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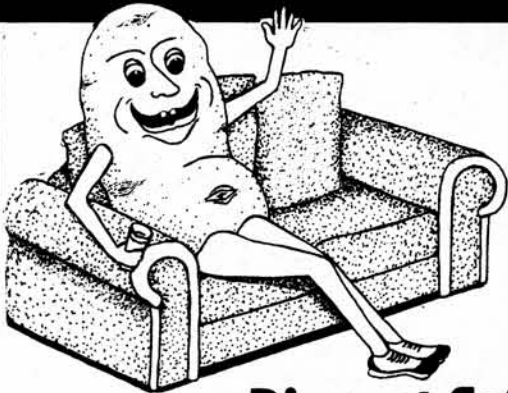
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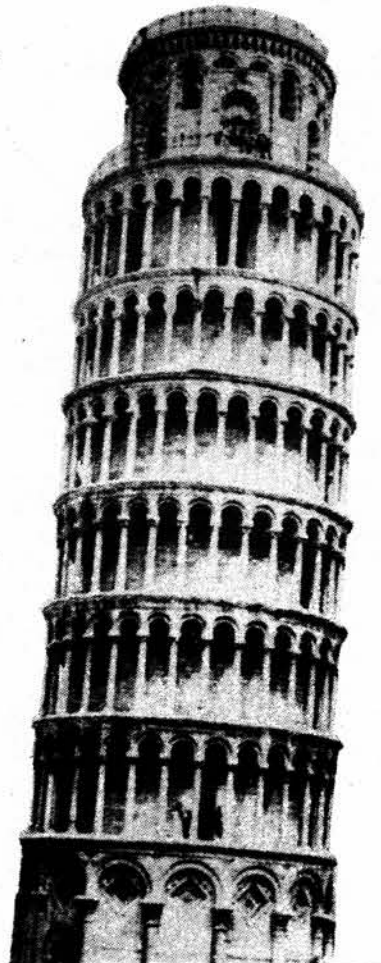




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On Saturday, April 21, more than 200 Santa Cruz citizens marched for a Peace Economy in the Nuclear Weapons Freeze 8th Annual Walk-a-thon. Marchers included Santa Cruz County Supervisors Gary Patton and Fred Keeley, Santa Cruz Mayor Mardi Wormhoudt, Santa Cruz City Councilmembers Don Lane and Katherine Beiers, and Watsonville City Councilmember Oscar Rios.

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Downtown's Problems are Deeper than "Loiterers"

In the enclosed report the Downtown Association admits that it uses the Santa Cruz Police department for "cattle herding to disperse" so-called "loiterers," even though neither loitering or vagrancy are crimes according to the law (page one, "Police Department Update," paragraph two). This amounts to punishment of our youth for the perceived crimes of public assembly, enjoyment of the common wealth, and prosecution for poverty.

Paragraph three encourages complaints against public demonstrators at the Post Office, while paragraph four encourages restrictions against free movement (liberty) and discourages public access to seating areas (assembly). Paragraph five of this section encourages privatization of the mall. This is the exact opposite of the ideals of common wealth and democracy. All of these actions, tactics, and suggestions are made with total disregard for the rights of citizens and the ideals of our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The downtown has lost its biggest attractions, the Cooper House and Bookshop Santa Cruz. It has also lost several hundred loyal shoppers who lived in the Hotels St. George and Palomar. The problems standing in the way of downtown business are much deeper than teenagers by the station and demonstrators at the Post Office. In fact, these are two groups who do shop and spend money downtown. The real problems facing our community and the potential we have for growth are not being addressed because of these "blame-the-bums" tactics.

*Brian Koepke
Santa Cruz*

Bush Bombs While Santa Cruz Hurts

Thanks for five years of fine press. Missing coverage but equally important is the voting history of legislators in our constituency covering your field of interest. Why not show us the voting histories of Cranston, Wilson, Panetta, Campbell, Farr, Mello, etc.?

Why not push for an eight-year limit in office statewide and nationally?

Why not show that Bush's bombing and killing innocent civilians in Panama and worldwide, and his manic military solution to our national bankruptcy, is the reason our Congress is befuddled?

Is it not human sacrifice by President Bush in Panama which diverted aid funds from Santa Cruz County earthquake relief? We are in ruins here and ignored by our lawmakers. Why can't you tie this into military control of Congress and the Presidency?

Even the progressive City of Santa Cruz is inviting the Navy to come pollute, do violence to Monterey Bay's animals and citizens by Navy-as-usual oil, fecal, urinal, and garbage spills overboard — plus the usual shore leave alcohol/drug addict Navy hoodlum behavior (made worse by fawning elected officials wining and dining these male passengers of death).

This, instead of helping the helpless — can you not see the connection?

Human sacrifice in Santa Cruz.

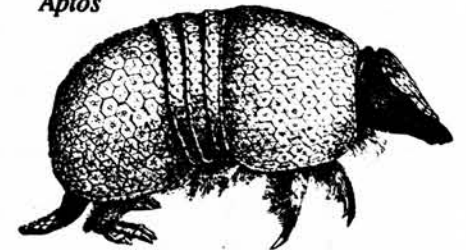
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*Barney Rhinehart
Santa Cruz*

Efforts Appreciated

Just read your April 1990 *Monthly Planet* cover-to-cover. Special congratulations on some fabulous articles by Terry Teitelbaum on housing miseries, and the revealing "Environmental Dangers of the Nuclear Arms Race," to Shelly D'Amour for her comprehensive and concise legislative update, and to Doug Rand and Scott Kelly on the frightening "Lockheed and Company Move to Undermine the Nuclear-Free Zone Movement." These articles were tremendously informative, well-researched, and clearly written. I greatly appreciate your efforts in the struggle for a safe and sane society. Were the mass media as conscientious in reporting expose and analysis of such life-threatening issues as covered in the *Monthly Planet*, we'd have a decent chance at survival.

*Marilyn Garrett
Aptos*



Keep Plutonium Out of Space

I can live with the space program. In fact I would like to look through the telescope NASA plans to put in space. However, I cannot condone using plutonium in space as NASA plans to do within the year, using a shuttle flight to boost a plutonium-powered vehicle into space.

NASA and Congressman Leon Panetta inform me "that an explosion could occur once in every eight launches." NASA has estimated that plutonium would be released in approximately eight percent of those accidents."

Even if we don't release plutonium into the atmosphere, other countries may. Japan has recently completed a new space rocket. Our putting plutonium into space sets a precedent other countries will wish to follow.

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Weapons Industry & Federal Government Battle Nuclear Free Zones

by Madge Strong

Nuclear Free Zones (NFZs) are local, grassroots actions against the national and international madness of the nuclear arms race. The idea is to take steps to reverse the arms race community by community, with increasing political and economic clout, until Washington is finally forced to follow suit. NFZs rely on hundreds of local volunteers and thousands of small donations.

Activist's Notebook

In contrast, the companies that make huge profits from the arms race have nearly unlimited funds at their command. So far, their PAC money and lobbying have kept a lock on Congress and the federal government that feeds them.

NFZs are in a David and Goliath struggle. Unfortunately, the giant has won the last couple of rounds. But one encouraging sign is how worried they are about us.

Why Are They So Worried?

The Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), heavily dominated by military contractors, sees NFZs as a rising threat to their livelihood. Confidential AIA documents, sent anonymously to Nuclear Free America, graphically illustrate the impressive (in their view ominous) rise in citizen initiatives for the Freeze, environment and disarmament, and NFZs. There are now over 170 NFZs in this country and over 4,000 around the world.

The AIA is particularly concerned about the "new generation" of NFZs with real teeth: initiatives that restrict municipal purchasing and investing with nuclear companies. They list their "black-listed" fellow corporations, which are among the top 50 nuclear weapons contractors. These include:

- McDonnell Douglas (with \$3.9 billion in nuclear weapons contracts)
- General Electric (with \$3.4 billion)
- General Dynamics (\$2.8 billion)
- Westinghouse (\$2.7 billion)
- Lockheed (\$2.65 billion)
- University of California (\$2.0 billion)
- Rockwell International (\$1.5 billion)
- Dupont (\$1.2 billion)
- AT&T (\$1.2 billion)
- General Motors (\$565 million)
- Northrop (\$313 million)
- IBM (\$185 million)

Since municipalities control an estimated 20 percent of domestic purchasing, the spread of such socially responsible selective purchasing does indeed warrant corporate concern — corporate profits could be hurt. The nuclear weapons companies, individually and through the AIA and its sister Electronic Industries Association, have

mobilized to try to stop this movement before it grows any further.

In Fall of 1988, when Oakland's powerful NFZ initiative was on the ballot (after garnering over 40,000 signatures), the nuclear weapons industry spent tens of thousands of dollars into an unsuccessful campaign to defeat it. After it passed, they began lobbying top Washington officials for an administrative order to invalidate NFZs (so far without success).

The industry also successfully pressured the Department of Justice to sue the city of Oakland over its NFZ. In fact, the Aerospace Industries Association knew about the Justice Department suit in February 1989, although it was not made public until late August. The AIA also probably funded the arch-conservative Pacific Legal Foundation lawsuit against the Oakland NFZ (brought in May 1989). For now, the feds and military contractors have won a couple of rounds.

The Oakland Case

One round was in court — the feds have temporarily invalidated the Oakland Nuclear Free Zone law.

The Oakland Nuclear Free Zone initiative passed with a 57 percent yes vote in November 1988. Unable to defeat it at the ballot box, opponents brought a private lawsuit and, as noted above, pressured the Justice Department to bring suit on behalf of the United States government and its sidekick military contractors.

Oakland's NFZ is part of the "new generation." Key features include: banning nuclear weapons work in Oakland; regulating transportation of radioactive materials through the city; and barring the city from purchasing, contracting, or investing with nuclear weapons makers.

Both the private and federal lawsuit came before U.S. District Court Judge John Vukasin, a Reagan appointee. After months of delays, he ruled from the bench on April 27 in favor of the Department of Justice. He has not yet ruled on the Pacific Legal

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Organizers of the Oakland Nuclear Free Zone (Madge Strong, Steve Bloom, Oakland City Councilmember Wilson Riles, Jr., and Susan Duncan) celebrate the victory of the ordinance by 57% of the voters in November 1988.

Foundation case, although in most respects that case is made irrelevant by his decision on the Justice Department suit.

Nuclear Free Oakland (NFO), the citizens' group (spearheaded by Alameda County SANE/FREEZE) which initiated and worked for passage and implementation of the law, and Steve Bloom, a principal author of the law, filed in December 1989 to become interveners in both cases. (Interveners have the right to participate in proceedings, essentially like co-defendants with the city.) We were represented by Western States Legal Foundation, a public interest organization which has also worked against U.S.S. Missouri homeporting and on Livermore Lab issues, and by the

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The judge never granted our request for intervention, even though it was uncontested by all parties. He did allow us and the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy (joined by over 30 groups and nationwide city officials) to submit "Friend of the Court" briefs, but denied our lawyers the right to speak at the hearing.

The judge's action invalidated most aspects of Oakland's NFZ, agreeing with Justice Department's arguments that the law is, on its face, unconstitutional under the War Powers clauses and preempted by federal laws (Hazardous Materials Transportation, Atomic Energy Acts, etc.). Essentially he said our citizen-enacted statute, even if justified by local health and safety concerns, cannot be tolerated because it might interfere with the government's unfettered conduct of the nuclear arms race.

The feds did not even have to prove actual interference, although their lawsuit disclosed an unsettling web of nuclear weapons and radioactive shipments through Oakland — to and from the Alameda Naval Air Station, Oakland Supply Depot, Concord Naval Weapons Station, Mare Island, Treasure Island, Hunter's Point, and Livermore Lab. The Department of

Energy's West Coast office, which directs nuclear weapons work at Livermore, Los Alamos and Sandia Labs, the Nevada Test Site, and more, is also in Oakland.

The city's lawyers (the firm of Howard, Rice et al.) argued that the Oakland law did not in fact preempt such federal activities but reasonably sought to regulate them under legitimate local powers to protect public health and safety. They also defended the city's right to set policies for use of its own funds, which include South African divestment as well its nuclear free policy.

NFO's attorneys, in our Friend of the Court brief, added a further line of argument: that the nuclear arms race itself violates U.S. and international law. The judge, however, disagreed, arguing that Uncle Sam must provide for "the common defense." Yet the arms race is really common destruction which benefits corporate profits, not the public welfare.

Nuclear Free Zone advocates immediately urged the Oakland City Council to appeal Judge Vukasin's heavy-handed ruling. The city council, after some delay, voted unanimously to appeal in a closed session on May 29.

The next venue is the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal. We believe there is a good chance of overturning Judge Vukasin's ruling. On its merits, the ruling is an affront

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to the democratic will of the voters and flies in the face of local authority to protect public health and safety and set policy on use of municipal funds.

Grounds for appeal also include the judge's refusal to allow either investigation of the government's factual claims or participation by Nuclear Free Oakland, despite our uncontested request for intervenor

status. Moreover, the ruling ignores the federal government's own responsibilities under international and U.S. law to uphold treaty obligations and congressional policies to achieve nuclear disarmament.

Whatever happens in the courtrooms, the legal battle raises the issues in the court of public opinion. Media attention is making people aware of the impact of the nuclear arms race on our communities, the government's intolerance of dissent, and the heavy role of the military contractors. In the meantime, Nuclear Free Oakland is seeking to have the city council reinstate and/or enforce aspects of the law not directly stricken by the judge, such as monitoring and inspection, setting local routes for radioactive shipments, and possibly selective purchasing.

Alameda & Marin County NFZs

The weapons industry's second-round win was the successful defeat of the Alameda and Marin County NFZs on the June 1990 ballot. It was, however, a hard-won victory.

Hundreds of activists worked to collect over 60,000 signatures in Alameda County and 14,000 signatures in Marin to put these NFZs on the ballot. The Alameda County NFZ Initiative was particularly significant. Like the others, it sought to regulate radioactive shipments and restrict purchases and investments with nuclear weapons companies. (Alameda County's budget is four times bigger than Oakland's, so selective purchasing would have had a much larger impact.)

Alameda County's Measure A also would have mandated a county plan for conversion of the Livermore and Sandia Labs, both spawning grounds of new nuclear and space weapons. The plan would have enabled the jobs and expertise of the labs to be devoted to radioactive clean-up, sustainable energy alternatives, and global climate stabilization, instead of being devoted to means of destruction.

The military contractors, many of which contributed to previous anti-NFZ campaigns, went all out to fight Measure A. They spent over \$600,000, plus uncounted

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With this hefty war chest, the corporations sent six different slick pamphlets to hundreds of thousands of voters, with misleading and downright false claims carefully designed to scare people into voting no.

For example, the contractors claimed that Measure A would interfere with the use of radioactive materials in medicine, when in fact medical uses are fully exempted. They grossly exaggerated implementation costs, claiming the law would hamstring and/or bankrupt the county (which has certainly not been the case in Berkeley, Oakland, or in other similar NFZs). They also played strongly on the doubt about the legality of NFZs cast by the concurrent court case. (The timing of the Judge's decision and the lack of publicity on Oakland's decision to appeal made their job easy.) Finally, they bought space to urge "No on A" on commercially-produced "Democratic" slate cards.

After outspending the largely volunteer NFZ forces by about 10-1, the votes came in: 67 percent no to 33 percent yes.

In Marin County, there was somewhat less at stake. The county passed a NFZ in 1986, but this year's Measure A would have closed loopholes and strengthened future implementation. However, Marin County has no major nuclear weapons activity within its jurisdiction and has a smaller potential impact through selective purchasing.

Nonetheless, the opponents spent some of their campaign war chest to defeat Marin's Measure A as well. Again, slick mailings and misleading claims succeeded. The vote was 56 percent no, 44 percent yes.

One small success in the June 1990 election was passage of an NFZ in Nevada County, although that initiative did not include selective purchasing and investing.

What's Next?

A third Bay Area county, San Francisco, is collecting signatures now to strengthen its symbolic NFZ on the November ballot. Despite the news from Alameda and Marin, activists optimistic about collecting the necessary 60,000 signatures needed to qualify. Then the initiative will be up against the same weapons industry anti-NFZ campaign tactics.

Without deep-pockets funding, NFZ advocates rely on lots of volunteers and person-to-person campaigning. Whether San Francisco's NFZ passes or not, all three of these Bay Area NFZ initiatives have been successful to some degree:

- They have forced the nuclear industry to spend close to \$1 million of its resources to fight the initiatives.

- They have been effective channels for organizing and empowering thousands of people in their opposition to the nuclear madness.

- They have raised media attention and public awareness on the issues.

The NFZs that have passed at the ballot box are having further impact: exposing the nuclear activities in our midst and reducing weapons companies' profits through the power of local purse strings. Oakland's NFZ is the first to be tested in court. It is unclear whether the courts will allow the feds to squelch local communities on these issues.

NFZs have proven to be a powerful slingshot — something local citizens can do without waiting for the "leaders" in Washington. We haven't downed the giant yet, but we've certainly gotten his attention!

The iron grip of the nuclear arms race in our country — particularly galling in the face of the demise of the Iron Curtain — is driven by money, not rational policy. Ultimately, we're hoping people power and sanity will overcome the odds.

(To help on the NFO case, send a tax-deductible donation to the Nuclear Free Oakland Defense Fund, c/o Western States Legal Foundation, 1440 Broadway, #420, Oakland, CA 94612. For information call Alameda County SANE/FREEZE, 415-655-6872.)

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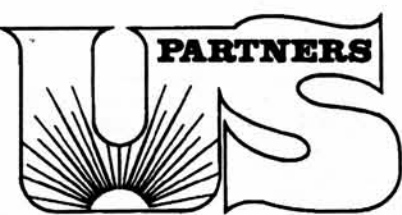


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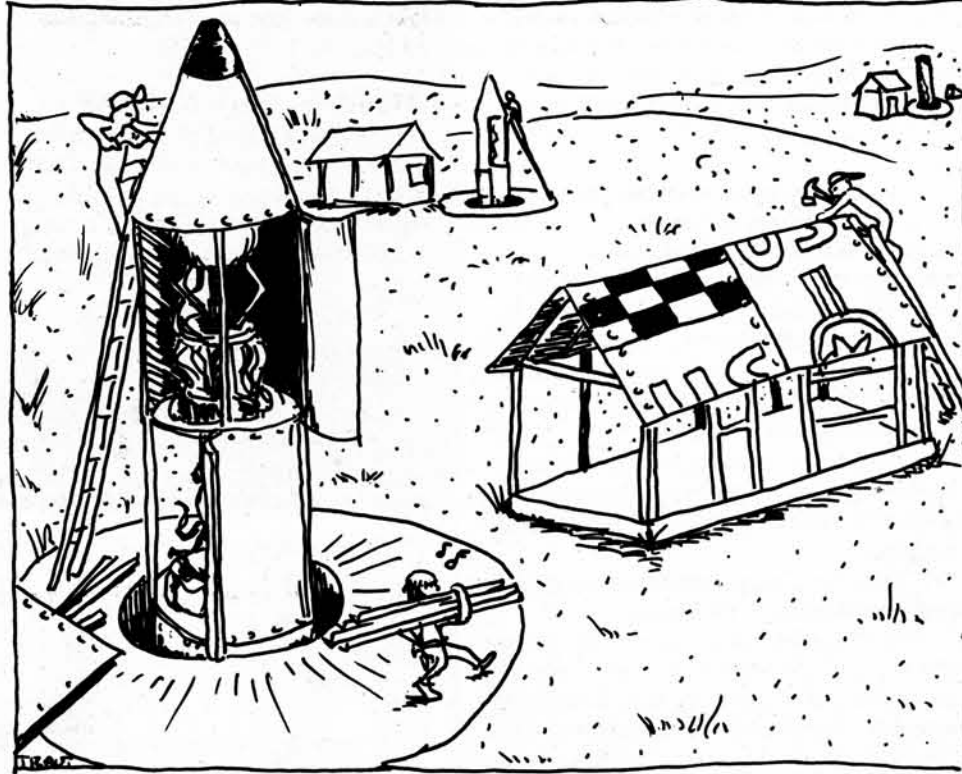
How We Can Get a Housing Peace Dividend

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.

Featured in the last issue of the Planet was a story on the federal government's broken promise to provide decent housing for every citizen. The following article will examine strategies for reversing the current national housing crisis and the prospects of getting a "Housing Peace Dividend" by cutting military spending.

If you read the first two articles in this series, you already know that the crisis in housing, both nationally and locally, has seriously escalated over the last ten years. Homelessness is on the rise. Low- and even middle-income families can't find affordable rentals and their dreams of buying their own homes are increasingly unreachable. During the eighties, this housing



All of this has occurred against a backdrop of growing poverty in what used to be the wealthiest of nations.

In spite of skewed spending priorities, housing activists as well as some members of Congress have been working hard to renew the federal government's commitment to provide citizens with opportunities to obtain decent housing. Representatives such as Ron Dellums have proposed alternative budgets in the House which cut military spending and increase funds to meet human needs. The United States Conference of Mayors did a study of four cities which demonstrates how changing federal budget priorities would improve the housing situation, as well as other local social programs, in those communities. And national housing advocates, such as the National Low Income Housing Coalition, have developed proposals and lobbying strategies for making housing a federal spending priority.

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Arms Talks Fail to Address Key Issues

by Shelly D'Amour

When Mr. Gorbachev left Washington last month following arms talks with President Bush, the U.S. media pronounced the summit a huge success. "Arms Accord a Major Step Forward," proclaimed the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "Historic" was the official judgment of *The New York Times*. On the surface, it appeared to be true. Agreements were reached on chemical weapons, numerical ceilings were placed on certain strategic systems, and two nuclear testing treaties inched closer to finalization. But what is the actual substance of these agreements, and what is their significance given the backdrop of the massive political changes taking place in the world?

The issues themselves — the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles, reductions in long-range strategic missiles, and imposing limits on underground nuclear testing — are of major importance, and have been on the agenda of arms control organizations for years. The recent U.S.-Soviet summit did achieve some progress in these areas. However, the results did not approach the potential. Given the current global climate, and the fact that the issues in question have been on the table for almost two decades, the outcome of these most recent arms talks is disappointing.

Limits on numbers of long-range ballistic missiles are being negotiated under the



Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev waves to the crowd gathered to see him on his recent trip to Palo Alto.

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Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START. START has been mostly on "stop" the last 10 years as negotiators got mired in arguments over what constituted a long-range system, and what weapons would or would not be excluded under the terms of the treaty. At the summit, Bush and Gorbachev came up with a framework for the treaty, which is targeted for completion by the end of the year. The centerpiece of this framework involves a counting system for ballistic missiles that would make your third grade math teacher wince.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze have agreed to a ceiling of 6,000 warheads on each side, a theoretical cut of 50 percent. However, rather than go to the trouble of counting actual existing warheads, treaty architects have decided to "assign" designated numbers of warheads to the various air, sea and ground launched ballistic missile systems — regardless of how many warheads those systems in fact carry. For example, the treaty would permit the U.S. to deploy as many as 150 air-launched cruise missile (ALCM) bombers, which can carry up to 20 missiles each. However, for purposes of the treaty ALCM bombers will be counted as carrying 10 missiles each. The Soviets will be permitted to deploy up to 210 bombers which can carry as many as 12 missiles each, but which will be counted as carrying eight missiles each.

According to an analysis produced by SANE/FREEZE, such counting gimmicks mean that the much publicized 50 percent

reduction in warheads will be actually closer to 30 percent.

The most serious deficiency of START is that it does not address development and deployment of future first-strike weapons systems. Systems that are currently in the development and testing stages such as anti-satellite (ASAT) weapons will not be impacted in any way by this agreement. START reduces the complex issues of arms control to, quite literally, a numbers game.

With respect to chemical weapons, Bush and Gorbachev signed an agreement to reduce the two superpowers' stockpiles of chemical weapons by 50 percent by 1999. The agreement must be approved by a majority vote of both houses of Congress before it can take effect. Under the provisions of this accord, stockpiles will dip no lower than 20 percent of what they are now until such time as an international chemical weapons treaty is in effect. Once all nations that possess the capability to produce chemical weapons sign the agreement, then the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. would destroy their remaining arsenals.

The requirement for a global treaty as a prerequisite for total chemical weapon disarmament was insisted on by the Bush Administration, which never wanted a chemical weapons treaty to begin with, but which has been under enormous international pressure to negotiate one. During his tenure as vice president, Bush used his tie-breaking authority in the Senate three times — all three votes were to support funding for chemical weapons production. In light of the fact that ratification of the chemical

weapons agreement appears imminent, it will be interesting to see how Congress deals with the current Bush budget request for \$141 million for chemical weapons production.

Verification procedures were ironed out for the 1974 Threshold Test Ban Treaty and the 1976 Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty. The treaties ban underground nuclear explosions of more than 150 kilotons. President Carter withdrew the agreements from consideration by the Senate in 1979 following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; however, the superpowers have been unofficially observing the 150-kiloton limit. The treaties will now at long last be returned to the Senate for ratification, requiring a two-thirds majority vote to pass. Senator Claiborne Pell (D-RI) will attempt to give the accords an updated focus by attaching an amendment urging the president to begin negotiations on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and to support the U.N. Test Ban Treaty Amendment Conference.

While it's nice to have a ceiling on the kilotonnage of nuclear explosions, the treaties do nothing to restrict testing itself. This is one of those instances in which the administration can have its cake (i.e. good publicity on its "arms control" initiatives), and eat it too (request and probably get increased funding for testing next year). What is needed is a complete ban on all underground nuclear testing — a step which the current and previous administrations have adamantly refused to consider, and Congress has been unwilling to demand. This



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year, Representative Ed Markey (D-MA) is expected to offer his annual amendment to cut off funding for nuclear testing above one kiloton. Test ban legislation has almost always passed in the House, and never in the Senate. It has never survived the conference committee. This year, Congress could make a real contribution to arms control by getting behind the test ban amendment and making it stick.

What follows is an update on other items of legislative interest:

Plutonium/Tritium Production

The battle over the future of aging weapons plants and the wisdom or folly of build-

the Denver, Colorado area, and has found some formidable opponents in Democratic Representatives Patricia Schroeder, Tim Wirth and David Skaggs. On June 19, the House directed the DOE to conduct a study of the administration's plans for modernization of the nation's nuclear weapons industry, prior to beginning any work on the Rocky Flats plant. The DOE is requesting \$81 million for the Rocky Flats project for the coming year. The request is now before the House Armed Services Committee, which both Schroeder and Wirth are members of. Rep. Schroeder will offer an amendment to cut \$65 million from that request.

Both Rocky Flats and Savannah River

number of conditions are met by both El Salvador's military and guerilla movement (FMLN).

Last November, the House approved \$85 million in military aid to El Salvador; this just days after the Salvadoran military assassinated six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper, and her 15-year-old daughter. Immediately following the aid vote, the House passed a resolution condemning the murders.

House members defeated all attempts to weaken the language of the Moakley-Murtha amendment. Both 16th district Representative Leon Panetta (D) and 12th district Representative Tom Campbell (R) voted in favor of the aid restrictions. This latest vote represents an improvement for Mr. Campbell, who voted in favor of the original aid package last November.

The victory was short-lived, however; the larger supplemental bill was defeated 244-163. The El Salvador legislation will be taken up again in the House Appropriations debates this fall.

Flag Amendment

On a vote of 254 to 177, the House rejected attempts by conservative lawmakers to amend the Constitution in order to outlaw desecration of the American flag. Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a two-thirds majority of both houses of Congress, and then ratified by 38 state legislatures in order to become law. The flag amendment fell 34 votes short of its goal. Local 16th district Representative Leon Panetta (D) voted against the amendment, while 12th district Representative Tom Campbell (R) voted in favor of it.

Approval of the amendment would have marked the first change in the Bill of Rights in 200 years. And it was largely fear of tampering with the first amendment that led House members to defeat the proposal. Rep. David Skaggs (D-CO) summed up this position for many when he said, "What assurance is there that this excision in the Bill of Rights, once breached, would not lead to others?"

But the proposed amendment was not without its supporters; and emotions ran high during the five-hour debate. Images of World War II and Iwo Jima were trotted out as supporters tried to convince their colleagues that the American flag was somehow above the protections of free speech. Failing that, they were not above using

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BOMBS	3,000	3,440	400	2,000
CRUISE MISSILES	1,950	2,720	640	2,230
OTHER	0	576	0	528
TOTAL	12,424	11,636	11,212	9,658
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ing new ones rages on as Congress moves to consider a number of Department of Energy (DOE) funding requests.

All plutonium and tritium facilities in the United States have been shut down since 1988. Plutonium is a key material in the production of nuclear weapons, while tritium extends the "shelf life" of warheads in storage. The DOE is proposing to build new reactors at its Savannah River plant in South Carolina, and at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. Meanwhile, it would like to see the three existing reactors at Savannah River restarted as soon as possible.

The DOE would also like to construct a \$600-800 million plutonium processing facility at the Rocky Flats plant in Colorado; this despite plans currently in the works to phase out Rocky Flats completely by 1995. Rocky Flats is currently producing the triggers for nuclear warheads, most notably the Trident-2

The possibility of a new plutonium facility at Rocky Flats is a volatile issue in

have been plagued with problems stemming from poor plant construction and incompetent management. A June 20 *New York Times* article detailed some of these, including the story of a Savannah River employee who disabled a safety alarm on the reactor's cooling system because he found it "annoying."

In all, the DOE is requesting a total of \$323 million this year toward building the new plutonium and tritium reactors. Rep. Lane Evans (D-IL) will offer an amendment to cut that figure to \$100 million.

El Salvador

In a surprise victory, the House approved language added to a supplemental Foreign Affairs spending bill (HR4636) which placed severe restrictions on aid to El Salvador.

By a vote of 250-163, House members overwhelmingly approved an amendment by Reps. Joe Moakley (D-MA) and John P. Murtha (D-PA) to cut 50 percent from this year's remaining military aid appropriations, and 50 percent from next year's, unless a

threats. Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) suggested that a 30-second spot of a congressman voting against the flag amendment would be great material at election time. It appears he may not be that far off — recent polls indicate that 68 percent of the American public support such an amendment. In June the California Senate approved a resolution 29-9 urging the Congress to support the flag amendment.

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Shelly D'Amour is the Legislative Editor of The Monthly Planet.



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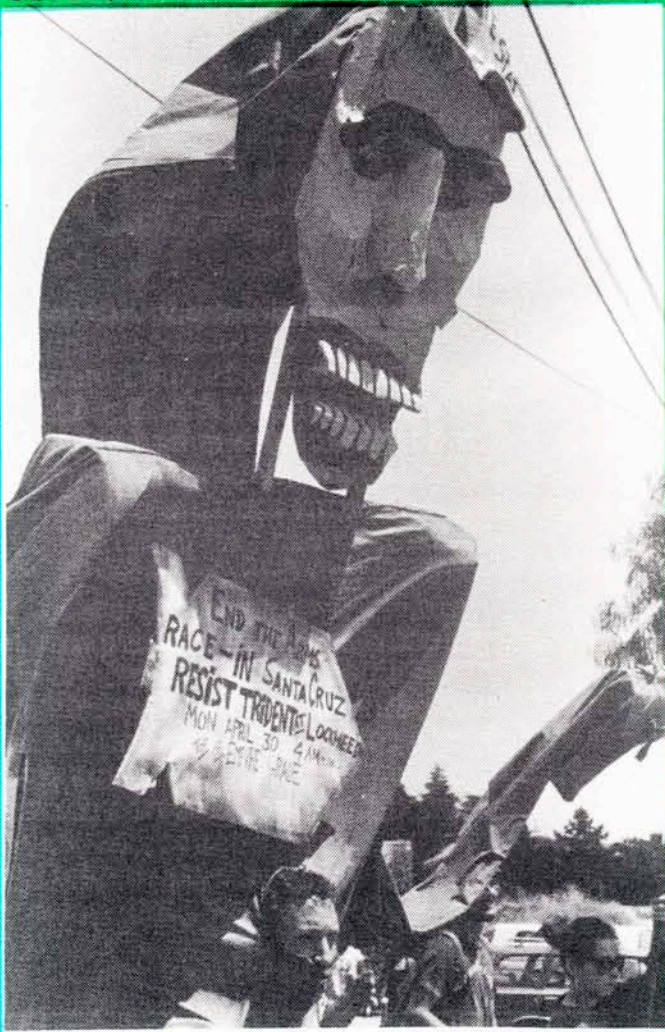
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Demonstration at Lockheed

On Monday, April 30, with the sun still tucked deep in the mountains, protestors assembled in beautiful Bonny Doon. By 4:00 a.m. the police erected a barricade, preventing all cars from entering. Police signs announced protestors ahead; indeed, 100 to 150 activists joined together to prevent Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. employees from going to work. Lockheed's 200-300 employees assemble and test several essential parts to the Trident-2 (D-5) missile. This nuclear first-strike weapon and its contractors have been the target of heated criticism from the people of Santa Cruz. Since July of 1987, the Alliance to Stop First Strike and Lockheed Action Collective have been committed to the largest campaign in Lockheed's history.

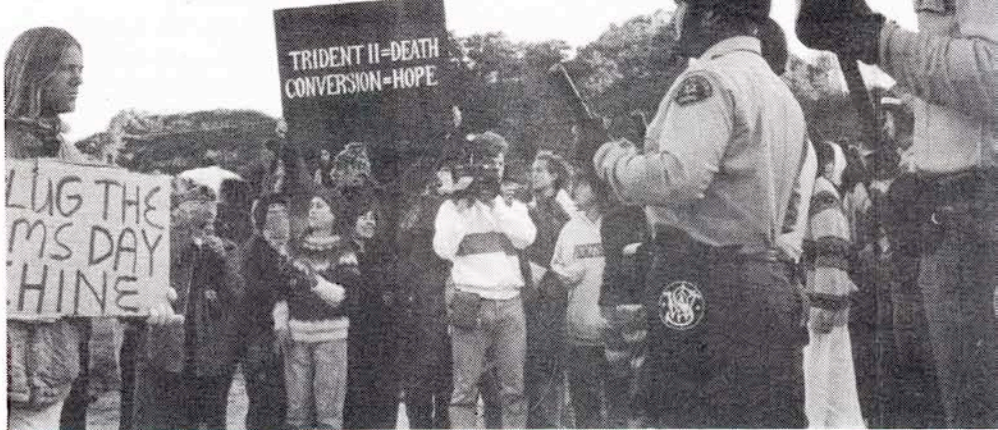
The 25 people arrested Monday push the total of arrests to over 400 in the past years. This latest action consisted of several blockades and acts of civil disobedience, climaxed by what was affectionately called the "Big Metal Thing." Having had three barricades torn down and the materials hauled away by security, protestors looked to a mammoth piece of farming equipment left to rust on the nearby rifle range. The "big metal thing" weighed several tons and required about 50 people to carry it onto the road. The excitement was uncontrollable, as authorities were helpless to remove the massive obstacle for two hours. A few protestors were arrested when they tied themselves to the object with yarn; others danced on top of it singing to the police photographers as they filmed. In the end the action drastically slowed the facility's production of the deadly Trident-2, giving 200 workers the day off.

-Dene' McMullen

The action at Lockheed was preceded by a march and rally on Saturday, April 28. This anti-nuclear puppet marched with other activists to encourage people to attend Monday's action at Lockheed.

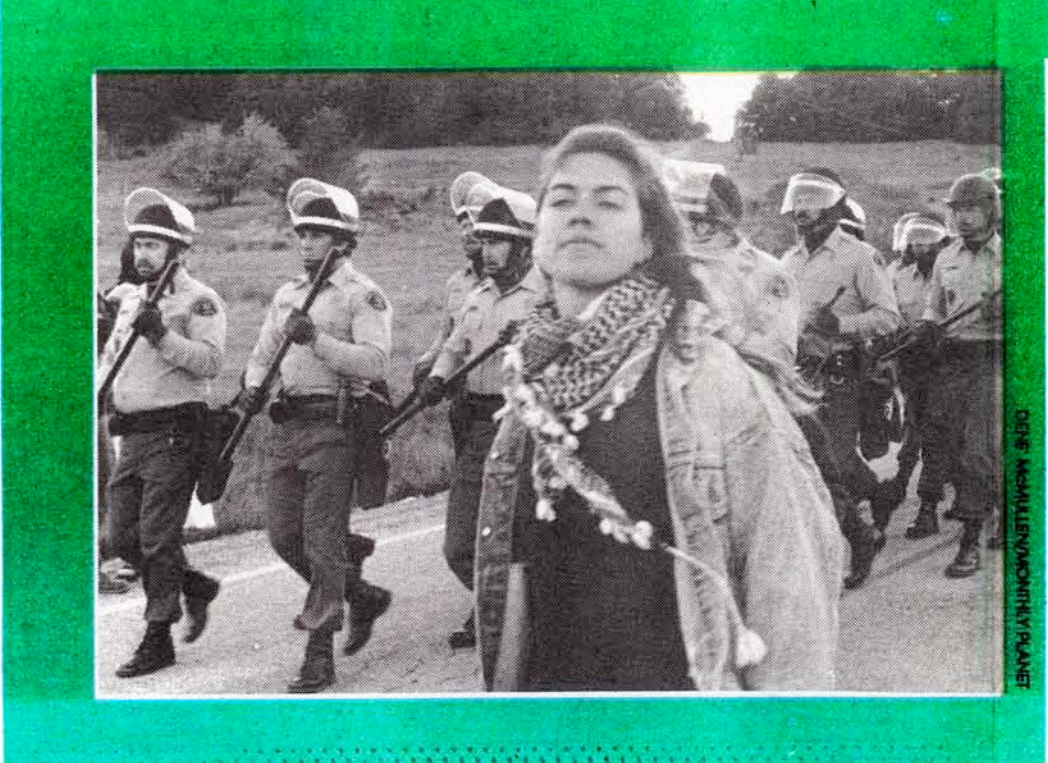


Blockaders and police face off in a confrontation that resulted in 15 arrests.



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Police dismantle a barricade built by demonstrator.

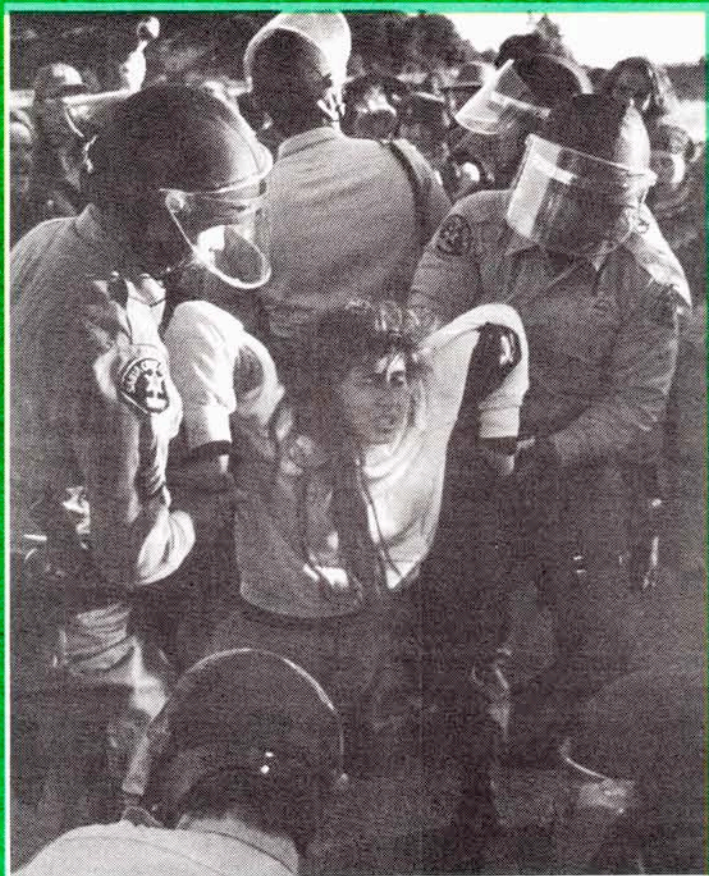


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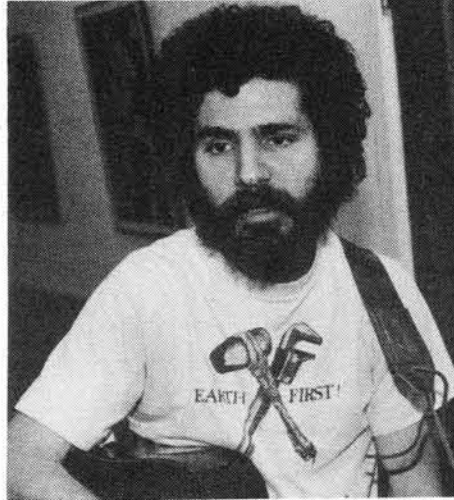
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An Interview with Redwood Summer Organizer Darryl Cherney

interview by Catherine Franke

On May 25 Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney were heading out from Oakland to Santa Cruz, the last stop in a campaign trip to rally support for a three-month series of peaceful protests called Redwood Summer. But barely had the two climbed into Bari's white Subaru wagon that morning when an explosion racked the car, seriously injuring Bari and leaving a scar across Cherney's left eye. The Oakland police and the FBI immediately responded by interrogating Cherney, throwing him in jail, and placing the hospitalized Bari under a 24-hour police guard. The charges: none. A month later, Bari is still in Oakland's Highland hospital in serious, but stable condition and the police guard has been replaced by a 24-hour vigil of friends and hired nurses. Cherney was released on \$100,000 bail and the charges still stand the same: there aren't any.

Police and the FBI point accusing fingers at Bari and Cherney, claiming that the bomb's placement in the car behind the driver's seat, and a bag of finishing nails found in Bari's car identical to nails which were duct-taped to the bomb, are conclusive evidence that Bari planted the bomb in



Darryl Cherney

her car herself with evil intent to wreak destruction on some further destination, but blew herself up on the way. But the FBI and Oakland Police apparently discounted the following:

1) For months before the bombing Bari had regularly been receiving death threats. She had earned as much criticism as praise in Northern California both for her activism with Earth First! and her successful

labor union organizing within the timber mills.

2) Bari and Cherney do not support the use of violence or bombs.

3) Redwood Summer is a purely peaceful demonstration that strictly insists on nonviolent behavior from its participants.

On June 13, Cherney was able to complete the sabotaged trip to Santa Cruz. In a packed room at the Louden Nelson Center he spoke emotionally and performed music with gusto, ensuring his audience that he and Bari "will be back on the front lines." In an interview with The Monthly Planet, Cherney talks candidly about the bombing, and discusses the philosophy and direction of Earth First!

MP: What is Earth First!?

DC: Earth First! is a movement of environmental activists who have decided that we need to rearrange our priorities as human beings on this planet. We believe in putting the Earth first as opposed to, say, putting

profit first or only humans first at the expense of all other species. Earth First! differs from other environmental groups in three fundamental ways. The first is through no compromise. We feel the compromises have been made; we need to draw the line. We can't compromise anymore PCB's into the environment, we can't compromise any more spotted owls or condors. We need to draw the line.

Earth First! also differs in that we believe in direct action. If you see an environmental problem it is important that you act directly to solve it. Now that could mean writing a letter or that could mean standing in front of a bulldozer. There are no couch potato Earth First'ers. It's an activist group.

Lastly, Earth First! differs because it provides a philosophy for a lifestyle in the future. That philosophy is bio-centrism. It's actually not a new concept. A lot of native peoples have practiced it for millennia. What bio-centrism says is that human beings are just another species on the planet; we

Redwood Summer

Freedom Riders For The Forest

Organizers of the Redwood Summer actions in Northern California believe the California redwood forest is in imminent danger of extinction at the hands of logging corporations. The mountains and foothills of Northern California pose a scarred landscape. Years of clear cutting have left entire mountainsides barren. Even ancient growth redwoods, some giant trees dating back one thousand years, have not been spared the saw. Now, more than ever, acre after acre of old growth California redwoods is being lost. This November promises to have the Forest Forever Initiative on the California ballot which, if passed, will be a great leap for forest-kind and a huge loss for the timber industry. The industry responded with its own initiative, cloaked under the pacifying title, "Global Warming and Clear cutting Reduction, Wildlife Protection and Restoration Act of 1990." Loggers have been furiously cutting to get the goods while the goods are hot.

The brain child of Judi Bari, "Mississippi Summer in the California Redwoods" is a summer-long series of direct actions and peaceful demonstrations with the intent of halting destruction of the redwood forests. "Mississippi" springs from Earth First!'s feeling of affinity with the civil rights movement of the 1960's. "Earth First! is the civil rights movement for Mother Earth," explains Darryl Cherney. "It is a civil rights issue because all of us have the right to clean water, clean air, and clean food. It is not guaranteed in the Constitution."

How To Get Involved

From June through August, Earth First! and a loose network of individuals and organizations will continue staging continuous peaceful protests and restoration projects in Ukiah, Garberville, and Arcata areas. For well-wishers who don't want to risk arrest, Redwood Summer needs people for stream and forest rehabilitation programs, childcare, transportation, first-aid, food preparation, office work, and communications. For those who would like to be at the protest sites, actions could include blockading timber mills, tree-sitting, picketing, and hanging banners. Along Highway One are base camps and check-in centers. For updates on actions call the Community Network at (415) 824-3841. Bay Area Earth First! is (415) 821-3447. For information in Santa Cruz, call Lisa Avalon at 458-1006 or Zack Stentz at 426-1437. Earth First! can be reached by mail at 106 West Standley, Ukiah CA, 95482.

Earth First! believes that the logging companies will try to incite the protestors to violence. This is one of the reasons Redwood Summer participants are asked to follow a strict code of nonviolence. Organizers of the actions also ask that people not bring dogs, drugs, or alcohol. "You must come with peace in your heart," says Cherney, "You must be non-violent in the face of violence."

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are not special, and that in fact we are inter-connected with all the other species. It's not that we are equal or more or less important, it's simply that we can't live without the other species. We cannot live without the rivers, or the oceans, or the air. That inter-connectedness means that in order for our own survival we have to stop putting ourselves first and put all the other creatures on the planet first. Most other environmental groups are more human-first oriented.

MP: What is your involvement with Earth First!?

DC: I decided to become an Earth First! activist about four years ago when I learned that it was not an organization, that it didn't have a bureaucracy, and that I could be creative in the environmental movement as an activist without reporting to a mucky-muck at the top. I immediately began organizing demonstrations and helping to put together wilderness proposals. I'm also a musician; I write a lot of Earth First! songs. I try to entertain the activists on the front lines as well as being an activist on the blockade line myself.

MP: Could you describe the events that led up to the bombing?

DC: We call it Before Bombing and After Bombing. It's a whole new way of looking at the world, it's pretty remarkable. Judi and I and other activists had been receiving a barrage of death threats. But the ones Judi and I had been receiving seemed very pointed at us. For example, some other Earth First! activists around the country along with ourselves had been receiving computerized death threats. It's hard to take a computerized death threat seriously. But Judi had been receiving personal, typewritten notes telling her to get out of town. There was a photograph of her with the cross hairs of a rifle scope superimposed upon her face, tacked to the Mendocino environmental center door. At the base of the door was a whole splattering of feces. There is a group called The Stompers that issued a press release to the local media saying that myself, Judi and Greg King were, in essence, going to be "stomped." That was in Humboldt County. These threats have been coming from Humboldt and Mendocino Counties. One of the common themes in the death threats is the phrase that goes something like, "We know where you live and we're going to hunt you down."

MP: Who do you think was responsible for the bombing?

DC: Well, it's difficult to speculate. You could feel the tension in the air up there. One of the things that Louisiana Pacific and Pacific lumber companies had been doing was to allow phony Earth First! press releases to circulate the mills. These press releases said that we as Earth First!ers were going to be violent toward the loggers this summer. Pacific Lumber even went so far as to send one of these press releases out in their formal press package which was distributed by their public relations firm. This kind of smear and hate tactic and political dirty tricks campaign was quite accepted and sanctioned by the timber companies. They wouldn't dare allow a real Earth First! press release to circulate the mill. They'd fire the mill worker who was distributing it. What basically has happened is they have

stirred up hundreds, if not thousands, of people to potentially be violent to a number of Earth First! activists. When you ask, "Who had something against you?" I can say this: the hate campaign stirred up by the timber industry was so widespread that they could have potentially created hundreds of suspects. That was the intensity of the campaign.

But certainly we also know that Judi Bari was doing union organizing under the IWW banner — that's Industrial Workers of the World, in the Fort Bragg mill. Judi Bari was actually revered by many of the timber workers in Northern California. They love her. They feed her lots of inside information, they have joined her union, because she is a working person herself. She led mill workers in a strike in Washington, DC. She worked in a retail clerks union as a union organizer and led a strike of many thousands of people there. She is quite the working person.

So, not only did Georgia Pacific despise Judi Bari as an environmental activist organizing Redwood Summer, they feared her

as union activist who was bringing sawmill workers into the IWW Local Number One. In addition to that, there was another union in the mill which had long sold out to the company, the International Workers of America (IWA). Their union boss, Don Nelson, continues to write frothing diatribes filled with hateful words directed against Judi Bari personally. Who's to say whether this was an attack on an environmental activist or a union activist? I am also, by the way, a member of IWW Local Number One.

MP: How were you and Judi treated by the police and the FBI?

DC: I'll only touch upon this briefly. I can't say how Judi was treated because I wasn't there. I was treated with extreme rudeness, with a complete absence of compassion, and seemingly a total assumption that I was guilty. They were believing this rather than coming to grips with the fact that they had a difficult case that they needed to work on: the manhunt of a would-be assassin who is after an environmental activist. This job

appears to be way over the heads of both the Oakland Police Department and the FBI. They don't seem to be competent enough to go after the real killer so they prefer to take the easy way out. My treatment while in custody was pretty horrendous, especially considering the fact that I had just survived an attempt on my life. They threw me into a small room on a cold floor. I was so tired that I slept on that floor. They kept me in that room for eight hours; I had no bathroom, food, or water privileges. Every now and then I'd bang on the door to go to the bathroom or get a drink of water and it would take half an hour to get their attention. All the while I really couldn't accept that this was happening to me. So, after being interrogated for four hours, and I'd rather not discuss that, they threw me in jail for four and a half days.

MP: On no charges?

DC: On no charges, yes, and then released me on a \$100,000 bond.

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MP: The bail was raised three times.

DC: That's right, the bail was raised from \$3,000 to \$12,000, and then from \$12,000 to \$100,000. It was basically a shell game. As long as we could keep coming up with the money they kept raising the bond.

MP: Where do you see the environmental movement going?

DC: You know, I have a lot of problems with the word "environmental." It tends to imply that we are separate from the environment, that there is "us" and then there is this thing out there called the "environment," as opposed to us being all together. I think of our involvement in the Earth First! movement in much the same way that there

is a civil rights movement, or a labor movement, or a women's movement. Perhaps it's all a movement against greed or against power-lust. I believe that there is a common ground for all of these progressive movements to advocate democracy and freedom.

So, where I see the environmental movement going, hopefully, and where Judi Bari and I will work to take it, is toward integrating social issues and environmental issues, because they are not separable. We will work at integrating environmental issues and economic issues, and integrating environmental issues with peace and justice issues: I mean war is one of the most destructive things to the environment right now. I see the environmental movement coalescing with other movements and vice versa. I also see it becoming more and more popular as a cause in its own right, as the environment continues to deteriorate.

The interesting thing about the Earth and the environmental movement is that pollution comes through everybody's faucets, Republicans' and Democrats' and radicals.' It's one of those cross-over issues. With the exception of those fundamentalists of various religions who are looking forward to the judgment day and the end of the Earth, I think the majority of humans on this planet want to keep our ecosystems and our life-support systems going. Since the deterioration is so bad, with the hole in the ozone, global warming, the toxins in the water, and the poisons in our food, it's going to be an issue that is forced into people's lives. It is a problem that is endemic in the earth's infrastructure itself. It is not some-

thing that is separate from us. It's not something that Darryl Cherney or Judi Bari are going to force down somebody's throat. It's something that the earth itself will dictate as a problem that needs to be dealt with.

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A History of Violence

Darryl Cherney and Judi Bari do not have a history of using violence to achieve their ends. The FBI, however, does. For approximately 15 years — from the 1960's to 1973, when it was finally exposed — the FBI ran an illegal counter-intelligence operation code-named COINTELPRO. The purpose of COINTELPRO was, to put it in the FBI's own words, "To expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of... organizations and groupings, their leadership, spokesmen, membership, and supporters." Targeted as dangerous were organizations in the civil rights movement and the Black Nationalist movement, anti-war protestors, and the Socialist Workers Party. Published reports show that tactics used by the FBI to disrupt these groups included slander through phony press releases and letters, red-baiting, death threats, incitement to violence, and murder.

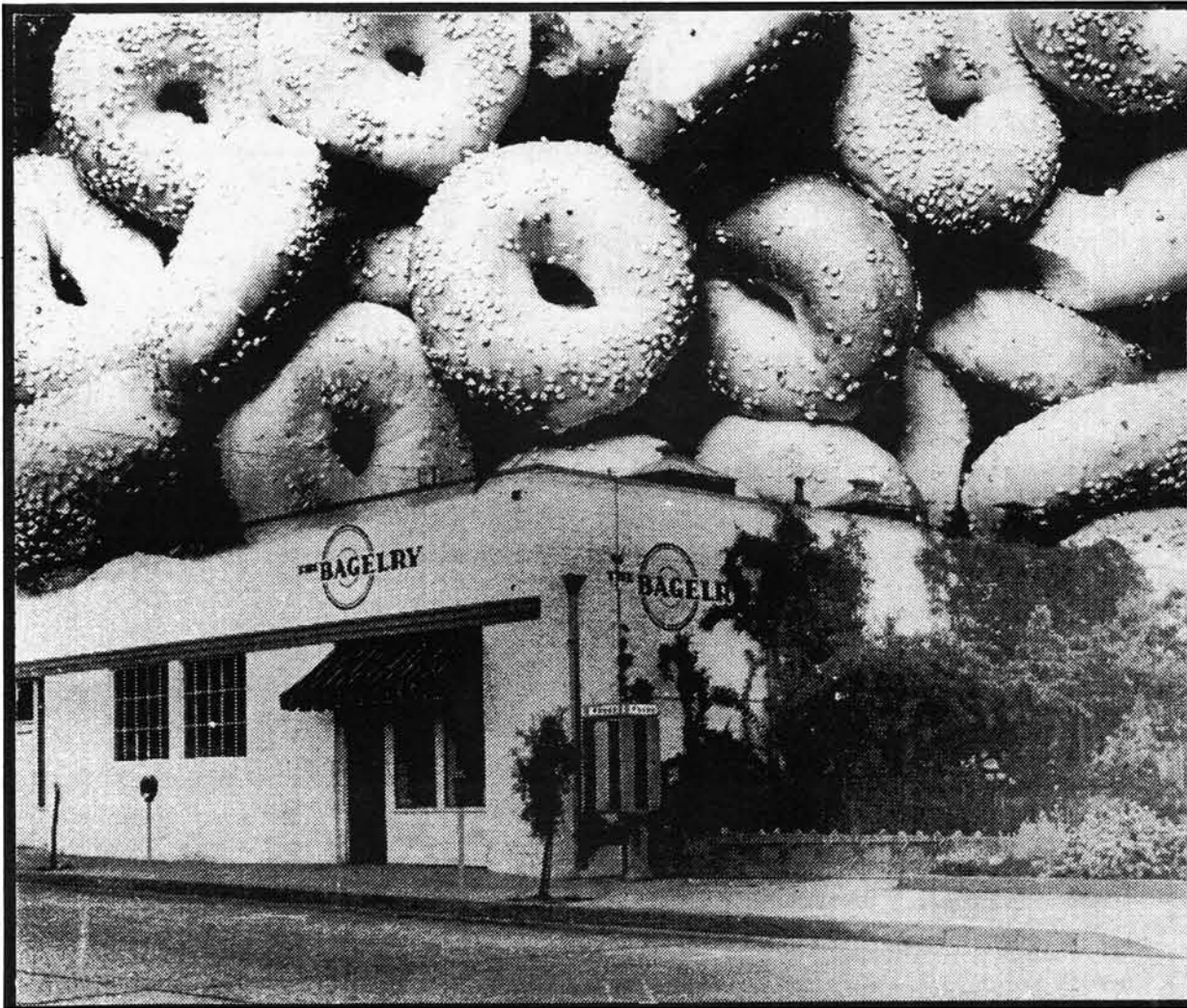


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Panamanian Activist, on Tour of U.S., Condemns Invasion

by Phil McManus

Many people had told us about Chorrillo, the neighborhood most affected by the U.S. bombing. But I never imagined what had actually happened in Chorrillo until I got there and saw it with my own eyes...I'll never forget the smell, the smell of our dead, the smell of what had been human beings, Panamanians...The ruins of all the houses, the old sheets of corrugated tin roofing, all of the destruction which we saw before us was deeply moving. And then to know that thousands of Panamanians had lived in those ruins, almost all of them poor, simple people who had always suffered but who in the midst of their suffering were joyful people with a great spirit of life.

Nicolasa Terreros

During a recent visit to the United States, Nicolasa Terreros, National Coordinator of the Service for Peace and Justice (Servicio Paz y Justicia or SERPAJ) in Panama, recalled spending Christmas Day sifting through the rubble left behind by the U.S. invasion of her country. In the areas hardest hit by the bombing she collected stories of the innocent bystanders. One came from a young mother who lived in Chorrillo, the neighborhood where the Panamanian Defense Force (PDF) headquarters was located. She was trapped in her apartment with her sister and her seven-year-old son:

"It was chaos. When the fires broke out, the people in the houses that were burning tried to make their way out, but they found themselves caught between two lines of fire. The helicopters were coming down and at the same time the gringos' tanks and armored vehicles were moving in along with soldiers on foot, shooting as they went. We couldn't believe it. My son was crying in terror. The only thing my sister and I were able to do was to cover him with our bodies. With each bomb the building shook and windows broke. Between the detonations and the explosions you could hear cries of pain and fear."

Another resident recalled how the helicopters, in addition to shooting, were broadcasting a message calling on the PDF troops in the headquarters to surrender. No message was broadcast to the terrified residents to give them an opportunity to flee. It wasn't until several hours later that any attempt was made to evacuate them.

Terreros denounced the U.S. and the new Panamanian government for deliberately frustrating efforts to determine the actual human costs of the invasion — the exact numbers will probably never be known. However, based on witness testimonies and the identification of several mass graves, SERPAJ concurs with a number of church, human rights and popular movement groups which estimated the death count at around 3000. Americas Watch, while acknowledging official efforts to impede an accurate casualty count, concluded that the death toll was considerably lower, about 350-400.



Nicolasa Terreros

Even this lower figure represents 13 Panamanian civilians killed for each U.S. soldier killed. Thus Americas Watch denounced the U.S. for violating the laws of war, including precautions to avoid civilian casualties and the law of proportionality regarding the attacking of a military target.

To Nicolasa Terreros the debate about numbers has little meaning: "I want to ask the U.S. people, how many dead must there have been to say that this invasion was cruel

and inhuman...How many victims must there have been, how many thousands or how many hundreds must there have been in order to condemn this kind of action...?"

The full cost of the invasion also includes 18,000 homeless (according to the Committee of War Refugees) and the economic cost, \$1.5 to \$2 billion. Terreros points out that its cost was out of proportion with the ostensible purpose — the capture of one man. Moreover, the repressive

tactics of the new government of Guillermo Endara and its obvious domination by the U.S. raise questions about whether it will be better than Noriega's dictatorship.

Many in Panama believe that one of the key objectives of the invasion was to secure the continued presence of the U.S. Southern Command. Under the Panama Canal Treaty, all U.S. forces and bases must be withdrawn by the year 2000. With the new government wholly dependent upon the U.S. and all the groups formerly allied with Noriega now discredited, the prospects for re-negotiation are greatly improved. The major remaining obstacle is the presence of independent popular organizations in Panama, which have been among the strongest defenders of Panamanian sovereignty. Yet they are feeling repressive heat from the U.S. occupation forces, which are tempted to eliminate any sign that they aren't welcome.

Terreros was in the U.S. as part of an exchange program and national speaking tour sponsored by the Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Fellowship of Reconciliation Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition to providing a much-needed counterpoint to the dominant "media massage" of the invasion story, her visit was an effort to develop ties with peace and justice groups in the U.S.

The Service for Peace and Justice in Panama is one of eleven national chapters of the Latin America-wide SERPAJ network. SERPAJ is dedicated to supporting the popular movements that defend the rights of Latin America's poor majority. In Panama, they offer popular education workshops on human rights, political participa-

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tion, community organization, and nonviolence. These enable people to develop critical consciousness and the necessary skills to act as the authors of their own history.

Before the invasion, SERPAJ was not aligned with the Noriega dictatorship or the U.S.-backed, business-led opposition. As Terreros explained, "...neither of the two opposing blocks were capable of putting the interests of the Panamanian people before their own political interests."

Terreros acknowledged that most Panamanians supported or at least accepted the U.S. invasion as an end to the economic and political crisis that was making life unbearable. Noriega largely ignored the real needs of the poor majority and systemati-

cally violated the popular sovereignty of the Panamanian people, using harsh repression to enforce his will. So when U.S. sanctions devastated the economy, Noriega received the blame.

Terreros added that popular acceptance of the invasion was further bolstered by the systematic effort to hide the real cost, including the censoring of virtually all critical media commentary, and by the massive propaganda blitz that sold the invasion as a "Just Cause." "What the majority of the Panamanian people know...is only what the Panamanian government wants them to," she said.

Terreros observed that although it may be premature to judge the new government, its birth was hardly auspicious for Panamanian sovereignty. "At the moment that many

Panamanians were dying as a result of the bombing, [the new government was] being sworn in on a U.S. military base."

Panamanian human rights groups have also been troubled by abuses by the new government. Examples include the arrest of hundreds of dissidents charged with "impeding the renewal of state powers," violent repression of demonstrations by those left homeless by the invasion, and several pre-dawn sweeps through poor neighborhoods such as the joint U.S./Panamanian operation in Curundu on March 13. That raid, ostensibly aimed at common criminals, included house-to-house searches at 5:00 a.m. and resulted in the arrest of 750 residents. Critics argue that these abuses reflect a return to the oligarchic structures of the past and portend a period of increased

dependency and poverty for Panama's poor.

Recent reports from Panama, including news of a May Day march of 10,000 to protest the policies of the new government, suggest that public opinion is shifting. Several months after the invasion, with nothing to show for U.S. promises of aid, unemployment at an all-time high of 35 percent, and news of the terrible cost of the U.S. assault slowly leaking out, frustration is once again on the rise. At the same time, Panama is diplomatically isolated in the region. The "Group of Eight" countries, which represent 85 percent of the population of Latin America, formally became the Group of Seven when they voted in March to oust Panama, claiming the Endara government is illegal and that new elections are necessary.

In the U.S., domestic politics dictate that the cost of projecting U.S. military muscle abroad be kept low, and Panama demonstrates how that is done. The actual number of U.S. casualties is minimized — surrogate forces are employed wherever possible, and overwhelming firepower used where U.S. troops are involved. The images of the war are carefully managed both within the U.S. and in the target country. For days after the invasion, the U.S. press corps was almost totally dependent upon the U.S. Army for access to the story. And shortly after the first shots were fired, the streets of Panama were filled with all manner of propaganda, from T-shirts to stickers to key rings, celebrating "Operation Just Cause."

In recent years, disarmament activists have turned increasing attention to conventional warfare as the most immediate threat to peace and the likely trigger of any nuclear confrontation. Given the military success of the Panama invasion and the subsequent surge in Bush's approval rating, recourse to the "big stick" will be an ongoing temptation for U.S. presidents. Even the Soviet Union's loosening grip on its former satellites is interpreted here as a loosening of constraints on U.S. intervention. And if the threat of communism doesn't fit, drug dealing will suffice as justification. Heading off such interventionism requires hard work, to inform ourselves and others about hot-spots in the making and challenge the assumptions of U.S. foreign policy that lead us inexorably to the invasions of tomorrow.

Clearly the continued presence past the year 2000 of the fourteen military bases that currently make up the Southern Command is an important strategic objective for the U.S. The struggle to overcome popular resistance to the U.S. bases is just beginning. For this popular movement to have any chance of winning, their efforts must be linked with a strong anti-intervention movement in the U.S.

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The Invasion of Panama: A Just Cause?

by Phil McManus

The Bush Administration offered four justifications for the invasion of Panama.

1. To seize Noriega and terminate his drug trafficking. It is true that Noriega was (or at least had been) involved in drug trafficking. It is also true that Noriega was in many respects a creation of the CIA, which had paid him as much as \$200,000 per year for his services, even while his drug dealing was well known. Some trace the falling-out to Noriega's hesitation to fully support the U.S. contra war. Whatever its cause, it is no justification for the

same time provides a clue about the real truth. The Panama Canal Treaty gives the U.S. the right to intervene militarily, even after the year 2000, in order to defend the Canal. It also *explicitly prohibits* U.S. intervention in the internal affairs of Panama. In fact the *only* time the Canal has ever been shut down was during the U.S. invasion. The Bush Administration has now clearly demonstrated its willingness to abrogate the treaty when it serves its perceived interests.

The desire to demonstrate the "credibility" of U.S. military might and to improve

Panama is currently debating whether to create a new national army to replace Noriega's Panamanian Defense Force or to maintain only a police force, as Costa Rica does. Throughout Latin America the Service for Peace and Justice (SERPAJ) has consistently advocated redirecting military expenditures to meet human needs, especially since the military tends to be used for domestic repression rather than national defense. SERPAJ argues that eliminating the national army is desirable, but not with the 13,000 U.S. troops stationed in the Canal Zone as a neo-colonial military presence. Hence SERPAJ calls for the complete and immediate withdrawal of *all* U.S. troops from Panama.

What You Can Do

1) Denounce the refusal of the U.S. government to offer adequate compensation to the innocent civilian victims of the invasion.

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egregious violation of basic tenets of international law and the killing of hundreds, perhaps thousands of innocent Panamanians.

2. To protect American lives. According to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, contingency plans for the invasion had been in place for months. The killing of a U.S. serviceman in the days before the invasion was the excuse Bush was waiting for. This incident was the predictable result of months of deliberately provocative U.S. military maneuvers coupled with Noriega's self-serving co-optation of the language of national sovereignty. Even without the tremendous cost in Panamanian lives, the deaths of 26 North Americans make a mockery of the claim that the invasion was a means of protecting U.S. citizens.

3. To restore democracy. Since 1903, when U.S. intervention enabled its secession from Colombia, Panama has lived in the shadow of the U.S., and democracy has been little more than a fig leaf. The U.S. provided \$10 million in foreign interference in the 1989 presidential elections. Noriega's theft of those elections was only a somewhat more outrageous version of the election fraud he oversaw in 1984. In that case, however, the U.S. went along, because its candidate was declared the winner. Given the history of U.S. interference in Panamanian politics, it is hard to believe that concern about democracy factored significantly in the invasion.

4. To protect the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty. This is the sort of Big Lie that intentionally misleads and at the

Bush's image were doubtless a factor in the decision to invade. But as noted above, the U.S. also believes it has a key strategic interest in Panama, namely the continued presence of the Southern Command on U.S. bases there. In March 1987, before the Panamanian crisis had erupted, Assistant Secretary J. Edward Fox said that in the State Department's view, "...the prolongation of the U.S. military presence in the Panama Canal area till well after the year 2000 should be brought up for discussion." In the aftermath of the invasion, such discussions are no doubt underway. However, unlike the original Panama Canal Treaty, revisions permitting the continued presence of U.S. military bases after the year 2000 are not likely to be put to a popular vote by the new "democratic" government.

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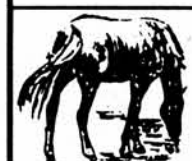
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day out; generations suffering the same violent repression of challenges to the establishment, has driven thousands of Filipinos to armed resistance as guerrillas, says journalist Edgar Cadagat at his news service office in Bacolod. The underground National Democratic Front (NDF) was formed nearly 20 years ago by the outlawed

took office 150,000 people flooded Bacolod Plaza for a May Day rally called by leftist trade unions. In December an equal crowd welcomed NDF leaders who marched unarmed into Bacolod after signing a cease-fire with Aquino.

The cease fire soon collapsed as the legal left's national leaders were assassinated,

Bonifacio's instructors and their U.S. advisors.

Manila: the Heat of the Night

The capital city of 12 million people is sweltering in the Philippine summer heat. Daily power blackouts, water outages, and an anticipated oil price hike push the stress level up. Smoke from piles of smoldering garbage on nearly every street mixes with fumes from the city's countless trucks and gaudy rattletrap "jeepneys" — converted World War II-vintage U.S. Army vehicles (or copies of them), spiced up with chrome ornaments, bright paint, tassels and eclectic names — in which 12 to 18 people cram for a 10 or 20 cent ride to work. For ten times as much you can get a taxi to yourself — still very cheap by North American standards; the driver collects about the same amount per mile. Drivers for the leading cab company tried to unionize a while back. Seven organizers were shot dead, and the union collapsed.

An hour of urban traffic and smog in the back of an open sided jeepney takes you from the downtown harbor to the University of the Philippines, in Quezon City. United Church of Christ minister Rev. Rhoda Armorhuelo is showing us around Polaris, a crowded collection of plywood and corrugated scrap iron cabins divided by narrow muddy paths on University land — the best looking squatter settlement we've seen. Rev. Armorhuelo, employed at the nearby Church of the Risen Lord, works with people in Polaris to improve their community. By persistent cooperative work they now have a concrete community toilet, and a little plywood shed with open air windows and dirt floor for a child care center. They are proud of these hard-won achievements. The minister told us that she comes from the large southern island of Mindanao, but migrated to Manila after both her husband and brother had vanished — killed by government troops.

People keep coming to Manila from impoverished and often war-torn provinces, looking for work to sustain their families — 10,000 people a month by some counts. Everywhere we go in Manila there are shantytowns: by the airport and hotels, in the

Spanish historical district, by the university. Every alley and back street, empty lot, junk yard and garbage-strewn, sewage-choked gully is crowded with scrap wood shacks, filled with parents and children and animals. In a city the size of Los Angeles County, California, there are approximately three to four million people that Americans would call "homeless." We did not even see the worst slums, like Tondo, where people search for fragments of saleable metal and glass in Manila's vast smoldering garbage dump, and infant mortality exceeds the U.S. rate by 1000 percent, rivaling the landless rural villages of Haiti, Bangladesh, Negros, and Mindanao.

It's Good Friday 1990 and shantytown families have formed a religious procession, moving toward Malacanang Palace to petition Aquino: they call for an end to the periodic bulldozing of their homes, and for "urban land reform" providing legal title to their communities. As we join them the procession has been stopped by Manila police and their shiny new rolls of barbed wire at Mendiola Bridge, where Aquino's soldiers opened fire on peasant marchers who tried to cross the river three years ago. No one tries to cross now. The singing and costumed Passion Play are held in a sealed off intersection. The president will not see them or hear them from the windows of her residence today.

Peter Lumsdaine works as Program Coordinator of the Interfaith Peace Coalition in Santa Clara County, and serves on Mobilization for Survival's national coordinating committee.



Communist Party of the Philippines and groups such as Christians for National Liberation, founded by radical Catholic priests and lay people. Its New Peoples Army (NPA) is made up of some 20,000 guerrillas in 67 of the nation's 73 provinces, and it claims the support of over 10 million Filipinos. Many NPA soldiers, including one I met, are Catholics, and two of the four most wanted guerrilla leaders on Negros are priests.

When Aquino replaced Marcos as President in 1986 there were high hopes for peace and reform. Nine weeks after Cory

land reform was blocked and Aquino's troops opened fire on peasant protesters, leaving 18 people dead at the bridge to the Presidential Palace on January 22, 1987. Aquino reversed her ambitious land reform plans, fired her liberal cabinet members, endorsed newly formed paramilitary squads, and declared "total war" on the leftist rebels. Some 250,000 people have been driven from their homes by military operations in the last two years, including a group of 150 or so that we met with. Last Easter more army Special Forces troops landed on Negros, fresh from training by Fort

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A day authentically for the Earth would mean no business as usual for corporate polluters. This was the scene of the demonstration in San Francisco on the day after Earth Day, the goal of which was to shut down the Pacific and New York Stock Ex-

changes through civil disobedience. The writing on the wall was clear: Profit motive equals ecological disaster. Ethics and economics can no longer remain divorced without ecological consequences. Now is the time for conversion!

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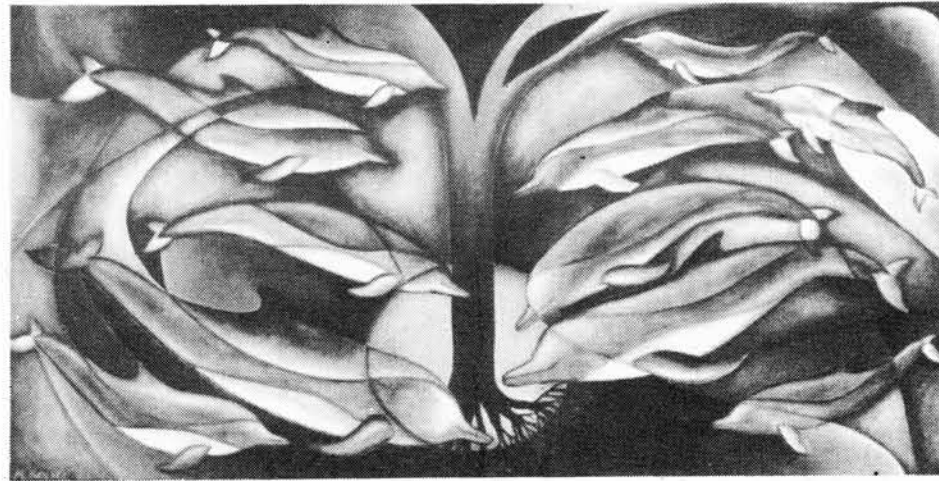
To update this information, or to add your organization, call 429-8755. Mailing labels for this list are available for \$2.00 from the Santa Cruz Action Network, 458-9425. SCAN has recently published the fifth edition of the *People's Yellow Pages*, a bilingual, county-wide resource directory with listings of community groups, clubs, non-profits, and government agencies.

PEACE AND JUSTICE CALENDAR

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

Calendar items must be typed or legibly written and sent (along with any photos) to The Monthly Planet, 320-G Cedar St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. We do not take calendar items over the phone.

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



"Swimming to the Sun" by Santa Cruz artist Michelle Waters is the poster for the 1/4 Mile Mural Project. See the July 7 listing.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

YWCA Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 to 9. Bring a sack lunch daily, snacks provided by YWCA. \$24 full days, \$15 half day. Info: 426-3062.

Mid County Children's Center 15th Anniversary celebration. Alumni, current families and staff, and the general public are invited. Patrice Keet, M.F.C.C. will be the guest speaker. Held at the newly renovated center, 305 Alturas Way, Soquel. Info: 476-8890.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Ernest Fitzgerald on "The Pentagonists," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Fitzgerald's latest book is "The Pentagonists: An Insider's View of Waste, Mismanagement and Fraud in Defense Spending." He talks about Air Force procurement systems, and what he sees as the consequences of continued waste in the military budget. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

Musical benefit for Earth First! Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 8 p.m. Info: (415) 843-8788.

Morning Coastal Ceremony sponsored by the Earth Day Santa Cruz Project. Gathering to renew our commitment to preserve and protect the Earth, and to enjoy community spirit. 8 a.m., Lighthouse Field. This will be an ongoing event on the first Sunday of every month. Info: 425-8921.

MONDAY, JULY 2
Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7:00 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 438-PARA.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 - SUNDAY, JULY 8
The Missouri Missile Silo Peace School - "Nuclear Resistance Into the 90's." Sponsored by Nukewatch, The Nuclear Resister, and Missouri Peace Planters. Missile Silo J2, Montrose, Missouri. Info: (608) 256-4146.

SATURDAY, JULY 7
The 1/4 Mile Mural fundraising event. In protest of the offshore oil drilling, the World's Longest Seascape is being assembled over the course of the next few months. Save Our Shores, Prince William Sound Benefit Fund and Fishes Art Collective will receive funds from the sale of this historic artwork. The Fishes Art Collective, with coordinating support from the Santa Cruz Art League, is spearheading the event. Location to be announced. 475-7121.

SUNDAY, JULY 8
"The Other Economic Summit," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Preview of the gathering of community leaders and celebrated thinkers from every region of the Earth, scheduled as a complement to the G-7 Summit of the heads of state of major industrial na-

tions in Houston in early July. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, JULY 9
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.

THURSDAY, JULY 12
Dorothy Ehrlich, Executive Director of the Northern California A.C.L.U. talks about artistic freedom and its effect on the Art Museum of Santa Cruz County. 8 p.m., Kuumbwa Jazz Center. Info: 429-1964.

FRIDAY, JULY 13
Conflict Resolution Program Volunteer Mediator Training. The 25 hour session begins today. Deadline for registration is July 9. Sliding scale fee from \$40. Info and registration: 427-3234 Santa Cruz, 688-9383 Watsonville.

SATURDAY, JULY 14
New Forum USA-USSR Student Exchange Benefit Party. Bridge Center of Monterey, P.S. Business Park, Canyon Del Rey (1/4 mile north of Highway 68), 7 p.m. Tickets \$20, tax deductible. Info: 375-4518.

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. Preregistration required. Info: 426-3062.

SUNDAY, JULY 15
"Ralph Nader," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, JULY 16
Progressive Animal Rights Alliance meeting. 7:00 p.m., Loudon Nelson Center. Info: 438-PARA.

TUESDAY, JULY 17
Speaker, Lillian Moed, a resident of Israel, will speak about the current situation in Israel. Cardiff House, the UCSC Women's Center, 7 p.m. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the UCSC Women's Center. Info: 425-7618.

MONDAY, JULY 23
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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
"Celebration of Conscience," national conference to mark 50 years in the history of conscientious objection, and to celebrate the continuing witness against war. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Info: (202) 483-4514.

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