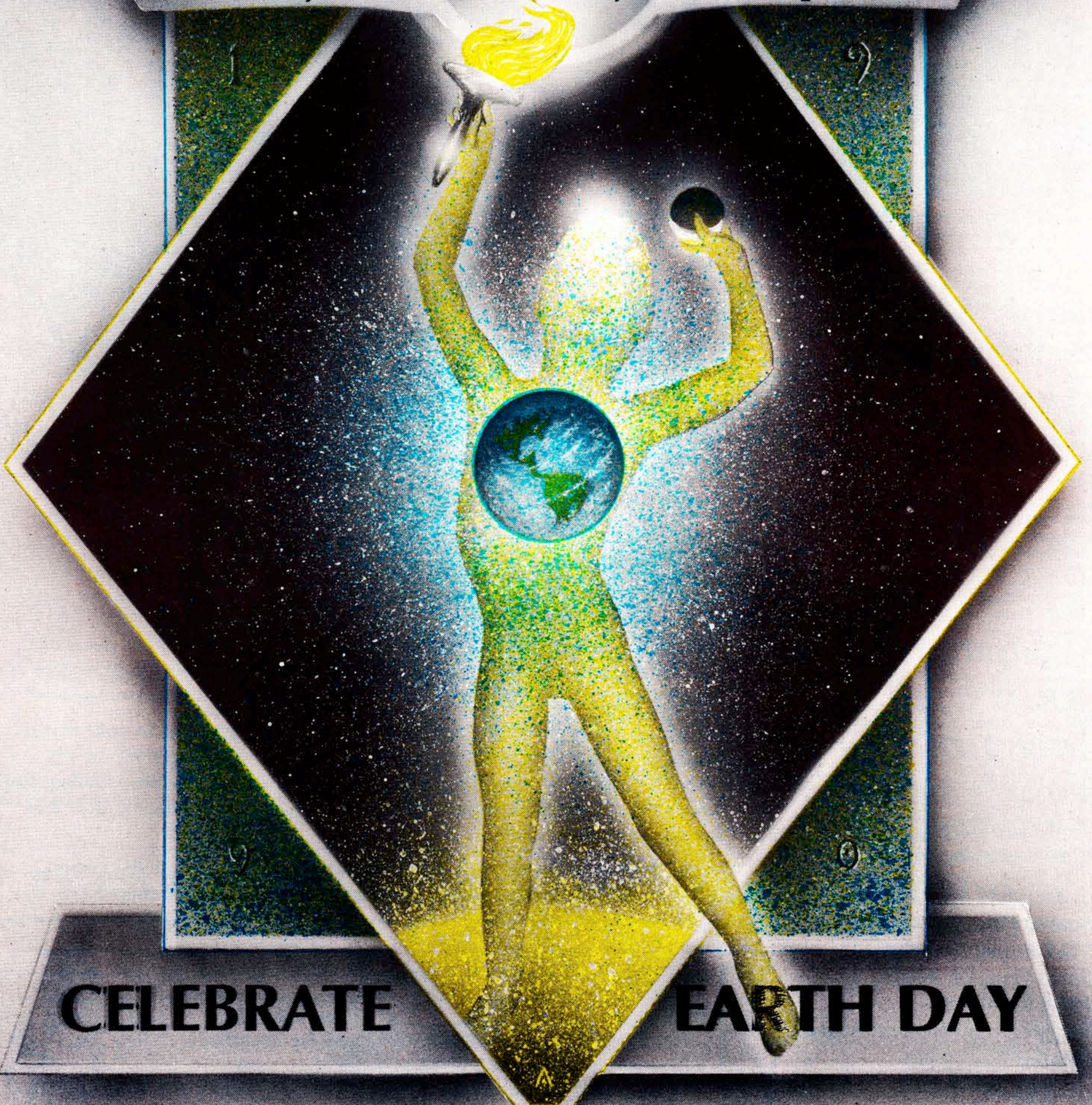


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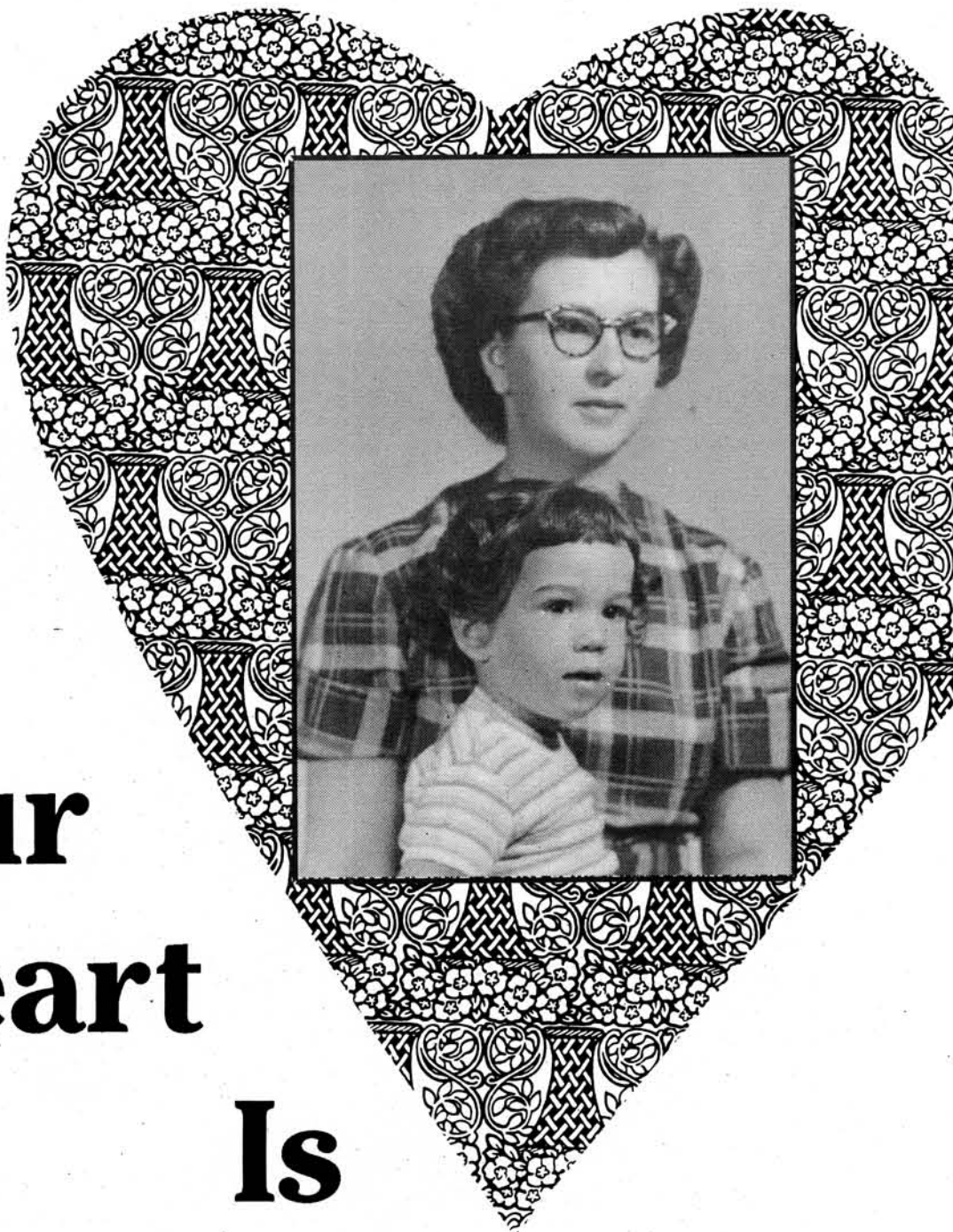
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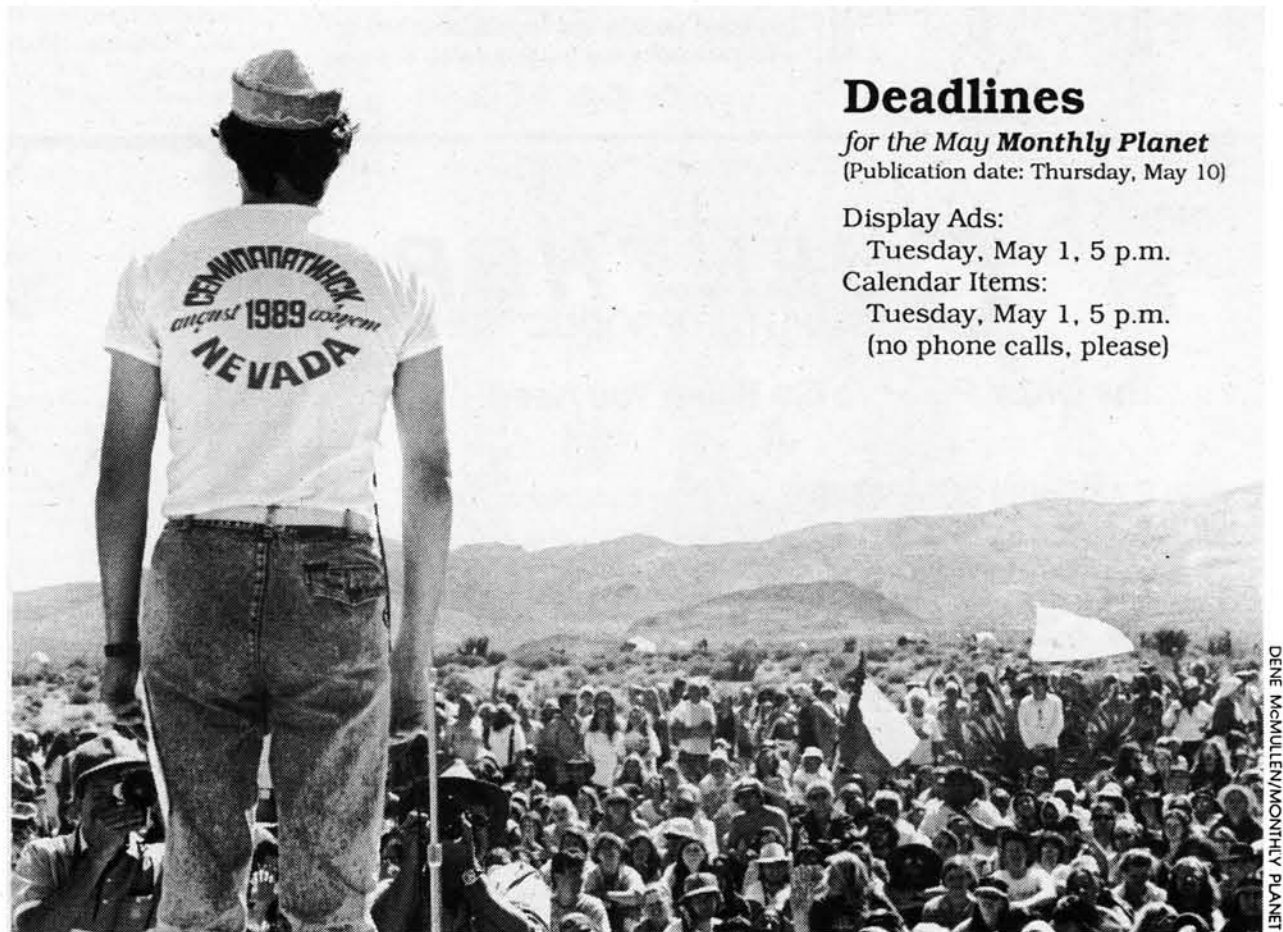
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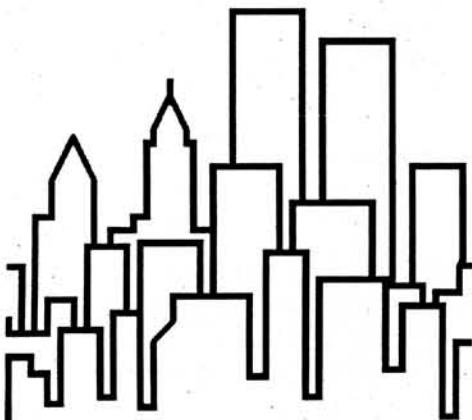
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Housing Crisis Results from Exploding Population

Thank you for your excellent appraisal of the Santa Cruz housing crisis. However, I want to mention that this crisis is just a symp-



tom of the underlying cause. As Dr. Jay Forrester of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology points out the human population is already beyond the sustainable carrying capacity of the planet. Dr. David Suzuki, a distinguished scientist and educator, asserts that if we are to avoid eco-catastrophe, we must contain our exploding human population and our consumptive lifestyles. Dr. Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University tells us that our relentless demands on our ecosystem are destroying two species an hour. This extinction could include the human species unless we take some immediate and drastic steps to halt the poisoning and destruction of our planet by an ever expanding population.

As badly as affordable housing is needed in Santa Cruz and throughout the world, blighting our area and the planet with more housing, roads and supporting facilities will only speed up the imminent collapse of the global biosphere. When I was born there were less than a billion people on this planet...by the time we reach the fabled millennium 2000, we will be sharing our planet with six billion people. Perhaps the government can provide more and more housing, but the real cost would be further deterioration of our oceans, air, water, soil and forests, the basic capital on which all life depends. If we are to survive, I suggest that we learn to live on less and not more. For example, the housing crises could be alleviated by using our existing housing more efficiently. Many homes are under-occupied partially due to restrictive and unrealistic zoning and building codes. It is time

our governments recognize the need for more affordable housing and facilitates more people living in existing housing.

*Adam Patton
Santa Cruz*

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It's no wonder the Santa Cruz County Jail is overcrowded. The poor and homeless are still being jailed for actions the richer perform at home. This includes sleeping, drinking, smoking, and attempting to earn a living.

If the people of Santa Cruz want a less crowded jail, then they should legalize sleeping, the selling of one's wares, and possession and use of marijuana, each a harmless, private action which has no adverse effects on anyone.

Craftsmakers have often been prevented from showing their wares by the Santa Cruz Police Department and permit requirements. There are people who are attempting to survive under adverse conditions by carrying out legitimate business, trying to better themselves by using their gifts and talents.

When considering mall rebuilding, I urge the city to set an area aside for craftsmakers and artists, an open air market where they can show their goods.

*Brian D. Koepke
Chair, Homeless Alliance
Santa Cruz*

Missed Opportunity

Re: Carolyn Cottom's article in Jan/Feb issue. Is she (and you) totally unaware that there will be a test ban demonstration at the Nevada Test site in Mar/April this spring? She excludes participation in that from her "campaign - 3 phases" and "integrated tasks."

I can't believe it! And there was even a picture from the test site in the article. What a missed opportunity to strengthen participation and awareness.

*June Hemmingson
Albany, OR*

Editor's note: We are aware, of course, that there are constant demonstrations at the Nevada Test Site. But we find out about specific events through the magic of the press release, and we had not received any notice of the spring action before our Jan./Feb. issue went to press.

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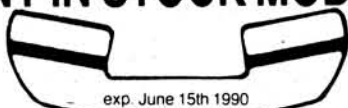
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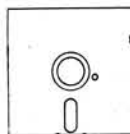
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Housing for Everyone: A Broken Promise

by Terry Teitelbaum

As part of the local Peace Economy Campaign, the Nuclear Weapons Freeze has started a research project on the impact of federal spending priorities on Santa Cruz County. The result will be a "Federal Impact Report" which will be published soon. The Monthly Planet will print a series of articles featuring some of the highlights of the Peace Economy Campaign research on unmet human needs including housing, childcare, hunger and healthcare.

Last month the Planet featured a story on the national and local housing crisis. The following article will examine the federal government's role in responding to and perhaps perpetuating this crisis. Next month we'll examine strategies and prospects for getting a "Housing Peace Dividend" by cutting military spending.

With the Housing Act of 1949, Congress promised "a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family." How well has the United States lived up to this pledge? Since it was made, Congress has failed to make housing assistance a guaranteed benefit for poor families. Unlike other "safety net" programs like food stamps or medicaid (known as "entitlement programs"), the poor are not legally "entitled" to housing assistance even if they meet all eligibility requirements. If Congress doesn't appropriate enough funds for housing programs to serve all of those in need, then some do not get assistance. Many applicants for housing assistance are placed on waiting lists, and in many cases, stay on those lists for years before actually receiving any aid. (In Santa Cruz County, the wait is now about six years, according to the Housing Authority.)

Compared to other Western industrialized nations, the United States ranks last in the proportion of subsidized housing units to families in poverty. In 1987, only 29 percent of the 7.7 million renter households with incomes below the poverty line lived in public housing or received government rental assistance.

If the majority of poor people are not being helped by federal housing assistance, who is? Last month, we characterized the housing crisis both locally and nationally as a crisis for low-income families. Yet federally-assisted housing programs have tended to help those who need it least — middle- to upper-income families. Assistance to the better off families takes the form of tax deductions, primarily for mortgage interest payments and property taxes. These are a type of housing subsidy known as a "tax expenditures." To better understand who benefits from federal housing assistance, consider the following comparisons:

- Since the 1970's, there has been a decline in federal commitment to low-income housing assistance while there has been a substantial increase in assistance to middle- and upper-income families.

- In fiscal year 1988, the United States spent \$13.9 billion on direct low-income housing assistance and \$53.9 billion in the form of tax expenditures for middle- to upper-income families.

- The amount of federal housing tax expenditures in just the past two fiscal years (\$107.4 billion) is approximately equal to the amount of money spent directly on all low-income subsidized housing programs in the



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last decade (\$107.7 billion).

- The number of households with incomes below \$10,000 a year is nearly the same as the number of households with incomes over \$50,000 a year. Yet, the total amount of federal subsidies (both from subsidized housing programs and tax benefits) currently going to the higher income families is more than three times the amount going to the lower income families.

The best known and most used of the federal low-income housing programs is the Section 8 program. Administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the principal element of this program provides certificates to eligible low-income families who then find housing on their own. The certificates are meant to cover the gap between 30 percent of their income (an increase from 25 percent after Reagan took office) and the actual rent. There's a catch to this plan, however. Section 8 certificates can

only be used for housing units with rent below the locally established "fair market rent." That means if there are no such units available, the certificate cannot be used.

Federal commitment to Section 8 and other low-income housing programs has declined steadily since the 1970's. When Ronald Reagan took office in 1981, this country witnessed a hasty retreat from federally assisted low-income housing along with many other programs to aid the poor. It also witnessed a startling increase in poverty and homelessness. To fully appreciate the impact of Reagan's influence on the departure from previous housing policies, consider the following:

- Just before Reagan took office, HUD had made commitments to provide assistance to an average of 316,000 additional households per year from fiscal year 1977 through fiscal year 1980. Then, from fiscal year 1980 through fiscal year 1988, the number of ad-

ditional commitments dropped significantly, to an average of just 82,000 households. This decline in new housing commitments came at a time when the number of poor households grew alarmingly while the number of privately-owned, low-rent households decreased substantially. The result has been a large increase in the number of poor households which do not receive any housing assistance.

- In 1979, about four million poor renter households received no housing assistance. In 1987, this number increased to 5.4 million, a jump of more than one third. It is clear that if HUD had not cut commitments to assistance by an average of 200,000 households per year, the number of poor households without assistance would have grown far more slowly.

- Between the fiscal years 1981 and 1988, HUD's budget authority for housing assistance (in 1988 dollars) was slashed 80 percent.

Because housing assistance is such a big ticket item in the federal budget, it has been particularly vulnerable to cuts in attempts to deal with the soaring federal deficit. A significant point, however, is the fact that during this period, we witnessed the largest surge in military spending in peacetime history. Military spending doubled during the 1980's, making a substantial contribution to the deficit that even huge reductions in programs like housing assistance couldn't even dent. Yet the cuts happened anyway and military spending continues to grow.

When we look at how many additional low-income households are assisted each year by federal housing programs, we see that our government has been failing miserably in keeping its housing promise. In the last decade, the number of low-income households increased while the number of low rent units in the private housing market decreased. That means government assistance should have increased just to keep the crisis in a steady state. Yet just the opposite has happened and

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Lockheed & Company Move to Undermine the Nuclear Free Zone Movement

by Doug Rand and Scott Kennedy

The peace movement is fond of quoting President Eisenhower's now famous and insightful warning to the American people as he was leaving the presidency: "...beware of the military industrial complex." Now, more than 30 years later, with the Cold War declared over, his warning rings even truer — but with a new twist.

In-house documents, anonymously leaked from the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), reveal a concerted attempt by war industries to undermine and override the growing nuclear free zone movement. The documents outline an ongoing plan to defeat nuclear free zone initiatives community by community with expensive campaigns, lawsuits, and a domestic version of low intensity warfare.

The most disturbing and revealing aspects of the industries' detailed campaign includes lobbying the Department of Defense (DoD) to pre-empt local nuclear free zone laws. AIA President Don Fuqua writes in an August 30, 1989 memo, "A joint AIA task force has taken initial steps to identify and attack the problem, and has on two occasions met with DoD General Council's office to discuss possible federal preemption of the initiatives ...EIA [Electronic Industries Association] President Pete McClosky and I briefed Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald Atwood on nuclear free zones on Monday, September 25. We presented him with memorandum outlining DoD's statutory authority to issue regulations preempting nuclear free zones, and with a talking paper, 'Why Preemptive Regulations are Necessary' ...Deputy Secretary Atwood is familiar with the problem, based on experience he had in opposing a nuclear free zone initiative in Massachusetts while he was with General Motors. He was receptive to the idea of preemptive action, and said he would discuss the matter further with DoD's general council. Plans for a similar meeting with Secretary of Energy Watkins are underway."

But the industries' actions go even further. They propose short-circuiting a potentially lengthy Department of Defense rule-making process by getting President Bush to sign an executive order banning nuclear free

zones. The law firm of Crowell & Moring suggests, that "DoD (possibly in conjunction with DoE) could request that the President issue an Executive Order declaring federal policy and preemption with respect to such local ordinances. This approach could avoid inherent rule-making delays."

These documents and actions show that Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. and the 40 other top defense contractors who make up the AIA have begun to take the nuclear free zone movement very seriously. In 23 countries, 4,000 communities have passed such resolutions. There are presently 168 nuclear free zones in the United States. Twenty more, including a San Francisco initiative, are slated for the June ballot.

It's not only the growing number of free zones, but the enforceable limitation they impose, that worry the weapons makers. Many of the municipalities explicitly or implicitly prohibit nuclear weapons or their production within their jurisdiction, though have not enforced or been successful in enforcing the letter of the law. The upcoming generation of ordinances, including the one passed in Oakland two years ago, are more than a vote of 'no confidence.' They have 'teeth' which mean business in another sort of way. Oakland's law not only forbids the storage and transportation of nuclear weapons. It also restricts local government from doing business with companies involved in nuclear weapons production on any level. AIA's says, "The potential for disruption to defense policy, not to speak of the local and state economics, is awesome."

Now that it has secured and is enforcing its ordinance, the City of Oakland is experiencing the wrath of the military industrial complex. The U.S. Justice Department, defense contractors and a right-wing legal foundation are all suing the city to rescind the law. What they couldn't accomplish at the polls with a well-funded campaign, they are trying to overturn in the courts with a drag-out series of law suits which they hope will teach Oakland and other cities the lesson not to interfere with the business of making nuclear weapons.

The blueprint and first test for the nuclear free zone movement originated in Santa Cruz



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A "progressive" movement, increasingly onerous, restrictive

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- Halt civil defense planning
- Enact criminal penalties



NFZ CHARACTERISTICS...

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- San Francisco/Alameda County 1990 Initiative
 - Permanent elected commission to enforce NFZ law
 - Commission acquires regulatory and quasi-judicial powers
 - Direct assault on research labs
 - Lawrence Livermore
 - Sandia
 - Third party vendors
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A few of the slides of the slide show on nuclear free zones presented by Lockheed Chair and CEO Dan Tellup to the Aerospace Industries Association last November.

a decade earlier. A 1980 citizens' initiative would have required Lockheed to convert its Empire Grade Road facility from manufacture of components for nuclear weapons to meeting domestic needs. Lockheed spent \$235,000 to defeat the measure, which amounted to an unprecedented \$3.00 per vote! Even though the measure went down county-wide, the majority of Santa Cruz City residents voted for it. A few months later, the first successful nuclear freeze initiative passed in Western Massachusetts, and the movement

empowering people to "think globally and act locally" was jump started.

Throughout the 1980's the Santa Cruz Lockheed facility remained a focus for disarmament and conversion efforts by local organizations. Demonstrations, leafletting, and discussions with employees, management and labor unions went on, literally in the dark with little success.

In 1985 when Lockheed applied for a grading permit to expand its Trident II production, the Resource Center for Nonviolence,

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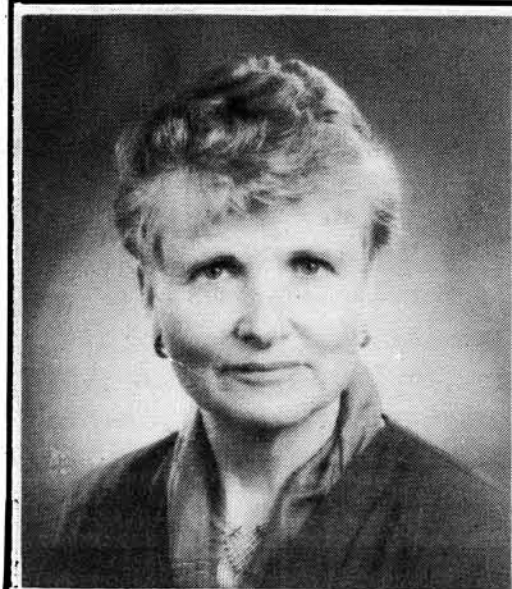
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the Sierra Club and many local citizens challenged this move. Two public hearings were attended by over 600 residents who successfully persuaded the County Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors to deny the permit.

As Charles Barr, the commissioner representing the conservative Watsonville district stated: "the responsible position is one that puts whatever roadblocks we can put in front of the manufacturing of these weapons."

Circumventing the democratic process, Lockheed went ahead and built the facility anyway, on their property designated for Navy use and exempt from local jurisdiction. This active collusion between the war industry and the military, and Lockheed's experience in defeating the 1980 Measure A in Santa Cruz, rear their head again in the AIA documents released to the press by Nuclear Free America.

Oakland City Councilmember Wilson Riles Jr. remarked, "It is grossly unethical for companies making a profit from nuclear weapons to sneak behind the backs of local voters and try to subvert their democratic decisions. It is an unconscionable abridgement of the democratic process."

Nuclear weapons have as little to do with national defense and security as with upholding democracy. They have a lot to do with a state welfare system benefitting military contractors. Trying to thwart local initiatives with big money, lawsuits, economic coercion and presidential overrides of popular expressions all violate the democracy these weapons are supposedly needed to defend.

Given a compliant Congress, corporations addicted to tax megabucks, and a presidency entrusted with war powers unmatched in American history, the prospects for a shift in national priorities from a war economy to a peace economy on the national level are slim. The AIA has shown that the nuclear free zone movement, peace conversion initiatives, and other expressions of change are small but powerful expressions of public concern from the grassroots. These efforts should not be derailed by secret dealings between our government and the war industry.

Doug Rand and Scott Kennedy are on the staff of the Resource Center for Nonviolence and have been active in opposing Lockheed since August of 1976.

Aerospace Industry Statement on Nuclear Free Zones

On March 21, seven Santa Cruz County organizations, Supervisor Gary Patton and Santa Cruz Councilmember Don Lane released in-house documents of the aerospace industry — documents that discussed industry plans to have the federal government invalidate local nuclear free zone laws — at a press conference at Lighthouse Point in Santa Cruz. Coincidentally, the Navy was conducting a two-week exercise in the Monterey Bay with a surface tender, the *U.S.S. McGee*, and two nuclear submarines, the *Louisville* and *Portsmouth*. Both submarines are of the Los Angeles class, powered by nuclear reactors and capable of carrying nuclear-armed Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Prior to the press conference, we phoned the Aerospace Industry Association and Lockheed for comments about the documents. Below are excerpts from their reply. It expresses a classic and incredulous concern for the taxpayers, public accountability, the Constitution, long cherished American values, and the emerging democracies around the world. Judge for yourself:

"AIA supports the Department of Justice suit filed on behalf of the Departments of Energy and the Navy in September 1989 against the City of Oakland, claiming that the city's nuclear free zone ordinance is unconstitutional. The U.S. Constitution gives the federal government exclusive authority to provide for the national defense and to regulate interstate commerce. The primary concern of the aerospace industry is that NFZ ordinances prevent the government and industry from fulfilling their responsibilities and contractual obligations. In addition, these ordinances interfere with a company's right to market its commercial products, such as automobiles, light bulbs or typewriters.

"AIA further supports the promulgation of preemptive regulations by the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense, which have authority to adopt such regulations. In the absence of these regulations, these matters will have to be resolved through litigation, which is both time consuming and very expensive.

"AIA has encouraged, and will continue to encourage, the federal government to assert its exclusive control over the vital areas of providing for the national defense, regulation of nuclear energy, and interstate commerce.

"In addition to usurping federal authority, AIA believes that nuclear free zone ordinances similar to the Oakland ordinance are punitive in nature and result in confusing, expensive, unnecessary laws. They create bureaucracies unaccountable to any public agency and are extremely costly to millions of American taxpayers. In Oakland, for example, the city has already spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' dollars in legal fees and implementation costs, with no end in sight. Another illustration is Alameda County where a nuclear free zone measure that will appear on the June 5, ballot could cost the county — by its own estimation — millions of taxpayer dollars, including up to \$2.8 million per year in administrative costs alone.

"Finally, we oppose these ordinances fundamentally because they threaten the American philosophies of free enterprise and personal freedoms. We believe the restrictive and burdensome nature of many of these ordinances represents a step backward in a time of worldwide democratic movements."

If you'd like to hear more about the 'problem' of nuclear free zones from the industries' perspective, contact: Don Fuqua, President of AIA, 1250 Eve Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 371-8400 or Katherine Strehl, Manager of Government and Community Relations, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, (408) 742-1605.

Copies of the AIA documents, Lockheed's slide show, and the brighter side of nuclear free zones can be obtained from: Nuclear Free America, 325 East 25th Street, Baltimore, MD 21218, (301) 235-3575, or by contacting The Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, Ca 95060, (408) 423-1626.

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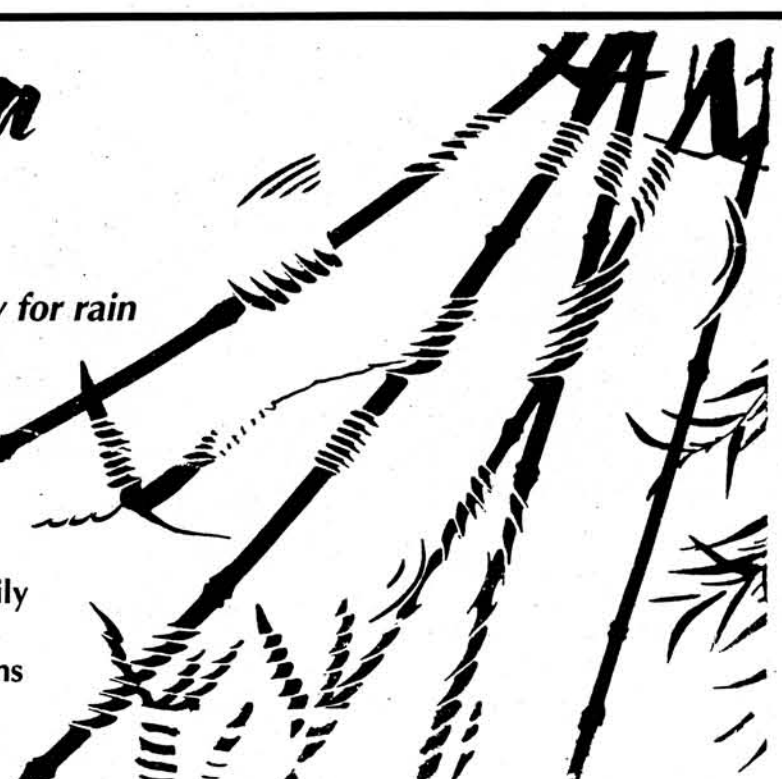
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Bush Wants to Boost N-Weapons Funds and Restart Plutonium Production Plants

by Shelly D'Amour

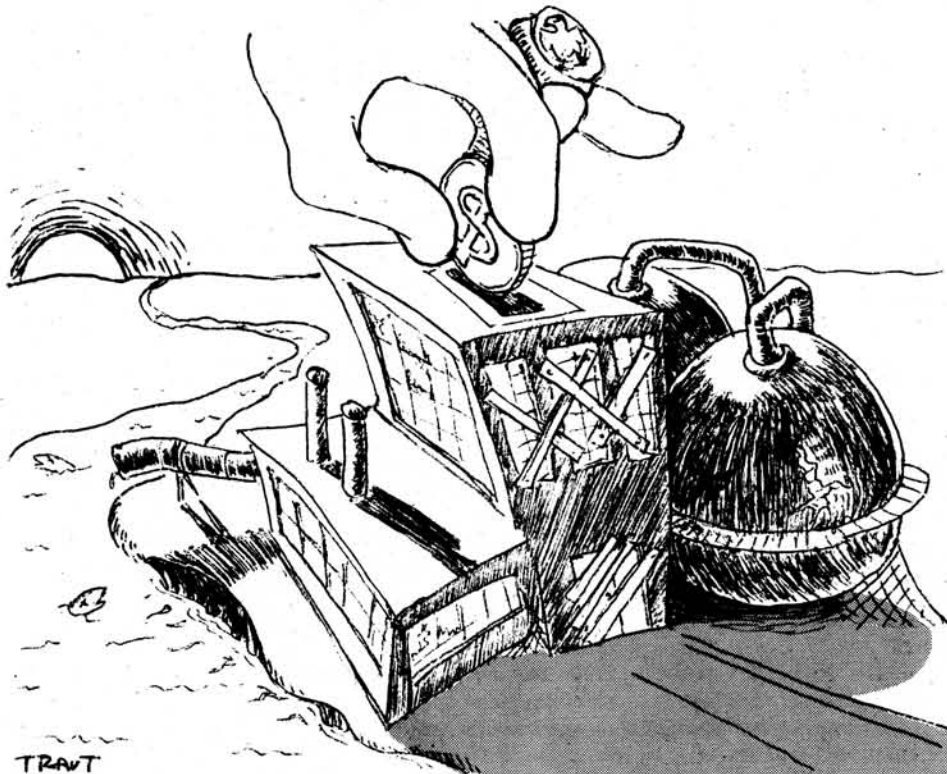
At a time when most of the world is enjoying a spring thaw in the Cold War, the United States is forging ahead in the opposite direction, gearing up for massive military spending increases.

Bush Administration funding requests for the fiscal year 1991 budget include increases in every major nuclear weapons program, as well as funds for restarting aging nuclear weapons production plants.

The push on the part of the administration to restart the nuclear production facilities couldn't be more poorly timed. All plutonium and tritium production facilities in the United States have been closed down since 1988, due to health and safety concerns. Plutonium is a key material in the production of nuclear warheads, while tritium extends the "shelf life" of warheads in storage. Tritium loses its effectiveness rapidly and must be replaced about every 12 years. The Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to build new reactors at Savannah River, South Carolina and at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. The reactors would produce both plutonium and tritium, at an eventual cost of \$6.8 billion. Additionally, the DOE wants to construct a new \$800 million plutonium processing facility at Rocky Flats in Colorado; this despite plans currently in the works to phase out Rocky Flats completely by 1995. The Soviet Union has repeatedly stated its interest in a permanent moratorium of plutonium and tritium production, but the United States has been unwilling to seriously consider it.

Congressional concern over health and safety, the environment, DOE monitoring, waste disposal and cleanup, and nuclear weapons production in general has spawned dozens of bills over the past year aimed at addressing these issues. Many overlap in their various details, and will likely be incorporated into larger bills. Most have less than a dozen cosponsors, and are languishing in committee. A few, however, show some promise.

The International Plutonium Control Act would call on the United States and the So-



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viet Union to halt their plutonium production. Introduced in the House as H.R. 2403 by Reps. Ron Wyden (R-OR) and Dante Fascell (D-FL), the bill has 181 co-sponsors. It was approved by the House last year but was later dropped in conference committee. It is currently being reviewed by the DOE panel of the House Armed Services Committee, and by the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Arms Control, of which Dante Fascell is chair. It will most likely be offered as a floor amendment to the authorizations bill sometime this summer.

The Senate version, S. 1047, was introduced by Senators Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Tim Wirth (D-CO), and Mark Hatfield (R-OR). It has 14 co-sponsors. It currently sits in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and may make it to the Senate floor this summer. This bill will have to pass both houses in order to survive the conference committee. Efforts at getting additional senators to

sign on the bill are especially important at this time.

Concerns over health and safety issues relative to nuclear weapons plants have been largely focused on the ability of the DOE to monitor its own activities in an honest and impartial manner. The DOE is currently charged with conducting studies and publishing reports on the health and safety risks present in nuclear facilities. Oddly enough, the DOE has never been able to come up with any conclusive evidence concerning the health risks of being exposed to radioactive material. Some members of Congress don't believe the DOE is looking hard enough.

In an effort to address that concern, the Radiation Research Reorganization Act (S. 972) was introduced by Senator Wirth. The bill would shift responsibility for research on the health effects of radiation from the DOE to the Department of Health and Human Services. It currently has 6 cosponsors. A similar measure, H.R. 3212, was introduced in the House by Rep. Wyden. The Wyden bill includes research on toxic substances in its list. It has 34 co-sponsors. It is currently in two Energy and Commerce subcommittees.

A much weaker effort was introduced by Senator John Glenn (D-OH). Title IV of the Nuclear Safety and Environment Act would create an independent advisory board on health and safety concerns, but keep the program within the DOE. Glenn's bill has 10 co-sponsors.

The third effort concerns an eight-title bill introduced last fall by Senator Bennett Johnston (D-LA), The Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities Act (S. 1802). The bill encompasses many areas including independent oversight, waste disposal, health research, nuclear test exposure, and so-called "whistleblower protection."

All three of these bills are referred to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, of which Bennett is chair. It is likely that the

final version will contain parts of Wirth and Wyden's bills.

Cleanup efforts in the nation's nuclear weapons plants are projected to take 30 years, at an estimated cost of up to \$150 billion. Senator Brock Adams (D-WA) has introduced the Federal Nuclear Facilities Environmental Response Act (S. 1462), which would establish a trust fund to pay for cleanup operations. Funds would come primarily from the DOE's defense budget and civilian nuclear budget. The bill has 15 co-sponsors.

The future of the Savannah River and Rocky Flats facilities will be decided in the Armed Services committees. Reps. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) and David Skaggs (D-CO), both critics of Rocky Flats, serve on the Armed Services Committee. Likewise on the Senate side for Tim Wirth.

Action: There has never been a better opportunity than now to make significant strides toward halting and reversing the arms race. The changes taking place within the Soviet Union and the East Bloc, coupled with the already existent shut down of plutonium and tritium facilities, make it imperative that the plants stay closed. Contact your representatives and senators today and find out if s/he is a cosponsor to the International Plutonium Control Act. If not, urge him/her to sign on. Since Senate support for the measure is weak, it is especially important to focus on your senators and get their support behind the bill.

MILITARY SPENDING BILL

House and Senate Armed Services committee members are now reviewing President Bush's \$306.9 billion military funding request for next year. Included in the request is an increase for every major nuclear weapons program. However, there is growing opposition in Congress to the president's defense budget.

In the House, Representatives Barney Frank (D-MA), Jim Moody (D-WI), and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) are sponsoring the "Budget for A Strong America," which would cut military spending by \$18 billion. The Congressional Black Caucus is proposing an alternative "Quality of Life Budget," which would reduce the military budget to \$279.5 billion, and shift those monies into social programs. Senator Paul Simon (D-IL) supports a \$287 billion spending bill with half the savings going to reduce the deficit and the other half split between education and health care. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) would like to see a \$30 billion cut, to be achieved by eliminating the MX, B-2, Trident II, and Star Wars.

Senate Budget chair Jim Sasser (D-TN) recently proposed a \$20 billion cut in military spending. That figure was strongly criticized by Senate Armed Services chair Sam Nunn (D-GA), who stated that such a reduction would seriously undermine the U.S.'s ability to respond "to future threats."

Statements such as Senator Nunn's provide important indicators as to the mindset of those who oppose cuts in military spending at the time. Recently, Secretary of Defense D. Cheney was quoted as saying that significant reductions in military spending,

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What is Rep. Leon Panetta's Position on Military Spending?

Leon Panetta supports a nuclear weapons freeze and a comprehensive nuclear test ban. He has voted in the past to cut funds for the MX, the Trident II and the B2 and to limit funding for Star Wars. *Yet these weapons systems have also consistently been funded by Congress.*

In spite of his good record, since 1980 Mr. Panetta has also consistently voted against alternative budget proposals which would either freeze military spending or reduce it while increasing spending for social spending.

Today, Representative Panetta is hesitant to state just what his position will be to respond to post-Cold War realities. He has said that we must go slow in cutting the military budget. *He has also said we need to cut social spending even further.* He doesn't yet know if he can support the national SANE/FREEZE position of cutting military spending by 50 percent by the year 1995. (Locally, the Santa Cruz Freeze is calling for at least a 20 percent cut, in real terms, in the military budget for fiscal year 1991.)

We need Representative Panetta to take strong leadership to cut funds for unnecessary and dangerous weapons systems. Now that the Cold War is over, *there's no excuse for continuing the nuclear arms race.*

How Can The Military Budget Be Cut?

At least \$14.1 billion could be cut from President Bush's \$307 billion FY 1991 military budget request if funds for the Stealth bomber, the MX rail garrison program, the Trident II (D-5) missile were eliminated and the Star Wars program was cancelled. Representative Panetta has voted to do just this in the past.

Much more could be saved if an immediate, comprehensive freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons were enacted. Representative Panetta has consistently voted for such a freeze.

Furthermore, nearly half of the \$300 billion Department of Defense budget funds NATO to defend Western Europe from an Eastern Bloc invasion. Well, there's no more Eastern Bloc and if the Soviet Union didn't invade Eastern Europe in 1989, it certainly won't invade Western Europe in the 1990's.

There are many ways to cut military spending dramatically. It's time to call on representatives like Leon Panetta to make good on the promise implied by their previous record on nuclear weapons and arms control. Representative Panetta is now chair of the House Budget Committee and is in a powerful position to make a big difference on the military budget.

If Mr. Panetta supported such cuts before the end of the Cold War, then now there's not even a shadow of an excuse to not end the nuclear arms race, reduce NATO funding and create that desperately needed peace dividend.

Let Leon Panetta know how you feel about the excessive military budget and underfunded human needs programs. Write to Rep. Leon Panetta, 701 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or call him at (408) 429-1976.

or a roll back in major U.S. nuclear programs would threaten "the superpower status of the United States." Such statements seem to lend credence to the long-held belief of some analysts that the purpose of the Cold War, and the Cold War budget, was not to protect the U.S. from external threat by the Soviet Union, but to build and maintain U.S. dominance in the West. The specter of the "Soviet

items contained in the budget. The current DOD request is first turned over to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, and their various subcommittees, for consideration and amendment. Members may offer amendments to the bill either in committee or on the floor. There are already a number of amendments in the works.

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Threat" was a useful tool to gain public backing for whatever foreign military operations the U.S. deemed necessary. Although the specter may have evaporated, U.S. global military presence has not, and shows no immediate plans to do so.

Congress is currently considering the military requests as part of a spending package called the Defense Authorizations Bill. Authorizations sets the spending ceilings on line

several months, two of the most important congressmembers to watch throughout this process are the chairs of the House and Senate budget committees — Rep. Leon Panetta (D-CA), and Senator Jim Sasser, respectively. The kind of guidance and leadership these two provide throughout the budget process will largely determine the direction that the 1991 budget will take. Senator Sasser's recent remarks concerning the defense figure

are encouraging. Since most members of the Senate will not back him on a \$20 billion cut, Mr. Sasser will need lots of constituent support to stick to his proposal.

In a recent press release, Mr. Panetta praised elements of the Congressional Black Caucus budget stating they were ideas, "whose time has come." This is also encouraging. While Panetta generally has an excellent voting record regarding specific weapons systems, he has not used his position as House Budget chair to call into question the overall defense budget, or the assumptions that drive it. Mr. Panetta can and should do much more to publicly challenge the administration's military spending priorities, and to encourage his colleagues to do likewise.

Congress will be in recess April 6 to 17th. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with your representative and let him/her know your federal spending priorities.

What follows is a brief list of the major weapons requests, and amendments that will be offered to the spending bill:

MX Missile

\$2.2 billion is sought by the Pentagon for the rail garrison MX program. The MX is a long-range, multiwarhead missile. The president recently indicated that he would not include long range missiles in the Start Treaty. However, Congress appears open to considering some cuts in the program. Rep. Dennis Hertel (D-MI) has introduced a bill, H.R. 4048, to eliminate the MX program. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) will offer an amendment from the House floor to delete procurement funds for the rail garrison program.

B-2 Stealth Bomber

The Pentagon is requesting five B-2's this year, at a projected cost of \$700 million each. (Some observers predict that the cost of a single Stealth bomber will top \$1 billion.) Reps. John Kasick (R-OH), and Ron Dellums (D-CA) will sponsor an amendment to limit the B-2 program to the 13 bombers that the Pentagon is already committed to purchase. Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Alan Cranston (D-CA) have already introduced a similar measure, S. 2009.

Nuclear Testing

Representative Ed Markey (D-MA) will offer his annual amendment to cut funding for nuclear testing above one kiloton. There will probably be a similar measure offered in the Senate.

El Salvador

For El Salvador, the 80's was a decade framed by brutal murders that received international attention. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero (March 24), and of the four American church women (December). November 1989 saw the execution of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her daughter. The decade ended much as it had begun, with 70,000 Salvadorans killed in the intervening years.

Representatives Ron Dellums (D-CA) and Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) have introduced H.R. 3733, which calls for an end to all military aid to El Salvador until a number of conditions are met. Senator John Kerry (D-MA), has sponsored a similar measure, S. 2083.

Action: Call or write your representative and senators to demand an end to all military aid to El Salvador.

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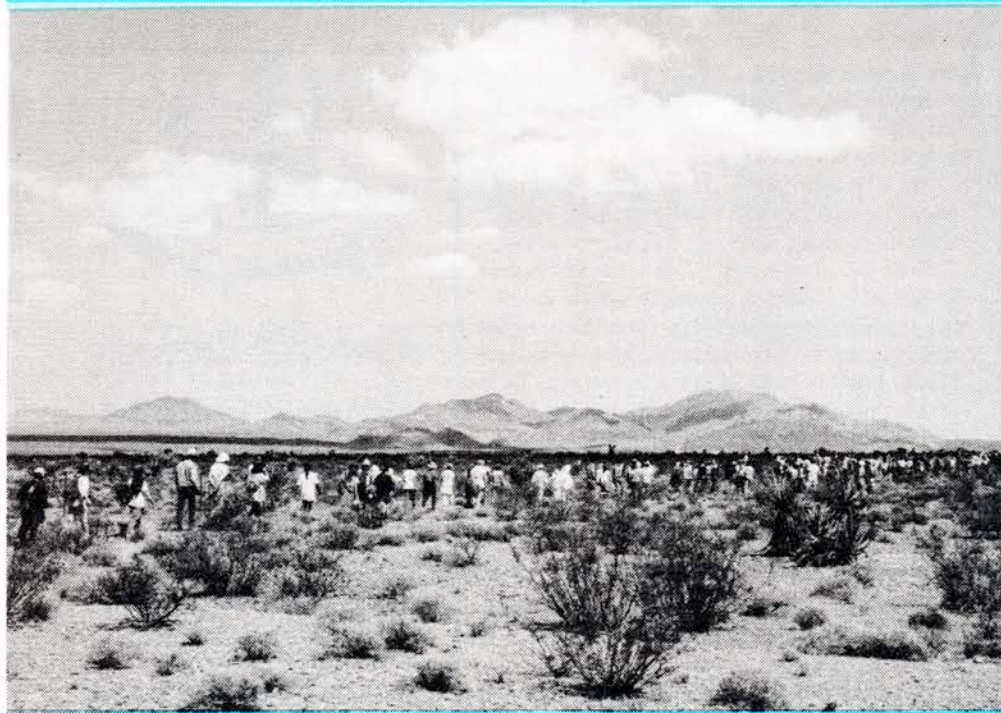
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Demonstration at the Nevada Test Site March 29 - April 1

Photo essay by Catherine...

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The Native American Shoshone elders (Corbin Harney pictured speaking) were the first to be arrested on the March 31st mass action as they led supporters in reclaiming land illegally taken from them in violation of the Treaty of Ruby Valley. Bill Rosse (on stage) as steward of the land welcomed visitors from many countries and expressed a deep wish that they love and respect the land, as do the Shoshone people.



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Many work devotedly at a great variety of tasks, always remaining aware of the larger intentions of the group. The spirit of the place flowed through the artist's hand arising as terrifying toxic demons and joyful goddesses. By allowing the deep emotions evoked by the event to be applied productively, even the most seemingly unresolvable conflicts can be accepted and worked through.



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The Environmental Dangers of the Nuclear Arms Race

by Terry Teitelbaum

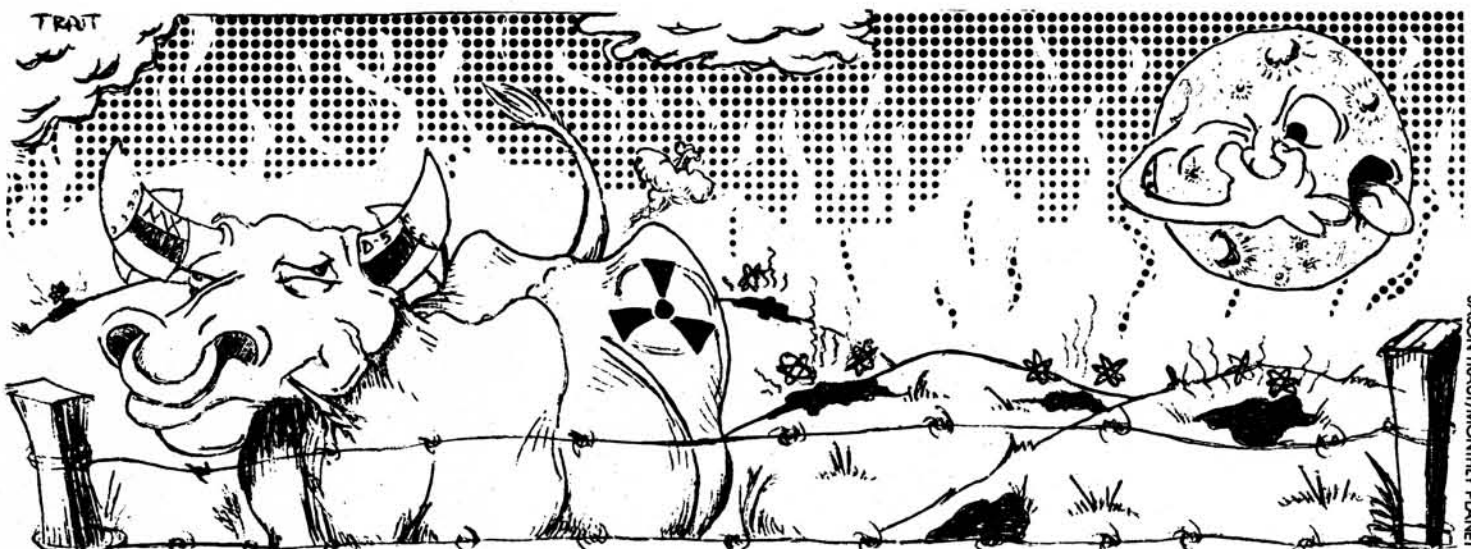
We all know that the nuclear arms race threatens our survival because of the ominous possibility of absolute global annihilation from a nuclear war. This, of course, is a very real threat.

Yet, we don't need a nuclear war to experience the dangers of the nuclear arms race. This deadly race is creating environmental hazards that we are realizing right now. The 20th anniversary of Earth Day is a perfect time to examine how the arms race is endangering the planet and her inhabitants today.

There are many aspects of the nuclear arms race which are lethal to the earth's environment. Just a few of them include the production of nuclear weapons, radioactive pollution, nuclear waste, nuclear testing, space pollution and transport of nuclear materials. While all of these pose grave dangers, activists are working on all fronts to not only end the nuclear arms race, but to demand responsibility from the government, particularly the Department of Energy (DOE) for its environmental impacts.

Nuclear Weapons Production

Safety violations, unlawful toxic dumping, secrecy and fraud have plagued a total of 17 weapons facilities in 12 states. The DOE



runs the country's nuclear weapons plants and is responsible for waste disposal. In the last year, many of these plants have been shut down, some permanently, due to health hazards and safety violations. According to the Center for Defense Information (CDI), hundreds of billions of gallons of toxic radioactive chemical and mixed wastes have been discharged into the soil and air in violation of federal hazardous waste disposal laws.

The DOE estimates that at its Fernald,

Ohio facility, the Feed Materials Production Center, between 394,000 and 552,000 pounds of uranium dust and radon gas had been emitted prior to 1984. The plant also dumped 167,000 pounds of uranium byproducts into a nearby river. Area residents sued the DOE, and in June of 1989 won a \$78 million settlement.

Another weapons plant at the Hanford facility in Washington was closed permanently by the DOE in 1988 due to violations of safety requirements. In the 1950's, radioactive iodine was deliberately released from the site which may have resulted in higher than normal number of thyroid disorders in the downwind population. The plant has also spewed forth about 200 billion gallons of radioactive and chemical wastes into ponds and unlined trenches near the Columbia River and area drinking water supplies.

At the Rocky Flats weapons plant in Colorado, the FBI found that plant operators had illegally incinerated wastes, dumped toxic chemicals into a local creek attached to the area's drinking water, and possibly altered or destroyed records to conceal their actions. And at the Savannah River plant in South Carolina, the DOE admitted in 1988 that environmental contamination as well as serious accidents were deliberately kept secret. Savannah River is currently shut down, yet the DOE plans to reopen the plant this year.

Radioactive Pollution

It is undisputable that excess exposure to radiation from nuclear materials causes serious health hazards such as cancer, leukemia, sterility, thyroid disorders, miscarriages, and birth defects. The U.S. military has a poor track record in nuclear materials safety. Twenty years ago, an Air Force B-52 bomber crashed in Greenland. Its load included four hydrogen bombs. It took 2,000 people to clean up the radioactive, toxic mess, many of whom today are suffering such effects as cancer, sterility and other serious health problems.

As a result of accidents, there are at least 50 nuclear warheads and nine nuclear reactors on the ocean floor. Currently, the U.S. Navy has 35 nuclear-powered surface ships and 128 nuclear submarines. These vessels are not immune to accidents. Just last month, two nuclear-powered submarines which may have been carrying nuclear weapons were in the Monterey Bay for exercises. The Navy is considering using this area on an ongoing

basis to practice at-sea service and maintenance of nuclear attack subs. Residents of the Monterey Bay may face the very real possibility of a nuclear accident off the coast.

Nuclear Waste

Plutonium is known as the deadliest substance known on earth. It also remains that way for a long, long time — 240,000 years. It is produced solely for nuclear weapons. Disposal of plutonium wastes is probably the gravest environmental threat of the nuclear arms race.

The DOE has been striving for years to develop a viable, permanent way to store these and other highly toxic nuclear wastes resulting from weapons production. The DOE has kept these wastes sitting at various temporary storage sites for the past 40 years, while producing more, under the assumption and hope that scientists and engineers would meanwhile be able to come up with a safe method of permanent disposal.

In 1987 the DOE built a \$26 million toxic waste incinerator at the Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Tennessee. Three years later it is still not operating due to test failures. Once it is up and running, however, it is estimated that the incinerator would need to run full time at full power for six years to burn the wastes already collected and awaiting disposal there and at other facilities. Meanwhile, more such wastes are produced every day.

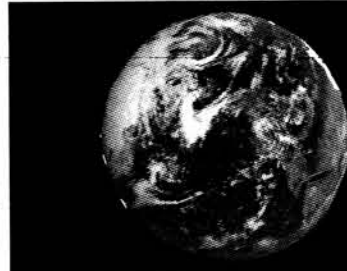
The country's first permanent nuclear waste storage facility, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), is in Carlsbad, New Mexico. This repository, costing \$700 million so far, consists of deep salt caves which are supposedly designed to store mixed chemical and radioactive wastes for at least 24,000 years. However, the plant is still not operating because the DOE has not been able to ensure that safety and environmental standards could be met. Once it is operational, the facility will store only a fraction of the wastes currently in temporary storage. And production of these wastes continues.

Transport of Radioactive Waste

Assuming that WIPP will actually become operational, how will the highly toxic nuclear wastes get to the plant? Currently the DOE uses trucks to transport these wastes between its weapons facilities. Thus, it's not just the people who live in the vicinity of the

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nuclear plants or storage facilities who are exposed to the hazards of nuclear wastes. According to the DOE, between 1975 and 1987, there were 173 accidents involving trucks carrying radioactive materials, averaging about 14 per year. Once WIPP starts up, radioactive waste-laden trucks will travel through 28 states on their way to the repository.

Nuclear Weapons Testing

The United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, France and China are all exploding nuclear bombs underground to test nuclear weapons. France is still conducting nuclear tests in the ocean and China conducted an above-ground test as late as 1980. Since 1945, there have been more than 1,800 nuclear explosions, half of them conducted by the United States. All of these tests resulted in release of radiation. Up until 1963, all six countries tested in the atmosphere. The now-banned atmospheric testing at the Nevada Test Site has been linked to high cancer rates in downwind populations. And continued underground testing results in the release of radiation into the air and groundwater.

Space Pollution

Nuclear accidents have occurred in space. More than sixty spacecraft with nuclear power sources aboard have been launched by the United States and the Soviet Union in the past 30 years. At least 15 percent of these have suffered some sort of failure or accident, some resulting in significant release of radioactivity. As the nuclearization of space increases, so does the risk of serious accident resulting in atmospheric fallout. A main component of the United States' Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) or Star Wars, is the X-ray laser which would be powered by nuclear explosions. According to the American Physical Society, Star Wars could involve more than a hundred nuclear reactors in space. We know from the experience of what an accident like the one at Chernobyl can do to the earth. Imagine a similar accident in space.

Hope for the Future

In spite of all this grimness, there is hope. For each of these dangerous aspects of the nuclear arms race, there is a concerted effort to prevent further damage from each of these threats.

There is a multi-organization campaign to keep shut the nuclear weapons facilities which are currently closed for safety reasons and to shut down those which are still operating. SANE/FREEZE: Campaign for Global Security is spearheading the "Keep Them Shut Campaign." Among the many other national

organizations working on similar campaigns targeted at nuclear weapons facilities are Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), the Mobilization for Survival, and the Council for a Livable World. Local citizens who live near weapons plants are also organizing to protect their communities. The Coastal Citizens for a Clean Environment are working to stop new reactors from coming on line and the restart of existing reactors at Savannah River. Among the many other such groups are the Snake River Alliance in Idaho, the Nuclear Safety Campaign in Hanford, and the Fernald Residents for Environmental Health and Safety in Ohio.

The movement to end nuclear weapons testing has been active since the 1950's and achieved a major victory with the Partial Test Ban treaty of 1963 which banned all atmospheric tests among countries which signed the treaty. Today, the test ban movement is working for an International Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as an amendment to the Partial Test Ban treaty. Organizations such as SANE/FREEZE, Greenpeace, PSR, the American Peace Test and many more national and international groups have formed a large coalition to end nuclear weapons testing.

Greenpeace, the Mobilization for Survival and several other groups are working to disarm the seas and thus alleviate the nuclear threat to the ocean environment. The Radioactive Waste Campaign is focussing on the hazards of nuclear wastes, including their transport. And Nukewatch, a campaign of the Progressive Foundation, is monitoring the transport of nuclear materials, including hydrogen bombs, and is informing the public about these DOE activities.

Finally, there are measures right now in Congress to prevent the startup of closed weapons plants, to ban the production of plutonium and to clean up the radioactive messes created by the DOE plants. (See this issue's Legislative Update section for more information on this legislation.)

It's true that the environmental threats described in this article seem overwhelming. What they pose for downwind populations (ultimately, we are all "downwind") is a serious matter, worthy of an emotional response. Yet once your outrage, despair or whatever you feel subsides, you can support the many, many organizations and campaigns which are fearlessly facing these threats to the earth. What better time than the 20th anniversary of Earth Day to take steps to ensure its 100th anniversary?

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Earth Week Activities

All events at Loudon Nelson Center
301 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Friday, April 13th — *Earth Beat Dance*

Santa Cruz Steel and the Girlfriends of Drumming
8:00-11:00 PM, \$7-10 donation

Saturday, April 14th — *Earth Songs Concert*

Songs and stories by Susan Kessey, and Aileen Vance,
and Wild Mountain Thyme
7:30 PM, \$5-10 donation

Friday, April 20th — *Earth Works Poetry Reading*

Featuring: Maude Meehan, Patrice Vecchione, Francisco Alcarón,
Jean Gier, Morton Marcus, Steve Meadows,
Amber Coverdale Sumrall, Gael Roziere
Also, a reading from Faultlines, the Gault School
children's book of earthquake poetry
7:30 PM, \$5-10 donation

Saturday, April 21st — *"Earth Child" Performance*

Peace Child Chorus and Ensemble in a new musical play
about children making peace with the Earth
7:30 PM, \$5 at the door

Saturday, April 21st — *Children's Day*

Creative arts workshops and activities for children, including
printmaking, painting, clay, writing, theater, song, dance, and a mural project
Special appearance by Willow Pullen, Susan Kessey, and Freesia Raine
9:30 AM-3:30 PM, Free!

Sunday, April 22nd EARTH DAY 1990!

Morning Coastal Ceremony

8:00 AM Morning Coastal Ceremony at Lighthouse Field

Welcome the day with a community ritual to honor the Earth and to renew our
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Earth Week Video Series

All films shown at Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center St., Santa Cruz, 7:30 PM,
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Monday: *Where Have All the Dolphins Gone?* Discussion with Amy Halloran,
Pacific Southwest director for the Greenpeace Dolphin Campaign.

Tuesday: *The Struggle for the Australian Rainforest* Discussion with Paul and
Margie Manners, co-directors of Rainforest Futures.

Wednesday: *Fields of Fear* Discussion with Paul Barnett, director of the Central
Coast Pesticide Coalition.

Thursday: *First Strike: Portrait of an Activist*, the story of Katya Komisaruk, who
secretly entered Vandenberg Airforce Base and dismantled a NAVSTAR computer,
and then spent 3 years in prison. Discussion by Katya Komisaruk. Co-sponsored
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Each Night: *Tinka's Planet*, a short about the successful campaign of a
9-year-old girl and her friends to set up a neighborhood recycling program

ALSO: A series of eye-opening videos will be shown all afternoon at Loudon
Nelson on Earth Day, including *The Dangers of Chernobyl*, a documentary of the
Chernobyl disaster filmed from inside the nuclear power plant which cost the
filmmaker's life.

Related Community Events

Sunday, April 22nd — The Nuclear Whales give a concert to help support Save
the Gray Whale Parklands. 7:30 PM, Kuumbwa Jazz Center.

Monday, April 23rd — John Robbins (author of Diet for a New America) gives a
benefit lecture for EarthSave. Music too! 7:30 PM, Unity Temple of Santa Cruz.
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It's Time to Create Sustainable Local Industries

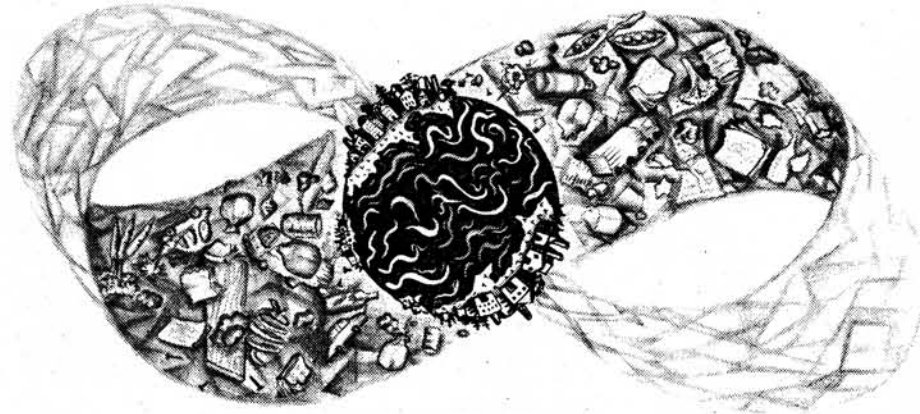
by Christopher D. Williams

As we approach Earth Day 1990, the word "sustainable" is being used more frequently, especially in the context of economic development. Thankfully, a large segment of society is beginning to realize that we have a diminishing supply of energy and material resources, and that squandering those resources is both costly and hazardous. The world community is facing an era of tangible limits, wherein choices between quality of life and economic gain will have to give way to the more practical concern of sustaining a civilization of healthy human beings.

While certain technological developments, such as alternative energy systems, hold great promise for reversing the deterioration of our environment, no single solution will solve our current problems. The simple truth is that a diversity of responses, based primarily on principles of conservation, is the key to Earth's recovery. Each individual, community, and nation has something to offer, and each is responsible for initiating the changes that need to take place. We're all in this together, and there's no better place to start than home.

One approach is to develop local or bio-regional industries that create stable economies with minimal impact to the environment. An example of this is the recovery and utilization of resources, especially those in the form of manufactured goods, that would otherwise be discarded as waste. The potential for establishing such industries in the United States is tremendous. By most estimates, over 150 million tons of garbage are generated in the U.S. each year, and most of it is recoverable. The portion that isn't consists of manufactured materials that are either too dissipated or too contaminated to handle.

"Reduce, reuse, and recycle" is more than a popular slogan; it is a priority system that deserves our attention and support. Essentially, it's best not to produce garbage in the first place, next best to reuse materials in their manufactured form, and only then to recycle and compost as much as possible. Even after this system is fully applied, however, and our society's use of resources becomes more rational, there will continue to



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be discarded that need to be disposed of responsibly.

Creating sustainable local economies that take advantage of this reality is a logical step in the right direction. The fact that individual communities bear the greatest burden of cost for waste disposal makes this step imperative. Here the distinction must be drawn between community-based systems and those services which are provided by large, centralized corporate interests. While contracting for large scale, out-of-area services may initially seem more economical and efficient, community-based conservation offers far more local control and economic benefit. Smaller scale systems, in general, are also more efficient in terms of energy and resource consumption.

Within the Monterey Bay bioregion on California's central coast, for example, there are several promising options for utilizing local discards as the basis for sustainable industries. Working together, local communities could strengthen their economies by recovering certain discarded materials and manufacturing them into needed products. Not

only would employment and tax revenue increase, waste disposal costs and associated environmental liability would be greatly reduced. Due to the area's diverse blend of ag-

ricultural, industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential consumers, implementing such a plan would be quite feasible.

Low-grade paper, such as magazines, junk mail, phone books, and coated fiber products could be minimally processed into packing materials or insulation. Organic materials, including yard trimmings, wood, food waste, and sewage sludge could be composted into a water-conserving soil amendment and/or converted to biofuels. Plastic bottles, bags, and sheeting could be molded, using modern, low-temperature methods, into a variety of useful products: from piers to recycling bins. These are just a few possibilities.

Communities everywhere can benefit by investing in conservation and encouraging the development of local sustainable industries. The saying, "think globally, act locally" is sage advice for those who care about the Earth and want to balance economic and environmental concerns close to home.

Christopher D. Williams is the Executive Director of Ecology Action of Santa Cruz and is actively involved in many waste reduction/recycling organizations.

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Dangerous Earth Days

by Susan C. Strong

In the early part of this century, the only people who thought that every day was an Earth Day were some science fiction writers. Today, we are rapidly moving toward a new kind of environmental consciousness which the peace movement must integrate into its thinking in order to survive and be effective. This spring there are three special days to use for this project: April 15, Tax Day, April 22nd, Earth Day, and a new one, May 2nd, National Town Meeting Day.

For April 15th, we already have some figures available about how little the federal government spends on protecting the environment, compared with preparing for war: less than a penny out of every dollar for the first, compared with 52 cents for the second; for clean air, only one tenth of what is spent on the Trident II missile; for clean water, only the amount that is spent for a single MX missile.

But this year Tax Day has even more potential than these comparisons of spending priorities suggest. The proximity of Earth Day only about a week later should also give organizers an opportunity to make the connection between weapons production and the creation of toxic waste of all kinds, not just the nuclear variety. The fact is that the ordinary, everyday activities of any military base or military contractor create toxic waste in the form of heavy metals, paint products, explosives, and spent fuel products, which may trickle up or down into local water and air supplies. We are poisoning ourselves while we prepare to off the enemy, and this year is the perfect time to start talking more about



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it. Along with the local pork barrel goes the local poison, and the public needs to start facing that fact too.

This year's Earth Day on April 22nd also promises to be unlike any of those that preceded it, for sheer volume of activity, publicity, and breadth of participation. There is a new level of concern on the part of individuals. It's as if now that the Cold War is over, people have been released to worry about such things as the air and the water. But Earth Day also provides the peace activist with a lot of opportunities to focus on ways in which unresolved international environmental problems could still lead to conflict. *Our Common Future*, the publication of the World Commission of Environment and Development, contains a fearsome chapter on this subject which includes the following scenarios: fights over water use, fights over fishing rights, and conflict caused by large scale migration of refugees fleeing environmentally

induced droughts, desertification, and topsoil destruction.

These negative visions are natural segues to another point, which is the way that environmental problems themselves are created by abuses of human rights and the absence of democracy. In the developing world, for example, unfair land distribution helps to create soil erosion, as desperate people strip poor land to survive. A U.S. Agency for International Development official was quoted as saying about El Salvador: "The fundamental causes of the present conflict are as much environmental as political, stemming from problems of resource distribution in an overcrowded land" (in the pamphlet outline of *Our Common Future, Sustainable Development*, Global Tomorrow Coalition).

These political and environmental problems are, we all know, made infinitely worse by U.S. defense budgets and military activities in the form of intervention, whether it be

via military advisors and weapons procurement, or by actual invasions. It is the job of the peace movement to make these connections explicit. It is up to us to remind the public that we share some of the blame for global air and climate problems created in the developing world through our military activities, direct or indirect.

Ultimately, of course, it is our unhealthy social ecology which causes us to contribute so heavily to the dire environmental problems of the developing world's political economy. Focussing on our own damaged social ecology is the task of the third opportunity this spring, May 2nd, the National Town Meeting Day. Initiated by the National Commission For Economic Conversion and Disarmament, this is a day when local groups of people — those whose jobs are currently dependent on defense spending, those who want to see a peace economy, and the politicians who represent both — can talk to each other. This kind of democratic dialogue is essential if we are going to end the war inside our economy — the struggle between those who want a peaceful, environmentally sustainable economic system, and those who are afraid of what will happen to them tomorrow. The nation owes defense workers assistance in the transition we need. George Kourpias, former president of the International Association of Machinists, many of whose members work in defense plants, was recently quoted as saying that since defense workers have served their country during a period of military activity, they should be assisted in their transition just as returning soldiers are (*San Francisco Examiner* series on the peace dividend and economic conversion, March 10-16).

May 2nd should be the day when the public's attention can be drawn once again to all of the above points, but this time focussing on the need for federal economic conversion legislation to help reduce the purely political opposition to cutting defense spending that comes from people who are fearing for their immediate economic lives. These people need our help and our sympathy; they also need our lobbying strength. Not only does political justice demand it — our environmental survival requires it.

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Housing for Everyone

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the shortage of affordable housing continues to climb.

So, what has President Bush's response been? Bush's proposals for addressing the housing crisis has been high on rhetoric and low on bucks.

Most of the president's initiative on housing assistance is ironically called HOPE, named more for how it sounds in a speech than any actual hope for low-income families. This program basically takes existing program resources and refocuses them around a core theme of increasing opportunities for home ownership. While Bush is proposing that funds for such programs be increased, this request is more than offset by proposed cuts in other programs for low income families such as heating assistance, weatherization and housing assistance for low-income elderly and handicapped people. Overall funding for programs for low-income housing, if Bush gets his way, would be reduced by \$2 billion after adjusting for inflation.

The entire HUD budget request is smoke and mirrors. It looks like Bush is asking for more, but in reality it's less. Of the total HUD request of more than \$13 billion, more than one-half would be used to renew existing Section 8 contracts. Of the remaining half, only about \$3 billion is to be used for new housing assistance, \$800 million less than was provided in fiscal year 1990.

The Bush budget continues the Reagan legacy and provides low income housing assistance to a total of only 82,049 new households while increasing tax expenditures to assist higher-income households. He wants to increase such subsidies by 14 percent or \$9 billion over last year and 78 percent or \$33 billion since 1986.

The ball is now in Congress' court. Because both Reagan's and now Bush's budget priorities are adversely affecting so many different groups of people, the potential for effective coalition work on lobbying Congress for change is promising. Housing, childcare, hunger, and healthcare are all needs that have been abandoned and neglected by the federal government during the last decade to make way for out-of-control military spending. Advocates for these needs and others are joining together with peace and justice activists to demand a peace dividend from Congress since it seems we won't get one from President Bush. Next month we'll cover the prospects and strategies for getting a peace dividend for housing.

Terry Teitelbaum is the Executive Director of the Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze. Information for this article came from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Low Income Housing Information Service, the Coalition on Human Needs, the Children's Defense Fund, the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and Housing Now.



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"New Politics for a New World": A Report on the SANE/FREEZE Conference

by Gregory Bergman

With the theme "New Politics For A New World," SANE/FREEZE: Campaign for Global Security, the largest peace organization in the United States, held its annual conference on February 16-18 in Oakland, California. (The organization is the result of a merger of SANE and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign.) Five hundred participants from 30 states assembled to assess the outlook for peace as the Cold War comes to a dramatic end — in a city with a nuclear weapons free zone ordinance so strong that it is being challenged in court by the federal government.

Recent changes have created an unparalleled opportunity for disarmament, SANE/FREEZE President William Sloane Coffin told conference participants. Yet instead of pursuing disarmament "and binding up the wounds of the world," the U.S. government is building new first strike weapons, seeking ways to justify limiting military budget cuts, and conducting "voodoo disarmament."

As Coffin sees it, the peace movement must be motivated by hope, rather than the fear of nuclear annihilation which moved it in the early 1980's. "We have to make history, not suffer it — we must create a serious peace dividend."

The peace dividend requires two conditions: an easing of international tensions and economic conversion. Creating these conditions will require a global perspective, and the joining of peace, economic, and environmental issues.

Yet in a workshop on the Third World, Halch Wunder, West Coast Director of Oxfam America, told participants that the Cold War is being replaced by economic warfare, with divisions along the lines of North/South, rich/poor, and First World/Third World. Intervention in Latin America has been standard U.S. policy since the 1820's, with 50 military in-

trusions. Current sources of tension include the Third World debt, now \$1.3 trillion, and First World exploitation of Third World resources.

How will the peace movement deal with the Third World now that Gorbachev has derailed the fear of nuclear destruction which fueled both SANE and the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign? The focus must change, according to SANE/FREEZE's Northern California Director Alex Forman: "We can't deal with peace unless we deal with the new sources of conflict." If Brazil had elected the opposition candidate who advocated cancelling the \$113 billion debt, what would the U.S. have done?

Since 1945, most wars have been fought in the Third World, and Third World independence movements have turned to the Soviet Union for support. Now that the U.S.S.R. may be withdrawing, Forman suggested, the peace movement must vigorously advocate disarmament within Third World nations.

Guest speaker Manuel Pacavira, Angola's ambassador to the United Nations, echoed Forman: "In Central and South America, in Africa, disarm, disarm, so that all resources may be used for economic development and social justice."

On the last day of the conference, the *Oakland Tribune* ran a full-page story in its business section entitled "High Price Tag on Peace," which began, "defense cutbacks scare workers and career military...for almost half a century, being prepared for World War III has been the military's mission and a piston driving the American economy." The article pointed out that 101,000 General Dynamics workers make tanks, jets, and missiles in plants from Florida to California, and that many others have volunteered in the military as a life's occupation. All face danger of unemployment in an economy no longer geared to peacetime industrial production.

According to the article, as soon as President Bush submitted his budget to Congress, he took to the road to call for only a slight reduction in Pentagon spending, trying to convince people that cutting back too fast, too far, is dangerous folly.

The SANE/FREEZE "Peace Economy Campaign" envisions a far different budget, according to speakers in a panel on Economic Conversion. The U.S. has lost its ability to manufacture quality products at low cost, stated Lloyd Dumas, professor of political economy at the University of Texas. The engineering and scientific skill required for an efficient economy have been devoted to military production, in which cost was relatively unimportant and quality requirements quite different from those in civilian production.

Introduced in Congress each year by New York Representative Ted Weiss, the Defense Economic Adjustment Act (H.R. 101) provides for the retraining of scientists and engineers, Dumas pointed out. Importantly, the conversion plan in the bill would not come through governmental or centralized planning — it would require almost every military contractor, and every military base, to set up a labor-management planning committee. Dumas pointed out that "if we create visions of this kind in our communities, Congress will get the message and act accordingly."

SANE/FREEZE is working to support the Weiss Bill, and hopes to combine it with the well-developed Machinists' Union conversion plan and others to gain the widest support. The Peace Economy Campaign is underway in 20 states, with outreach effort to the Machinists' and Auto Workers' unions and many other organizations and coalitions.

In addition, the Congressional Black Caucus Budget is proposing to cut or eliminate Pentagon programs such as Star Wars, the Stealth bomber, and research and development on new weapons systems, and to raise

taxes on the top 5 percent of income-earners, which would produce \$100 billion in revenues. SANE/FREEZE legislative coordinator Mark Harrison considers this budget to be the best. He hopes to combine its features with that of the Budget For A Strong America, sponsored by California Congressmembers George Miller and Barbara Boxer.

In its own program, SANE/FREEZE is emphasizing the connections between the environment, disarmament, economic conversion, and international development to relieve Third World poverty, says Susan Strong, co-chair of the conference and member of the National Executive Committee. The organization is making a concerted effort "to change from its narrow focus of the past," to engage many groups in its outreach program, and to focus on the economy and people's needs. Outreach to minorities will emphasize that money transferred from weapons production under the proposed budget would be used for more pressing needs.

SANE/FREEZE has drawn some members from outside its traditional base of middle-class urban people, usually from the helping professions such as teaching. Two conference delegates came from a far different background and with different motivations. Paul Redarte, Jr., a Native American from Fallon, Nevada, of the Paiute and Shoshone peoples, came to represent Citizen Alert, a group concerned with dumping of toxic waste on Native American lands and with military overflights.

"We don't consider ourselves environmentalists," he explained. "Our Native American religion teaches us to make this world a safe place for our children, and the unborn yet to come." Redarte's work with the Western Shoshone National Council and other tribal councils, organizing a conference about toxic waste on Indian lands, gives him a goal in life which helps him avoid the despair which leads so many young Native American men to suicide or alcoholism.

Delegate Janet Gordon, the chairperson of the National Committee for Radiation Victims from southwest Utah, pointed out that "downwinders" from the nuclear weapons test sites have suffered high cancer rates. At a sheep ranch camp owned by her family, six of the eight herders died of cancer; her brother died of pancreatic cancer at age 26. Gordon is opposed to nuclear weapons on principle, as are most Utah residents — they are not merely concerned with their own 'back yard.'

Conference participants went on record to support a 50 percent cut in the military budget; a halt to the production, testing and deployment of weapons by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.; opposition to intervention in the affairs of other governments; and encouragement of nonviolent resolution of international conflicts. SANE/FREEZE decided on five-year program goals, including a deeper understanding of the global nature of security and the need for respect of international laws.

Gregory Bergman is a freelance writer based in Berkeley, working under a grant from the Gray Panthers to write articles on aging, health, and peace.

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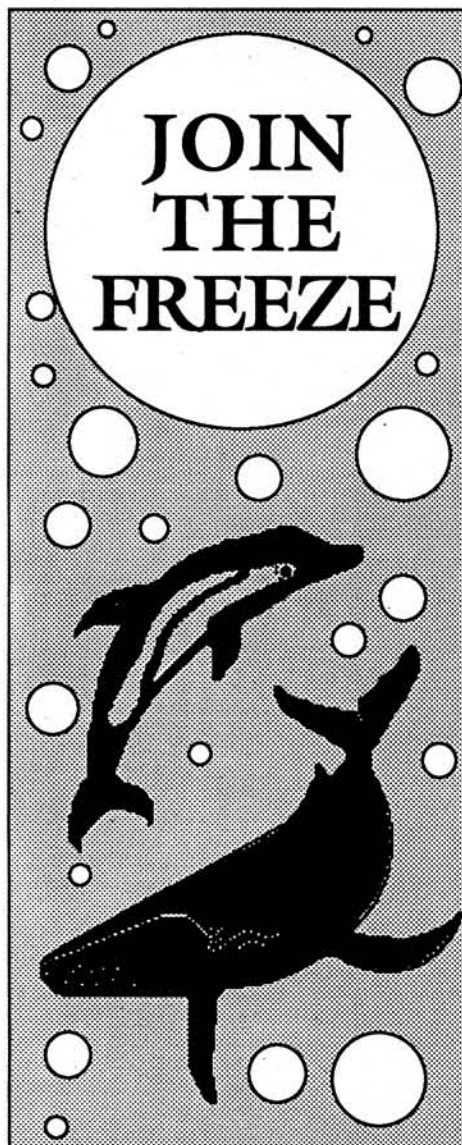
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Letter Writing Gathering to promote peace and education about political issues. Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Bring supplies, announcements, concerns, legislative info, yourself and friends. Info: Alan at Progressive Empowerment Network (PEN) 423-5989.



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THURSDAY, APRIL 12

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Katya Komisaruk, recently released from federal prison for destroying part of a NAVSTAR nuclear weapons targetting computer, will speak at the Loudon Nelson Community Center on Thursday, April 19.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Tax Day Protest. Say no to your tax money going to excessive military spending while human needs go unmet in our community. You are invited to the "Santa Cruz Tea Party," a demonstration for a Peace Economy. Meet at Cedar and Cathcart in downtown Santa Cruz at 10 a.m. for a walk to the Santa Cruz Wharf for a noon rally and symbolic dumping of tea into the bay. Call 458-9975 for more information.

Bystander CPR — shortened version of the regular Basic Life Support course. Taught by Santa Cruz Firepersons. Co-sponsored by Health Development Foundation of Community Hospital. Free. 303 Walnut Avenue, 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15

"Dr. Robert Bowman," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Dr. Bowman, a veteran of 22 years in the Air Force, served as director of Advanced Space Systems in the Carter Administration, and then worked for military contractor General Dynamics. In 1982, he left the military establishment and became a leading critic of Star Wars. He is now President of the Institute for Space and Security Studies. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, APRIL 16 — SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Week — See page 16 for a special section on Earth Day and Earth Week events.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Tax Day Outreach. The War Tax Resis-

tance Fund will provide 1000 copies of the annual Tax Day leaflet from WRL for distribution to those who come by the main post office on Tax Day, April 16. Info: 423-1626. If you would like to help leaflet, call Ned 427-2399.

Free, donation requested. 4 p.m., Cafezinho, 1547-B Pacific Avenue. Info: 947-1606.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day — See page 16 for a special section on Earth Day events.

"One Blue Sky: Human Values and the Environment" — Part One: "Dominion Over the Earth," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). This is the first in a three part series of radio documentaries exploring environmental threats to human health and survival, in a context of growing public awareness of the need to respond. Part one looks at the fall of old assumptions about control of nature and Earth's infinite capacity to support human activity. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

Pacific Stock Exchange Shutdown — a simultaneous direct action nonviolent blockade of the Pacific and New York Stock Exchanges. The action will get underway at 6 a.m. in San Francisco, 301 Pine St. at Sansome. Sponsored by the Earth Day Action Coalition which is made up of Greens, Youth Greens from UC Berkeley, and other activists. People are being asked to be as creative as possible — costumes, musical instruments, banners, etc. If people can not attend, they can call the Pacific Exchange at (415) 954-5500 before 8 a.m. or (415) 393-4000 after 8 a.m. to place a stock order for 1000 shares of Engulf and Devour to keep them busy. Info: Earth Day Action Coalition (415) 843-8788.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Letter writing gathering to promote peace and education about political issues. See April 11. Info: 423-5989.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

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, APRIL 27

"Supporting the Habit: The CIA, Drugs and Deceit in Central America." A talk by Tony Avirgan, Central American journalist and plaintiff in the Christic Institute's La Penca bombing lawsuit. Tony Avirgan lives and works in Costa Rica as an independent journalist, contributing news stories to the news media in the United States, including ABC news, Pacifica Radio, and The Nation. Tony will give an update on the latest events in Central America, and related activities concerning the progress of the La Penca lawsuit. 8 p.m., Pacific Cultural Center, corner of Broadway and Seabright Avenue. Donation \$4 to \$12 at the door. Info: 426-3254 or 426-7319.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

March and rally to stop Trident II deployment and convert Lockheed. 11 a.m. march from the Santa Cruz Town Clock to 1 p.m. rally at Cowell Beach. Sponsored by Lockheed Action Collective/Stop First Strike Santa Cruz. Info: Barbara 426-8446 or John 426-8936.

Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7:00 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 438-PARA.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Public Forum on the Navajo-Hopi land dispute with Dan Miller, researcher on native Indian issues. Pot luck at 6 p.m., forum at 7 p.m. Unitarian Fellowship of Santa Cruz County, 6401 Freedom Blvd., Aptos. Info: 462-0435.

Katya Komisaruk will speak and present the award winning documentary, "First Strike: Portrait of an Activist." Katya was recently paroled after serving two years in federal prison for destroying part of a computer used to target U.S. first-strike nuclear weapons. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Earth Day Committee. Loudon Nelson Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Info: 423-1626.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 21

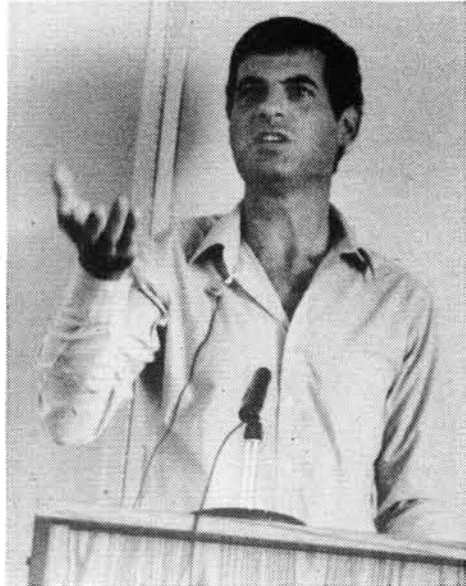
The Eighth Annual Nuclear Freeze Walk-a-thon. "March for a Peace Economy" with hundreds of other activists. March starts at 9 a.m. at San Lorenzo Park with a short rally. It will be 10 km (6 miles) and walkers are encouraged to get friends, family, and strangers to sponsor them per km. T-shirts will be awarded to walkers who raise \$100 or more and bigger prizes will also be awarded. A grand prize will be awarded to the walker who raises the most money. The walk ends at 12 noon at the park and will be followed with a rally including speakers and music. Join in and march for a Peace Economy. Info: Sev Williams 458-9975.

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Vicki Neville Coffis with Steve Palazzo and Sarah Pond present Concert For Kids. The program is the fourth in a series of "Concerts for Kids" presented as a benefit for Planned Parenthood of Santa Cruz County. Local businesses underwriting the concert series are Bookshop Santa Cruz, Capitola Book Cafe, Trader Tots, Guitar Show Case, Pizza Company, Teddy Bear Toys, Jacoby Baby News and Cotton Tales. Two concerts, Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children. Tickets available at Planned Parenthood in Santa Cruz and Watsonville, and the above businesses. Info: 425-1551.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 29
Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Preparation for the next day's action at Lockheed, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Action briefing, 5 p.m. Spokesouncil meeting to plan the action, 6 p.m. Kresge Commuter Lounge, UCSC. Info: Barbara 426-8446 or John 426-8936.



RAY BUETENS

Tony Avirgan, plaintiff in the Christie Institute's lawsuit, speaks Friday, April 27 at the Pacific Cultural Center.

"One Blue Sky: Human Values and the Environment" — Part Two: "Generation Unto Generation," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM).

Second in a three part documentary series on human values and the environment. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, APRIL 30
Emergency! Stop Trident Deployment direct action at Lockheed Santa Cruz, the end of Empire Grade Rd., Bonny Doon. 4 a.m. Info: Barbara 426-8446 or John 426-8936.

TUESDAY, MAY 1
1990 Peace Day Project Events: "Welcome to May: Month of Peace," a lunchtime ceremony featuring the Peace Child Ensemble and guest speakers. Peace Garden/Hugh DeLacy Memorial Park, Santa Cruz County Courthouse. Bring a sack lunch, enjoy music and speakers. Info: 475-0207.

THURSDAY, MAY 3
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SUNDAY, MAY 6
1990 Peace Day Project Events: 4th Annual 5K/10K Peace Run — 5K Walk, West Cliff Drive. Co-sponsored by Odwalla Juices, Precision Roof Systems, Hobees, Bank of America and KMST-TV. Benefit for Peace Day Project. Pre-registration \$12 includes running shorts. Mail orders must be received by April 28. Race numbers will be picked up on the day of the race. Race day registration \$15 includes running shorts as supplies last. Check in and race day registration at 8 a.m. Walkers start at 8:30 a.m., runners 9 a.m. Rain or shine. Info: 475-0207.

"One Blue Sky: Human Values and the Environment" — Part Three: "Prescription for Prevention," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). explores human mind as a geological force. 9-9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, MAY 7
Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7:00 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 438-PARA.



Vicki Neville Coffis, with Steve Palazzo and Sarah Pond, presents "Concerts for Kids" Planned Parenthood benefits at Kuumbwa Jazz Center, Saturday, April 28.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
Letter Writing Gathering to promote peace and education about political issues. See April 11. Info: 423-5989.

THURSDAY, MAY 10
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, MAY 11
1990 Peace Day Project Events: "Caribbean Dance Party" Benefit for Peace Day with Santa Cruz Steel. Co-sponsored by Odwalla Juice and Santa Cruz Magazine. The evening will begin with a half hour dance session led by Wilfred Mark, West Indian teacher of Afro-Caribbean dance. Mid-evening dance performance includes Joanne Bailey and friends. Also, The Rhythmnavts. Admission at the door by sliding scale \$6.50-\$10. 7:30-11 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 475-0207.

SATURDAY, MAY 12
1990 Peace Day Project Events: "Peace Day: Discovering Our Common Ground" photo exhibit opening. Co-sponsored by Webber's Photo Express, Bay Photo Lab, and India Joze. Featuring over 50 local professional photographers. Info: 475-0207.

Bystander CPR — shortened version of the regular Basic Life Support course. Taught by Santa Cruz Firepersons. Co-sponsored by Health Development Foundation of Community Hospital. Free. 303 Walnut Avenue, 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required. Info: 426-3062.

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MONDAY, MAY 14
Regular meeting of the Coalition of Nicaragua. Meetings held on the second Monday of every month are educational and include both historical information and current events and action. Free and open to the public. 7-9 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center, 301 Center Street. Info: 458-0303.

TUESDAY, MAY 15
Third annual Bike-To-Work Day commuting event — reduces traffic and automobile pollution, alleviates parking problems and contributes to the health of commuters. Free breakfast sites in Scotts Valley, UCSC, Downtown Santa Cruz, mid-County and Watsonville. A mountain bike plus many other great prizes will be given away to encourage people to ride bikes. There will be a Bike-Away-From-Work event in the afternoon to celebrate bicycle transportation. Info: KT 423-4841 or Jack 425-2951.

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