

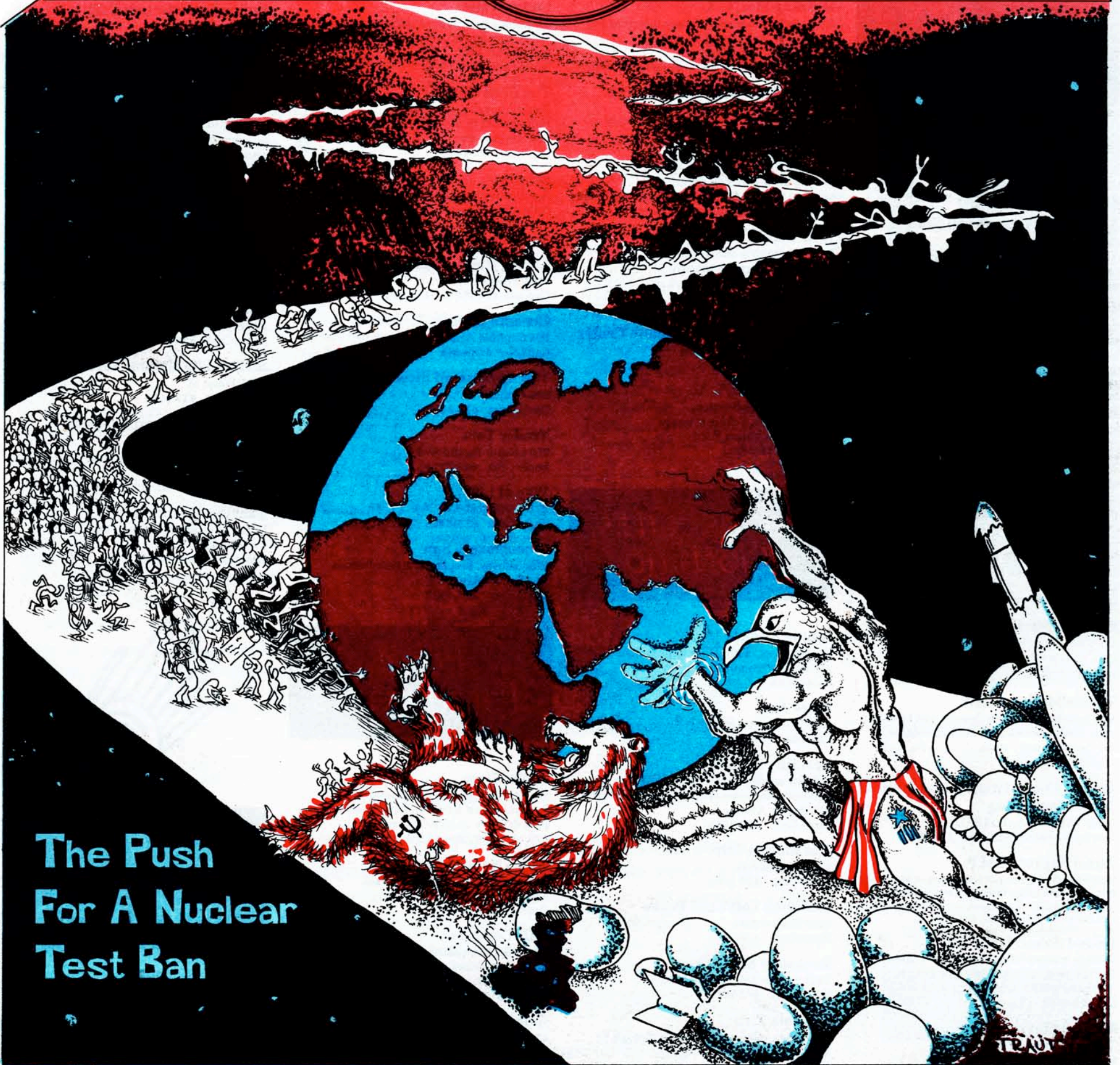
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On October 22, 1989 a wave of mass demonstrations took place after a nuclear weapons test at the Soviet test site in Kazakhstan. These actions, the largest independent anti-nuclear protests in Soviet history, forced the government to stop testing for an entire year. On October 22, 1990 activists gathered at Livermore Labs to both commemorate the Soviet people's moratorium and to protest continued U.S. testing. The activists shown above were arrested at the Labs.

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Residents of Santa Cruz will cast their ballots next week for seats on the Santa Cruz City Council. As individual members of the Staff and Steering Committee of the Resource Center for Nonviolence, we strongly support Scott Kennedy. As his co-workers, we have worked a combined total of more than 135 years with Scott, so we know him well! We are excited that Scott will be on the ballot. Each of us is volunteering time and contributing funds to the campaign.

During the past 14 years, Scott has played a key role in co-founding, guiding, sustaining and invigorating the Resource Center as an expression of public voice and action. He is a constant supporter of the Nuclear Freeze movement and has been a leader in the many local and national campaigns to challenge the nuclear arms race. He has also actively participated and played important roles in equally important initiatives such as Witness for Peace in Nicaragua, Middle East Witness, youth leadership development programs, the Martin Luther King holiday celebrations and many more.

In every election forum, Scott has emphasized the importance of the City and its citizens demanding return of the 'peace dividend' to our community rather than seeing it squandered and many lives lost fighting a war over control of Persian Gulf oil.

Scott has been endorsed by more community groups than any other candidate, including the Sierra Club and Santa Cruz Greens, the People's Democratic and Democratic Women's Clubs, the National Organization for Women (NOW/PAC), the Central Labor Council, the Santa Cruz Action Network and others.

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Please join us by voting on Tuesday, November 6th for Scott Kennedy for Santa Cruz City Council. And if you feel as strongly about this candidacy as we do, you can help in the closing hours of the campaign by volunteering or making a contribution. Call the campaign office 426-3578 if you can help.

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Nuclear Indigestion

I recently received an article from the *Reader's Digest* August 1990 issue ("Must We Have Nuclear Power?" by Frederick Seitz) and I was hoping you could shed some light on a few points discussed. I would also greatly appreciate your opinion and rebuttal and I urge you to send some kind of counter-article to this widely read publication. It seems very important to counteract a few of the assumptions made in the article, but I feel I am uninformed on some matters where you might be more able to produce a valid critique (naming sources etc.). Since so many people read *Reader's Digest*, it is necessary that some of this material not go unchallenged.

I do agree with the article's claim that some energy sources are unreliable or mass production (wind and solar and fossil fuel) because of their environmentally unsound byproducts or their impracticality on a large scale, although I do find fault with the statement regarding hydroelectric damming, since its efficiency can be improved without building more dams.

I avidly disagree with the article's statement disregarding conservation efficiency as an energy source, although I do not know of any statistics I can quote (other than from *Fifty Ways to Save the Earth*). From what I'd read, conservation/recycling is the number one resource for energy usage in

the future.

The article goes on to advocate nuclear power as our most applicable power source, and it is in this section that I find the most fault. For starters, the author throws out a statistic about "standing next to a nuclear plant...", but he fails to qualify that, or to describe how serious .5% more radiation might be. The main fault I find with his statistic is that he does not say how long of a time span he is talking about. The article also describes waste and technical problems, and the author obviously overlooks the length of time waste remains a health problem, and bypasses the waste questions of other nations. (Where do France, Israel etc. dump their waste? Do they have salt beds like we do?) What can you add regarding the safety of the Yucca Mountain, Nevada disposal site?

Finally, I would appreciate hearing your opinion on whether or not standardized nuclear plant designs are feasible...some of the pros and cons of this, such as location, climate, etc.

Eric Haskell
Shenandoah National Park
Luray, VA

Editor's note: Thank you for enclosing the "enlightening" Reader's Digest article. You've raised more questions than I could possibly answer here, but I'll briefly say:

a) Conservation must be viewed as one

of our most important "energy sources" if we're to get out of the jam we're in. Instead of going to war to defend our lifestyle we should change our lifestyle to avoid going to war.

b) Nuclear power is not a viable option. It's too dangerous, expensive, and environmentally destructive. Anyone who tells you that nuclear power is safe, cheap, and clean, as Reader's Digest does, is simply lying. Ask them what figures they use to calculate the cost of safely isolating waste for thousands of years, especially when no technology exists to do so.

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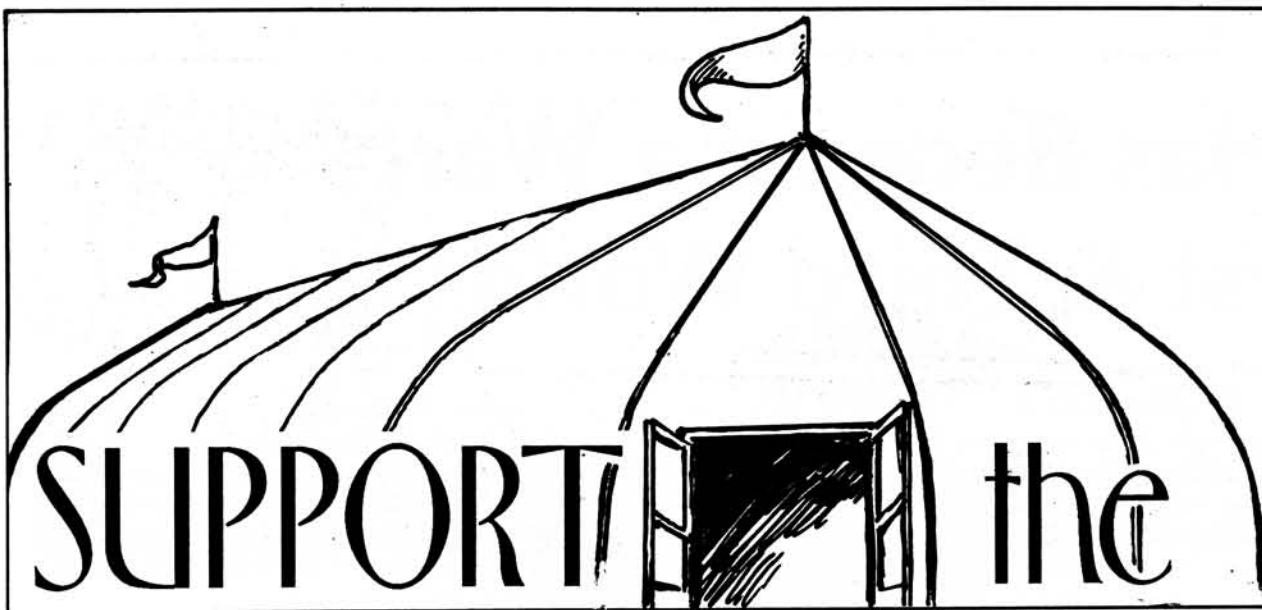
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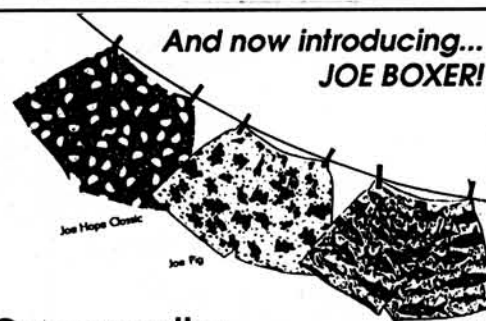
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It appears that the end of the Cold War between the United States and the U.S.S.R. is being converted into a war between the First and Third Worlds, as demonstrated in the cases of Grenada,

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Panama, and now the Middle East. What is happening is that the large corporations and large banking interests are waging a campaign to increase their profits by starving the people of the Third World.

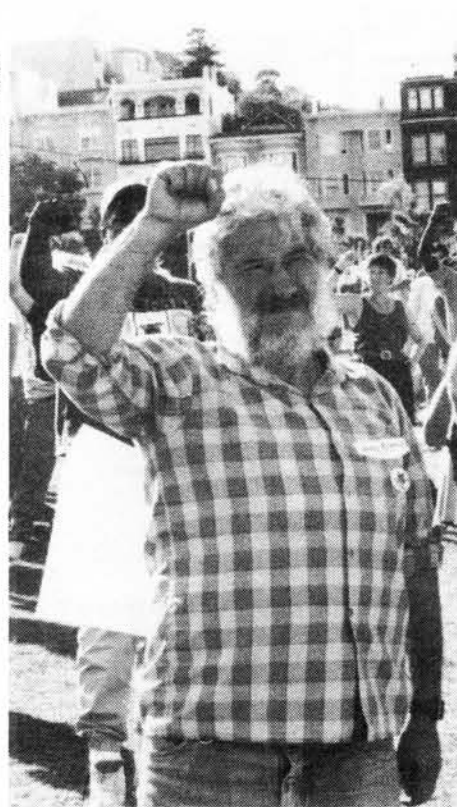
I'm going to speak about Peru, but this is happening with different variations around the world. A new government recently came to power in Peru. The head of that government came to the United States and spoke with U.S. officials and with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). They demanded that he follow a certain economic plan so that the debt in Peru could be paid back. It is clear that Peru's debt is not payable, but they want to get some money back.

What are some of the measures that the

World Bank and the IMF have imposed on our government? Overnight, the price of gasoline increased 30 times, and the price of bread increased 17 times. In the same period, salaries only doubled. You must understand the effect these measures had in a country that was already hungry. There are families that are unable to eat three times a day. While there are very few vegetarians in Peru, many people don't eat meat because they can't afford to buy meat, eggs, or milk. I've seen people who have headaches from hunger. I also know people who have died because they did not have money to buy medicine. We consider that those deaths have been caused by the International Money Fund, even though there has not been a single bullet.

What are the effects of this economic policy on people? In the first place, the peasants are forced into working coca plants to earn some money. A second effect is that mothers are forced to sell children. They will sell two children out of five in order to keep the other three alive. The lucky ones become servants. The unlucky ones are bought by drug traffickers when they are only a few months old. The drug traffickers kill the children, remove their internal organs, and stuff their insides with cocaine. They are passed off as sleeping children. We believe that the main guilty party in this situation is not the drug traffickers, but the International Money Fund. Of course, we also blame the drug traffickers.

Another effect of this great hunger is that people are organizing to confront it. The *campesinos*, the peasants, the workers, and



Hugo Blanco

the slum dwellers are organizing themselves in a massive way, and they are fighting hunger. And the people from the interior sections of the country are also organizing to fight hunger.

The government of the United States is interested in repressing this movement, which is opposed to the IMF policies. They have put military bases in our country to defend the interests of the large banks of the United

States. If that reality were known, there would be large protests in this country [the U.S.]. The U.S. claims that the bases are there to combat the drug traffic, because they know that the American people are against drug trafficking. We are also against drug trafficking.

The U.S. government uses drug trafficking as a political tool. For example, Noriega was an accomplice of the U.S. government until the day that he refused to be a bridge for U.S. policy with the Contras. He was turned into the grand monster for the United States, one so terrible that the U.S. had to invade a country and change the government there to arrest this man. The Nicaraguan Contras were also very involved in drug trafficking, with the active support of the United States.

And that isn't all the United States does to support drug trafficking. The U.S. exports the chemicals that are necessary to process coca into cocaine; if they did not export these chemicals, Peru, Bolivia, and Colombia would not produce cocaine. Shell and Mobil are two companies that export these chemicals. This is not a fabrication; the D.E.A. (Drug Enforcement Agency) has stated this. Furthermore, the money laundering is done in the U.S., not in the jungles of Peru, Bolivia, and Colombia.

What is the response of the imperialists? They shed crocodile tears lamenting the drug situation. They build a U.S. military base in the Peruvian jungle, and claim that it is there to combat drugs. On that base is a man who was a U.S. official in Vietnam, as well as scientists who work with the chemical defoliant tebuthiron (Spike), which causes kidney, bladder, and testicle tumors. They have also introduced two other defoliants which are being sprayed over the Amazonian jungle. This U.S. policy is not only killing the Peruvian people, it is also destroying the Amazonian jungle — and the U.S. government plans to construct new military bases in Peru.

What could the U.S. government do if it were sincerely interested in combating drug trafficking? In the first place, it could stop exporting chemicals that are necessary for cocaine production. Secondly, it could stop money laundering. Most of all, it should stop killing Peruvians with hunger that results from enforcing IMF and World Bank policies. As I've said before, for the hungry peasant working cocaine is the only way out. Mothers are forced to sell their children to the drug traffickers in order to feed their other children, and the *campesinos* are forced to organize themselves to fight hunger.

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breakers in that regard, as recognized by Amnesty International. In Peru, they kill indigenous people and throw them in common graves. In Peru, there are more deaths than there were under Pinochet in Chile — many more. The people being killed are the indigenous peasants, and since they are second class citizens, not much is being done about it.

These things are not spoken about in the

credible amount of publicity, but when there is a strike by 5,000 *campesinos*, you do not hear anything about it. The truth is that in Peru, the *campesinos* have organized themselves, the workers have organized themselves, the slum dwellers have organized themselves; but you do not hear a word about that struggle. All these people are fighting against hunger, and all this struggle is being fought by the Peruvian government, backed

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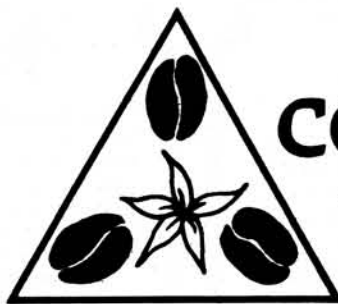
mainstream press here in the U.S. Rather, the following lie is promoted: in Peru, there are two forces that are fighting each other — the democratic government and Sendero Luminoso [the Shining Path guerillas] — and, of course, the people want the government to protect them from Sendero Luminoso.

But that is not the truth. When Sendero Luminoso kills somebody, that gets an in-

by the American government — all in the name of fighting drugs. And that defends the interests of the World Bank.

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about, but that does not mean that we agree with Sendero Luminoso.

We are opposed to Sendero Luminoso for two fundamental reasons. Suppose that Sendero Luminoso enters a village where there are abusive authorities and kills them. The people, of course, will be happy about that. But after that, Sendero Luminoso leaves, and then the police and the army come in. They don't find anybody from Sendero Luminoso there, so they start killing people from the village, especially the peasant or popular grassroots leaders. In that way, they inhibit the development of popular organizing. We believe that people will only get out of their misery by organizing in the village. So we believe that Sendero Luminoso is unintentionally prolonging the misery of our people.

But just as we believe that the actions of Sendero Luminoso are against the interests of the people, they believe the same thing about us. So they kill us. They have killed peasant leaders who have been involved in land takeovers. They have killed leaders in the labor force who have been very public, and they have killed many other popular organizers. For those reasons we are also

against Sendero Luminoso; because we want to keep living.

Unfortunately, the force of Sendero Luminoso is increasing because hunger is increasing in Peru. And just as Sendero Luminoso fights us, we fight back. They have their methods and we have our methods. Our methods involve massive popular actions which really force the enemy to step back, so that the people that support Sendero Luminoso see that we are actually effective and begin to support us. That makes Sendero Luminoso very angry and they start killing us. But as they kill popular grassroots leaders, they create a bad image for themselves. Right now, that's the fight we're in.

I believe that the people of the United States have an important role in this dilemma. The American people were able to contain the bloody hand of the United States in Vietnam, and they can do the same thing now in the face of this new military intervention. The American people need to know the truth of what is going on in this drug war, because if they don't know the truth, they will continue to support this so-called drug war. But as I've said, we've been unable to reach the mainstream press in the United States to get this news out. We've only been able to get to small auditoriums like this one tonight. I

hope that you understand your responsibility to spread this news as widely as possible throughout the United States.

I believe that the situation in the Persian Gulf is once again showing us the role of the United States in the world. The government of the United States has named itself the world police. We do not support Hussein. The U.S. was the one who supported Hussein in the war against Iran, just as it supported Noriega. We are against the U.S. giving itself the role of world police.

The direct acts of military aggression by the U.S. throughout the world are uncountable. In Latin America alone we have had armed interventions in Mexico, Nicaragua, Cuba, Haiti, Grenada, and Panama. And aside from those very direct, blatant, acts of military aggression, there are other types of aggression, such as engineering military coups against governments that they do not like — not only against socialist governments such as Allende in Chile, but also against Peron in Argentina, and governments in Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru. And they are taking apart democracies to install military governments. Still, the United States calls itself the protector of democracy throughout the world. I think it should be called the anti-democratic force in the world.



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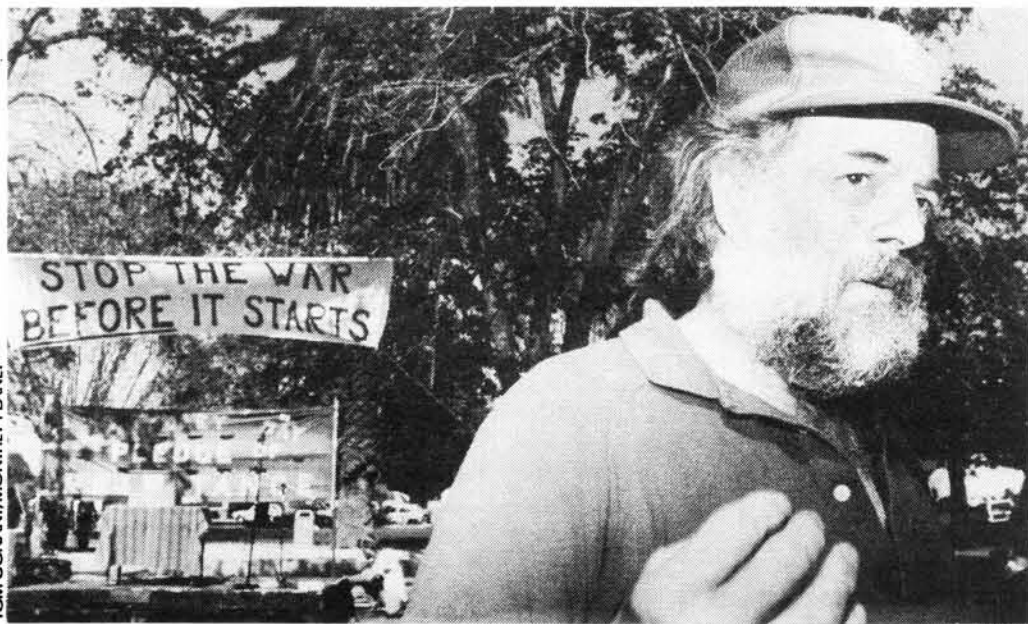
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Over 300 people flowed into Mission Plaza Park in Santa Cruz on October 13 to call for an end to the U.S. military mobilization in the Middle East. The "Stop the war before it starts" rally ended with a march through town. The action was sponsored by Pledge of Resistance, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz County Nuclear Weapons Freeze, First Strike Prevention Project, and Out Now.



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It's Official: No Peace Dividend This Year

Federal Budget Cuts Social Programs, Slightly Trims Military Spending

by Shelly D'Amour

There will be no peace dividend this year. That's the official word from Washington as Congress wraps up the final details on the fiscal year 1991 Appropriations Bill. The bill authorizes an overall ceiling of \$268 billion for the Department of Defense. Add to that another \$20 billion for nuclear weapons programs operated under the Department of Energy. Throw in an additional \$1.9 billion in supplemental appropriations for the current year, for Operation Desert Shield.

When talk of a potential peace dividend first surfaced last year, Republican Senator (and California gubernatorial candidate) Pete Wilson declared "the peace dividend will be peace, not money." At this writing, as an additional 100,000 troops are on their way to join the 200,000 already in the Persian Gulf, it appears we will get neither.

On October 1, Congress put itself on record in support of the president's Middle East policy. By a vote of 380-29, the House approved HJ.Res.658, a "sense of the Congress" resolution expressing support for the troop deployment and U.S. policy in the Gulf. Authored by House Foreign Affairs Chair Dante Fascell (D-FL), the resolution makes the claim that the president's actions are in compliance with the War Powers Act, and expresses support for a continued U.S. presence in that region.

However, not all members of Congress are so enthusiastic. Thirty-three members of the House, including 16th congressional district Rep. Leon Panetta, co-signed a letter to President Bush urging a diplomatic solution to the crisis. The letter urges the Administration to pursue means for "peacefully dislodging the Iraqi forces from Kuwait."

Even if war doesn't break out, Operation Desert Shield is projecting costs upward of \$15 billion during this fiscal year, about half those costs to be borne by other countries. In addition to the \$1.9 billion supplemental appropriations, Congress tacked \$948 million



Santa Cruz Freeze Director Terry Teitelbaum holds a stack of petitions signed by 5,445 county citizens just before they were shipped to Rep. Leon Panetta. The petition, entitled "The Cold War Is Over; We Demand A Peace Dividend," insists that U.S. military spending be cut by 20-25 percent in 1991; that there be no further cuts in social spending programs; and that programs to meet human needs such as housing, hunger, childcare and drug abuse prevention receive increased funding as savings are reaped from cutting the military budget.

onto this year's defense bill to cover equipment and personnel costs.

The 1991 military spending bill is part of a three-year plan which projects only an additional \$5 billion cut in military spending through 1993. The plan does not include any

mention of a peace dividend.

There is some good news in this year's budget. The U.S. deficit and the threat of impending war in the Middle East have made it clear to most Congressmembers that some of our nuclear technologies are too expensive

and too unworkable to be funded with huge chunks of money year after year. We may well see Star Wars and the Stealth (B-2) bomber fade from sight by the end of the decade.

It appears that Congress will hold firm on its intention to terminate the B-2 program after the 15 planes currently in production are procured. With respect to Star Wars, House and Senate conferees will probably settle around the \$3 billion mark, a full one billion less than the current year's appropriation. Legislators have also consistently resisted any attempt to tack on funding for early deployment systems.

The best news of all this session is the passage of the Mavroules-Gephardt-Oakar Economic Conversion/Adjustment amendment. The bill establishes an economic stabilization council that would work with existing community programs to set up job training and placement services for workers formerly employed by military industries. The stabilization council would be comprised of representatives from business, labor and government. This is the first time that national economic conversion legislation has been enacted. A House committee opted to drop the more comprehensive Weiss bill in favor of the Mavroules legislation. However, elements of the Weiss bill could still be added at a later date. The Weiss amendment would have established community-based groups to help plan around the impacts of local base closures and/or cutbacks in military contracts. Locally, Rep. Leon Panetta and 12th district Rep. Tom Campbell (R) both voted in support of the Mavroules amendment.

Covert Operations

Last month we reported on a proposed addition to the Senate Intelligence Bill which would give the president sweeping powers to conduct secret covert operations without prior congressional approval. According to its proponents, Title VII of the Intelligence



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Authorizations Act (S.2834) is a reform measure, designed to prevent the kind of constitutional abuses that occurred during the Iran-Contra scandal. In fact, it legalizes many of those same abuses. The House version of the Intelligence Bill contained no similar provision. At press time the bill was in conference committee.

The bill sailed through conference with Title VII intact. The conference report was then debated on the House floor. Representative Barbara Boxer (D-San Francisco) offered an amendment that would curb presidential power to conduct covert operations. The amendment sought to require prior notification of Congress for covert actions; prohibited the use of third parties (such as foreign governments and outside contractors) to fund or conduct covert operations; limited the number of government agencies authorized to conduct covert operations; and sought to redefine covert action, restricting it to "extraordinary threats to the national security of the United States or attempts to protect U.S. citizens from being held hostage or threatened with bodily harm." As it stands now, covert aid Under Title VII is defined much more broadly as "an activity or activities conducted by an element of the United States

Government to influence political, economic, or military abroad so that the role of the United States Government is not intended to be apparent or acknowledged publicly."

The Boxer amendment received only 70 votes, although the Christic Institute reports that a "spirited debate" was held on the House floor. At this writing, it appears that Title VII will go on to become law.

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El Salvador

On October 19, the Senate overwhelmingly voted to cut military aid to El Salvador, thus handing the president his first major foreign policy defeat on the issue.

By a vote of 74 to 25, the Senate voted to retain language (the Dodd-Leahy amendment) contained in the 1991 Foreign Aid Appropriations Bill which reduces the re-

quested \$85 million in military assistance by 50 percent. Congressional supporters of the aid reduction package stated that they want to send a clear signal to the Salvadoran government that further U.S. military aid to that country will be tied directly to improvements in human rights. California Senator Alan Cranston (D) voted for the aid reduction package. Senator Pete Wilson (R) voted against it.

Administration officials made several failed attempts to reframe the intent of the aid reduction by placing the burden of reform on the Salvadoran rebels and not on the government. Senators Kasten (R-WI) and Graham (D-FL) offered an amendment that would require the FMLN to sign a cease-fire agreement before any cut in U.S. military aid would be forthcoming. That amendment was defeated 58-39. Since the Salvadoran rebels have long made clear that any cease-fire agreement must be the fruit of successful negotiations, and not a precondition to them, the Kasten-Graham amendment can only be viewed as an attempt to derail any possibility of a cut in U.S. assistance.

As the bitter civil war in El Salvador enters its 11th year, with 75,000 Salvadorans dead and hundreds of thousands displaced, it appears that Congress is now beginning in earnest to address a failed U.S. policy in that region. Although a 50 percent cut in military aid is clearly an inadequate response to the gravity of the situation, it is the first time

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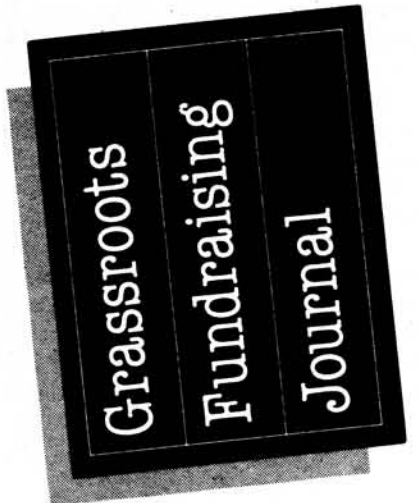
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since 1980 that Congress has cut off the purse strings. At that time, it was the murder of four American church women which produced a public outcry against aid to El Salvador. This time, it was the execution of six Jesuit priests on their University campus that motivated Congress to look more closely into the dealings of the Salvadoran military.

The United States has appropriated over \$4 billion to the Salvadoran government in the last ten years. The level of public awareness around the political situation in El Salvador, and the role of U.S. assistance to that country, has never been higher. The recent Senate vote should serve as a catalyst to keep the pressure on legislators until all U.S. military aid is ended.

Columbia

As the Senate vote on El Salvador makes national headlines, a military aid package to the Andean countries is whizzing through Congress virtually without debate.

At press time, a House/Senate conference committee is finalizing language on a \$118 million military assistance bill to fight the "drug war" in South America. The bill gives the president the discretion to divide the money among the governments of Peru, Bolivia and Columbia. In the original funding request of \$141 million, the president stated his preference that the majority of the funds (\$60.5 million) go to Columbia. It is expected that whatever amount is approved, Columbia will get the major share.

Human rights violations in Columbia have

accelerated dramatically in recent years. Those trying to bring political change to that country find themselves pitted against an array of forces including the military, the paramilitary death squads, the government, and the drug traffickers. In most cases, it would be difficult to distinguish among them; evidence increasingly points to the fact that strong networks exist among these parties.

An October 12 *National Catholic Reporter* article detailed the brutal, systemic repression existing in Columbia. In one instance, the tiny township of El Carmen witnessed 114 political assassinations in the last two years. In many cases, paramilitary death squads (which in Columbia often work for drug traffickers) appear to operate freely even in areas in which army battalions are stationed — battalions whose purpose is,

theoretically, to protect the civilian population and root out drug operations. For example, an army officer and three police officials have been linked to the kidnap, torture and murder last April of more than 20 people near the town of Trujillo by a paramilitary death squad. The group included the town's priest, who was tortured to death with an electric chain saw.

The Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), a human rights lobby organization, has been monitoring the current foreign aid appropriations bill closely. WOLA staff person John Walsh concedes there is virtually no chance that any human rights language will appear in this year's bill. An attempt was made in the House Foreign Affairs Committee to attach such language in a controversial Crime Bill, which includes monies to support foreign military anti-drug operations. The bill would have established stringent human rights requirements in order for Columbia to receive the aid. The language was dropped in exchange for a lower ceiling on the total amount of aid to be sent (from \$100 million to \$67.5 million).

The mechanizations of foreign "drug war" assistance are complicated, as bits and pieces are hidden in various bills that are not necessarily related. The Crime Bill will probably not survive in committee, for a number of reasons. However, should it pass, the \$67.5 million figure will replace the \$118 million figure currently in the Foreign Aid Bill, which is a different piece of legislation. The Colombian military received an average \$1.38 million per week in 1989 and 1990, according to the *National Catholic Reporter* article. Walsh indicated that Congress is currently leaning toward lesser funding, not because of human rights violations, but because last year's appropriations are still not completely spent, and the Andean countries in general have a bad track record in accountability for those funds. With a government in shambles and its judges literally in hiding, unable, or unwilling to prosecute, it is unlikely that accountability will be strengthened by this latest round of military aid.

Guatemala

The final figure on military aid to Guatemala will probably settle around \$3 million. The House is recommending a figure of \$2.88 million, a decrease over last year's appropriation of \$3.3 million. The president had requested \$5 million. Military aid to Guatemala has increased sharply in recent years. In 1985, military appropriations to that country totaled half a million dollars.

Locally, 16th district congressional Representative Leon Panetta co-signed a letter to Guatemalan President Cerezo, urging that "volunteers in Guatemala be protected from the rising level of violence." In particular, Mr. Panetta referred to the kidnap, torture and rape of Ursuline Sister Diana Ortiz, an American citizen, at the hands of Guatemalan security forces. In a letter to constituents dated September 13, Mr. Panetta committed himself to "support efforts to limit aid to Guatemala to humanitarian aid directly to the Guatemalan people until the government had demonstrated significant reform."

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3. Barrels of oil used by average American every year: 26; by average Italian: 11; by average Colombian: 2
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5. United States proportion of world's cars: 35 percent
6. United States proportion of world's population: 5 percent
7. Proportion of U.S. oil supplied by Iraq and Kuwait prior to the current trade embargo: 5 percent
8. Proportion of U.S. oil use that could be saved by raising car fuel efficiency standards by 2.8 miles per gallon: 5 percent
9. Miles per gallon (M.P.G.) for average car driven in the U.S.: 19
10. M.P.G. of most fuel efficient car on market: 55; M.P.G. of the most fuel efficient car developed: 121
11. Cost to build a mile of urban highway: \$100 million
12. Cost to build a mile of light rail mass transit: \$15 million
13. Decrease in federal funding for mass transit from 1981 to 1989: 50 percent
14. Years of oil supply in undeveloped U.S. offshore oil reserves (Alaska, Pacific, Florida gulf and Atlantic coasts) and Arctic refuge combined: 2
15. Amount that could be saved in one year if the U.S. converted to the best available lighting technology: \$30 billion; decrease in U.S. electricity use that would result: 25 percent
16. Reduction in Department of Energy budget for renewable energy between 1981 and 1989: 90 percent
17. Proportion of U.S. Department of Energy budget devoted to energy matters in 1980: 81 percent; to nuclear weapons production: 19 percent
18. Proportion of U.S. Department of Energy budget devoted to energy in 1990: 41 percent; to nuclear weapons production: 59 percent
19. Estimated number of U.S. nuclear warheads on U.S. warships sent to Gulf: 484
20. Market price of Middle East oil prior to Iraqi invasion of Kuwait: \$20/barrel
21. Price of Middle East oil if both routine U.S. military costs in Middle East and costs of Operation Desert Shield are included: \$61/barrel
22. Military costs of Operation Desert Shield per day: \$83,333,000.00
23. American lives lost defending Middle East oil supplies since Operation Desert Shield began: 15
24. Estimated American lives currently at risk in Operation Desert Shield: 103,000

Forcing the U.S. Military Out Philippine Draft Treaty Poses Problems for U.S. Bases

by Elizabeth TePas

On September 16, 1991, the current treaty covering U.S. military bases in the Philippines will expire. Exploratory talks on whether to negotiate a new treaty were scheduled to begin in mid-December 1989, but were postponed until spring 1990 because of a December 1st coup attempt in Manila. In mid-April, the week before talks began, three U.S. servicemen were killed in the "entertainment

districts" adjacent to Subic Bay and Clark Air Base; nonetheless, both sides agreed by mid-May to hold a second round of treaty talks, which opened on September 18.

Under the 1987 Philippine constitution, all foreign troops and bases must be removed by next September unless a new treaty extending their stay is ratified by both the Philippine Senate and the U.S. Senate. In August 1989, 12 of the 23 Philippine sena-

tors authored a resolution on the bases which said: "Apart from violating national sovereignty, the bases facilitate Washington's political, economic, and military intervention in the country...spawn economic underdevelopment and social problems, and pose a threat to national survival and global peace."

Consequently, the Philippine draft for a treaty would take full and sovereign control over Clark Air Base by September 16, 1991,

and over Subic Naval Base by September 16, 1994. Smaller installations at San Miguel, Wallace Air Station, Camp O'Donnell, and the Camp John Hay Rest and Recreation Center would also revert to the Philippines on September 16, 1991. Rent would rise to \$600 million a year, plus credits, until Subic is vacated in 1994.

The draft treaty also prohibits storage of chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons in the country, and passage through Philippine waters or airspace of any aircraft or ships carrying such weapons. Following New Zealand's lead, the Philippines would also forbid entry of U.S. nuclear-powered vessels "without prior approval" from the government. Despite the U.S. "neither confirm nor deny" policy, as a Filipino stevedore at Subic explained, "We always know which missiles are nuclear because the firemen and the Navy's safety officers show up." Philippine anti-nuclear activists have estimated that at least 75 percent of the ships docking at Subic carry nuclear weapons, violating the nuclear-free clause of the 1987 constitution, which was ratified by a two-thirds majority.



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The draft also prohibits "unhindered military use" of the bases to launch combat operations, since all other U.S. foreign base agreements require prior consultation with the host government. This became the most contentious issue in the 1988 bases review, along with legal jurisdiction over U.S. servicemen who commit crimes against Filipinos. Ironically, this year's negotiations for U.S. Navy use of Singapore's shipyards have been stalled since June over the criminal jurisdiction dilemma: Singapore punishes drug trafficking with the death penalty. The U.S. can neither yield American sailors to be executed nor guarantee a drug-free Navy installation. Singapore is equally determined not to expose its citizens to heroin and methamphetamines which abound at other U.S. bases in East Asia. Drug czar William Bennett is keeping remarkably silent about this stalemate, as are the U.S. media.

According to the July 16th *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, the U.S. Air Force announced it would begin withdrawing its F-4 squadron from Clark Air Base on October 1, 1990, to retire the airplanes and reassign the personnel. That doesn't leave much at Clark, since all the non-moveables (land, buildings, runways, etc.) were turned over to the Philippines a year ago, as agreed in the 1988 bases review. But the Air Force would like continued access to the Crow Valley Bombing Range nearby.

Subic Bay poses the awkward questions: How badly polluted is the base area with toxic wastes, and nuclear wastes, and live ammunition? How much will it cost to clean up Subic for conversion to a commercial shipyard? Who will pay for the cleanup?

The Navy would rather talk about "protecting vital sea lanes."

Conversion plans for Clark Air Base propose building passenger and cargo facilities and access roads, with the aim of replacing Manila's overcrowded airport. Also, the military camps in Manila would be transferred to unused lands at Clark, partly to avert further coup attempts. Until 30 years ago Camps Bonifacio, Crame, and Aguinaldo lay on the eastern outskirts of Manila, but as the city reaches steadily inland, these camps are now occupying real estate valued at \$2 billion, within a mile or two of the financial district and commercial center. Selling off this land will help fund the conversion.

Out of 79,000 Filipino civilians employed at the bases, the 22,000 union members went on strike October 1st. Their contract stipulates an October wage increase based on the average of the top 36 Philippine corporations, amounting to an 18.5 percent increase this year. Philippine inflation is running over 13 percent, and the peso has been devalued more than 20 percent against the dollar. So the Pentagon would actually save a few bucks offering an 18.5 percent raise. Instead, the U.S. Congress imposed a 3 percent ceiling on wage increases for foreign nationals employed by the U.S. armed forces, though foreigners paid in local currencies should have been exempted. The strikers were promptly declared AWOL.

The "workers" most dependent on the U.S. bases are probably the bar girls with their Amer-Asian children, and the insurgency. For the past 20 years the New People's Army (NPA) has captured most of its weapons from U.S. and Philippine armed forces, and collected much of its financial support by taxing the bars around Subic and Clark. Conversion plans for these people include a cease-fire, and changing the image of Sin City (as Olongapo adjoining Subic Bay is called) to an "entertainment capital" suitable for tourists.

Wallace Air Station, in the province of La Union, has facilities that can readily be converted to support an industrial complex, according to the provincial governor. Camp John Hay with its 18-hole golf course and mild mountain climate is thought of as an ideal spot for a tourist resort. But members of the Igorot tribe laid claim in September to a large part of the camp and neighboring Baguio. The Philippines is currently revising its ancestral land laws, which still derive from the 1907 Public Land law of the U.S. colonial regime. Basically the U.S. recognized titles held from the Spanish colonial regime, such as plantations: everyone else, tribes and peasant farmers, lost their land to

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the government.

Also missing from U.S. media reports is a 125-acre radar complex, complete with four giant parabolic antennae, a power generator, an airstrip, and 20 watch towers, on the island of Panay. In mid-October the local NPA

threatened to attack this facility because it believes the CIA uses it for "enemy detection." This is one of 16 secret U.S. bases the Filipinos have stumbled on scattered throughout the islands, all dating from the Marcos era, which are not included in the

current bases negotiations because they're classified.

So far the U.S. has restricted its tactics to media omissions and disinformation, including coup rumors. During the last review of the bases in 1988, Philippine Foreign Minister and chief negotiator Raul Manglapus was threatened with indictment, while two of his longtime anti-Marcos allies, Steve Psinakis and Charles Avila, were indicted in San Francisco that April on 8-year-old charges. Psinakis was tried in July 1989 and promptly acquitted for lack of evidence; the Avila case was dropped. Character witnesses included New York Representative Stephen Solarz, yet many U.S. media outlets never mentioned this trial. Instead, U.S. officials were quoted criticizing Manglapus for his anti-American tactics, and the Bush Administration suggested that it didn't want to talk with him again the next time around.

U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt has been replaced as chief negotiator by Richard Armitage, the same man the Christic Institute would like to see indicted. Manglapus is still talking. Apart from the draft treaty, he spoke up at the U.N. debate on West Asia (alias the Middle East) this October to call for a condonation (forgive and forget) of Third World debt, reminding Security Council members that Iraq's \$80 billion foreign debt was the main reason for its invasion of Kuwait.

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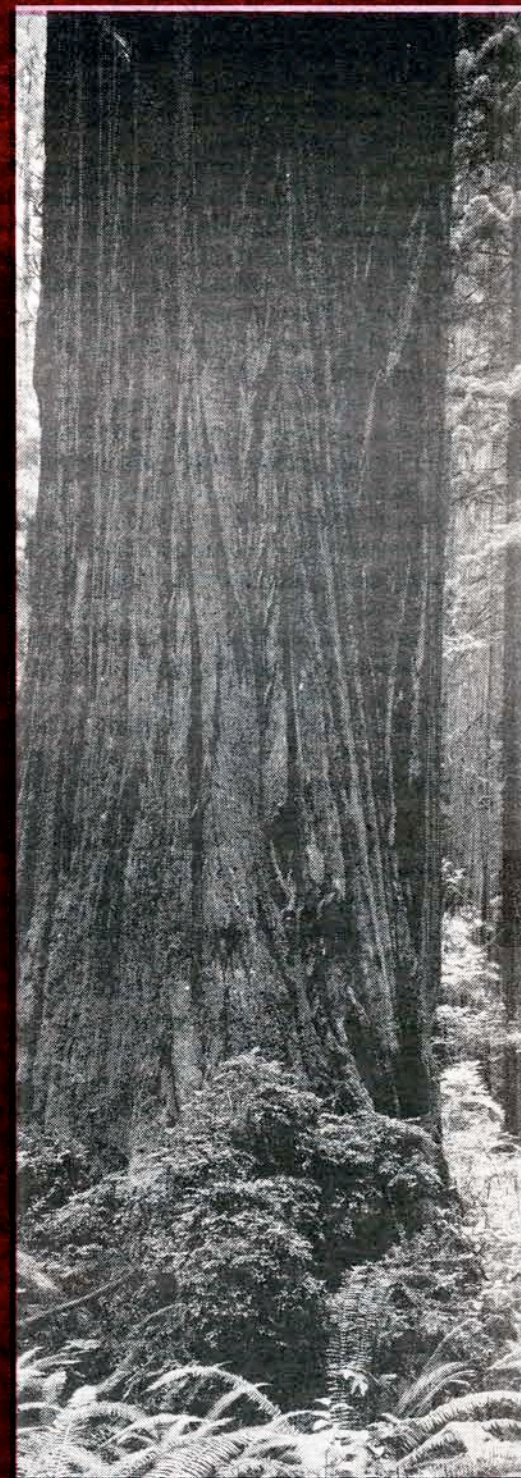
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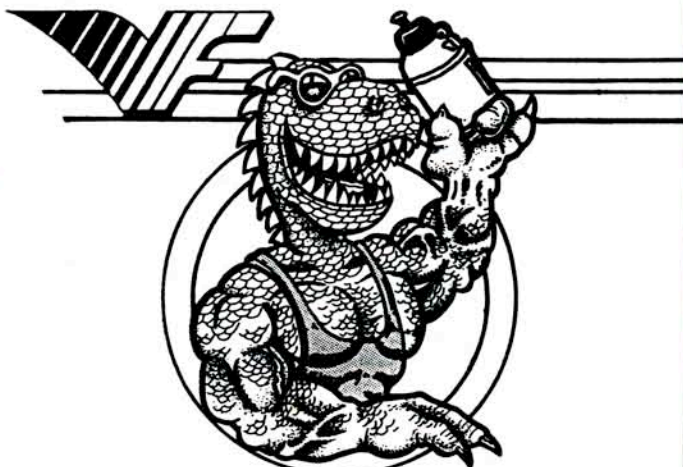
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"Test Ban Treaty Conference" Will Pressure U.S. to Stop Testing

Third World nations are upset at the continuing arms race and plan to push for a comprehensive test ban at an upcoming conference in January.



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by Carolyn Cottom

The international political arena has changed dramatically in just one year. The Cold War is over, Germany is reunited, Saddam Hussein has annexed Kuwait, the U.S. is pouring troops into Saudi Arabia, and the nuclear powers are now seeking mutually-agreed-upon approaches to solving the crisis in the Middle East.

Each new development points more clearly to the need for and the timeliness of an international comprehensive test ban (CTB).

The new climate in East/West relations makes cooperative ventures like the CTB more possible than ever before. The Soviet Union's willingness — indeed, eagerness — for a CTB is well-documented: its 18-month moratorium during 1986-87, its repeated statements that it would join the U.S. in a bilateral test ban at any time, and its recent undeclared moratorium effective from October 19, 1989, until October 24, 1990. Hundreds of thousands of Kazakhs living downwind of the major Soviet test site at Semipalatinsk have protested the testing in their region, forcing the government to close the site. The Soviet government announced it would shift its testing program to Novaya Zemlya, a two-island group in the Arctic Circle; within days, the government of Nor-

way, the people of Novaya Zemlya, and the president of the republic which contains the island — Boris Yeltsin — all lodged protests.

The recent Soviet test, conducted October 24 on Novaya Zemlya, points to the importance of negotiating a test ban in an international forum. Without U.S. cooperation, the Soviet Union cannot achieve a nuclear test ban on its own.

While the growing crisis in the Middle East has diverted attention from the urgent need to halt the nuclear arms race and allocate resources to domestic and environmental problems, it also serves to heighten awareness of the crucial link between the proliferation of nuclear weapons and a CTB. One has only to imagine the effect on stability in the Middle East if Iraq possessed a nuclear bomb.

Americans are deeply afraid, and rightly so, that Iraq will use chemical weapons against U.S. troops. But it is important to remember that poison gas is essentially "the poor nation's atom bomb." Since Israel has acquired a nuclear bomb and prevented Iraq from developing one by conducting an air strike against Iraq's suspected weapons grade materials plant, Iraq has felt it had the right to match the Israelis by obtaining chemical weapons.

Less than two weeks after Iraq stormed

and pillaged Kuwait, the 1990 Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference convened in Geneva, for the last time before the treaty's renewal in 1995. Angered by the steadfast refusal of the U.S. to halt nuclear testing — a condition for continuance written into the treaty — the non-aligned nations, led by Mexico, insisted that the final document of the review conference include a commitment by all parties to negotiate a CTB. The U.S. delegation refused. The result: there was no final document from the conference. The future of the NPT is thus clouded by U.S. insistence that it continue to test and develop new nuclear weapons systems. Without a Non-Proliferation Treaty, global arms control could be permanently derailed.

The crucial NPT conference coincides with the equally important Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT) amendment conference, scheduled for January 1991 — the "Test Ban Treaty Conference." This conference has been brought about by extraordinary and unprecedented steps by the non-nuclear nations. The convergence of these two conferences opens a new opportunity for challenging the recalcitrance of the U.S. and other nations opposing a CTB.

At the Test Ban Treaty Conference, the 118 nations which are party to the PTBT will

meet to consider amending the treaty into a comprehensive test ban. A simple majority of those parties can amend the treaty, but that majority must include the U.S., U.K., and U.S.S.R. The Soviet Union has indicated it will vote for the amendment, and Britain is likely to follow the U.S. lead — especially since the British conduct their nuclear tests at our test site. The U.S. has said it will veto an amendment — thus blocking an international opportunity to end all nuclear weapons testing. (President François Mitterrand has said France will join a CTB regime. With 119 countries observing a CTB, China will be under enormous international pressure to stop too.)

As every nuclear-age president before Reagan recognized, the most effective way to lessen nuclear tensions is through a comprehensive test ban. Not only would such an accord curb the proliferation of nuclear weapons, it would also stop the superpowers from testing more destabilizing systems. Over the past few years, significant progress toward verifying compliance with a CTB has been made. Through seismic monitoring and on-site inspections, the means of implementing a verifiable CTB are now available.

Polls show that 75-85 percent of the U.S. public consistently supports a CTB. Congress

has recently added CTB language to the Defense Authorization bill and to ratification of the Threshold Test Ban Treaty. Internationally, there is no issue which commands such broad public and diplomatic support. It is President Bush who stands in the way — and President Bush who must be the focus of international organizing efforts.

The Test Ban Treaty Conference provides a rare and opportune international focus for anti-nuclear activists worldwide. Since March 1988, U.S. and international organizations have been working together to develop a coordinated approach toward forcing governments — especially the U.S., Britain, and France — to stop all testing and advance toward a CTB. A full-fledged campaign is under way, active in over 70 countries, with 75 national U.S. organizations involved and local coalitions in over 30 cities and states. Between now and January there are many events and activities in which U.S. activists can become engaged. It is important that we seize this unparalleled opportunity to halt the 40-year spiral of the nuclear arms race.

For further information:

- For January actions in Nevada, contact American Peace Test at 702-386-9834, or Greenpeace at 702-431-6143.
- For January actions in New York and other organizing opportunities, contact the U.S. CTB Coalition, 1000 16th St NW, Washington DC 20036, 202-862-4956.

Carolyn Cottom is the director of the U.S. Comprehensive Test Ban Coalition in Washington, DC.

Comprehensive Test Ban Timeline

- 11/8 Non-governmental organizations' forum on a CTB at the United Nations
- 11/10 CTB forum in Baltimore
- 11/11-11/12 CTB public events in St. Louis
- 11/26-11/28 Tripartite delegation (Members of Congress, House of Commons, and Supreme Soviet) meets with Gorbachev, Thatcher and Bush to present open letters from parliamentarians, elected officials and citizens calling for test ban
- 11/29 CTB forum in Salt Lake City
- 11/29-12/14 Olzhas Suleimenov, leader of Soviet anti-testing movement, speaking tour of New York, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles Las Vegas, Nevada Test Site, southern Utah, and St. Louis
- 12/15-12/18 IPPNW Circumpolar Regional meeting on CTB in Leningrad
- 1/4/91 International CTB Conference in Las Vegas
- 1/5 Mass demonstration at Nevada Test Site
- 1/5-1/18 Citizens' actions at embassies worldwide; lobbying of delegates, vigils, and observing at U.N.
- 1/6 U.S. Conference of Mayors and Soviet mayors meeting on CTB issue in New York; reception for citizens; gala dinner for mayors, UN delegates, parliamentarians, former Kennedy administration
- 1/7 Religious convocation/teach-in in New York
- 1/11 International Lobbying Day at the U.N.
- 1/12 Street action and rally at the U.N.
- 1/13 International meeting in New York to launch "Global Anti-Nuclear Alliance"
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Soviet Activists Pressure Government To Halt Nuclear Testing

Interview by Catherine Franke

In 1985 the organization International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) won the Nobel Peace Prize. In October 1990, two IPPNW members from the Soviet Union, physicians Vladimir Popov and Zura Keshileva, came to the United States as part of an international delegation to promote cultural exchange and discuss

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the physician's role in preventing nuclear war. Dr. Popov specializes in eye diseases and Dr. Keshileva is the director of the Kazakh Institute of Dermatology and Venereal Diseases. Dr. Keshileva comes from the Soviet region of Kazakhstan, an area badly damaged by nuclear weapons testing. Doctors Popov and Keshileva are urging the United States to support the Soviet Union in the upcoming international U.N. conference to amend the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty into a comprehensive test ban treaty. Last month, the Soviet Union celebrated a year of no nuclear weapons testing. The U.S. is still not in favor of a comprehensive test ban. On October 18, Dr. Popov spoke to The Monthly Planet.

Monthly Planet: Is the Soviet Union currently testing nuclear weapons?

Vladimir Popov: No. The last test took place on Oct. 19 of 1989, so tomorrow it will be exactly 12 months since our last test.

MP: Do you think that is because of the citizen's movement in the Soviet Union?

VP: It's the main reason that this moratorium was never officially announced, by Gorbachev or anyone else. It was because of the pressure which was applied from below, from people on the Kazakhstan government and on the central government.

MP: Do you think this moratorium will

hold? Are there plans to begin testing again?

VP: We are trying to make it eternal. Right now they will not test because the situation is too tense in this region. The parliament of Kazakhstan proposed a draft of a new constitution including three main anti-nuclear principles: not to produce, not to store, and not to test nuclear weapons. It's quite possible this new constitution, at least this amendment, will be adopted in November, or maybe in December, of 1990. After that, if this amendment is adopted, it will be illegal to test nuclear weapons in Kazakhstan. It will be another dilemma for Moscow.

MP: What needs to be done to adopt this amendment to make nuclear testing illegal?

VP: They must pass a draft of their new constitution through their parliament. A special article on this issue will be in this constitution.

MP: Do you think this law will be passed?

VP: There is a high possibility that they will do it.

MP: There have been press reports in the United States that the Soviet test site is very contaminated, and that the local population is suffering health effects. Could you comment on this?

VP: That is what we came here for. We brought a report prepared by the special commission of Kazakh parliament called "The Commission of Health Protection." It is a rather detailed report about what happened in this region: economic damage, environmental effects, and the health effects of nuclear tests. It is certainly contaminated because they have been testing for 40 years — hundreds of nuclear tests, and 138 above ground tests, so you can imagine what has happened to this region. I think there is not much difference between the Semipalatinsk test site and your test site in Nevada, which is also very contaminated. It is just the same story we have been told for many years, that



Drs. Vladimir Popov and Zura Keshileva

there is socialist radiation and capitalist radiation.

MP: There is an international conference coming up in January to possibly amend the partial test ban treaty to be a comprehensive test ban treaty. What is the Soviet government position on this — would it favor an amendment to make the partial test ban treaty a comprehensive test ban?

VP: This is one of the reasons we came here. Right now it is on the agenda before the general conference, so we are seeking some help from your side so we can do it all together. With Gorbachev winning the Nobel Peace Prize there is no doubt that he would vote for the comprehensive test ban. Anyway the situation in this region is really tense on this question — no republic will allow the nuclear test site to be transferred onto its territory.

MP: If Gorbachev is against nuclear testing and no republics want a test site, what forces are there in the Soviet Union that want to keep testing?

VP: It is the military-industrial complex. They tell us that we must test because Americans continue testing — that's the main reason, it's so simple and so stupid. We came to the States about a week ago. We found out that this story is told on both sides. It looks like they were prepared by the same people. When we were in Reno we read through two reports — one was produced by a commission to investigate damage that was done around our test site and the other report was from Hanford, Washington. And you see

exactly the same phrases. It looks like both reports were written by the same people.

MP: They were talking about environmental contamination?

VP: Yes, that it's not so dangerous because it occupies "lost" territory and because they do "clean" underground tests. But the main danger comes from the process of testing, because it fuels the arms race and provides information and data to our scientists, who work for the military industrial complexes in both countries. Pretty soon we will be getting some very small and violent weapons. These will be very powerful. When the next strike comes it can be from the Far East, or Israel, or Latin America, and someone like Saddam Hussein will be behind it. A small, easy to carry nuclear warhead, back-pack sized, can cause a lot of trouble for all of us. As far as I know, our specialist in physics has been working on the possibility of creating a nuclear device a little bit larger than a pencil. You can imagine this nuclear bomb in a suitcase. We are pretty close to such a possibility.

So, while our nuclear defense establishment spends a lot of money for the arms race and nuclear tests — billions of rubles every year — in the area around the nuclear test site the medical health care system doesn't exist at all. We have some hospitals but they are in need of everything. In these hospitals, these clinics, we have no drugs. And they found that there is a significant growth in malignant tumors, stomach cancer, and leukemia. Many children suffer from birth defects and disorders. Kazakhstan has the highest infant mortality rate in this region. Fifty to eighty percent of the adult population of some re-

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gions of Kazakhstan suffer different forms, levels, and grades of human deficiency which result in actual diseases and many other problems. They have been doing this research for about two years, because before 1989 it was not recommended to do such research in this field. The health and mental effects of nuclear tests were never discussed. Until recently it was highly classified information — it was not possible to do any research in this field, and even now, few people know what's going on. Kazakhstan suffered a great deal from our Ministry of Defense. The Aral Sea, a huge, inland sea is dying because of the climate changes and other effects of testing. It is getting smaller and smaller. There is a lot of uranium mining, and ecologically dangerous plants and factories from the chemical industry. It is one huge ecological disaster area. Two or three days ago some kind of decision was made that everybody who can prove that he or she was a victim of the nuclear test will get some kind of compensation.

MP: There have been many reports of radioactive leaks and severe environmental contamination at nuclear weapons production sites across the U.S. Even the Department of Energy has been forced to study these problems. Is there something like that happening in the Soviet Union?
VP: Studies and leakages, both. In the middle of September some kind of chemical explosion, I don't know what type, took place in Kazakhstan, and a lot of beryllium was released. This explosion took place right in the center of a city, and this huge cloud of beryllium covered the whole city. It's not radioactive, but it's highly toxic. Also, relevant new data about Chernobyl surfaced from a study about the first explosion of radioactive wastes in 1957. This information was also classified. A huge region was affected and now they want to transfer 20,000 people from the affected zones. But it is too late. The Chernobyl accident happened four years ago, so for four years these people have been living in this highly radioactive zone.

MP: You're talking about 20,000 more people in addition to those who have al-

Soviets Break Moratorium, U.S. Continues Testing

A week after this interview the Soviet Union broke its one-year "people's moratorium" on nuclear testing. On October 24, 1990, the Soviets conducted their first test of 1990 at the Novaya Zemlya test site in the Barents Sea. On October 9, the *MV Greenpeace* was taken into custody by authorities after dispatching four activists to the arctic island test site.

The United States recently detonated its third nuclear test in less than a month. "Tenabo," named after a northern Nevada mining town, was detonated on October 12. It was set off 2000 feet below Pahute Mesa in Area 20 of the Nevada Test Site. This was a large test — in the 20-150 kiloton range, according to DOE announcements. It measured approximately 5.5 on the Richter scale. The yield was probably close to 100 kilotons. This test was conducted by the Lawrence Livermore National Labs.

The previous two tests, "Sundown" (9-20-90) and "Leboux" (9-27-90) were conducted by the Los Alamos Labs and were both less than 1 kiloton. This is the second test conducted by Livermore Labs in 1990. Los Alamos Labs has conducted six tests in 1990 including one secret test. There have been a total of 15 tests conducted in 1990 by three countries; United States (8), France (5), China (2).

The next U.S. test will be "Houston," a Los Alamos test in Area 19 of the Nevada Test Site. There is reason to believe that this may be a joint U.S.-U.K. test. (All British tests are conducted at the Nevada Test Site.) This will probably be a large test; tests in Areas 19 and 20 are generally larger tests. Houston will probably be detonated in late 1990 or early 1991.

Source: American Peace Test

ready been evacuated?
VP: Just in Belorussia alone, to say nothing about affected regions or districts of the Russian Federation and the Ukraine.

MP: How many people were evacuated from the Chernobyl area already?
VP: Around 100,000 people. It sounds like a bad joke. They moved the whole city to another place. Just recently they found out that in the region where they built this new city, a bit of the radioactive cloud had fallen down also. So in this new city itself they have found some highly radioactive zones. This city lies 120 kilometers away from ground zero, and now they are talking about moving this whole city away. It can't be done. They have no place to go. These are just a few examples of what's going on in our country, of what I would call "lessons." I do not think it necessary for your country to repeat our

mistakes and our lessons. We can learn a lot from each other. It makes sense, at least, that we can help each other. I believe there is a unique opportunity now to stop nuclear testing forever if you help us, because we have been doing it for a year already. I met our head of the Soviet nuclear test site, a two- or three-star general, and I've talked to him twice. He is a nice person, and he really believes that sooner or later the United States of America will attack us. We need some strong arguments against such people. We must tell them that it will never happen.

We hope that you will support us. There are only two countries, the United States and Great Britain, that are not willing to transform the limited test ban into a comprehensive test ban. That is the problem. Tomorrow in Kazakhstan they will have a real celebration — we will celebrate this one year of not testing. You can help us.

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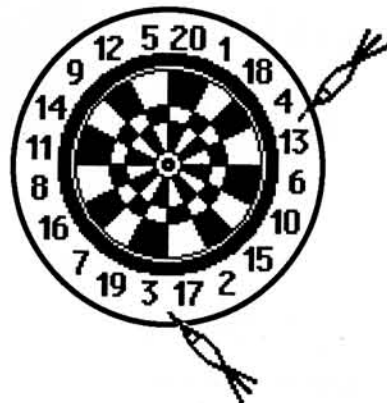
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Sweden's Ruling Social Democrats Vote to End Nuclear Port Calls

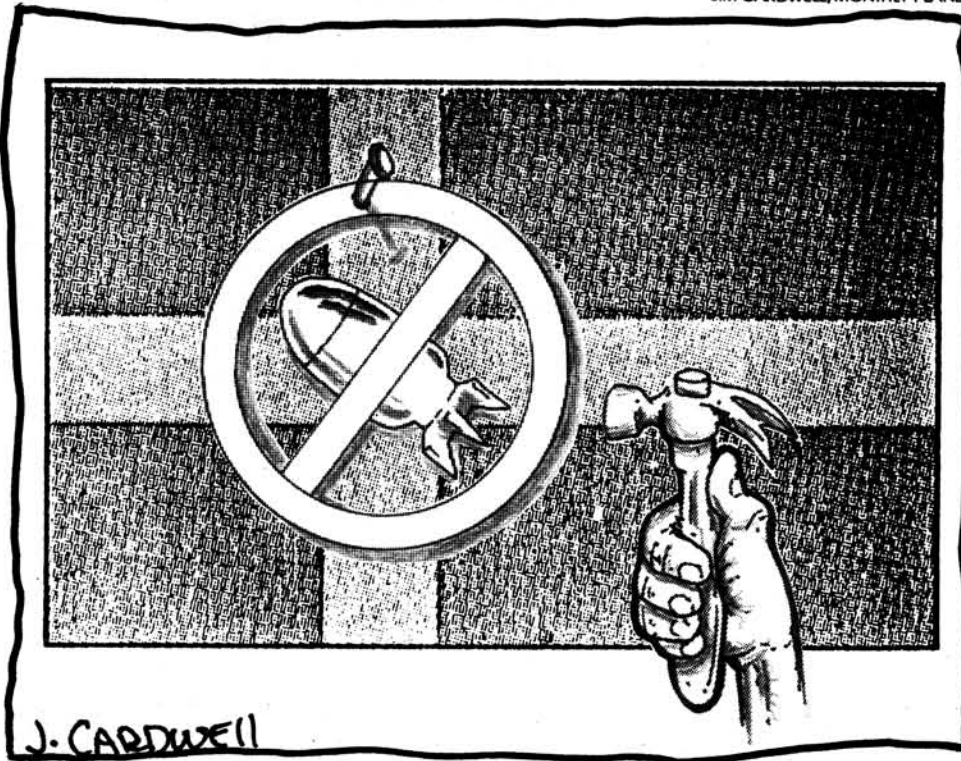
by John M. Miller

Neutral Sweden is well known for actively promoting global disarmament, especially within the United Nations. The Swedish government has argued forcefully for a comprehensive nuclear test ban and for controls on the naval arms race and other measures. However, when it comes to taking action at home, many Swedes have not been satisfied. One point of contention is Sweden's acceptance of port calls by nuclear-capable warships without first assessing whether they are actually carrying nuclear weapons, despite Sweden's status as a nuclear-free nation.

At its triennial conference, in mid-September, the ruling Social Democratic Party acted to change this, passing a resolution to modify government policy and require all visiting warships to "give a declaration that nuclear weapons are not brought into" Swedish ports. If no such declaration is forthcoming, a visit will not be allowed.

The resolution was a victory for the peace movement which had been pressing for an end to Sweden's acquiescence with the nuclear navies' policy of "neither confirming nor denying" (NCND) the presence of nuclear weapons aboard their ships. The resolution represented a groundswell of opposition within the party against its leadership, which had opposed any change in current policy.

"It is clear that the party now really wants to question the nuclear visits and NCND," said Cilla Lundstroem, who led the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society's campaign against port calls. "The only reason they voted for a two-year respite was that they wanted to protect their leaders from embarrassment. We could see how our local work all over the country had really made a change."



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Delegates to the congress argued against Sweden's "double standard" on nuclear weapons. Current policy is to accept port calls by nuclear-capable warships. Before each stopover, the visiting nation is reminded of Sweden's "general prohibition against foreign naval vessels carrying nuclear weapons when visiting Sweden," but the government takes it for granted that that prohibition will be strictly observed. A Greenpeace report, issued just before the convention, documented the entry of nuclear

weapons aboard U.S., British and French vessels into Sweden's harbor 31 times since 1962. The report contained so much detail, gleaned largely from Freedom of Information Act requests concerning the nuclear certification of visiting ships, that the Swedish government has asked the U.S. to comment on the report.

Three years ago, the party voted to work internationally to end the policy of NCND and to then reconsider its port call policy. Since then, the Swedish government has had

no success in convincing either the U.S., Britain or France to drop NCND. (No Soviet vessel has visited Sweden in over a decade and in the last few years the U.S.S.R. has abandoned NCND.) In the party debate, Foreign Minister Sten Andersson had argued that "a separate step like this will make us lose all respect for our work for disarmament, and all trust for us in negotiations in conflicts like the Middle East." The party leadership has also implied that NATO's nuclear navies were needed in the Baltic to balance the Soviet Union.

According to Lundstroem, "The belief that a nuclear balance in the Nordic area is in Sweden's interest is completely smashed. The few in government in favor of NATO exercises in the Baltic no longer have support in the party."

"The nuclear allergy has really come to Sweden," adds Lundstroem. "The Swedish acceptance of NCND is broken."

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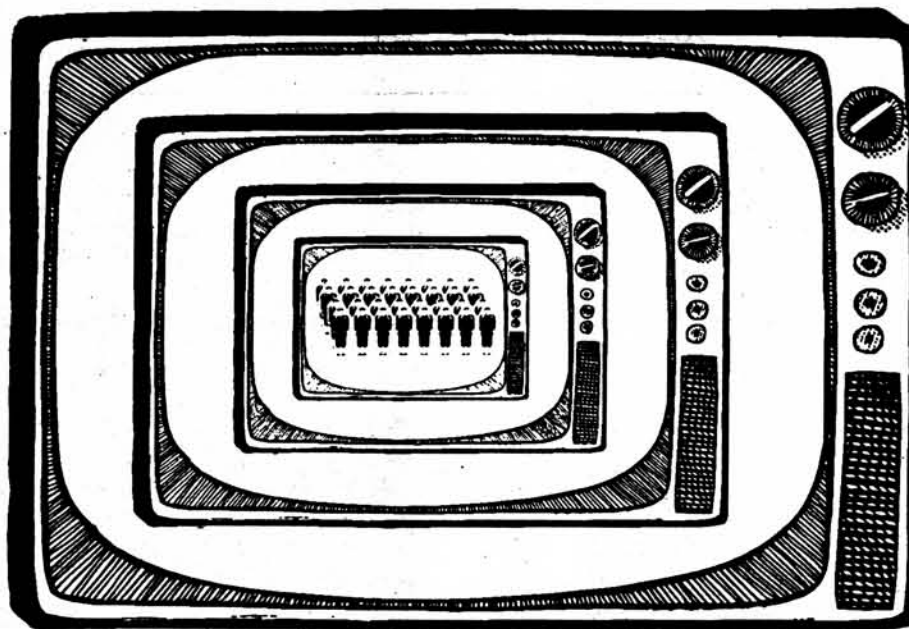
by Norman Solomon

The media war effort escalated in late October, covering the U.S. military buildup with a supportive blitz while stockpiling plenty of propaganda supplies for the long winter ahead.

Among the top themes in the government's P.R. arsenal: The U.S.A.'s dual role as superpower and victim.

ANALYSIS

For many years James LeMoyné served as a key disinformant from Central America for the *New York Times*. Accustomed to describing the United States as well-meaning but abused in less civilized lands, he is now bringing his expertise to bear from Saudi Arabia. "There appears to be a possibility," LeMoyné reported on Oct. 21, "that American forces could find themselves used by Arab states in a regional feud."



waste it would be to weaken now."

Meanwhile, the former CIA intern who is James Baker's tennis partner and the top *Times* correspondent at the State Department, Thomas L. Friedman, reported on concern among "American officials" about indications that "the Iraqi leader is still not convinced that Mr. Bush is ready to sacrifice American boys to drive him out of Kuwait." Added Friedman: "Getting that point across is not easy."

Alas, even some people here at home have trouble grasping that point, the *Times* editorialized: "The siege in the Persian Gulf is not yet 12 weeks old, but the patience of some Americans already seems exhausted." The *Times* singled out for condemnation one errant former president. "Enter now the Nervous Doves, their case urgently pressed by Jimmy Carter in *Time* magazine."

The October 22 magazine piece had actually been a rather mild plea for some semblance of realism. "Military forces of America and its allies can surely prevail, but there will be serious human, economic and political costs," Carter wrote, noting that "It is incongruous to exalt Iraq's military threat while disparaging the competence of the Iraqis to defend their own land." He pointed out that so far "the Bush Administration has not acknowledged the need for negotiations or exploratory talks."

Carter's essay was hardly an anti-war statement, but it provoked the *Times* to condemn "the Nervous Doves" — presumably descendants of the "Nervous Nellies" that Lyndon Johnson was denouncing two dozen years ago as he persisted with the U.S. assault on Vietnam.

In the high-stakes geopolitics of the Persian Gulf, the U.S. media keep telling us, the Palestinians are a "diversion" from the task at hand — making war on Iraq. In the Sunday *Times* (Oct. 21) Week in Review section, Friedman beat the war drums while highlighting Israeli claims that U.S.-Israel relations were suffering from "a massive failure of communication." Friedman stressed that "their mutual distrust has strategic implications, particularly if events compel the United States and Israel to join hands to smash Iraq."

Time magazine weighed in with a spread headlined "SADDAM'S LUCKY BREAK: The Temple Mount killings give Iraq a fresh pretext to link the takeover of Kuwait with the frustrated Palestinian cause." Another *Time* article, titled "The False Analogy," attacked comparisons between Iraq in Kuwait and Israel in the West Bank and Gaza: "The attempt to equate the two occupations is nonsense — on the part of some making it, mendacious nonsense."

Double standards are necessary to encourage self-righteousness for a U.S.A. being primed for war. Thus the absurd "moderate" label, frequently applied to repressive

It's tough being a superpower. "For the United States," he went on from Riyadh, "the crisis here has the makings of a defining experience for a troubled and economically weakened superpower finding its way in a post-cold-war world that it will strongly influence, but not dominate." What's more, "American officials and troops express bitterness that of all the nations arrayed against Iraq, it is the United States that will likely bear the greatest burden — in blood, in dollars and perhaps in ideals."

Those ideals may impel the U.S. to launch a war, the media message goes, but it's regrettable that other nations are less principled. In his Oct. 28 column inflicted on readers of the *San Francisco Sunday Examiner & Chronicle*, William Randolph Hearst Jr. lamented that a Saudi prince, "Arab leaders generally," the Soviet Union, France and "other European nations, with the exception of Britain, have been sending strong signals" for a compromise. "This appeasement movement is threatening to ruin President Bush's hope of establishing a new world order against aggression."

Like the son of Citizen Hearst, the editors of the *New York Times* will have none of it. The time has come for Japan and Germany to get with the military program, the *Times* insisted on Oct. 22: "Genuine collective security has to mean that Tokyo and Bonn are prepared to fight as well as to finance." The previous day, the *Times* had explained in another lead editorial that the U.S. public also must be prepared to fight rather than talk: "What would be folly is to let Saddam Hussein believe he can engage in serious negotiations before unconditionally withdrawing from Kuwait.... Even at this early moment, the siege seems to be starting to work; what a stunning miscalculation and

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Arab regimes aligned with the United States. In late October, a pair of front-page stories in the *Times* referred matter-of-factly to "the moderate Saudi-Egyptian alliance" and "the moderate Arab coalition Washington has built up."

Even when mentioning the extreme male supremacy of ally Saudi Arabia, the U.S. press has been self-congratulatory. "By contrasting the allegedly liberated American woman tank mechanic with the Saudi woman deprived of a driver's license, American reporters are implying that the United States is the advanced civilized country whose duty it is to take the lead in resolving the Persian Gulf crisis," Cynthia Enloe pointed out in a *Village Voice* article (Sept. 25). Ironically, the influx of U.S. soldiers, male and female, is apt to undermine feminists in Saudi Arabia: "A women's rights advocate always is open to nervous men's double-barreled charge that she is succumbing to alien Western bourgeois values, while simultaneously splitting the nation at a time when it needs unity above all else."

One of the most dangerous media manipulations has cast the U.S. public as spectators, reduced to guessing whether President Bush will order the U.S. military into war. Reporting on possibilities that the White House will deploy more troops, beyond the nearly quarter-million already in the Persian Gulf, the *New York Times* explained on its front page that "The pending troop decision will provide one of the clearest clues as to how the Bush Administration intends to handle the crisis in the Persian Gulf."

Despite the myth of public discourse about war and peace — *Newsweek* claimed in its Oct. 29 issue that "the gulf crisis has unfolded gradually, allowing the nation to debate its choices and interests" — the news media have done much to block any such debate.

As Daniel Ellsberg has emphasized, it's imperative that "we stop talking and acting in this country as if it were Bush's decision, by right, whether we go to war. We are actually watching passively at this moment to see what happens next, to see what he will do, and we're letting Congress do the same. We must break out of that behavior."

Although Saddam has been indicating for several weeks that Iraq would be willing to withdraw from most of Kuwait, remaining only in the Rumaila oil field and the islands of Bubiyan and Warba, the U.S. media have basically gone along with White House depictions of Iraqi intransigence. So, on Oct. 26, when the *New York Times* quoted Defense Secretary Dick Cheney as saying that Saddam "gives no indication of being willing to withdraw from Kuwait," the newspaper offered no contrary evidence.

The toll of U.S. military intervention has gotten little attention. During the tortuous budget wrangles in Washington last month, news media dutifully cooperated with politicians in ignoring the financial drain — calculated off the books and out of view. The

related further cutbacks in human-needs funding also have gotten short shrift. And news coverage has dodged the enormous human suffering and death certain to occur if the U.S. attacks.

Fraser, he expressed concern about the coverage of the Gulf crisis. "It's from a strictly nationalistic perspective," Jimenez said. "Anything Saddam Hussein does is propaganda, and anything Bush does is in the best

says that "on the whole, the Gulf crisis coverage is positive." And, he declares, "The American people are better served by their news media than the people in any other country."

A former Rusk associate, Daniel Ellsberg, sees unnerving parallels: "I feel that we're reliving the summer of 1964. I didn't really believe we'd ever go through this again so closely; God knows, I never wanted to. I thought the country had learned better."

Clearly a key impediment to learning better is the news media, functioning — with few exceptions — as propaganda arms of the state.

Norman Solomon is co-author of Unreliable Sources: A Guide to Detecting Bias in News Media (published by Lyle Stuart), available from local bookstores or by calling 1-800-447-BOOK. He will be speaking in Santa Cruz, about media coverage of the Persian Gulf crisis, on Friday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m., at Calvary Church, 532 Center St.

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The U.S. Keeps the Pressure on Palau

by Bob Aldridge

Changes are taking place in the Pacific — changes which could place the small Micronesian archipelago of Palau in the international spotlight.

The Bush Administration now recognizes the magnitude of resistance to military bases in the Philippines and has outlined a face-saving strategy to phase out the U.S. presence over the next ten years. Even after this gradual withdrawal the U.S. wants access to those bases if required.

The phasing out of day-to-day operations means transfer to another location. A new book, *Resisting The Serpent*, provides lengthy descriptions of how the Palauan Islands, located 1060 miles southeast of Manila, would make the most ideal fallback location for Subic Naval Base, and public records are replete with official quotations that verify Pentagon planners are well aware of that fact.

Palau (indigenously known as Belau) has been part of a United Nations trust territory since World War II. The United States, as the

trust administrator, was charged with helping the island people develop toward the goal of self-determination or independence. In 1979 the U.S. permitted a modicum of self-determination when Palauan delegates drew up their own constitution. To the U.S.'s surprise, they constructed a document which would ban nuclear weapons, waste or materials from their land. In spite of stiff U.S. interference, necessitating three constitutional elections, the people of those islands adopted the world's first truly nuclear-free constitution. They set up their own legislative and judicial bodies and elected their own leaders. But the trusteeship was never terminated and Palau is still, according to United Nations rules, a trust territory administered by the U.S.

Over the past decade the United States has attempted to terminate the trusteeship in the form of a Compact of Free Association which would give the U.S. sole responsibility for security of the islands and the right to introduce nuclear weapons. Between 1983 and

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1990 seven referendums to adopt the Compact were held but none mustered the required 75 percent majority needed to override the anti-nuclear clause in their constitution. In none of the referendums was there any other choice than free association with the U.S., although the first two had an advisory vote on independence if the Compact failed.

The U.S. tried to influence those seven elections — plus a futile constitutional amendment attempt in 1987 — through bribery, terrorism, misinformation, and other means, the details of which are documented in *Resisting The Serpent*. During 1987 particularly, there was much terrorism, intimidation, and even murder. When the congressional oversight committee in Washington repeatedly urged the U.S. Department of Interior to intervene, the response was that the islands were mostly self-governing al-

ready and that it was not deemed in their best interests to interfere.

A recent *Pacific News Bulletin* article revealed that ostensive U.S. respect for Palau's democratic government is merely a charade, stating: "In a shocking display of arbitrary power, the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) has issued a secretarial order which would effectively override the existing powers of the Belauan executive and congress." The article went on to explain that the "secretarial order proposed a bill which would create an Assistant Secretary of the DOI, to be appointed as resident representative in Belau. The resident representative would have extensive executive power over the government and the administration in Belau. For example, all communication and contact with the government in Belau would have to go through the resident representative."

Many Palauans feel that this is an act of desperation in retaliation for not approving the Compact. It may be an act of even greater desperation because of the direction Philippine base-lease renewal negotiations are taking. It appears that Filipinos are succeeding in expelling U.S. military bases. The question now is whether those bases will be transferred to Palau.

Bob Aldridge is co-author of *Resisting The Serpent: Palau's Struggle For Self Determination* (Fortkamp Publishing Company, 4811 Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21212; 1990) \$9.95 plus \$1.50 for shipping). *Resisting the Serpent* is available in Santa Cruz at the New Society Bookstore, 515 Broadway.

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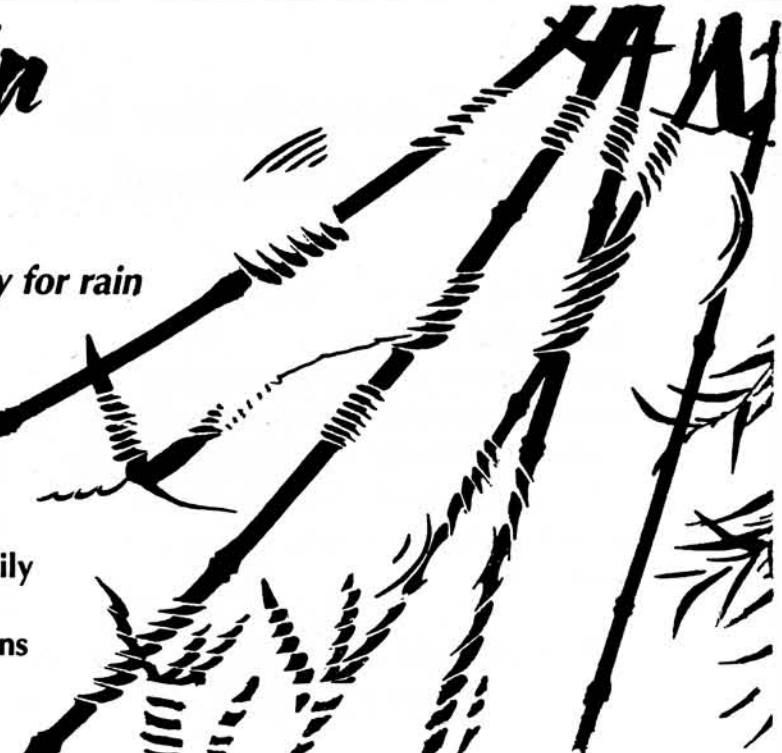
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"Resisting the Serpent"

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"Resisting the Serpent, Palau's Struggle for Self-Determination" is a new book by Bob Aldridge and Ched Myers. Aldridge, a former Lockheed engineer, wrote *First Strike!* and *The Counterforce Syndrome*, books that analyzed the Pentagon's Strategic Doctrines. His latest research examines nuclear imperialism in the 1990's from the point of view of a small Pacific island.

The authors document their story with Freedom of Information material, United Nations reports and U.S. government documents. They describe Palauans who have been under imperialistic control since 1598. From 1919 until 1945, Japan occupied Palau. Since 1945, the Americans have been in control.

Palau drew up its own constitution in 1979. It forbids the introduction of nuclear weapons, waste or materials into Palau territory. Because Palau is isolated by a vast ocean, it has been financially dependent on the U.S. during the territorial years. In 1979, Palauans wrote the world's first nuclear-free constitution, despite stiff U.S. interference.

During the eighties, Palau's first two democratically elected presidents were assassinated mysteriously. *Resisting the Serpent* documents these and other strange events

that indicate American interference in Palau's internal affairs. During both murders, the same FBI agents were in Palau, supposedly training the local police. Both presidents died the day before making major national announcements that could have gone against Pentagon plans for Palau.

The election in 1988 for the third president was so wrought with controversy and lawsuits, as detailed in this book, that it smacked of U.S. interference. The candidate who was declared the winner had won only 20 percent of the vote. He is in favor of the Pentagon plans to build a nuclear submarine port, airfields and nuclear weapons storage sites in Palau.

Palauans have asked that they not be asked to vote on their constitution again for a few years. Yet the Pentagon is under pressure to replace its bases in the Philippines.

Palauans doubt the assurances of U.S. aid if they change their constitution. Since Micronesia was taken over by the U.S. in 1945, it has been kept isolated and used for military purposes. The atmospheric testing of U.S. nuclear weapons in Micronesia began in 1946 and continued until 1963. Many paradise islands were blasted off the face of the earth, and many others are permanently contaminated with radioactivity.

Resisting The Serpent is sprinkled with

quotes from Palau's people that reveal their wisdom in the face of superpower pressures: "There are only two societies in the whole world. One is the society of the people, the other is the society of money. In the (former)... human life is valued more than military equipment and other tools of destruction and death. In the money society, the people are no longer human, but are another form of computer... they put economic interests above human life, and weapons of destruction and death are considered more important than people... the two societies cannot exist together in Belau. We will not survive, for in the society of money only a few and the rich survive."

Palau deserves an international spotlight because its 15,000 survivors are resisting the pentagon serpent of the most powerful nation on earth. As Aldridge and Myers note: Palau's "insistence on self-determination in these negotiations is an inspiration to human-rights advocates, and the international community must continue to support the innate right of the people of Palau to be architects of their own destiny. Palauans have already made a profound contribution to world political culture with their 1979 Constitution. There is no reason to doubt that, if allowed, they will continue to make other equally exciting innovations."

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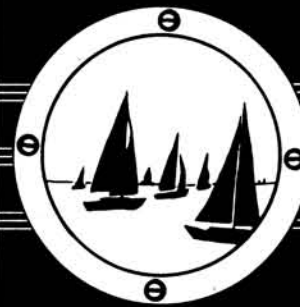
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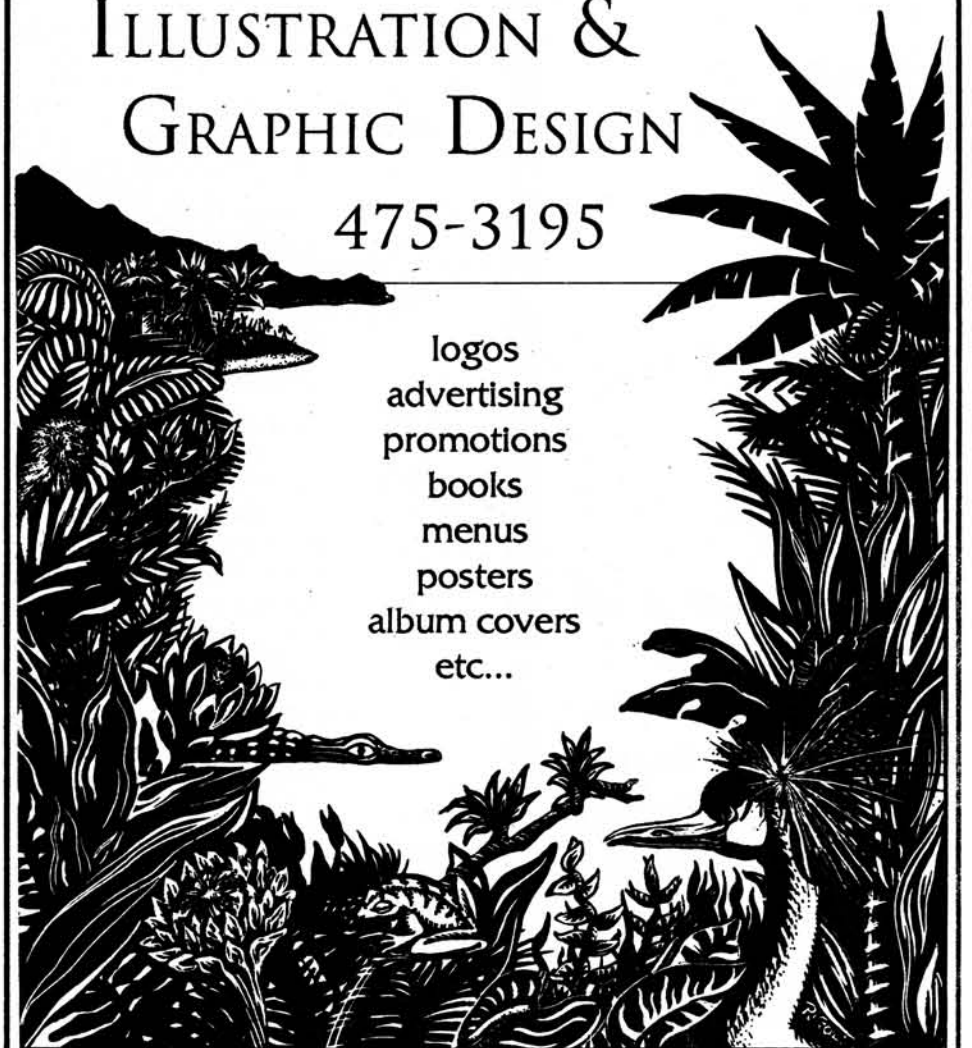
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We must receive your listing no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 27 for inclusion in the December issue (publication date: Thursday, December 6).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Join in support of the fast for **Indigenous People**. Three local people are on a 42 day fast calling for an end to relocation at Big Mountain and the other JUA communities. Join them at the Santa Cruz Post Office, sunrise to sundown. People are encouraged to fast for the day in solidarity. Sponsored by Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain. 427-1125.

12-Step group for people with HIV. Meets every Thursday night from 6-7 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church Fireside Room, 420 Melrose. All HIV+ individuals involved with or interested in any 12-step program are welcome. No fee. Info: Wendy at SCAP 427-3900.

AIDS/ARC Support Group is letting in a few new members. Meets Thursdays 4-6 p.m. If you are interested in this group, please call, as a second group will be formed if there are enough people. Facilitator: Alan Dampsey. Info: 427-3900.

Support group for gay couples coping with HIV/AIDS, where one or both partners is HIV positive. Group meets alternate Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. October 4 and 18, November 1, 15 and 29, and December 13. Facilitators: Jill Steinberg and Terri Thames. Info: Wendy at SCAP 427-3900.

Support group for family members of people with HIV/AIDS. Group meets alternate Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. October 4 and 18, November 1, 15 and 29, and December 13. Facilitator: Stephanie O'Mara, LM FCC. Info: Wendy at SCAP 427-3900.

Open Gatherings. Small group discussions sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a non-profit educational organization. Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street, 7 p.m. Cafe Cameleon, 320-C Cedar Street, 9 p.m. Info: (415)322-4303.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Behind The Times Theatre (BTT) presents "The Blue Leaf Tea Mystery Hour." Benefit for BTT Productions and Cast. Senior Citizens Opportunities (SCO), 222 Market Street, 8 p.m. \$5 - \$10 general, \$2 seniors, students, children. Funded in part by grants from the Santa Cruz City Arts Commission and the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County. Info: 458-3442.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Discussion of the film and the time, "Berkeley In The Sixties." Panelists will include Mario Savio, Betina Aptheker, Frank Bardacke, Hardy Frye, Marge Frantz, and Jack Schaarr. Kresge Town Hall, UCSC, 8 p.m.

Graduate Women and Faculty, UCSC Women's Center. An occasion for returning and new graduate women students and faculty to come together informally and become better acquainted with each other across disciplines. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored with Feminist Studies Focused Research Activity (FRA). 5 - 7 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

KIDPOWER Presentation with National Child Safety Expert Sherryll Kraizer. KIDPOWER is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children be safer and more confident through teaching assault and abuse prevention skills. Ms. Kraizer gives useful answers for the many questions adults have about helping children with this difficult issue. Jade Street Community Center, 4400 Jade Street, Capitola, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Info: 426-4407.



Children in the recently repatriated Segundo Montes City

Delegation Returns to Promote Dental Clinic for El Salvador

Four Santa Cruz residents recently travelled to El Salvador as part of a literacy delegation sponsored by ANDES (National Association of Salvadoran Educators) in San Salvador, and organized by MOARC (Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Refugee Committee) in Santa Cruz.

Delegation participants Bill Birch, Laura Martinez, Nancy Hand, and Andy Kaplan visited three university campuses, including the University of Central America where the six Jesuit priests were murdered during last November's offensive. They also visited marginalized communities throughout El Salvador, witnessing the effects of 10 years of war as well as the efforts of the Salvadoran people to organize themselves in order to address their basic needs of food, shelter, education, and medical services.

According to Nancy Hand, "There were military checkpoints everywhere in the city, even in neighborhoods. The military presence was absolutely everywhere."

On September 15, delegation participants witnessed one of the largest popular demonstrations in the last 10 years. The Independence Day Festival was held at the National University, the Salvadoran public university. The day and evening was filled with protests, music and dance. Protests were directed towards an end to human rights violations and an end to death squad activity.

In the month that delegation participants have been back, MOARC has become involved in a project to send a mobile dental clinic to El Salvador. The dental clinic project will be coordinated with The Salvadoran Foundation for the Promotion of Social and Economic Development, which is itself made up of different social service agencies in El Salvador. MOARC will sponsor events, make presentations and collect donations as primary ways of raising the \$13,000 dollars needed to complete the project. Community members and organizations can help by making direct, tax deductible contributions to MOARC/Dental clinic, 509 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. For more information about the dental clinic, or to get involved with the project, please call MOARC at 426-4467.

— Maria J. Heredia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Morning Coastal Ceremony . Gathering to renew our commitment to preserve and protect the Earth, and to enjoy community spirit. 8 a.m., Lighthouse Field. Ongoing event on the first Sunday of every month. Info: 425-8921.

Behind The Times Theatre presents "The Blue Leaf Tea Mystery Hour," benefit for Senior Citizens Opportunities. 222 Market Street, 2 p.m. \$5 - \$10 general, \$2 seniors, students, children. Info: 458-3442.

"Critiques of the U.S. News Media," a Consider the Alternatives radio program

on KAZU (90.3 FM). 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Support group for women sexually assaulted as adults. Ten week drop-in group (October 8 - December 10). Free. Women's Health Center, 250 Locust Street, 7-9 p.m. Free childcare available. Sponsored by Santa Cruz Women Against Rape. Funded by the City of Santa Cruz's Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women. Info: 426-7273.

"Salt of the Earth," film dramatizes the struggle of Mexican American zinc

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workers and their wives. While the men fight for working and living conditions equal to the Anglo miners, the women strive for sexual equality. Made during the height of the McCarthy era, this film was largely suppressed in North America until 1965. UCSC Women's Center, 7:30 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Forum "Women Vs. Violence" with international speakers Teresa Mariona and Teresita Oliveros. Ms. Oliveros of GABRIELA is executive director of the National Federation of Peasant Women in the Philippines. Ms. Mariona is Salvadoran coordinator of COMADRES in the Midwest U.S. Sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Local women representatives from many co-sponsoring Santa Cruz organizations will join the speakers in a panel discussion. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 424 Melrose Ave., 7 p.m. Info: 425-7618.

Middle East Teach-In. Discussion of women during times of war with focus on the cultural aspects of Arab women. Varied points of view will be presented. UCSC Women's Center, 7 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

Support group for heterosexual couples coping with HIV/AIDS, where one or both partners is HIV positive. Focus on coping, communication, and specific issues couples bring to group. Every Wednesday, 7-8:30 p.m. for 8 weeks, October 3 to November 21. Facilitator: Mark Zalona, LM FCC. No fee. Pre-registration is required. Info: Wendy at SCAP 427-3900.

Recognizing Sexual Harassment, Racial Harassment and other forms of Abuse. An opportunity for Women of Color to share experiences and strategies for dealing with prejudice and abusive behavior at UCSC. UCSC Women's Center, 4 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Fast for Life - End the Relocation at Big Mountain. Post Office vigil each day. Press conference with the fasters (See November 1) Thursday, November 8, 11 a.m. on the Post Office steps. Sponsored by Santa Cruz Action for Big Mountain. Info: 427-1125.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Benefit for popular movements in Guatemala. Discussion of the current struggle of indigenous and rural workers to organize in the repressive political climate that exists in Guatemala today with Maria Toj Madrano, a Quiche Indian woman from the Guatemala highlands, and a leader in the movement to organize indigenous peasants. Yolanda Navarro, an organizer for the Displaced Workers of Green Giant, will speak about the connections between the loss of jobs in Watsonville and the transfer of U.S. jobs to Mexico and Guatemala. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for a display and sale of Guatemalan weavings. Program begins at 7:30; music at 9. \$5 - \$10 donation requested. Calvary Episcopal Church,

Havel to Receive Beyond War Award

President Václav Havel and the people of Czechoslovakia have been named as recipients of the 1990 Beyond War Award "for manifesting the power of the human spirit to bring about nonviolent change in the worldwide movement toward self-determination."

Also being honored with the 1990 award is Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland of Norway, Chair of the World Commission on Environment and Development for her role in "calling the people of the world to change priorities and address the basic survival issues of poverty and development."

The third recipient is Earth Day International 1990 "for alerting people to the needs of an endangered planet and providing an opportunity for unprecedented global cooperation."

All three will be honored in a televised ceremony on December 8, 1990. Sponsor of the annual award is Beyond war, a non-profit educational foundation based in Palo Alto.

corner Center and Lincoln Streets. Info: 458-9577.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Dance Your Nukes Off! The third bi-annual 12-hour dance marathon to benefit the Santa Cruz Nuclear Weapons Freeze. Dance teams are forming now. The dancer who raises the most money will win a \$500 gift certificate to fly anywhere in the world. Live music includes Worlds Collide, Killah Natives, Pele Juju, Santa Cruz Steel, Harmony Grits and Colorwild. There will be DJ's, MC's, filler acts, prizes and much, much more. Get

your sponsor sheets now. Call 458-9975 to register and get your sponsor sheet. Form a team, win prizes, raise money and have fun. Get started now.

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, NOVEMBER 11

"New Prospects for a Peace Dividend," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). Guests are Michael Closson, Director of the Center for Economic Conversion, and Michael Renner, Senior Researcher with the WorldWatch Institute. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

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Test Site Video

"Peacemakers at the Nevada Test Site," a video about direct action at the test site, is available from John Malkin, 2340 Paul Minnie Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Call John, who made the video, at (408) 475-1042 for more information.

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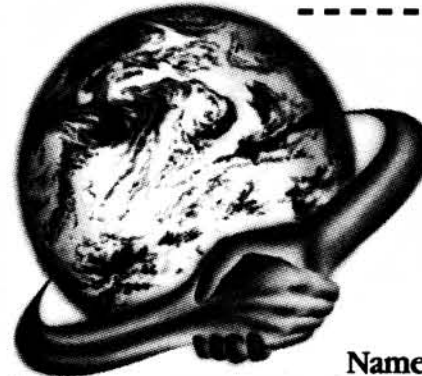


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"Seeing Red," film about the hopes and aspirations of ordinary people who responded to the demands of extraordinary times and who made up the American Communist Party from the 1930's to the 1950's. The film includes local activist, Marge Frantz and other remarkable and familiar activists. UCSC Women's Center, 7:30 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

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

Support group for women sexually assaulted as adults. See November 5.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The Second Annual Holiday Peace Faire Committee is holding an organizational meeting open to all individuals and organizations interested in sharing ideas and skills for the Peace Faire. Scheduled for December 1, the Faire will offer booths of holiday gift items, food, and crafts with day-long entertainment by children's groups and adults. The Faire serves as a fundraiser for local non-profit groups and crafts people. Meeting at the Resource Center for Non Violence, 515 Broadway, 7:30 p.m. Info: 479-3843.

"Experimental Methods of Birth Control?" discussion led by Marjaneh Amirshahi, Planned Parenthood Director of Community Services. UCSC Women's Center, 4 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

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The Resource Center for Nonviolence and the Friends of the Library purchased the second series of "Eyes on the Prize" videos which are available for loan at the downtown Santa Cruz Library. A curriculum guide listing each of the segments is also available. Above, Resource Center Staffmember Scott Kennedy presents Library Director Ann Turner with one of the videos.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Earth Day Steering/Planning Meeting. Meeting is to bring together representatives from environmental organizations and other interested persons to form a steering committee to begin planning for Earth Day 1991 activities. Loudon Nelson Center, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Info: 458-3676.

12-Step group for people with HIV. Meets every Thursday night from 6-7 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church Fireside Room, 420 Melrose. All HIV+ individuals involved with or interested in any 12-step program are welcome. No fee. Info: Wendy at SCAP 427-3900.

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Open Gatherings. Small group discussions sponsored by the Corporation for Shared Responsibility, a non-profit educational organization. Cafe Pergolesi, 418 Cedar Street, 7 p.m. Cafe Cameleon, 320-C Cedar Street, 9 p.m. Info: (415)322-4303.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

"Israeli Women: Peace, Feminism and Political Action." Talk and discussion with Marcia Freedman, author of "Exile in the Promised Land." Kosher-style catered reception. Co-sponsored by UCSC Women's Center and Kresge College. Kresge College Provost House, 7 p.m. Info: 459-2072.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Ohlone Indian Leaders, Peter Orozco, Chermo and Teresa Candelaria, will discuss Ohlone efforts to gain tribal recognition and a center to replace the one destroyed by last year's earthquake. The meeting is co-sponsored by the local Quaker and Unitarian Native American Studies Group. Loudon Nelson Center, Room 7, 7 p.m.

"U.S. Energy Policy," a Consider the Alternatives radio program on KAZU (90.3 FM). This program examines past and present U.S. energy policies with some projection of the National Energy Strategy to be unveiled by the Bush Administration in 1991. Also discussed are some of the problems that come with national reliance on oil, and ideas on how energy efficiency can ease the transition to other sources. 9 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 375-7275.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Support group for women sexually assaulted as adults. See November 5.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

HIV Positive Drop-In Support Group. Meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) office, 1606 Soquel Avenue. All HIV+ individuals are welcome. No fee. Facili-

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NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE CAPITOLA BOOK CAFE

Thursday, Nov. 1, noon - Kevin Ryerson, reknowned channeller for Shirley MacLaine, will sign copies of his new book, "Spirit Communication: The Soul's Path." Listen for his interview on "Seeing Beyond" on KSCO Radio 1080 AM, 7-9 AM.

Thursday, Nov. 1, 7:00 PM - Sheryl Karas, local author of "The Solstice Evergreen: The History, Origin and Folklore of the Christmas Tree," will read/sign her book.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7:30 PM - Buck Bloombecker discussing/signing his new book, "Spectacular Computer Crimes."

Friday, Nov. 9, 7:00 PM - Jeff Greenwald, author of "Shopping for Buddhas," and Wes "Scoop" Nikser, author of "Crazy Wisdom," will both read and sign these books.

Friday, Nov. 16, 7:00 PM - Parker Antin author of "Himalayan Odyssey," will discuss/sign this book on his "Perilous trek through western Nepal." He will give a slide presentation at UCSC, Classroom Unit #1 (behind The Whole Earth Restraunt) on Thursday, Nov. 15, 8:00PM. &2.50 Studnts/ID, \$3.00 Public.



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Food Run to Big Mountain, and other communities resisting relocation. Info: Veterans Peace Action Teams 972-9782 and (415) 753-2130.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

"You've Come A Long Way, Maybe?" video explores the issue of "comparable worth," focusing on women and their role in the U.S. work force. Discussion after showing with Women's Studies Associate Professor, Wendy Brown and Affirmative Action Analyst, Valerie Simmons. UCSC Women's Center, noon. Info: 459-2072.

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"Interpersonal Skill-Building for Students." An opportunity to focus on how to facilitate discussion groups and conduct meetings which need to stay on target and build better group climate. Facilitated by Women's Center Assistant Director, Arlyn Osborne. UCSC Women's Center, 7 p.m. Info: 459-2072.



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