peace in 1990.

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**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, OCTOBER 26**

**Discussion with Norman Solomon, author and investigative journalist, concerning mass media manipulation** of the news and its consequences to our society. Norman Solomon is on the advisory board of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR), a media watch group. He is co-author of a forthcoming book on bias in the mass media, and co-authored the book "Killing Our Own — The Disaster of

America's Experience with Atomic Radiation." Presented by the Christic Action Team of Santa Cruz. 8 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 426-3254.

**Open Gatherings small group discussions.** Sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a San Jose-based non-profit educational organization. Free, donation requested. 7 p.m., Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street; 9 p.m., Cafe Cameleon, 418 Front Street. Info: 947-1606.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 "Let Nicaragua Live" dinner and speakers.** Speakers, Ralph Paige from the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, a group of small, black owned farms who help Nicaraguan children by growing oats for the "Let Nicaragua Live" campaign; and Lilian Torres, a Nicaraguan doctor from the Women's Hospital in Managua. Sponsored by the Coalition for Nicaragua. Dinner begins at 6 p.m., program begins at 7:30 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Tickets \$7 - \$10 sliding scale. Info: 458-0303.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**"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. This program will present a documentary on the speeches of Chief Seattle including the "environmental" version, and the original, spiritual and prophetic 1854 speech of the great peace chief Seattle. Pat Miller will present a brief history of "Sealth" (Chief Seattle) and Dr. Robert Hahn will narrate Chief Seattle's original speech. 8 - 9 a.m. Call-in numbers: 253-6000 and 253-0303.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**Noam Chomsky will speak on "First World, Third World...Whose World?"** 8 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater, 1930 Allston Way (on Berkeley H.S. Campus), Berkeley. Sliding Scale \$8 - \$25, available at Cody's, City Lights, Black Oak, Modern Times, Kepler's, and Printers Inc. bookstores. Info: (415) 848-5006.

**"Bias in the U.S. News Media?: A 'FAIR' Warning," a Consider the Alternatives**

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**radio program** on KAZU (90.3 FM). This is the first in an occasional series of programs about the news media. Featured are: Jeff Cohen, executive director of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR), which works against right-wing bias in the news media; and freelance journalist Michael Massing, who has written for the Atlantic, the New York Review of Books, the Nation, and the Columbia Journalism Review. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Dr. Helen Caldicott will speak on "First World, Third World...Whose World?"** 8 p.m., Berkeley Community Theater, 1930 Allston Way (on Berkeley H.S. Campus), Berkeley. Sliding Scale \$8 - \$25, available at Cody's, City Lights, Black Oak, Modern Times, Kepler's and Printers Inc. bookstores. Sponsored by East Bay Express and the above Bay area independent bookstores. A benefit for K.P.F.A. Info: (415) 848-5006.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 -****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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